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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2019

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File No. 001-11261

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

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of South Carolina

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock at April 19, 2019:

Common stock, no par value: 100,046,815

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Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited)
(Dollars and shares in thousands)

	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018*
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 124,328	\$ 120,389
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowances	773,943	737,420
Other receivables	96,294	111,915
Inventories, net:		
Finished and in process	187,422	174,115
Materials and supplies	328,243	319,649
Prepaid expenses	58,261	55,784
	<u>1,568,491</u>	<u>1,519,272</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	1,224,143	1,233,821
Goodwill	1,307,166	1,309,167
Other Intangible Assets, Net	340,844	352,037
Deferred Income Taxes	47,872	47,297
Right of Use Asset-Operating Leases	308,166	—
Other Assets	144,822	121,871
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,941,504</u>	<u>\$ 4,583,465</u>
<u>Liabilities and Equity</u>		
Current Liabilities		
Payable to suppliers	\$ 571,370	\$ 556,011
Accrued expenses and other	343,599	322,958
Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt	221,199	195,445
Accrued taxes	20,060	8,516
	<u>1,156,228</u>	<u>1,082,930</u>
Long-term Debt, Net of Current Portion	1,189,415	1,189,717
Noncurrent Operating Lease Liabilities	262,663	—
Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits	369,910	374,419
Deferred Income Taxes	63,806	64,273
Other Liabilities	98,343	99,848
Sonoco Shareholders' Equity		
Common stock, no par value		
Authorized 300,000 shares		
100,036 and 99,829 shares issued and outstanding		
at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively	7,175	7,175
Capital in excess of stated value	302,273	304,709
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(734,745)	(740,913)
Retained earnings	2,213,473	2,188,115
Total Sonoco Shareholders' Equity	<u>1,788,176</u>	<u>1,759,086</u>
Noncontrolling Interests	12,963	13,192
Total Equity	<u>1,801,139</u>	<u>1,772,278</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 4,941,504</u>	<u>\$ 4,583,465</u>

* The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (unaudited)
(Dollars and shares in thousands except per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Net sales	\$ 1,351,705	\$ 1,304,187
Cost of sales	1,081,584	1,053,585
Gross profit	270,121	250,602
Selling, general and administrative expenses	142,561	137,441
Restructuring/Asset impairment charges	10,672	3,063
Operating profit	116,888	110,098
Non-operating pension costs/(income)	6,041	(291)
Interest expense	16,032	14,795
Interest income	647	1,440
Income before income taxes	95,462	97,034
Provision for income taxes	22,624	23,356
Income before equity in earnings of affiliates	72,838	73,678
Equity in earnings of affiliates, net of tax	930	1,247
Net income	73,768	74,925
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(105)	(870)
Net income attributable to Sonoco	\$ 73,663	\$ 74,055
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	100,640	100,396
Diluted	101,072	100,896
Per common share:		
Net income attributable to Sonoco:		
Basic	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.74
Diluted	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.73

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Net income	\$ 73,768	\$ 74,925
Other comprehensive income/(loss):		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(2,972)	22,982
Changes in defined benefit plans, net of tax	7,156	5,817
Changes in derivative financial instruments, net of tax	1,864	1,047
Other comprehensive income	\$ 6,048	\$ 29,846
Comprehensive income	\$ 79,816	\$ 104,771
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(105)	(870)
Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(120)	(429)
Comprehensive income attributable to Sonoco	\$ 79,591	\$ 103,472

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF
CHANGES IN TOTAL EQUITY (unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands)

	Total Equity	Common Shares		Capital in Excess of Stated Value	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Noncontrolling Interests
		Outstanding	Amount				
December 31, 2017	\$ 1,730,060	99,414	\$ 7,175	\$ 330,157	\$ (666,272)	\$ 2,036,006	\$ 22,994
Net income	74,925					74,055	870
Other comprehensive income:							
Translation gain	22,982				22,553		429
Defined benefit plan adjustment, net of tax	5,817				5,817		
Derivative financial instruments, net of tax	1,047				1,047		
Other comprehensive income	\$ 29,846				\$ 29,417		\$ 429
Dividends	(39,535)					(39,535)	
Issuance of stock awards	479	227		479			
Shares repurchased	(4,088)	(78)		(4,088)			
Stock-based compensation	3,048			3,048			
Impact of new accounting pronouncements	1,721				(176)	1,897	
April 1, 2018	\$ 1,796,456	99,563	\$ 7,175	\$ 329,596	\$ (637,031)	\$ 2,072,423	\$ 24,293

	Total Equity	Common Shares		Capital in Excess of Stated Value	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Noncontrolling Interests
		Outstanding	Amount				
December 31, 2018	\$ 1,772,278	99,829	\$ 7,175	\$ 304,709	\$ (740,913)	\$ 2,188,115	\$ 13,192
Net income	73,768					73,663	105
Other comprehensive income/(loss):							
Translation loss	(2,972)				(2,852)		(120)
Defined benefit plan adjustment, net of tax	7,156				7,156		
Derivative financial instruments, net of tax	1,864				1,864		
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	\$ 6,048				\$ 6,168		\$ (120)
Dividends	(41,534)					(41,534)	
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(214)						(214)
Issuance of stock awards	399	340		399			
Shares repurchased	(7,395)	(133)		(7,395)			
Stock-based compensation	4,560			4,560			
Impact of new accounting pronouncements	(6,771)					(6,771)	
March 31, 2019	\$ 1,801,139	100,036	\$ 7,175	\$ 302,273	\$ (734,745)	\$ 2,213,473	\$ 12,963

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 73,768	\$ 74,925
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Asset impairment	1,400	162
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	58,614	58,068
Share-based compensation expense	4,560	3,048
Equity in earnings of affiliates	(930)	(1,247)
Cash dividends from affiliated companies	525	900
Net loss/(gain) on disposition of assets	2,160	(227)
Pension and postretirement plan expense	7,056	8,492
Pension and postretirement plan contributions	(17,353)	(18,724)
Net decrease in deferred taxes	(1,092)	(1,669)
Change in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions, dispositions, and foreign currency adjustments:		
Trade accounts receivable	(40,036)	(19,346)
Inventories	(20,631)	(17,814)
Payable to suppliers	14,763	10,267
Prepaid expenses	(2,637)	(4,202)
Accrued expenses	(16,865)	(229)
Income taxes payable and other income tax items	11,400	17,183
Other assets and liabilities	17,617	10,178
Net cash provided by operating activities	92,319	119,765
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(42,157)	(41,360)
Cost of acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(455)	—
Proceeds from the sale of assets	493	5,352
Investment in affiliates and other, net	1,150	148
Net cash used in investing activities	(40,969)	(35,860)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of debt	15,566	21,488
Principal repayment of debt	(34,651)	(19,662)
Net change in commercial paper	31,000	10,000
Net decrease in outstanding checks	(10,993)	(5,506)
Cash dividends	(41,136)	(38,829)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(214)	—
Shares acquired	(7,395)	(4,088)
Net cash used in financing activities	(47,823)	(36,597)
Effects of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash	412	3,030
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,939	50,338
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	120,389	254,912
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 124,328	\$ 305,250

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Dollars and shares in thousands except per share data)
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Note 1: Basis of Interim Presentation

In the opinion of the management of Sonoco Products Company (the “Company” or “Sonoco”), the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, unless otherwise stated) necessary to state fairly the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods reported herein. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2019, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2019. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

With respect to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial information of the Company for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018 included in this Form 10-Q, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report dated May 1, 2019 appearing herein, states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that unaudited financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 for their report on the unaudited financial information because that report is not a “report” or a “part” of a registration statement prepared or certified by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

Note 2: New Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2018-16 “Derivatives and Hedging: Inclusion of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) Overnight Index Swap (OIS) Rate as a Benchmark Interest Rate for Hedge Accounting Purposes,” which allows the use of the SOFR and OIS rate as benchmark rates after the Federal Reserve started publishing such daily rate on April 3, 2018. The Company adopted the standard effective January 1, 2019 using the prospective basis. The adoption did not have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, “Leases” (“ASU 2016-02”) requiring lessees to recognize on the balance sheet a right-of-use asset and lease liability for all long-term leases and requiring disclosure of key information about leasing arrangements in order to increase transparency and comparability among organizations. The accounting for lessors does not fundamentally change except for changes to conform and align guidance to the lessee guidance and the revenue recognition standard adopted in 2018. The Company established a cross-functional team to implement certain software solutions as part of its newly integrated enterprise-wide lease management system. The implementation plan included developing business processes, accounting systems, and internal controls to ensure the Company’s compliance with reporting and disclosure requirements of the new standard. The Company elected the package of practical expedients permitted under the transition guidance within the new standard upon adoption and has made an accounting policy election to keep leases with a term of 12 months or less off of the balance sheet in accordance with ASU 2016-02’s short-term lease exemption provision. The Company is also electing the hindsight practical expedient to determine the reasonably certain lease term for existing leases and has elected to combine lease and non-lease components as a single lease component for all classes of assets.

The Company adopted ASU 2016-02 as of January 1, 2019, using a modified retrospective transition method and elected to apply the optional transition approach prescribed by ASU 2018-11 which allows entities to initially apply the new leases standard at the adoption date, without adjusting comparative periods. The adoption of the ASU 2016-02 resulted in the Company recording a right of use asset impact of \$336,083 and a lease liability impact of \$344,362 to its consolidated balance sheet, partially offset by a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings of \$6,771 and a \$1,508 reduction to deferred tax liabilities.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2019, there have been no other newly issued nor newly applicable accounting pronouncements that have had, or are expected to have, a material impact on the Company’s financial statements. Further, at March 31, 2019, there were no other pronouncements pending adoption that are expected to have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

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Note 3: Acquisitions

The Company completed the acquisition of the remaining 70 percent interest in Conitex Sonoco (BVI), Ltd. ("Conitex Sonoco") from Texpack Investments, Inc. ("Texpack") on October 1, 2018. Concurrent with this acquisition, the Company also acquired a rigid paper facility in Spain ("Compositub") from Texpack Group Holdings B.V. Final consideration for both acquisitions was subject to a post-closing adjustment for the change in working capital to the date of closing. These adjustments were settled in February 2019 for additional cash payments to the sellers totaling \$455.

On April 12, 2018, the Company completed the acquisition of Highland Packaging Solutions ("Highland"). Highland manufactures thermoformed plastic packaging for fresh produce and dairy products from a single production facility in Plant City, Florida. The acquisition of Highland included a contingent purchase liability of \$7,500 payable in two installments and based upon a sales metric which the Company expects to meet. The first installment of \$5,000 is expected to be paid by the end of the second quarter of 2019 and the second installment of \$2,500 is to be paid two years after the closing date. The liability for these two payments has been recognized in full on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, with the first installment included in "Accrued expenses and other" and the second in "Other Liabilities."

During the three months ended March 31, 2019, the Company continued to finalize its valuations of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in acquisitions completed in the previous year based on new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of their respective acquisition dates. As a result, the following measurement period adjustments were made to the previously disclosed provisional fair values:

	Conitex Sonoco	Compositub	Highland
Trade accounts receivable	\$ (77)	\$ 203	\$ —
Inventories	—	50	—
Property, plant and equipment	(199)	(1,026)	1,895
Goodwill	1,971	(566)	(1,895)
Other intangible assets	300	1,888	—
Accrued expenses and other	(1,782)	(138)	—
Other net tangible assets /(liabilities)	(129)	(40)	—
Net assets	<u>\$ 84</u>	<u>\$ 371</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Management is continuing to finalize its valuations of certain assets and liabilities associated with its 2018 acquisitions, including, but not limited to: inventory; property, plant and equipment; other intangible assets; and trade accounts receivable, and expects to complete its valuations within one year of the respective dates of acquisition.

