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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 x 1934 For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 0 1934 For the transition period from to . Commission File Number: 000-51515 Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	20-1489747
(State or other jurisdiction of	(IRS Employer
incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)
395 Oyster Point Boulevard, Suite 415	0.4090
South San Francisco, CA	94080
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
(650) 589-9445	
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

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 x No o 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 x No o 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 the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. 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 July 31, 2015, 23,048,947 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, were outstanding.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEM 1.FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## CORE-MARK HOLDING COMPANY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions, except share and per share data) (Unaudited)

(Unaudited)		
	June 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$14.5	\$14.4
Restricted cash	9.8	13.0
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$10.7 and \$10.8	288.1	245.3
as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	64.2	615
Other receivables, net	64.2 420 5	61.5
Inventories, net (Note 4)	420.5	417.8
Deposits and prepayments	50.8	43.7
Deferred income taxes	9.2	8.4
Total current assets	857.1	804.1
Property and equipment, net	156.3	148.9
Goodwill	22.9	22.9
Other intangible assets, net	26.0	22.6
Other non-current assets, net	30.6	31.1
Total assets	\$1,092.9	\$1,029.6
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$150.6	\$128.4
Book overdrafts	30.1	29.1
Cigarette and tobacco taxes payable	169.6	187.3
Accrued liabilities	93.4	93.4
Deferred income taxes	0.3	0.3
Total current liabilities	444.0	438.5
Long-term debt (Note 5)	118.7	68.2
Deferred income taxes	16.4	16.2
Other long-term liabilities	11.6	11.9
Claims liabilities	27.5	27.5
Pension liabilities	5.8	6.0
Total liabilities	624.0	568.3
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value (100,000,000 shares authorized, 25,963,037 and		
25,847,269 shares issued; 23,096,970 and 23,080,110 shares outstanding at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)	0.3	0.3
Additional paid-in capital	266.8	263.8
Treasury stock at cost (2,866,067 and 2,767,159 shares of common stock at June		
30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively)	(58.6)	(52.6
Retained earnings	274.1	261.4
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(13.7 )	(11.6

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Total stockholders' equity	468.9	461.3
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,092.9	\$1,029.6

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### CORE-MARK HOLDING COMPANY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In millions, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Three Month	hs	Ended		Six Months	s Ei	nded	
	June 30, 2015		2014		June 30, 2015		2014	
Net sales	\$2,810.4		\$2,623.2		\$5,262.7		2014 \$4,924.1	
					4,966.5			
Cost of goods sold	2,651.5		2,479.9		-		4,656.4	
Gross profit	158.9		143.3		296.2		267.7	
Warehousing and distribution expenses	88.6		78.1		168.1		153.4	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	47.5		44.0		94.8		87.9	
Amortization of intangible assets	0.6		0.7		1.2		1.3	
Total operating expenses	136.7		122.8		264.1		242.6	
Income from operations	22.2		20.5		32.1		25.1	
Interest expense	(0.7	)	(0.6	)	(1.3	)	(1.3	)
Interest income	0.1		0.2		0.3		0.3	
Foreign currency transaction losses, net	(0.2	)	(0.2	)	(0.6	)	(0.2	)
Income before income taxes	21.4		19.9		30.5		23.9	
Provision for income taxes (Note 7)	(8.2	)	(7.9	)	(11.8	)	(9.5	)
Net income	\$13.2		\$12.0		\$18.7		\$14.4	
Basic net income per common share (Note 9)	\$0.57		\$0.52		\$0.81		\$0.63	
Diluted net income per common share (Note 9)	\$0.57		\$0.52		\$0.81		\$0.62	
Basic weighted-average shares (Note 9)	23.1		23.1		23.1		23.1	
Diluted weighted-average shares (Note 9)	23.3		23.2		23.3		23.2	
Dividends declared and paid per common share (Note 11)	\$0.13		\$0.11		\$0.26		\$0.22	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### CORE-MARK HOLDING COMPANY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In millions)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income	\$13.2	\$12.0	\$18.7	\$14.4
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Defined benefit plan adjustments		0.1	0.1	0.1
Foreign currency translation gain (loss)	0.5	1.2	(2.2	) (0.1
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	0.5	1.3	(2.1	) —
Comprehensive income	\$13.7	\$13.3	\$16.6	\$14.4

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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#### CORE-MARK HOLDING COMPANY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In millions)

(Unaudited)

