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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2018

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: 001-14649

Trex Company, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of

54-1910453
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

160 Exeter Drive

Winchester, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)

22603-8605
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (540) 542-6300

Not Applicable

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

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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

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

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding at October 17, 2018 was 58,754,240 shares.

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PART I
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements**TREX COMPANY, INC.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net sales	\$ 166,380	\$ 140,194	\$ 544,279	\$ 442,941
Cost of sales	99,170	84,910	309,241	250,473
Gross profit	67,210	55,284	235,038	192,468
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28,132	24,919	90,603	75,409
Income from operations	39,078	30,365	144,435	117,059
Interest (income) expense, net	(222)	59	377	515
Income before income taxes	39,300	30,306	144,058	116,544
Provision for income taxes	9,829	10,208	34,657	39,715
Net income	\$ 29,471	\$ 20,098	\$ 109,401	\$ 76,829
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.34	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.31
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	58,741,973	58,808,098	58,785,546	58,771,444
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.34	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.30
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	59,084,117	59,156,432	59,111,303	59,126,994
Comprehensive income	\$ 29,471	\$ 20,098	\$ 109,401	\$ 76,829

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Table of Contents**TREX COMPANY, INC.****Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(In thousands)

	September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2017
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 107,313	\$ 30,514
Accounts receivable, net	87,915	66,882
Inventories	35,451	34,524
Prepaid expenses and other assets	18,106	16,878
Total current assets	248,785	148,798
Property, plant and equipment, net	108,233	103,110
Goodwill and other intangibles	74,608	71,319
Other assets	3,283	3,000
Total assets	\$ 434,909	\$ 326,227
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 18,198	\$ 9,953
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	52,244	46,266
Accrued warranty	5,400	6,290
Line of credit		
Total current liabilities	75,842	62,509
Deferred income taxes	1,286	1,286
Non-current accrued warranty	27,235	28,709
Other long-term liabilities	1,892	2,473
Total liabilities	106,255	94,977
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 3,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 120,000,000 shares authorized; 69,991,454 and 69,844,222 shares issued and 58,754,048 and 58,856,860 shares outstanding at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively	700	349
Additional paid-in capital	122,725	122,043
Retained earnings	391,770	282,370

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Treasury stock, at cost, 11,237,406 and 10,987,362 shares at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively	(186,541)	(173,512)
Total stockholders' equity	328,654	231,250
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 434,909	\$ 326,227

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Table of Contents**TREX COMPANY, INC.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 109,401	\$ 76,829
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	13,164	12,065
Stock-based compensation	5,045	3,913
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	50	1,720
Other non-cash adjustments	(408)	(405)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(21,034)	(14,407)
Inventories	(927)	4,860
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(3,155)	1,799
Accounts payable	8,245	1,203
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	619	(2,438)
Income taxes receivable/payable	4,369	7,698
Net cash provided by operating activities	115,369	92,837
Investing Activities		
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment and intangibles	(21,611)	(11,108)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	83	
Acquisition of business		(71,523)
Net cash used in investing activities	(21,528)	(82,631)
Financing Activities		
Borrowings under line of credit	172,250	201,000
Principal payments under line of credit	(172,250)	(201,000)
Repurchases of common stock	(17,723)	(3,617)
Proceeds from employee stock purchase and option plans	681	288
Net cash used in financing activities	(17,042)	(3,329)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	76,799	6,877
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	30,514	18,664

Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	107,313	\$ 25,541
Supplemental Disclosure:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 662	\$ 416
Cash paid for income taxes, net	\$ 39,170	\$ 32,016

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

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TREX COMPANY, INC.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

(Unaudited)

1. BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION

Trex Company, Inc. (Company) is the world's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing products, with more than 25 years of product experience, which are marketed under the brand name Trex®. The Company manufactures and distributes high-performance, low-maintenance wood/plastic composite outdoor living products and related accessories. A majority of its products are manufactured in a proprietary process that combines reclaimed wood fibers and scrap polyethylene. On July 31, 2017, through its newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary, Trex Commercial Products, Inc., the Company acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of Staging Concepts Acquisition, LLC (SC Company) and thus expanded its markets to also become a market leader for the design, engineering and marketing of modular and architectural railing, staging, acoustical and seating systems for the commercial and multi-family market, including sports stadiums and performing arts venues. Additional information on the acquisition of SC Company is presented in Note 5. Subsequent to the acquisition, the Company began operating in two reportable segments, Trex Residential Products and Trex Commercial Products. The Company is incorporated in Delaware. The principal executive offices are located at 160 Exeter Drive, Winchester, Virginia 22603, and the telephone number at that address is (540) 542-6300.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X and, accordingly, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring adjustments except as otherwise described herein) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Trex Wood-Polymer Espana, S.L. and Trex Commercial Products, Inc. The accounts of Trex Wood-Polymer Espana, S.L. are included in the condensed consolidated financial statements for all periods presented. The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows of the Company include the operations and cash flows of Trex Commercial Products, Inc. for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, and from the date of acquisition of SC Company through September 30, 2017 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. The Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet includes the assets and liabilities of Trex Commercial Products, Inc. for all periods presented.

