UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

	TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF TH e quarterly period ended September OR	E SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 30, 2017
☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT	TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THI	E SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the	transition period from to	
O'REI	LLY AUTOMOTIV	E, INC.
(Exact	name of registrant as specified in its	s charter)
Missouri	000-21318	27-4358837
(State or other jurisdiction	Commission file	(I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation or organization)	number	Identification No.)
	233 South Patterson Avenue Springfield, Missouri 65802 (Address of principal executive offices, Zip coo	de)
((417) 862-6708 Registrant's telephone number, including area co	ode)
(Former name,	Not applicable former address and former fiscal year, if change	d since last report)
	r for such shorter period that the regist	d by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange rant was required to file such reports), and (2) has
	rsuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T d	on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive luring the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter
	definitions of "large accelerated filer,"	ted filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company,"
Large accelerated filer ⊠ Non-accelerated filer □ (Do not checelerated filerated filerated filerated filerated filerated filerated filerated filerated filerate	ck if a smaller reporting company)	Accelerated filer □ Smaller reporting company □
If an emerging growth company, indicate by che with any new or revised financial accounting st		to use the extended transition period for complying $13(a)$ of the Exchange Act. \square
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant i	s a shell company (as defined in Rule	12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes □ No ⊠
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Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date: Common stock, \$0.01 par value - 85,027,697 shares outstanding as of October 30, 2017.

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share data)

	Septer	September 30, 2017		mber 31, 2016
		naudited)	(Note)	
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	37,287	\$	146,598
Accounts receivable, net		219,631		197,274
Amounts receivable from suppliers		79,491		82,105
Inventory		2,987,592		2,778,976
Other current assets		34,480		53,022
Total current assets		3,358,481		3,257,975
Property and equipment, at cost		5,114,804		4,832,342
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization		1,822,123		1,708,911
Net property and equipment		3,292,681		3,123,431
Goodwill		787,210		785,399
Other assets, net		40,956		37,384
Total assets	\$	7,479,328	\$	7,204,189
Liabilities and shareholders' equity Current liabilities: Accounts payable	\$	3,154,250	\$	2,936,656
Self-insurance reserves	J)	72,223	Ф	67,921
		80,953		
Accrued payroll Accrued benefits and withholdings		65,574		71,717 74,454
Income taxes payable		6,175		74,434
Other current liabilities		249,325		249,901
Total current liabilities		3,628,500		3,400,649
Total current habilities		3,020,300		3,400,049
Long-term debt		2,900,816		1,887,019
Deferred income taxes		131,847		90,166
Other liabilities		203,986		199,219
Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: Authorized shares – 245,000,000				
Issued and outstanding shares – 85,338,294 as of September 30, 2017, and				
92,851,815 as of December 31, 2016		853		929
Additional paid-in capital		1,267,810		1,336,707
Retained (deficit) earnings		(654,484)		289,500
Total shareholders' equity		614,179		1,627,136
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	7,479,328	\$	7,204,189

Note: The balance sheet at December 31, 2016, has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements at that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by United States generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

See accompanying Notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,			F	nths Ended r 30,			
		2017		2016		2017		2016
Sales	\$	2,339,830	\$	2,220,955	\$	6,786,918	\$	6,493,794
Cost of goods sold, including warehouse and distribution expenses		1,109,536		1,050,929		3,225,415		3,099,010
Gross profit		1,230,294		1,170,026		3,561,503		3,394,784
Selling, general and administrative expenses		768,331		722,217		2,238,938		2,103,288
Operating income		461,963		447,809		1,322,565		1,291,496
Other income (expense):		(a a.a. h)		(10 = 00)				(50.000)
Interest expense		(24,324)		(18,706)		(64,555)		(52,228)
Interest income		592		1,227		1,768		3,172
Other, net		1,299		1,563		1,302		3,821
Total other expense		(22,433)		(15,916)		(61,485)		(45,235)
Income before income taxes		439,530		431,893		1,261,080		1,246,261
Provision for income taxes		155,796		153,400		429,591		454,600
Net income	\$	283,734	\$	278,493	\$	831,489	\$	791,661
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Earnings per share-basic:								
Earnings per share	\$	3.26	\$	2.93	\$	9.28	\$	8.25
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic		86,947		94,891		89,641		95,994
Earnings per share-assuming dilution:								
Earnings per share	\$	3.22	\$	2.90	\$	9.15	\$	8.14
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – assuming dilution		88,025		96,120		90,869		97,309

See accompanying Notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

For the Nine Months Ended

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	-	2017		2016
	1		(As A	Adjusted, Note)
Operating activities:	0	024 400		-04 664
Net income	\$	831,489	\$	791,661
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and intangibles		173,500		161,447
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs		2,078		1,811
Deferred income taxes		41,848		4,439
Share-based compensation programs		14,835		14,371
Other		8,174		4,174
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		(28,761)		(35,312)
Inventory		(208,338)		(158,877)
Accounts payable		217,486		390,849
Income taxes payable		32,124		39,636
Other		2,984		60
Net cash provided by operating activities	'	1,087,419		1,214,259
Investing activities:				
Purchases of property and equipment		(347,756)		(356,234)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		1,906		2,489
Payments received on notes receivable		_		1,047
Other		(2,072)		_
Net cash used in investing activities		(347,922)		(352,698)
Financing activities:				
Proceeds from borrowings on revolving credit facility		2,487,000		_
Payments on revolving credit facility		(2,218,000)		_
Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt		748,800		499,160
Payment of debt issuance costs		(7,490)		(4,125)
Repurchases of common stock		(1,893,148)		(959,789)
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock		34,186		47,419
Other		(156)		(207)
Net cash used in financing activities		(848,808)		(417,542)
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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(109,311)		444,019
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		146,598		116,301
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$	37,287	\$	560,320
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Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:				
Income taxes paid	\$	359,838	\$	416,901
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest		72,252		59,547
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Note: Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. See Note 9 "Recent Accounting Pronouncements" to the condensed consolidated financial statements in this report for more information.

See accompanying Notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)
September 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company" or "O'Reilly") have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2017. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on reported totals for assets, liabilities, shareholders' equity, cash flows or net income. See Note 9 "Recent Accounting Pronouncements" to the condensed consolidated financial statements in this report for more information.

NOTE 2 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company uses the fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used to measure the fair value of certain of its financial instruments. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement). The Company uses the income and market approaches to determine the fair value of its assets and liabilities. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are set forth below:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

The Company invests in various marketable securities with the intention of selling these securities to fulfill its future unsecured obligation under the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation plan. See Note 6 for further information concerning the Company's benefit plans.

The Company's marketable securities were accounted for as trading securities and the carrying amount of its marketable securities were included in "Other assets, net" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016. The Company recorded an increase in fair value related to its marketable securities in the amounts of \$1.0 million and \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, which were included in "Other income (expense)" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company recorded an increase in fair value related to its marketable securities in the amounts of \$2.6 million and \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, which were included in "Other income (expense)" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

The tables below identify the estimated fair value of the Company's marketable securities, determined by reference to quoted market prices (Level 1), as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2017								
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Instruments (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		Total				
Marketable securities	\$ 24,528	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	\$	24,528				
	December 31, 2016								
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Instruments (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		Total				
Marketable securities	\$ 20,462	\$	\$	\$	20,462				

Non-financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:

Certain long-lived non-financial assets and liabilities may be required to be measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis in certain circumstances, including when there is evidence of impairment. These non-financial assets and liabilities may include assets acquired in a business combination or property and equipment that are determined to be impaired. As of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, the Company did not have any non-financial assets or liabilities that had been measured at fair value subsequent to initial recognition.

Fair value of financial instruments:

The carrying amounts of the Company's senior notes and unsecured revolving credit facility borrowings are included in "Long-term debt" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016. See Note 3 for further information concerning the Company's senior notes and unsecured revolving credit facility.

The table below identifies the estimated fair value of the Company's senior notes, using the market approach. The fair value as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, was determined by reference to quoted market prices of the same or similar instruments (Level 2) (in thousands):

		September 30, 2017				December	31, 20	016	
	Car	rying Amount	Estimated Fair Value		Ca	rrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value		
Senior Notes	\$	2,631,816	\$	2,733,350	\$	1,887,019	\$	1,977,510	

The carrying amount of the Company's unsecured revolving credit facility approximates fair value, as borrowings under the facility bear variable interest at current market rates.

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets include other financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, amounts receivable from suppliers and accounts payable. Due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments, the Company believes that the carrying values of these instruments approximate their fair values.

