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Washington, DC 20549

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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 29, 2014

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: 000-01649

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NEWPORT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

94-0849175

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1791 Deere Avenue, Irvine, California 92606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(949) 863-3144

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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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

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 definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

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As of April 25, 2014, 39,856,658 shares of the registrant's sole class of common stock were outstanding.

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| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| Net sales | \$ 146,890 | \$ 132,607 |
| Cost of sales | 81,431 | 77,475 |
| Gross profit | 65,459 | 55,132 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 39,206 | 37,608 |
| Research and development expense | 14,138 | 13,101 |
| Gain on sale of assets | (411) | - |
| Operating income | 12,526 | 4,423 |
| Interest and other expense, net | (976) | (2,137) |
| Income before income taxes | 11,550 | 2,286 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | 3,609 | (448) |
| Net income | 7,941 | 2,734 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests | 55 | (12) |
| Net income attributable to Newport Corporation | \$ 7,886 | \$ 2,746 |
| Net income | \$ 7,941 | \$ 2,734 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | |
| Foreign currency translation gains (losses) | 461 | (2,452) |
| Unrecognized net pension gains, net of tax | 43 | 190 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities, net of tax | 20 | (98) |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 8,465 | \$ 374 |
| Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests | \$ 69 | \$ (61) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Newport Corporation | 8,396 | 435 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 8,465 | \$ 374 |
| Net income per share attributable to Newport Corporation: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.07 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.07 |

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Shares used in per share calculations:

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|---------|--------|--------|
| Basic | 39,525 | 38,601 |
| Diluted | 40,499 | 39,260 |

See accompanying notes.

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| | March 29, 2014 | December 28, 2013 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 52,602 | \$ 53,710 |
| Restricted cash | 2,397 | 2,305 |
| Marketable securities | 8,191 | 8,219 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,423 and \$1,441 as of March 29, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively | 96,629 | 96,388 |
| Inventories | 105,284 | 103,383 |
| Deferred income taxes | 22,521 | 22,437 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 18,152 | 14,769 |
| Total current assets | 305,776 | 301,211 |
| Property and equipment, net | 81,237 | 80,516 |
| Goodwill | 78,806 | 78,801 |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,481 | 4,474 |
| Intangible assets, net | 64,897 | 67,342 |
| Investments and other assets | 32,494 | 32,885 |
| | \$ 567,691 | \$ 565,229 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Short-term borrowings, net | \$ 4,991 | \$ 4,861 |
| Accounts payable | 32,264 | 31,714 |
| Accrued payroll and related expenses | 30,938 | 31,015 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 37,522 | 35,341 |
| Total current liabilities | 105,715 | 102,931 |
| Long-term debt, net | 70,988 | 83,646 |
| Pension liabilities | 27,191 | 27,093 |
| Deferred income taxes and other liabilities | 22,760 | 23,182 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.1167 per share, 200,000,000 shares authorized; 39,586,833 and 39,394,196 shares issued and outstanding as of March 29, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively | 4,622 | 4,598 |
| Capital in excess of par value | 464,183 | 459,562 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (3,109) | (3,619) |
| Accumulated deficit | (125,687) | (133,573) |
| Total stockholders' equity of Newport Corporation | 340,009 | 326,968 |
| Non-controlling interests | 1,028 | 1,409 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 341,037 | 328,377 |

\$ 567,691 \$ 565,229

See accompanying notes.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net income | \$ 7,941 | \$ 2,734 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,160 | 7,965 |
| Gain on sale of assets | (411) | - |
| Provision for losses on inventories | 984 | 2,334 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 2,337 | 2,269 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 159 | 15 |
| Loss on disposal of property and equipment | 286 | 61 |
| Deferred income taxes | (336) | (8) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash, net of divestiture, due to changes in: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (3,155) | (1,667) |
| Inventories | (6,471) | (2,363) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (2,947) | (564) |
| Accounts payable | 752 | (330) |
| Accrued payroll and related expenses | 134 | (2,379) |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 3,856 | (289) |
| Other long-term liabilities | (909) | (328) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 9,380 | 7,450 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (4,950) | (3,951) |
| Restricted cash | (47) | (53) |
| Proceeds from divestiture of business | 5,030 | - |
| Purchase of marketable securities | (590) | (2,346) |
| Proceeds from the sale or maturity of marketable securities | 395 | 1,481 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (162) | (4,869) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Repayment of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases | (12,961) | (11,892) |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings | 1,016 | 1,599 |
| Repayment of short-term borrowings | (701) | (876) |
| Purchase of non-controlling interest | (931) | - |
| Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee plans | 2,789 | 4,010 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (10,788) | (7,159) |
| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes on cash balances | 462 | (343) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (1,108) | (4,921) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 53,710 | 88,767 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 52,602 | \$ 83,846 |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid during the period for interest | \$ 589 | \$ 1,927 |

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| Cash paid during the period for income taxes, net | \$ | 2,007 | \$ | 799 |
| Property and equipment accrued in accounts payable | \$ | 450 | \$ | 178 |

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Newport Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the Company) and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements do not include certain footnotes and financial presentations normally required under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and, therefore, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013. The results for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results the Company will have for the full year ending January 3, 2015. The December 28, 2013 balances reported herein are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013.

Non-Controlling Interests

During the first quarter of 2014, the Company purchased all shares owned by the holders of the non-controlling interests in its Optical Metrology Ltd. subsidiary for \$0.9 million.

In May 2014, the Company purchased all shares owned by the holder of the non-controlling interest in its Ophir Japan Ltd. subsidiary for \$0.9 million.