(Unaudited)			
	Six Months En	ded	
	June 30,		
	2015	2014	
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$18.7	\$14.4	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating	5		
activities:			
LIFO and inventory provisions	6.0	6.9	
Amortization of debt issuance costs	0.2	0.2	
Stock-based compensation expense	4.0	2.8	
Bad debt expense, net	0.8	0.7	
Depreciation and amortization	18.4	15.1	
Foreign currency transaction losses, net	0.6	0.2	
Deferred income taxes	(0.6	) 0.1	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net	(41.0	) (34.2	)
Other receivables, net	(3.2	) 3.7	
Inventories, net	(9.5	) 75.8	
Deposits, prepayments and other non-current assets	(9.4	) (22.0	)
Excess tax deductions associated with stock-based compensation	(1.9	) (1.2	)
Accounts payable	24.1	25.3	
Cigarette and tobacco taxes payable	(14.2	) (21.4	)
Pension, claims, accrued and other long-term liabilities	(3.9	) 0.6	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(10.9	) 67.0	
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	(8.0	) —	
Change in restricted cash	3.2	0.8	
Additions to property and equipment, net	(14.4	) (14.8	)
Capitalization of software and related development costs	(3.9	) (1.1	)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	0.3		-
Net cash used in investing activities	(22.8	) (15.1	)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Borrowing (repayments) under revolving credit facility, net	48.1	(41.3	)
Dividends paid	(6.1	) (5.1	)
Payments on capital leases	(1.1	) (0.8	)
Repurchases of common stock	(6.0	) (3.0	)
Proceeds from exercise of common stock options	0.2	1.0	
Tax withholdings related to net share settlements of restricted stock units	(3.1	) (0.9	)
Excess tax deductions associated with stock-based compensation	1.9	1.2	,
Decrease in book overdrafts	0.9	1.8	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	34.8	(47.1	)
Effects of changes in foreign exchange rates	(1.0	) 0.1	,
Change in cash and cash equivalents	0.1	4.9	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	14.4	11.0	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$14.5	\$15.9	

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Supplemental disclosures: Cash paid during the period for:		
Income taxes, net	\$12.8	\$12.8
Interest	\$0.6	\$0.5
Non-cash capital lease obligations incurred	\$5.2	\$3.5
Unpaid property and equipment purchases included in accrued liabilities	\$3.4	\$1.2

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### CORE-MARK HOLDING COMPANY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. Summary of Company Information

#### Business

Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc. and subsidiaries (referred to herein as "the Company" or "Core-Mark") is one of the largest marketers of fresh and broad-line supply solutions to the convenience retail industry in North America. The Company offers a full range of products, marketing programs and technology solutions to approximately 36,000 customer locations in the United States ("U.S.") and Canada. The Company's customers include traditional convenience stores, drug stores, grocery stores, liquor stores and other specialty and small format stores that carry convenience products. The Company's product offering includes cigarettes, other tobacco products, candy, snacks, fast food, groceries, fresh products, dairy, bread, beverages, general merchandise and health and beauty care products. The Company operates a network of 29 distribution centers in the U.S. and Canada (excluding two distribution facilities it operates as a third party logistics provider). Twenty-five of the Company's distribution centers are located in the U.S. and four are located in Canada.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2015, the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, have been prepared on the same basis as the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of its consolidated results of operations, financial position, comprehensive income and cash flows. Results for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full year or any other future periods. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 has been derived from the Company's audited financial statements, which are included in its 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 2, 2015.

The significant accounting policies and certain financial information that are normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("GAAP"), but which are not required for interim reporting purposes, have been omitted. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements in its Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include Core-Mark and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Certain prior year amounts in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

Concentration of Credit Risks

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of cash investments, accounts receivable and other receivables. The Company places its cash and cash equivalents in short-term instruments with high quality financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure in any one financial instrument. The Company pursues amounts and incentives due from vendors in the normal course of business and is often allowed to deduct these amounts and incentives from payments made to vendors.

A credit review is completed for new customers and ongoing credit evaluations of each customer's financial condition are performed periodically, with reserves maintained for potential credit losses. Credit limits given to customers are based on a risk assessment of their ability to pay and other factors. Accounts receivable are typically not collateralized, but the Company may require prepayments or other guarantees whenever deemed necessary. Alimentation Couche-Tard, Inc. ("Couche-Tard"), the Company's largest customer, accounted for approximately 14.6% of the Company's total net sales for each of three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. No single customer accounted for 10% or more of the Company's accounts receivables as of June 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

Recent Accounting Standards or Updates Not Yet Effective

On May 28, 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Topic 606 ("ASU 2014-09"), to supersede nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that is expected to be received for those goods or services. On July 9, 2015, the FASB reaffirmed a previously proposed one year deferral for the effective date of the new revenue recognition standard for both public and nonpublic entities and allows early adoption as of the original effective date of the standard, which is for annual reports beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on its financial statements. On June 19, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-12, Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period: Topic 718 ("ASU 2014-12"). The standard states that a performance target in a share-based payment that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period should be accounted for as a performance condition. This standard is effective for the Company beginning in 2016 and early adoption is permitted. The Company has determined the adoption of ASU 2014-12 will not have a material impact on its financial statements.

On April 7, 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Imputation of Interest: Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs: Subtopic 835-30 ("ASU 2015-03"). In order to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs, ASU 2015-03 requires debt issuance costs to be presented on the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the related debt liability rather than an asset. ASU 2015-03 is effective for public companies for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods thereafter, with early adoption permitted. The guidance also requires retrospective application to all prior periods presented. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2015-03 on its financial statements.

On May 7, 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-07, Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent): Topic 820 ("ASU 2015-07"). The standard removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The Company does not hold any such investments on its condensed consolidated balance sheet, however, the assets held in a group trust for the Company's defined benefit pension plan include such investments. ASU 2015-07 requires retrospective adoption and is effective for the Company beginning in 2016; early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact ASU 2015-07 will have on its financial statements.

#### 3. Acquisition

Asset Acquisition of Karrys Bros., Limited.