NOTE 3 – FINANCING

The following table identifies the amounts included in "Long-term debt" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2017		Dece	ember 31, 2016
Revolving Credit Facility, weighted-average variable interest rate of 2.283%	\$	269,000	\$	_
\$500 million, 4.875% Senior Notes due 2021 ⁽¹⁾ , effective interest rate of 4.957%		497,363		496,758
\$300 million, 4.625% Senior Notes due 2021 ⁽²⁾ , effective interest rate of 4.646%		298,891		298,679
\$300 million, 3.800% Senior Notes due 2022 ⁽³⁾ , effective interest rate of 3.845%		298,126		297,868
\$300 million, 3.850% Senior Notes due 2023 ⁽⁴⁾ , effective interest rate of 3.851%		298,525		298,355
\$500 million, 3.550% Senior Notes due 2026 ⁽⁵⁾ , effective interest rate of 3.570%		495,682		495,359
\$750 million, 3.600% Senior Notes due 2027 ⁽⁶⁾ , effective interest rate of 3.619%		743,229		_
Long-term debt	\$	2,900,816	\$	1,887,019

Net of unamortized discount of \$1.2 million as of September 30, 2017, and \$1.4 million as of December 31, 2016, and debt issuance costs of \$1.5 million as of September 30, 2017, and \$1.8 million as of December 31, 2016.

Net of unamortized discount of \$0.2 million as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, and debt issuance costs of \$0.9 million as of September 30, 2017, and \$1.1 million as of December 31, 2016.

⁽³⁾ Net of unamortized discount of \$0.6 million as of September 30, 2017, and \$0.7 million as of December 31, 2016, and debt issuance costs of \$1.3 million as of September 30, 2017, and \$1.5 million as of December 31, 2016.

Net of unamortized discount of less than \$0.1 million as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, and debt issuance costs of \$1.5 million as of September 30, 2017, and \$1.6 million as of December 31, 2016.

Net of unamortized discount of \$0.7 million as of September 30, 2017, and \$0.8 million as of December 31, 2016, and debt issuance costs of \$3.6 million as of September 30, 2017, and \$3.9 million as of December 31, 2016.

⁽⁶⁾ Net of unamortized discount of \$1.2 million as of September 30, 2017, and debt issuance costs of \$5.6 million as of September 30, 2017.

Unsecured revolving credit facility:

On April 5, 2017, the Company entered into a credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement provides for a \$1.2 billion unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") arranged by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., which is scheduled to mature in April 2022. The Credit Agreement includes a \$200 million sub-limit for the issuance of letters of credit and a \$75 million sub-limit for swing line borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility. As described in the Credit Agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company may, from time to time, subject to certain conditions, increase the aggregate commitments under the Revolving Credit Facility by up to \$600 million, provided that the aggregate amount of the commitments does not exceed \$1.8 billion at any time.

In conjunction with the closing of the Credit Agreement, the Company's previous credit agreement, which was originally entered into on January 14, 2011, as amended, was terminated (the "Terminated Credit Agreement"), and all outstanding loans and commitments, including the guarantees of each of the subsidiary guarantors, under the Terminated Credit Agreement were terminated and replaced by the loans and commitments under the Credit Agreement. None of the Company's subsidiaries are guarantors or obligors under the Credit Agreement.

As of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, the Company had outstanding letters of credit, primarily to support obligations related to workers' compensation, general liability and other insurance policies, in the amounts of \$41.3 million and \$38.7 million, respectively, reducing the aggregate availability under the credit agreements by those amounts.

Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility (other than swing line loans) bear interest, at the Company's option, at either an Alternate Base Rate or an Adjusted LIBO Rate (both as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus an applicable margin. Swing line loans made under the Revolving Credit Facility bear interest at an Alternate Base Rate plus the applicable margin for Alternate Base Rate loans. In addition, the Company pays a facility fee on the aggregate amount of the commitments under the Credit Agreement in an amount equal to a percentage of such commitments. The interest rate margins and facility fee are based upon the better of the ratings assigned to the Company's debt by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, subject to limited exceptions. As of September 30, 2017, based upon the Company's current credit ratings, its margin for Alternate Base Rate loans was 0.000%, its margin for Eurodollar Revolving Loans was 0.900% and its facility fee was 0.100%.

The Credit Agreement contains certain covenants, including limitations on subsidiary indebtedness, a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of 2.50:1.00 and a maximum consolidated leverage ratio of 3.50:1.00. The consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio includes a calculation of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, rent and non-cash share-based compensation expense to fixed charges. Fixed charges include interest expense, capitalized interest and rent expense. The consolidated leverage ratio includes a calculation of adjusted debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, rent and non-cash share-based compensation expense. Adjusted debt includes outstanding debt, outstanding stand-by letters of credit and similar instruments, five-times rent expense and excludes any premium or discount recorded in conjunction with the issuance of long-term debt. In the event that the Company should default on any covenant (subject to customary grace periods, cure rights and materiality thresholds) contained in the Credit Agreement, certain actions may be taken, including, but not limited to, possible termination of commitments, immediate payment of outstanding principal amounts plus accrued interest and other amounts payable under the Credit Agreement and litigation from lenders. As of September 30, 2017, the Company remained in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Agreement.

Senior notes:

On August 17, 2017, the Company issued \$750 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured 3.600% Senior Notes due 2027 ("3.600% Senior Notes due 2027") at a price to the public of 99.840% of their face value with UMB Bank, N.A. ("UMB") as trustee. Interest on the 3.600% Senior Notes due 2027 is payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning on March 1, 2018, and is computed on the basis of a 360-day year.

The Company has issued a cumulative \$2.7 billion aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior notes, which are due between 2021 and 2027, with UMB as trustee. Interest on the senior notes, ranging from 3.550% to 4.875%, is payable semi-annually and is computed on the basis of a 360-day year. Each of the senior notes is subject to certain customary covenants, with which the Company complied as of September 30, 2017.

In connection with entering into the Credit Agreement (under which none of the Company's subsidiaries are guarantors or obligors), and upon termination of the Terminated Credit Agreement, the guarantees by the Company's subsidiary guarantors with respect to all of the Company's then outstanding senior notes were automatically released in accordance with the terms of the respective indentures governing these senior notes. The 3.600% Senior Notes due 2027 also are not guaranteed by any of the Company's subsidiaries.

NOTE 4 – WARRANTIES

The Company provides warranties on certain merchandise it sells with warranty periods ranging from 30 days to limited lifetime warranties. The risk of loss arising from warranty claims is typically the obligation of the Company's suppliers. Certain suppliers provide upfront

allowances to the Company in lieu of accepting the obligation for warranty claims. For this merchandise, when sold, the Company bears the risk of loss associated with the cost of warranty claims. Differences between supplier allowances received by the Company, in lieu of warranty obligations and estimated warranty expense, are recorded as an adjustment to cost of sales. Estimated warranty costs, which are recorded as obligations at the time of sale, are based on the historical failure rate of each individual product line. The Company's historical experience has been that failure rates are relatively consistent over time and that the ultimate cost of warranty claims to the Company has been driven by volume of units sold as opposed to fluctuations in failure rates or the variation of the cost of individual claims.

The Company's product warranty liabilities are included in "Other current liabilities" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016. The following table identifies the changes in the Company's aggregate product warranty liabilities for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 (in thousands):

Warranty liabilities, balance at December 31, 2016	\$ 36,623
Warranty claims	(60,173)
Warranty accruals	65,450
Warranty liabilities, balance at September 30, 2017	\$ 41,900

NOTE 5 – SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

In January of 2011, the Company's Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program. Under the program, the Company may, from time to time, repurchase shares of its common stock, solely through open market purchases effected through a broker dealer at prevailing market prices, based on a variety of factors such as price, corporate trading policy requirements and overall market conditions. The Company's Board of Directors may increase or otherwise modify, renew, suspend or terminate the share repurchase program at any time, without prior notice. As announced on May 10, 2017, and September 1, 2017, the Company's Board of Directors each time approved a resolution to increase the authorization amount under the share repurchase program by an additional \$1.0 billion, resulting in a cumulative authorization amount of \$9.8 billion. Each additional authorization is effective for a three-year period, beginning on its respective announcement date.

The following table identifies shares of the Company's common stock that have been repurchased as part of the Company's publicly announced share repurchase program (in thousands, except per share data):

	I	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				For the Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2017		2016		2017		2016		
Shares repurchased		2,743		367		8,047		3,673		
Average price per share	\$	200.70	\$	281.04	\$	235.26	\$	261.32		
Total investment	\$	550,530	\$	102,941	\$	1,893,068	\$	959,743		

As of September 30, 2017, the Company had \$994.8 million remaining under its share repurchase program. Subsequent to the end of the third quarter and through November 7, 2017, the Company repurchased an additional 0.4 million shares of its common stock under its share repurchase program, at an average price of \$209.61, for a total investment of \$85.2 million. The Company has repurchased a total of 65.4 million shares of its common stock under its share repurchase program since the inception of the program in January of 2011 and through November 7, 2017, at an average price of \$135.17, for a total aggregate investment of \$8.8 billion.