NOTE 2 RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements and Property, Plant and Equipment: Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposal of Components of an Entity*, which updates the guidance in Topics 205 and 360. ASU No. 2014-08 requires that the disposal of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity be reported in discontinued operations if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on the entity's operations and financial results. ASU No. 2014-08 also requires additional disclosures regarding discontinued operations. ASU

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No. 2014-08 is required to be applied prospectively for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of ASU No. 2014-08 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

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NOTE 3 DIVESTITURE

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company developed a plan to sell its advanced packaging systems business and, based on negotiations for the sale of this business that occurred during the second half of 2013, the Company considered the assets and liabilities of this business as held for sale as of December 28, 2013. The Company completed the sale of this business in January 2014 for \$5.7 million, consisting of an initial purchase price of \$6.0 million, less an adjustment of \$0.3 million based on the net assets of the business at closing. The initial purchase price consisted of \$5.35 million in cash and an unsecured note receivable of \$0.65 million, and the net asset adjustment was repaid to the purchaser in cash. The Company incurred \$0.4 million in transaction costs. The net book value of this business was \$9.5 million as of December 28, 2013; however, because these assets were held for sale at such time, the Company wrote them down to their net realizable value as of December 28, 2013 based on the terms that had been negotiated with the purchaser and expected transaction costs, resulting in a loss of \$4.7 million during 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, the Company recognized a gain of \$0.4 million to reduce the loss on the sale to \$4.3 million, based on the final terms of the transaction and the net assets of the business on the closing date. The net sales, operating income and cash flows of this business were not significant to the operations of the Company.

NOTE 4 MARKETABLE SECURITIES

All marketable securities of the Company were classified as available for sale and were recorded at market value using the specific identification method, and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in *accumulated other comprehensive loss* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The aggregate fair value of available for sale securities and the aggregate amount of unrealized gains and losses in available for sale securities at March 29, 2014 were as follows:

| (In thousands) | Aggregate Fair Value | Aggregate Amount of Unrealized | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---|
| | | Gains | Losses | |
| Money market funds | \$ 7,997 | \$ 63 | \$ - | - |
| Certificates of deposit | 194 | - | - | - |
| | \$ 8,191 | \$ 63 | \$ - | - |

The aggregate fair value of available for sale securities and the aggregate amount of unrealized gains and losses in available for sale securities at December 28, 2013 were as follows:

| (In thousands) | Aggregate Fair Value | Aggregate Amount of Unrealized | |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | | Gains | Losses |

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|-------------------------|----|-------|----|----|----|---|
| Money market funds | \$ | 8,052 | \$ | 91 | \$ | - |
| Certificates of deposit | | 167 | | - | | - |
| | \$ | 8,219 | \$ | 91 | \$ | - |

The Company's certificates of deposit mature within one year. Money market funds do not have a maturity date.

There were no realized gains or losses on the sale of available for sale securities for the three months ended March 29, 2014 or the three months ended March 30, 2013.

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, requires that for any assets and liabilities stated at fair value on a recurring basis in the Company's financial statements, the fair value of such assets and liabilities be measured based on the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Level 1 asset and liability values are derived from quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and Level 2 asset and liability values are derived from quoted prices in inactive markets or based on other observable inputs.

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The Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are categorized in the table below based upon their level within the fair value hierarchy as of March 29, 2014.

| Description | March 29, 2014 | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|--|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| (In thousands) | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Restricted Cash | \$ 2,397 | \$ 2,397 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Marketable securities: | | | | |
| Money market funds | 7,997 | 7,997 | - | - |
| Certificates of deposit | 194 | - | 194 | - |
| | 8,191 | 7,997 | 194 | - |
| Derivative assets: | | | | |
| Option contracts | 137 | - | 137 | - |
| Forward contracts | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| | 139 | - | 139 | - |
| Funds in investments and other assets: | | | | |
| Israeli pension funds | 11,299 | - | 11,299 | - |
| Group insurance contracts | 7,100 | - | 7,100 | - |
| | 18,399 | - | 18,399 | - |
| | \$ 29,126 | \$ 10,394 | \$ 18,732 | \$ - |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities: | | | | |
| Option contracts | 29 | - | 29 | - |

The Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are categorized in the table below based upon their level within the fair value hierarchy as of December 28, 2013.

| Description | December 28, 2013 | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| (In thousands) | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | |

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|--|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|----|---|
| Restricted Cash | \$ | 2,305 | \$ | 2,305 | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| Marketable securities: | | | | | | | | |
| Money market funds | | 8,052 | | 8,052 | | - | | - |
| Certificates of deposit | | 167 | | - | | 167 | | - |
| | | 8,219 | | 8,052 | | 167 | | - |
| Derivative assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Option contracts | | 269 | | - | | 269 | | - |
| Funds in investments and other assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Israeli pension funds | | 11,489 | | - | | 11,489 | | - |
| Group insurance contracts | | 6,895 | | - | | 6,895 | | - |
| | | 18,384 | | - | | 18,384 | | - |
| | \$ | 29,177 | \$ | 10,357 | \$ | 18,820 | \$ | - |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Option contracts | | 10 | | - | | 10 | | - |

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The Company's other financial instruments include short-term borrowings and long-term debt. The fair value of these financial instruments was estimated based on current rates for similar issues or on the current rates offered to the Company for debt of similar remaining maturities. The estimated fair values of these financial instruments were as follows:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | | December 28, 2013 | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| Short-term borrowings | \$ 4,991 | \$ 4,987 | \$ 4,861 | \$ 4,851 |
| Long-term debt | \$ 70,988 | \$ 70,051 | \$ 83,646 | \$ 82,658 |

NOTE 6 SUPPLEMENTAL BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

Inventories

Inventories that are expected to be sold within one year are classified as current inventories and are included in *inventories* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Such inventories were as follows:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | December 28, 2013 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Raw materials and purchased parts | \$ 61,733 | \$ 61,819 |
| Work in process | 19,914 | 19,577 |
| Finished goods | 23,637 | 21,987 |
| Short-term inventories | \$ 105,284 | \$ 103,383 |

Inventories that are not expected to be sold within one year are classified as long-term inventories and are included in *investments and other assets* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Such inventories were as follows:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | December 28, 2013 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Raw materials and purchased parts | \$ 2,906 | \$ 1,850 |
| Finished goods | 3,101 | 4,489 |
| Long-term inventories | \$ 6,007 | \$ 6,339 |