The Company has accounted for its acquisitions as business combinations under the acquisition method of accounting, in accordance with the business combinations subtopic of the Accounting Standards Codification and has included their results of operations in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income from their respective dates of acquisition.

Acquisition-related costs of \$400 and \$545 were incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018, respectively. Acquisition-related costs consist primarily of legal and professional fees and are included in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

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Note 4: Shareholders' Equity

Earnings per Share

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

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Numerator:		
Net income attributable to Sonoco	\$ 73,663	\$ 74,055
Denominator:		
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	100,640	100,396
Dilutive effect of stock-based compensation	432	500
Diluted	101,072	100,896
Net income attributable to Sonoco per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.74
Diluted	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.73
Cash dividends	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.39

Potentially dilutive securities are calculated in accordance with the treasury stock method, which assumes the proceeds from the exercise of all dilutive stock appreciation rights (SARs) are used to repurchase the Company's common stock. Certain SARs are not dilutive because either the exercise price is greater than the average market price of the stock during the reporting period or assumed repurchases from proceeds from the exercise of the SARs were antidilutive. These SARs may become dilutive in the future if the market price of the Company's common stock appreciates.

The average numbers of SARs that were not dilutive and, therefore, not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share during the three month periods ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Anti-dilutive stock appreciation rights	305	738

No adjustments were made to net income attributable to Sonoco in the computations of earnings per share.

Stock Repurchases

On February 10, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 5,000 shares of the Company's common stock. A total of 2,030 were purchased in 2016. No shares were repurchased under this authorization during 2017, 2018, or during the three months ended March 31, 2019. Accordingly, a total of 2,970 shares remain available for repurchase at March 31, 2019.

The Company frequently repurchases shares of its common stock to satisfy employee tax withholding obligations in association with certain share-based compensation awards. These repurchases, which are not part of a publicly announced plan or program, totaled 133 shares in the three months ended March 31, 2019 at a cost of \$7,395, and 78 shares in the three months ended April 1, 2018 at a cost of \$4,088.

Dividend Declarations

On February 13, 2019, the Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.41 per share. This dividend was paid on March 8, 2019 to all shareholders of record as of February 27, 2019.

On April 17, 2019, the Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.43 per share. This dividend is payable on June 10, 2019 to all shareholders of record as of May 10, 2019.

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Note 5: Restructuring and Asset Impairment

The Company has engaged in a number of restructuring actions over the past several years. Actions initiated in 2019 and 2018 are reported as “2019 Actions” and “2018 Actions,” respectively. Actions initiated prior to 2018, all of which were substantially complete at March 31, 2019, are reported as “2017 and Earlier Actions.”

Following are the total restructuring and asset impairment charges, net of adjustments, recognized by the Company during the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Restructuring/Asset impairment:		
2019 Actions	\$ 6,389	\$ —
2018 Actions	4,046	2,207
2017 and Earlier Actions	237	856
Restructuring/Asset impairment charges	10,672	3,063
Income tax benefit	(2,638)	(685)
Less: Costs attributable to noncontrolling interests, net of tax	(69)	(5)
Restructuring/asset impairment charges attributable to Sonoco, net of tax	\$ 7,965	\$ 2,373

Pre-tax restructuring and asset impairment charges are included in “Restructuring/Asset impairment charges” in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

When recognizable in accordance with GAAP, the Company expects to recognize future additional charges totaling approximately \$5,100 in connection with previously announced restructuring actions. The Company believes that the majority of these charges will be incurred and paid by the end of 2019. The Company continually evaluates its cost structure, including its manufacturing capacity, and additional restructuring actions are likely to be undertaken.

2019 Actions

During 2019, the Company announced the elimination of a forming film production line at a flexible packaging facility in the United States, and initiated the closure of a composite can and injection molding facility in Germany (both part of the Consumer Packaging segment). In addition, approximately 90 positions were eliminated in the first three months of 2019 in conjunction with the Company's ongoing organizational effectiveness efforts.

Below is a summary of 2019 Actions and related expenses by segment and by type incurred and estimated to be incurred through completion.

2019 Actions	First Quarter 2019	Estimated Total Cost
Severance and Termination Benefits		
Consumer Packaging	\$ 2,989	\$ 6,639
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	422	422
Protective Solutions	341	341
Corporate	1,726	1,876
Asset Impairment / Disposal of Assets		
Consumer Packaging	312	312
Other Costs		
Consumer Packaging	442	442
Display and Packaging	155	255
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	2	2
Total Charges and Adjustments	\$ 6,389	\$ 10,289

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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The following table sets forth the activity in the 2019 Actions restructuring accrual included in "Accrued expenses and other" on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:

2019 Actions	Severance and Termination Benefits	Asset Impairment/ Disposal of Assets	Other Costs	Total
Accrual Activity				
2019 Year to Date				
Liability at December 31, 2018	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
2019 charges	5,478	312	599	6,389
Cash receipts/(payments)	(3,165)	—	(212)	(3,377)
Asset write downs/disposals	—	(312)	—	(312)
Foreign currency translation	(1)	—	—	(1)
Liability at March 31, 2019	<u>\$ 2,312</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 387</u>	<u>\$ 2,699</u>

"Asset Impairment/Disposal of Assets" consist of an impairment charge resulting from the elimination of a forming film line at a flexible packaging facility.

"Other Costs" consist primarily of costs related to plant closures including equipment removal, utilities, plant security, property taxes and insurance.

The Company expects to pay the majority of the remaining 2019 Actions restructuring costs by the end of 2019 using cash generated from operations.

2018 Actions

During 2018, the Company announced the closure of a flexible packaging plant in North Carolina, a global brand management facility in Canada, and a thermoformed packaging plant in California (all part of the Consumer Packaging segment), five tube and core plants - one in Alabama, one in Canada, one in Indonesia, one in Russia, and one in Norway (all part of the Paper and Industrial Converted Products segment), and a protective packaging plant in North Carolina (part of the Protective Solutions segment). Restructuring actions in the Display and Packaging segment included charges associated with exiting a single-customer contract at a packaging center near Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, approximately 120 positions were eliminated throughout 2018 in conjunction with the Company's ongoing organizational effectiveness efforts.

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Below is a summary of 2018 Actions and related expenses by segment and by type incurred and estimated to be incurred through completion.

2018 Actions	Three Months Ended							
	March 31, 2019		April 1, 2018					
Severance and Termination Benefits								
Consumer Packaging	\$	641	\$	788	\$	5,341	\$	5,341
Display and Packaging		2		175		1,941		1,941
Paper and Industrial Converted Products		169		991		3,280		3,280
Protective Solutions		(1)		259		1,074		1,074
Corporate		—		223		243		243
Asset Impairment / Disposal of Assets								
Consumer Packaging		1,007		(14)		3,695		3,695
Display and Packaging		87		(272)		4,712		4,712
Paper and Industrial Converted Products		226		—		344		344
Protective Solutions		—		—		(243)		(243)
Other Costs								
Consumer Packaging		1,809		11		4,199		5,049
Display and Packaging		48		—		9,898		10,048
Paper and Industrial Converted Products		40		—		1,801		1,901
Protective Solutions		18		46		64		64
Corporate		—		—		(10)		(10)
Total Charges and Adjustments	\$	4,046	\$	2,207	\$	36,339	\$	37,439

The following table sets forth the activity in the 2018 Actions restructuring accrual included in “Accrued expenses and other” on the Company’s Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:

2018 Actions	Severance and Termination Benefits	Asset Impairment/ Disposal of Assets	Other Costs	Total				
Accrual Activity								
2019 Year to Date								
Liability at December 31, 2018	\$	3,194	\$	—	\$	179	\$	3,373
2019 charges		811		1,320		1,915		4,046
Cash receipts/(payments)		(1,961)		422		(1,977)		(3,516)
Asset write downs/disposals		—		(1,742)		—		(1,742)
Foreign currency translation		1		—		3		4
Liability at March 31, 2019	\$	2,045	\$	—	\$	120	\$	2,165

Included in "Asset Impairment/Disposal of Assets" above are losses totaling \$232 related to the sale of fixed assets and inventory associated with the closure of a tube and core plant in Indonesia. The Company received proceeds of \$416 from this sale and wrote off assets with a book value totaling \$648. Additionally, "Asset Impairment/Disposal of Assets" above includes impairment charges of \$909 related to the closure of a thermoformed packaging plant in California.

“Other costs” consist primarily of costs related to plant closures including equipment removal, utilities, plant security, property taxes and insurance. The Company expects to pay the majority of the remaining 2018 Actions restructuring costs by the end of 2019 using cash generated from operations.

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2017 and Earlier Actions

2017 and Earlier Actions are comprised of a number of plant closures and workforce reductions initiated prior to 2018. Charges for these actions in both 2019 and 2018 primarily relate to the cost of plant closures including severance, equipment removal, plant security, property taxes and insurance.

The Company expects to recognize future pretax charges of approximately \$100 associated with 2017 and Earlier Actions.

Below is a summary of expenses/(income) incurred by segment for 2017 and Earlier Actions for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018.

2017 and Earlier Actions	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Consumer Packaging	\$ 55	\$ 944
Display and Packaging	83	(189)
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	15	(144)
Protective Solutions	84	245
Total (credits)/charges, net of adjustments	\$ 237	\$ 856

The accrual for 2017 and Earlier Actions totaled \$1,653 and \$4,199 at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, and is included in “Accrued expenses and other” on the Company’s Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The majority of the liability associated with 2017 and Earlier Actions relates to unpaid severance costs and is expected to be paid by the end of 2019 using cash generated from operations.

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Note 6: Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table summarizes the components of accumulated other comprehensive loss and the changes in the balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax as applicable, for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018:

	Foreign Currency Items	Defined Benefit Pension Items	Gains and Losses on Cash Flow Hedges	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$ (198,495)	\$ (467,136)	\$ (641)	\$ (666,272)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) before reclassifications	22,553	(1,145)	1,182	22,590
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income	—	6,962	(180)	6,782
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to fixed assets	—	—	45	45
Other comprehensive income	22,553	5,817	1,047	29,417
Amounts reclassified from retained earnings to accumulated other comprehensive loss	—	—	(176)	(176)
Balance at April 1, 2018	<u>\$ (175,942)</u>	<u>\$ (461,319)</u>	<u>\$ 230</u>	<u>\$ (637,031)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$ (251,102)	\$ (487,380)	\$ (2,431)	\$ (740,913)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) before reclassifications	(2,852)	(508)	2,256	(1,104)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income	—	7,664	(347)	7,317
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to fixed assets	—	—	(45)	(45)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	(2,852)	7,156	1,864	6,168
Balance at March 31, 2019	<u>\$ (253,954)</u>	<u>\$ (480,224)</u>	<u>\$ (567)</u>	<u>\$ (734,745)</u>

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The following table summarizes the effects on net income of significant amounts reclassified from each component of accumulated other comprehensive loss for the three month periods ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018:

Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss Components	Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss		Affected Line Item in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income
	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018	
Gains and losses on cash flow hedges			
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 317	\$ 810	Net sales
Foreign exchange contracts	(288)	(527)	Cost of sales
Commodity contracts	435	(58)	Cost of sales
	\$ 464	\$ 225	Income before income taxes
	(117)	(45)	Provision for income taxes
	\$ 347	\$ 180	Net income
Defined benefit pension items			
Effect of settlement loss ^(a)	\$ (1,322)	\$ —	Non-operating pension (costs)/income
Amortization of defined benefit pension items ^(a)	(8,932)	(9,301)	Non-operating pension (costs)/income
	\$ (10,254)	\$ (9,301)	Income before income taxes
	2,590	2,339	Provision for income taxes
	\$ (7,664)	\$ (6,962)	Net income
Total reclassifications for the period	\$ (7,317)	\$ (6,782)	Net income

^(a) See Note 10 for additional details.