On February 23, 2015, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Karrys Bros., Limited ("Karrys Bros."), a regional convenience wholesaler servicing customers in Ontario, Canada, and the surrounding provinces, for cash consideration of approximately \$8.0 million, or \$10.0 million Canadian. The Karrys Bros. operations have been substantially integrated into the Company's existing distribution center in Toronto and has provided the Company the opportunity to increase its market share in eastern Canada. The purchase price allocation of the acquired assets and liabilities assumed, based on a preliminary estimate of their fair values at the acquisition date, was as follows (in millions):

	February 23, 2015
Accounts receivable	\$3.9
Inventory	3.9
Property and equipment	2.3
Liabilities	(2.1)
Total consideration	\$8.0

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Transaction and integration costs in connection with the acquisition of Karrys Bros. were approximately \$0.8 million and \$1.1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively. The results of operations of Karrys Bros. have been included in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income since the acquisition date. The Company does not consider the Karrys Bros. acquisition to be a material business combination and therefore has not disclosed pro-forma results of operations for the acquired business.

#### 4. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following (in millions):

	June 30,	December 31,	
	2015	2014	
Inventories at FIFO, net of reserves	\$541.7	\$533.1	
Less: LIFO reserve	(121.2	) (115.3	)
Total inventories at LIFO, net of reserves	\$420.5	\$417.8	
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Cost of goods sold reflects the application of the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method of valuing inventories in the U.S. based upon estimated annual producer price indices. Inventories in Canada are valued on a first-in, first-out ("FIFO") basis, as LIFO is not a permitted inventory valuation method in Canada. During periods of rising prices, the LIFO method of costing inventories generally results in higher current costs being charged against income while lower costs are retained in inventories. Conversely, during periods of decreasing prices, the LIFO method of costing inventories generally results in lower current costs being charged against income and higher stated inventories. The Company recorded LIFO expense of \$3.5 million and \$4.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$5.9 million and \$7.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

5. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following (in millions):

	June 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
Amounts borrowed (Credit Facility)	\$104.3	\$55.9
Obligations under capital leases	14.4	12.3
Total long-term debt	\$118.7	\$68.2

The Company has a revolving credit facility ("Credit Facility") with a capacity of \$200 million, which can be increased up to an additional \$100 million, limited by a borrowing base primarily consisting of eligible accounts receivable and inventories. All obligations under the Credit Facility are secured by first priority liens on substantially all of the Company's present and future assets. The terms of the Credit Facility permit prepayment without penalty at any time (subject to customary breakage costs with respect to LIBOR or CDOR based loans prepaid prior to the end of an interest period).

On May 21, 2015, the Company entered into a sixth amendment to the Credit Facility (the "Sixth Amendment"), which extended the term of the Credit Facility from May 2018 to May 2020. The Sixth Amendment fixed the unused facility fee at 25 basis points and provided for quarterly borrowing base reporting. The margin added to the LIBOR or CDOR rate remains at a range of 125 to 175 basis points. In addition, the Sixth Amendment raised and reset the baskets for stock repurchases in aggregate of \$75.0 million, not to exceed \$20.0 million in any year, an aggregate of \$100.0 million for dividends and up to \$150.0 million for permitted acquisitions. As of June 30, 2015, the remaining balances under the Credit Facility for stock repurchases, dividends, and permitted acquisitions were \$75.0 million, \$97.0 million, and \$150.0 million, respectively. The Company incurred fees of approximately \$0.3 million in connection with the Sixth Amendment, which are being amortized over the remaining term of the amendment. Amounts borrowed, outstanding letters of credit and amounts available to borrow, net of certain reserves required under the Credit Facility, were as follows (in millions):

	June 30,	December 31,
	2015	2014
Amounts borrowed	\$104.3	\$55.9
Outstanding letters of credit	\$18.5	\$17.4
Amounts available to borrow (1)	\$66.5	\$114.8

(1)Excluding \$100 million expansion feature.

Average borrowings during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 were \$37.0 million and \$33.7 million, respectively, with amounts borrowed, at any one time outstanding, ranging from zero to \$120.9 million. For the three

and six months ended

June 30, 2014, average borrowings were \$6.9 million and \$10.2 million, respectively, with amounts borrowed, at any one time outstanding, ranging from zero to \$46.3 million.

The weighted-average interest rate on the revolving credit facility for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 was 1.8% and 1.7%, respectively, compared to 1.7% and 1.6% for the same periods in 2014. The weighted-average interest rate is calculated based on the daily cost of borrowing, reflecting a blend of prime and LIBOR rates. The Company paid fees for unused facility and letter of credit participation, which are included in interest expense, of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, and \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. The Company recorded charges related to amortization of debt issuance costs, which are included in interest expense, of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for both the three and six months ended June 30, 2014. Unamortized debt issuance costs were \$1.2 million and \$1.1 million as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

### 6. Contingencies

Litigation

The Company and its insurers are plaintiffs in a lawsuit against Sonitrol Corporation. The case arose from the December 21, 2002 arson fire at the Denver warehouse, in which Sonitrol failed to detect and respond to a four-hour burglary and subsequent arson. In 2010, a jury found in favor of the Company and its insurers. Sonitrol appealed the judgment to the Colorado Appellate Court and on July 19, 2012, the Appellate Court upheld the trial court's ruling on two of the three issues being appealed but set aside the judgment and remanded the case back to the District Court for trial on the sole issue of damages. On April 29, 2013, the Colorado Supreme Court denied Sonitrol's appeal and the case was returned to the District Court to resolve the sole issue of damages. On April 11, 2014, the damages trial concluded with a jury award of \$2.75 million in favor of the Company and its insurers, finding that Sonitrol was liable for damages related only to the burglary and not the subsequent arson. The District Court denied the Company's motion for post-judgment relief on June 26, 2014. The Company and its insurers have appealed the District Court's decision. The Company and Sonitrol have filed their briefs and replies in the appeal. The Company is unable to predict when this litigation will be resolved and its ultimate outcome. Any monetary recovery from this lawsuit will be recognized only if and when it is finally paid to the Company.