Accrued Warranty Obligations

Unless otherwise stated in the Company's product literature or in its agreements with customers, products sold by the Company's Photonics and Optics Groups generally carry a one-year warranty from the original invoice date on all product materials and workmanship, other than filters and gratings products, which generally carry a 90-day warranty, and laser beam profilers and dental CAD/CAM scanners, which generally carry a two-year warranty. Products sold by the Photonics and Optics Groups to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) customers carry warranties generally ranging from 15 to 19 months. Products sold by the Company's Lasers Group carry warranties that vary by product and product component, but generally range from 90 days to two years. In certain cases, such warranties for Lasers Group products are limited by either a set time period or a maximum amount of hourly usage of the product, whichever occurs first. Defective products will be either repaired or replaced, generally at the Company's option, upon meeting certain criteria. The Company accrues a provision for the estimated costs that may be incurred for warranties relating to a product (based on historical experience) as a component of cost of sales. Short-term accrued warranty obligations, which expire within one year, are included in *accrued expenses and other current liabilities* and long-term warranty obligations are included in *deferred income taxes and other liabilities* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

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The activity in accrued warranty obligations was as follows:

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ 3,285 | \$ 3,528 |
| Additions charged to cost of sales | 906 | 596 |
| Warranty claims | (781) | (742) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 3,410 | \$ 3,382 |

Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities were as follows:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | December 28, 2013 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Deferred revenue | \$ 14,252 | \$ 13,609 |
| Deferred lease liability | 5,365 | 5,448 |
| Accrued and deferred taxes | 5,309 | 3,130 |
| Short-term accrued warranty obligations | 3,229 | 3,093 |
| Other | 9,367 | 10,061 |
| | \$ 37,522 | \$ 35,341 |

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss consisted of the following:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | December 28, 2013 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Cumulative foreign currency translation losses | \$ (1,849) | \$ (2,296) |
| Unrecognized net pension losses, net of tax | (2,356) | (2,399) |
| Unrealized gains on marketable securities, net of tax | 1,096 | 1,076 |
| | \$ (3,109) | \$ (3,619) |

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NOTE 7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets were as follows:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | December 28, 2013 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| Intangible assets subject to amortization: | | |
| Developed technology, net of accumulated amortization of \$14,870 and \$14,079 as of March 29, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively | \$ 26,016 | \$ 26,805 |
| Customer relationships, net of accumulated amortization of \$34,011 and \$32,614 as of March 29, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively | 12,398 | 13,795 |
| In-process research and development, net of accumulated amortization of \$941 and \$759 as of March 29, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively | 6,981 | 7,162 |
| Other, net of accumulated amortization of \$6,404 and \$6,324 as of March 29, 2013 and December 28, 2013, respectively | 1,197 | 1,275 |
| | 46,592 | 49,037 |
| Intangible assets not subject to amortization: | | |
| Trademarks and trade names | 18,305 | 18,305 |
| Intangible assets, net | \$ 64,897 | \$ 67,342 |

Developed technology is amortized on a straight line basis over 10 to 20 years, depending on the life of the product technology. Intangible assets related to customer relationships are generally amortized over a period of up to 10 years on an accelerated basis. In-process research and development is amortized on a straight line basis over the product's estimated useful life upon completion of the technology. Other intangible assets include acquired backlog, product trademarks and trade names, non-competition agreements and defensible assets. With the exception of product trademarks and trade names, such assets are amortized on a straight line basis over a period of three months to 10 years, depending on the asset. Trademarks and trade names associated with products are amortized on a straight line basis over the estimated remaining life of the product technology, which ranges from 10 to 20 years. Trademarks and trade names associated with a business have indefinite lives and are not amortized.

Amortization expense related to intangible assets totaled \$2.5 million for the three months ended March 29, 2014, and \$2.6 million for the three months ended March 30, 2013.

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Estimated aggregate amortization expense for future fiscal years is as follows:

| (In thousands) | Estimated Aggregate Amortization Expense |
|-----------------------|---|
| 2014 (remaining) | \$ 6,109 |
| 2015 | 6,925 |
| 2016 | 6,539 |
| 2017 | 5,553 |
| 2018 | 3,429 |
| Thereafter | 17,399 |
| | \$ 45,954 |

The Company has excluded \$0.6 million of estimated amortization expense related to certain in-process research and development from the table above, as it was uncertain as of March 29, 2014 when the technology will be completed and when the amortization will begin.

NOTE 8 INTEREST AND OTHER EXPENSE, NET

Interest and other expense, net, was as follows:

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| Interest expense | \$ (661) | \$ (1,789) |
| Interest and dividend income | 53 | 49 |
| Derivative gain (loss) | (12) | 202 |
| Bank and portfolio asset management fees | (260) | (192) |
| Other expense, net | (96) | (407) |
| | \$ (976) | \$ (2,137) |

NOTE 9 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

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The total stock-based compensation expense included in the Company's consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income was as follows:

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| Cost of sales | \$ 212 | \$ 209 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 1,836 | 1,820 |
| Research and development expense | 289 | 240 |
| | \$ 2,337 | \$ 2,269 |

At March 29, 2014, the total compensation cost related to unvested stock-based awards granted to employees, officers and directors under the Company's stock-based benefit plans that had not yet been recognized was \$11.3 million, net of estimated forfeitures. This future compensation expense will be amortized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years using the straight-line attribution method. The actual compensation expense that the Company will recognize in the future related to unvested stock-based awards outstanding at March 29, 2014 will be adjusted for actual forfeitures.

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At March 29, 2014, 0.3 million stock options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$13.48 per share, intrinsic value of \$1.8 million and remaining contractual term of 0.9 years were outstanding and were exercisable. At March 29, 2014, 1.8 million stock-settled stock appreciation rights with a weighted-average base value of \$12.44 per share, intrinsic value of \$13.6 million and remaining contractual term of 4.4 years were outstanding, of which 0.9 million stock-settled stock appreciation rights with a weighted-average base value of \$9.83 per share, intrinsic value of \$8.8 million and remaining contractual term of 3.0 years were exercisable.