NOTE 6 - SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION AND BENEFIT PLANS

The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense based on the fair value of the grants, awards or shares at the time of the grant, award or issuance. Share-based compensation includes stock option awards issued under the Company's employee incentive plans and director stock plan, restricted stock awarded under the Company's employee incentive plans and director stock plan and stock issued through the Company's employee stock purchase plan.

Stock options:

The Company's stock-based incentive plans provide for the granting of stock options for the purchase of common stock of the Company to directors and certain key employees of the Company. Options are granted at an exercise price that is equal to the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of the grant. Director options granted under the plans expire after seven years and are fully vested after six months. Employee options granted under the plans expire after ten years and typically vest 25% per year, over four years. The Company records compensation expense for the grant-date fair value of the option awards evenly over the vesting period or the minimum required service period.

The table below identifies stock option activity under these plans during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 (in thousands, except per share data):

	Shares	ted-Average rcise Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2016	2,800	\$ 104.90
Granted	240	257.39
Exercised	(483)	51.35
Forfeited	(26)	207.45
Outstanding at September 30, 2017	2,531	\$ 128.50
Exercisable at September 30, 2017	1,705	\$ 75.65

The fair value of each stock option award is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Black-Scholes model requires the use of assumptions, including the risk free rate, expected life, expected volatility and expected dividend yield.

- *Risk-free interest rate* The United States Treasury rates in effect at the time the options are granted for the options' expected life.
- Expected life Represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The Company uses historical experience to estimate the expected life of options granted.
- Expected volatility Measure of the amount, by which the Company's stock price is expected to fluctuate, based on a historical trend.
- Expected dividend yield The Company has not paid, nor does it have plans in the foreseeable future to pay, any dividends.

The table below identifies the weighted-average assumptions used for grants awarded during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

	For the Nine Mon September	
	2017	2016
Risk free interest rate	1.98%	1.45%
Expected life	5.5 Years	5.6 Years
Expected volatility	22.2%	22.4%
Expected dividend yield	%	

The following table summarizes activity related to stock options awarded by the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands, except per share data):

	For	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		Fo		Months Ended mber 30,		
		2017		2016		2017		2016
Compensation expense for stock options awarded	\$	3,679	\$	3,653	\$	11,826	\$	11,793
Income tax benefit from compensation expense related to stock options		1,402		1,365		4,507		4,405

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, was \$64.45 compared to \$64.00 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The remaining unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested stock option awards at September 30, 2017, was \$28.6 million, and the weighted-average period of time over which this cost will be recognized is 2.6 years.

Other share-based compensation plans:

The Company sponsors other share-based compensation plans: an employee stock purchase plan (the "ESPP"), which permits all eligible employees to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at 85% of the fair market value, and a director stock plan, which provides for the award of shares of restricted stock to the Company's independent directors, that vest evenly over a three-year period and are held in escrow until such vesting has occurred. The fair value of shares issued under the ESPP is based on the average of the high and low market prices of the Company's common stock during the offering periods, and compensation expense is recognized based on the discount

between the fair value and the employee purchase price for the shares sold to employees. The fair value of shares awarded under the director stock plan is based on the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of the award, and compensation expense is recorded evenly over the vesting period or the minimum required service period.

The table below summarizes activity related to the Company's other share-based compensation plans for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,			For		ine Months Ended ptember 30,			
	2017		2	2016	2017			2016	
Compensation expense for shares issued under the ESPP	\$	545	\$	538	\$	1,659	\$	1,610	
Income tax benefit from compensation expense related to shares issued under the ESPP		208		201		632		601	
Compensation expense for restricted shares awarded		258		327		1,350		968	
Income tax benefit from compensation expense related to restricted awards	\$	98	\$	122	\$	515	\$	361	

Profit sharing and savings plan:

The Company sponsors a contributory profit sharing and savings plan (the "401(k) Plan") that covers substantially all employees who are at least 21 years of age and have completed one year of service. The Company makes matching contributions equal to 100% of the first 2% of each employee's wages that are contributed and 25% of the next 4% of each employee's wages that are contributed. An employee generally must be employed on December 31 to receive that year's Company matching contribution, with the matching contribution funded annually at the beginning of the subsequent year following the year in which the matching contribution was earned. The Company may also make additional discretionary profit sharing contributions to the plan on an annual basis as determined by the Board of Directors. The Company did not make any discretionary contributions to the 401(k) Plan during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2017 or 2016. The Company expensed matching contributions under the 401(k) Plan in the amounts of \$5.7 million and \$5.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, which were included in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company expensed matching contributions under the 401(k) Plan in the amounts of \$17.0 million and \$15.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, which were included in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Nonqualified deferred compensation plan:

The Company sponsors a nonqualified deferred compensation plan (the "Deferred Compensation Plan") for highly compensated employees whose contributions to the 401(k) Plan are limited due to the application of the annual limitations under the Internal Revenue Code. The Deferred Compensation Plan provides these employees with the opportunity to defer the full 6% of matched compensation, including salary and incentive based compensation that was precluded under the Company's 401(k) Plan, which is then matched by the Company using the same formula as the 401(k) Plan. An employee generally must be employed on December 31 to receive that year's Company matching contribution, with the matching contribution funded annually at the beginning of the subsequent year following the year in which the matching contribution was earned. In the event of bankruptcy, the assets of this plan are available to satisfy the claims of general creditors. The Company has an unsecured obligation to pay, in the future, the value of the deferred compensation and Company match, adjusted to reflect the performance, whether positive or negative, of selected investment measurement options chosen by each participant during the deferral period. The liability for compensation deferred under the Deferred Compensation Plan was \$24.5 million and \$20.5 million as of September 30, 2017, and December 31, 2016, respectively, which was included in "Other liabilities" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company expensed matching contributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan in the amount of less than \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, which were included in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company expensed matching contributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan in the amount of \$0.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, which were included in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

NOTE 7 - EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table illustrates the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands, except per share data):

	Fo	For the Three Months Ended September 30,			Fo	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
		2017		2016		2017		2016
Numerator (basic and diluted):								
Net income	\$	283,734	\$	278,493	\$	831,489	\$	791,661
Denominator:								
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic		86,947		94,891		89,641		95,994
Effect of stock options (1)		1,078		1,229		1,228		1,315
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – assuming dilution		88,025		96,120		90,869		97,309
Earnings per share:								
Earnings per share-basic	\$	3.26	\$	2.93	\$	9.28	\$	8.25
Earnings per share-assuming dilution	\$	3.22	\$	2.90	\$	9.15	\$	8.14
Antidilutive potential common shares not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share:								
Stock options (1)		784		271		620		319
Weighted-average exercise price per share of antidilutive stock options (1)	\$	246.65	\$	267.66	\$	258.75	\$	264.88

⁽¹⁾ See Note 6 for further information concerning the terms of the Company's share-based compensation plans.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the computation of diluted earnings per share did not include certain securities. These securities represent underlying stock options not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share, because the inclusion of such equity awards would have been antidilutive.

Subsequent to the end of the third quarter and through November 7, 2017, the Company repurchased an additional 0.4 million shares of its common stock under its share repurchase program, at an average price of \$209.61, for a total investment of \$85.2 million.

NOTE 8 – LEGAL MATTERS

O'Reilly is currently involved in litigation incidental to the ordinary conduct of the Company's business. The Company accrues for litigation losses in instances where a material adverse outcome is probable and the Company is able to reasonably estimate the probable loss. The Company accrues for an estimate of material legal costs to be incurred in pending litigation matters. Although the Company cannot ascertain the amount of liability that it may incur from any of these matters, it does not currently believe that, in the aggregate, these matters, taking into account applicable insurance and accruals, will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows in a particular quarter or annual period.

As previously reported, on June 18, 2015, a jury in Greene County, Missouri, returned an unfavorable verdict in a litigated contract dispute in the matter *Meridian Creative Alliance vs. O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc. et. al.* in the amount of \$12.5 million. As previously reported, the verdict was appealed, reversed in part and remanded to the trial court for a new trial. The matter has been set for trial to commence May 7, 2018, in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri. The Company will continue to vigorously defend the matter. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had accrued \$18.6 million with respect to this matter.