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The following table summarizes the before and after tax amounts for the various components of other comprehensive income/(loss) for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018:

	Three months ended March 31, 2019			Three months ended April 1, 2018		
	Before Tax Amount	Tax (Expense) Benefit	After Tax Amount	Before Tax Amount	Tax (Expense) Benefit	After Tax Amount
Foreign currency items:						
Net other comprehensive income/(loss) from foreign currency items	\$ (2,852)	\$ —	\$ (2,852)	\$ 22,553	\$ —	\$ 22,553
Defined benefit pension items:						
Other comprehensive income/(loss) before reclassifications	(681)	173	(508)	(1,145)	—	(1,145)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) to net income	10,254	(2,590)	7,664	9,301	(2,339)	6,962
Net other comprehensive income/(loss) from defined benefit pension items	9,573	(2,417)	7,156	8,156	(2,339)	5,817
Gains and losses on cash flow hedges:						
Other comprehensive income/(loss) before reclassifications	3,022	(766)	2,256	1,475	(293)	1,182
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) to net income	(464)	117	(347)	(225)	45	(180)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) to fixed assets	(45)	—	(45)	45	—	45
Net other comprehensive income/(loss) from cash flow hedges	2,513	(649)	1,864	1,295	(248)	1,047
Other comprehensive income/(loss):	\$ 9,234	\$ (3,066)	\$ 6,168	\$ 32,004	\$ (2,587)	\$ 29,417

Note 7: Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill

A summary of the changes in goodwill by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2019 is as follows:

	Consumer Packaging	Display and Packaging	Paper and Industrial Converted Products	Protective Solutions	Total
Goodwill at December 31, 2018	\$ 617,332	\$ 203,414	\$ 256,947	\$ 231,474	\$ 1,309,167
Foreign currency translation	(690)	—	(929)	108	(1,511)
Other	(2,461)	—	1,971	—	(490)
Goodwill at March 31, 2019	\$ 614,181	\$ 203,414	\$ 257,989	\$ 231,582	\$ 1,307,166

Measurement period adjustments made in the first three months of 2019 to finalize the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed in the 2018 acquisitions of Comositub, Highland, and Conitex Sonoco resulted in increases/(decreases) in goodwill of \$(566), \$(1,895) and \$1,971, respectively. These adjustments are reflected above in "Other." See Note 3 for additional information.

The Company assesses goodwill for impairment annually and from time to time when warranted by the facts and circumstances surrounding individual reporting units or the Company as a whole. The Company completed its most recent annual goodwill impairment testing during the third quarter of 2018. As part of this testing, the Company analyzed certain qualitative and quantitative factors in determining goodwill impairment. The Company's assessments reflected a

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number of significant management assumptions and estimates including discount rates, and the Company's forecast of sales volumes and prices, new business, profit margins, income taxes, capital expenditures and changes in working capital requirements. Changes in these assumptions could materially impact the Company's conclusions. Based on its assessments, the Company concluded that there was no impairment of goodwill for any of its reporting units.

Although no reporting units failed the assessments noted above, in management's opinion, the goodwill of the Display and Packaging reporting unit is at risk of impairment in the near term if operating performance does not continue to improve in line with management's expectations, or if there is a negative change in the long-term outlook for the business or in other factors such as the discount rate. Total goodwill associated with this reporting unit was \$203,414 at March 31, 2019. In addition, a large portion of projected sales in the Display and Packaging reporting unit is concentrated in several major customers, the loss of any of which could impact the Company's conclusion regarding the likelihood of goodwill impairment for the unit.

During the time subsequent to the annual evaluation, and at March 31, 2019, the Company considered whether any events and/or changes in circumstances had resulted in the likelihood that the goodwill of any of its reporting units may have been impaired. It is management's opinion that no such events have occurred.

Other Intangible Assets

A summary of other intangible assets as of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 is as follows:

	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Other Intangible Assets, gross:		
Patents	\$ 22,496	\$ 22,509
Customer lists	548,443	548,038
Trade names	31,010	31,174
Proprietary technology	28,333	28,748
Land use rights	286	282
Other	2,124	2,093
Other Intangible Assets, gross	<u>\$ 632,692</u>	<u>\$ 632,844</u>
Accumulated Amortization:		
Patents	(10,021)	(9,539)
Customer lists	(256,696)	(246,946)
Trade names	(7,773)	(7,413)
Proprietary technology	(15,818)	(15,400)
Land use rights	(49)	(48)
Other	(1,491)	(1,461)
Total Accumulated Amortization	<u>\$ (291,848)</u>	<u>\$ (280,807)</u>
Other Intangible Assets, net	<u>\$ 340,844</u>	<u>\$ 352,037</u>

Measurement period adjustments made in the first three months of 2019 to finalize the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed in the 2018 acquisitions of Compositub and Conitex Sonoco resulted in increases in other intangible assets, primarily customer lists, of \$1,888 and \$300, respectively.

Other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective useful lives, which generally range from three to forty years. The Company has no intangible assets with indefinite lives.

Aggregate amortization expense was \$12,792 and \$10,202 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018, respectively. Amortization expense on other intangible assets is expected to total approximately \$50,000 in 2019, \$47,600 in 2020, \$45,600 in 2021, \$43,200 in 2022 and \$38,400 in 2023.

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Note 8: Financial Instruments and Derivatives

The following table sets forth the carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's significant financial instruments for which the carrying amount differs from the fair value.

	March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$ 1,189,415	\$ 1,273,699	\$ 1,189,717	\$ 1,270,521

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, short-term debt and long-term variable-rate debt approximates fair value. The fair value of long-term debt is determined based on recent trade information in the financial markets of the Company's public debt or is determined by discounting future cash flows using interest rates available to the Company for issues with similar terms and maturities. It is considered a Level 2 fair value measurement.

Cash Flow Hedges

At March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the Company had derivative financial instruments outstanding to hedge anticipated transactions and certain asset and liability related cash flows. These contracts, which have maturities ranging to December 2020, qualify as cash flow hedges under U.S. GAAP. For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, the gain or loss on the derivative instrument is reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings and is presented in the same income statement line item as the earnings effect of the hedged item.

Commodity Cash Flow Hedges

The Company has entered into certain derivative contracts to manage the cost of anticipated purchases of natural gas and aluminum. At March 31, 2019, natural gas swaps covering approximately 6.0 million MMBTUs were outstanding. These contracts represent approximately 74% and 42% of anticipated U.S. and Canadian usage for the remainder of 2019 and 2020, respectively. Additionally, the Company had swap contracts covering 3,062 metric tons of aluminum, representing approximately 51% of anticipated usage for the remainder of 2019. The fair values of the Company's commodity cash flow hedges netted to a loss position of \$(914) and \$(1,571) at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 respectively. The amount of the loss included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss at March 31, 2019, that is expected to be reclassified to the income statement during the next twelve months is \$(918).

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Foreign Currency Cash Flow Hedges

The Company has entered into forward contracts to hedge certain anticipated foreign currency denominated sales, purchases, and capital spending forecast to occur in 2019. The net positions of these contracts at March 31, 2019 were as follows (in thousands):

Currency	Action	Quantity
Colombian peso	purchase	12,928,059
Mexican peso	purchase	341,547
Polish zloty	purchase	50,222
Canadian dollar	purchase	46,690
Czech koruna	purchase	34,652
Turkish lira	purchase	4,917
British pound	purchase	1,133
Swedish krona	sell	(2,180)
Euro	sell	(13,542)
Russian ruble	sell	(83,981)

The fair value of foreign currency cash flow hedges related to forecasted sales and purchases netted to a gain position of \$155 at March 31, 2019 and a loss position of \$(1,624) at December 31, 2018. Gains of \$155 are expected to be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to the income statement during the next twelve months. In addition, the Company has entered into forward contracts to hedge certain foreign currency cash flow transactions related to construction in progress. As of March 31, 2019 and at December 31, 2018, the net position of these contracts were \$(57) and \$(88), respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2019, losses from these hedges totaling \$(45) were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income and included in the carrying value of the related fixed assets acquired. Losses of \$(57) are expected to be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income and included in the carrying value of the related fixed assets acquired during the next twelve months.

Other Derivatives

The Company routinely enters into forward contracts or swaps to economically hedge the currency exposure of intercompany debt and existing foreign currency denominated receivables and payables. The Company does not apply hedge accounting treatment under ASC 815 for these instruments. As such, changes in fair value are recorded directly to income and expense in the periods that they occur.

The net positions of these contracts at March 31, 2019, were as follows (in thousands):

Currency	Action	Quantity
Colombian peso	purchase	9,199,944
Mexican peso	purchase	420,776
Canadian dollar	purchase	21,475
South African rand	sell	(8,261)

The fair value of the Company's other derivatives was a loss position of \$(164) and a gain position of \$166 at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

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The following table sets forth the location and fair values of the Company's derivative instruments at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018:

Description	Balance Sheet Location	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:			
Commodity Contracts	Prepaid expenses	\$ 144	\$ 282
Commodity Contracts	Other assets	\$ 95	\$ —
Commodity Contracts	Accrued expenses and other	\$ (1,153)	\$ (1,843)
Commodity Contracts	Other liabilities	\$ —	\$ (10)
Foreign Exchange Contracts	Prepaid expenses	\$ 1,119	\$ 770
Foreign Exchange Contracts	Accrued expenses and other	\$ (1,021)	\$ (2,482)
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:			
Foreign Exchange Contracts	Prepaid expenses	\$ —	\$ 727
Foreign Exchange Contracts	Accrued expenses and other	\$ (164)	\$ (561)

While certain of the Company's derivative contract arrangements with its counterparties provide for the ability to settle contracts on a net basis, the Company reports its derivative positions on a gross basis. There are no collateral arrangements or requirements in these agreements.

The following tables set forth the effect of the Company's derivative instruments on financial performance for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018:

Description	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives	Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI Into Income	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI Into Income
Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships:			
<u>Three months ended March 31, 2019</u>			
Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$ 1,930	Net sales	\$ 317
		Cost of sales	\$ (288)
Commodity Contracts	\$ 1,092	Cost of sales	\$ 435
<u>Three months ended April 1, 2018</u>			
Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$ 1,646	Net sales	\$ 810
		Cost of sales	\$ (527)
Commodity Contracts	\$ (171)	Cost of sales	\$ (58)

Description	Gain or (Loss) Recognized	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income Statement
Derivatives not Designated as Hedging Instruments:		
<u>Three months ended March 31, 2019</u>		
Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$ —	Cost of sales
	\$ (1,465)	Selling, general and administrative
<u>Three months ended April 1, 2018</u>		
Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$ —	Cost of sales
	\$ 754	Selling, general and administrative

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Description	Three months ended March 31, 2019		Three months ended April 1, 2018	
	Revenue	Cost of sales	Revenue	Cost of sales
Total amount of income and expense line items presented in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income	\$ 317	\$ 147	\$ 810	\$ (585)
The effects of cash flow hedging:				
Gain or (loss) on cash flow hedging relationships in Subtopic 815-20:				
Foreign exchange contracts:				
Amount of gain or (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income into net income	\$ 317	\$ (288)	\$ 810	\$ (527)
Commodity contracts:				
Amount of gain or (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income into net income	\$ —	\$ 435	\$ —	\$ (58)

Note 9: Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Fair value is a market-based measurement that is determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. A three-tier fair value hierarchy is used to prioritize the inputs in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1 – Observable inputs such as quoted market prices in active markets;
- Level 2 – Inputs, other than quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities, excluding retirement and postretirement plan assets, measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Description	March 31, 2019	Assets measured at NAV			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Hedge derivatives, net:					
Commodity contracts	\$ (914)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (914)	\$ —
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 155	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 155	\$ —
Non-hedge derivatives, net:					
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ (164)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (164)	\$ —
Deferred compensation plan assets	\$ 286	\$ —	\$ 286	\$ —	\$ —
Description	December 31, 2018	Assets measured at NAV			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Hedge derivatives, net:					
Commodity contracts	\$ (1,571)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1,571)	\$ —
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ (1,712)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1,712)	\$ —
Non-hedge derivatives, net:					
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 166	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 166	\$ —
Deferred compensation plan assets	\$ 260	\$ —	\$ 260	\$ —	\$ —

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As discussed in Note 8, the Company uses derivatives to mitigate the effect of raw material and energy cost fluctuations, foreign currency fluctuations and, from time to time, interest rate movements. Fair value measurements for the Company's derivatives are classified under Level 2 because such measurements are estimated based on observable inputs such as interest rates, yield curves, spot and future commodity prices and spot and future exchange rates.