The consolidated results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. These condensed

consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2017 included in the Annual Report of Trex Company, Inc. on Form 10-K, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

3. RECENTLY ADOPTED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In May 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2017-09, *Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718), Scope Modification Accounting*. The guidance clarified when to account for a change to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award as a modification. Under the new guidance, modification accounting is required only if the fair value (or calculated intrinsic value, if those amounts are being used to measure the award under ASC 718), the vesting conditions, or the classification of the award (as equity or liability) changes as a result of the change in terms or conditions. The guidance was effective prospectively for annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2017. Adoption of the new standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

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In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-01, *Business Combinations (Topic 805), Clarifying the Definition of a Business*. The guidance requires an entity to evaluate if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets: if so, the set of transferred assets and activities is not a business. The guidance was effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Adoption of the new standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, *Statement of Cash flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*. The guidance is intended to reduce diversity in practice across all industries in how certain transactions are classified in the statement of cash flows. The guidance was effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Adoption of the new standard did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, and issued subsequent amendments to the initial guidance in August 2015 within ASU No. 2015-14, in March 2016 within ASU No. 2016-08, in April 2016 within ASU No. 2016-10, in May 2016 within ASU No. 2016-12, and in December 2016 within ASU No. 2016-20 (collectively, Topic 606). The Company adopted Topic 606 on January 1, 2018 and applied Topic 606 under the full retrospective method. The Company determined the appropriate revenue recognition for its contracts with customers by analyzing the type, terms and conditions of its contracts with its customers. The Company has consistently applied the accounting policies to all periods presented in these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Adoption of Topic 606 did not have an impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations other than increased disclosures. Refer to Note 13, *Revenue*, for a discussion of the Company's accounting policy related to revenue from contracts with customers.

4. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NOT YET ADOPTED

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-07, *Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718)*. The ASU expands the scope of Topic 718, which currently only includes share-based payments issued to employees, to also include share-based payments issued to nonemployees for goods or services. The ASU supersedes Subtopic 505-50, *Equity - Equity-Based Payment to Non-Employees*. Consequently, the accounting for share-based payments to nonemployees and employees will be substantially aligned. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that fiscal year. Early adoption is permitted. The Company intends to adopt the guidance on January 1, 2019 and does not believe adoption will have a material impact on its financial condition or results of operations.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350), Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*. The guidance removes Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test and eliminates the need to determine the fair value of individual assets and liabilities to measure goodwill impairment. A goodwill impairment will now be the amount by which a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value, not to exceed the carrying amount of goodwill. Entities will continue to have the option to perform a qualitative assessment to determine if a quantitative impairment test is necessary. The guidance will be applied prospectively, and is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for any impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. The Company intends to adopt the guidance on January 1, 2020 and does not believe adoption will have a material impact on its financial condition or results of operations.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, and issued subsequent amendments to the initial guidance in January 2018 within ASU No. 2018-01 and in July 2018 within ASU Nos. 2018-10 and 2018-11. The standard requires lessees to recognize leases on the balance sheet as a right-of-use asset and a lease liability, other than leases that meet the definition of a short-term lease. The liability will be equal to the present value of the lease payments. The asset will be based on the liability, subject to adjustment. Currently, under existing U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the Company does not recognize on the balance sheet a right-of-use asset or lease liability related to its operating leases. For income statement purposes, the leases will continue to be classified as either operating or finance. Operating leases will result in straight-line expense (similar to current operating leases) and finance leases will result in a front-loaded expense pattern (similar to current capital leases). The standard is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The standard allows an entity to elect to have a date of initial application as of the beginning of the period of adoption. The standard provides for the option to elect a package of practical expedients upon adoption. The Company intends to adopt the standard on January 1, 2019 and continues to assess its lease population and its option to elect certain practical expedients as defined in the new standard. The Company expects expanded financial statement note disclosure in addition to recognizing a right-of-use asset and lease liability for its operating leases on the balance sheet. The Company continues to evaluate the impacts of the pending adoption. As such, the Company's preliminary assessments are subject to change.

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On July 31, 2017, through its newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary, Trex Commercial Products, Inc., the Company acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of SC Company for \$71.8 million. The Company used cash on hand and \$30.0 million of funding from its existing revolving credit facility, which was fully paid on August 17, 2017, to acquire the assets. The acquired business designs, engineers and markets modular architectural railing, staging, acoustical and seating systems for the commercial and multi-family market, including sports stadiums and performing arts venues. As a result of the purchase, the Company gained access to growing commercial markets, expanded its custom design and engineering capabilities, and added the contract architect and specifier communities as new channels for its products.

The acquisition was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which requires, among other things, that the assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recognized at their fair values as of the acquisition date. The fair values of consideration transferred and net assets acquired were determined using a combination of Level 2 and Level 3 inputs as specified in the fair value hierarchy in Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. The Company believes that the fair values assigned to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are based on reasonable assumptions. The Company's Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 includes the results of operations of Trex Commercial Products, Inc. The Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets include the assets and liabilities of Trex Commercial Products, Inc. for all periods presented.

Total consideration of \$71.8 million was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, as follows (in thousands):

Accounts receivable, net	\$ 8,357
Contract retainage	1,948
Inventories, net	2,344
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,223
Revenues in excess of billings	3,463
Fixed assets, net	1,264
Intangible assets	4,900
Goodwill	57,938
Accounts payable	(3,990)
Accrued liabilities and other expenses	(2,329)
Billings in excess of revenues	(1,752)
Customer Deposits	(1,562)
Total estimated consideration	\$ 71,804

Goodwill of \$57.9 million is primarily attributable to the potential opportunity for the Company to offer full service railing systems in the growing commercial and multi-family market, access to a complementary product category with a track record of substantial revenue growth, the ability to achieve economies of scale around raw material procurement, an increase in the range of products the Company may offer its core customers, and intangible assets that do not qualify for separable or legal criterion, such as an assembled workforce. The amount of goodwill that is expected to be amortized and deductible for tax purposes in 2018 is \$3.9 million. All of the goodwill was recorded to the Trex Commercial Products reportable segment. The fair value attributed to intangible assets, which consists of

production backlog and trade names and trademarks, was amortized straight line over 12 months and was based on the estimated economics of the assets. The fair value attributed to the intangible assets acquired and goodwill was based on assumptions and other information compiled by management, including independent valuations that utilized established valuation techniques.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, Trex Commercial Products, Inc. generated \$19.4 million and \$52.9 million of net sales, respectively, and \$1.7 million and \$2.0 million of net income, respectively, which included amortization expense of \$0.4 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. From July 31, 2017 through September 30, 2017, Trex Commercial Products, Inc. generated \$9.2 million of revenue and incurred a net loss of \$75 thousand, which included amortization expense of \$0.8 million.