NOTE 9 - RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May of 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" ("ASU 2014-09"). Under ASU 2014-09, an entity is required to follow a five-step process to determine the amount of revenue to recognize when promised goods or services are transferred to customers. ASU 2014-09 offers specific accounting guidance for costs to obtain or fulfill a contract with a customer. In addition, an entity is required to disclose sufficient information to understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with

customers. In August of 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date" ("ASU 2015-14"), to defer the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year. For public companies, ASU 2015-14 changes ASU 2014-09 to be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. These ASUs can be adopted retrospectively or as a cumulative-effective adjustment at the date of adoption, with early adoption allowed, but not before December 15, 2016. The Company will adopt this guidance beginning with its first quarter ending March 31, 2018. The Company has established a task force, composed of multiple functional groups inside of the Company, which is currently in the process of evaluating critical components of this new guidance and the potential impact of the guidance on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Based on the preliminary work completed, the Company is considering the potential implications of the new standard on the Company's recognition of customer related accounts receivable, warranty costs that are not the responsibility of the Company's suppliers, the application of the Company's retail O'Rewards loyalty program and all applicable financial statement disclosures required by the new guidance. At this time, the task force has not completed its evaluation of the impact or means of adoption.

In February of 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)" ("ASU 2016-02"). Under ASU 2016-02, an entity will be required to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on its balance sheet and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 offers specific accounting guidance for a lessee, a lessor and sale and leaseback transactions. Lessees and lessors are required to disclose qualitative and quantitative information about leasing arrangements to enable a user of the financial statements to assess the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. For public companies, ASU 2016-02 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires a modified retrospective adoption, with early adoption permitted. The Company will adopt this guidance beginning with its first quarter ending March 31, 2019. The Company has established a task force, composed of multiple functional groups inside of the Company, which is currently in the process of evaluating critical components of this new guidance and the potential impact of the guidance on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Based on the preliminary work completed, the Company is considering the potential implications of the new standard on determining the discount rate to be used in valuing new and existing leases, the treatment of existing favorable and unfavorable lease agreements acquired in connection with previous acquisitions, procedural and operational changes that may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the guidance and all applicable financial statement disclosures required by the new guidance, all of which are areas that could potentially be impacted by adoption of the guidance. At this time, the task force has not completed its full evaluation; however, the Company believes the adoption of the new guidance will have a material impact on the total assets and total liabilities reported on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

In March of 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, "Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" ("ASU 2016-09"). Under ASU 2016-09, several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including tax consequence, classification of awards as equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows, were changed. The Company adopted this guidance with its first quarter ending March 31, 2017. Upon adoption of ASU 2016-09, the Company elected to change its accounting policy to account for forfeitures as they occur; this change was applied using the modified retrospective transition method with a cumulative effect adjustment of \$0.3 million to opening "Retained earnings" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2017. The Company applied the amendments related to the presentation of tax withholdings on the statements of cash flows using the retrospective transition method, which resulted in \$0.2 million of tax withholdings being reclassified from "Net cash provided by operating activities" to "Net cash used in financing activities" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The Company elected to apply the amendments related to the presentation of excess tax benefits on the statements of cash flows using the retrospective transition method, which resulted in \$46.0 million of excess tax benefits related to share-based compensation being reclassified from "Net cash used in financing activities" to "Net cash provided by operating activities" in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. ASU 2016-09 amendments related to accounting for excess tax benefits in the income statement have been adopted prospectively, resulting in the reduction of \$2.8 million and \$35.3 million in "Provision for income taxes" in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, which lowered the Company's effective tax rate, increased dilutive shares outstanding and increased diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, by \$0.02 and \$0.35, respectively.

In June of 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments" ("ASU 2016-13"). Under ASU 2016-13, businesses and other organizations are required to present financial assets, measured at amortized costs basis, at the net amount expected to be collected. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from the amortized cost basis, such as trade receivables. The measurement of expected credit loss will be based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the collectibility of the reported amount. For public companies, ASU 2016-13 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires a modified retrospective adoption, with early adoption permitted. The Company will adopt this guidance beginning with its first quarter ending March 31, 2020. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In August of 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, "Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)" ("ASU 2016-15"). ASU 2016-15 reduces the existing diversity in practice for eight specific parts on cash flow statement presentation and classification: debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs; settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments; contingent consideration payments made after a business combination; proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims; proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance (COLI) policies; distributions received from equity method investments; beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. For public companies, ASU 2016-15 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires retrospective adoption, with early adoption permitted. The Company will adopt this guidance beginning with its first quarter ending March 31, 2018. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In January of 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-01, "Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business" ("ASU 2017-01"). ASU 2017-01 revises the definition of a business in the Accounting Standards Codification and clarifies the guidance for determining whether the purchase or disposal of an asset or group of assets qualifies as the purchase or disposal of a business. For public companies, ASU 2017-01 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires prospective adoption, with early adoption permitted with certain conditions. The Company will adopt this guidance beginning with its first quarter ending March 31, 2018. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In January of 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04, "Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment" ("ASU 2017-04"). ASU 2017-04 eliminates the second step in the previous process for goodwill impairment testing; instead, the test is now a one-step process that calls for goodwill impairment loss to be measured as the excess of the reporting unit's carrying amount over its fair value. For public companies, ASU 2017-04 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires prospective adoption, with early adoption after January 1, 2017. The Company will adopt this guidance beginning with its first quarter ending March 31, 2019. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In May of 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-09, "Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting" ("ASU 2017-09"). ASU 2017-09 provides clarity and reduces both the diversity in practice and cost and complexity when applying stock compensation guidance to a change to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. For public companies, ASU 2017-09 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires prospective adoption, with early adoption permitted. The Company will adopt this guidance beginning with its first quarter ending March 31, 2018. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Unless otherwise indicated, "we," "us," "our" and similar terms, as well as references to the "Company" or "O'Reilly," refer to O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

In Management's Discussion and Analysis, we provide a historical and prospective narrative of our general financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and certain other factors that may affect our future results, including

- an overview of the key drivers of the automotive aftermarket industry;
- our results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016;
- our liquidity and capital resources;
- any contractual obligations, to which we are committed;
- our critical accounting estimates;
- the inflation and seasonality of our business; and
- recent accounting pronouncements that may affect our Company.

The review of Management's Discussion and Analysis should be made in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements, related notes and other financial information, forward-looking statements and other risk factors included elsewhere in this quarterly report.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We claim the protection of the safe-harbor for forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "estimate," "may," "could," "will," "believe," "expect," "would," "consider," "should," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend" or similar words. In addition, statements contained within this quarterly report that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements, such as statements discussing, among other things, expected growth, store development, integration and expansion strategy, business strategies, future revenues and future performance. These forward-looking statements are based on estimates, projections, beliefs and assumptions and are not guarantees of future events and results. Such statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including, but not limited to, the economy in general, inflation, product demand, the market for auto parts, competition, weather, risks associated with the performance of acquired businesses, our ability to hire and retain qualified employees, consumer debt levels, our increased debt levels, credit ratings on public debt, governmental regulations, terrorist activities, war and the threat of war. Actual results may materially differ from anticipated results described or implied in these forward-looking statements. Please refer to the "Risk Factors" section of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, for additional factors that could materially affect our financial performance. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they were made, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

OVERVIEW

We are a specialty retailer of automotive aftermarket parts, tools, supplies, equipment and accessories in the United States. We are one of the largest U.S. automotive aftermarket specialty retailers, selling our products to both do-it-yourself ("DIY") customers and professional service providers—our "dual market strategy." Our stores carry an extensive product line consisting of new and remanufactured automotive hard parts, maintenance items, accessories, a complete line of auto body paint and related materials, automotive tools and professional service provider service equipment. Our extensive product line includes an assortment of products that are differentiated by quality and price for most of the product lines we offer. For many of our product offerings, this quality differentiation reflects "good," "better," and "best" alternatives. Our sales and total gross margin dollars are highest for the "best" quality category of products. Consumers' willingness to select products at a higher point on the value spectrum is a driver of sales and profitability in our industry. Our stores also offer enhanced services and programs to our customers, including used oil, oil filter and battery recycling; battery, wiper and bulb replacement; battery diagnostic testing; electrical and module testing; check engine light code extraction; loaner tool program; drum and rotor resurfacing; custom hydraulic hoses; professional paint shop mixing and related materials; and machine shops.