NOTE 10 DEBT AND LINES OF CREDIT

Total short-term debt was as follows:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | December 28, 2013 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Japanese revolving lines of credit | \$ 681 | \$ 666 |
| Japanese receivables financing facilities | 945 | 615 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 3,365 | 3,580 |
| Total short-term borrowings | \$ 4,991 | \$ 4,861 |

Total long-term debt was as follows:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | December 28, 2013 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| U.S. revolving line of credit expiring July 2018 | \$ 70,500 | \$ 83,000 |
| Israeli loans due through October 2015 | 1,735 | 2,110 |
| Japanese private placement bonds due June 2014 | 1,945 | 1,902 |
| Japanese loans due through June 2016 | 173 | 214 |
| Total long-term debt | 74,353 | 87,226 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 3,365 | 3,580 |
| Total long-term debt, less current portion | \$ 70,988 | \$ 83,646 |

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NOTE 11 NET INCOME PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per share:

| (In thousands, except per share data) | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| Net income attributable to Newport Corporation | \$ 7,886 | \$ 2,746 |
| Shares: | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic | 39,525 | 38,601 |
| Dilutive potential common shares, using treasury stock method | 974 | 659 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted | 40,499 | 39,260 |
| Net income per share attributable to Newport Corporation: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.07 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.07 |

For the three months ended March 29, 2014, an aggregate of 0.1 million stock options and stock appreciation rights, and for the three months ended March 30, 2013, an aggregate of 0.9 million stock options and stock appreciation rights, were excluded from the computations of diluted net income per share, as their inclusion would have been antidilutive. For the three months ended March 30, 2013, 0.4 million restricted stock units were excluded from the computations of diluted net income per share, as the amount of unrecognized future compensation expense associated with these restricted stock units would have resulted in assumed proceeds in excess of the amount required to repurchase the underlying shares under the treasury stock method and, therefore, their inclusion would have been antidilutive.

NOTE 12 INCOME TAXES

Under ASC 740-270, *Income Taxes - Interim Reporting*, the Company is required to evaluate and make any necessary adjustments to its effective tax rate each quarter as new information is obtained that may affect the assumptions used to estimate its annual effective tax rate. The Company's assumptions relate to factors such as the projected level and mix of pre-tax earnings in the various tax jurisdictions in which it operates, valuation allowances against deferred tax assets, the recognition or derecognition of tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions, expected utilization of tax credits and changes in or the interpretation of tax laws in jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business. In addition, jurisdictions for which the Company has projected losses for the year, or a year-to-date loss, where no tax benefit can be recognized, are excluded from the calculation of the estimated annual effective tax rate. Changes in the assumptions and the inclusion or exclusion of certain jurisdictions could result in a higher or lower effective tax rate during a particular quarter.

Deferred income taxes are recognized for the future tax consequences of temporary differences using enacted statutory tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Temporary differences include the difference between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of existing assets and liabilities and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred taxes is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. In accordance with the provisions of ASC 740, a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is recorded to the extent the Company cannot determine that the ultimate realization of the net deferred tax assets is more likely than not. Realization of deferred tax assets is principally dependent upon the achievement of future taxable income, the estimation of which requires significant management judgment. As of March 29, 2014, the Company could not determine that it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets related to certain domestic and foreign net operating loss carryforwards and certain other miscellaneous domestic and foreign deferred tax assets would be realized. Therefore, the Company has maintained a valuation allowance of \$2.3 million against its domestic and certain foreign subsidiaries' deferred tax assets.

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The Company utilizes ASC 740-10-25, *Income Taxes - Recognition*, which requires income tax positions to meet a more-likely-than-not recognition threshold to be recognized in the financial statements. Under ASC 740-10-25, tax positions that previously failed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold should be recognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is met. Previously recognized tax positions that no longer meet the more-likely-than-not threshold should be derecognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is no longer met. As a multi-national corporation, the Company is subject to taxation in many jurisdictions, and the calculation of its tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws and regulations in various taxing jurisdictions. If the Company ultimately determines that the payment of these liabilities will be unnecessary, it reverses the liability and recognizes a tax benefit during the period in which it determines the liability no longer applies. Conversely, the Company records additional tax charges in a period in which it determines that a recorded tax liability is less than it expects the ultimate assessment to be. As a result of these adjustments, the Company's effective tax rate in a given financial statement period could be materially affected. As of March 29, 2014, the Company had \$17.3 million of gross unrecognized tax benefits and a total of \$14.3 million of net unrecognized tax benefits, which, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate. Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits were not significant for the three months ended March 29, 2014.

NOTE 13 STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY TRANSACTIONS

In May 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a share repurchase program, authorizing the purchase of up to 4.0 million shares of the Company's common stock. No purchases were made under this program during the three months ended March 29, 2014. As of March 29, 2014, 3.9 million shares remained available for purchase under the program. The terms of the Company's Credit Agreement dated July 18, 2013 permit the Company to purchase shares under the repurchase program during the term of such facility, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

NOTE 14 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Company has defined benefit pension plans covering substantially all full-time employees in France, Germany, Israel and Japan. In addition, the Company has certain pension liabilities relating to former employees of the Company in the United Kingdom. The German plan is unfunded, as permitted under the plan and applicable laws. For financial reporting purposes, the calculation of net periodic pension costs is based upon a number of actuarial assumptions, including a discount rate for plan obligations, an assumed rate of return on pension plan assets and an assumed rate of compensation increase for employees covered by the plan. All of these assumptions are based upon management's judgment, considering all known trends and uncertainties. Actual results that differ from these assumptions would impact future expense recognition and the cash funding requirements of the Company's pension plans.