The following pro forma results of Trex Company, Inc. are prepared for comparative purposes only and do not necessarily reflect the results that would have occurred had the acquisition occurred at the beginning of the periods presented or the results which may occur in the future. The following unaudited pro forma results of operations assumes the acquisition occurred on January 1, 2017 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017	
	Actual	Pro Forma
Net sales	\$ 442,941	\$ 475,076
Net income	\$ 76,829	\$ 77,570
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.32
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.31

Significant pro forma adjustments included in the above pro forma information include an adjustment to amortization expense for the intangible assets acquired, elimination of transaction costs related to the acquisition as such costs are considered to be non-recurring in nature, an adjustment to compensation expense related to restricted stock units granted in connection with the acquisition, and the income tax effects of the adjustments.

6. INVENTORIES

Inventories valued at LIFO (last-in, first-out), consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Finished goods	\$ 30,936	\$ 32,986
Raw materials	22,419	19,432
Total FIFO (first-in, first-out) inventories	53,355	52,418
Reserve to adjust inventories to LIFO value	(20,070)	(20,070)
Total LIFO inventories	\$ 33,285	\$ 32,348

The Company utilizes the LIFO method of accounting related to its wood-alternative decking and residential railing products, which generally provides for the matching of current costs with current revenues. However, under the LIFO method, reductions in annual inventory balances cause a portion of the Company's cost of sales to be based on historical costs rather than current year costs (LIFO liquidation). Reductions in interim inventory balances expected to be replenished by year-end do not result in a LIFO liquidation. Accordingly, interim LIFO calculations are based, in part, on management's estimates of expected year-end inventory levels and costs which may differ from actual results. Since inventory levels and costs are subject to factors beyond management's control, interim results are subject to the final year-end LIFO inventory valuation. There were no LIFO inventory liquidations or related impact on cost of sales in the nine months ended September 30, 2018 or 2017.

Inventories valued at lower of cost (FIFO method) and net realizable value were \$2.2 million at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, consisting primarily of raw materials. The Company utilizes the FIFO method of accounting related to its architectural railing, staging, acoustical and seating systems for the commercial and multi-family market.

7. PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER ASSETS

Prepaid expenses and other assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Revenues in excess of billings	\$ 8,738	\$ 4,841
Prepaid expenses	4,228	7,494
Contract retainage	2,449	1,449
Income tax receivable	275	2,230
Other	2,416	864
 Total prepaid expenses and other assets	 \$ 18,106	 \$ 16,878

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Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Intangible assets:		
Customer backlog	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Trade names and trademarks	900	900
Domain names	6,287	
Total intangible assets	11,187	4,900
Accumulated amortization:		
Customer backlog	(4,000)	(1,666)
Trade name and trademarks	(900)	(376)
Domain names	(140)	
Total accumulated amortization	(5,040)	(2,042)
Intangible assets, net	\$ 6,147	\$ 2,858

Intangible asset amounts were determined based on the estimated economics of the asset and are amortized over the estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis over 12 months for customer backlog and trade names and trademarks and 15 years for domain names, which approximates the pattern in which the economic benefits are expected to be received. In May 2018, the Company purchased certain domain names for \$6.3 million. We evaluate the recoverability of intangible assets periodically and consider events or circumstances that may warrant revised estimates of useful lives or that may indicate an impairment. Intangible asset amortization expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$3.0 million. As of September 30, 2018, the Company had goodwill of \$68.5 million.

9. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses and other liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Sales and marketing	\$ 25,567	\$ 21,964
Compensation and benefits	14,058	14,818
Income taxes	2,414	
Customer deposits	2,225	1,230
Manufacturing costs	1,654	1,979
Billings in excess of revenues	961	1,842
Rent obligations	844	779
Other	4,521	3,654

Total accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$	52,244	\$	46,266
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10. DEBT

The Company's outstanding debt consists of a revolving credit facility.

Revolving Credit Facility

On January 12, 2016, the Company entered into a Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as amended, with Bank of America, N.A. as Lender, Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and Letter of Credit Issuer, and certain other lenders including Citibank, N.A., Capital One, N.A., and SunTrust. The Third Amended Credit Agreement, as amended, provides the Company with one or more revolving loans in a collective maximum principal amount of \$250 million from January 1 through June 30 of each year, and a maximum principal amount of \$200 million from July 1 through December 31 of each year throughout the term, which ends January 12, 2021.

The Company had no outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit facility and remaining available borrowing capacity of \$200.0 million at September 30, 2018.

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The Company's ability to make scheduled principal and interest payments, borrow and repay amounts under any outstanding revolving credit facility and continue to comply with any loan covenants depends primarily on the Company's ability to generate sufficient cash flow from operations.

As of September 30, 2018, the Company was in compliance with all of the covenants contained in its debt agreements. Failure to comply with the loan covenants might cause lenders to accelerate the repayment obligations under the credit facility, which may be declared payable immediately based on a default.

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company considers the recorded value of its financial assets and liabilities, consisting primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses, other current liabilities, and debt to approximate the fair value of the respective assets and liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

12. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY*Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation*

The Company's Board of Directors unanimously approved an amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Amendment) on February 14, 2018, subject to stockholder approval. At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company held on May 2, 2018, the Company's stockholders approved the Amendment, effective as of May 2, 2018. The Amendment increased the number of shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, that the Company is authorized to issue from 80,000,000 shares to 120,000,000 shares. The Amendment was filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on May 2, 2018.

Stock Split

On May 2, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a two-for-one stock split of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01. The stock split was in the form of a stock dividend distributed on June 18, 2018, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 23, 2018. The stock split entitled each stockholder to receive one additional share of common stock, par value \$0.01, for each share they held as of the record date. All common stock share and per share data for all periods presented in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the stock split.