The Company is subject to certain legal proceedings, claims, investigations and administrative proceedings in the ordinary course of its business. The Company records a provision for a liability when it is both probable that the liability has been incurred and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated. These provisions, if any, are reviewed at least quarterly and adjusted to reflect the impacts of negotiations, settlements, rulings, advice of legal counsel and other information and events pertaining to a particular case. In the opinion of management, the outcome of pending litigation is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

#### 7. Income Taxes

The Company's effective tax rate was 38.3% and 38.7% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, compared to 39.5% and 39.6% for the same periods in 2014.

The total gross amount of unrecognized tax benefits related to federal, state and foreign taxes was approximately \$0.4 million at both June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, all of which would impact the Company's effective tax rate, if recognized. The Company does not expect any significant change in the total gross amount of unrecognized tax benefits through June 30, 2016.

The Company files U.S. federal, state and foreign income tax returns in jurisdictions with varying statutes of limitations. The 2011 to 2014 tax years remain subject to examination by federal authorities. The 2011 to 2014 tax years remain subject to examination by state authorities with the 2010 tax year still open for certain state tax authorities. The 2007 to 2014 tax years remain subject to examination by the tax authorities in Canada.

#### 8. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company sponsored a qualified defined-benefit pension plan and a post-retirement benefit plan (collectively, "the Pension Plans"). The plans were frozen as of September 30, 1986, and since then there have been no new entrants to the Pension Plans.

The following table provides the components of the net periodic benefit cost (income) of the qualified defined-benefit pension plan (in millions):

	Three Mo	onths Ended	Six Mor	ths Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
PENSION BENEFITS					
Interest cost	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.8	\$0.8	
Expected return on plan assets	(0.5	) (0.6	) (1.0	) (1.2	)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	
Net periodic benefit cost (income)	\$0.1	\$(0.1	) \$0.1	\$(0.2	)

The Company incurred \$0.1 million in net periodic benefit cost related to the post-retirement benefit plan for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

The Company made no contributions to the Pension Plans during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, compared to contributions of \$0.9 million and \$1.6 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. No minimum contribution to the defined-benefit pension plan is required in 2015 and the Company does not expect to make discretionary contributions given the plan's funded status. During the remainder of 2015, the Company expects to contribute a total of \$0.2 million to the post-retirement benefit plan.

Core-Mark offers certain plan participants the option to receive a lump sum payment in lieu of future annuity pension benefits. As a result, the Company expects that it will remeasure its plan obligation and record a settlement charge once the lump sum payments exceed thresholds calculated under GAAP. The Company expects to recognize settlement charges between \$2.2 million and \$2.5 million in 2015 related to the lump sum payments and other activities, assuming a 75% acceptance rate and discount rates as of June 30, 2015.

#### 9. Earnings Per Share

The following tables set forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per common share (dollars and shares in millions, except per share amounts):

Three Month	s Ended June 30,							
2015			2014	)14				
	Weighted-Average	geNet Income		Weighted-AverageNet Incom				
Net Income	Shares	Per Common	Net Income	Shares	Per Common			
	Outstanding	Share		Outstanding	Share			
\$13.2	23.1	\$0.57	\$12.0	23.1	\$0.52			
	0.1							
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	0.1							
\$13.2	23.3	\$0.57	\$12.0	23.2	\$0.52			
	2015 Net Income \$13.2	Net Income Weighted-Average   Shares Outstanding   \$13.2 23.1   0.1 -   0.1 -	2015 Weighted-AverageNet Income Shares Per Common Outstanding Share \$13.2 23.1 \$0.57 0.1 — 0.1 — 0.1 —	20152014Weighted-Averag-Net IncomeNet IncomeSharesSharesPer CommonOutstandingShare\$13.223.1 $0.1$ — $$ $$ $0.1$ —	20152014Weighted-AverageNet IncomeWeighted-AverageNet IncomeWeighted-AverageNet IncomeNet IncomeSharesPer CommonNet IncomeSharesOutstandingShareOutstandingShareOutstanding\$13.223.1 $\$0.57$ $\$12.0$ 23.1 $0.1$ ———— $$ ——— $0.1$ ——— $0.1$ ———			

Note: Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated based on unrounded actual amounts.

	Six Months E	Ended June 30,									
	2015			2014							
		Weighted-Average	geNet Income		Weighted-Avera	.geNet Income	;				
	Net Income	Shares Outstanding	Per Common Share	Net Income	Shares Outstanding	Per Commo Share	on				
Basic EPS Effect of dilutive common share equivalents: Restricted stock units	\$18.7	23.1 0.1	\$0.81	\$14.4	23.1 0.1	\$0.63	)				
Performance shares Diluted EPS	\$18.7	0.1 23.3	\$0.81	\$14.4	23.2	\$0.62					

Note: Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated based on unrounded actual amounts.

The number of unvested common shares that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would have been anti-dilutive were 2,920 and 129,145 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively. For the same periods in 2014, there were no anti-dilutive unvested common shares outstanding.