Certain deferred compensation plan liabilities are funded by assets invested in various exchange traded mutual funds. These assets are measured using quoted prices in accessible active markets for identical assets.

The Company does not currently have any non-financial assets or liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis. None of the Company's financial assets or liabilities are measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs. There were no transfers in or out of Level 1 or Level 2 fair value measurements during the three-month periods ended March 31, 2019.

Note 10: Employee Benefit Plans

Retirement Plans and Retiree Health and Life Insurance Plans

The Company provides non-contributory defined benefit pension plans to certain of its employees in the United States and certain of its employees in Mexico and Belgium. The Company also sponsors contributory defined benefit pension plans covering the majority of its employees in the United Kingdom, Canada, and the Netherlands. In addition, the Company provides postretirement healthcare and life insurance benefits to a limited number of its retirees and their dependents in the United States and Canada, based on certain age and/or service eligibility requirements.

The Company froze participation in its U.S. qualified defined benefit pension plan for newly hired salaried and non-union hourly employees effective December 31, 2003. To replace this benefit, the Company provides non-union U.S. employees hired on or after January 1, 2004, with an annual contribution, called the Sonoco Retirement Contribution (SRC), to their participant accounts in the Sonoco Retirement and Savings Plan. The SRC is equal to 4% of the participant's eligible pay plus 4% of eligible pay in excess of the social security wage base. Also eligible for the SRC are former participants of the U.S. qualified defined benefit pension plan who elected to transfer out of that plan under a one-time option effective January 1, 2010.

On February 4, 2009, the U.S. qualified defined benefit pension plan was amended to freeze plan benefits for all active, non-union participants effective December 31, 2018. Remaining active participants in the U.S. qualified plan became eligible for SRC contributions effective January 1, 2019.

The components of net periodic benefit cost include the following:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Retirement Plans		
Service cost	\$ 941	\$ 4,672
Interest cost	14,943	13,978
Expected return on plan assets	(19,097)	(23,209)
Amortization of prior service cost	214	249
Amortization of net actuarial loss	9,034	9,420
Effect of settlement loss	1,322	—
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 7,357</u>	<u>\$ 5,110</u>
Retiree Health and Life Insurance Plans		
Service cost	\$ 74	\$ 79
Interest cost	118	111
Expected return on plan assets	(177)	(472)
Amortization of prior service credit	(123)	(126)
Amortization of net actuarial gain	(193)	(242)
Net periodic benefit income	<u>\$ (301)</u>	<u>\$ (650)</u>

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The Company made aggregate contributions of \$2,780 and \$4,573 to its defined benefit retirement and retiree health and life insurance plans during the three months ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018, respectively. Although no contributions are required to be made to the Company's U.S. qualified pension plans in 2019, the Company is considering various options for de-risking these plans which could include additional, voluntary contributions in 2019 and reallocation of the assets held by the plans to a more conservative mix of fixed income and equity securities. Excluding the potential voluntary contributions, the Company expects to make additional aggregate contributions of approximately \$13,500 to its defined benefit retirement and retiree health and life insurance plans over the remainder of 2019.

The Company recognized settlement charges totaling \$1,322 during the three months ended March 31, 2019 resulting from payments made to certain participants of the Company's Canadian pension plan who elected the lump sum option of distribution upon retirement. There were no settlement losses during the same period of the prior year.

Sonoco Retirement Contribution (SRC)

SRC contributions, which are funded annually in the first quarter, totaled \$14,573 during the three months ended March 31, 2019, and \$14,151 during the three months ended April 1, 2018. No additional SRC contributions are expected during the remainder of 2019. The Company recognized expense related to the SRC of \$6,267 and \$4,032 for the quarters ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018, respectively.

Note 11: Income Taxes

The Company's effective tax rate for the three-month periods ending March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018 was 23.7% and 24.1%, respectively. The rate for the three-month period ending March 31, 2019 varied from the U.S. statutory rate due primarily to the unfavorable effect of certain international operations that were subject to tax rates generally higher than the U.S. tax rate, as well as the effect of state income taxes. The rate for the three-month period ending April 1, 2018 varied from the U.S. statutory rate due primarily to the effect of the Global Intangible Low Taxed Income (GILTI) tax as well as the effect of state income taxes.

The Company and/or its subsidiaries file federal, state and local income tax returns in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions. The Company is currently under audit for the 2012 and 2013 tax years and has entered the appeals process with the Internal Revenue Service. Other than the aforementioned audit, with few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2015.

The Company's reserve for uncertain tax benefits has increased by approximately \$100 since December 31, 2018, due primarily to an increase in reserves related to existing uncertain tax positions. The Company believes that it is reasonably possible that the amount reserved for unrecognized tax benefits at March 31, 2019 will decrease by approximately \$2,500 over the next twelve months. This change includes the anticipated increase in reserves related to existing positions offset by settlements of issues currently under examination and the release of existing reserves due to the expiration of the statute of limitations. Although the Company's estimate for the potential outcome for any uncertain tax issue is highly judgmental, management believes that any reasonably foreseeable outcomes related to these matters have been adequately provided for. However, future results may include favorable or unfavorable adjustments to estimated tax liabilities in the period the assessments are made or resolved or when statutes of limitation on potential assessments expire. Additionally, the jurisdictions in which earnings or deductions are realized may differ from current estimates. As a result, the Company's effective tax rate may fluctuate significantly on a quarterly basis. The Company has operations and pays taxes in many countries outside of the U.S. and taxes on those earnings are subject to varying rates. The Company is not dependent upon the favorable benefit of any one jurisdiction to an extent that the loss of such benefit would have a material effect on the Company's overall effective tax rate.

As previously disclosed, the Company received a draft Notice of Proposed Adjustment ("NOPA") from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in February 2017 proposing an adjustment to income for the 2013 tax year based on the IRS's recharacterization of a distribution of an intercompany note made in 2012, and the subsequent repayment of the note over the course of 2013, as if it were a cash distribution made in 2013. In March 2017, the Company received a draft NOPA proposing penalties of \$18,000 associated with the IRS's recharacterization, as well as an Information Document Request ("IDR") requesting the Company's analysis of why such penalties should not apply. The Company responded to this IDR in April 2017. On October 5, 2017, the Company received two revised draft NOPAs proposing the same adjustments and penalties as in the prior NOPAs. On November 14, 2017, the Company received two final NOPAs proposing the same

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adjustments and penalties as in the prior draft NOPAs. On November 20, 2017, the Company received a Revenue Agent's Report ("RAR") that included the same adjustments and penalties as in the prior NOPAs. At the time of the distribution in 2012, it was characterized as a dividend to the extent of earnings and profits, with the remainder as a tax free return of basis and taxable capital gain. As the IRS proposes to recharacterize the distribution, the entire distribution would be characterized as a dividend. The incremental tax liability associated with the income adjustment proposed in the RAR would be approximately \$89,000, excluding interest and the previously referenced penalties. On January 22, 2018, the Company filed a protest to the proposed deficiency with the IRS. The Company received a rebuttal of its protest from the IRS on July 10, 2018, and the matter has now been referred to the Appeals Division of the IRS. The Company has a hearing with its IRS Appeals Officer scheduled to take place during the second quarter of 2019. The Company strongly believes the position of the IRS with regard to this matter is inconsistent with applicable tax laws and existing Treasury regulations, and that the Company's previously reported income tax provision for the year in question is appropriate. However, there can be no assurance that this matter will be resolved in the Company's favor. Regardless of whether the matter is resolved in the Company's favor, the final resolution of this matter could be expensive and time consuming to defend and/or settle. While the Company believes that the amount of tax originally paid with respect to this distribution is correct, and accordingly has not provided additional reserve for tax uncertainty, there is still a possibility that an adverse outcome of the matter could have a material effect on its results of operations and financial condition.

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Note 12: Leases

The Company routinely enters into leasing arrangements for real estate (including manufacturing facilities, office space, warehouses, and packaging centers), transportation equipment (automobiles, forklifts, and trailers), and office equipment (copiers and postage machines). The assessment of the certainty associated with the exercise of various lease renewal, termination, and purchase options included in the Company's lease contracts is at the Company's sole discretion. Most real estate leases, in particular, include one or more options to renew, with renewal terms that can extend the lease term from one to 50 years. The Company's leases do not have any significant residual value guarantees or restrictive covenants.

As the implicit rate in the Company's leases is not readily determinable, the Company calculates its right of use lease liabilities using discount rates based upon the Company's incremental secured borrowing rate, which contemplates and reflects a particular geographical region's interest rate for the leases active within that region of the Company's global operations. The Company further utilizes a portfolio approach by assigning a "short" rate to contracts with lease terms of 10 years or less and a "long" rate for contracts greater than 10 years. See Note 2 for further information regarding the Company's adoption of ASU 2016-02, "Leases."

The following table sets forth the balance sheet location and values of the Company's lease assets and lease liabilities at March 31, 2019:

Classification	Balance Sheet Location	March 31, 2019
Lease Assets		
Operating lease assets	Right of Use Asset - Operating Leases	\$ 308,166
Finance lease assets	Other Assets	22,122
Total lease assets		<u>330,288</u>
Lease Liabilities		
Current operating lease liabilities	Accrued expenses and other	54,979
Current finance lease liabilities	Notes payable and current portion of debt	9,684
Total current lease liabilities		<u>64,663</u>
Noncurrent operating lease liabilities	Noncurrent Operating Lease Liabilities	262,663
Noncurrent finance lease liabilities	Long-term Debt, Net of Current Portion	11,472
Total noncurrent lease liabilities		<u>274,135</u>
Total lease liabilities		<u>\$ 338,798</u>

As of March 31, 2019, the Company has entered into additional leases that have not yet commenced. The associated contracts include payments over the respective lease terms totaling \$1,789, which are not reflected in the Company's liabilities recorded as of March 31, 2019. These leases will commence during fiscal year 2019 with lease terms ranging from 3 years to 6.4 years.

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Certain of the Company's leases include variable costs. Variable costs include lease payments that were volume or usage-driven in accordance with the use of the underlying asset, and also non-lease components that were incurred based upon actual terms rather than contractually fixed amounts. In addition, variable costs are incurred for lease payments that are indexed to a change in rate or index. Because the right of use asset recorded on the balance sheet was determined based upon factors considered at the commencement date, subsequent changes in the rate or index that were not contemplated in the right of use asset balances recorded on the balance sheet result in variable expenses being incurred when paid during the lease term.