Our strategy is to open new stores to achieve greater penetration into existing markets and expansion into new, contiguous markets. We typically open new stores either by (i) constructing a new facility or renovating an existing one on property we purchase or lease and stocking the new store with fixtures and inventory; (ii) acquiring an independently owned auto parts store, typically by the purchase of substantially all of the inventory and other assets (other than realty) of such store; or (iii) purchasing multi-store chains. We plan to open 190 net, new stores in 2017, in addition to the conversion of 48 stores acquired from Bond Auto Parts ("Bond") in December 2016, as previously announced, and plan to open 200 net, new stores in 2018. We believe our investment in store growth will be funded with the cash flows expected to be generated by our existing operations and through available borrowings under our existing unsecured revolving

credit facility. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, we opened 52 stores and closed two stores. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, we opened 162 stores and closed seven stores and, as of that date, operated 4,984 stores in 47 states.

Operating within the retail industry, we are influenced by a number of general macroeconomic factors including, but not limited to, fuel costs, unemployment rates, consumer preferences and spending habits, and competition. We have ongoing initiatives aimed at tailoring our product offering to adjust to customers' changing preferences, and we also have initiatives focused on marketing and training to educate customers on the advantages of ongoing vehicle maintenance, as well as "purchasing up" on the value spectrum.

We believe the key drivers of current and future demand for the products sold within the automotive aftermarket include the number of U.S. miles driven, number of U.S. registered vehicles, new light vehicle registrations, average vehicle age and unemployment.

- Number of Miles Driven The number of total miles driven in the U.S. influences the demand for repair and maintenance products sold within the automotive aftermarket. In total, vehicles in the U.S. are driven approximately three trillion miles per year, resulting in ongoing wear and tear and a corresponding continued demand for the repair and maintenance products necessary to keep these vehicles in operation. According to the Department of Transportation, the number of total miles driven in the U.S. increased 2.4%, 3.5% and 1.8% in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and through August of 2017, year-to-date miles driven increased 1.4%. We would expect to continue to see modest improvements in total miles driven in the U.S., supported by an increasing number of registered vehicles on the road, resulting in continued demand for automotive aftermarket products.
- Number of U.S. Registered Vehicles, New Light Vehicle Registrations and Average Vehicle Age The total number of vehicles on the road and the average age of the vehicle population heavily influence the demand for products sold within the automotive aftermarket industry. As reported by The Auto Care Association, the total number of registered vehicles increased 7% from 2006 to 2016, bringing the number of light vehicles on the road to 264 million by the end of 2016. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the seasonally adjusted annual rate of light vehicle sales in the U.S. ("SAAR") was approximately 18.3 million, and for 2017, the SAAR is estimated to be approximately 18.5 million, contributing to the continued growth in the total number of registered vehicles on the road. In the past decade, vehicle scrappage rates have remained relatively stable, ranging from 4.3% to 5.7% annually. As a result, over the past decade, the average age of the U.S. vehicle population has increased, growing 22%, from 9.5 years in 2006 to 11.6 years in 2016. We believe this increase in average age can be attributed to better engineered and manufactured vehicles, which can be reliably driven at higher mileages due to better quality power trains and interiors and exteriors, and the consumer's willingness to invest in maintaining these higher-mileage, better built vehicles. As the average age of vehicles on the road increases, a larger percentage of miles are being driven by vehicles that are outside of a manufacturer warranty. These out-of-warranty, older vehicles generate strong demand for automotive aftermarket products as they go through more routine maintenance cycles, have more frequent mechanical failures and generally require more maintenance than newer vehicles. We believe consumers will continue to invest in these reliable, higher-quality, higher-mileage vehicles and these investments, along with an increasing total light vehicle fleet, will support continued demand for automotive aftermarket products.
- Unemployment Unemployment, underemployment, the threat of future joblessness and the uncertainty surrounding the overall economic health of the U.S. have a negative impact on consumer confidence and the level of consumer discretionary spending. Long-term trends of high unemployment have historically impeded the growth of annual miles driven, as well as decrease consumer discretionary spending, both of which negatively impact demand for products sold in the automotive aftermarket industry. As of December 31, 2016, the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.7%, and as of September 30, 2017, the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2%. We believe total employment should remain at healthy levels with marginal improvements, and we would expect to see an increase in commuter traffic with a growing work force, further aiding the positive trend of growth of total miles driven in the U.S. and demand for automotive aftermarket products.

We remain confident in our ability to gain market share in our existing markets and grow our business in new markets by focusing on our dual market strategy and the core O'Reilly values of hard work and excellent customer service.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Sales:

Sales for the three months ended September 30, 2017, increased \$119 million to \$2.34 billion from \$2.22 billion for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 5%. Sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, increased \$293 million to \$6.79 billion from \$6.49 billion for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 5%. Comparable store sales for stores open at least one year increased 1.8% and 4.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Comparable store sales for stores open at least one year increased 1.5% and 4.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Comparable store sales are calculated based on the change in sales of stores open at least one year and exclude sales of specialty machinery, sales to independent parts stores and sales to Team Members, as well as sales from Leap Day during the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

The following table presents the components of the increase in sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 (in millions):

	Increase in Sales for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017, Compared to the Same Period in 2016		Increase in Sales for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017, Compared to the Same Period in 2016	
Store sales:				
Comparable store sales, including sales from the 48 acquired Bond stores	\$	57	\$	144
Non-comparable store sales:				
Sales for stores opened throughout 2016, excluding stores open at least one year that are included in comparable store sales		29		117
Sales for stores opened throughout 2017		35		63
Sales from Leap Day in 2016		<u>—</u>		(25)
Sales in 2016 for stores that have closed		(1)		(4)
Non-store sales:				
Includes sales of machinery and sales to independent parts stores and Team Members		(1)		(2)
Total increase in sales	\$	119	\$	293

We believe the increased sales achieved by our stores are the result of store growth, sales from the 48 acquired Bond stores and the high levels of customer service provided by our well-trained and technically proficient Team Members, superior inventory availability, including same day and over-night access to inventory in our regional distribution centers, enhanced services and programs offered in our stores, a broader selection of product offerings in most stores with a dynamic catalog system to identify and source parts, a targeted promotional and advertising effort through a variety of media and localized promotional events, continued improvement in the merchandising and store layouts of our stores, compensation programs for all store Team Members that provide incentives for performance and our continued focus on serving both DIY and professional service provider customers.

Our comparable store sales increases for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, were driven by increases in average ticket values for both DIY and professional service provider customers, partially offset by negative customer transaction counts from both our DIY and professional service provider customers. The improvements in average ticket values were the result of the increasing complexity and cost of replacement parts necessary to maintain the current population of better engineered and more technically advanced vehicles. These better engineered, more technically advanced vehicles require less frequent repairs, as the component parts are more durable and last for longer periods of time. When repairs are needed, the cost of replacement parts is, on average, greater, which is a benefit to average ticket values; however, the decrease in repair frequency creates pressure on customer transaction counts. Customer transaction counts during the current periods were also negatively impacted by softer industry demand, resulting, in part, from the second consecutive, unseasonably mild winter weather and a cool, wet summer in many of our markets. The mild winter weather did not stress vehicle components to the degree more typical harsh winter weather would, which resulted in a lower level of automobile parts breakage and associated demand for our products. The cool, wet summer in many of our markets resulted in a lower level of demand, as the absence of typical seasonally high temperatures resulted in fewer temperature related vehicle repairs.

We opened 50 and 155 net, new stores during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, compared to 52 and 141 net, new stores for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. As of September 30, 2017, we operated 4,984 stores in 47 states compared to 4,712 stores in 45 states at September 30, 2016. We anticipate total new store growth to be 190 net, new store openings in 2017, slightly below the 2016 net, new store openings due to the resources necessary to convert the 48 Bond stores acquired in December 2016 to our systems, inventory selection and décor packages during 2017, and 200 net, new store openings in 2018.