#### 10. Stock-based Compensation Plans

#### Grant Activities

During the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company granted 62,085 and 96,572 restricted stock units to employees and non-employee directors from the 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan at a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$65.01 and \$37.16, respectively.

For the six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company granted 91,010 performance-based shares to certain of its employees at a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$65.14. The 91,010 performance shares represent the maximum that can be earned. The number of performance shares that employees ultimately earn will be based on the Company's achievement of certain specified performance targets in 2015. In 2014, the Company granted 138,800 performance-based shares to employees at a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$36.79, of which 116,800 shares were ultimately earned.

Stock-based Compensation Cost

Total stock-based compensation cost recognized in the condensed consolidated statements of operations as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses was \$2.1 million and \$1.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company recognized stock-based compensation costs of \$4.0 million and \$2.8 million, respectively. Total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements was \$9.5 million at June 30, 2015, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years. Total unrecognized compensation cost may be adjusted for any unearned performance shares or forfeited shares.

#### 11. Stockholders' Equity

Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation

On May 19, 2015, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation increasing the total number of authorized shares of common stock from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000.

Dividends

The Board of Directors approved the following cash dividends in 2015 (in millions, except per share data):

Declaration Date	Dividends Per Share	Record Date	Cash Payment Amount	Payment Date
February 27, 2015	\$0.13	March 12, 2015	\$3.0	March 26, 2015
May 7, 2015	\$0.13	May 22, 2015	\$3.0	June 15, 2015
August 6, 2015	\$0.13	August 21, 2015	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>	September 14, 2015

(1)Amount will be determined based on common stock outstanding as of the record date.

Repurchase of Common Stock

The Company's Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program that may be discontinued or amended at any time. The program will expire when the amount authorized has been expended or the Board withdraws its authorization. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had \$14.7 million available for future share repurchases under the program.

The following table summarizes the Company's stock repurchase activities (in millions, except share and per share data):

	Three Months Ended			Ended
	June 30,	June 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Number of shares repurchased	50,016	600	98,908	83,200
Average price per share	\$59.94	\$36.28	\$60.64	\$36.18
Total repurchase costs	\$3.0	\$—	\$6.0	\$3.0

12. Segment and Geographic Information

The Company is engaged primarily in the business of distributing packaged consumer products to convenience retail stores in the U.S. and Canada (collectively "North America"), which consists of customers that have similar characteristics. Therefore, the Company has determined that it has two operating segments - U.S. and Canada - that aggregate to one reportable segment. The Company presents its segment reporting information based on business operations for each of the two geographic areas in which it operates and also by major product category.

Information about the Company's	business operations based on	the two geographic areas is a	s follows (in millions):
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	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months June 30,	En	Ended	
	2015		2014		2015		2014	
Net sales:								
United States	\$2,479.2		\$2,294.3		\$4,655.3		\$4,333.4	
Canada	324.1		319.9		591.9		575.9	
Corporate <sup>(1)</sup>	7.1		9.0		15.5		14.8	
Total	\$2,810.4		\$2,623.2		\$5,262.7		\$4,924.1	
Income (loss) before income taxes:								
United States	\$22.2		\$19.8		\$28.7		\$23.0	
Canada	(0.4	)	0.7		(0.6	)	0.4	
Corporate <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.4	)	(0.6	)	2.4		0.5	
Total	\$21.4		\$19.9		\$30.5		\$23.9	
Interest expense:								
United States	\$8.6		\$7.8		\$16.8		\$15.3	
Canada	0.2		0.1		0.4		0.4	
Corporate <sup>(3)</sup>	(8.1	)	(7.3	)	(15.9	)	(14.4	
Total	\$0.7		\$0.6		\$1.3		\$1.3	
Depreciation and amortization:								
United States	\$7.5		\$6.2		\$14.2		\$11.7	
Canada	0.7		0.7		1.3		1.4	
Corporate <sup>(4)</sup>	1.5		1.0		2.9		2.0	
Total	\$9.7		\$7.9		\$18.4		\$15.1	
Capital expenditures:								
United States	\$11.3		\$9.5		\$13.9		\$14.4	
Canada	0.4		0.3		0.5		0.4	
Total	\$11.7		\$9.8		\$14.4		\$14.8	

(1) Consists primarily of external sales made by the Company's consolidating warehouses, management service fee revenue, allowance for sales returns and certain other sales adjustments.

Consists primarily of expenses and other income, such as corporate incentives and salaries, LIFO expense, health (2)care costs, insurance and workers' compensation adjustments, elimination of overhead allocations and foreign exchange gains or losses.

(3)Consists primarily of intercompany eliminations for interest.

