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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

**For the quarterly period ended April 1, 2012**

**OR**

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

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

**Commission file number: 000-49850**

**BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or  
Organization)

95-4388794  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2525 East El Segundo Boulevard  
El Segundo, California  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90245  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 536-0611

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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 x No "

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

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

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

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

There were 21,784,556 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share outstanding as of April 30, 2012.

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(In thousands, except share amounts)

|  | <b>April 1,<br/>2012</b> | <b>January 1,<br/>2012</b> |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                          |                            |
| Current assets:  |                          |                            |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 5,563                 | \$ 4,900                   |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$85 and \$142, respectively         | 12,359                   | 13,106                     |
| Merchandise inventories, net   | 267,521                  | 264,278                    |
| Prepaid expenses   | 7,988                    | 7,972                      |
| Deferred income taxes  | 8,004                    | 8,410                      |
| <b>Total current assets</b>  | <b>301,435</b>           | <b>298,666</b>             |
| Property and equipment, net  | 72,903                   | 75,369                     |
| Deferred income taxes  | 13,730                   | 13,236                     |
| Other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$446 and \$383, respectively | 2,287                    | 2,360                      |
| Goodwill   | 4,433                    | 4,433                      |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>\$ 394,788</b>        | <b>\$ 394,064</b>          |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                    |                          |                            |
| Current liabilities:   |                          |                            |
| Accounts payable   | \$ 93,595                | \$ 77,593                  |
| Accrued expenses   | 53,737                   | 62,547                     |
| Current portion of capital lease obligations                                   | 1,599                    | 1,617                      |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>   | <b>148,931</b>           | <b>141,757</b>             |
| Deferred rent, less current portion  | 21,965                   | 22,483                     |
| Capital lease obligations, less current portion                                | 3,111                    | 3,145                      |
| Long-term debt   | 60,197                   | 63,476                     |
| Other long-term liabilities  | 6,821                    | 6,613                      |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>   | <b>241,025</b>           | <b>237,474</b>             |

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| Commitments and contingencies   |            |            |
| Stockholders' equity:   |            |            |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 23,592,454 and 23,483,815 shares, respectively; outstanding 21,827,138 and 21,890,970 shares, respectively | 236        | 235        |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 99,713     | 99,665     |
| Retained earnings   | 77,578     | 79,037     |
| Less: Treasury stock, at cost; 1,765,316 and 1,592,845 shares, respectively   | (23,764)   | (22,347)   |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 153,763    | 156,590    |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity  | \$ 394,788 | \$ 394,064 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(In thousands, except per share data)

|  | <b>13 Weeks Ended</b>    |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | <b>April 1,<br/>2012</b> | <b>April 3,<br/>2011</b> |
| Net sales  | \$ 218,496               | \$ 221,143               |
| Cost of sales  | 151,068                  | 148,960                  |
| Gross profit   | 67,428                   | 72,183                   |
| Selling and administrative expense                   | 66,585                   | 67,262                   |
| Operating income                                     | 843                      | 4,921                    |
| Interest expense                                     | 600                      | 605                      |
| Income before income taxes                           | 243                      | 4,316                    |
| Income taxes   | 87                       | 1,556                    |
| Net income   | \$ 156                   | \$ 2,760                 |
| Earnings per share:                                  |                          |                          |
| Basic  | \$ 0.01                  | \$ 0.13                  |
| Diluted  | \$ 0.01                  | \$ 0.13                  |
| Dividends per share                                  | \$ 0.075                 | \$ 0.075                 |
| Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding: |                          |                          |
| Basic  | 21,489                   | 21,619                   |
| Diluted  | 21,654                   | 21,946                   |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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(In thousands)

|  | <b>13 Weeks Ended</b>    |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | <b>April 1,<br/>2012</b> | <b>April 3,<br/>2011</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>   |                          |                          |
| Net income   | \$ 156                   | \$ 2,760                 |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b> |                          |                          |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 4,665                    | 4,656                    |
| Share-based compensation   | 485                      | 434                      |
| Excess tax benefit related to share-based awards   | (2)                      | (68)                     |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs  | 63                       | 82                       |
| Deferred income taxes  | (88)                     | (74)                     |
| Gain on disposal of property and equipment   | (2)                      |                          |
| <b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>                                      |                          |                          |
| Accounts receivable, net   | 575                      | 3,097                    |
| Merchandise inventories, net   | (3,243)                  | (1,308)                  |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  | (6)                      | 181                      |
| Accounts payable   | 17,705                   | 2,631                    |
| Accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities   | (8,921)                  | (8,214)                  |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>   | <b>11,387</b>            | <b>4,177</b>             |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>   |                          |                          |
| Purchases of property and equipment  | (1,602)                  | (2,467)                  |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>   | <b>(1,602)</b>           | <b>(2,467)</b>           |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>   |                          |                          |
| Principal borrowings under revolving credit facility                                     | 48,943                   | 43,101                   |
| Principal payments under revolving credit facility                                       | (52,222)                 | (39,606)                 |
| Changes in book overdraft  | (2,094)                  | (2,133)                  |
| Principal payments under capital lease obligations                                       | (472)                    | (531)                    |
| Proceeds from exercise of share option awards  | 18                       | 201                      |
| Excess tax benefit related to share-based awards   | 2                        | 68                       |
| Purchases of treasury stock  | (1,347)                  |                          |
| Tax withholding payments for share-based compensation                                    | (282)                    | (283)                    |
| Dividends paid   | (1,668)                  | (1,647)                  |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>   | <b>(9,122)</b>           | <b>(830)</b>             |



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|  |          |          |
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| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents                                | 663      | 880      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                         | 4,900    | 5,620    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period                               | \$ 5,563 | \$ 6,500 |
| Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities: |          |          |
| Property and equipment acquired under capital leases                     | \$ 419   | \$ 108   |
| Property and equipment purchases accrued                                 | \$ 966   | \$ 244   |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:                       |          |          |
| Interest paid  | \$ 480   | \$ 595   |
| Income taxes paid  | \$ 129   | \$ 1,521 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(1) Description of Business**

*Business*

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the Company) is a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 407 stores in 12 states at April 1, 2012. The Company provides a full-line product offering in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages approximately 11,000 square feet. The Company's product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, snowboarding and roller sports. The Company is a holding company that operates as one business segment through Big 5 Corp., its wholly-owned subsidiary, and Big 5 Services Corp., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Big 5 Corp. Big 5 Services Corp. provides a centralized operation for the issuance and administration of gift cards.

The accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements (Interim Financial Statements) of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, these Interim Financial Statements do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. These Interim Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2012 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, the Interim Financial Statements included herein contain all adjustments, including normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position, the results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented.

The operating results and cash flows of the interim periods presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any other interim period or the full year.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Consolidation*

The accompanying Interim Financial Statements include the accounts of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, Big 5 Corp. and Big 5 Services Corp. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Reporting Period*

The Company follows the concept of a 52-53 week fiscal year, which ends on the Sunday nearest December 31. Fiscal year 2012 is comprised of 52 weeks and ends on December 30, 2012. Fiscal year 2011 was comprised of 52 weeks and ended on January 1, 2012. The fiscal interim periods in fiscal 2012 and 2011 are each comprised of 13 weeks.

