

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS INC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended October 5, 2013

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number 001-16797

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ADVANCE AUTO PARTS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

54-2049910  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

5008 Airport Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24012  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)  
(Zip Code)

(540) 362-4911  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☒ x

Accelerated filer ☐ o

Non-accelerated filer ☐ o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐ o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ o No ☒ x

As of November 7, 2013, the registrant had outstanding 72,832,095 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the only class of common stock of the registrant outstanding).

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Advance Auto Parts, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets  
October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012  
(in thousands, except per share data)  
(unaudited)

|                                                                                                        | October 5,<br>2013 | December 29,<br>2012 | October 6,<br>2012 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Assets                                                                                                 |                    |                      |                    |
| Current assets:                                                                                        |                    |                      |                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                              | \$567,301          | \$598,111            | \$479,383          |
| Receivables, net                                                                                       | 278,977            | 229,866              | 204,555            |
| Inventories, net                                                                                       | 2,463,978          | 2,308,609            | 2,193,369          |
| Other current assets                                                                                   | 68,435             | 47,614               | 70,582             |
| Total current assets                                                                                   | 3,378,691          | 3,184,200            | 2,947,889          |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of<br>\$1,231,119, \$1,102,147 and \$1,075,753 | 1,278,655          | 1,291,759            | 1,270,432          |
| Assets held for sale                                                                                   | 2,064              | 788                  | 788                |
| Goodwill                                                                                               | 199,835            | 76,389               | 76,389             |
| Intangible assets, net                                                                                 | 53,963             | 28,845               | 28,649             |
| Other assets, net                                                                                      | 31,491             | 31,833               | 33,059             |
|                                                                                                        | \$4,944,699        | \$4,613,814          | \$4,357,206        |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity                                                                   |                    |                      |                    |
| Current liabilities:                                                                                   |                    |                      |                    |
| Current portion of long-term debt                                                                      | \$1,030            | \$627                | \$699              |
| Accounts payable                                                                                       | 2,057,615          | 2,029,814            | 1,825,162          |
| Accrued expenses                                                                                       | 429,171            | 379,639              | 413,950            |
| Other current liabilities                                                                              | 148,528            | 149,558              | 141,043            |
| Total current liabilities                                                                              | 2,636,344          | 2,559,638            | 2,380,854          |
| Long-term debt                                                                                         | 604,027            | 604,461              | 599,550            |
| Other long-term liabilities                                                                            | 236,480            | 239,021              | 229,324            |
| Commitments and contingencies                                                                          |                    |                      |                    |
| Stockholders' equity:                                                                                  |                    |                      |                    |
| Preferred stock, nonvoting, \$0.0001 par value                                                         | —                  | —                    | —                  |
| Common stock, voting, \$0.0001 par value                                                               | 7                  | 7                    | 7                  |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                             | 524,741            | 520,215              | 515,730            |
| Treasury stock, at cost                                                                                | (105,732)          | (27,095)             | (25,193)           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income                                                                 | 4,608              | 2,667                | 2,683              |
| Retained earnings                                                                                      | 1,044,224          | 714,900              | 654,251            |
| Total stockholders' equity                                                                             | 1,467,848          | 1,210,694            | 1,147,478          |
|                                                                                                        | \$4,944,699        | \$4,613,814          | \$4,357,206        |

The accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements  
are an integral part of these statements.



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Advance Auto Parts, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations  
For the Twelve and Forty Week Periods Ended  
October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012  
(in thousands, except per share data)  
(unaudited)

|                                                           | Twelve Week Periods Ended |                    | Forty Week Periods Ended |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                           | October 5,<br>2013        | October 6,<br>2012 | October 5,<br>2013       | October 6,<br>2012 |
| Net sales                                                 | \$1,520,144               | \$1,457,527        | \$5,085,001              | \$4,875,802        |
| Cost of sales, including purchasing and warehousing costs | 757,204                   | 732,177            | 2,534,632                | 2,440,921          |
| Gross profit                                              | 762,940                   | 725,350            | 2,550,369                | 2,434,881          |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses              | 592,216                   | 574,990            | 1,980,895                | 1,890,762          |
| Operating income                                          | 170,724                   | 150,360            | 569,474                  | 544,119            |
| Other, net:                                               |                           |                    |                          |                    |
| Interest expense                                          | (7,948                    | ) (8,048           | ) (26,632                | ) (25,849          |
| Other income, net                                         | 366                       | 312                | 1,689                    | 759                |
| Total other, net                                          | (7,582                    | ) (7,736           | ) (24,943                | ) (25,090          |
| Income before provision for income taxes                  | 163,142                   | 142,624            | 544,531                  | 519,029            |
| Provision for income taxes                                | 59,312                    | 53,121             | 202,040                  | 196,414            |
| Net income                                                | \$103,830                 | \$89,503           | \$342,491                | \$322,615          |
| Basic earnings per share                                  | \$1.42                    | \$1.22             | \$4.68                   | \$4.41             |
| Diluted earnings per share                                | \$1.42                    | \$1.21             | \$4.65                   | \$4.34             |
| Dividends declared per common share                       | \$0.06                    | \$0.06             | \$0.18                   | \$0.18             |
| Average common shares outstanding                         | 72,747                    | 73,166             | 72,981                   | 73,052             |
| Average common shares outstanding - assuming dilution     | 73,128                    | 73,992             | 73,463                   | 74,107             |

Advance Auto Parts, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income  
For the Twelve and Forty Week Periods Ended  
October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

|                                                                                                        | Twelve Week Periods Ended |                    | Forty Week Periods Ended |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                                        | October 5,<br>2013        | October 6,<br>2012 | October 5,<br>2013       | October 6,<br>2012 |
| Net income                                                                                             | \$103,830                 | \$89,503           | \$342,491                | \$322,615          |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:                                                         |                           |                    |                          |                    |
| Changes in net unrecognized other postretirement benefit costs, net of \$91, \$73, \$248 and \$242 tax | (141                      | ) (113             | ) (386                   | ) (375             |
| Postretirement benefit plan amendment                                                                  | —                         | —                  | 2,327                    | —                  |
| Unrealized gain on hedge arrangements, net of \$0, \$0, \$0 and \$163 tax                              | —                         | —                  | —                        | 254                |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss)                                                                | (141                      | ) (113             | ) 1,941                  | (121               |

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| Comprehensive income | \$ 103,689 | \$ 89,390 | \$ 344,432 | \$ 322,494 |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|

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Advance Auto Parts, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity  
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(unaudited)

|                                                                                                 | Preferred<br>Stock<br>Shares | Common Stock<br>Shares | Amount | Additional<br>Paid-in<br>Capital | Treasury Stock,<br>at cost<br>Shares | Amount         | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income | Retained<br>Earnings | Total<br>Stockholders'<br>Equity |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance,<br>December 29,<br>2012                                                                | —                            | \$ — 73,731            | \$ 7   | \$ 520,215                       | 348                                  | \$(27,095 )    | \$ 2,667                                        | \$ 714,900           | \$ 1,210,694                     |
| Net income                                                                                      |                              |                        |        |                                  |                                      |                |                                                 | 342,491              | 342,491                          |
| Total other<br>comprehensive<br>income                                                          |                              |                        |        |                                  |                                      |                | 1,941                                           |                      | 1,941                            |
| Issuance of shares<br>upon the exercise<br>of stock options<br>and stock<br>appreciation rights |                              | 438                    |        | 1,903                            |                                      |                |                                                 |                      | 1,903                            |
| Tax withholdings<br>related to the<br>exercise of stock<br>appreciation rights                  |                              |                        |        | (20,572 )                        |                                      |                |                                                 |                      | (20,572 )                        |
| Tax benefit from<br>share-based<br>compensation, net                                            |                              |                        |        | 14,979                           |                                      |                |                                                 |                      | 14,979                           |
| Issuance of<br>restricted stock, net<br>of forfeitures                                          |                              | (10 )                  |        |                                  |                                      |                |                                                 |                      | —                                |
| Amortization of<br>restricted stock<br>balance                                                  |                              |                        |        | 3,009                            |                                      |                |                                                 |                      | 3,009                            |
| Share-based<br>compensation                                                                     |                              |                        |        | 3,501                            |                                      |                |                                                 |                      | 3,501                            |
| Stock issued under<br>employee stock<br>purchase plan                                           |                              | 23                     |        | 1,679                            |                                      |                |                                                 |                      | 1,679                            |
| Repurchase of<br>common stock                                                                   |                              |                        |        |                                  | 1,015                                | (78,637 )      |                                                 |                      | (78,637 )                        |
| Cash dividends                                                                                  |                              |                        |        |                                  |                                      |                |                                                 | (13,167 )            | (13,167 )                        |
| Other                                                                                           |                              |                        |        | 27                               |                                      |                |                                                 |                      | 27                               |
| Balance, October<br>5, 2013                                                                     | —                            | \$ — 74,182            | \$ 7   | \$ 524,741                       | 1,363                                | \$(105,732 )   | \$ 4,608                                        | \$ 1,044,224         | \$ 1,467,848                     |
|                                                                                                 | —                            | \$ — 106,537           | \$ 11  | \$ 500,237                       | 33,738                               | \$(1,644,767 ) | \$ 2,804                                        | \$ 1,989,629         | \$ 847,914                       |

|                                                                                                 |           |      |           |           |            |         |              |           |            |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Balance,<br>December 31,<br>2011                                                                |           |      |           |           |            |         |              |           |            |              |
| Net income                                                                                      |           |      |           |           |            | 322,615 |              | 322,615   |            |              |
| Total other<br>comprehensive<br>income (loss)                                                   |           |      |           |           |            | (121 )  |              | (121 )    |            |              |
| Issuance of shares<br>upon the exercise<br>of stock options<br>and stock<br>appreciation rights | 860       |      | 5,328     |           |            |         |              | 5,328     |            |              |
| Tax withholdings<br>related to the<br>exercise of stock<br>appreciation rights                  |           |      | (25,627 ) |           |            |         |              | (25,627 ) |            |              |
| Tax benefit from<br>share-based<br>compensation, net                                            |           |      | 21,806    |           |            |         |              | 21,806    |            |              |
| Issuance of<br>restricted stock, net<br>of forfeitures                                          | 4         |      |           |           |            |         |              | —         |            |              |
| Amortization of<br>restricted stock<br>balance                                                  |           |      | 4,965     |           |            |         |              | 4,965     |            |              |
| Share-based<br>compensation                                                                     |           |      | 7,167     |           |            |         |              | 7,167     |            |              |
| Stock issued under<br>employee stock<br>purchase plan                                           | 26        |      | 1,819     |           |            |         |              | 1,819     |            |              |
| Repurchase of<br>common stock                                                                   |           |      |           | 323       | (25,193 )  |         |              | (25,193 ) |            |              |
| Retirement of<br>treasury stock                                                                 | (33,738 ) | (4 ) |           | (33,738 ) | 1,644,767  |         | (1,644,763 ) | —         |            |              |
| Cash dividends                                                                                  |           |      |           |           |            |         | (13,230 )    | (13,230 ) |            |              |
| Other                                                                                           |           |      | 35        |           |            |         |              | 35        |            |              |
| Balance, October<br>6, 2012                                                                     | —         | \$ — | 73,689    | \$ 7      | \$ 515,730 | 323     | \$(25,193 )  | \$ 2,683  | \$ 654,251 | \$ 1,147,478 |