The following table sets forth the components of the Company's total lease cost for the three months ended March 31, 2019:

Lease Cost		Three Months Ended March 31, 2019
Operating lease cost	(a)	\$ 15,545
Finance lease cost:		
Amortization of lease asset	(a) (b)	2,069
Interest on lease liabilities	(c)	276
Variable lease cost	(a) (d)	9,178
Total lease cost		\$ 27,068

(a) Production-related and administrative amounts are included in cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expenses, respectively.

(b) Included in depreciation and amortization.

(c) Included in interest expense.

(d) Also includes short term lease costs, which are deemed immaterial.

In compliance with ASC 842, the Company must provide the prior year disclosures required under the previous lease guidance (ASC 840) for comparative periods presented herein. Rental expense under operating leases for the three months ended April 1, 2018 was \$18,901.

The following table sets forth the five-year maturity schedule of the Company's lease liabilities as of March 31, 2019:

Maturity of Lease Liabilities	Operating Leases		Finance Leases		Total
2019 (excluding three months ended March 31, 2019)	\$	45,175	\$	7,522	\$ 52,697
2020		53,114		8,649	61,763
2021		45,288		3,132	48,420
2022		39,572		1,609	41,181
2023		36,248		969	37,217
Beyond 2023		188,226		836	189,062
Total lease payments	\$	407,623	\$	22,717	\$ 430,340
Less: Interest		89,981		1,561	91,542
Lease Liabilities	\$	317,642	\$	21,156	\$ 338,798

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As presented in our 2018 Form 10-K (under ASC 840), the future minimum rentals under noncancellable operating leases with terms of more than one year, payable over the remaining lives of the leases at December 31, 2018, were as follows:

Period	Minimum Future Rental Commitments
2019	\$ 48,200
2020	41,700
2021	32,500
2022	27,300
2023	21,400
Beyond 2023	92,300

The following tables set forth the Company's weighted average remaining lease term and discount rates used in the calculation of its outstanding lease liabilities March 31, 2019, along with other lease-related information for the three months ended March 31, 2019:

Lease Term and Discount Rate	As of March 31, 2019
Weighted-average remaining lease term (years):	
Operating leases	11.4
Finance leases	3.0
Weighted-average discount rate:	
Operating leases	4.96%
Finance leases	5.10%

Other Information	Three Months Ended March 31, 2019	
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows used by operating leases	\$	15,246
Operating cash flows used by finance leases	\$	276
Financing cash flows used by finance leases	\$	2,281
Leased assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities	\$	661
Leased assets obtained in exchange for new finance lease liabilities	\$	—

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Note 13: Revenue Recognition

The Company has rebate agreements with certain customers. These rebates are recorded as reductions of sales and are accrued using sales data and rebate percentages specific to each customer agreement. Accrued customer rebates are included in "Accrued expenses and other" in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Payment terms under the Company's arrangements are short term in nature, generally no longer than 120 days. The Company does provide prompt payment discounts to certain customers if invoices are paid within a predetermined period. Prompt payment discounts are treated as a reduction of revenue and are determinable within a short period of the sale.

The following table sets forth information about receivables, contract assets and liabilities from contracts with customers. The balances of the contract assets and liabilities are located in "Other receivables" and "Accrued expenses and other" on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Contract Assets	\$ 51,332	\$ 48,786
Contract Liabilities	\$ (14,757)	\$ (18,533)

Significant changes in the contract assets and liabilities balances during the period were as follows:

	March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018	
	Contract Asset	Contract Liability	Contract Asset	Contract Liability
Beginning Balance	\$ 48,786	\$ (18,533)	\$ 45,877	\$ (17,736)
Revenue deferred or rebates accrued	—	(6,928)	—	(19,730)
Recognized as revenue		2,098		1,652
Rebates paid to customers	—	8,606	—	17,281
Increases due to rights to consideration for customer specific goods produced, but not billed during the period	51,332	—	48,786	—
Transferred to receivables from contract assets recognized at the beginning of the period	(48,786)	—	(45,877)	—
Increase as a result of cumulative catch-up arising from changes in the estimate of completion, excluding amounts transferred to receivables during the period	—	—	—	—
Impairment of contract asset	—	—	—	—
Ending Balance	\$ 51,332	\$ (14,757)	\$ 48,786	\$ (18,533)

Contract assets and liabilities are generally short in duration given the nature of products produced by the Company. Contract assets represents goods produced without alternative use for which the Company is entitled to payment with margin prior to shipment. Upon shipment, the Company is entitled to bill the customer, and therefore amounts included in contract assets will be reduced with the recording of an account receivable as they represent an unconditional right to payment. Contract liabilities represent revenue deferred due to pricing mechanisms utilized by the Company in certain multi-year arrangements, volume rebates, and receipts of advanced payments. For multi-year arrangements with pricing mechanisms, the Company will generally defer revenue during the initial term of the arrangement, and will release the deferral over the back half of the contract term. The Company's reportable segments are aligned by product nature as disclosed in Note 14.

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The following tables set forth information about revenue disaggregated by primary geographic regions, and timing of revenue recognition for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018. The tables also include a reconciliation of disaggregated revenue with reportable segments.

Three months ended March 31, 2019	Consumer Packaging	Display and Packaging	Paper and Industrial Converted Products	Protective Solutions
Primary Geographical Markets:				
United States	\$ 416,397	\$ 65,563	\$ 268,566	\$ 101,178
Europe	108,213	70,242	90,705	5,867
Canada	27,301	—	32,833	—
Asia	15,913	—	69,060	920
Other	21,892	1,749	34,873	20,433
Total	\$ 589,716	\$ 137,554	\$ 496,037	\$ 128,398
Timing of Revenue Recognition:				
Products transferred at a point in time	\$ 339,462	\$ 57,410	\$ 479,480	\$ 107,897
Products transferred over time	250,254	80,144	16,557	20,501
Total	\$ 589,716	\$ 137,554	\$ 496,037	\$ 128,398

Three months ended April 1, 2018	Consumer Packaging	Display and Packaging	Paper and Industrial Converted Products	Protective Solutions
Primary Geographical Markets:				
United States	\$ 397,986	\$ 73,884	\$ 265,762	\$ 110,500
Europe	107,230	65,945	92,855	6,789
Canada	27,706	—	32,873	—
Asia	16,490	—	35,309	988
Other	20,440	2,829	33,854	12,747
Total	\$ 569,852	\$ 142,658	\$ 460,653	\$ 131,024
Timing of Revenue Recognition:				
Products transferred at a point in time	\$ 345,003	\$ 64,715	\$ 440,477	\$ 111,798
Products transferred over time	224,849	77,943	20,176	19,226
Total	\$ 569,852	\$ 142,658	\$ 460,653	\$ 131,024

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Note 14: Segment Reporting

The Company reports its financial results in four reportable segments: Consumer Packaging, Display and Packaging, Paper and Industrial Converted Products, and Protective Solutions.

The Consumer Packaging segment includes the following products and services: round and shaped rigid containers and trays (both composite and thermoformed plastic); extruded and injection-molded plastic products; printed flexible packaging; global brand artwork management; and metal and peelable membrane ends and closures.

The Display and Packaging segment includes the following products and services: designing, manufacturing, assembling, packing and distributing temporary, semi-permanent and permanent point-of-purchase displays; supply chain management services, including contract packing, fulfillment and scalable service centers; retail packaging, including printed backer cards, thermoformed blisters and heat sealing equipment; and paper amenities, such as coasters and glass covers.

The Paper and Industrial Converted Products segment includes the following products: paperboard tubes, cones, and cores; fiber-based construction tubes; wooden, metal and composite wire and cable reels and spools; and recycled paperboard, linerboard, corrugating medium, recovered paper and material recycling services.

The Protective Solutions segment includes the following products: custom-engineered, paperboard-based and expanded foam protective packaging and components; and temperature-assured packaging.

The following table sets forth net sales, intersegment sales and operating profit for the Company's reportable segments. "Segment operating profit" is defined as the segment's portion of "Operating profit" excluding restructuring charges, asset impairment charges, acquisition-related costs, and certain other items, if any, the exclusion of which the Company believes improves comparability and analysis of the financial performance of the business. General corporate expenses have been allocated as operating costs to each of the Company's reportable segments.

SEGMENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Net sales:		
Consumer Packaging	\$ 589,716	\$ 569,852
Display and Packaging	137,554	142,658
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	496,037	460,653
Protective Solutions	128,398	131,024
Consolidated	<u>\$ 1,351,705</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,187</u>
Intersegment sales:		
Consumer Packaging	\$ 921	\$ 739
Display and Packaging	1,167	538
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	33,654	34,543
Protective Solutions	462	573
Consolidated	<u>\$ 36,204</u>	<u>\$ 36,393</u>
Operating profit:		
Segment operating profit:		
Consumer Packaging	\$ 62,115	\$ 61,088
Display and Packaging	6,454	1,732
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	48,387	39,781
Protective Solutions	11,004	10,680
Restructuring/Asset impairment charges	(10,672)	(3,063)
Other, net	(400)	(120)
Consolidated	<u>\$ 116,888</u>	<u>\$ 110,098</u>

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Note 15: Commitments and Contingencies

Pursuant to U.S. GAAP, accruals for estimated losses are recorded at the time information becomes available indicating that losses are probable and that the amounts are reasonably estimable. As is the case with other companies in similar industries, the Company faces exposure from actual or potential claims and legal proceedings from a variety of sources. Some of these exposures, as discussed below, have the potential to be material.

Environmental Matters

The Company is subject to a variety of environmental and pollution control laws and regulations in all jurisdictions in which it operates.

Spartanburg

In connection with its acquisition of Tegrant in November 2011, the Company identified potential environmental contamination at a site in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The total remediation cost of the Spartanburg site was estimated to be \$17,400 at the time of acquisition and an accrual in this amount was recorded on Tegrant's opening balance sheet. Since the acquisition, the Company has spent a total of \$1,480 on remediation of the Spartanburg site. During previous years, the Company has increased its reserves for this site by a total of \$17 in order to reflect its best estimate of what it is likely to pay in order to complete the remediation. At March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the Company's accrual for environmental contingencies related to the Spartanburg site totaled \$15,937 and \$15,964, respectively. The Company cannot currently estimate its potential liability, damages or range of potential loss, if any, beyond the amounts accrued with respect to this exposure. However, the Company does not believe that the resolution of this matter has a reasonable possibility of having a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

Other environmental matters

The Company has been named as a potentially responsible party at several other environmentally contaminated sites. All of the sites are also the responsibility of other parties. The potential remediation liabilities are shared with such other parties, and, in most cases, the Company's share, if any, cannot be reasonably estimated at the current time. However, the Company does not believe that the resolution of these matters has a reasonable possibility of having a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements. At March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the Company's accrual for these other sites totaled \$4,059 and \$4,136, respectively.