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*Recently Issued Accounting Updates*

In September 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) No. 2011-08, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other*. ASU No. 2011-08 is intended to simplify goodwill impairment testing by adding a qualitative review step to assess whether the required quantitative impairment analysis that exists today is necessary. ASU No. 2011-08 permits an entity to first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. If it is concluded that this is the case, it is necessary to perform the currently prescribed two-step goodwill impairment test. Otherwise, the two-step goodwill impairment test is not required. Additionally, an entity has the option to bypass the qualitative assessment in any period and proceed directly to performing the first step of the two-step goodwill impairment test. An entity may resume performing the qualitative assessment in any subsequent period. ASU No. 2011-08 is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of ASU No. 2011-08 in fiscal 2012 did not have a material impact on the Company's Interim Financial Statements.

*Use of Estimates*

Management has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets, liabilities and stockholders' equity and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Interim Financial Statements and reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period to prepare these Interim Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP. Certain items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of merchandise inventories, property and equipment, and goodwill; valuation allowances for receivables, sales returns and deferred income tax assets; estimates related to gift card breakage and the valuation of share-based compensation awards; and obligations related to asset retirements, litigation, self-insurance liabilities and employee benefits. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

*Revenue Recognition*

The Company earns revenue by selling merchandise primarily through its retail stores. Revenue is recognized when merchandise is sold and delivered to the customer and is shown net of estimated returns during the relevant period. The allowance for sales returns is estimated based upon historical experience.

Cash received from the sale of gift cards is recorded as a liability, and revenue is recognized upon the redemption of the gift card or when it is determined that the likelihood of redemption is remote ( gift card breakage ) and no liability to relevant jurisdictions exists. The Company determines the gift card breakage rate based upon historical redemption patterns and recognizes gift card breakage on a straight-line basis over the estimated gift card redemption period (20 quarters as of the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2012). The Company recognized approximately \$103,000 and \$105,000 in gift card breakage revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011, respectively.



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The Company records sales tax collected from its customers on a net basis, and therefore excludes it from revenue as defined in Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) 605, *Revenue Recognition*.

*Share-Based Compensation*

The Company accounts for its share-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718, *Compensation Stock Compensation*. The Company recognizes compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period using the fair-value method for share option awards, nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards granted with service-only conditions. See Note 7 to the Interim Financial Statements for a further discussion on share-based compensation.

*Valuation of Merchandise Inventories*

The Company's merchandise inventories are made up of finished goods and are valued at the lower of cost or market using the weighted-average cost method that approximates the first-in, first-out ( FIFO ) method. Average cost includes the direct purchase price of merchandise inventory, net of vendor allowances and cash discounts, and allocated overhead costs associated with the Company's distribution center.

Management regularly reviews inventories and records valuation reserves for merchandise damage and defective returns, merchandise items with slow-moving or obsolescence exposure and merchandise that has a carrying value that exceeds market value. Because of its merchandise mix, the Company has not historically experienced significant occurrences of obsolescence.

Inventory shrinkage is accrued as a percentage of merchandise sales based on historical inventory shrinkage trends. The Company performs physical inventories of its stores at least once per year and cycle counts inventories at its distribution center throughout the year. The reserve for inventory shrinkage represents an estimate for inventory shrinkage for each store since the last physical inventory date through the reporting date.

These reserves are estimates, which could vary significantly, either favorably or unfavorably, from actual results if future economic conditions, consumer demand and competitive environments differ from expectations.

*Valuation of Long-Lived Assets*

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment at least annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable.

Long-lived assets are reviewed for recoverability at the lowest level in which there are identifiable cash flows ( asset group ), usually at the store level. The carrying amount of an asset group is not considered recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the asset group. If the asset group is determined not to be recoverable, then an impairment charge will be recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset

group exceeds its fair value, determined using discounted cash flow valuation techniques, as defined in ASC 360, *Property, Plant, and Equipment*.

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The Company determines the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the asset group by projecting future revenue and operating expense for each store under consideration for impairment. The estimates of future cash flows involve management judgment and are based upon assumptions about expected future operating performance. Assumptions used in these forecasts are consistent with internal planning, and include assumptions about sales, margins, operating expense and advertising expense in relation to the current economic environment and future expectations, competitive factors in various markets and inflation. The actual cash flows could differ from management's estimates due to changes in business conditions, operating performance and economic conditions.

*Leases and Deferred Rent*

The Company accounts for its leases under the provisions of ASC 840, *Leases*.

The Company evaluates and classifies its leases as either operating or capital leases for financial reporting purposes. Operating lease commitments consist principally of leases for the Company's retail store facilities, distribution center and corporate office. Capital lease obligations consist principally of leases for some of the Company's distribution center delivery tractors, management information systems hardware and point-of-sale equipment for the Company's stores.

Certain of the leases for the Company's retail store facilities provide for payments based on future sales volumes at the leased location, which are not measurable at the inception of the lease. These contingent rents are expensed as they accrue.

Deferred rent represents the difference between rent paid and the amounts expensed for operating leases. Certain leases have scheduled rent increases, and certain leases include an initial period of free or reduced rent as an inducement to enter into the lease agreement (rent holidays). The Company recognizes rent expense for rent increases and rent holidays on a straight-line basis over the term of the underlying leases, without regard to when rent payments are made. The calculation of straight-line rent is based on the reasonably assured lease term as defined in ASC 840 and may exceed the initial non-cancelable lease term.

Landlord allowances for tenant improvements, or lease incentives, are recorded as deferred rent and amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as a component of rent expense.

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**(3) Fair Value Measurements**

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate the fair values of these instruments due to their short-term nature. The carrying amount for borrowings under the revolving credit facility approximates fair value because of the variable market interest rate charged to the Company for these borrowings. The carrying values of certain assets subject to long-lived asset impairment are measured at fair value subsequent to their initial recognition.

**(4) Accrued Expenses**

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

|                             | April 1,<br>2012 | January 1,<br>2012 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                             | (In thousands)   |                    |
| Payroll and related expense | \$ 17,887        | \$ 19,691          |
| Occupancy costs             | 8,491            | 8,722              |
| Sales tax                   | 7,542            | 9,235              |
| Advertising                 | 4,392            | 7,685              |
| Other                       | 15,425           | 17,214             |
| Accrued expenses            | \$ 53,737        | \$ 62,547          |

**(5) Long-Term Debt**

On October 18, 2010, the Company entered into a credit agreement (the Credit Agreement) with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (Wells Fargo), as administrative agent, and a syndicate of other lenders. Initial borrowings under the Credit Agreement were used to, among other things, repay all of the Company's outstanding indebtedness under its prior financing agreement, at which time the prior financing agreement was terminated. On October 31, 2011, the Company amended certain provisions of its Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement provides for a revolving credit facility (the Credit Facility) with an aggregate committed availability of up to \$140.0 million, which amount may be increased at the Company's option up to a maximum of \$165.0 million. The Company may also request additional increases in aggregate availability, up to a maximum of \$200.0 million, in which case the existing lenders under the Credit Agreement will have the option to increase their commitments to accommodate the requested increase. If such existing lenders do not exercise that option, the Company may (with the consent of Wells Fargo, not to be unreasonably withheld) seek other lenders willing to provide such commitments. The Credit Facility includes a \$50.0 million sublimit for issuances of letters of credit and



a \$20.0 million sublimit for swingline loans.