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|                                                                                   | Forty Week Periods Ended |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                   | October 5,<br>2013       | October 6,<br>2012 |
| Cash flows from operating activities:                                             |                          |                    |
| Net income                                                                        | \$342,491                | \$322,615          |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                          |                    |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                     | 160,059                  | 143,767            |
| Share-based compensation                                                          | 6,510                    | 12,132             |
| Loss on property and equipment, net                                               | 402                      | 1,911              |
| Other                                                                             | 1,226                    | 1,214              |
| (Benefit) provision for deferred income taxes                                     | (3,797)                  | ) 18,402           |
| Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation                                  | (15,168)                 | ) (21,867)         |
| Net increase in:                                                                  |                          |                    |
| Receivables, net                                                                  | (30,529)                 | ) (64,171)         |
| Inventories, net                                                                  | (110,934)                | ) (148,759)        |
| Other assets                                                                      | (14,902)                 | ) (14,827)         |
| Net (decrease) increase in:                                                       |                          |                    |
| Accounts payable                                                                  | (9,502)                  | ) 171,979          |
| Accrued expenses                                                                  | 69,724                   | 75,876             |
| Other liabilities                                                                 | 2,887                    | 6,510              |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                         | 398,467                  | 504,782            |
| Cash flows from investing activities:                                             |                          |                    |
| Purchases of property and equipment                                               | (147,690)                | ) (201,210)        |
| Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired                                       | (187,211)                | ) (5,332)          |
| Sale of certain assets of acquired business                                       | 16,798                   | —                  |
| Proceeds from sales of property and equipment                                     | 723                      | 348                |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                             | (317,380)                | ) (206,194)        |
| Cash flows from financing activities:                                             |                          |                    |
| Decrease in bank overdrafts                                                       | (8,665)                  | ) (14,527)         |
| Issuance of senior unsecured notes                                                | —                        | 299,904            |
| Payment of debt related costs                                                     | —                        | (2,648)            |
| Borrowings under credit facilities                                                | —                        | 58,500             |
| Payments on credit facilities                                                     | —                        | (173,500)          |
| Dividends paid                                                                    | (17,563)                 | ) (17,586)         |
| Proceeds from the issuance of common stock, primarily exercise of stock options   | 3,609                    | 7,182              |
| Tax withholdings related to the exercise of stock appreciation rights             | (20,572)                 | ) (25,627)         |
| Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation                                  | 15,168                   | 21,867             |
| Repurchase of common stock                                                        | (78,637)                 | ) (25,193)         |
| Contingent consideration related to previous business acquisition                 | (4,726)                  | ) (4,755)          |
| Other                                                                             | (511)                    | ) (723)            |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities                               | (111,897)                | ) 122,894          |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents                              | (30,810)                 | ) 421,482          |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period                                    | 598,111                  | 57,901             |

|                                          |           |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$567,301 | \$479,383 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|

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|                                                                  | Forty Week Periods Ended |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                  | October 5,<br>2013       | October 6,<br>2012 |
| Supplemental cash flow information:                              |                          |                    |
| Interest paid                                                    | \$25,491                 | \$18,616           |
| Income tax payments                                              | 172,682                  | 107,031            |
| Non-cash transactions:                                           |                          |                    |
| Accrued purchases of property and equipment                      | 16,698                   | 23,739             |
| Retirement of common stock                                       | —                        | 1,644,767          |
| Net receivable related to purchase price of business acquisition | 1,074                    | —                  |
| Changes in other comprehensive income                            | 1,941                    | (121 )             |

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Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Twelve and Forty Week Periods Ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012

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1. Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company and include the accounts of Advance Auto Parts, Inc., its wholly owned subsidiary, Advance Stores Company, Incorporated ("Stores"), and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company"). All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position of the Company, the results of its operations and cash flows have been made.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP, have been condensed or omitted based upon the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") interim reporting guidance. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2012, or Fiscal 2012.

The accounting policies followed in the presentation of interim financial results are consistent with those followed on an annual basis. These policies are presented in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for Fiscal 2012 (filed with the SEC on February 25, 2013).

The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the operating results to be expected for the full fiscal year. The first quarter of each of the Company's fiscal years contains 16 weeks while the remaining three quarters contain 12 weeks each.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued ASU No. 2013-11 "Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists." Under ASU 2013-11 an entity is required to present an unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward. If a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward is not available at the reporting date, the unrecognized tax benefit should be presented in the financial statements as a liability and should not be combined with deferred tax assets. ASU 2013-11 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2013. The adoption of this guidance affects presentation only and, therefore, it is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-02 “Comprehensive Income - Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income.” ASU 2013-02 is an amendment adding new disclosure requirements for items reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income (“AOCI”). The amendment requires presentation of changes in AOCI balances by component and significant items reclassified out of AOCI by component either (1) on the face of the statement of operations or (2) as a separate disclosure in the notes to the financial statements. ASU 2013-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2012. The adoption of ASU 2013-02 had no impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In July 2012, the FASB issued ASU No. 2012-02 “Intangible-Goodwill and Other – Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment.” ASU 2012-02 modifies the requirement to test intangible assets that are not subject to amortization based on events or changes in circumstances that might indicate that the asset is impaired now requiring the test only if it is

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more likely than not that the asset is impaired. Furthermore, ASU 2012-02 provides entities the option of performing a qualitative assessment to determine if it is more likely than not that the fair value of an intangible asset is less than the carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform a quantitative impairment test. ASU 2012-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012 and early adoption is permitted. The adoption of ASU 2012-02 had no impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

## 2. Inventories, net:

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. The Company used the LIFO method of accounting for approximately 95% of inventories at October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012. Under LIFO, the Company's cost of sales reflects the costs of the most recently purchased inventories, while the inventory carrying balance represents the costs for inventories purchased in Fiscal 2013 and prior years. As a result of utilizing LIFO, the Company recorded an increase to cost of sales of \$476 for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013. The Company recorded a reduction to cost of sales of \$20,684 for the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012. The Company's overall costs to acquire inventory for the same or similar products have generally decreased historically as the Company has been able to leverage its continued growth, execution of merchandising strategies and realization of supply chain efficiencies.

An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method is performed by the Company at the end of each fiscal year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time. Accordingly, interim LIFO calculations are based on management's estimates of expected fiscal year-end inventory levels and costs.

Inventory balances at October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012 were as follows:

|                                          | October 5,<br>2013 | December 29,<br>2012 | October 6,<br>2012 |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Inventories at FIFO, net                 | \$2,338,264        | \$2,182,419          | \$2,070,582        |
| Adjustments to state inventories at LIFO | 125,714            | 126,190              | 122,787            |
| Inventories at LIFO, net                 | \$2,463,978        | \$2,308,609          | \$2,193,369        |

## 3. Acquisition of B.W.P. Distributors:

On December 31, 2012, the Company acquired B.W.P. Distributors, Inc. ("BWP") in an all-cash transaction. BWP, formerly a privately held company, supplied, marketed and distributed automotive aftermarket parts and products principally to commercial customers. Prior to the acquisition, BWP operated or supplied 216 locations in the Northeastern United States. The Company believes this acquisition will enable the Company to continue its expansion in the competitive Northeast, which is a strategic growth area for the Company due to the large population and overall size of the market, and to gain valuable information to apply to its existing operations as a result of BWP's expertise in Commercial. The amount of acquired goodwill reflects this strategic importance to the Company.

Concurrent with the closing of the acquisition, the Company transferred one distribution center and BWP's rights to distribute to 92 independently owned locations to an affiliate of General Parts International, Inc. ("GPI"), a privately held auto supply company. As a result, the Company began operating the 124 BWP company-owned stores and two

remaining BWP distribution centers as of the closing date. The Company has included the financial results of BWP in its consolidated financial statements commencing December 31, 2012 (Fiscal 2013). Pro forma results of operations related to the acquisition of BWP are not presented as BWP's results are not material to the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Company acquired the net assets in exchange for a purchase price of \$187,109, of which \$1,074 was not settled as of October 5, 2013. The purchase price reflects the finalization of certain post-closing adjustments made subsequent to the Company's filing of its second quarter Report on Form 10-Q. Following the closing of the acquisition, the Company sold certain of the acquired assets for \$16,798 related to the transfer of operations to GPI.

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The following table summarizes the consideration paid for BWP and the amounts of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed that were recognized at the acquisition date:

|                                                                               |            |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---|
| Total Consideration                                                           | \$ 187,109 |   |
| Recognized amounts of identifiable assets<br>acquired and liabilities assumed |            |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                     | \$972      |   |
| Receivables                                                                   | 22,615     |   |
| Inventory                                                                     | 52,229     |   |
| Other current assets                                                          | 9,741      |   |
| Property, plant and equipment                                                 | 5,329      |   |
| Intangible assets                                                             | 31,600     |   |
| Other assets                                                                  | 2,253      |   |
| Accounts payable                                                              | (37,303)   | ) |
| Accrued and other current liabilities                                         | (11,843)   | ) |
| Long-term liabilities                                                         | (11,930)   | ) |
| Total identifiable net assets                                                 | 63,663     |   |
| Goodwill                                                                      | 123,446    |   |
| Total acquired net assets                                                     | \$ 187,109 |   |

Due to the nature of BWP's business, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as part of this acquisition are similar in nature to those of Advance. For additional information regarding intangible assets acquired, see Note 4, Goodwill and Intangible Assets. All of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

## 4. Goodwill and Intangible Assets:

## Goodwill

The Company has goodwill recorded in both the Advance Auto Parts ("AAP") and Autopart International ("AI") segments. The following table reflects the carrying amount of goodwill pertaining to the Company's two segments and the changes in goodwill carrying amounts.

|                              | AAP Segment | AI Segment | Total     |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Balance at December 29, 2012 | \$58,095    | \$18,294   | \$76,389  |
| Fiscal 2013 activity         | 123,446     | —          | 123,446   |
| Balance at October 5, 2013   | \$181,541   | \$18,294   | \$199,835 |
| Balance at December 31, 2011 | \$58,095    | \$18,294   | \$76,389  |
| Fiscal 2012 activity         | —           | —          | —         |
| Balance at October 6, 2012   | \$58,095    | \$18,294   | \$76,389  |



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As discussed in Note 3, on December 31, 2012, the Company acquired BWP in an all-cash transaction which resulted in the addition of \$123,446 of goodwill in the AAP Segment.