Summary

As of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the Company (and its subsidiaries) had accrued \$19,996 and \$20,100, respectively, related to environmental contingencies. These accruals are included in "Accrued expenses and other" on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Other Legal Matters

In addition to those matters described above, the Company is subject to other various legal proceedings, claims, and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. While the outcome of these matters could differ from management's expectations, the Company does not believe the resolution of these matters has a reasonable possibility of having a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and shareholders of Sonoco Products Company,

Results of Review of Interim Financial Statements

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Sonoco Products Company and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of March 31, 2019, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in total equity and cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2019 and April 1, 2018, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the “interim financial statements”). Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2018, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in total equity and of cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated February 28, 2019, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2018, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

Basis for Review Results

These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Charlotte, North Carolina
May 1, 2019

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

Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not historical in nature, are intended to be, and are hereby identified as "forward-looking statements" for purposes of the safe harbor provided by Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In addition, the Company and its representatives may from time to time make other oral or written statements that are also "forward-looking statements." Words such as "estimate," "project," "intend," "expect," "believe," "consider," "plan," "strategy," "opportunity," "commitment," "target," "anticipate," "objective," "goal," "guidance," "outlook," "forecast," "future," "re-envision," "assume," "will," "would," "can," "could," "may," "might," "aspire," "potential," or the negative thereof, and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding:

- availability and supply of raw materials, and offsetting high raw material costs, including the impact of potential changes in tariffs;
- improved productivity and cost containment;
- improving margins and leveraging strong cash flow and financial position;
- effects of acquisitions and dispositions;
- realization of synergies resulting from acquisitions;
- costs, timing and effects of restructuring activities;
- adequacy and anticipated amounts and uses of cash flows;
- expected amounts of capital spending;
- refinancing and repayment of debt;
- financial strategies and the results expected of them;
- financial results for future periods;
- producing improvements in earnings;
- profitable sales growth and rates of growth;
- market leadership;
- research and development spending;
- expected impact and costs of resolution of legal proceedings;
- extent of, and adequacy of provisions for, environmental liabilities;
- adequacy of income tax provisions, realization of deferred tax assets, outcomes of uncertain tax issues and tax rates;
- goodwill impairment charges and fair values of reporting units;
- future asset impairment charges and fair values of assets;
- anticipated contributions to pension and postretirement benefit plans, fair values of plan assets, long-term rates of return on plan assets, and projected benefit obligations and payments;
- expected impact of implementation of new accounting pronouncements;
- creation of long-term value and returns for shareholders;
- continued payment of dividends; and
- planned stock repurchases.

Such forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, management's beliefs and certain assumptions made by management. Such information includes, without limitation, discussions as to guidance and other estimates, perceived opportunities, expectations, beliefs, plans, strategies, goals and objectives concerning our future financial and operating performance. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. The risks, uncertainties and assumptions include, without limitation:

- availability and pricing of raw materials, energy and transportation, including the impact of potential changes in tariffs, and the Company's ability to pass raw material, energy and transportation price increases and surcharges through to customers or otherwise manage these commodity pricing risks;
- costs of labor;
- work stoppages due to labor disputes;
- success of new product development, introduction and sales;
- consumer demand for products and changing consumer preferences;

- *ability to be the low-cost global leader in customer-preferred packaging solutions within targeted segments;*
- *competitive pressures, including new product development, industry overcapacity, and changes in competitors' pricing for products;*
- *ability to maintain or increase productivity levels, contain or reduce costs, and maintain positive price/cost relationships;*
- *ability to negotiate or retain contracts with customers, including in segments with concentration of sales volume;*
- *ability to improve margins and leverage cash flows and financial position;*
- *continued strength of our paperboard-based tubes and cores and composite can operations;*
- *ability to manage the mix of business to take advantage of growing markets while reducing cyclical effects of some of the Company's existing businesses on operating results;*
- *ability to maintain innovative technological market leadership and a reputation for quality;*
- *ability to attract and retain talented and qualified employees, managers and executives;*
- *ability to profitably maintain and grow existing domestic and international business and market share;*
- *ability to expand geographically and win profitable new business;*
- *ability to identify and successfully close suitable acquisitions at the levels needed to meet growth targets, and successfully integrate newly acquired businesses into the Company's operations;*
- *the costs, timing and results of restructuring activities;*
- *availability of credit to us, our customers and suppliers in needed amounts and on reasonable terms;*
- *effects of our indebtedness on our cash flow and business activities;*
- *fluctuations in interest rates and our borrowing costs;*
- *fluctuations in obligations and earnings of pension and postretirement benefit plans;*
- *accuracy of assumptions underlying projections of benefit plan obligations and payments, valuation of plan assets, and projections of long-term rates of return;*
- *cost of employee and retiree medical, health and life insurance benefits;*
- *resolution of income tax contingencies;*
- *foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, interest rate and commodity price risk and the effectiveness of related hedges;*
- *changes in U.S. and foreign tariffs, tax rates, and tax laws, regulations, interpretations and implementation thereof;*
- *challenges and assessments from tax authorities resulting from differences in interpretation of tax laws, including income, sales and use, property, value added, employment and other taxes;*
- *accuracy in valuation of deferred tax assets;*
- *accuracy of assumptions underlying projections related to goodwill impairment testing, and accuracy of management's assessment of goodwill impairment;*
- *accuracy of assumptions underlying fair value measurements, accuracy of management's assessments of fair value and fluctuations in fair value;*
- *ability to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting;*
- *liability for and anticipated costs of resolution of legal proceedings;*
- *liability for and anticipated costs of environmental remediation actions;*
- *effects of environmental laws and regulations;*
- *operational disruptions at our major facilities;*
- *failure or disruptions in our information technologies;*
- *failure of third party transportation providers to deliver our products to our customers or to deliver raw materials to us;*
- *substantially lower than normal crop yields;*
- *loss of consumer or investor confidence;*
- *ability to protect our intellectual property rights;*
- *changes in laws and regulations relating to packaging for food products and foods packaged therein, other actions and public concerns about products packaged in our containers, or chemicals or substances used in raw materials or in the manufacturing process;*
- *changing climate, climate change regulations and greenhouse gas effects;*
- *actions of domestic or foreign government agencies and other changes in laws and regulations affecting the Company and increased costs of compliance;*
- *international, national and local economic and market conditions and levels of unemployment;*
- *anticipated impact on our operations of Brexit; and*

- *economic disruptions resulting from terrorist activities and natural disasters.*

More information about the risks, uncertainties and assumptions that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in forward-looking statements is provided in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K under Item 1A - "Risk Factors" and throughout other sections of that report and in other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In light of these various risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this report might not occur.

The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are, however, advised to review any further disclosures we make on related subjects, and about new or additional risks, uncertainties and assumptions, in our future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Sonoco is a leading provider of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging and packaging supply chain services, with approximately 312 locations in 36 countries.

Sonoco competes in multiple product categories, with its operations organized and reported in four segments: Consumer Packaging, Display and Packaging, Paper and Industrial Converted Products, and Protective Solutions. The majority of the Company's revenues are from products and services sold to consumer and industrial products companies for use in the packaging of their products for sale or shipment. The Company also manufactures paperboard, primarily from recycled materials, for both internal use and open market sale. Each of the Company's operating units has its own sales staff and maintains direct sales relationships with its customers.

First Quarter 2019 Compared with First Quarter 2018

RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Measures calculated and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles are referred to as GAAP financial measures. The following tables reconcile the Company's non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for each of the periods presented. These non-GAAP financial measures (referred to as "Base") are the GAAP measures adjusted to exclude (dependent upon the applicable period) restructuring charges, asset impairment charges, acquisition/disposition-related costs, specifically identified tax adjustments, non-operating pension costs/income and certain other items, if any, the exclusion of which the Company believes improves comparability and analysis of the underlying financial performance of the business. More information about the Company's use of Non-GAAP financial measures is provided in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 under Item 7 - "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations," under the heading "Use of non-GAAP financial measures."

	For the three months ended March 31, 2019			
	GAAP	Restructuring/ Asset Impairment	Other Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Base
<i>Dollars in thousands, except per share data</i>				
Operating profit	\$ 116,888	\$ 10,672	\$ 400	\$ 127,960
Non-operating pension costs	6,041	—	(6,041)	—
Interest expense, net	15,385	—	—	15,385
Income before income taxes	95,462	10,672	6,441	112,575
Provision for income taxes	22,624	2,638	1,885	27,147
Income before equity in earnings of affiliates	72,838	8,034	4,556	85,428
Equity in earnings of affiliates, net of tax	930	—	—	930
Net income	73,768	8,034	4,556	86,358
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(105)	(69)	—	(174)
Net income attributable to Sonoco	73,663	7,965	4,556	86,184
Per diluted common share*	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.85

*Due to rounding individual items may not sum across

⁽¹⁾Consists of non-operating pension costs and costs related to acquisitions and potential acquisitions and divestitures.

<i>Dollars in thousands, except per share data</i>	For the three months ended April 1, 2018			
	GAAP	Restructuring/ Asset Impairment	Other Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Base
Operating profit	\$ 110,098	\$ 3,063	\$ 120	\$ 113,281
Non-operating pension income	(291)	—	291	—
Interest expense, net	13,355	—	—	13,355
Income before income taxes	97,034	3,063	(171)	99,926
Provision for income taxes	23,356	685	1,838	25,879
Income before equity in earnings of affiliates	73,678	2,378	(2,009)	74,047
Equity in earnings of affiliates, net of tax	1,247	—	—	1,247
Net income	74,925	2,378	(2,009)	75,294
Net (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(870)	(5)	—	(875)
Net income attributable to Sonoco	\$ 74,055	\$ 2,373	\$ (2,009)	\$ 74,419
Per diluted common share*	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.74

*Due to rounding individual items may not sum across

⁽¹⁾Includes a \$1,975 gain from the effect of the change in the U.S. corporate tax rate on deferred tax adjustments, a small gain from a casualty loss insurance settlement, and non-operating pension income, partially offset by costs related to acquisitions and potential acquisitions.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion provides a review of results for the three months ended March 31, 2019 versus the three months ended April 1, 2018.

OVERVIEW

Net sales for the first quarter of 2019 increased 3.6% to \$1,352 million, compared with \$1,304 million in the same period last year. The improvement reflects an increase in sales added by acquisitions and higher year-over-year selling prices both to cover higher material and non-material costs as well as other efforts to better realize the value of the products and services we provide to our customers. These positive factors were partially offset by lower volume in most of the Company's businesses and unfavorable changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Net income attributable to Sonoco for the first quarter of 2019 decreased 0.5% to \$73.7 million, \$0.73 per diluted share, compared to \$74.1 million, \$0.73 per diluted share, reported for the same period of 2018. Earnings were essentially flat despite a 6.2 percent increase in operating profit as this improvement was more than offset by higher non-operating pension costs and net interest expense. The increase in operating profit reflects positive price/cost primarily in Paper and Industrial Converted Products, total productivity gains, and earnings added by acquisitions. (Price/cost includes the earnings benefit from higher selling prices and the impact of total inflation, including material cost as well as all variable and fixed costs.)

Current quarter net income includes after-tax, non-base charges totaling \$12.5 million, while results for the first quarter of 2018 include after-tax, non-base net charges totaling \$0.4 million. Adjusted for these items, first-quarter 2019 base net income attributable to Sonoco (base earnings) increased 15.8% to \$86.2 million, \$0.85 per diluted share, from \$74.4 million, \$0.74 per diluted share, in 2018. The \$12.1 million increase in after-tax non-base charges was driven primarily by a \$5.6 million increase in after-tax restructuring and asset impairment charges and a \$4.5 million increase in after-tax non-operating pension costs.

OPERATING REVENUE

Net sales for the first quarter of 2019 increased \$48 million, or 3.6%, from the prior-year quarter.

The components of the sales change were:

	<i>(\$ in millions)</i>	
Volume/mix	\$	(18)
Selling prices		27
Acquisitions		90
Foreign currency translation and other, net		(52)
Total sales increase	\$	48

In September of 2018, the Company exited a single-customer contract at a packaging center near Atlanta. The negative impact on comparable net sales, first quarter to first quarter, was \$15.4 million. Due to the relatively low margins on this business, the impact of the lost revenue is included above in "other".