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Obligations under the Credit Facility are secured by a general lien and perfected security interest in substantially all of the Company's assets. The Credit Agreement contains covenants that require the Company to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0:1.0 in certain circumstances, and limit the Company's ability to, among other things, incur liens, incur additional indebtedness, transfer or dispose of assets, change the nature of the business, guarantee obligations, pay dividends or make other distributions or repurchase stock, and make advances, loans or investments.

The applicable interest rate on the Company's borrowings will be a function of the daily average, over the preceding fiscal quarter, of the excess of the Credit Facility over amounts borrowed (such amount being referred to as the Average Daily Excess Availability). Those loans designated as LIBO rate loans shall bear interest at a rate equal to the then applicable LIBO rate plus an applicable margin as shown in the table below. Those loans designated as base rate loans shall bear interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin for base rate loans (as shown below) plus the highest of (a) the Federal funds rate, as in effect from time to time, plus one-half of one percent (0.50%), (b) the LIBO rate, as adjusted to account for statutory reserves, plus one percent (1.00%), or (c) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Wells Fargo as its prime rate. The applicable margin for all loans will be as set forth below as a function of Average Daily Excess Availability for the preceding fiscal quarter.

| Level | Average Daily Excess Availability     | LIBO Rate<br>Applicable<br>Margin | Base Rate<br>Applicable<br>Margin |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| I     | Greater than or equal to \$70,000,000 | 1.50%                             | 0.50%                             |
| II    | Greater than or equal to \$40,000,000 | 1.75%                             | 0.75%                             |
| III   | Less than \$40,000,000                | 2.00%                             | 1.00%                             |

The amendment reduced the commitment fee assessed on the unused portion of the Credit Facility to 0.375% per annum.

The maturity date of the Credit Agreement, as amended, is October 31, 2016.

The Company had long-term revolving credit borrowings of \$60.2 million at April 1, 2012 and \$63.5 million at January 1, 2012. Total remaining borrowing availability, after subtracting letters of credit, was \$76.2 million and \$72.8 million as of April 1, 2012 and January 1, 2012, respectively.

**(6) Income Taxes**

Under the asset and liability method prescribed under ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, the Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be realized or settled. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in

income in the period that includes the enactment date. The realizability of deferred tax assets is assessed throughout the year and a valuation allowance is recorded if necessary to reduce net deferred tax assets to the amount more likely than not to be realized. As of April 1, 2012 and January 1, 2012, there was no valuation allowance as the deferred income tax assets were more likely than not to be realized.

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The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return and files tax returns in various state and local jurisdictions. The statutes of limitations for consolidated federal income tax returns are open for fiscal years 2008 and after, and state and local income tax returns are open for fiscal years 2007 and after.

At April 1, 2012 and January 1, 2012, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective income tax rate over the next 12 months. The Company's policy is to recognize interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expense. At April 1, 2012 and January 1, 2012, the Company had no accrued interest or penalties.

**(7) Share-Based Compensation**

At its discretion, the Company grants share option awards, nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards to certain employees, as defined by ASC 718, *Compensation - Stock Compensation*, under the Company's 2007 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan, as amended and restated on June 14, 2011 (the Plan), and accounts for its share-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718. The Company recognized approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million in share-based compensation expense for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011, respectively.

*Share Option Awards*

Share option awards granted by the Company generally vest and become exercisable at the rate of 25% per year with a maximum life of ten years. The exercise price of the share option awards is equal to the quoted market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. In the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011, the Company granted no share option awards.

As of April 1, 2012, there was \$0.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share option awards granted. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.5 years.

*Nonvested Share Awards and Nonvested Share Unit Awards*

Nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards granted by the Company vest from the date of grant in four equal annual installments of 25% per year. Nonvested share awards are delivered to the recipient upon their vesting. With respect to nonvested share unit awards, vested shares will be delivered to the recipient on the tenth business day of January following the year in which the recipient's service to the Company is terminated. The total fair value of nonvested share awards which vested during the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011 was \$0.8 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

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The Company granted 142,100 and 149,100 nonvested share awards in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011, respectively. The weighted-average grant-date fair value per share of the Company's nonvested share awards granted in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011 was \$7.82 and \$11.91, respectively.

The following table details the Company's nonvested share awards activity for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012:

|                            | <b>000000000</b> | <b>000000000</b>                              |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|
|                            | <b>Shares</b>    | <b>Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value</b> |
| Balance at January 1, 2012 | 304,700          | \$ 13.03                                      |
| Granted                    | 142,100          | 7.82  |
| Vested                     | (97,925)         | 12.46   |
| Forfeited                  | (1,225)          | 12.98   |
| Balance at April 1, 2012   | 347,650          | \$ 11.06                                      |

To satisfy employee minimum statutory tax withholding requirements for nonvested share awards that vest, the Company withholds and retires a portion of the vesting common shares, unless an employee elects to pay cash. In the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012, the Company withheld 36,011 common shares with a total value of \$0.3 million. This amount is presented as a cash outflow from financing activities in the accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

As of April 1, 2012, there was \$3.5 million and \$0.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards, respectively. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 3.1 years and 3.2 years for nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards, respectively.

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards is the quoted market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant.

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**(8) Earnings Per Share**

The Company calculates earnings per share in accordance with ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share*, which requires a dual presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding, reduced by shares repurchased and held in treasury, during the period. Diluted earnings per share represents basic earnings per share adjusted to include the potentially dilutive effect of outstanding share option awards, nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards.

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

|  | <b>13 Weeks Ended</b>                           |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|
|  | <b>April 1,<br/>2012</b>                        | <b>April 3,<br/>2011</b> |
|  | <b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b> |                          |
| Net income   | \$ 156  | \$ 2,760                 |
| Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding:   |   |                          |
| Basic  | 21,489  | 21,619                   |
| Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents arising from share option, nonvested share and nonvested share unit awards | 165   | 327                      |
| Diluted  | 21,654  | 21,946                   |
| Basic earnings per share   | \$ 0.01   | \$ 0.13                  |
| Diluted earnings per share   | \$ 0.01   | \$ 0.13                  |

The computation of diluted earnings per share for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011 does not include share option awards in the amounts of 1,280,690 and 890,770 shares, respectively, that were outstanding and antidilutive (i.e., including such share option awards would result in higher earnings per share), since the exercise prices of these share option awards exceeded the average market price of the Company's common shares.