Net periodic benefit costs for the plans in aggregate included the following components:

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| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| Service cost | \$ 213 | \$ 721 |
| Interest cost on benefit obligations | 175 | 165 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (70) | (52) |
| Amortization of net loss | 45 | 63 |
| | \$ 363 | \$ 897 |

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The operating segments reported below are the segments of the Company for which separate financial information is available and for which operating results are evaluated regularly by the Chief Executive Officer, who is the chief operating decision maker, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company develops, manufactures and markets its products within three distinct business segments: its Photonics Group, its Lasers Group and its Optics Group.

The Company measured income reported for each operating segment, which included only those costs that were directly attributable to the operations of that segment, and excluded unallocated operating expenses, such as corporate overhead and intangible asset amortization, a gain on the sale of assets, interest and other expense, net, and income taxes.

| (In thousands) | Photonics | Lasers | Optics | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Three months ended March 29, 2014: | | | | |
| Sales to external customers | \$ 59,470 | \$ 46,474 | \$ 40,946 | \$ 146,890 |
| Segment income | \$ 13,546 | \$ 5,580 | \$ 4,556 | \$ 23,682 |
| Three months ended March 30, 2013: | | | | |
| Sales to external customers | \$ 58,367 | \$ 38,885 | \$ 35,355 | \$ 132,607 |
| Segment income | \$ 12,566 | \$ 3,133 | \$ 700 | \$ 16,399 |

The following table reconciles segment income to consolidated income before income taxes:

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

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013 previously filed with the SEC. This discussion contains descriptions of our expectations regarding future trends affecting our business. Words such as anticipate, believe, can, continue, could, estimate, expect, may, plan, potential, predict, should or the illegitimate, other variations thereof or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements that refer to projections of our future financial performance or condition, trends in our business, or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements and other forward-looking statements made elsewhere in this report are made in reliance upon safe harbor provisions in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of several factors, including, but not limited to those factors set forth and discussed in Item 1 (Business) and Item 1A (Risk Factors) of Part I, and Item 7 (Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations) of Part II, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking information included in this report, the inclusion of this information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that our objectives or plans will be achieved and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking information. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Overview

We are a global supplier of advanced-technology products and systems, including lasers, photonics instrumentation, precision positioning and vibration isolation products and systems, optical components, subassemblies and subsystems, and three-dimensional non-contact measurement equipment. Our products are used worldwide in a variety of industries including scientific research, defense and security, microelectronics, life and health sciences and industrial markets. We operate within three distinct business segments: our Photonics Group, our Lasers Group and our Optics Group. All of these groups offer a broad array of advanced technology products and services to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and end-user customers across a wide range of applications in all of our targeted end markets.

The following is a discussion and analysis of certain factors that have affected our results of operations and financial condition during the periods included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires that we make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. We evaluate these estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. We base our estimates on our historical experience and on various other factors which we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the amounts of certain expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. The accounting policies that involve the most significant judgments, assumptions and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements are those related to revenue recognition, allowances for doubtful accounts, pension liabilities, inventory reserves, warranty obligations, asset impairment, income taxes and stock-based compensation. The judgments, assumptions and estimates used

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in these areas by their nature involve risks and uncertainties, and in the event that any of them prove to be inaccurate in any material respect, it could have a material effect on our reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and on the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. A summary of these critical accounting policies is included in Item 7 (Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations) of Part II of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013. There have been no material changes to the critical accounting policies disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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During the third quarter of 2013, we developed a plan to sell our advanced packaging systems business and, based on negotiations for the sale of this business that occurred during the second half of 2013, we considered the assets and liabilities of this business as held for sale as of December 28, 2013. We completed the sale of this business in January 2014 for \$5.7 million, consisting of an initial purchase price of \$6.0 million, less an adjustment of \$0.3 million based on the net assets of the business at closing. The initial purchase price consisted of \$5.35 million in cash and an unsecured note receivable of \$0.65 million, and the net asset adjustment was repaid to the purchaser in cash. We incurred \$0.4 million in transaction costs. The net book value of this business was \$9.5 million as of December 28, 2013; however, because these assets were held for sale at such time, we wrote them down to their net realizable value as of December 28, 2013 based on the terms that had been negotiated with the purchaser and expected transaction costs, resulting in a loss of \$4.7 million during 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, we recognized a gain of \$0.4 million to reduce the loss on the sale to \$4.3 million, based on the final terms of the transaction and the net assets of the business on the closing date. The net sales, operating income and cash flows of this business were not significant to our operations.

Stock-Based Compensation

The total stock-based compensation expense included in our consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income was as follows:

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| Cost of sales | \$ 212 | \$ 209 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 1,836 | 1,820 |
| Research and development expense | 289 | 240 |
| | \$ 2,337 | \$ 2,269 |

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The following table presents our results of operations for the periods indicated as a percentage of net sales:

| | Percentage of Net Sales | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Three Months Ended | |
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 |
| Net sales | 100.0 % | 100.0 % |
| Cost of sales | 55.4 | 58.4 |
| Gross profit | 44.6 | 41.6 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 26.7 | 28.4 |
| Research and development expense | 9.6 | 9.9 |
| Gain on sale of assets | (0.2) | - |
| Operating income | 8.5 | 3.3 |
| Interest and other expense, net | (0.6) | (1.6) |
| Income before income taxes | 7.9 | 1.7 |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | 2.5 | (0.3) |
| Net income | 5.4 | 2.0 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests | 0.0 | (0.0) |
| Net income attributable to Newport Corporation | 5.4 % | 2.0 % |

Net Sales

Net sales for the three months ended March 29, 2014 increased by \$14.3 million, or 10.8%, compared with the corresponding period in 2013. For the three months ended March 29, 2014, net sales by our Photonics Group increased \$1.1 million, or 1.9%; net sales by our Lasers Group increased \$7.6 million, or 19.5%; and net sales by our Optics Group increased \$5.6 million, or 15.8%, compared with the corresponding prior year period. For the first quarter of 2014, we experienced increases in net sales in our microelectronics, life and health sciences, scientific research and industrial manufacturing and other end markets, offset in part by decreases in our defense and security end markets, compared with the first quarter of 2013.