## Intangible Assets Other Than Goodwill

In addition to goodwill, the Company also recorded an increase to intangible assets of \$31,245 during the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013. The increase included Customer Relationships of \$26,045 which will be amortized over 12 years and other intangible assets totaling \$5,200 which will be amortized over a weighted average of 3.4 years. The gross and net carrying amounts of acquired intangible assets as of October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012 are comprised of the following:

|                                            | Acquired intangible assets |                     |          |                             |                         |   |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
|                                            | Subject to Amortization    |                     |          | Not Subject to Amortization | Total Intangible Assets |   |
|                                            | Customer Relationships     | Acquired Technology | Other    | Trademark and Tradenames    | (excluding goodwill)    |   |
| Gross:                                     |                            |                     |          |                             |                         |   |
| Gross carrying amount at December 29, 2012 | \$9,800                    | \$8,850             | \$885    | \$20,550                    | \$40,085                |   |
| Additions                                  | 26,045                     | —                   | 5,200    | —                           | 31,245                  |   |
| Gross carrying amount at October 5, 2013   | \$35,845                   | \$8,850             | \$6,085  | \$20,550                    | \$71,330                |   |
|                                            |                            |                     |          |                             |                         |   |
| Gross carrying amount at December 31, 2011 | \$9,800                    | \$7,750             | \$885    | \$20,550                    | \$38,985                |   |
| Additions                                  | —                          | —                   | —        | —                           | —                       |   |
| Gross carrying amount at October 6, 2012   | \$9,800                    | \$7,750             | \$885    | \$20,550                    | \$38,985                |   |
|                                            |                            |                     |          |                             |                         |   |
| Net:                                       |                            |                     |          |                             |                         |   |
| Net book value at December 29, 2012        | \$2,658                    | \$5,419             | \$218    | \$20,550                    | \$28,845                |   |
| Additions                                  | 26,045                     | —                   | 5,200    | —                           | 31,245                  |   |
| 2013 amortization                          | (2,429                     | ) (2,269            | ) (1,429 | ) —                         | (6,127                  | ) |
| Net carrying amount at October 5, 2013     | \$26,274                   | \$3,150             | \$3,989  | \$20,550                    | \$53,963                |   |
|                                            |                            |                     |          |                             |                         |   |
| Net book value at December 31, 2011        | \$3,618                    | \$6,987             | \$225    | \$20,550                    | \$31,380                |   |
| Additions                                  | —                          | —                   | —        | —                           | —                       |   |
| 2012 amortization                          | (738                       | ) (1,987            | ) (6     | ) —                         | (2,731                  | ) |
| Net carrying amount at October 6, 2012     | \$2,880                    | \$5,000             | \$219    | \$20,550                    | \$28,649                |   |



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## Future Amortization Expense

The table below shows expected amortization expense for the next five years for acquired intangible assets recorded as of October 5, 2013:

| Fiscal Year         | Amount  |
|---------------------|---------|
| Remainder of 2013   | \$1,831 |
| 2014                | 7,175   |
| 2015                | 3,702   |
| 2016                | 2,677   |
| 2017                | 2,677   |
| Thereafter          | 15,351  |
| 5.Receivables, net: |         |

Receivables consist of the following:

|                                       | October 5,<br>2013 | December 29,<br>2012 | October 6,<br>2012 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Trade                                 | \$149,670          | \$110,153            | \$90,571           |
| Vendor                                | 134,471            | 119,770              | 113,340            |
| Other                                 | 6,821              | 5,862                | 5,970              |
| Total receivables                     | 290,962            | 235,785              | 209,881            |
| Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts | (11,985)           | ) (5,919             | ) (5,326           |
| Receivables, net                      | \$278,977          | \$229,866            | \$204,555          |

During Fiscal 2012, the Company began the in-sourcing of its commercial credit function. This initiative consists of the transition from using a third party financial institution to settle credit transactions with the Company's Commercial customers to processing those transactions internally, thus increasing the trade receivable balance when compared to the same period in the prior year.

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## 6. Long-term Debt:

Long-term debt consists of the following:

|                                                                                                                                                                                | October 5,<br>2013 | December 29,<br>2012 | October 6,<br>2012 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Revolving facility at variable interest rates (1.67%, 1.74% and 1.77% at October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012, respectively) due May 27, 2016                | \$—                | \$—                  | \$—                |
| 5.75% Senior Unsecured Notes (net of unamortized discount of \$891, \$975 and \$999 at October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012, respectively) due May 1, 2020   | 299,109            | 299,025              | 299,001            |
| 4.50% Senior Unsecured Notes (net of unamortized discount of \$82, \$88 and \$90 at October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012, respectively) due January 15, 2022 | 299,918            | 299,912              | 299,910            |
| Other                                                                                                                                                                          | 6,030              | 6,151                | 1,338              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                | 605,057            | 605,088              | 600,249            |
| Less: Current portion of long-term debt                                                                                                                                        | (1,030)            | (627)                | (699)              |
| Long-term debt, excluding current portion                                                                                                                                      | \$604,027          | \$604,461            | \$599,550          |

## Bank Debt

The Company has a \$750,000 unsecured five-year revolving credit facility (the "Facility") with Stores serving as the borrower. The Facility also provides for the issuance of letters of credit with a sub-limit of \$300,000, and swingline loans in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The Company may request, subject to agreement by one or more lenders, that the total revolving commitment be increased by an amount not exceeding \$250,000 (up to a total commitment of \$1,000,000) during the term of the credit agreement. Voluntary prepayments and voluntary reductions of the revolving balance are permitted in whole or in part, at the Company's option, in minimum principal amounts as specified in the revolving credit facility. The Facility matures on May 27, 2016.

As of October 5, 2013, the Company had no borrowings outstanding under the Facility, and had letters of credit outstanding of \$87,660, which reduced the availability under the Facility to \$662,340. The letters of credit generally have a term of one year or less and primarily serve as collateral for the Company's self-insurance policies.

The interest rate on borrowings under the Facility is based, at the Company's option, on an adjusted LIBOR rate, plus a margin, or an alternate base rate, plus a margin. The current margin is 1.5% per annum for each of the adjusted LIBOR and alternate base rate borrowings. A facility fee is charged on the total amount of the Facility, payable in arrears. The current facility fee rate is 0.25% per annum. Under the terms of the Facility, the interest rate and facility fee are based on the Company's credit rating.

The Facility contains covenants restricting the Company's ability to, among other things: (1) permit the subsidiaries of Advance Stores to create, incur or assume additional debt; (2) incur liens or engage in sale-leaseback transactions; (3) make loans and investments (including acquisitions); (4) guarantee obligations; (5) engage in certain mergers and liquidations; (6) change the nature of the Company's business and the business conducted by its subsidiaries; (7) enter

into certain hedging transactions; and (8) change Advance's status as a holding company. The Company is also required to comply with financial covenants with respect to a maximum leverage ratio and a minimum consolidated coverage ratio. The Company was in compliance with its covenants at October 5, 2013 and December 29, 2012, respectively. The Facility also provides for customary events of default, covenant defaults and cross-defaults to the Company's other material indebtedness.

#### Senior Unsecured Notes

The Company's 5.75% senior unsecured notes were issued in April 2010 at 99.587% of the principal amount of \$300,000 and are due May 1, 2020 (the "2020 Notes"). The 2020 Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.75% per year payable semi-annually in

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arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year. The Company's 4.50% senior unsecured notes were issued in January 2012 at 99.968% of the principal amount of \$300,000 and are due January 15, 2022 (the "2022 Notes" or collectively with 2020 Notes, "the Notes"). The 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.50% per year payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year. Advance served as the issuer of the Notes with certain of Advance's domestic subsidiaries currently serving as subsidiary guarantors. The terms of the Notes are governed by an indenture and supplemental indentures (collectively the "Indenture") among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee.

The Company may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time or from time to time, at the redemption price described in the Indenture. In addition, in the event of a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined in the Indenture for each of the Notes), the Company will be required to offer to repurchase the Notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date. The Notes are currently fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on an unsubordinated and unsecured basis by each of the subsidiary guarantors. The Company will be permitted to release guarantees without the consent of holders of the Notes under the circumstances described in the Indenture: (i) upon the release of the guarantee of the Company's other debt that resulted in the affected subsidiary becoming a guarantor of this debt; (ii) upon the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the stock or assets of the subsidiary guarantor; or (iii) upon the Company's exercise of its legal or covenant defeasance option.

The Indenture contains customary provisions for events of default including for (i) failure to pay principal or interest when due and payable, (ii) failure to comply with covenants or agreements in the Indenture or the Notes and failure to cure or obtain a waiver of such default upon notice, (iii) a default under any debt for money borrowed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries that results in acceleration of the maturity of such debt, or failure to pay any such debt within any applicable grace period after final stated maturity, in an aggregate amount greater than \$25,000 without such debt having been discharged or acceleration having been rescinded or annulled within 10 days after receipt by the Company of notice of the default by the Trustee or holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, and (iv) events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization affecting the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. In the case of an event of default, the principal amount of the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest may be accelerated. The Indenture also contains covenants limiting the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to incur debt secured by liens and to enter into sale and lease-back transactions.

Debt Guarantees

Certain 100% wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries of Stores, including its Material Subsidiaries (as defined in the Facility) serve as guarantors of the Notes and Facility with Advance also serving as a guarantor of the Facility. The subsidiary guarantees related to the Company's Notes and Facility are full and unconditional and joint and several, and there are no restrictions on the ability of Advance to obtain funds from its subsidiaries. Also, Advance has no independent assets or operations, and the subsidiaries not guaranteeing the Notes and Facility are minor as defined by SEC regulations.

7. Fair Value Measurements:

The Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value are grouped in three levels. The levels prioritize the inputs used to measure the fair value of these assets or liabilities. These levels are:

• Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices that are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

• Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for assets and liabilities at the measurement date, either directly or indirectly. These inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are less active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability or corroborated by other observable market data.

• Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for assets or liabilities that are not able to be corroborated by observable market data and reflect the use of a reporting entity's own assumptions. These values are generally determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates of market participant assumptions.

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## Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The fair value hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the fair value measurement has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Our assessment of the significance of a particular item to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, including the consideration of inputs specific to the asset or liability.

The following table sets forth the Company's financial liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012:

|                                                           |            | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using                       |                                                   |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                                           | Fair Value | Level 1<br>Quoted Prices in<br>Active Markets for<br>Identical Assets | Level 2<br>Significant Other<br>Observable Inputs | Level 3<br>Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs |
| As of October 5, 2013                                     |            |                                                                       |                                                   |                                                  |
| Contingent consideration related to business acquisitions | \$12,939   | \$—                                                                   | \$—                                               | \$12,939                                         |
| As of December 29, 2012                                   |            |                                                                       |                                                   |                                                  |
| Contingent consideration related to business acquisitions | 16,999     | —                                                                     | —                                                 | 16,999                                           |
| As of October 6, 2012                                     |            |                                                                       |                                                   |                                                  |
| Contingent consideration related to business acquisitions | \$23,021   | \$—                                                                   | \$—                                               | \$23,021                                         |

The fair value of the contingent consideration, which is recorded in Accrued expenses and Other long-term liabilities, is based on various estimates including the Company's estimate of the probability of achieving the targets and the time value of money. During the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, contingent consideration decreased primarily due to a payment of \$4,726 resulting from the achievement of performance conditions, partially offset by amortization of the net present value discount.

The carrying amount of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, bank overdrafts, accounts payable, accrued expenses and current portion of long term debt approximate their fair values due to the relatively short term nature of these instruments. The fair value of the Company's senior unsecured notes was determined using Level 2 inputs based on quoted market prices, and the Company believes that the carrying value of its other long-term debt and certain long-term liabilities approximate fair value.