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The Company was served on the following dates with the following nine complaints, each of which was brought as a purported class action on behalf of persons who made purchases at the Company's stores in California using credit cards and were requested or required to provide personal identification information at the time of the transaction: (1) on February 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Maria Eugenia Saenz Valiente v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455049; (2) on February 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Scott Mossler v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455477; (3) on February 28, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Yelena Matatova v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455459; (4) on March 8, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Neal T. Wiener v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC456300; (5) on March 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Francisco, entitled *Donna Motta v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. CGC-11-509228; (6) on March 30, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Alameda, entitled *Steve Holmes v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. RG11563123; (7) on March 30, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Francisco, entitled *Robin Nelson v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. CGC-11-508829; (8) on April 8, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Joaquin, entitled *Pamela B. Smith v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. 39-2011-00261014-CU-BT-STK; and (9) on May 31, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Deena Gabriel v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC462213. On June 16, 2011, the Judicial Council of California issued an Order Assigning Coordination Trial Judge designating the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles as having jurisdiction to coordinate and to hear all nine of the cases as Case No. JCCP4667. On October 21, 2011, the plaintiffs collectively filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint, alleging violations of the California Civil Code, negligence, invasion of privacy and unlawful intrusion. The plaintiffs allege, among other things, that customers making purchases with credit cards at the Company's stores in California were improperly requested to provide their zip code at the time of such purchases. The plaintiffs seek, on behalf of the class members, the following: statutory penalties; attorneys' fees; costs; restitution of property; disgorgement of profits; and injunctive relief. The Company intends to defend this litigation vigorously. Because this litigation remains in the preliminary stages and, among other things, discovery is still ongoing, the Company is not able to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome in this litigation or to estimate a range of potential loss in the event of an unfavorable outcome in this litigation at the present time. If this litigation is resolved unfavorably to the Company, such litigation and the costs of defending it could have a material negative impact on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

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On October 31, 2011, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, entitled *George Zepeda v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC472450, alleging violations of the California Civil Code. The complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of mobility impaired/wheelchair-bound persons located in California. The plaintiff alleged, among other things, that the Company violated California state law by failing to make certain store locations accessible to individuals with disabilities. During March 2012, the Company and the plaintiff entered into a confidential agreement providing for the full and complete settlement and release of all of the plaintiff's individual claims and a dismissal of all claims purportedly brought on behalf of the class members in exchange for the Company's payment of a non-material amount to the plaintiff and the plaintiff's counsel and the Company's agreement to remediate certain alleged access barriers at certain store locations for a total cost that is not material to the Company's Interim Financial Statements. In accordance with the settlement, all claims have been dismissed.

On December 21, 2011, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Sean Callahan v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corp.*, et al., Case No. BC471854, alleging violations of the California Labor Code and the California Business and Professions Code. The complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of the Company's store managers and assistant managers in California for the four years prior to the filing of the complaint. The plaintiff alleged, among other things, that the Company failed to reimburse class members for business expenses incurred in connection with their employment as required under California law and failed to pay class members wages (regular and overtime) for time worked outside of recorded work time as required under California law. In February 2012, the Company and the plaintiff reached a confidential agreement providing for the full and complete settlement and release of all of the plaintiff's individual claims and a dismissal of all claims purportedly brought on behalf of the class members in exchange for the Company's payment of a non-material amount to the plaintiff and the plaintiff's counsel. The Company admitted no liability or wrongdoing with respect to the claims set forth in the lawsuit. The court has approved the settlement, and all claims have been dismissed.

The Company is involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

**(10) Subsequent Event**

In the second quarter of fiscal 2012, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.075 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2012 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2012.



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation

El Segundo, California

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries (the Corporation) as of April 1, 2012, and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the 13 week periods ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). 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 Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), 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.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such condensed consolidated 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 Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries as of January 1, 2012, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated February 29, 2012, 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 January 1, 2012 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Los Angeles, California

May 2, 2012

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

The following discussion and analysis of the Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation ( we , our , us ) financial condition and results of operations includes information with respect to our plans and strategies for our business and should be read in conjunction with our interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes ( Interim Financial Statements ) included herein and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, and *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2012.

#### **Overview**

We are a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 407 stores in 12 states under the name Big 5 Sporting Goods at April 1, 2012. We provide a full-line product offering in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages approximately 11,000 square feet. Our product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, snowboarding and roller sports.

#### **Executive Summary**

Our operating results for the first quarter of fiscal 2012 and the first quarter of fiscal 2011 continue to reflect unfavorable macroeconomic conditions in our markets resulting primarily from the lingering effects of the economic recession. These conditions have led to an erosion of consumer confidence and disposable income and, as long as this economic weakness continues, it is likely to continue to impact our operating results. Unseasonably warm winter weather conditions in the first quarter of fiscal 2012 also unfavorably impacted our winter-related merchandise sales in comparison to the first quarter of fiscal 2011.

Net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased 1.2% to \$218.5 million compared to \$221.1 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2011. The decrease in net sales was primarily attributable to a decline in same store sales of 2.9% and lower closed store sales, partially offset by added sales from new stores in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012. Same store sales for a period reflect net sales from stores that operated throughout the period as well as the corresponding prior period; e.g., comparable quarterly reporting periods for quarterly comparisons.

Net income for the first quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased to \$0.2 million, or \$0.01 per diluted share, compared to \$2.8 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2011. The decrease in net income primarily reflected reduced sales combined with lower merchandise margins, partially offset by lower selling and administrative expense.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased by 178 basis points to 30.9% compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2011, primarily as a result of lower merchandise margins.

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Selling and administrative expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased 1.0% to \$66.6 million, or 30.5% of net sales, compared to \$67.3 million, or 30.4% of net sales, for the first quarter of fiscal 2011. The decrease was primarily attributable to reduced employee benefit costs and lower debit card fees.

Operating income for the first quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased to \$0.8 million, or 0.4% of net sales, compared to \$4.9 million, or 2.2% of net sales, for the first quarter of fiscal 2011. The lower operating income primarily reflected reduced sales and lower merchandise margins, partially offset by lower selling and administrative expense.

**Results of Operations**

The results of the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire fiscal year.

13 Weeks Ended April 1, 2012 Compared to 13 Weeks Ended April 3, 2011

The following table sets forth selected items from our interim unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations by dollar and as a percentage of our net sales for the periods indicated:

|   | 0000000000                         |         | 0000000000            |    | 0000000000           |        | 0000000000 |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|----|----------------------|--------|------------|
|   |                                    |         | <b>13 Weeks Ended</b> |    |                      |        |            |
|   | <b>April 1, 2012</b>               |         |                       |    | <b>April 3, 2011</b> |        |            |
|   | (In thousands, except percentages) |         |                       |    |                      |        |            |
| Net sales   | \$                                 | 218,496 | 100.0%                | \$ | 221,143              | 100.0% |            |
| Cost of sales <sup>(1)</sup>                      |                                    | 151,068 | 69.1                  |    | 148,960              | 67.4   |            |
| Gross profit                                      |                                    | 67,428  | 30.9                  |    | 72,183               | 32.6   |            |
| Selling and administrative expense <sup>(2)</sup> |                                    | 66,585  | 30.5                  |    | 67,262               | 30.4   |            |
| Operating income                                  |                                    | 843     | 0.4                   |    | 4,921                | 2.2    |            |
| Interest expense                                  |                                    | 600     | 0.3                   |    | 605                  | 0.3    |            |
| Income before income taxes                        |                                    | 243     | 0.1                   |    | 4,316                | 1.9    |            |
| Income taxes                                      |                                    | 87      | 0.0                   |    | 1,556                | 0.7    |            |
| Net income  | \$                                 | 156     | 0.1%                  | \$ | 2,760                | 1.2%   |            |

<sup>(1)</sup> Cost of sales includes the cost of merchandise, net of discounts or allowances earned, freight, inventory reserves, buying, distribution center costs and store occupancy costs. Store occupancy costs include rent, amortization of leasehold improvements, common area maintenance, property taxes and insurance.