Gross profit:

Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$1.23 billion (or 52.6% of sales) from \$1.17 billion (or 52.7% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 5%. Gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$3.56 billion (or 52.5% of sales) from \$3.39 billion (or 52.3% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 5%. The increase in gross profit dollars for the three months ended September 30, 2017, was the result of sales from new stores, the increase in comparable store sales at existing stores and sales from the 48 acquired Bond stores. The increase in comparable store sales at existing stores and sales from new stores, the increase in comparable store sales at existing stores and sales from the 48 acquired Bond stores, partially offset by prior year gross profit dollars generated from one additional day due to Leap Day. The decrease in gross profit as a percentage of sales for the three months ended September 30, 2017, was primarily

due to lower merchandise margin, higher inventory shrinkage and deleverage of fixed costs, partially offset by a smaller non-cash last-in, first-out ("LIFO") impact. The lower merchandise margin was primarily the result of merchandise mix, driven by the unfavorable weather conditions during the three months ended September 30, 2017. The higher inventory shrinkage was primarily cyclical in nature, following a period of lower than average shrinkage trends. The deleverage of fixed costs was the result of soft comparable store sales during the three months ended September 30, 2017. The smaller non-cash LIFO impact is the result of fewer product acquisition cost improvements during the three months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to the same period in the prior year. Our policy is to not write up inventory in excess of replacement cost, and accordingly, we are effectively valuing our inventory at replacement cost. During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, our LIFO costs were written down by approximately \$3 million and \$10 million, respectively, to reflect replacement cost. The increase in gross profit as a percentage of sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, our LIFO costs were written down by approximately \$20 million and \$47 million, respectively, to reflect replacement cost. The lower merchandise margin was primarily the result of merchandise mix, driven by the unfavorable weather conditions during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The deleverage of fixed costs was the result of soft comparable store sales during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Selling, general and administrative expenses:

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") for the three months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$768 million (or 32.8% of sales) from \$722 million (or 32.5% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 6%. SG&A for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$2.24 billion (or 33.0% of sales) from \$2.10 billion (or 32.4% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 6%. The increase in total SG&A dollars for the three months ended September 30, 2017, was primarily the result of additional Team Members, facilities and vehicles to support our increased sales and store count. The increase in total SG&A dollars for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, was primarily the result of additional Team Members, facilities and vehicles to support our increased sales and store count, partially offset by a \$9.1 million benefit from the reduction in our legal accrual following the expiration of the statute of limitations related to a legacy claim and prior year incremental SG&A expenses incurred from one additional day due to Leap Day. The increases in SG&A as a percentage of sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, were primarily due to deleverage of store operating costs on soft comparable store sales during the current periods.

Operating income:

As a result of the impacts discussed above, operating income for the three months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$462 million (or 19.7% of sales) from \$448 million (or 20.2% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 3%. As a result of the impacts discussed above, operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$1.32 billion (or 19.5% of sales) from \$1.29 billion (or 19.9% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 2%.

Other income and expense:

Total other expense for the three months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$22 million (or 1.0% of sales) from \$16 million (or 0.7% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 41%. Total other expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$61 million (or 0.9% of sales) from \$45 million (or 0.7% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 36%. The increases in total other expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, were primarily the result of increased interest expense on higher average outstanding borrowings and increased amortization of debt issuance costs.

Income taxes:

Our provision for income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$156 million (or 6.7% of sales) from \$153 million (or 6.9% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 2%. Our provision for income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, decreased to \$430 million (or 6.3% of sales) from \$455 million (or 7.0% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing a decrease of 6%. Our effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2017, was 35.4% of income before income taxes, compared to 35.5% for the same period one year ago. Our effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, was 34.1% of income before income taxes, compared to 36.5% for the same period one year ago. The increase in our provision for income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2017, was primarily the result of higher taxable income in the three months ended September 30, 2017, partially offset by the adoption of Accounting Standard Update No. 2016-09, which provided a benefit of \$3 million to the provision for income taxes. The decrease in our provision for income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, was primarily the result of the adoption of Accounting Standard Update No. 2016-09 in 2017, which provided a benefit of \$35 million to the provision for income taxes, partially offset by higher taxable income. The decreases in our effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, were primarily the result of the adoption of Accounting Standard Update No. 2016-09 in 2017, which provided a benefit of 63 basis points and 279 basis points to the effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively.

Net income:

As a result of the impacts discussed above, net income for the three months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$284 million (or 12.1% of sales) from \$278 million (or 12.5% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 2%. As a result of the impacts discussed above, net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, increased to \$831 million (or 12.3% of sales) from \$792 million (or 12.2% of sales) for the same period one year ago, representing an increase of 5%.

Earnings per share:

Our diluted earnings per common share for the three months ended September 30, 2017, increased 11% to \$3.22 on 88 million shares from \$2.90 on 96 million shares for the same period one year ago. Our diluted earnings per common share for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, increased 12% to \$9.15 on 91 million shares from \$8.14 on 97 million shares for the same period one year ago. Due to the adoption of Accounting Standard Update No. 2016-09, our diluted earnings per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, included a benefit of \$0.02 and \$0.35, respectively, comprised of a \$0.03 and \$0.39 earnings per share increase, respectively, from a lower effective tax rate, partially offset by a \$0.01 and \$0.04, respectively, earnings per share decrease from an increase in the number of weighted-average common shares outstanding - assuming dilution.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our long-term business strategy requires capital to open new stores, fund strategic acquisitions, expand distribution infrastructure, operate and maintain existing stores and may include the opportunistic repurchase of shares of our common stock through our Board-approved share repurchase program. The primary sources of our liquidity are funds generated from operations and borrowed under our unsecured revolving credit facility. Decreased demand for our products or changes in customer buying patterns could negatively impact our ability to generate funds from operations. Additionally, decreased demand or changes in buying patterns could impact our ability to meet the debt covenants of our credit agreement and, therefore, negatively impact the funds available under our unsecured revolving credit facility. We believe that cash expected to be provided by operating activities and availability under our unsecured revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund both our short-term and long-term capital and liquidity needs for the foreseeable future. However, there can be no assurance that we will continue to generate cash flows at or above recent levels.

The following table identifies cash provided by/(used in) our operating, investing and financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,					
Liquidity:		2017				
Total cash provided by/(used in):						
Operating activities (1)	\$	1,087,419	\$	1,214,259		
Investing activities		(347,922)		(352,698)		
Financing activities (1)		(848,808)		(417,542)		
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(109,311)	\$	444,019		
Capital expenditures	\$	347,756	\$	356,234		
Free cash flow (2)	\$	704,381	\$	811,991		

Prior period amount has been reclassified to conform to current period presentation, due to the Company's adoption of a new accounting standard during the first quarter ended March 31, 2017.

Operating activities:

The decrease in net cash provided by operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, was primarily due to a smaller decrease in our net inventory investment, partially offset by an increase in net income and a larger increase in deferred income taxes. The smaller decrease in our net inventory investment is primarily the result of fewer new suppliers entering our supplier financing programs in 2017, as compared to 2016. The larger increase in deferred income taxes is primarily the result of additional depreciation recognized for income tax purposes, as compared to the same period in the prior year.

Investing activities:

The decrease in net cash used in investing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, was primarily the result of a decrease in capital expenditures. The decrease in capital expenditures was primarily related to the

⁽²⁾ Calculated as net cash provided by operating activities, less capital expenditures and excess tax benefit from share-based compensation payments for the period.

timing of property acquisitions, closings, construction costs for new stores and the mix of owned versus leased stores opened during the current period, as compared to the same period in the prior year.

Financing activities:

The increase in net cash used in financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, was primarily attributable to an increase in repurchases of our common stock during the current period, as compared to the same period in the prior year, partially offset by a higher level of net borrowings during the current period, as compared to the same period in the prior year.

Unsecured revolving credit facility:

On April 5, 2017, the Company entered into a credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement provides for a five-year \$1.20 billion unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") arranged by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., which is scheduled to mature in April 2022. The Credit Agreement includes a \$200 million sub-limit for the issuance of letters of credit and a \$75 million sub-limit for swing line borrowings. As described in the Credit Agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company may, from time to time, subject to certain conditions, increase the aggregate commitments under the Revolving Credit Facility by up to \$600 million, provided that the aggregate amount of the commitments does not exceed \$1.80 billion at any time.

In conjunction with the closing of the Credit Agreement, the Company's previous credit agreement, which was originally entered into on January 14, 2011, as amended, was terminated (the "Terminated Credit Agreement"), and all outstanding loans and commitments, including the guarantees of each of the subsidiary guarantors, under the Terminated Credit Agreement were terminated and replaced by the loans and commitments under the Credit Agreement. None of our subsidiaries are guarantors or obligors under the Credit Agreement.

As of September 30, 2017, we had outstanding letters of credit, primarily to support obligations related to workers' compensation, general liability and other insurance policies, in the amount of \$41 million, reducing the aggregate availability under the Credit Agreement by that amount. As of September 30, 2017, we had outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility in the amount of \$269 million.

Senior Notes:

On August 17, 2017, we issued \$750 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured 3.600% Senior Notes due 2027 ("3.600% Senior Notes due 2027") at a price to the public of 99.840% of their face value with UMB Bank, N.A. ("UMB") as trustee. Interest on the 3.600% Senior Notes due 2027 is payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning on March 1, 2018, and is computed on the basis of a 360-day year.

We have issued a cumulative \$2.65 billion aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior notes, which are due between 2021 and 2027, with UMB as trustee. Interest on the senior notes, ranging from 3.550% to 4.875%, is payable semi-annually and is computed on the basis of a 360-day year. None of our subsidiaries are guarantors under the Senior Notes.