Net sales to the scientific research market for the three months ended March 29, 2014 increased \$1.0 million, or 3.2%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increase in sales to this market was due primarily to a modest improvement in this market compared with the depressed sales levels in the first quarter of 2013 due to the uncertainty in governmental research funding levels at that time. Generally, our net sales to this market by each of our operating groups may fluctuate from period to period due to changes in overall research spending levels and the timing of large sales relating to major research programs and, in some cases, these fluctuations may be offsetting between our operating groups or between such periods.

Net sales to the defense and security markets for the three months ended March 29, 2014 decreased by \$3.8 million, or 24.8%, compared with the same period in 2013. Net sales to the defense and security end markets were negatively impacted by lower defense budgets and uncertainty

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in future defense spending levels, primarily in the United States and Israel, which lead to decreased sales of optics and photonics products. Generally, our net sales to these markets by each of our operating groups may fluctuate from period to period due to changes in overall defense spending levels and the timing of large sales relating to major defense programs and, in some cases, these fluctuations may be offsetting between our operating groups or between such periods.

Net sales to the microelectronics market for the three months ended March 29, 2014 increased \$6.2 million, or 22.5%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increase in sales to this market in the current year period compared with the 2013 period was due primarily to increased sales to semiconductor equipment manufacturing customers relating to new development programs.

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Net sales to the life and health sciences market for the three months ended March 29, 2014 increased \$3.0 million, or 9.7%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increase in sales to this market was due primarily to increased sales of products for surgical applications.

Net sales to our industrial manufacturing and other end markets for the three months ended March 29, 2014 increased \$7.9 million, or 28.7%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increase in sales to these markets was due primarily to increased sales of products used for optical communications applications.

The table below reflects our net sales by geographic region. Sales are attributed to each location based on the customer address to which the product is shipped.

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | | Increase | Percentage Increase |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | March 29, 2014 | March 30, 2013 | | |
| United States | \$ 51,398 | \$ 50,069 | \$ 1,329 | 2.7% |
| Germany | 21,215 | 16,421 | 4,794 | 29.2 |
| Other European countries | 20,272 | 19,373 | 899 | 4.6 |
| Japan | 17,246 | 14,095 | 3,151 | 22.4 |
| Other Pacific Rim countries | 26,254 | 22,572 | 3,682 | 16.3 |
| Rest of world | 10,505 | 10,077 | 428 | 4.2 |
| | \$ 146,890 | \$ 132,607 | \$ 14,283 | 10.8% |

The increases in sales to customers in the United States for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the corresponding period in 2013 was attributable primarily to higher sales to our microelectronics and industrial manufacturing and other end markets, offset in part by lower sales to our defense and security and scientific research end markets.

The increase in sales to customers in Germany for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the corresponding period in 2013 was attributable primarily to higher sales to our life and health sciences, microelectronics, and industrial manufacturing and other end markets. The increase in sales to customers in other countries in Europe for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the corresponding period in 2013 was attributable primarily to higher sales to our industrial manufacturing and other end markets, offset in part by lower sales to our scientific research end market.

The increases in sales to customers in Japan for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the corresponding period in 2013 was due primarily to higher sales to our scientific research and industrial manufacturing and other end markets. The increase in sales to customers in Pacific Rim countries other than Japan for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the corresponding period in 2013 was attributable to higher sales to our microelectronics and industrial manufacturing and other end markets, offset in part by lower sales to our life and health sciences end market.

The increase in sales to customers in the rest of the world for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the corresponding period in 2013 was due to higher sales to customers in our industrial manufacturing and other end markets, offset in part by lower sales to defense customers in Israel.

Gross Margin

Gross margin was 44.6% and 41.6% for the three months ended March 29, 2014 and March 30, 2013, respectively. The increase in gross margin in the current year period compared with the prior year period was due primarily to increased absorption of manufacturing overhead, resulting from higher sales and production levels, and a higher proportion of sales of higher margin products by our Optics and Photonics Groups.

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In general, we expect that our gross margin will vary in any given period depending upon factors such as our mix of sales, product pricing variations, manufacturing absorption levels, and changes in levels of inventory and warranty reserves.

Selling, General and Administrative (SG&A) Expenses

SG&A expenses totaled \$39.2 million, or 26.7% of net sales, and \$37.6 million, or 28.4% of net sales, for the three months ended March 29, 2014 and March 30, 2013, respectively. The increase in SG&A expenses in absolute dollars for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the prior year period was due primarily to an increase of \$1.2 million in personnel costs, resulting primarily from higher incentive compensation accruals. We recorded minimal incentive accruals in the first quarter of 2013 due to the lack of expected payouts under our 2013 incentive plans as a result of business conditions during 2013.

In general, we expect that SG&A expenses will vary as a percentage of net sales in the future based on our sales level in any given period. Because the majority of our SG&A expenses is fixed in the short term, changes in SG&A expenses will likely not be in proportion to changes in net sales. In addition, any acquisitions would increase our SG&A expenses, and such increases may not be in proportion to the changes in net sales.

Research and Development (R&D) Expense

R&D expense totaled \$14.1 million, or 9.6% of net sales, and \$13.1 million, or 9.9% of net sales, for the three months ended March 29, 2014 and March 30, 2013, respectively. The increase in R&D expense in absolute dollars for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the prior year period was due primarily to increased new product development costs in our Photonics and Lasers Groups.

We believe that the continued development and advancement of our products and technologies is critical to our success, and we intend to continue to invest in R&D initiatives, while working to ensure that our efforts are focused and the resources are deployed efficiently. In general, we expect that R&D expense as a percentage of net sales will vary in the future based on our sales level in any given period. Because of our commitment to continued product development, and because the majority of our R&D expense is fixed in the short term, changes in R&D expense will likely not be in proportion to changes in net sales. In addition, any acquisitions would increase our R&D expenses, and such increases may not be in proportion to the changes in net sales.