Earnings Per Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except share and per share data):

**Three Months Ended
September 30,**

**Nine Months Ended
September 30,**

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	2018	2017	2018	2017
Numerator:				
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 29,471	\$ 20,098	\$ 109,401	\$ 76,829
Denominator:				
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	58,741,973	58,808,098	58,785,546	58,771,444
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock appreciation rights and options	177,412	194,630	181,680	197,810
Restricted stock	164,732	153,704	144,077	157,740
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	59,084,117	59,156,432	59,111,303	59,126,994
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.34	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.31
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.34	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.30

Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of shares determined for the basic earnings per share computation plus the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents using the treasury stock method. The computation of diluted earnings per share excludes the following potentially dilutive securities because the effect would be anti-dilutive:

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Stock appreciation rights		35,914	10,709	28,311
Performance-based restricted stock units		660	285	220

Stock Repurchase Programs

On February 16, 2017, the Board of Directors authorized a common stock repurchase program of up to 5.92 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock (February 2017 Stock Repurchase Program). The Company made no repurchases under the February 2017 Stock Repurchase Program. On February 16, 2018, the Board of Directors terminated the February 2017 Stock Repurchase Program and adopted a new stock repurchase program of up to 5.8 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock (February 2018 Stock Repurchase Program). As of the date of this report, the Company has repurchased 250,044 shares of the Company's outstanding common stock under the February 2018 Stock Repurchase Program.

13. REVENUE

Topic 606 provides a single, comprehensive model for revenue recognition arising from contracts with customers. A performance obligation is a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer and is the unit of account in Topic 606. A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and revenue is recognized when or as the Company satisfies the performance obligation. Revenue is recognized at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring control of the goods or services to a customer.

Trex Residential Products

Trex Residential Products principally generates revenue from the manufacture and sale of its high performance, low maintenance composite decking and residential railing products and accessories. Substantially all of its revenues are from contracts with customers, which are purchase orders of short-term duration of less than one year. Its customers, in turn, sell primarily to the residential market, which includes replacement, remodeling and new construction related to outdoor living products. Trex Residential Products satisfies its performance obligations at a point in time. The shipment of each product is a separate performance obligation as the customer is able to derive benefit from each product shipped and no performance obligation remains after shipment. Upon shipment of the product, the customer obtains control over the distinct product and Trex Residential satisfies its performance obligation. Any performance obligation that remains unsatisfied at the end of a reporting period is part of a contract that has an original expected duration of one year or less. Any variable consideration related to the unsatisfied performance obligation is allocated wholly to the unsatisfied performance obligation and recognized when the product ships and the performance obligation is satisfied.

For each product shipped, the transaction price by product is specified in the purchase order. The Company recognizes revenue on the transaction price less any amount offered under a sales incentive program. The Company recognizes an account receivable (contract asset) for the amount of revenue recognized as it has an unconditional right to consideration at the time of shipment and payment from the customer is due based solely on the passage of time. The Company receives payments from its customers based on the payment terms applicable to each individual contract and the customer pays in accordance with the billing terms specified in the purchase order, which is less than one year. The related accounts receivables are included in *Accounts receivable, net* in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Trex Residential Products may offer various sales incentive programs throughout the year. It estimates the amount of sales incentive to allocate to each performance obligation, or product shipped, using the most-likely-amount method of estimation based on direct sales to the customer. The estimate is updated each reporting period and any changes are allocated to the performance obligations on the same basis as at inception. Changes in estimate allocated to a previously satisfied performance obligation are recognized as a reduction of revenue in the period in which the change occurs under the cumulative catch-up method. In addition to sales incentive programs, Trex Residential Products may offer a payment discount. It estimates the payment discount that it believes will be taken by the customer based on prior history and using the most-likely-amount method of estimation. The Company believes the most-likely-amount method best predicts the amount of consideration to which it will be entitled.

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Trex Residential Products pays commissions to certain employees. However, the sales commissions are not directly attributable to identifiable contracts, are discretionary in nature and are based on other factors not related to obtaining a contract, such as individual performance, profitability of the entity, annual sales targets, etc. These costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses as incurred. Trex Residential Products does not grant contractual product return rights to customers other than pursuant to its assurance product warranty (see related disclosure on product warranties in Note 18, *Commitments and Contingencies*). Trex Residential Products accounts for all shipping and handling fees invoiced to the customer in net sales and the related costs in cost of sales.

Trex Commercial Products

Trex Commercial Products generates revenue from the manufacture and sale of its modular and architectural railing, staging, acoustical and seating systems. All of its revenues are from fixed-price contracts with customers. Trex Commercial Products contracts have a single performance obligation as the promise to transfer the individual goods or services is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contract and is, therefore, not distinct.

Trex Commercial Products satisfies its performance obligation over time as work progresses because control is transferred continuously to its customers. Revenue and estimated profit is recognized over time based on the proportion of costs incurred to date relative to total estimated costs at completion to measure progress toward satisfying the performance obligation. Incurred costs represent work performed, which corresponds with, and thereby best depicts, the transfer of control to the customer. Incurred costs include all direct material, labor, subcontract and certain indirect costs. The Company reviews and updates its estimates regularly and recognizes adjustments in estimated profit on contracts under the cumulative catch-up method. Under this method, the impact of the adjustment on revenue and estimated profit to date on a contract is recognized in the period the adjustment is identified. Revenues and profits in future periods are recognized using the adjusted estimate. If at any time the estimate of contract profitability indicates an anticipated loss on the contract, the Company recognizes the total loss in the period it is identified. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, no adjustment to any one contract was material to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. In accordance with ASC 606-10-50-15, the Company discloses only the transaction price allocated to its remaining performance obligations on contracts with an original duration greater than one year, which was \$49.0 million as of September 30, 2018. The Company will recognize this revenue as contracts are completed, which is expected to occur within the next 18 months.