<sup>(2)</sup> Selling and administrative expense includes store-related expense, other than store occupancy costs, as well as advertising, depreciation and amortization, expense associated with operating our corporate headquarters and impairment charges, if any.

*Net Sales.* Net sales decreased by \$2.6 million, or 1.2%, to \$218.5 million in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 from

\$221.1 million in the same period last year. The change in net sales reflected the following:

Same store sales decreased \$6.2 million, or 2.9%, for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012, versus the comparable 13-week period in the prior year, due largely to lower sales of winter-related merchandise as a result of unseasonably warm winter weather conditions in the first quarter of fiscal 2012. Same store sales for a period reflect net sales from stores that operated throughout the period as well as the corresponding prior period; e.g., comparable quarterly reporting periods for quarterly comparisons.

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Partially offsetting lower same store sales were added sales from new stores reflecting the opening of 14 new stores since January 2, 2011.

Customer traffic into our retail stores decreased for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 versus the comparable period last year.

Store count at April 1, 2012 was 407 versus 396 at April 3, 2011. We opened one new store, which was a relocation, in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012. We opened two new stores, both of which were relocations, and closed two stores related to 2010 relocations in the 13 weeks ended April 3, 2011. For fiscal 2012, we expect to open approximately ten new stores, relocate approximately six stores and close three stores. We expect the three store closures to be completed during the second quarter of fiscal 2012. Of the six stores expected to be relocated in fiscal 2012, we anticipate closing approximately three stores this year and the remaining three stores in fiscal 2013.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit decreased by \$4.8 million, or 6.6%, to \$67.4 million, or 30.9% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 from \$72.2 million, or 32.6% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended April 3, 2011. The change in gross profit was primarily attributable to the following:

Merchandise margins, which exclude buying, occupancy and distribution costs, decreased 156 basis points versus the first quarter last year, primarily reflecting a significant sales mix shift away from higher margin winter-related products as a result of unseasonably warm winter weather, combined with the impact of promotional activities to stimulate sales as well as inflation in the purchase cost of product.

Net sales decreased \$2.6 million, or 1.2%, year over year in the first quarter of fiscal 2012.

*Selling and Administrative Expense.* Selling and administrative expense decreased by \$0.7 million to \$66.6 million, or 30.5% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 from \$67.3 million, or 30.4% of net sales, in the same period last year. The decrease in selling and administrative expense compared to the prior year was primarily attributable to a decrease in employee benefit-related costs from higher than normal levels in the prior year period and a reduction in debit card fees due to recent federal legislation.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense remained relatively unchanged at \$0.6 million in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 compared to the same period last year. Interest expense for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 compared to the same period last year reflects an increase in average debt levels of approximately \$14.0 million to \$69.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2012 from \$55.7 million in the same period last year. The impact of increased average debt levels was offset by a decrease in average interest rates of approximately 40 basis points, to 2.4% in the first quarter of fiscal 2012 from 2.8% in the same period last year, due mainly to lower applicable margins under our amended credit agreement.

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*Income Taxes.* The provision for income taxes was \$0.1 million for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and \$1.6 million for the 13 weeks ended April 3, 2011. Our effective tax rate was 35.8% for the first quarter of fiscal 2012 compared with 36.1% for the first quarter of fiscal 2011.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal liquidity requirements are for working capital, capital expenditures and cash dividends. We fund our liquidity requirements primarily through cash and cash equivalents on hand, cash flows from operations and borrowings from our revolving credit facility. We believe our cash and cash equivalents on hand, future cash flows from operations and borrowings from our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund our cash requirements for at least the next 12 months. There is no assurance, however, that we will be able to generate sufficient cash flows from operations or maintain our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility.

We ended the first quarter of fiscal 2012 with \$5.6 million of cash and cash equivalents compared with \$6.5 million at the end of the same period in fiscal 2011. Our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities are summarized as follows:

|   | <b>13 Weeks Ended</b>    |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | <b>April 1,<br/>2012</b> | <b>April 3,<br/>2011</b> |
|   | (In thousands)           |                          |
| Net cash provided by (used in):           |                          |                          |
| Operating activities                      | \$ 11,387                | \$ 4,177                 |
| Investing activities                      | (1,602)                  | (2,467)                  |
| Financing activities                      | (9,122)                  | (830)                    |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$ 663                   | \$ 880                   |

*Operating Activities.* Net cash provided by operating activities for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011 was \$11.4 million and \$4.2 million, respectively. The increase in cash flow from operating activities for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 compared to the same period last year primarily reflects lower funding of merchandise inventory purchases, partially offset by a smaller reduction in accounts receivable and lower net income for the current year. Accounts payable increased more during the first quarter of fiscal 2012 than the first quarter of the prior year due primarily to the timing of inventory purchases. Inventory purchases were lower in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011 compared to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010, which resulted in a lower accounts payable balance at the end of fiscal 2011. Inventory purchases in the first quarter of fiscal 2012 were higher than the first quarter of fiscal 2011.

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*Investing Activities.* Net cash used in investing activities for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011 was \$1.6 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. Capital expenditures, excluding non-cash property and equipment acquisitions, represented all of the cash used in investing activities for both periods.

*Financing Activities.* Net cash used in financing activities for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 and April 3, 2011 was \$9.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively. In the first quarter of fiscal 2012, net cash was used primarily to pay down borrowings under our revolving credit facility, pay dividends and repurchase stock. In the first quarter of fiscal 2011, net cash was used primarily to pay dividends, partially offset by increased net borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

As of April 1, 2012, we had revolving credit borrowings of \$60.2 million and letter of credit commitments of \$3.6 million outstanding. These balances compare to revolving credit borrowings of \$63.5 million and letter of credit commitments of \$3.7 million outstanding as of January 1, 2012 and revolving credit borrowings of \$51.8 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.8 million outstanding as of April 3, 2011. Cash provided from operating activities was used to pay down outstanding debt under our revolving credit facility during the first quarter of fiscal 2012. The increase in revolving credit borrowings at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period last year primarily reflects higher inventory levels due to lower than anticipated sales, combined with lower accounts payable as a percentage of inventory due in part to the timing of payments.