Gain on Sale of Assets

As discussed in more detail under the heading *Divestiture* on page 18, we completed the sale of our advanced packaging systems business in January 2014. In 2013, we recorded a loss relating to the anticipated sale of this business because the assets were held for sale as of December 28, 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, we recognized a gain of \$0.4 million to reduce such loss based on the final terms of the transaction and the net assets of the business on the closing date.

Interest and Other Expense, Net

Interest and other expense, net totaled \$1.0 million and \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 29, 2014 and March 30, 2013, respectively. The decrease in interest and other expense, net for the three months ended March 29, 2014 compared with the same period in 2013 was due primarily to lower interest expense as a result of a lower average interest rate and a lower average outstanding balance on our Credit Facility (as defined on page 22) during the first quarter of 2014 compared with the average interest rate and average outstanding balance of the term loan under our previous credit facility during the first quarter of 2013.

Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate reflects a tax expense of 31.2% and a tax benefit of (19.6%) for the three months ended March 29, 2014 and March 30, 2013, respectively. Our effective tax rate for the three months ended March 29, 2014 was unfavorably impacted by the expiration of the federal research credit, effective December 31, 2013.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities balances decreased to a total of \$63.2 million as of March 29, 2014 from \$64.2 million as of December 28, 2013. This decrease was attributable primarily to cash used for net repayments of debt and purchases of property and equipment, offset in part by cash provided by our operating activities, proceeds from the sale of our advanced packaging systems business and proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans.

Net cash provided by our operating activities of \$9.4 million for the three months ended March 29, 2014 was attributable primarily to cash provided by our results of operations and an increase of \$3.9 million in accrued expenses and other liabilities due to the timing of payments, offset in part by an increase in gross inventory of \$6.5 million, an increase in accounts receivable of \$3.2 million due to the timing of collections, and an increase in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$2.9 million due to the timing of payments.

Net cash used in investing activities of \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 29, 2014 was attributable primarily to purchases of property and equipment of \$5.0 million, offset by proceeds from the sale of our advanced packaging systems business of \$5.0 million.

Net cash used in financing activities of \$10.8 million for the three months ended March 29, 2014 was attributable to net repayments of borrowings of \$12.7 million, which consisted primarily of payments under our Credit Facility, and the purchase of the non-controlling interests in our Optical Metrology Ltd. subsidiary for \$0.9 million, offset in part by proceeds of \$2.8 million from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans.

On July 18, 2013, we entered into a credit agreement with certain lenders (Credit Agreement). The Credit Agreement consists of a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$275 million with a term of five years (Credit Facility). The Credit Agreement also provides us with the option to increase the aggregate principal amount of loans in the form of additional revolving loans or a separate tranche of term loans, in an aggregate amount that does not exceed \$50 million, in each case subject to certain terms and conditions contained in the Credit Agreement. At March 29, 2014, the outstanding balance under the Credit Facility was \$70.5 million, with an effective interest rate of 1.94%.

Our obligations under the Credit Agreement are secured by a lien on substantially all of the assets of Newport Corporation and certain of our domestic subsidiaries, which are guarantors under the Credit Agreement, as well as by a pledge of certain shares of our foreign subsidiaries. Our ability to borrow funds under the Credit Facility is subject to certain conditions, including compliance with certain covenants and making certain representations and warranties. In particular, our borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility is limited by our Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement) for the preceding four fiscal quarters. At March 29, 2014, based on our Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA, the \$70.5 million borrowed under the Credit Facility, additional indebtedness (including capital leases) of \$6.2 million and outstanding letters of credit of \$3.3 million, we had approximately \$133.5 million available for additional borrowing under the Credit Facility.

During 2011, we issued 200 million yen (\$1.9 million at March 29, 2014) in private placement bonds through a Japanese bank. These bonds bear interest at a rate of 0.62% per year, payable in cash semiannually in arrears on June 30 and December 31 of each year, and mature on June 30, 2014. The bonds are included in the current portion of long-term debt in *short-term borrowings, net* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

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At March 29, 2014, we had (i) revolving lines of credit with Japanese banks; (ii) agreements with Japanese banks under which we sell trade notes receivable with recourse; (iii) loans with Japanese banks; and (iv) loans with Israeli banks, as follows:

| Description | Principal Amount Outstanding (in millions) | Amount Available for Borrowing (in millions) | Interest Rate(s) | Expiration Date(s) |
|---|--|--|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Japanese lines of credit | \$ 0.7 | \$ 1.0 | 1.15% to 2.2% | No expiration dates |
| Japanese agreements for sale of receivables | \$ 0.9 | \$ 4.4 | 1.48% | No expiration dates |
| Japanese loans | \$ 0.2 | \$ - | 1.25% to 1.30% | Various dates through June 2016 |
| Israeli loans | \$ 1.7 | \$ - | 2.97% to 3.28% | Various dates through October 2015 |

In May 2008, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program, authorizing the purchase of up to 4.0 million shares of our common stock. No purchases were made under this program during the three months ended March 29, 2014. As of March 29, 2014, 3.9 million shares remained available for purchase under the program. The terms of the Credit Agreement permit us to purchase shares under the repurchase program, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

During the remainder of 2014, we expect to use approximately \$11 million to \$13 million of cash for capital expenditures.