The Company recognizes an account receivable (contract asset) for satisfied performance obligations as it has an unconditional right to consideration and payment from the customer is due based solely on the passage of time. The Company receives payments from its customers on the accounts receivable based on the payment terms applicable to each individual contract and the customer pays in less than one year. Accounts receivables are included in *Accounts receivable, net* in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In addition, the timing of revenue recognition, billings and cash collections may result in revenues in excess of billings and contract retainage (contract assets), and billings in excess of revenues and customer deposits (contract liabilities) on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. These assets and liabilities are reported on a contract-by-contract basis at the end of each reporting period in prepaid expenses and other assets (contract assets), and accrued expenses and other liabilities (contract liabilities). These assets and liabilities and changes in these assets and liabilities, respectively, were not material as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Trex Commercial Products pays sales commissions that are directly attributable to identifiable contracts to certain of its employees. If the amortization period of the commission is one year or less then the Company recognizes the commission expense as incurred. Otherwise, the Company capitalizes the commission and amortizes it on a straight-line basis over the life of the contract. Trex Commercial Products does not grant contractual product return

rights to customers other than pursuant to its assurance product warranty. All shipping and handling fees invoiced to the customer are included in net sales and the related costs are included in cost of sales. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, net sales were disaggregated in the following tables by (1) market, (2) timing of revenue recognition, and (3) type of contract. The tables also include a reconciliation of the respective disaggregated net sales with the Company's reportable segments (in thousands).

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Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Reportable Segment		
	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Total</i>
Timing of Revenue Recognition and Type of Contract			
Products transferred at a point in time and variable consideration contracts	\$ 146,998	\$	\$ 146,998
Products transferred over time and fixed price contracts		19,382	19,382
	\$ 146,998	\$ 19,382	\$ 166,380
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	Reportable Segment		
	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Total</i>
Timing of Revenue Recognition and Type of Contract			
Products transferred at a point in time and variable consideration contracts	\$ 491,399	\$	\$ 491,399
Products transferred over time and fixed price contracts		52,880	52,880
	\$ 491,399	\$ 52,880	\$ 544,279
Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Reportable Segment		
	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Total</i>
Timing of Revenue Recognition and Type of Contract			
Products transferred at a point in time and variable consideration contracts	\$ 131,043	\$	\$ 131,043
Products transferred over time and fixed price contracts		9,151	9,151
	\$ 131,043	\$ 9,151	\$ 140,194
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017	Reportable Segment		
	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Total</i>
Timing of Revenue Recognition and Type of Contract			
Products transferred at a point in time and variable consideration contracts	\$ 433,790	\$	\$ 433,790
Products transferred over time and fixed price contracts		9,151	9,151
	\$ 433,790	\$ 9,151	\$ 442,941

14. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company has one stock-based compensation plan, the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan (Plan), approved by the Company's stockholders in April 2014. The Plan amended and restated in its entirety the Trex Company, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. The Plan was subsequently amended and restated by the Company's Board of Directors in May 2014 and May 2018. The Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. Stock-based compensation is granted to officers, directors and certain key employees in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. The Plan provides for grants of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights (SARs), and unrestricted stock. The total aggregate number of shares of the Company's common stock that may be issued under the Plan is 12,840,000 and as of September 30, 2018, the total number of shares available for future issuance are 5,199,789.

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The following table summarizes the Company's stock-based compensation grants for the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	Stock Awards Granted	Weighted-Average Grant Price Per Share
Time-based restricted stock units	87,154	\$ 54.69
Performance-based restricted stock units (a)	80,570	\$ 35.26
Stock appreciation rights	21,260	\$ 56.21

- (a) Includes 29,702 of target performance-based restricted stock unit awards granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2018, and adjustments of 10,792, 27,166 and 12,910 to grants due to the actual performance level achieved for restricted stock and restricted stock units awarded in 2015, 2016, and 2017, respectively.

The fair value of each SAR is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option-pricing formula. For SARs issued in the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 the data and assumptions shown in the following table were used:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017
Weighted-average fair value of grants	\$ 22.09	\$ 13.99
Dividend yield	0%	0%
Average risk-free interest rate	2.7%	2.0%
Expected term (years)	5	5
Expected volatility	40.5%	42.2%

The Company recognizes stock-based compensation expense ratably over the period from the grant date to the earlier of: (1) the vesting date of the award, or (2) the date the grantee is eligible to retire without forfeiting the award. For performance-based restricted stock and performance-based restricted stock units, expense is recognized ratably over the performance and vesting period of each tranche based on management's judgment of the ultimate award that is likely to be paid out based on the achievement of the predetermined performance measures. The following table summarizes the Company's stock-based compensation expense (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Stock appreciation rights	\$ 56	\$ 28	\$ 314	\$ 220
Time-based restricted stock and restricted stock units	672	417	2,073	1,557
Performance-based restricted stock and restricted stock units	616	538	2,534	2,044
Employee stock purchase plan	57	54	124	92

Total stock-based compensation	\$ 1,401	\$ 1,037	\$ 5,045	\$ 3,913
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Total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested awards as of September 30, 2018 was \$7.4 million. The cost of these unvested awards is being recognized over the requisite vesting period of each award.

15. INCOME TAXES

The Company's effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was 24.1% and 34.1%, respectively, which resulted in expense of \$34.7 million and \$39.7 million, respectively. The decrease of 10% in the effective tax rate was primarily due to the enactment on December 22, 2017 of tax legislation H.R.1, An Act to Provide for Reconciliation Pursuant to Titles II and V of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Act), which lowered the Federal statutory rate to 21%. The Company has finalized its analysis of the Act, which did not give rise to new deferred tax amounts.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company realized \$2.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, of excess tax benefits from stock-based awards and recorded a corresponding benefit to income tax expense.

The Company analyzes its deferred tax assets each reporting period, considering all available positive and negative evidence in determining the expected realization of those deferred tax assets. As of September 30, 2018, the Company maintains a valuation allowance of \$3.1 million against deferred tax assets primarily related to state tax credits it estimates will expire before they are realized.