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The carrying value and fair value of the Company's long-term debt as of October 5, 2013, December 29, 2012 and October 6, 2012, respectively, are as follows:

|                | October 5,<br>2013 | December 29,<br>2012 | October 6,<br>2012 |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Carrying Value | \$604,027          | \$604,461            | \$599,550          |
| Fair Value     | \$626,000          | \$655,000            | \$675,000          |

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Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis; that is, the assets and liabilities are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (e.g., when there is evidence of impairment). At October 5, 2013, the Company had no significant non-financial assets or liabilities that had been adjusted to fair value subsequent to initial recognition.

8. Stock Repurchase Program:

The Company's stock repurchase program allows it to repurchase its common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the SEC. The Company's \$500,000 stock repurchase program in place as of October 5, 2013 was authorized by its Board of Directors on May 14, 2012.

During the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013, the Company repurchased 35 shares of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$2,782, or an average price of \$79.94 per share under its stock repurchase program. During the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, the Company repurchased 998 shares of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$77,293, or an average price of \$77.47 per share under its stock repurchase program. The Company had \$415,092 remaining under its stock repurchase program as of October 5, 2013. The Company repurchased 1 share of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$68, or an average price of \$81.85 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock during the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013. The Company repurchased 17 shares of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$1,344, or an average price of \$77.80 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock during the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013.

During the twelve weeks ended October 6, 2012, the Company repurchased no shares of its common stock under its stock repurchase program. During the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012, the Company repurchased 257 shares of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$19,589, or an average price of \$76.18 per share under its \$500,000 stock repurchase program authorized by its Board of Directors on May 14, 2012. The Company repurchased 2 shares of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$151, or an average price of \$72.85 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock during the twelve weeks ended October 6, 2012. The Company repurchased 66 shares of its common stock at an aggregate cost of \$5,604, or an average price of \$84.61 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock during the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012. Also during the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012, the Company retired 33,738 shares of treasury stock.

9. Earnings per Share:

Certain of the Company's shares granted to employees in the form of restricted stock are considered participating securities which require the use of the two-class method for the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share. For the twelve week periods ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, earnings of \$232 and \$203, respectively, were allocated to the participating securities. For the forty week periods ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, earnings of \$791 and \$760, respectively, were allocated to the participating securities.

Diluted earnings per share are calculated by including the effect of dilutive securities. Share-based awards to purchase approximately 54 and 187 shares of common stock that had an exercise price in excess of the average market price of the common stock during the twelve week periods ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, respectively, were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive. Share-based awards to purchase approximately 52 and 213 shares of common stock that had an exercise price in excess of the average market price of the common stock during the forty week periods ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, respectively, were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive.

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The following table illustrates the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the twelve and forty week periods ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, respectively:

|                                              | Twelve Weeks Ended |                    | Forty Weeks Ended  |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                              | October 5,<br>2013 | October 6,<br>2012 | October 5,<br>2013 | October 6,<br>2012 |
| Numerator                                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Net income applicable to common shares       | \$ 103,830         | \$ 89,503          | \$ 342,491         | \$ 322,615         |
| Participating securities' share in earnings  | (232 )             | (203 )             | (791 )             | (760 )             |
| Net income applicable to common shares       | \$ 103,598         | \$ 89,300          | \$ 341,700         | \$ 321,855         |
| Denominator                                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Basic weighted average common shares         | 72,747             | 73,166             | 72,981             | 73,052             |
| Dilutive impact of share-based awards        | 381                | 826                | 482                | 1,055              |
| Diluted weighted average common shares       | 73,128             | 73,992             | 73,463             | 74,107             |
| Basic earnings per common share              |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Net income applicable to common stockholders | \$ 1.42            | \$ 1.22            | \$ 4.68            | \$ 4.41            |
| Diluted earnings per common share            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Net income applicable to common stockholders | \$ 1.42            | \$ 1.21            | \$ 4.65            | \$ 4.34            |

## 10. Warranty Liabilities:

The following table presents changes in the Company's warranty reserves:

|                                       | October 5,<br>2013<br>(40 weeks ended) | December 29,<br>2012<br>(52 weeks ended) | October 6,<br>2012<br>(40 weeks ended) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Warranty reserve, beginning of period | \$38,425                               | \$38,847                                 | \$38,847                               |
| Additions to warranty reserves        | 31,280                                 | 40,766                                   | 29,332                                 |
| Reserves utilized                     | (31,148 )                              | (41,188 )                                | (30,983 )                              |
| Warranty reserve, end of period       | \$38,557                               | \$38,425                                 | \$37,196                               |

The Company's warranty liabilities are included in Accrued expenses in its condensed consolidated balance sheets.

## 11. Segment and Related Information:

The Company has the following two reportable segments: AAP and AI. The AAP segment is comprised of 3,796 stores, as of October 5, 2013, which operate primarily in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands under the trade names "Advance Auto Parts" and "Advance Discount Auto Parts." These stores offer a broad selection of brand name and proprietary automotive replacement parts, accessories and maintenance items for domestic and imported cars and light trucks. The Company aggregates the financial results of AAP's geographic areas, which are individually considered operating segments, due to the economic similarities of those areas.

Included in the Company's geographic areas are sales generated from its e-commerce platforms. The Company's e-commerce platforms primarily consist of its online website and Commercial ordering platforms as part of its integrated operating approach of serving its do-it-yourself ("DIY") and Commercial customers. The Company's online website allows its DIY customers to pick up merchandise at a conveniently located store location or have their purchases shipped directly to them.

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The majority of the Company's online sales are picked up at store locations. Through the Company's online ordering platform, Commercial customers can conveniently place orders with a designated store location for delivery to their place of business.

The AI segment consists solely of the operations of Autopart International and operates stores under the "Autopart International" trade name. AI mainly serves the Commercial market from its 222 stores, as of October 5, 2013, primarily located in the Northeastern, Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern regions of the United States.

The Company evaluates each segment's financial performance based on net sales and operating profit for purposes of allocating resources and assessing performance. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are generally the same as those described in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012.

The following table summarizes financial information for each of the Company's business segments for the twelve and forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, respectively.

|                                                | Twelve Week Periods Ended |                      | Forty Week Periods Ended |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                | October 5,<br>2013        | October 6,<br>2012   | October 5,<br>2013       | October 6,<br>2012 |
| Net sales                                      |                           |                      |                          |                    |
| AAP                                            | \$1,441,695               | \$1,386,791          | \$4,830,293              | \$4,646,688        |
| AI                                             | 81,694                    | 74,538               | 266,356                  | 241,146            |
| Eliminations <sup>(1)</sup>                    | (3,245)                   | (3,802)              | (11,648)                 | (12,032)           |
| Total net sales                                | \$1,520,144               | \$1,457,527          | \$5,085,001              | \$4,875,802        |
| Income before provision for income taxes       |                           |                      |                          |                    |
| AAP                                            | \$156,814                 | \$140,141            | \$530,493                | \$508,137          |
| AI                                             | 6,328                     | 2,483                | 14,038                   | 10,892             |
| Total income before provision for income taxes | \$163,142                 | \$142,624            | \$544,531                | \$519,029          |
| Provision for income taxes                     |                           |                      |                          |                    |
| AAP                                            | \$56,882                  | \$52,155             | \$196,748                | \$192,069          |
| AI                                             | 2,430                     | 966                  | 5,292                    | 4,345              |
| Total provision for income taxes               | \$59,312                  | \$53,121             | \$202,040                | \$196,414          |
|                                                | October 5,<br>2013        | December 29,<br>2012 | October 6,<br>2012       |                    |
| Segment assets                                 |                           |                      |                          |                    |
| AAP                                            | \$4,659,837               | \$4,352,686          | \$4,090,931              |                    |
| AI                                             | 284,862                   | 261,128              | 266,275                  |                    |
| Total segment assets                           | \$4,944,699               | \$4,613,814          | \$4,357,206              |                    |

<sup>(1)</sup> For the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013, eliminations represented net sales of \$2,128 from AAP to AI and \$1,117 from AI to AAP. For the twelve weeks ended October 6, 2012, eliminations represented net sales of \$2,504 from AAP to AI and \$1,298 from AI to AAP. For the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, eliminations represented

net sales of \$8,137 from AAP to AI and \$3,511 from AI to AAP. For the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012, eliminations represented net sales of \$7,695 from AAP to AI and \$4,337 from AI to AAP.

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12. Subsequent Event:

On October 15, 2013, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to acquire General Parts International, Inc. ("GPI"), a leading privately held distributor and supplier of original equipment and aftermarket replacement products for commercial markets operating under the CARQUEST and WORLDPAK brands. The acquisition of GPI will allow the Company to expand its geographic presence and commercial capabilities to better serve customers. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions and is expected to close by late 2013 or early 2014.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, the Company intends to acquire GPI in an all-cash transaction with an enterprise value of \$2.04 billion. The Company expects to secure additional financing in the form of bank debt and senior unsecured notes during its fourth quarter to be used along with cash on-hand to fund the acquisition of GPI. The Company recognized \$5,114 of acquisition related costs during its twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013, which are included in the Company's selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements that appear elsewhere in this report. Our first quarter consists of 16 weeks divided into four equal periods. Our remaining three quarters consist of 12 weeks with each quarter divided into three equal periods.

Certain statements in this report are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements are usually identified by the use of words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "intend," "likely," "may," "plan," "position," "possible," "potential," "probable," "project," "projection," "should," "strategy," "will," or similar expressions. We intend for any forward-looking statements to be covered by, and we claim the protection under, the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

These forward-looking statements are based upon assessments and assumptions of management in light of historical results and trends, current conditions and potential future developments that often involve judgments, estimates, assumptions and projections. Forward-looking statements reflect current views about our plans, strategies and prospects, which are based on information currently available.

Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations as reflected in or suggested by any forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not guarantee or give assurance that such plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. Actual results may differ materially from our anticipated results described or implied in our forward-looking statements, and such differences may be due to a variety of factors. Our business could also be affected by additional factors that are presently unknown to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial to our business.

Listed below and discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012 (filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, on February 25, 2013), which we refer to as our 2012 Form 10-K, are some important risks, uncertainties and contingencies which could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any forward-looking statements made or implied in this report. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a decrease in demand for our products;
- competitive pricing and other competitive pressures;
- our ability to implement our business strategy;
- our ability to expand our business, including the location of available and suitable real estate for new store locations, the integration of any acquired businesses and the continued increase in supply chain capacity and efficiency;
- our dependence on our suppliers to provide us with products that comply with safety and quality standards;
- our ability to attract and retain qualified employees, or Team Members;
- the potential for fluctuations in the market price of our common stock and the resulting exposure to securities class action litigations;
- deterioration in general macro-economic conditions, including unemployment, inflation or deflation, consumer debt levels, high fuel and energy costs, higher tax rates or uncertain credit markets;
- regulatory and legal risks, such as environmental or OSHA risks, including being named as a defendant in administrative investigations or litigation, and the incurrence of legal fees and costs, the payment of fines or the payment of sums to settle litigation cases or administrative investigations or proceedings;
- a security breach or other cyber security incident;

- business interruptions due to the occurrence of natural disasters, extended periods of unfavorable weather, computer system malfunction, wars or acts of terrorism;
- the impact of global climate change or legal and regulatory responses to such change;
- the ability to close the proposed acquisition of GPI on the expected terms and within the anticipated time period, or at all, which is dependent on the parties' ability to satisfy certain closing conditions;
- the risk that regulatory approvals that are required to complete the proposed acquisition of GPI may not be received, may take longer than expected or may impose adverse conditions;
- the failure to obtain the necessary financing for the acquisition of GPI, including as contemplated by the financing commitment obtained by us at the time of signing the merger agreement;
- the risk that the benefits of the proposed acquisition of GPI, including synergies, may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected;
- the possibility that the proposed acquisition of GPI may not advance our business strategy;

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the risk that we may experience difficulty integrating GPI's employees, business systems and technology;  
the potential diversion of our management's attention from our other businesses resulting from the proposed transaction; and  
the impact of the proposed transaction on third-party relationships, including customers, wholesalers, independently owned and jobber stores and suppliers.