In fiscal 2011 and the first quarter of fiscal 2012, our Board of Directors declared quarterly cash dividends of \$0.075 per share of outstanding common stock, for an annual rate of \$0.30 per share. In the second quarter of fiscal 2012, our Board of Directors also declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.075 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2012 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2012.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011, we resumed our share repurchase activity under our previously announced program, and in the first quarter of fiscal 2012 we repurchased 172,471 shares of our common stock for \$1.4 million. Since the inception of our initial share repurchase program in May 2006 through April 1, 2012, we have repurchased a total of 1,651,106 shares for \$23.2 million, leaving a total of \$11.8 million available for share repurchases under our current share repurchase program.

*Credit Agreement.* On October 18, 2010, we entered into a new credit agreement (the *Credit Agreement*) with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ( *Wells Fargo* ), as administrative agent, and a syndicate of other lenders. Initial borrowings under the *Credit Agreement* on October 18, 2010 were used to, among other things, repay all of our outstanding indebtedness under our prior financing agreement, at which time the prior financing agreement was terminated. As further discussed below, the *Credit Agreement* was amended on October 31, 2011.

The *Credit Agreement* provides for a revolving credit facility (the *Credit Facility*) with an aggregate committed availability of up to \$140.0 million, which amount may be increased at our option up to a maximum of \$165.0 million. We may also request additional increases in aggregate availability, up to a maximum of \$200.0 million, in which case the existing lenders under the *Credit Agreement* will have the option to increase their commitments to accommodate the requested increase. If such existing lenders do not exercise

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that option, we may (with the consent of Wells Fargo, not to be unreasonably withheld) seek other lenders willing to provide such commitments. The Credit Facility includes a \$50.0 million sublimit for issuances of letters of credit and a \$20.0 million sublimit for swingline loans. As of April 1, 2012 and January 1, 2012, our total remaining borrowing availability under the Credit Agreement, after subtracting letters of credit, was \$76.2 million and \$72.8 million, respectively.

We may borrow under the Credit Facility from time to time, provided the amounts outstanding will not exceed the lesser of the then aggregate availability (as discussed above) and the Borrowing Base (such lesser amount being referred to as the Loan Cap). The Borrowing Base generally is comprised of the sum, at the time of calculation of (a) 90.00% of our eligible credit card accounts receivable; plus (b)(i) during the period of September 15 through December 15 of each year, the cost of our eligible inventory, net of inventory reserves, multiplied by 90.00% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory (expressed as a percentage of the cost of eligible inventory); and (ii) at all other times, the cost of our eligible inventory, net of inventory reserves, multiplied by 85.00% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory (expressed as a percentage of the cost of eligible inventory); plus (c) the lesser of (i) the cost of our eligible in-transit inventory, net of inventory reserves, multiplied by 85.00% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of our eligible in-transit inventory (expressed as a percentage of the cost of eligible in-transit inventory), or (ii) \$10.0 million, minus (d) certain reserves established by Wells Fargo in its role as the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

Generally, we may designate specific borrowings under the Credit Facility as either base rate loans or LIBO rate loans. In each case, the applicable interest rate was a function of the daily average, over the preceding fiscal quarter, of the excess of the Loan Cap over amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility (such amount being referred to as the Average Daily Excess Availability). Those loans designated as LIBO rate loans shall bear interest at a rate equal to the then applicable LIBO rate plus an applicable margin as shown in the table below. Those loans designated as base rate loans shall bear interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin for base rate loans (as shown below) plus the highest of (a) the Federal funds rate, as in effect from time to time, plus one-half of one percent (0.50%), (b) the LIBO rate, as adjusted to account for statutory reserves, plus one percent (1.00%), or (c) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Wells Fargo as its prime rate. Prior to the amendment of the Credit Agreement dated October 31, 2011 discussed below, the applicable margin for all loans was as set forth below as a function of Average Daily Excess Availability for the preceding fiscal quarter.

| Level | Average Daily Excess Availability         | LIBO Rate<br>Applicable<br>Margin | Base Rate<br>Applicable<br>Margin |
|-------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| I     | Greater than 50% of the Loan Cap          | 2.00%                             | 1.00%                             |
| II    | Less than or equal to 50% of the Loan Cap | 2.25%                             | 1.25%                             |



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On October 31, 2011, we entered into a First Amendment to Credit Agreement and amended certain provisions of our Credit Agreement. Following the Amendment, the applicable margin for all loans is as set forth below as a function of Average Daily Excess Availability for the preceding fiscal quarter.

| <b>Level</b> | <b>Average Daily Excess Availability</b> | <b>LIBO Rate<br/>Applicable<br/>Margin</b> | <b>Base Rate<br/>Applicable<br/>Margin</b> |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| I            | Greater than or equal to \$70,000,000    | 1.50%                                      | 0.50%                                      |
| II           | Greater than or equal to \$40,000,000    | 1.75%                                      | 0.75%                                      |
| III          | Less than \$40,000,000                   | 2.00%                                      | 1.00%                                      |

As amended the Credit Agreement provides for a commitment fee to be assessed on the unused portion of the Credit Facility of 0.375% per annum.

Obligations under the Credit Facility are secured by a general lien and perfected security interest in substantially all of our assets. Our Credit Agreement contains covenants that require us to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0:1.0 in certain circumstances, and limit our ability to, among other things, incur liens, incur additional indebtedness, transfer or dispose of assets, change the nature of the business, guarantee obligations, pay dividends or make other distributions or repurchase stock, and make advances, loans or investments. We may declare or pay cash dividends or repurchase stock only if, among other things, no default or event of default then exists or would arise from such dividend or repurchase of stock and, after giving effect to such dividend or repurchase, certain availability and/or fixed charge coverage ratio requirements are satisfied. The Credit Agreement contains customary events of default, including, without limitation, failure to pay when due principal amounts with respect to the Credit Facility, failure to pay any interest or other amounts under the Credit Facility for five days after becoming due, failure to comply with certain agreements or covenants contained in the Credit Agreement, failure to satisfy certain judgments against us, failure to pay when due (or any other default which does or may lead to the acceleration of) certain other material indebtedness in principal amount in excess of \$5.0 million, and certain insolvency and bankruptcy events.

The maturity date of the Credit Agreement, as amended, is October 31, 2016.

*Future Capital Requirements.* We had cash on hand of \$5.6 million as of April 1, 2012. We expect capital expenditures for fiscal 2012, excluding non-cash property and equipment acquisitions, to range from approximately \$14.0 million to \$17.0 million, primarily to fund the opening of new stores, store-related remodeling, distribution center equipment and computer hardware and software purchases. For fiscal 2012, we anticipate opening approximately ten new stores, relocating approximately six stores and closing three stores. We expect the three store closures to be completed during the second quarter of fiscal 2012. Of the six stores expected to be relocated in fiscal 2012, we anticipate closing approximately three stores this year and the remaining three stores in fiscal 2013.

In fiscal 2011 and the first quarter of fiscal 2012, our Board of Directors declared and paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.075 per share of outstanding common stock, for an annual rate of \$0.30 per share. For the second quarter of fiscal 2012, our Board of Directors also declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.075 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2012 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2012.

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As of April 1, 2012, a total of \$11.8 million remained available for share repurchases under our share repurchase program. We consider several factors in determining when and if we make share repurchases including, among other things, our alternative cash requirements, existing business conditions and the market price of our stock.