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The Company operates in multiple tax jurisdictions and, in the normal course of business, its tax returns are subject to examination by various taxing authorities. Such examinations may result in future assessments by these taxing authorities, and the Company accrues a liability when it believes that it is more likely than not that benefits of tax positions will not be realized. The Company believes that adequate provisions have been made for all tax returns subject to examination. As of September 30, 2018, for certain tax jurisdictions tax years 2014 through 2017 remain subject to examination. Sales made to foreign distributors are not taxable in any foreign jurisdiction as the Company does not have a taxable presence in any foreign jurisdiction.

16. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Prior to July 31, 2017, the Company operated in one reportable segment. Subsequent to the acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of SC Company on July 31, 2017, the Company operates in two reportable segments:

Trex Residential Products manufactures wood-alternative decking and residential railing and related products marketed under the brand name Trex®. The products are sold to its distributors and national retailers who, in turn, sell primarily to the residential market, which includes replacement, remodeling and new construction related to outdoor living products. Net sales of Trex Residential Products were \$491.4 million and \$433.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Trex Commercial Products designs, engineers, and markets modular and architectural railing, staging, acoustical and seating systems for the commercial and multi-family market, including sports stadiums and performing arts venues. The segment's products are marketed to architects, specifiers, contractors, and others doing business within the segment's commercial and multi-family market. Net sales of Trex Commercial products were \$52.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and \$9.2 million from the date of the acquisition of SC Company through September 30, 2017.

The Company's operating segments have been determined in accordance with its internal management structure, which is organized based on residential and commercial sales activities. The Company evaluates performance of each segment primarily based on net sales and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA). The Company uses net sales to assess performance and allocate resources as this measure represents the amount of business the segment engaged in during a given period of time, is an indicator of market growth and acceptance of segment products, and represents the segment's customers' spending habits along with the amount of product the segment sells relative to its competitors. The Company uses EBITDA to assess performance and allocate resources because it believes that EBITDA facilitates performance comparison between the segments by eliminating interest, taxes, and depreciation and amortization charges to income. The below segment data for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, includes data for Trex Residential Products and Trex Commercial Product and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, includes data for Trex Residential Products and data for Trex Commercial Products from the date of the acquisition of SC Company through September 30, 2017 (in thousands):

Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		
Residential	Commercial	Total

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Net sales	\$ 146,998	\$ 19,382	\$ 166,380
Net income	\$ 27,755	\$ 1,716	\$ 29,471
EBITDA	\$ 40,067	\$ 2,780	\$ 42,847
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 3,275	\$ 494	\$ 3,769
Income tax expense	\$ 9,259	\$ 570	\$ 9,829
Capital expenditures	\$ 3,693	\$ 221	\$ 3,914
Total assets	\$ 352,014	\$ 82,895	\$ 434,909

Reconciliation of net income to EBITDA (in thousands):

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net income	\$ 27,755	\$ 1,716	\$ 29,471
Interest, net	(222)		(222)
Taxes	9,259	570	9,829
Depreciation and amortization	3,275	494	3,769
EBITDA	\$ 40,067	\$ 2,780	\$ 42,847

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net sales	\$ 491,399	\$ 52,880	\$ 544,279
Net income	\$ 107,449	\$ 1,952	\$ 109,401
EBITDA	\$ 151,839	\$ 5,663	\$ 157,502
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 10,004	\$ 3,063	\$ 13,067
Income tax expense	\$ 34,009	\$ 648	\$ 34,657
Capital expenditures	\$ 14,274	\$ 1,050	\$ 15,324
Total assets	\$ 352,014	\$ 82,895	\$ 434,909

Reconciliation of net income to EBITDA (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net income	\$ 107,449	\$ 1,952	\$ 109,401
Interest, net	377		377
Taxes	34,009	648	34,657
Depreciation and amortization	10,004	3,063	13,067
EBITDA	\$ 151,839	\$ 5,663	\$ 157,502

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net sales	\$ 131,043	\$ 9,151	\$ 140,194
Net income (loss)	\$ 20,173	\$ (75)	\$ 20,098
EBITDA	\$ 34,079	\$ 806	\$ 34,885
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 3,639	\$ 881	\$ 4,520
Income tax expense	\$ 10,208		\$ 10,208
Capital expenditures	\$ 3,943	\$ 40	\$ 3,983
Total assets	\$ 232,663	\$ 78,533	\$ 311,196

Reconciliation of net income to EBITDA:

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net income (loss)	\$ 20,173	\$ (75)	\$ 20,098
Interest, net	59		59
Taxes	10,208		10,208
Depreciation and amortization	3,639	881	4,520
EBITDA	\$ 34,079	\$ 806	\$ 34,885

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net sales	\$ 433,790	\$ 9,151	\$ 442,941
Net income (loss)	\$ 76,904	\$ (75)	\$ 76,829
EBITDA	\$ 128,221	\$ 806	\$ 129,027
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 11,087	\$ 881	\$ 11,968
Income tax expense	\$ 39,715		\$ 39,715
Capital expenditures	\$ 11,068	\$ 40	\$ 11,108
Total assets	\$ 232,663	\$ 78,533	\$ 311,196

Reconciliation of net income to EBITDA:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net income (loss)	\$ 76,904	\$ (75)	\$ 76,829
Interest, net	515		515
Taxes	39,715		39,715
Depreciation and amortization	11,087	881	11,968
EBITDA	\$ 128,221	\$ 806	\$ 129,027

17. SEASONALITY

The operating results for Trex Residential Products have historically varied from quarter to quarter. Seasonal, erratic or prolonged adverse weather conditions in certain geographic regions reduce the level of home improvement and construction activity and can shift demand for its products to a later period. As part of its normal business practice and consistent with industry practice, Trex Residential Products has historically offered incentive programs to its distributors and dealers to build inventory levels before the start of the prime deck-building season in order to ensure adequate availability of its product to meet anticipated seasonal consumer demand. The seasonal effects are often offset by the positive effect of the incentive programs. The operating results for Trex Commercial Products have not historically varied from quarter to quarter as a result of seasonality; however, they are driven by the timing of individual projects, which may vary each quarterly period.

18. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Product Warranty

The Company warrants that its decking and residential railing products will be free from material defects in workmanship and materials for warranty periods ranging from 10 years to 25 years, depending on the product and its use. If there is a breach of such warranties, the Company has an obligation either to replace the defective product or refund the purchase price. The Company continues to receive and settle claims for products manufactured at its Nevada facility prior to 2007 that exhibit surface flaking and maintains a warranty reserve to provide for the settlement of these claims. Estimating the warranty reserve for surface flaking claims requires management to estimate (1) the number of claims to be settled with payment and (2) the average cost to settle each claim.

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To estimate the number of claims to be settled with payment, the Company utilizes actuarial techniques to quantify both the expected number of claims to be received and the percentage of those claims that will ultimately require payment (collectively, elements). Estimates for these elements are quantified using a range of assumptions derived from claim count history and the identification of factors influencing the claim counts. The cost per claim varies due to a number of factors, including the size of affected decks, the availability and type of replacement material used, the cost of production of replacement material and the method of claim settlement.

The Company monitors surface flaking claims activity each quarter for indications that its estimates require revision. Typically, a majority of surface flaking claims received in a year are received during the summer outdoor season, which spans the second and third quarters. It has been the Company's practice to utilize the actuarial techniques discussed above during the third quarter, after a significant portion of all claims has been received for the fiscal year and variances to annual claims expectations are more meaningful. The number of incoming claims received in the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was lower than the Company's expectations and considerably lower than the number of claims received in the nine months ended September 30, 2017, continuing the historical year-over-year decline in incoming claims. The favorable experience in incoming claims was offset, in part, by increased average settlement cost per claim experienced in the nine months ended September 30, 2018. As a result, the Company believes its reserve at September 30, 2018 is sufficient to cover future surface flaking obligations and no adjustments were required in the current quarter.

The Company's analysis is based on currently known facts and a number of assumptions, as discussed above, and current expectations. Projecting future events such as the number of claims to be received, the number of claims that will require payment and the average cost of claims could cause actual warranty liabilities to be higher or lower than those projected, which could materially affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. The Company estimates that the annual number of claims received will continue to decline over time and that the average cost per claim will increase slightly, primarily due to inflation. If the level of claims received or average cost per claim differs materially from expectations, it could result in additional increases or decreases to the warranty reserve and a decrease or increase in earnings and cash flows in future periods. The Company estimates that a 10% change in the expected number of remaining claims to be settled with payment or the expected cost to settle claims may result in approximately a \$2.5 million change in the surface flaking warranty reserve.

The following is a reconciliation of the Company's residential product warranty reserve (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018		
	Surface Flaking	Other Residential	Total
Beginning balance, January 1	\$ 28,157	\$ 6,842	\$ 34,999
Provisions and changes in estimates		1,961	1,961
Settlements made during the period	(3,467)	(858)	(4,325)
Ending balance, September 30	\$ 24,690	\$ 7,945	\$ 32,635

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017		
	Surface Flaking	Other Residential	Total

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Beginning balance, January 1	\$ 33,847	\$ 3,846	\$ 37,693
Provisions and changes in estimates		4,156	4,156
Settlements made during the period	(4,425)	(966)	(5,391)
Ending balance, September 30	\$ 29,422	\$ 7,036	\$ 36,458

Legal Matters

The Company has lawsuits, as well as other claims, pending against it which are ordinary routine litigation and claims incidental to the business. Management has evaluated the merits of these lawsuits and claims, and believes that their ultimate resolution will not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or competitive position.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE: On May 2, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a two-for-one stock split of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01. The stock split was in the form of a stock dividend distributed on June 18, 2018, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 23, 2018. The stock split entitled each stockholder to receive one additional share of common stock, par value \$0.01, for each share they held as of the record date. All common stock share and per share data for all periods presented in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the stock split.

The following management discussion should be read in conjunction with the Trex Company, Inc. (Company, we or our) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Part I, Item 1. Financial Statements of this quarterly report.

NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This management's discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements regarding our expected financial position and operating results, our business strategy, our financing plans, forecasted demographic and economic trends relating to our industry and similar matters are forward-looking statements. These statements can sometimes be identified by our use of forward-looking words such as may, will, anticipate, estimate, expect, in similar expressions. We cannot promise you that our expectations in such forward-looking statements will turn out to be correct. Our actual results could be materially different from our expectations because of various factors, including the factors discussed under Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the SEC. These statements are also subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's actual operating results to differ materially. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: the extent of market acceptance of the Company's current and newly developed products; the costs associated with the development and launch of new products and the market acceptance of such new products; the sensitivity of the Company's business to general economic conditions; the impact of seasonal and weather-related demand fluctuations on inventory levels in the distribution channel and sales of the Company's products; the availability and cost of third-party transportation services for the Company's products; the Company's ability to obtain raw materials, including scrap polyethylene, wood fiber, and other materials used in making our products, at acceptable prices; the Company's ability to maintain product quality and product performance at an acceptable cost; the level of expenses associated with product replacement and consumer relations expenses related to product quality; the highly competitive markets in which the Company operates; and cyber-attacks, security breaches or other security vulnerabilities; and the impact of upcoming data privacy laws and the General Data Protection Regulation and the related actual or potential costs and consequences.

OVERVIEW

Operations and Products: Trex Company, Inc. currently operates in two reportable segments: Trex Residential Products and Trex Commercial Products. The Company is focused on using renewable resources within both our Residential and Commercial segments.