We assume no obligations to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In evaluating forward-looking statements, you should consider these risks and uncertainties, together with the other risks described from time to time in our other reports and documents filed with the SEC and you should not place undue reliance on those statements.

## Introduction

We are a leading specialty retailer of automotive aftermarket parts, accessories, batteries and maintenance items primarily operating within the United States. Our stores carry an extensive product line for cars, vans, sport utility vehicles and light trucks. We serve both "do-it-yourself," or DIY, and "do-it-for-me," or Commercial, customers. Our Commercial customers consist primarily of delivery customers for whom we deliver products from our store locations to our Commercial customers' places of business, including independent garages, service stations and auto dealers. At October 5, 2013, we operated a total of 4,018 stores.

We operate in two reportable segments: Advance Auto Parts, or AAP, and Autopart International, Inc., or AI. The AAP segment is comprised of our store operations within the Northeastern, Southeastern and Midwestern (inclusive of South Central) regions of the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands which primarily operate under the trade names "Advance Auto Parts" and "Advance Discount Auto Parts." At October 5, 2013, we operated 3,796 stores in the AAP segment. Our AAP stores offer a broad selection of brand name and private label automotive replacement parts, accessories, batteries and maintenance items for domestic and imported cars and light trucks. Through our integrated operating approach, we serve our DIY and Commercial customers from our store locations and online at [www.AdvanceAutoParts.com](http://www.AdvanceAutoParts.com). Our online website allows our DIY customers to pick up merchandise at a conveniently located store or have their purchases shipped directly to their homes or businesses. Our Commercial customers can conveniently place their orders online.

At October 5, 2013, we operated 222 stores in the AI segment under the "Autopart International" trade name. AI's business primarily serves the Commercial market from its store locations in the Northeastern, Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern regions of the United States. For additional information regarding our segments, see Note 11, Segment and Related Information, of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

## Management Overview

We generated earnings per diluted share, or diluted EPS, of \$1.42 during our twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 (or the third quarter of Fiscal 2013) compared to \$1.21 for the comparable period of Fiscal 2012. The increase in our diluted EPS was primarily due to an increase in our operating income. We increased operating income over the comparable period of last year by improving our gross profit rate and disciplined expense control despite a 2.0% comparable store sales decline. Similar to previous quarters this year, sales remained constrained in many of our markets in part due to the ongoing uncertainty in the macroeconomic environment and increased competition in our operating area. During much of our third quarter, we believe consumer spending was suppressed as consumers faced the uncertainty regarding a potential federal government shutdown and the apprehension regarding the impact of health care reform. We believe that our core consumers are performing only the repairs that are absolutely necessary to keep their vehicles on the road which has resulted in a record level of deferred maintenance. We continue to

generate a significant amount of cash on-hand to invest in capital improvements and initiatives to support our two key strategies, Superior Availability and Service Leadership, which are discussed later in "Business and Industry Update."

#### Acquisitions Update

On December 31, 2012, we acquired B.W.P. Distributors, Inc. ("BWP"), a privately held company that supplied, marketed and distributed automotive aftermarket parts and products principally to Commercial customers. Prior to the acquisition, BWP operated or supplied 216 locations in the Northeastern United States. Concurrent with the closing of the acquisition, we transferred one distribution center and BWP's rights to distribute to 92 independently owned locations to an affiliate of General Parts International, Inc. ("GPI"), a privately held auto supply company. We believe this acquisition will enable us to continue our expansion in the competitive Northeast, which is a strategic growth area for us due to the large population and overall size

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of the market, and to gain valuable information to apply to our existing operations as a result of BWP's expertise in Commercial.

During the second quarter, we began integrating the 124 BWP company-owned stores and two distribution centers into our Advance Auto Parts operations and plan to finish the integration by mid-2014. The integration of BWP stores will consist of converting or consolidating those locations into Advance Auto Parts locations.

On October 15, 2013, we entered into a definitive agreement to acquire GPI, a leading privately held distributor and supplier of original equipment and aftermarket replacement products for commercial markets operating under the CARQUEST and WORLDPAK brands. The acquisition of GPI will allow us to expand our geographic presence and commercial capabilities to better serve customers. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions and is expected to close by late 2013 or early 2014. Under the terms of the merger agreement, we intend to acquire GPI in an all-cash transaction with an enterprise value of \$2.04 billion.

## Summary of Third Quarter Financial Results

A high-level summary of our financial results for the third quarter of Fiscal 2013 is included below:

- Net sales during the third quarter of Fiscal 2013 were \$1,520.1 million, an increase of 4.3% as compared to the third quarter of Fiscal 2012. This increase was primarily driven by the addition of the acquired BWP stores and 170 net new stores over the past 12 months partially offset by a 2.0% decrease in comparable store sales.
- Our operating income for the third quarter of Fiscal 2013 was \$170.7 million, an increase of \$20.4 million from the comparable period of Fiscal 2012. As a percentage of total sales, operating income was 11.2%, an increase of 91 basis points, due to a lower SG&A rate combined with a higher gross profit rate.

Our inventory balance as of October 5, 2013 increased \$270.6 million, or 12.3%, over our inventory balance as of October 6, 2012 driven by the BWP acquisition, new store openings and support of our inventory availability initiatives.

We generated operating cash flow of \$398.5 million during the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, a decrease of 21.1% from the comparable period in Fiscal 2012, primarily due to the timing of payments to vendors.

Refer to the "Results of Operations" and "Liquidity and Capital Resources" sections for further details of our income statement and cash flow results, respectively.

## Business and Industry Update

Our two key strategies are Superior Availability and Service Leadership. Superior Availability is aimed at product availability and maximizing the speed, reliability and efficiency of our supply chain. Service Leadership leverages our product availability in addition to more consistent execution of customer-facing initiatives to strengthen our integrated operating approach of serving our DIY and Commercial customers in our stores and on-line. Through these two key strategies, we believe we can continue to build on the initiatives discussed below to produce favorable financial results over the long term. Sales to Commercial customers remain the biggest opportunity for us to increase our overall market share in the automotive aftermarket industry. Our Commercial sales, as a percentage of total sales, increased to 41% for the third quarter of Fiscal 2013 compared to 39% for the same period in Fiscal 2012. This increase has been more pronounced in Fiscal 2013 due to the contribution of the acquired BWP stores which are more weighted in Commercial than our Advance stores.

Our strategic priorities include:

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Growing our Commercial business through improved delivery speed and reliability, increased customer retention, increased volume with national and regional accounts, the acquisition and integration of BWP and the pending acquisition of GPI;

Improving localized parts availability through the continued increase in the number of our larger HUB stores, strengthened focus on in-store availability and leveraging the advancement of our supply chain infrastructure, which includes the continued ramp-up of our new Remington distribution center;

Accelerating our new store growth rate; and

Continuing our focus on store execution through more effective scheduling, increased productivity and simplification, improved product on-hand accuracy, expanded sales training and continued measurement of customer engagement.

The automotive aftermarket industry is influenced by a number of general macroeconomic factors similar to those affecting the overall retail industry. These factors include, but are not limited to, fuel costs, unemployment rates, consumer

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confidence and spending habits, and competition. While we believe the difficult conditions affecting the macroeconomic environment continue to constrain consumer spending in the automotive aftermarket, we remain confident that the long-term dynamics of the industry are positive.

Favorable industry dynamics include:

- an increase in the number and average age of vehicles;
- a long-term expectation that miles driven will continue to increase based on historical trends; and
- a fragmented commercial market.

Conversely, the factors negatively affecting the automotive aftermarket industry include:

- deferral of elective automotive maintenance in the near term as more consumers contemplate new automobile purchases;
- longer maintenance and part failure intervals on newer cars due to improved quality; and
- higher and more volatile gas prices.

Despite our sales performance during the third quarter, we remain encouraged by (i) the long-term fundamentals of the automotive aftermarket industry and (ii) initiatives that are underway in support of our key strategies. While we believe our lower comparable sales will not be a long-term trend given the overall positive long-term industry dynamics, we do anticipate constrained comparable sales for the remainder of Fiscal 2013 based on the current trend of lower customer demand. Despite the lower sales, we are committed to achieving our long-term sales growth and profitability goals by remaining focused on our Commercial sales growth while balancing support and discretionary expenses with the additional cost of investments in our key strategies.

### Consolidated Operating Results and Key Statistics and Metrics

The following table highlights certain consolidated operating results and key statistics and metrics for the twelve and forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, respectively, and the fiscal years ended December 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011. We use these key statistics and metrics to measure the financial progress of our key strategies.

|                                              | Twelve Weeks Ended |    |                    |    | Forty Weeks Ended  |    |                    |    |             |         |             |   |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|-------------|---------|-------------|---|
|                                              | October 5,<br>2013 |    | October 6,<br>2012 |    | October 5,<br>2013 |    | October 6,<br>2012 |    | FY 2012     | FY 2011 |             |   |
| Operating Results:                           |                    |    |                    |    |                    |    |                    |    |             |         |             |   |
| Total net sales (in 000s)                    | \$1,520,144        |    | \$1,457,527        |    | \$5,085,001        |    | \$4,875,802        |    | \$6,205,003 |         | \$6,170,462 |   |
| Comparable store sales growth <sup>(1)</sup> | (2.0               | )% | (1.8               | )% | (2.0               | )% | (0.5               | )% | (0.8        | )%      | 2.2         | % |
| Gross profit                                 | 50.2               | %  | 49.8               | %  | 50.2               | %  | 49.9               | %  | 49.9        | %       | 49.7        | % |
| SG&A                                         | 39.0               | %  | 39.4               | %  | 39.0               | %  | 38.8               | %  | 39.3        | %       | 39.0        | % |
| Operating profit                             | 11.2               | %  | 10.3               | %  | 11.2               | %  | 11.2               | %  | 10.6        | %       | 10.8        | % |
| Diluted earnings per share                   | \$1.42             |    | \$1.21             |    | \$4.65             |    | \$4.34             |    | \$5.22      |         | \$5.11      |   |
| Key Statistics and Metrics:                  |                    |    |                    |    |                    |    |                    |    |             |         |             |   |
|                                              | 4,018              |    | 3,727              |    | 4,018              |    | 3,727              |    | 3,794       |         | 3,662       |   |

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|                                                              |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Number of stores,<br>end of period                           |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Total store square<br>footage, end of<br>period (in 000s)    | 29,427   | 27,194   | 29,427   | 27,194   | 27,806   | 26,663   |
| Total Team<br>Members, end of<br>period                      | 54,238   | 54,220   | 54,238   | 54,220   | 53,473   | 52,002   |
| Sales per store (in<br>000s) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>               | \$ 1,656 | \$ 1,683 | \$ 1,656 | \$ 1,683 | \$ 1,664 | \$ 1,708 |
| Operating income<br>per store (in<br>000s) <sup>(2)(4)</sup> | \$ 176   | \$ 178   | \$ 176   | \$ 178   | \$ 176   | \$ 184   |
| Gross margin return<br>on inventory <sup>(2)(5)</sup>        | 8.3      | 6.9      | 8.3      | 6.9      | 9.3      | 6.6      |

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- Comparable store sales include net sales from our stores and e-commerce website. The change in store sales is
- (1) calculated based on the change in net sales starting once a store has been open for 13 complete accounting periods (each period represents four weeks). Relocations are included in comparable store sales from the original date of opening.
  - (2) These financial metrics presented for each quarter are calculated on an annualized basis and accordingly reflect the last four fiscal quarters completed.
  - (3) Sales per store is calculated as net sales divided by the average of the beginning and ending store count for the respective period.
  - (4) Operating income per store is calculated as operating income divided by the average of beginning and ending total store count for the respective period.
  - (5) Gross margin return on inventory is calculated as gross profit divided by an average of beginning and ending inventory, net of accounts payable and financed vendor accounts payable.