We believe we will be able to fund our cash requirements, for at least the next 12 months, from cash and cash equivalents on hand, operating cash flows and borrowings from our revolving credit facility. However, our ability to satisfy our cash requirements depends upon our future performance, which in turn is subject to general economic conditions and regional risks, and to financial, business and other factors affecting our operations, including factors beyond our control. There is no assurance that we will be able to generate sufficient cash flow or that we will be able to maintain our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility.

If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to meet our obligations and commitments, or if we are unable to maintain our ability to borrow sufficient amounts under our Credit Agreement, we will be required to refinance or restructure our indebtedness or raise additional debt or equity capital. Additionally, we may be required to sell material assets or operations, suspend or reduce dividend payments or delay or forego expansion opportunities. We might not be able to implement successful alternative strategies on satisfactory terms, if at all.

*Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations.* Our material off-balance sheet arrangements are operating lease obligations and letters of credit. We excluded these items from the balance sheet in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Operating lease commitments consist principally of leases for our retail store facilities, distribution center and corporate office. These leases frequently include options which permit us to extend the terms beyond the initial fixed lease term. With respect to most of those leases, we intend to renegotiate those leases as they expire.

Our material contractual obligations include capital lease obligations, borrowings under our Credit Facility, certain occupancy costs related to our leased properties and other liabilities. Capital lease obligations, which include imputed interest, consist principally of leases for some of our distribution center delivery tractors, management information systems hardware and point-of-sale equipment for our stores. Our Credit Facility debt fluctuates daily depending on operating, investing and financing cash flows. Occupancy costs include estimated property maintenance fees and property taxes for our stores, distribution center and corporate headquarters. Other liabilities consist principally of actuarially-determined reserve estimates related to self-insurance liabilities, a contractual obligation for the surviving spouse of Robert W. Miller, our co-founder, and asset retirement obligations related to the removal of leasehold improvements for certain stores upon termination of their leases.

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Issued and outstanding letters of credit were \$3.6 million at April 1, 2012, and were related primarily to securing insurance program liabilities.

Included in the *Liquidity and Capital Resources* section of Part II, Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2012, is a discussion of our future obligations and commitments as of January 1, 2012. In the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012, our revolving credit borrowings decreased by \$3.3 million from the end of fiscal 2011. We entered into new operating lease agreements in relation to our business operations during the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012. We do not believe that these operating leases or the decrease in our revolving credit borrowings would materially impact our contractual obligations or commitments presented as of January 1, 2012.

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into arrangements with vendors to purchase merchandise in advance of expected delivery. Because most of these purchase orders do not contain any termination payments or other penalties if cancelled, they are not included as outstanding contractual obligations.

## **Critical Accounting Estimates**

As discussed in Part II, Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2012, we consider our estimates on inventory valuation, long-lived assets and self-insurance reserves to be the most critical in understanding the judgments that are involved in preparing our consolidated financial statements. There have been no significant changes to these estimates in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012.

## **Seasonality and Impact of Inflation**

We experience seasonal fluctuations in our net sales and operating results and historically have generated higher net sales in the fourth fiscal quarter, which includes the holiday selling season. Accordingly, in the fourth fiscal quarter we experience normally higher purchase volumes and increased expense for staffing and advertising. Seasonality influences our buying patterns which directly impacts our merchandise and accounts payable levels and cash flows. We purchase merchandise for seasonal activities in advance of a season. If we miscalculate the demand for our products generally or for our product mix during the fourth fiscal quarter, our net sales can decline, which can harm our financial performance. A shortfall from expected fourth fiscal quarter net sales can negatively impact our annual operating results, as occurred in fiscal 2011.

In fiscal 2011, and to a lesser degree in fiscal 2012, we have experienced increasing inflation in the purchase cost, including transportation cost, of certain products. We are evolving our product mix to include more branded merchandise that we believe will give us added flexibility to adjust selling prices for purchase cost increases. If we are unable to adjust our selling prices for purchase cost increases then our merchandise margins will decline, which will adversely impact our operating results. Our lower merchandise margins for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2012 compared to the same period last year partially reflected purchase cost increases.

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### **Recently Issued Accounting Updates**

See Note 2 to the Interim Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1, *Financial Statements*, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This document includes certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, our financial condition, our results of operations, our growth strategy and the business of our company generally. In some cases, you can identify such statements by terminology such as may, could, project, estimate, potential, continue, should, expect, anticipates, believes, intends or other such terminology. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, continued or worsening weakness in the consumer spending environment and the U.S. financial and credit markets, the competitive environment in the sporting goods industry in general and in our specific market areas, inflation, product availability and growth opportunities, seasonal fluctuations, weather conditions, changes in cost of goods, operating expense fluctuations, litigation risks, disruption in product flow, changes in interest rates, credit availability, higher costs associated with sources of credit resulting from uncertainty in financial markets and economic conditions in general. Those and other risks and uncertainties are more fully described in Part II, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in this report and in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. We caution that the risk factors set forth in this report are not exclusive. In addition, we conduct our business in a highly competitive and rapidly changing environment. Accordingly, new risk factors may arise. It is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors, nor to assess the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any individual risk factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by us or on our behalf.

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**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are subject to risks resulting from interest rate fluctuations since interest on our borrowings under our Credit Facility is based on variable rates. We enter into borrowings under our Credit Facility principally for working capital, capital expenditures and general corporate purposes. We routinely evaluate the best use of our cash and cash equivalents on hand and manage financial statement exposure to interest rate fluctuations by managing our level of indebtedness and the interest base rate options on such indebtedness. We do not utilize derivative instruments and do not engage in foreign currency transactions or hedging activities to manage our interest rate risk. If the interest rate on our debt was to change 1.0% as compared to the rate at April 1, 2012, our interest expense would change approximately \$0.6 million on an annual basis based on the outstanding balance of our borrowings under our Credit Facility at April 1, 2012.

Inflationary factors and changes in foreign currency rates can increase the purchase cost of our products. If we are unable to adjust our selling prices for purchase cost increases then our merchandise margins will decline, which will adversely impact our operating results. All of our stores are located in the United States, and all imported merchandise is purchased in U.S. dollars.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ) and Chief Financial Officer ( CFO ), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act )) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective, at a reasonable assurance level, in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act and are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

During the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2012, no changes occurred with respect to our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