(4)Consists primarily of depreciation for the consolidation centers and amortization of intangible assets. Identifiable assets by geographic area are as follows (in millions):

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Identifiable assets:		
United States	\$984.0	\$913.8
Canada	108.9	115.8
Total	\$1,092.9	\$1,029.6

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The net sales mix for the Company's primary product categories is as follows (in millions):

	Three Months	s Ended	Six Months Ended			
	June 30,		June 30,			
	2015	2014	2015	2014		
Product Category	Net Sales	Net Sales	Net Sales	Net Sales		
Cigarettes	\$1,899.1	\$1,770.8	\$3,544.4	\$3,319.1		
Food	408.9	373.0	762.6	696.3		
Candy	145.6	137.2	277.4	265.3		
Other tobacco products	221.5	211.0	421.1	398.9		
Health, beauty & general	90.6	88.2	180.1	171.2		
Beverages	44.2	42.6	76.3	72.9		
Equipment/other	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.4		
Total food/non-food products	911.3	852.4	1,718.3	1,605.0		
Total net sales	\$2,810.4	\$2,623.2	\$5,262.7	\$4,924.1		

#### 13. Subsequent Event

Distributors such as Core-Mark may, from time to time, earn higher gross profits on inventory and excise tax stamp quantities on hand at the time manufacturers increase their prices or when states, localities or provinces increase their excise taxes. Such increases are reflected in customer pricing for all subsequent sales, including sales of inventory on hand at the time of the increase. The higher gross profits are referred to as inventory holding gains. Several states increased their cigarette- related excise tax rates effective July 1, 2015, which will be reflected in customer pricing from July 1 forward. Two of the states did not require remittance of the incremental excise tax for inventories held at the time of the increase. As the Company had tax stamps on hand for these two states at the time of the increase, the Company's gross margin will be approximately \$9.0 million higher, which will be recognized as the associated inventory is sold, offset partially by incremental operating expenses related to executing on this opportunity.

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read together with the condensed consolidated financial statements, including the related notes, and the other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. See "Forward-Looking Statements" at the end of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

#### Our Business

Core-Mark is one of the largest marketers of fresh and broad-line supply solutions to the convenience retail industry in North America. We offer a full range of products, marketing programs and technology solutions to approximately 36,000 customer locations in the U.S. and Canada. Our customers include traditional convenience stores, drug stores, grocery stores, liquor stores and other specialty and small format stores that carry convenience products. Our product offering includes cigarettes, other tobacco products (OTP), candy, snacks, fast food, groceries, fresh products, dairy, bread, beverages, general merchandise and health and beauty care products. We operate a network of 29 distribution centers in the U.S. and Canada (excluding two distribution facilities we operate as a third party logistics provider). Our core business objective is to help our customers increase their sales and profitability. Second Quarter Overview

In the second quarter of 2015, we continued to grow market share and increase our food/non-food sales and gross profit by leveraging our "Fresh" product solutions, driving our Vendor Consolidation Initiative (VCI) and providing category management expertise in order to make our customers more relevant and profitable.

Our net sales in the second quarter of 2015 increased 7.1%, or \$187.2 million, to \$2,810.4 million compared to \$2,623.2 million for the same period in 2014. Excluding the effects of foreign currency fluctuations, net sales increased by approximately 8.7% driven primarily by net sales growth from our existing customers. We believe lower fuel prices and improvements in consumer confidence contributed to higher sales in the convenience industry during the second quarter of 2015 and year to date.

In addition to the stronger macroeconomic factors, cigarette sales, which increased 7.2%, also benefitted from net market share gains and normal levels of cigarette price inflation. The success of our core strategies continued to drive the increase in our food/non-food sales, which increased 6.9% in the second quarter of 2015.

Gross profit in the second quarter of 2015 increased 10.9%, or \$15.6 million, to \$158.9 million from \$143.3 million for the same period in 2014, driven primarily by the increase in food/non-food sales, which have higher margins than cigarette products. Gross profit for the second quarter of 2015 also benefitted from \$0.9 million in refunds related to the overpayment of excise taxes on OTP from prior years.

Operating expenses as a percentage of net sales were 4.9% for the second quarter of 2015 compared to 4.7% for the same period in 2014. Increases in the amount of cubic feet of product handled and the number of deliveries contributed to higher operating costs. In addition, operating expenses in the second quarter of 2015 include incremental expenses of approximately \$6.0 million for our Ohio division and the addition of the Karrys Bros. operations, and a \$2.2 million increase in workers' compensation and healthcare costs, offset partially by a \$1.4 million decrease in fuel costs.

Net income was \$13.2 million for the second quarter of 2015 compared to \$12.0 million for the same period in 2014. The increase in gross profit of 10.9%, driven primarily by higher food/non-food sales and margins, was offset by increases in operating expenses. Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> increased \$3.3 million, or 9.6%, to \$37.5 million for the second quarter of 2015 from \$34.2 million for the same period in 2014.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA is equal to net

<sup>(1)</sup> income adding back net interest expense, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, LIFO expense, stock-based compensation expense and net foreign currency transaction gains or losses. See the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA in "Liquidity and Capital Resources" below.

Business and Supply Expansion

We continue to benefit from the expansion of our business and the execution of our core strategies, focused primarily on enhancing our fresh product offering, leveraging VCI and providing category management expertise to our customers. Our strategies take costs and inefficiencies out of the supply chain, bringing our customers an avenue to offer high quality fresh foods and optimize their consumer product offering. We believe each of these, when adopted, will increase the retailers' profits.

Some of our more recent expansion activities include:

In July 2015, we amended our contract with Rite Aid to expand our service to include other product categories in addition to the frozen, refrigerated, bakery and fresh food categories, which we began delivering in June 2014. We are committed to our long-term partnership with Rite Aid to help them maximize supply chain efficiencies and optimize product sales to meet the needs of their customers.

In February 2015, we acquired substantially all the assets of Karrys Bros., Limited (Karrys Bros.), a regional distributor servicing customers in Ontario, Canada, and the surrounding provinces. Annual sales for the acquired business are expected to be approximately \$100 million Canadian. The acquisition of Karrys Bros. has provided the opportunity to expand our market share in eastern Canada and is expected to contribute to the leverage of fixed costs and improved profitability in our Toronto division over time.