COSTS AND EXPENSES

Cost of goods sold increased \$28 million, or 2.7%, and gross profit margin percentage improved to 20.0% for the first quarter of 2019 compared to 19.2% in the prior-year's first quarter. This improvement is largely attributable to the favorable price/cost relationships noted earlier, which were driven by a combination of more active and effective price management together with the favorable timing of certain contracted selling price resets relative to related input cost changes. The translation impact of a stronger dollar decreased reported cost of goods sold by approximately \$32 million compared to the first quarter of 2018 while acquisitions added \$73 million.

Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") costs for the quarter increased \$5.1 million, or 3.7%, year over year due to higher expenses related to acquired businesses as, absent these costs, selling, general and administrative expenses were slightly down compared to last year's quarter.

Restructuring costs and asset impairment charges totaled \$10.7 million for the first quarter of 2019 compared with \$3.1 million in the same period last year. The year-over-year increase was mostly driven by costs associated with previously announced plant closures and organizational restructuring activities within a number of the Company's businesses and corporate support groups. Additional information regarding restructuring and asset impairment charges is provided in Note 5 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Non-operating pension costs increased \$6.3 million for the quarter, compared to the prior-year period, due primarily to lower expected returns on plan assets and higher discount rates.

Net interest expense for the first quarter increased to \$15.4 million, compared with \$13.4 million during the first quarter of 2018. The increase was primarily due to higher U.S. interest rates on domestic borrowings and reduced interest income on lower offshore cash balances.

The 2019 first-quarter effective tax rates on GAAP and base earnings were 23.7% and 24.1%, respectively, compared with 24.1% and 25.9%, respectively, in the prior year's quarter. The lower 2019 GAAP and base effective tax rates were attributable to a decreased impact of the Global Intangible Low Taxed Income (GILTI) tax as well as an increased tax benefit from equity-based compensation. The effective tax rate on GAAP earnings decreased to a lesser extent due to the 2018 benefit of one-time adjustments related to the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

REPORTABLE SEGMENTS

The following table recaps net sales attributable to each of the Company's segments for the first quarters of 2019 and 2018 (\$ in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018	% Change
Net sales:			
Consumer Packaging	\$ 589,716	\$ 569,852	3.5 %
Display and Packaging	137,554	142,658	(3.6)%
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	496,037	460,653	7.7 %
Protective Solutions	128,398	131,024	(2.0)%
Consolidated	<u>\$ 1,351,705</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,187</u>	3.6 %

The following table recaps operating profit attributable to each of the Company's segments during the first quarters of 2019 and 2018 (\$ in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018	% Change
Operating profit:			
Segment operating profit:			
Consumer Packaging	\$ 62,115	\$ 61,088	1.7 %
Display and Packaging	6,454	1,732	272.6 %
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	48,387	39,781	21.6 %
Protective Solutions	11,004	10,680	3.0 %
Restructuring/Asset impairment charges	(10,672)	(3,063)	
Other, net	(400)	(120)	
Consolidated	<u>\$ 116,888</u>	<u>\$ 110,098</u>	6.2 %

Segment results viewed by Company management to evaluate segment performance do not include restructuring charges, asset impairment charges, acquisition-related charges, non-operating pension costs/income, or certain other items, if any, the exclusion of which the Company believes improves the comparability and analysis of the ongoing operating performance of the business. Accordingly, the term "segment operating profit" is defined as the segment's portion of "operating profit" excluding those items. All other general corporate expenses have been allocated as operating costs to each of the Company's reportable segments.

The following table recaps restructuring/asset impairment charges attributable to each of the Company's segments during the first quarters of 2019 and 2018 (\$ in thousands):

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2019	April 1, 2018
Restructuring/Asset impairment charges:		
Consumer Packaging	\$ 7,255	\$ 1,729
Display and Packaging	375	(286)
Paper and Industrial Converted Products	874	847
Protective Solutions	442	550
Corporate	1,726	223
Consolidated	<u>\$ 10,672</u>	<u>\$ 3,063</u>

Consumer Packaging

The Consumer Packaging segment includes the following products and services: round and shaped rigid containers and trays (both composite and thermoformed plastic); extruded and injection-molded plastic products; printed flexible packaging; global brand artwork management; and metal and peelable membrane ends and closures.

Segment sales increased 3.5 percent compared to the prior-year's quarter due to sales added from acquisitions and higher selling prices, partially offset by lower volume/mix and the negative impact of foreign exchange. Higher sales volume in Rigid Paper Containers in Europe and North America were more than offset by declines in Rigid Plastics as adverse weather impacted the fresh fruit harvest in North America.

Segment operating profit increased 1.7 percent compared to the prior-year's quarter as the benefit of acquisitions, productivity improvements and a positive price/cost relationship were partially offset by weaker volume and the negative impact of foreign exchange. These items resulted in segment operating margin declining slightly to 10.5 percent in the quarter from 10.7 percent in 2018.

Display and Packaging

The Display and Packaging segment includes the following products and services: designing, manufacturing, assembling, packing and distributing temporary, semi-permanent and permanent point-of-purchase displays; supply chain management services, including contract packing, fulfillment and scalable service centers; retail packaging, including printed backer cards, thermoformed blisters and heat sealing equipment; and paper amenities, such as coasters and glass covers.

Sales declined 3.6 percent compared to last year's quarter as volume growth in domestic displays and international pack centers was more than offset by reduced revenue following the Company's September 2018 exit from a single-customer contract to operate a pack center outside Atlanta. Segment operating profit improved \$4.8 million due to higher volume/mix, improved productivity and the non-recurrence of operating losses at the Atlanta pack center.

Paper and Industrial Converted Products

The Paper and Industrial Converted Products segment includes the following products: paperboard tubes, cones and cores; fiber-based construction tubes; wooden, metal and composite wire and cable reels and spools; and recycled paperboard, linerboard, corrugating medium, recovered paper and material recycling services.

Segment sales increased 7.7 percent from the prior-year's quarter due to sales added from the Conitex acquisition and higher selling prices. These positive factors were partially offset by lower volume/mix and the negative impact of changes in foreign exchange rates. In the 2019 quarter, tube and core volume was weak across most of the globe, while paperboard and corrugated medium volume declined in the U.S./Canada.

Segment operating profit improved 21.6 percent over the prior year's quarter, driven by a positive price/cost relationship, the incremental earnings from Conitex and productivity improvements, all partially offset by lower volume/mix impact. Segment operating margin improved 112 basis points to 9.8 percent.

Protective Solutions

The Protective Solutions segment includes the following products: custom-engineered, paperboard-based and expanded foam protective packaging and components; and temperature-assured packaging.

Segment sales for the quarter declined 2.0% year over year due primarily to lower volume/mix as strong sales growth for temperature-assured packaging was offset by declines in molded foam and consumer fiber packaging. Segment operating profit improved modestly as productivity improvements were mostly offset by a negative price/cost relationship. Compared to the prior-year's quarter, segment operating margin improved 42 basis points to 8.6 percent.

OTHER ITEMS**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates****Income taxes**

As previously disclosed, the Company received a draft Notice of Proposed Adjustment (“NOPA”) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in February 2017 proposing an adjustment to income for the 2013 tax year based on the IRS's recharacterization of a distribution of an intercompany note made in 2012, and the subsequent repayment of the note over the course of 2013, as if it were a cash distribution made in 2013. In March 2017, the Company received a draft NOPA proposing penalties of \$18 million associated with the IRS's recharacterization, as well as an Information Document Request (“IDR”) requesting the Company's analysis of why such penalties should not apply. The Company responded to this IDR in April 2017. On October 5, 2017, the Company received two revised draft NOPAs proposing the same adjustments and penalties as in the prior NOPAs. On November 14, 2017, the Company received two final NOPAs proposing the same adjustments and penalties as in the prior draft NOPAs. On November 20, 2017, the Company received a Revenue Agent's Report (“RAR”) that included the same adjustments and penalties as in the prior NOPAs. At the time of the distribution in 2012, it was characterized as a dividend to the extent of earnings and profits, with the remainder as a tax free return of basis and taxable capital gain. As the IRS proposes to recharacterize the distribution, the entire distribution would be characterized as a dividend. The incremental tax liability associated with the income adjustment proposed in the RAR would be approximately \$89 million, excluding interest and the previously referenced penalties. On January 22, 2018, the Company filed a protest to the proposed deficiency with the IRS. The Company received a rebuttal of its protest from the IRS on July 10, 2018, and the matter has now been referred to the Appeals Division of the IRS. The Company has a hearing with its IRS Appeals Officer scheduled to take place during the second quarter of 2019. The Company strongly believes the position of the IRS with regard to this matter is inconsistent with applicable tax laws and existing Treasury regulations, and that the Company's previously reported income tax provision for the year in question is appropriate. However, there can be no assurance that this matter will be resolved in the Company's favor. Regardless of whether the matter is resolved in the Company's favor, the final resolution of this matter could be expensive and time consuming to defend and/or settle. While the Company believes that the amount of tax originally paid with respect to this distribution is correct, and accordingly has not provided additional reserve for tax uncertainty, there is still a possibility that an adverse outcome of the matter could have a material effect on its results of operations and financial condition.

Financial Position, Liquidity and Capital Resources

Operating cash flows totaled \$92.3 million in the three months ended March 31, 2019 compared with \$119.8 million during the same period last year, a decrease of \$27.4 million. Accounts Receivable consumed \$40.0 million of operating cash in the first three months of 2019 compared with \$19.3 million in the same period last year as both periods experienced increased business activity following seasonally lower year-end activity. Business activity picked up more significantly in the first three months of 2019 compared to the same period in 2018, which led to a greater increase in accounts receivable despite improved current-year collection efforts which helped mitigate the increase. Inventories consumed \$20.6 million of cash in the first three months of 2019 compared with \$17.8 million in the same period last year, while increases in trade accounts payable provided \$14.8 million of cash during the three months ended March 31, 2019 compared to \$10.3 million last year. As with accounts receivable, the larger current year increases reflect the higher current-year pick up in first-quarter business activity.

Changes in accrued expenses consumed \$16.9 million of operating cash in the three months ended March 31, 2019 while only consuming \$0.2 million in the same period last year. The greater consumption this year is primarily due to higher prior-year accrued management incentives paid in the first quarter of 2019 compared to those paid in the first quarter of 2018.

Changes in other assets and liabilities provided \$7.4 million of additional cash in the first quarter of 2019 compared to 2018 while the impact of income taxes provided \$6.3 million less. The majority of the increase from other assets was due to the receipt in the current quarter of insurance proceeds recorded as a receivable at year end for clean-up and other repair costs related to Hurricane Florence.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$41.0 million in the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared with \$35.9 million in the same period last year, a higher year-over-year use of cash totaling \$5.1 million. The most significant driver

of the increased net use of cash was a \$4.9 million year-over-year reduction in cash proceeds received on the sale of fixed assets. Capital spending during the first three months of 2019 was \$42.2 million, approximately \$1 million lower year over year. Capital spending for the remainder of 2019 is not expected to exceed \$170 million.

Cash used by financing activities totaled \$47.8 million in the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared with a use of cash totaling \$36.6 million in the same period last year. The \$11.2 million year-over-year increased use was partially driven by a greater year-over-year decrease in outstanding checks of \$5.5 million. In addition, the Company paid cash dividends of \$41.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2019, an increase of \$2.3 million over the same period last year, and cash used to repurchase the Company's common stock was higher by \$3.3 million. The net cash flow effect of borrowing activity was a provision of approximately \$12 million in both periods.