Debt covenants:

The indentures governing our senior notes contain covenants that limit our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to, among other things, create certain liens on assets to secure certain debt and enter into certain sale and leaseback transactions, and limit our ability to merge or consolidate with another company or transfer all or substantially all of our property, in each case as set forth in the indentures. These covenants are, however, subject to a number of important limitations and exceptions. As of September 30, 2017, we were in compliance with the covenants applicable to our senior notes.

The Credit Agreement contains certain covenants, including limitations on indebtedness, a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of 2.50:1.00 and a maximum consolidated leverage ratio of 3.50:1.00. The consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio includes a calculation of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, rent and non-cash share-based compensation expense to fixed charges. Fixed charges include interest expense, capitalized interest and rent expense. The consolidated leverage ratio includes a calculation of adjusted debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, rent and non-cash share-based compensation expense. Adjusted debt includes outstanding debt, outstanding stand-by letters of credit and similar instruments, five-times rent expense and excludes any premium or discount recorded in conjunction with the issuance of long-term debt. In the event that we should default on any covenant contained within the Credit Agreement, certain actions may be taken, including, but not limited to, possible termination of commitments, immediate payment of outstanding principal amounts plus accrued interest and other amounts payable under the Credit Agreement and litigation from our lenders.

We had a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of 5.90 times and 6.14 times as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and a consolidated leverage ratio of 1.95 times and 1.53 times as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, remaining in compliance with all covenants related to the borrowing arrangements.

The table below outlines the calculations of the consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio covenants, as defined in the Credit Agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility, for the twelve months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (dollars in thousands):

	For the Twelve Months Ended September 30,				
	2017			2016	
GAAP net income	\$	1,077,519	\$	1,010,237	
Add: Interest expense		83,258		66,340	
Rent expense		295,083		279,863	
Provision for income taxes		574,491		585,650	
Depreciation expense		228,815		212,208	
Amortization expense		1,104		1,430	
Non-cash share-based compensation		19,323		19,614	
Non-GAAP EBITDAR	\$	2,279,593	\$	2,175,342	
Interest expense	\$	83,258	\$	66,340	
Capitalized interest		8,298		7,976	
Rent expense		295,083		279,863	
Total fixed charges	\$	386,639	\$	354,179	
Consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio		5.90		6.14	
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GAAP debt	\$	2,900,816	\$	1,886,501	
Stand-by letters of credit		41,258		38,618	
Discount on senior notes		3,894		3,295	
Debt issuance costs		14,290		10,204	
Five-times rent expense		1,475,415		1,399,315	
Non-GAAP adjusted debt	\$	4,435,673	\$	3,337,933	
Consolidated leverage ratio		1.95		1.53	

The table below outlines the calculation of Free cash flow and reconciles Free cash flow to Net cash provided by operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2017			2016		
Cash provided by operating activities (1)	\$	1,087,419	\$	1,214,259		
Less: Capital expenditures		347,756		356,234		
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation		35,282		46,034		
Free cash flow	\$	704,381	\$	811,991		

Prior period amount has been reclassified to conform to current period presentation, due to the Company's adoption of a new accounting standard during the first quarter ended March 31, 2017.

Free cash flow, the consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio and the consolidated leverage ratio discussed and presented in the tables above are not derived in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). We do not, nor do we suggest investors should, consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, GAAP financial information. We believe that the presentation of our free cash flow, consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio provides meaningful supplemental information to both management and investors and reflects the required covenants under the Credit Agreement. We include these items in judging our performance and believe this non-GAAP information is useful to investors as well. Material limitations of these non-GAAP measures are that such measures do not reflect actual GAAP amounts. We compensate for such limitations by presenting, in the tables above, a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

Share repurchase program:

In January of 2011, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program. Under the program, we may, from time to time, repurchase shares of our common stock, solely through open market purchases effected through a broker dealer at prevailing market prices, based on a variety of factors such as price, corporate trading policy requirements and overall market conditions. Our Board of Directors may increase or otherwise modify, renew, suspend or terminate the share repurchase program at any time, without prior notice. As announced on May 10, 2017, and September 1, 2017, our Board of Directors each time approved a resolution to increase the authorization amount under our share repurchase program by an additional \$1.00 billion, resulting in a cumulative authorization amount of \$9.75 billion. Each additional authorization is effective for a three-year period, beginning on its respective announcement date.

The following table identifies shares of our common stock that have been repurchased as part of our publicly announced share repurchase program (in thousands, except per share data):

	I	For the Three Months Ended September 30,					ine Months Ended ptember 30,			
		2017 2016			2017 2		2016			
Shares repurchased		2,743		367		8,047		3,673		
Average price per share	\$	200.70	\$	281.04	\$	235.26	\$	261.32		
Total investment	\$	550,530	\$	102,941	\$	1,893,068	\$	959,743		

As of September 30, 2017, we had \$995 million remaining under our share repurchase program. Subsequent to the end of the third quarter and through November 7, 2017, we repurchased 0.4 million additional shares of our common stock under our share repurchase program, at an average price of \$209.61, for a total investment of \$85 million. We have repurchased a total of 65.4 million shares of our common stock under our share repurchase program since the inception of the program in January of 2011 and through November 7, 2017, at an average price of \$135.17, for a total aggregate investment of \$8.84 billion.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

There have been no material changes to the contractual obligations, to which we are committed, since those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of our financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires the application of certain estimates and judgments by management. Management bases its assumptions, estimates, and adjustments on historical experience, current trends and other factors believed to be relevant at the time the condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared. There have been no material changes in the critical accounting estimates since those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

INFLATION AND SEASONALITY

We have been successful, in many cases, in reducing the effects of merchandise cost increases principally by taking advantage of supplier incentive programs, economies of scale resulting from increased volume of purchases and selective forward buying. To the extent our acquisition costs increased due to base commodity price increases industry-wide, we have typically been able to pass along these increased costs through higher retail prices for the affected products. As a result, we do not believe inflation has had a material adverse effect on our operations.

To some extent, our business is seasonal primarily as a result of the impact of weather conditions on customer buying patterns. While we have historically realized operating profits in each quarter of the year, our store sales and profits have historically been higher in the second and third quarters (April through September) than in the first and fourth quarters (October through March) of the year.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May of 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" ("ASU 2014-09"). Under ASU 2014-09, an entity is required to follow a five-step process to determine the amount of revenue to recognize when promised goods or services are transferred to customers. ASU 2014-09 offers specific accounting guidance for costs to obtain or fulfill a contract with a customer. In addition, an entity is required to disclose sufficient information to understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. In August of 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date" ("ASU 2015-14"), to defer the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year. For public companies, ASU 2015-14

changes ASU 2014-09 to be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. These ASUs can be adopted retrospectively or as a cumulative-effective adjustment at the date of adoption, with early adoption allowed, but not before December 15, 2016. We will adopt this guidance beginning with our first quarter ending March 31, 2018. We have established a task force, composed of multiple functional groups inside of the Company, which is currently in the process of evaluating critical components of this new guidance and the potential impact of the guidance on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Based on the preliminary work completed, we are considering the potential implications of the new standard on our recognition of customer related accounts receivable, warranty costs that are not the responsibility of our suppliers, the application of the Company's retail O'Rewards loyalty program and all applicable financial statement disclosures required by the new guidance. At this time, the task force has not completed its evaluation of the impact or means of adoption.

In February of 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)" ("ASU 2016-02"). Under ASU 2016-02, an entity will be required to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on its balance sheet and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 offers specific accounting guidance for a lessee, a lessor and sale and leaseback transactions. Lessees and lessors are required to disclose qualitative and quantitative information about leasing arrangements to enable a user of the financial statements to assess the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. For public companies, ASU 2016-02 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires a modified retrospective adoption, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt this guidance beginning with our first quarter ending March 31, 2019. We have established a task force, composed of multiple functional groups inside of the Company, which is currently in the process of evaluating critical components of this new guidance and the potential impact of the guidance on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Based on the preliminary work completed, we are considering the potential implications of the new standard on determining the discount rate to be used in valuing new and existing leases, the treatment of existing favorable and unfavorable lease agreements acquired in connection with previous acquisitions, procedural and operational changes that may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the guidance and all applicable financial statement disclosures required by the guidance, all of which are areas that could potentially be impacted by adoption of the guidance. At this time, the task force has not completed its full evaluation; however, we believe the adoption of the new guidance will have a material impact on the total assets and total liabilities reported on our consolidated balance sheets.