In September 2014, we opened a new distribution facility in Glenwillow, Ohio to support customer growth in this region. This new facility currently services approximately 800 Rite Aid stores and 600 stores transferred from other Core-Mark distribution centers in 2014. The addition of this distribution center is expected to allow us to serve our customers in this region more efficiently and is expected to result in transportation cost savings as we reduce mileage to service our existing customers.

During the second quarter of 2015, we continued to grow sales and margins in our "Fresh" categories resulting from improving our customers' product assortment and in-store marketing efforts. Sales of our fresh categories grew approximately 22% in the second quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. We continue to focus on fresh and healthy offerings because we believe that over the long-term, the trend is for the convenience consumer to shift buying preferences to these types of items. We benefit from this shift due to the higher margins of these products compared to the other merchandise we distribute. Industry experts have indicated that consumers are making more shopping trips related to fresh food and that perishable foods will serve a more important role in the convenience retail channel in the future. We believe our strategies have helped position us and our customers to benefit from these trends.

#### **Results of Operations**

Comparison of the Three Months Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 (in millions)<sup>(1)</sup>:

Comparison of the Three N	Ionths Ended	,			Three Months Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 (in millions) (1): Three Months Ended Three Months Ended									
		June 30, 20					June 30, 201							
		June 50, 20	1.	)		% of Net	June 50, 201	. т		% of N	et			
	Increase (Decrease)	Amounts		% of Net sales		sales, less excise taxes	Amounts		% of Net sales	sales, le excise taxes	ess			
Net sales	\$187.2	\$2,810.4		100.0	%	%	\$2,623.2		100.0 %		%			
Net sales — Cigarettes	128.3	1,899.1		67.6		62.3	1,770.8		67.5	61.9				
Net sales — Food/non-food	d58.9	911.3		32.4		37.7	852.4		32.5	38.1				
Net sales, less excise taxes <sup>(2)</sup>	172.8	2,256.1		80.3		100.0	2,083.3		79.4	100.0				
Gross profit <sup>(3)</sup>	15.6	158.9		5.7		7.0	143.3		5.5	6.9				
Warehousing and														
distribution expenses	10.5	88.6		3.2		3.9	78.1		3.0	3.7				
Selling, general and														
administrative expenses	3.5	47.5		1.7		2.1	44.0		1.7	2.1				
Amortization of														
intangible assets	(0.1)	0.6					0.7							
Income from operations	1.7	22.2		0.8		1.0	20.5		0.8	1.0				
Interest expense	0.1	(0.7	)				(0.6)							
Interest income	(0.1)	0.1					0.2							
Foreign currency														
transaction														
losses, net	—	(0.2	)				(0.2)							
Income before taxes	1.5	21.4		0.8		0.9	19.9		0.8	1.0				
Net income	1.2	13.2		0.5		0.6	12.0		0.5	0.6				
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(4)</sup>	3.3	37.5		1.3		1.7	34.2		1.3	1.6				

(1) Amounts and percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes and might differ from unrounded results. Net sales, less excise taxes is a non-GAAP financial measure, which we provide to separate the increase in sales due to product sales growth and increases in state, local and provincial excise taxes, which we are responsible for collecting and remitting. Federal excise taxes are levied on the manufacturers who pass the taxes on to us as part of

(2) the product cost and thus are not a component of our excise taxes. Although increases in cigarette excise taxes result in higher net sales, our overall gross profit percentage may be reduced; however, we do not expect increases in excise taxes to negatively impact gross profit per carton (see the reconciliation of net sales to net sales less excise taxes in "Comparison of Sales and Gross Profit by Product Category").

(3) Gross profit may not be comparable to those of other entities because warehousing and distribution expenses are not included as a component of our cost of goods sold.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure and should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a (4)substitute for, or superior to, financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP (see calculation of Adjusted EBITDA in "Liquidity and Capital Resources").

Net Sales. Net sales increased by \$187.2 million, or 7.1%, to \$2,810.4 million in the second quarter of 2015, from \$2,623.2 million for the same period in 2014. Excluding the effects of foreign currency fluctuations, net sales increased by approximately 8.7%. This increase was driven primarily by a 6.1% increase in cigarette carton sales including the addition of Karrys Bros., an increase in the average sales price per carton and incremental food/non-food sales primarily to our existing customers. The incremental food/non-food sales to existing customers was driven primarily by the continued success of our core strategies. The second quarter of 2015 continued to benefit from lower

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fuel prices, which we believe contributed to higher sales in the convenience industry.

Net Sales of Cigarettes. Net sales of cigarettes in the second quarter of 2015 increased by \$128.3 million, or 7.2%, to \$1,899.1 million from \$1,770.8 million for the same period in 2014. Excluding the effects of foreign currency fluctuations, cigarette sales increased by approximately 8.9% driven primarily by a 6.1% increase in carton sales and a 2.8% increase in the average sales price per carton. Cigarette carton sales increased by 5.4% in the U.S. and by 13.3% in Canada. The increase in cigarette carton sales was due primarily to market share gains, including the acquisition of Karrys Bros. in Canada, and an increase in cartons sold to existing customers. We believe the increase in carton sales to existing customers during the second quarter this year was driven primarily by stronger macroeconomic factors compared with the second quarter of 2014. The aforementioned increase in the average sales price per carton was related mainly to increases in manufacturers' prices.