## Store Development by Segment

The following table sets forth the total number of new, closed and relocated stores and stores with Commercial delivery programs during the twelve and forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012 by segment. We lease approximately 79% of our AAP stores. We lease 100% of our AI stores.

## AAP

|                                          | Twelve Weeks Ended |                    | Forty Weeks Ended  |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                          | October 5,<br>2013 | October 6,<br>2012 | October 5,<br>2013 | October 6,<br>2012 |
| Number of stores at beginning of period  | 3,763              | 3,489              | 3,576              | 3,460              |
| New stores                               | 35                 | 28                 | 105                | 57                 |
| Acquired BWP stores                      | —                  | —                  | 124                | —                  |
| Closed stores                            | (2                 | ) —                | (9                 | ) —                |
| Number of stores, end of period          | 3,796              | 3,517              | 3,796              | 3,517              |
| Relocated stores                         | 1                  | 2                  | 3                  | 9                  |
| Stores with Commercial delivery programs | 3,484              | 3,212              | 3,484              | 3,212              |

## AI

|                                          | Twelve Weeks Ended |                    | Forty Weeks Ended  |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                          | October 5,<br>2013 | October 6,<br>2012 | October 5,<br>2013 | October 6,<br>2012 |
| Number of stores at beginning of period  | 227                | 203                | 218                | 202                |
| New stores                               | —                  | 7                  | 12                 | 13                 |
| Closed stores                            | (5                 | ) —                | (8                 | ) (5               |
| Number of stores, end of period          | 222                | 210                | 222                | 210                |
| Relocated stores                         | 1                  | 1                  | 10                 | 5                  |
| Stores with Commercial delivery programs | 222                | 210                | 222                | 210                |

Included in our store closures during the twelve and forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 are two and three BWP stores, respectively, that were consolidated into existing Advance Auto Parts stores. During Fiscal 2013, we anticipate adding approximately 155 to 165 AAP stores (excluding the 124 BWP stores acquired on December 31, 2012) and 10 to 15 AI stores.

## Critical Accounting Policies

Our financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations are based on these financial statements. The preparation of these financial statements requires the application of accounting policies in addition to certain estimates and judgments by our management. Our estimates and judgments are based on currently available information, historical results and other assumptions we believe are reasonable. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates. During the twelve and forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, we consistently applied the critical accounting policies discussed in our 2012 Form 10-K. For a complete discussion regarding these critical accounting policies, refer to the 2012 Form 10-K.

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## Components of Statement of Operations

## Net Sales

Net sales consist primarily of merchandise sales from our retail store locations to both our DIY and Commercial customers and sales from our e-commerce website. Our total sales growth is comprised of both comparable store sales and new store sales. We calculate comparable store sales based on the change in store sales starting once a store has been opened for 13 complete accounting periods (approximately one year) and by including e-commerce sales. We include sales from relocated stores in comparable store sales from the original date of opening.

## Cost of Sales

Our cost of sales consists of merchandise costs, net of incentives under vendor programs; inventory shrinkage, defective merchandise and warranty costs; and warehouse and distribution expenses. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales may be affected by (i) variations in our product mix, (ii) price changes in response to competitive factors and fluctuations in merchandise costs, (iii) vendor programs, (iv) inventory shrinkage, (v) defective merchandise and warranty costs and (vi) warehouse and distribution costs. We seek to minimize fluctuations in merchandise costs and instability of supply by entering into long-term purchasing agreements, without minimum purchase volume requirements, when we believe it is advantageous. Our gross profit may not be comparable to that of our competitors due to differences in industry practice regarding the classification of certain costs.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

SG&A expenses consist of store payroll and benefits, store occupancy (including rent and depreciation), advertising expenses, Commercial delivery expenses, other store expenses and general and administrative expenses, including salaries and related benefits of store support center Team Members, share-based compensation expense, store support center administrative office expenses, data processing, professional expenses, self-insurance costs, closed store expense, impairment charges and acquisition related costs, if any, and other related expenses.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth certain of our operating data expressed as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated.

|                                                           | Twelve Week Periods Ended |                    | Forty Week Periods Ended |                    |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|
|                                                           | October 5,<br>2013        | October 6,<br>2012 | October 5,<br>2013       | October 6,<br>2012 |   |
| Net sales                                                 | 100.0                     | % 100.0            | % 100.0                  | % 100.0            | % |
| Cost of sales, including purchasing and warehousing costs | 49.8                      | 50.2               | 49.8                     | 50.1               |   |
| Gross profit                                              | 50.2                      | 49.8               | 50.2                     | 49.9               |   |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses              | 39.0                      | 39.4               | 39.0                     | 38.8               |   |
| Operating income                                          | 11.2                      | 10.3               | 11.2                     | 11.2               |   |
| Interest expense                                          | (0.5)                     | ) (0.6             | ) (0.5                   | ) (0.5             | ) |
| Other expense, net                                        | 0.0                       | 0.0                | 0.0                      | 0.0                |   |
| Provision for income taxes                                | 3.9                       | 3.6                | 4.0                      | 4.0                |   |
| Net income                                                | 6.8                       | % 6.1              | % 6.7                    | % 6.6              | % |

Twelve and Forty Week Periods Ended October 5, 2013 Compared to Twelve and Forty Week Periods Ended October 6, 2012

Net Sales

Net sales for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 were \$1,520.1 million, an increase of \$62.6 million, or 4.3%, as compared to net sales for the twelve weeks ended October 6, 2012. The sales increase was primarily due to sales from the acquired BWP stores and sales from the new AAP and AI stores opened during the last twelve months partially offset by a 2.0% decrease in comparable store sales.

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For the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013, AAP produced net sales of \$1,441.7 million, an increase of \$54.9 million, or 4.0%, as compared to net sales for the twelve weeks ended October 6, 2012. This growth was primarily a result of sales from the 121 acquired BWP stores and sales from the net addition of 158 new stores over the past year partially offset by a comparable store sales decrease of 2.2%. The comparable store sales decrease was driven by a decrease in transaction count partially offset by an increase in transaction value, which is reflective of higher priced products sold and a higher mix of Commercial sales. Our decrease in comparable transaction count was more pronounced in our DIY customers in part due to the continued uncertainty in the macroeconomic environment. For the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013, AI produced net sales of \$81.7 million, an increase of \$7.2 million, or 9.6%, as compared to net sales for the twelve weeks ended October 6, 2012.

|                                         | Twelve Weeks Ended |        |        |                 |        |        |    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|----|
|                                         | October 5, 2013    |        |        | October 6, 2012 |        |        |    |
|                                         | AAP                | AI     | Total  | AAP             | AI     | Total  |    |
| Comparable store sales %                | (2.2               | %) 1.7 | % (2.0 | %) (1.9         | %) 0.2 | % (1.8 | )% |
| Net stores opened in last twelve months | 158                | 12     | 170    | 75              | 7      | 82     |    |
| Current number of BWP stores            | 121                | —      | 121    | —               | —      | —      |    |

Net sales for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 were \$5,085.0 million, an increase of \$209.2 million, or 4.3%, as compared to net sales for the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012. The sales increase was primarily due to sales from the acquired BWP stores and sales from the new AAP and AI stores opened during the last twelve months partially offset by a 2.0% decrease in comparable store sales.

For the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, AAP produced net sales of \$4,830.3 million, an increase of \$183.6 million, or 4.0%, as compared to net sales for the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012. This growth was primarily a result of sales from the 121 acquired BWP stores and sales from the net addition of 158 new stores over the past year partially offset by a comparable store sales decrease of 2.1%. The comparable store sales decrease was driven by a decrease in transaction count partially offset by an increase in transaction value, which is reflective of higher priced products sold and a higher mix of Commercial sales. For the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, AI produced net sales of \$266.4 million, an increase of \$25.2 million, or 10.5%, as compared to net sales for the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012.

|                                         | Forty Weeks Ended |        |        |                 |        |        |    |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|----|
|                                         | October 5, 2013   |        |        | October 6, 2012 |        |        |    |
|                                         | AAP               | AI     | Total  | AAP             | AI     | Total  |    |
| Comparable store sales %                | (2.1              | %) 0.5 | % (2.0 | %) (0.7         | %) 1.9 | % (0.5 | %) |
| Net stores opened in last twelve months | 158               | 12     | 170    | 75              | 7      | 82     |    |
| Current number of BWP stores            | 121               | —      | 121    | —               | —      | —      |    |

**Gross Profit**

Gross profit for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$762.9 million, or 50.2% of net sales, as compared to \$725.4 million, or 49.8% of net sales, for the comparable period of last year, representing an increase of 42 basis points. The 42 basis-point increase in gross profit rate was driven primarily by increased merchandise margins due to lower acquisition costs partially offset by planned inefficiencies in supply chain costs associated with the ramp-up in shipments of inventory from our new distribution center and the impact from a higher mix of Commercial sales which have a lower gross profit rate. The increase in our Commercial mix of sales was primarily due to the sales from the

acquired BWP stores.

Gross profit for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$2,550.4 million, or 50.2% of net sales, as compared to \$2,434.9 million, or 49.9% of net sales, for the comparable period of last year, representing an increase of 22 basis points. The 22 basis-point increase in gross profit rate was driven primarily by increased merchandise margins, due to lower acquisition costs and a favorable product mix, and improvement in shrink partially offset by planned inefficiencies in supply chain costs associated with the ramp-up in shipments of inventory from our new distribution center and the impact from a higher mix of Commercial sales which have a lower gross profit rate. The increase in our Commercial mix of sales was primarily due to the sales from the acquired BWP stores.