We expect that our current working capital position, together with our expected future cash flows from operations and the borrowing availability under our Credit Facility and other lines of credit, will be adequate to fund our operations in the ordinary course of business, our anticipated capital expenditures, our debt payment requirements and other contractual obligations for at least the next twelve months. While a substantial portion of our cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities is held outside of the United States, we currently do not intend or anticipate a need to repatriate such funds, as we expect that the cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and/or marketable securities held in the United States, together with our cash flows from U.S. operations and the borrowing capacity under our Credit Facility, will be sufficient to fund our U.S. operations and cash commitments for investing and financing activities, including debt repayment and capital expenditures for at least the next twelve months and thereafter for the foreseeable future. However, these expectations are based upon many assumptions and is subject to numerous risks, including those discussed in Item 1A (Risk Factors) of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013 and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. In addition, under current tax laws and regulations, if cash and cash equivalents and investments held outside of the United States, which relate to undistributed earnings of certain of our foreign subsidiaries and are considered to be indefinitely reinvested, were to be distributed to the United States in the form of dividends or otherwise, we would be subject to additional U.S. income taxes (subject to an adjustment for foreign tax credits) and foreign withholding taxes. The potential tax liability related to any repatriation would depend on the tax laws of the United States and the respective foreign jurisdictions and on the facts and circumstances that exist at the time such repatriation is made.

Except for the aforementioned capital expenditures, we have no present agreements or commitments with respect to any material acquisitions of businesses, products, product rights or technologies or any other material capital expenditures. We will continue to evaluate acquisitions of and/or investments in products, technologies, capital equipment or improvements or companies that complement our business and may make such acquisitions and/or investments in the future. However, the Credit Agreement only permits us to make investments and acquisitions under certain circumstances, and restricts our ability to incur additional indebtedness, which limits to some extent our ability to make such acquisitions and investments.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements and Property, Plant and Equipment: Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposal of Components of an Entity*, which updates the guidance in Topics 205 and 360. ASU No. 2014-08 requires that the disposal of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity be reported in discontinued operations if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on the entity's operations and financial results. ASU No. 2014-08 also requires additional disclosures regarding discontinued operations. ASU No. 2014-08 is required to be applied prospectively for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of ASU No. 2014-08 is not expected to have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The principal market risks (i.e., the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices) to which we are exposed are changes in foreign exchange rates, which may generate translation and transaction gains and losses, and changes in interest rates.

Foreign Currency Risk

Operating in international markets sometimes involves exposure to volatile movements in currency exchange rates. The economic impact of currency exchange rate movements on our operating results is complex because such changes are often linked to variability in real growth, inflation, interest rates, governmental actions and other factors. These changes, if material, may cause us to adjust our financing and operating strategies. Consequently, isolating the effect of changes in currency does not incorporate these other important economic factors.

We use foreign currency option and forward exchange contracts to mitigate the risks associated with certain foreign currency transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business, primarily foreign currency denominated receivables, payables and other expenses. These derivative instruments are used as an economic hedge. However, we have not elected hedge accounting treatment and therefore, all changes in value of these derivative instruments are reflected in *interest and other expense, net* in our consolidated statements of income. We do not engage in currency speculation. All of our foreign currency option and forward exchange contracts are entered into to reduce the volatility of earnings, primarily related to Israeli shekel-based expenses. If the counterparties to these contracts (typically highly rated banks) do not fulfill their obligations to deliver the contracted currencies, we could be at risk for any currency related fluctuations.

As currency exchange rates change, translation of the statements of income of international operations into U.S. dollars affects the year-over-year comparability of operating results. We do not generally hedge translation risks because cash flows from international operations are generally reinvested locally. Changes in currency exchange rates that would have the largest impact on translating our future international operating income include changes to the exchange rates of the U.S. dollar to the euro and Japanese yen.

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The following table provides information about our foreign currency derivative financial instruments outstanding as of March 29, 2014. The information is presented in U.S. dollars, as presented in our consolidated financial statements:

| (In thousands) | March 29, 2014 | |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| | Notional Amount | Average Strike Price |
| Foreign currency forward contracts (Pay U.S. dollar/receive foreign currency) | | |
| Israeli Shekel | \$ 255 | 3.53 |
| Fair value | \$ 2 | |
| Foreign currency options | | |
| Israeli Shekel - call options | \$ 5,393 | 3.67 |
| Israeli Shekel - put options | (5,587) | 3.54 |
| | \$ (194) | |
| Fair value | \$ 108 | |

Interest Rate Risk

Our investments in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities, which totaled \$63.2 million at March 29, 2014, are sensitive to changes in the general level of interest rates. In addition, certain assets related to our pension plans are sensitive to interest rates and economic conditions in Europe and Asia.

We have a \$275 million revolving line of credit in the United States. We also have various lines of credit, private placement bonds and other loans throughout the world, primarily in Israel and Japan. Our revolving line of credit in the United States, and many of our other borrowings, carry variable interest rates and therefore are subject to interest rate risk.

The table below presents information about our debt obligations as of March 29, 2014:

| (US\$ equivalent in thousands) | Expected Maturity Date | | | | | | Total | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | Thereafter | | |
| Debt obligations: | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed rate (US\$) | \$ 1,200 | \$ 600 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,800 | \$ 1,782 |
| Weighted average interest rate | 3.16% | 2.97% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 3.10% | |
| Variable rate (US\$) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 70,500 | \$ 70,500 | \$ 69,567 |
| Weighted average interest rate | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.94% | 1.94% | |
| Fixed rate (non-US\$) | \$ 2,680 | \$ 35 | \$ 19 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,734 | \$ 2,744 |
| Weighted average interest rate | 0.80% | 1.61% | 1.25% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.81% | |
| Variable rate (non-US\$) | \$ 945 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 945 | \$ 945 |
| Weighted average interest rate | 1.48% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.48% | |

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|--------------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|
| Total debt obligations | \$ | 4,825 | \$ | 635 | \$ | 19 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 70,500 | \$ | 75,979 | \$ | 75,038 |
| Weighted average interest rate | | 1.52% | | 2.90% | | 1.25% | | 0.00% | | 0.00% | | 1.94% | | 1.92% | | |

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ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the Evaluation Date), have concluded that as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in such reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer where appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013 contains a full discussion of the risks associated with our business. There have been no material changes to the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

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SIGNATURES

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.

Dated: May 8, 2014

NEWPORT CORPORATION

By:

/s/ Charles F. Cargile
Charles F. Cargile,
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Duly
Authorized Officer)

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