Total net cigarette sales as a percentage of total net sales were 67.6% in the second quarter of 2015 compared to 67.5% for the same period last year.

Despite recent increases in our cigarette sales, we believe long-term cigarette consumption will continue to be impacted by rising prices, legislative actions, diminishing social acceptance and sales through illicit markets. We expect cigarette manufacturers will raise prices as carton sales decline in order to maintain or enhance their overall profitability, thus mitigating the effects of the decline to the distributor. In addition, industry data indicates that convenience retailers are more than offsetting cigarette volume profit declines through higher sales of food/non-food products. We expect this trend to continue as the convenience industry adjusts to consumer demands. Net Sales of Food/Non-food Products. Net sales of food/non-food products in the second quarter of 2015 increased \$58.9 million, or 6.9%, to \$911.3 million from \$852.4 million for the same quarter in 2014. The following table provides net sales by product category for our food/non-food products (in millions)<sup>(1)</sup>:

	Three Months Ended									
	June 30,									
	2015	2014	Increase							
Product Category	Net Sales	Net Sales	Amounts	Percentage						
Food	\$408.9	\$373.0	\$35.9	9.6	%					
Candy	145.6	137.2	8.4	6.1	%					
OTP	221.5	211.0	10.5	5.0	%					
Health, beauty & general	90.6	88.2	2.4	2.7	%					
Beverages	44.2	42.6	1.6	3.8	%					
Equipment/other	0.5	0.4	0.1	25.0	%					
Total Food/Non-food Products	\$911.3	\$852.4	\$58.9	6.9	%					

(1) Amounts and percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes and might differ from unrounded results. Excluding the effects of foreign currency fluctuations, food/non-food sales for the second quarter increased by approximately 8.5%, driven primarily by incremental sales to existing customers, market share gains and the addition of Karrys Bros. Sales generated from VCI, Fresh and our Focused Marketing Initiatives (FMI) were the primary drivers of this increase in net sales to existing customers. Net sales in our Food category, which increased 9.6% in the second quarter of 2015, contributed over half of the 6.9% increase in food/non-food sales. In addition, sales of smokeless tobacco products continue to be the primary driver of the increase in sales in our OTP category. We believe the overall trend toward the increased use of smokeless tobacco products will continue and will help offset the impact of the expected continued declines over the long term in cigarette consumption. This shift could potentially result in improved profitability over time due to the profit margins associated with smokeless tobacco products, which are generally higher than those we earn on cigarette sales.

Total net sales of food/non-food products as a percentage of total net sales were 32.4% for the second quarter of 2015 compared to 32.5% for the same period in 2014.

Gross Profit. Gross profit represents the amount of profit after deducting cost of goods sold from net sales during the period. Vendor incentives, inventory holding gains, OTP tax refunds and changes in LIFO reserves are components of cost of goods sold and therefore part of our gross profit. Gross profit in the second quarter of 2015 increased \$15.6 million, or 10.9%, to \$158.9 million from \$143.3 million for the same period in 2014 due primarily to increases in sales and gross margins in our food/non-food categories. Gross profit margin was 5.64% of total net sales in the second quarter of 2015 compared to 5.46% for the same period in 2014.

Distributors such as Core-Mark may, from time to time, earn higher gross profits on inventory and excise tax stamp quantities on hand at the time manufacturers increase their prices or when states, localities or provinces increase their excise taxes. Such increases are reflected in customer pricing for all subsequent sales, including sales of inventory on hand at the time of the increase. The higher gross profits are referred to as inventory holding gains. Our cigarette inventory holding gains were \$3.8 million, or 2.4%, of our gross profit for the second quarter of 2015 compared to \$3.3 million, or 2.3%, of our gross profit for the same period in 2014. However, significant increases in cigarette product costs and cigarette excise taxes adversely impact our gross profit as a percentage of net sales, because we are

paid on a cents per carton basis for cigarette sales. We expect cigarette manufacturers will continue to raise prices as carton sales decline in order to maintain or enhance their overall profitability and the various taxing jurisdictions will raise excise taxes to make up for lost tax dollars related to consumption declines.

Additionally, since we value our inventory on a LIFO basis, inflation in manufacturer prices may also result in an increase in LIFO expense, adversely impacting our gross profit percentage.

The following table provides the components of gross profit (in millions) <sup>(1)</sup>:

	1	Three Mor			,		Three Mo	nths Ende	ł		
		June 30, 20	015				June 30, 2	2014			
	Increase (Decrease)	Amounts	% of Net sales		% of Net sales, less excise taxes		Amounts	% of Ne sales	t	% of Ne sales, les excise taxes	
Net sales	\$187.2	\$2,810.4	100.0	%		%	\$2,623.2	100.0	%		%
Net sales, less excise taxes <sup>(2)</sup>	172.9	2,256.2	80.3		100.0		2,083.3	79.4		100.0	
Components of gross profit:											
Cigarette inventory holding gains <sup>(3)</sup>	\$0.5	\$3.8	0.14	%	0.17	%	\$3.3	0.12	%	0.16	%
OTP tax refunds <sup>(4)</sup>	0.9	0.9	0.03		0.04			_			
LIFO expense	(0.8)	(3.5)	(0.13)		(0.16)		(4.3	)			