In March of 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, "Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" ("ASU 2016-09"). Under ASU 2016-09, several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including tax consequence, classification of awards as equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows, were changed. We adopted this guidance with our first quarter ending March 31, 2017. Upon adoption of ASU 2016-09, we elected to change our accounting policy to account for forfeitures as they occur; this change was applied using the modified retrospective transition method with a cumulative effect adjustment of \$0.3 million to opening "Retained earnings" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2017. We applied the amendments related to the presentation of tax withholdings on the statements of cash flows using the retrospective transition method, which resulted in \$0.2 million of tax withholdings being reclassified from "Net cash provided by operating activities" to "Net cash used in financing activities" on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. We elected to apply the amendments related to the presentation of excess tax benefits on the statements of cash flows using the retrospective transition method, which resulted in \$46 million of excess tax benefits related to share-based compensation being reclassified from "Net cash used in financing activities" to "Net cash provided by operating activities" in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. ASU 2016-09 amendments related to accounting for excess tax benefits in the income statement have been adopted prospectively, resulting in the reduction of \$3 million and \$35 million in "Provision for income taxes" in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, which lowered our effective tax rate, increased dilutive shares outstanding and increased diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, by \$0.02 and \$0.35, respectively.

In June of 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments" ("ASU 2016-13"). Under ASU 2016-13, businesses and other organizations are required to present financial assets, measured at amortized costs basis, at the net amount expected to be collected. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from the amortized cost basis, such as trade receivables. The measurement of expected credit loss will be based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the collectibility of the reported amount. For public companies, ASU 2016-13 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires a modified retrospective adoption, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt this guidance beginning with our first quarter ending March 31, 2020. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In August of 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, "Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)" ("ASU 2016-15"). ASU 2016-15 reduces the existing diversity in practice for eight specific parts on cash flow statement presentation and classification: debt prepayment or debt extinguishment

costs; settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments; contingent consideration payments made after a business combination; proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims; proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance (COLI) policies; distributions received from equity method investments; beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. For public companies, ASU 2016-15 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires retrospective adoption, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt this guidance beginning with our first quarter ending March 31, 2018. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In January of 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-01, "Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business" ("ASU 2017-01"). ASU 2017-01 revises the definition of a business in the Accounting Standards Codification and clarifies the guidance for determining whether the purchase or disposal of an asset or group of assets qualifies as the purchase or disposal of a business. For public companies, ASU 2017-01 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires prospective adoption, with early adoption permitted with certain conditions. We will adopt this guidance beginning with our first quarter ending March 31, 2018. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In January of 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04, "Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment" ("ASU 2017-04"). ASU 2017-04 eliminates the second step in the previous process for goodwill impairment testing; instead, the test is now a one-step process that calls for goodwill impairment loss to be measured as the excess of the reporting unit's carrying amount over its fair value. For public companies, ASU 2017-04 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires prospective adoption, with early adoption after January 1, 2017. We will adopt this guidance beginning with our first quarter ending March 31, 2019. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In May of 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-09, "Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting" ("ASU 2017-09"). ASU 2017-09 provides clarity and reduces both the diversity in practice and cost and complexity when applying stock compensation guidance to a change to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. For public companies, ASU 2017-09 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, and requires prospective adoption, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt this guidance beginning with our first quarter ending March 31, 2018. The application of this new guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

INTERNET ADDRESS AND ACCESS TO SEC FILINGS

Our Internet address is www.oreillyauto.com. Interested readers can access, free of charge, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, through the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at www.sec.gov and searching with our ticker symbol "ORLY." Such reports are generally available the day they are filed. Upon request, we will furnish interested readers a paper copy of such reports free of charge.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Unless otherwise indicated, "we," "us," "our" and similar terms, as well as references to the "Company" or "O'Reilly," refer to O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

We are subject to interest rate risk to the extent we borrow against our unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") with variable interest rates based on either a Base Rate or Eurodollar Rate, as defined in the credit agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2017, we had outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility in the amount of \$269 million, at the weighted-average variable interest rate of 2.283%. At this borrowing level, a 0.25% increase in interest rates would have had an unfavorable annual impact on our pre-tax earnings and cash flows in the amount of \$0.7 million.

We invest certain of our excess cash balances in short-term, highly-liquid instruments with maturities of 90 days or less. We do not expect any material losses from our invested cash balances and we believe that our interest rate exposure is minimal. As of September 30, 2017, our cash and cash equivalents totaled \$37 million.

Our market risks have not materially changed since those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the management of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Company"), under the supervision and with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) and as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("the Exchange Act"). Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report are functioning effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, in reports filed under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2017, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company" or "O'Reilly") is currently involved in litigation incidental to the ordinary conduct of the Company's business. The Company accrues for litigation losses in instances where a material adverse outcome is probable and the Company is able to reasonably estimate the probable loss. The Company accrues for an estimate of material legal costs to be incurred in pending litigation matters. Although the Company cannot ascertain the amount of liability that it may incur from any of these matters, it does not currently believe that, in the aggregate, these matters, taking into account applicable insurance and accruals, will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows in a particular quarter or annual period.

As previously reported, on June 18, 2015, a jury in Greene County, Missouri, returned an unfavorable verdict in a litigated contract dispute in the matter *Meridian Creative Alliance vs. O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc. et. al.* in the amount of \$12.5 million. As previously reported, the verdict was appealed, reversed in part and remanded to the trial court for a new trial. The matter has been set for trial to commence May 7, 2018, in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri. The Company will continue to vigorously defend the matter. As of September 30, 2017, the Company had accrued \$18.6 million with respect to this matter.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

As of September 30, 2017, there have been no material changes in O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. and its subsidiaries' risk factors since those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") had no sales of unregistered securities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The following table identifies all repurchases during the three months ended September 30, 2017, of any of the Company's securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, by or on behalf of the Company or any affiliated purchaser (in thousands, except per share data):

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Pri	verage ice Paid r Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs	of S Bo	ximum Dollar Value Shares that May Yet e Purchased Under the Programs ⁽¹⁾
July 1, 2017, through July 31, 2017	_	\$		_	\$	545,288
August 1, 2017, through August 31, 2017	1,999		200.82	1,999		143,757
September 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017	744		200.38	744	\$	994,758
Total as of September 30, 2017	2,743	\$	200.70	2,743		

Under the Company's share repurchase program, as approved by its Board of Directors, the Company may, from time to time, repurchase shares of its common stock, solely through open market purchases effected through a broker dealer at prevailing market prices, based on a variety of factors such as price, corporate trading policy requirements and overall market conditions. The Company's Board of Directors may increase or otherwise modify, renew, suspend or terminate the share repurchase program at any time, without prior notice. As announced on May 10, 2017, and September 1, 2017, the Company's Board of Directors each time approved a resolution to increase the authorization amount under the share repurchase program by an additional \$1.0 billion, resulting in a cumulative authorization amount of \$9.8 billion. Each additional authorization is effective for a three-year period, beginning on its respective announcement date. The authorization under the share repurchase program that currently has capacity is scheduled to expire on September 1, 2020. No other share repurchase programs existed during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Subsequent to the end of the third quarter and through November 7, 2017, the Company repurchased an additional 0.4 million shares of its common stock under its share repurchase program, at an average price of \$209.61, for a total investment of \$85.2 million. The Company has repurchased a total of 65.4 million shares of its common stock under its share repurchase program since the inception of the program in January of 2011 and through November 7, 2017, at an average price of \$135.17, for a total aggregate investment of \$8.8 billion.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No.	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 9, 2013, is incorporated herein by this reference.
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 29, 2016, is incorporated herein by this reference.
4.1	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 17, 2017, by and between O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. and UMB Bank N.A., as Trustee, filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 17, 2017, is incorporated herein by this reference.
4.2	Form of Note for 3.600% Senior Notes due 2027, included in Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 17, 2017, is incorporated herein by this reference.
10.1	Form of Stock Option Grant Notice and Agreement, dated as of July 10, 2017, filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q dated August 7, 2017, is incorporated herein by this reference.
31.1	Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
31.2	Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
32.1 *	Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, furnished herewith.
32.2 *	Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, furnished herewith.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

SIGNATURES

Date

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

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

November 7, 2017 /s/ Greg L. Henslee

Greg L. Henslee

Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Thomas McFall November 7, 2017

Date Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Thomas McFall

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Greg L. Henslee, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 7, 2017 /s/ Greg L. Henslee

Greg L. Henslee Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Thomas McFall, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 7, 2017 /s/ Thomas McFall

Thomas McFall
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Report of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Greg L. Henslee, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Greg L. Henslee

Greg L. Henslee Chief Executive Officer

November 7, 2017

This certification is made solely for purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, and not for any other purpose. This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Report of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Thomas McFall, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Thomas McFall

Thomas McFall
Chief Financial Officer

November 7, 2017

This certification is made solely for purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, and not for any other purpose. This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.