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The Company was served on the following dates with the following nine complaints, each of which was brought as a purported class action on behalf of persons who made purchases at the Company's stores in California using credit cards and were requested or required to provide personal identification information at the time of the transaction: (1) on February 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Maria Eugenia Saenz Valiente v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455049; (2) on February 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Scott Mossler v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455477; (3) on February 28, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Yelena Matatova v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455459; (4) on March 8, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Neal T. Wiener v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC456300; (5) on March 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Francisco, entitled *Donna Motta v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. CGC-11-509228; (6) on March 30, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Alameda, entitled *Steve Holmes v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. RG11563123; (7) on March 30, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Francisco, entitled *Robin Nelson v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. CGC-11-508829; (8) on April 8, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Joaquin, entitled *Pamela B. Smith v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. 39-2011-00261014-CU-BT-STK; and (9) on May 31, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Deena Gabriel v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC462213. On June 16, 2011, the Judicial Council of California issued an Order Assigning Coordination Trial Judge designating the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles as having jurisdiction to coordinate and to hear all nine of the cases as Case No. JCCP4667. On October 21, 2011, the plaintiffs collectively filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint, alleging violations of the California Civil Code, negligence, invasion of privacy and unlawful intrusion. The plaintiffs allege, among other things, that customers making purchases with credit cards at the Company's stores in California were improperly requested to provide their zip code at the time of such purchases. The plaintiffs seek, on behalf of the class members, the following: statutory penalties; attorneys' fees; costs; restitution of property; disgorgement of profits; and injunctive relief. The Company intends to defend this litigation vigorously. Because this litigation remains in the preliminary stages and, among other things, discovery is still ongoing, the Company is not able to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome in this litigation or to estimate a range of potential loss in the event of an unfavorable outcome in this litigation at the present time. If this litigation is resolved unfavorably to the Company, such litigation and the costs of defending it could have a material negative impact on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

On October 31, 2011, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, entitled *George Zepeda v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC472450, alleging violations of the

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California Civil Code. The complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of mobility impaired/wheelchair-bound persons located in California. The plaintiff alleges, among other things, that the Company violated California state law by failing to make certain store locations accessible to individuals with disabilities. During March 2012, the Company and the plaintiff entered into a confidential agreement providing for the full and complete settlement and release of all of the plaintiff's individual claims and a dismissal of all claims purportedly brought on behalf of the class members in exchange for the Company's payment of a non-material amount to the plaintiff and the plaintiff's counsel and the Company's agreement to remediate certain alleged access barriers at certain store locations for a total cost that is not material to the Company's Interim Financial Statements. In accordance with the settlement, all claims have been dismissed.

On December 21, 2011, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Sean Callahan v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corp.*, et al., Case No. BC471854, alleging violations of the California Labor Code and the California Business and Professions Code. The complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of the Company's store managers and assistant managers in California for the four years prior to the filing of the complaint. The plaintiff alleged, among other things, that the Company failed to reimburse class members for business expenses incurred in connection with their employment as required under California law and failed to pay class members wages (regular and overtime) for time worked outside of recorded work time as required under California law. In February 2012, the Company and the plaintiff reached a confidential agreement providing for the full and complete settlement and release of all of the plaintiff's individual claims and a dismissal of all claims purportedly brought on behalf of the class members in exchange for the Company's payment of a non-material amount to the plaintiff and the plaintiff's counsel. The Company admitted no liability or wrongdoing with respect to the claims set forth in the lawsuit. The court has approved the settlement, and all claims have been dismissed.

The Company is involved in various other claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes to the risk factors identified in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2012.

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The following tabular summary reflects the Company's repurchase activity during the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2012:

**ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES** <sup>(1) (2)</sup>

| <i>Fiscal Period</i>                 | <i>Total<br/>Number of<br/>Shares<br/>Purchased</i> | <i>Average<br/>Price Paid<br/>per<br/>Share</i> | <i>Total<br/>Number of<br/>Shares<br/>Purchased<br/>as Part of<br/>Publicly<br/>Announced<br/>Plans or<br/>Programs</i> | <i>Maximum<br/>Number (or<br/>Approximate<br/>Dollar Value)<br/>of Shares that<br/>May Yet Be<br/>Purchased<br/>Under the Plans<br/>or Programs</i> <sup>(3)</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| January 2 - January 29               | 88,216  | \$ 8.09   | 88,216  | \$ 12,512,000  |
| January 30 - February 26             | 52,234  | 8.52  | 52,234  | \$ 12,067,000  |
| February 27 - April 1 <sup>(4)</sup> | 68,032  | 7.93  | 32,021  | \$ 11,809,000  |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>208,482</b>                                      |   | <b>172,471</b>  | <b>\$ 11,809,000</b>   |

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company repurchased 172,471 shares of its common stock for \$1.4 million during the first fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2012, under a previously announced plan, and withheld 36,011 shares of Company common stock totaling \$0.3 million to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of certain nonvested share awards issued to employees. The current repurchase program was announced on November 1, 2007 and authorizes the repurchase of the Company's common stock totaling \$20.0 million. Under the authorization, the Company may purchase shares from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC. However, the timing and amount of such purchases, if any, would be at the discretion of management and would depend upon market conditions and other considerations. Through April 1, 2012, the Company has repurchased 914,363 shares of its common stock for \$8.2 million, and a total of \$11.8 million remained available for share repurchases under the current authorization. Since the inception of its initial share repurchase program in May 2006 through April 1, 2012, the Company has repurchased a total of 1,651,106 shares for \$23.2 million.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Company's dividends and stock repurchases are generally funded by distributions from its subsidiary, Big 5 Corp. The Company's Credit Agreement contains covenants that require it to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0:1.0 in certain circumstances, and limit the ability to, among other things, pay dividends or repurchase stock. The Company may declare or pay cash dividends or repurchase stock only if, among other things, no default or event of default then exists or would arise from such dividend or repurchase of stock and, after giving effect to such dividend or repurchase, certain availability and/or fixed charge coverage ratio requirements are satisfied. See Part I, Item 2, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources*, for a further discussion of the Credit Agreement.

<sup>(3)</sup> This amount reflects the dollar value of shares remaining available to repurchase under previously announced plans, and does not include \$0.3 million withheld to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding obligations, as discussed in footnote 1 to this table.



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- <sup>(4)</sup> Shares purchased in this monthly period include 36,011 shares of Company common stock withheld by the Company, as discussed in footnote 1 to this table. The average price paid per share of such withheld shares was \$7.82, which reflects the closing market value of the Company's common stock on the date the shares were withheld. The remaining 32,021 shares reflected for this monthly period were repurchased under the current authorization at an average price paid per share of \$8.06.

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None.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

None.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description of Document</b>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| 15.1                  | Independent Auditors Awareness Letter Regarding Interim Financial Statements. |
| 31.1                  | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.                      |
| 31.2                  | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.                      |
| 32.1                  | Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer.                        |
| 32.2                  | Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer.                        |
| 101.INS               | XBRL Instance Document.   |
| 101.SCH               | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.                                      |
| 101.CAL               | XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document.                                  |
| 101.LAB               | XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document.  |
| 101.PRE               | XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document.                                 |

Attached as Exhibits 101 to this report are the following financial statements from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the first quarter ended April 1, 2012 formatted in XBRL ( eXtensible Business Reporting Language ): (i) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (iv) related notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements tagged as blocks of text.

The XBRL related information in Exhibits 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall not be deemed filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Section 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and is not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of those sections.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION,**

a Delaware corporation

Date: May 2, 2012

By:                   /s/ Steven G. Miller  
                              Steven G. Miller

*Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
President and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: May 2, 2012

By:                   /s/ Barry D. Emerson  
                              Barry D. Emerson

*Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
(Principal Financial and  
Accounting Officer)*