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### SG&A

SG&A expenses for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 were \$592.2 million, or 39.0% of net sales, as compared to \$575.0 million, or 39.4% of net sales, for the comparable period of last year, representing a decrease of 49 basis points. This decrease as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to lower marketing expense, increased labor productivity and lower administrative and support costs. These decreases were partially offset by acquisition related costs associated with the pending acquisition of GPI, higher incentive compensation and costs from increased new store openings.

SG&A expenses for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 were \$1,980.9 million, or 39.0% of net sales, as compared to \$1,890.8 million, or 38.8% of net sales, for the comparable period of last year, representing an increase of 18 basis points. This increase as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to costs from increased new store openings and higher incentive compensation, partially offset by lower marketing expense and a decrease in credit card fees as a result of the insourcing of our Commercial credit program in Fiscal 2012.

### Operating Income

Operating income for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$170.7 million, or 11.2% of net sales, as compared to \$150.4 million, or 10.3% of net sales, for the comparable period of last year, representing an increase of 91 basis points. This increase was reflective of a decrease in our SG&A rate coupled with an increase in our gross profit rate.

AAP produced operating income of \$164.4 million, or 11.4% of net sales, for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 as compared to \$147.9 million, or 10.7% of net sales, for the comparable period of last year. This increase on a rate basis was due to the gross profit and SG&A drivers previously discussed. AI generated operating income for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 of \$6.3 million as compared to \$2.5 million for the comparable period of last year. AI's operating income increased during the third quarter primarily due to a 9.6% increase in sales; an increase in gross profit rate, driven mainly by supply chain efficiencies; improvements in store labor productivity; and SG&A leverage driven by lower administrative and support costs.

Operating income for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$569.5 million, or 11.2% of net sales, as compared to \$544.1 million, or 11.2% of net sales, for the comparable period of last year, representing a decrease of 4 basis points. This decrease was reflective of an increase in our SG&A rate partially offset by a slight increase in our gross profit rate.

AAP produced operating income of \$555.4 million, or 11.5% of net sales, for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 as compared to \$533.2 million, or 11.5% of net sales, for the comparable period of last year. This slight increase of two basis points was due to the gross profit and SG&A drivers previously discussed. AI generated operating income for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 of \$14.1 million as compared to \$10.9 million for the comparable period of last year. AI's operating income increased during the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 primarily due to improvements in store labor productivity and SG&A leverage driven by lower administrative and support costs during the second and third quarters.

### Interest Expense

Interest expense for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$7.9 million, or 0.5% of net sales, as compared to \$8.0 million, or 0.6% of net sales, for the comparable period in Fiscal 2012.

Interest expense for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$26.6 million, or 0.5% of net sales, as compared to \$25.8 million, or 0.5% of net sales, for the comparable period in Fiscal 2012.

## Income Taxes

Income tax expense for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$59.3 million, as compared to \$53.1 million for the comparable period of Fiscal 2012. Our effective income tax rate was 36.4% and 37.2% for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, respectively. The reduction in our effective tax rate was primarily due to employment tax credits taken during the quarter.

Income tax expense for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$202.0 million, as compared to \$196.4 million for the comparable period of Fiscal 2012. Our effective income tax rate was 37.1% and 37.8% for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 and October 6, 2012, respectively. The reduction in our effective tax rate was primarily due to employment tax credits taken during the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013.

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### Net Income

Net income for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$103.8 million, or \$1.42 per diluted share, as compared to \$89.5 million, or \$1.21 per diluted share, for the comparable period of Fiscal 2012. As a percentage of net sales, net income for the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013 was 6.8%, as compared to 6.1% for the comparable period of Fiscal 2012. The increase in diluted EPS was driven primarily by the increase in net income.

Net income for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 was \$342.5 million, or \$4.65 per diluted share, as compared to \$322.6 million, or \$4.34 per diluted share, for the comparable period of Fiscal 2012. As a percentage of net sales, net income for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 was 6.7%, as compared to 6.6% for the comparable period of Fiscal 2012. The increase in diluted EPS was driven primarily by the increase in net income.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

#### Overview

Our primary cash requirements to maintain our current operations include payroll and benefits, the purchase of inventory, contractual obligations, capital expenditures and the payment of income taxes. In addition, we have used available funds for acquisitions, to repay borrowings under our revolving credit facility, to periodically repurchase shares of our common stock under our stock repurchase program and for the payment of quarterly cash dividends. We have funded these requirements primarily through cash generated from operations, supplemented by borrowings under our credit facilities and notes offerings as needed. We believe funds generated from our expected results of operations, available cash and cash equivalents, and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund our primary obligations for the next fiscal year. In addition, we expect to secure additional financing in the form of bank debt and senior unsecured notes during our fourth quarter to be used along with cash on-hand to fund the acquisition of GPI, subject to regulatory approval.

At October 5, 2013, our cash and cash equivalents balance was \$567.3 million, a decrease of \$30.8 million compared to December 29, 2012 (the end of Fiscal 2012). This decrease in cash during the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 was primarily a result of cash used in the acquisition of BWP, investment in property and equipment and repurchases of common stock partially offset by cash generated from operations. Additional discussion of our cash flow results, including the comparison of the activity for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 to the comparable period of Fiscal 2012, is set forth in the Analysis of Cash Flows section.

At October 5, 2013, our outstanding indebtedness was \$605.1 million, which was essentially unchanged from December 29, 2012, and consisted of borrowings of \$599.0 million under our senior unsecured notes and \$6.0 million outstanding on economic development notes. Additionally, we had \$87.7 million in letters of credit outstanding, which reduced our total availability under the revolving credit facility to \$662.3 million.

#### Capital Expenditures

Our primary capital requirements have been the funding of our new store development (leased and owned locations), maintenance of existing stores and investments under our Superior Availability and Service Leadership strategies, including supply chain and information technology. Our capital expenditures were \$147.7 million for the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, or \$53.5 million less than the forty weeks ended October 6, 2012. In addition to routine capital expenditures, our capital investments during the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013 included the acquisition of BWP for \$187.2 million.

Our future capital requirements will depend in large part on the number of and timing for new stores we open within a given year and the investments we make in our existing stores, information technology and our supply chain network. We anticipate that our capital expenditures in Fiscal 2013 will be less than Fiscal 2012 primarily due to fewer store purchases and investments across other support areas. During the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, we opened 105 AAP stores and 12 AI stores compared to 57 AAP and 13 AI stores during the comparable period of last year. We remain on pace to open 155 to 165 AAP stores (excluding the 124 BWP stores acquired on December 31, 2012) and 10 to 15 AI stores, respectively, during Fiscal 2013.

#### Stock Repurchase Program

Our stock repurchase program allows us to repurchase our common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the SEC. Our \$500 million stock repurchase program in place as of October 5, 2013 was authorized by our Board of Directors on May 14, 2012.

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During the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013, we repurchased 35,000 shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$2.8 million, or an average price of \$79.94 per share. Additionally, we repurchased 1,000 shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$0.1 million, or an average price of \$81.85 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock during the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013. During the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, we repurchased 1.0 million shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$77.3 million, or an average price of \$77.47 per share. At October 5, 2013, we had \$415.1 million remaining under our stock repurchase program. Additionally, we repurchased 17,000 shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$1.3 million, or an average price of \$77.80 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock during the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013.

## Dividend

Since Fiscal 2006, our Board of Directors has declared quarterly dividends of \$0.06 per share to stockholders of record. On October 30, 2013, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.06 per share to be paid on January 3, 2014 to all common stockholders of record as of December 20, 2013.

## Analysis of Cash Flows

A summary and analysis of our cash flows for the forty week period ended October 5, 2013 as compared to the forty week period ended October 6, 2012 is included below.

|                                                      | Forty Week Periods Ended |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
|                                                      | October 5, 2013          | October 6, 2012 |
|                                                      | (in millions)            |                 |
| Cash flows from operating activities                 | \$398.5                  | \$504.8         |
| Cash flows from investing activities                 | (317.4                   | ) (206.2        |
| Cash flows from financing activities                 | (111.9                   | ) 122.9         |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$(30.8                  | ) \$421.5       |

## Operating Activities

For the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$106.3 million to \$398.5 million. This net decrease in operating cash flow was primarily driven by a \$143.7 million increase in inventory, net of accounts payable, primarily as a result of the timing of payments to vendors. Partially offsetting these decreases in operating cash flow was an decrease in receivables of \$33.6 million resulting from the transition of our in-house Commercial credit program last year.

## Investing Activities

For the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, net cash used in investing activities increased \$111.2 million to \$317.4 million. The increase in cash used in investing activities was primarily driven by cash used in the acquisition of BWP partially offset by a reduction in investments in property and equipment as a result of less spending on existing stores, information technology, new store development and investments in supply chain.

## Financing Activities

For the forty weeks ended October 5, 2013, net cash used in financing activities was \$111.9 million, as compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$122.9 million, a decrease of \$234.8 million. This decrease was primarily

a result of net proceeds of \$184.9 million provided by borrowing activities in Fiscal 2012 coupled with a \$53.4 million increase in the repurchase of common stock under our stock repurchase program in Fiscal 2013.

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### Long-Term Debt

#### Bank Debt

We have a \$750.0 million unsecured five-year revolving credit facility with our wholly-owned subsidiary, Advance Stores Company, Incorporated, or Stores, serving as the borrower. The revolving credit facility also provides for the issuance of letters of credit with a sub-limit of \$300.0 million, and swingline loans in an amount not to exceed \$50.0 million. We may request, subject to agreement by one or more lenders, that the total revolving commitment be increased by an amount not exceeding \$250.0 million (up to a total commitment of \$1 billion) during the term of the revolving credit facility. Voluntary prepayments and voluntary reductions of the revolving balance are permitted in whole or in part, at our option, in minimum principal amounts as specified in the revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility matures on May 27, 2016.

As of October 5, 2013, we had no borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility, but had letters of credit outstanding of \$87.7 million, which reduced the availability under the revolving credit facility to \$662.3 million. The letters of credit generally have a term of one year or less and serve as collateral for our self-insurance policies.

The interest rate on borrowings under the revolving credit facility is based, at our option, on an adjusted LIBOR rate, plus a margin, or an alternate base rate, plus a margin. The current margin is 1.5% per annum for each of the adjusted LIBOR and alternate base rate borrowings. A facility fee is charged on the total amount of the revolving credit facility, payable in arrears. The current facility fee rate is 0.25% per annum. Under the terms of the revolving credit facility, the interest rate and facility fee are based on our credit rating.

Our revolving credit facility contains covenants restricting our ability to, among other things: (1) permit the subsidiaries of Advance Stores to create, incur or assume additional debt; (2) incur liens or engage in sale-leaseback transactions; (3) make loans and investments (including acquisitions); (4) guarantee obligations; (5) engage in certain mergers and liquidations; (6) change the nature of our business and the business conducted by our subsidiaries; (7) enter into certain hedging transactions, and (8) change our status as a holding company. We are also required to comply with financial covenants with respect to a maximum leverage ratio and a minimum consolidated coverage ratio. We were in compliance with our covenants in place at October 5, 2013 and December 29, 2012, respectively. Our revolving credit facility also provides for customary events of default, covenant defaults and cross-defaults to other material indebtedness.