The Company operates a \$350 million commercial paper program, supported by a \$500 million revolving credit facility with a syndicate of eight banks. The revolving bank credit facility is committed through July 2022. If circumstances were to prevent the Company from issuing commercial paper, it has the contractual right to draw funds directly on the underlying revolving bank credit facility. Borrowings under the credit facility may be prepaid at any time at the discretion of the Company.

The Company continually explores strategic acquisition opportunities which may result in the additional use of cash. Given the nature of the acquisition process, the timing and amounts of such expenditures are not predictable. The Company expects that acquisitions requiring funding in excess of cash on hand would be financed using available borrowing capacity.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$124.3 million and \$120.4 million at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. Of these totals, approximately \$105.9 million and \$102.3 million, respectively, were held outside of the United States by the Company's foreign subsidiaries. Cash held outside of the United States is available to meet local liquidity needs, or for capital expenditures, acquisitions, and other offshore growth opportunities. As the Company has ample domestic liquidity through a combination of operating cash flow generation and access to bank and capital markets borrowings, we have generally considered our foreign unremitted earnings to be indefinitely invested outside the United States and currently have no plans to repatriate such earnings, other than excess cash balances that can be repatriated at minimal tax cost. Accordingly, the Company is not providing for taxes on these amounts for financial reporting purposes. Computation of the potential deferred tax liability associated with unremitted earnings considered to be indefinitely reinvested is not practicable.

The Company uses a notional pooling arrangement with an international bank to help manage global liquidity requirements. Under this pooling arrangement, the Company and its participating subsidiaries may maintain either a cash deposit or borrowing position through local currency accounts with the bank, so long as the aggregate position of the global pool is a notionally calculated net cash deposit. Because it maintains a security interest in the cash deposits, and has the right to offset the cash deposits against the borrowings, the bank provides the Company and its participating subsidiaries favorable interest terms on both.

During the three months ended March 31, 2019, the Company reported a net increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$0.4 million due to an overall weaker U.S. dollar relative to its foreign currencies.

Certain of the Company's debt agreements impose restrictions with respect to the maintenance of financial ratios and the disposition of assets. The most restrictive covenants currently require the Company to maintain a minimum level of interest coverage and a minimum level of net worth, as defined in the agreements. As of March 31, 2019, the Company's interest coverage and net worth were substantially above the minimum levels required under these covenants.

The Company anticipates making additional contributions to its pension and postretirement plans of approximately \$13.5 million during the remainder of 2019, which would result in total 2019 contributions of approximately \$31 million. Although no contributions are required to be made to the Company's U.S. qualified pension plans in 2019, the Company is considering various options for de-risking these plans which could include additional, voluntary contributions in 2019 and reallocation of the assets held by the plans to a more conservative mix of fixed income and equity securities. Any such additional contributions in excess of cash on hand would be financed using available borrowing capacity. Future funding requirements beyond the current year will vary depending largely on actual investment returns, future actuarial assumptions, de-risking strategies pursued, and legislative actions.

Fair Value Measurements, Foreign Exchange Exposure and Risk Management

Certain assets and liabilities are reported in the Company's financial statements at fair value, the fluctuation of which can impact the Company's financial position and results of operations. Items reported by the Company at fair value on a recurring basis include derivative contracts and pension and deferred compensation related assets. The valuation of the vast majority of these items is based either on quoted prices in active and accessible markets or on other observable inputs.

As a result of operating globally, the Company is exposed to changes in foreign exchange rates. The exposure is well diversified, as the Company's operations are located throughout the world, and the Company generally sells in the same countries where it produces with both revenue and costs transacted in the local currency. The Company monitors these exposures and may use traditional currency swaps and forward exchange contracts to hedge a portion of forecasted transactions that are denominated in foreign currencies, foreign currency assets and liabilities or net investment in foreign subsidiaries. The Company's foreign operations are exposed to political, geopolitical and cultural risks, but the risks are mitigated by diversification and the relative stability of the countries in which the Company has significant operations.

Due to the highly inflationary economy in Venezuela, the Company considers the U.S. dollar to be the functional currency of its Venezuelan operations and uses the official exchange rate when remeasuring the financial records of those operations. Economic conditions in Venezuela have worsened considerably over the past several years and there is no indication that conditions are due to improve in the foreseeable future. Further deterioration could result in the recognition of an impairment charge or a deconsolidation of the subsidiary. At March 31, 2019, the carrying value of the Company's net investment in its Venezuelan operations was approximately \$2.0 million. In addition, at March 31, 2019, the Company's Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss included a translation loss of \$3.8 million related to its Venezuelan operations which would need to be reclassified to net income in the event of a complete exit of the business or a deconsolidation of these operations.

The Company has operations in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in Europe that could be impacted by the pending exit of the UK from the European Union (Brexit). Our UK operations have been making contingency plans regarding potential customs clearance issues, tariffs and other uncertainties should no Brexit deal be reached. Although it is difficult to predict all of the possible impacts to our supply chain or in our customers' downstream markets, the Company has evaluated the potential operational impacts and uncertainties of Brexit and at this time believes that the likelihood of a material impact on our future results of operations is low. Although there are some cross-border sales made out of and into the UK, most of what we produce in the UK is also sold in the UK and the same is true for continental Europe. In some cases, companies that have been importing from Europe into the UK are now seeking local sources, which has actually been positive for our UK operations. Annual sales of our UK operations totaled approximately \$120 million in 2018.

At March 31, 2019, the Company had commodity contracts outstanding to fix the cost of a portion of anticipated raw materials and natural gas purchases. The total net fair market value of these instruments was an unfavorable position of \$(0.9) million and \$(1.6) million at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. Natural gas and aluminum hedge contracts covering an equivalent of 6.0 million MMBTUs and 3,062 metric tons, respectively, were outstanding at March 31, 2019. Additionally, the Company had various currency contracts outstanding to fix the exchange rate on certain anticipated foreign currency cash flows. The total market value of these instruments was a net favorable position of \$0.2 million at March 31, 2019 and a net unfavorable position of \$(1.7) million at December 31, 2018. These contracts qualify as cash flow hedges and mature within twelve months of their respective reporting dates.

In addition, at March 31, 2019, the Company had various currency contracts outstanding to fix the exchange rate on certain foreign currency assets and liabilities. Although placed as an economic hedge, the Company does not apply hedge accounting to these contracts. The fair value of these currency contracts was a net unfavorable position of \$(0.2) million and a net favorable position of \$0.2 million at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

At March 31, 2019, the U.S. dollar had strengthened against most of the functional currencies of the Company's foreign operations compared to December 31, 2018, resulting in a translation loss of \$2.9 million being recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss during the three months ended March 31, 2019.

Restructuring and Impairment

Information regarding restructuring charges and restructuring-related asset impairment charges is provided in Note 5 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Information regarding new accounting pronouncements is provided in Note 2 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Information about the Company's exposure to market risk is discussed under Part I, Item 2 in this report and was disclosed in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 28, 2018. There have been no other material quantitative or qualitative changes in market risk exposure since the date of that filing.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

Under the supervision, and with the participation, of our management, including our Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), we conducted an evaluation pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, ("the Exchange Act") of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based on this evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that such controls and procedures, as of March 31, 2019, the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, were effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms. For this purpose, disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information that is required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting occurring during the three months ended March 31, 2019, that materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

Information with respect to legal proceedings and other exposures appears in Part I - Item 3 - "Legal Proceedings" and Part II - Item 8 - "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" (Note 16 - "Commitments and Contingencies") in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, and in Part I - Item 1 - "Financial Statements" (Note 15 - "Commitments and Contingencies") of this report.

Environmental Matters

The Company has been named as a potentially responsible party (PRP) at several environmentally contaminated sites not owned by the Company. All of the sites are also the responsibility of other parties. The Company's liability, if any, is shared with such other parties, but the Company's share has not been finally determined in most cases. In some cases, the Company has cost-sharing arrangements with other PRPs with respect to a particular site. Such agreements relate to the sharing of legal defense costs or cleanup costs, or both. The Company has assumed, for purposes of estimating amounts to be accrued, that the other parties to such cost-sharing agreements will perform as agreed. It appears that final resolution of some of the sites is years away, and actual costs to be incurred for these environmental matters in future periods is likely to vary from current estimates because of the inherent uncertainties in evaluating environmental exposures. Accordingly, the ultimate cost to the Company with respect to such sites, beyond what has been accrued at March 31, 2019, cannot be determined. As of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the Company had accrued \$20.0 million and \$20.1 million, respectively, related to environmental contingencies. The Company periodically reevaluates the assumptions used in determining the appropriate reserves for environmental matters as additional information becomes available and, when warranted, makes appropriate adjustments.

Other legal matters

Additional information regarding legal proceedings is provided in Note 15 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased ¹	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ²	(d) Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased under the Plans or Programs ²
1/01/19 - 2/01/19	25,606	\$ 52.64	—	2,969,611
2/02/19 - 3/03/19	105,627	\$ 56.34	—	2,969,611
3/4/19 - 3/31/19	1,596	\$ 59.92	—	2,969,611
Total	132,829	\$ 55.67	—	2,969,611

- 1 A total of 132,829 common shares were repurchased in the first quarter of 2019 related to shares withheld to satisfy employee tax withholding obligations in association with certain share-based compensation awards. These shares were not repurchased as part of a publicly announced plan or program.
- 2 On February 10, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 5,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock. A total of 2,030,389 shares were repurchased under this authorization during 2016 at a cost of \$100.0 million. No shares were repurchased during 2017, 2018, or during the three months ended March 31, 2019. Accordingly, a total of 2,969,611 shares remain available for repurchase at March 31, 2019.

Item 6. Exhibits.Exhibit Index

15. [Letter re: unaudited interim financial information](#)
31. [Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and 17 C.F.R. 240.13a-14\(a\)](#)
32. [Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and 17 C.F.R. 240.13a-14\(b\)](#)

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

SIGNATURE

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

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

(Registrant)

Date: May 1, 2019

By: /s/ Julie Albrecht

Julie Albrecht

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial officer)

/s/ James W. Kirkland

James W. Kirkland

Corporate Controller

(principal accounting officer)

May 1, 2019

Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20549

Commissioners:

We are aware that our report dated May 1, 2019 on our review of interim financial information of Sonoco Products Company, which appears in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (File No. 333-206669, dated August 31, 2015 and as amended on November 1, 2017; File No. 333-206671, dated August 31, 2015; File No. 333-206672, dated August 31, 2015; File No. 333-206673, dated August 31, 2015; File No. 333-206674, dated August 31, 2015; and File No. 333-206675, dated August 31, 2015) and Form S-3 (File No. 333-213559, dated September 9, 2016) of Sonoco Products Company.

Very truly yours,

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina

I, Robert C. Tiede, certify that:

- 1 I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Sonoco Products Company;
- 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 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 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: May 1, 2019

By: /s/ Robert C. Tiede
Robert C. Tiede
Chief Executive Officer

I, Julie C. Albrecht, certify that:

- 1 I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Sonoco Products Company;
- 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 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 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: May 1, 2019

By:

/s/ Julie C. Albrecht

Julie C. Albrecht

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the
Sarbanes – Oxley Act of 2002**

The undersigned, who are the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of Sonoco Products Company, each hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge, the accompanying Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in the report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the issuer.

May 1, 2019

/s/ Robert C. Tiede

Robert C. Tiede
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Julie C. Albrecht

Julie C. Albrecht
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Sonoco Products Company (the “Company”) and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request. This certification accompanies the Form 10-Q and shall not be treated as having been filed as part of the Form 10-Q.