#### Senior Unsecured Notes

Our 5.75% senior unsecured notes were issued in April 2010 at 99.587% of the principal amount of \$300.0 million and are due May 1, 2020 (the "2020 Notes"). The 2020 Notes bear interest at a rate of 5.75% per year payable semi-annually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year. Our 4.50% senior unsecured notes were issued in January 2012 at 99.968% of the principal amount of \$300.0 million and are due January 15, 2022 (the "2022 Notes" or collectively with 2020 Notes, "the Notes"). The 2022 Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.50% per year payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year. We served as the issuer of the Notes with certain of our domestic subsidiaries currently serving as subsidiary guarantors. The terms of the Notes are governed by an indenture and supplemental indentures (collectively the "Indenture") among us, the subsidiary guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee.

We may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time or from time to time, at the redemption price described in the Indenture. In addition, in the event of a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined in the Indenture for each of the Notes), we will be required to offer to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date. The Notes are currently fully and unconditionally

guaranteed, jointly and severally, on an unsubordinated and unsecured basis by each of the subsidiary guarantors. We will be permitted to release guarantees without the consent of holders of the Notes under the circumstances described in the Indenture: (i) upon the release of the guarantee of our other debt that resulted in the affected subsidiary becoming a guarantor of this debt; (ii) upon the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the stock or assets of the subsidiary guarantor; or (iii) upon our exercise of its legal or covenant defeasance option.

As of October 5, 2013, we had a credit rating from Standard & Poor's of BBB- and from Moody's Investor Service of Baa3. The current outlooks by Standard & Poor's and Moody's are both stable. The current pricing grid used to determine our borrowing rate under our revolving credit facility is based on our credit ratings. If these credit ratings decline, our interest rate on outstanding balances may increase and our access to additional financing on favorable terms may become more limited. In addition, it could reduce the attractiveness of our vendor payment program, where certain of our vendors finance payment obligations from us with designated third party financial institutions, which could result in increased working capital requirements. Conversely, if these credit ratings improve, our interest rate may decrease.

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### Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements

As of October 5, 2013, we had no off-balance-sheet arrangements as defined in Regulation S-K Item 303 of the SEC regulations. We include other off-balance-sheet arrangements in our contractual obligations table in our 2012 Form 10-K, including operating lease payments, interest payments on our notes and revolving credit facility and letters of credit outstanding.

### Contractual Obligations

As of October 5, 2013, there were no material changes to our outstanding contractual obligations as compared to our contractual obligations outstanding as of December 29, 2012. For information regarding our contractual obligations see "Contractual Obligations" in our 2012 Form 10-K.

### Seasonality

Our business is somewhat seasonal in nature, with the highest sales usually occurring in the spring and summer months. In addition, our business can be affected by weather conditions. While unusually heavy precipitation tends to soften sales as elective maintenance is deferred during such periods, extremely hot or cold weather tends to enhance sales by causing automotive parts to fail at an accelerated rate.

### New Accounting Pronouncements

For a description of recently announced accounting standards, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects, if any, on our condensed consolidated financial statements, see New Accounting Pronouncements in Note 1 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

### Internet Address and Access to SEC Filings

Our Internet address is [www.AdvanceAutoParts.com](http://www.AdvanceAutoParts.com). We make available free of charge through our Internet website our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish them to, the SEC. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. These materials may be obtained electronically by accessing the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

### Interest Rate Risk

Our primary financial market risk is due to changes in interest rates. Historically, we have reduced our exposure to changes in interest rates by entering into various interest rate hedge instruments such as interest rate swap contracts and treasury lock agreements. We have historically utilized interest rate swaps to convert variable rate debt to fixed rate debt and to lock in fixed rates on future debt issuances. Our interest rate hedge instruments have been designated as cash flow hedges. At October 5, 2013 we had no interest rate swaps or other derivative instruments outstanding.

The interest rate on borrowings under the revolving credit facility is based, at the Company's option, on an adjusted LIBOR rate, plus a margin, or an alternate base rate, plus a margin. At October 5, 2013 we had no borrowings

outstanding under our revolving credit facility. However, if we elect to borrow on our revolving credit facility, we may be exposed to interest rate risk due to changes in LIBOR or an alternate base rate. There is no interest rate risk associated with our 2020 Notes or 2022 Notes, as the interest rates are fixed at 5.75% and 4.50%, respectively, per annum.

#### Credit Risk

Our financial assets that are exposed to credit risk consist primarily of trade accounts receivable and vendor receivables. We are exposed to normal credit risk from Commercial customers. Our concentration of credit risk is limited because our Commercial customer base consists of a large number of customers with relatively small balances, which allows the credit risk

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to be spread across a broad base. We strive to maintain a close working relationship with our vendors and frequently monitor their financial strength. We have not historically had significant credit losses.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our management evaluated, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report in accordance with Rule 13a-15(b) under the Exchange Act. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended October 5, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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6BPART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the risk factors disclosed under Item 1A to Part 1 of our 2012 Form 10-K, the following risk factors should be read carefully in connection with evaluating our business and the forward-looking information contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Other than the updates to our risk factors presented below, there have been no material changes in the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The parties to the proposed acquisition of GPI may be unable to satisfy the conditions to the completion of the acquisition and the acquisition may not be completed.

Completion of the proposed acquisition of GPI is conditioned on, among other things, the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, the approval of the merger agreement by GPI shareholders, the absence of any law or order that prohibits the completion of the transaction, the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the parties contained in the merger agreement (subject to certain specified standards of materiality), the compliance in all material respects with the covenants of the parties contained in the merger agreement and the absence of a material adverse effect (as defined in the merger agreement) on GPI. These and other conditions to the completion of the transaction may fail to be satisfied. In addition, there can be no assurance that our expected financing for the transaction will be available on expected or acceptable terms, or at all, in order to enable us to complete the acquisition.

Satisfying the conditions to and completion of the transaction may take longer, and could cost more, than we and GPI expect. Any delay in completing the acquisition of GPI or any additional conditions imposed in order to complete the transaction may materially adversely affect the synergies and other benefits that we expect to achieve if the transaction and the integration of the companies' respective businesses are completed within the expected timeframe.

Failure to achieve the expected benefits of the proposed acquisition of GPI and to integrate GPI's operations with ours could adversely affect us following the completion of the acquisition and the market price of our common stock.

We cannot be certain whether, and to what extent, any strategic, operational, financial or other benefits resulting from the proposed acquisition of GPI will be achieved. In order to obtain the benefits of the transaction, we must integrate GPI's operations with ours. Such integration may be complex and the failure to do so quickly and effectively may negatively affect our earnings. The market price of our common stock may decline as a result of the acquisition if our integration of GPI is unsuccessful, takes longer than expected or fails to achieve financial benefits to the extent anticipated by financial analysts or investors, or the effect of the acquisition on our financial results is otherwise not consistent with the expectations of financial analysts or investors.

The announcement and pendency of the proposed acquisition of GPI could cause disruptions in and create uncertainty surrounding GPI's and our businesses, including affecting GPI's and our relationships with existing and future customers, suppliers and employees, which could have an adverse effect on GPI's and our business, financial results and operations, regardless of whether the acquisition is completed. In particular, GPI and we could lose customers or suppliers, and new customer or supplier contracts could be delayed or decreased. In addition, we have diverted, and will continue to divert, significant management resources towards the completion of the acquisition, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

We expect to incur substantial additional indebtedness in connection with the proposed acquisition of GPI.

In connection with the proposed acquisition of GPI, we expect to enter into financing arrangements. We intend to use this financing to pay, in part, the merger consideration and related fees and expenses. This additional indebtedness may limit the combined company's operating flexibility following the acquisition and could otherwise strain the company's liquidity and financial condition.

If we are unable to retain key GPI personnel after the proposed acquisition of GPI is completed, the combined company's business might suffer.

The success of the proposed acquisition of GPI will depend in part on our ability to retain key GPI employees who continue employment with the combined company after the completion of the transaction. It is possible that these employees might decide not to remain with the combined company after the transaction is completed. We might not be able to locate

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suitable replacements for any such key employees that leave GPI or to secure the employment of suitable replacements on reasonable terms. In addition, if key employees terminate their employment, management's attention might be diverted from successfully integrating GPI's operations to hiring suitable replacements and the combined company's business might suffer.

We will incur significant transaction costs as a result of the proposed acquisition of GPI.

We expect to incur significant one-time transaction costs related to the proposed acquisition of GPI. These transaction costs include investment banking, legal and accounting fees and expenses and other related charges. We may also incur additional unanticipated transaction costs in connection with the acquisition. A portion of the transaction costs related to the acquisition will be incurred regardless of whether the acquisition is completed. Although efficiencies related to the integration of the businesses may allow us to offset incremental transaction and merger-related costs over time, this net benefit may not be achieved in the near term, or at all.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table sets forth the information with respect to repurchases of our common stock for the quarter ended October 5, 2013 (amounts in thousands, except per share amounts):

| Period                               | Total Number of Shares Purchased <sup>(1)</sup> | Average Price Paid per Share <sup>(1)</sup> | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs <sup>(2)</sup> | Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(2)</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 14, 2013 to August 10, 2013     | 35                                              | \$79.94                                     | 35                                                                                              | \$415,092                                                                                           |
| August 11, 2013 to September 7, 2013 | 1                                               | 81.85                                       | —                                                                                               | 415,092                                                                                             |
| September 8, 2013 to October 5, 2013 | —                                               | —                                           | —                                                                                               | 415,092                                                                                             |
| Total                                | 36                                              | \$79.98                                     | 35                                                                                              | \$415,092                                                                                           |

We repurchased 1,000 shares of our common stock, at an aggregate cost of \$0.1 million, or an average purchase price of \$81.85 per share, in connection with the net settlement of shares issued as a result of the vesting of restricted stock during the twelve weeks ended October 5, 2013.

<sup>(2)</sup> Our \$500 million stock repurchase program was authorized by our Board of Directors and publicly announced on May 14, 2012.

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## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit Description                                                                                                              | Incorporated by Reference |         | Filed<br>Filing Date Herewith |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
|             |                                                                                                                                  | Form                      | Exhibit |                               |
| 3.1         | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Advance Auto Parts, Inc. ("Advance Auto") (as amended effective as of June 7, 2013).    | 10-Q                      | 3.1     | 8/19/2013                     |
| 3.2         | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Advance Auto (effective June 7, 2013).                                                            | 8-K                       | 3.2     | 6/13/2013                     |
| 31.1        | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                              |                           |         | X                             |
| 31.2        | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                              |                           |         | X                             |
| 32.1        | Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |                           |         | X                             |
| 101.INS     | XBRL Instance Document                                                                                                           |                           |         |                               |
| 101.SCH     | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document                                                                                          |                           |         |                               |
| 101.CAL     | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document                                                                            |                           |         |                               |
| 101.LAB     | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document                                                                                 |                           |         |                               |
| 101.PRE     | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document                                                                           |                           |         |                               |
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS, INC.

November 12, 2013

By: /s/ Michael A. Norona  
Michael A. Norona  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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| 3.1         | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Advance Auto Parts, Inc. ("Advance Auto") (as amended effective as of June 7, 2013).    | 10-Q                      | 3.1     | 8/19/2013                     |
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