Trex Residential Products is the world's largest manufacturer of high-performance composite decking and residential railing products, which are marketed under the brand name Trex® and manufactured in the United States. We offer a comprehensive set of aesthetically appealing and durable, low-maintenance product offerings in the decking, residential railing, fencing, steel deck framing, and outdoor lighting categories. A majority of the products are

eco-friendly and made in a proprietary process that combines reclaimed wood fibers and recycled polyethylene film. In addition to resisting fading and surface staining, Trex Residential products require no sanding and sealing, resist moisture damage, provide a splinter-free surface and do not require chemical treatment against rot or insect infestation. Combined, these aspects yield significant aesthetic advantages and lower maintenance than wood decking and railing and ultimately render Trex products less costly than wood over the life of the deck. Special characteristics (including resistance to splitting, the ability to bend, and ease and consistency of machining and finishing) facilitate installation, reduce contractor call-backs and afford consumers a wide range of design options. Trex Residential products are sold to distributors and home centers for final resell primarily to the residential market. In addition to the reclaimed wood and recycled plastic composite blend used in our Residential decking products, approximately 80 percent of the aluminum used in our Residential line is from recycled sources.

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Trex Residential Products offers the following products:

Decking Our principal decking products are Trex Transcend[®], Trex Enhance[®] and Trex Select[®]. Our eco-friendly composite decking products are comprised of a blend of 95 percent reclaimed wood fibers and recycled plastic film and feature a protective polymer shell for enhanced protection against fading, staining, mold and scratching. We also offer Trex Hideaway[®], a hidden fastening system for grooved boards.

Railing Our residential railing products are Trex Transcend Railing, Trex Enhance[®] Railing, Trex Select Railing, and Trex Signature aluminum railing. Trex Transcend Railing is available in the colors of Trex Transcend decking and finishes that make it appropriate for use with Trex decking products. Trex Enhance Railing complements our Trex Enhance decking and is available in white, saddle, vintage lantern and black. Trex Select Railing is offered in a white finish and is ideal for consumers who desire a simple clean finished look for their deck. Trex Signature aluminum railing is available in three colors and designed for consumers who want a sleek, contemporary look.

Fencing Our Trex Seclusions[®] fencing product is offered through two specialty distributors. This product consists of structural posts, bottom rail, pickets, top rail and decorative post caps.

Steel Deck Framing Our triple-coated steel deck framing system called Trex Elevations[®] leverages the strength and dimensional stability of steel to create a flat surface for our decking. Trex Elevations provides consistency and reliability that wood does not and is fire resistant.

Outdoor Lighting Our outdoor lighting systems are Trex DeckLighting and Trex LandscapeLighting. Trex DeckLighting is a line of energy-efficient LED dimmable deck lighting, which is designed for use on posts, floors and steps. The line includes a post cap light, deck rail light, riser light and a recessed deck light. The Trex LandscapeLighting line includes an energy-efficient well light, path light, multifunction light and spotlight.

Trex Commercial Products is a leading national provider of custom-engineered railing systems and staging equipment. Trex Commercial Products designs and engineers custom solutions, which are prevalent in professional and collegiate sports facilities, commercial and high-rise applications, performing arts, sports, and event production and rental markets. With a team of devoted engineers, and industry-leading reputation for quality and dedication to customer service, Trex Commercial Products markets to architects, specifiers, contractors, and building owners. In addition, approximately 75 percent of the aluminum and stainless steel used in the Commercial Products segment is from recycled sources.

Trex Commercial Products offers the following products:

Architectural Railing Systems Our architectural railing systems are pre-engineered guardrails with options to accommodate styles ranging from classic and elegant wood top rail combined with sleek stainless components and glass infill, to modern and minimalist stainless cable and rod infill choices.

Aluminum Railing Systems Our aluminum railings are a versatile, cost-effective and low-maintenance choice for a variety of interior and exterior applications that we believe blend form, function and style. They are often used in high-rise condominium and resort projects and offer safety and durability to stairs, public walkways and balconies. They are available in picket or glass infills with a selection of top cap styles, color finishes and mounting capabilities.

Custom Railing Options Trex Commercial can design, engineer and manufacture custom railing systems tailored to the customer's specific material, style and finish. Many railing styles are achievable, including glass, mesh, perforated railing and cable railing.

Staging Equipment and Accessories Our advanced modular, lightweight custom staging systems include portable platforms, orchestra shells, guardrails, stair units, barricades, camera platforms, VIP viewing decks, ADA infills, DJ booths, pool covers, and other custom applications. Our systems provide superior staging product solutions for facilities and venues with custom needs. Our modular stage equipment is designed to appear seamless, feel permanent, and maximize the functionality of the space.

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Highlights for the three months ended September 30, 2018:

Increase in net sales of 18.70%, or \$26.2 million, to \$166.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, over net sales of \$140.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Increase in gross profit of 21.6%, or \$11.9 million, to \$67.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$55.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Increase in net income to \$29.5 million, or \$0.50 per diluted share, for the three months ended September 30, 2018, compared to \$20.1 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share, for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Business Acquisition. On July 31, 2017, through our newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary, Trex Commercial Products, Inc., we entered into a definitive agreement with SC Company and on that date acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of SC Company for \$71.8 million. We used cash on hand and \$30.0 million from our existing revolving credit facility to acquire the business. The acquisition provides us with the opportunity to offer full service railing systems in the growing commercial and multi-family market, access to a complementary product category with a track record of substantial revenue growth, the ability to achieve economies of scale around raw material procurement, and an increase in the range of products the Company may offer its core customers. The condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, and from the date of acquisition of SC Company through September 30, 2017, and the condensed consolidated statement of cash flow for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and from the date of acquisition of SC Company through September 30, 2017, include the accounts of Trex Commercial Products, Inc.

Net Sales. Net sales consist of sales and freight, net of discounts. The level of net sales is principally affected by sales volume and the prices paid for Trex products. Trex Residential Products operating results have historically varied from quarter to quarter. Seasonal, erratic or prolonged adverse weather conditions in certain geographic regions reduce the level of home and commercial improvement and residential and commercial construction and can shift demand for our products to a later period. As part of our normal business practice and consistent with industry practices, we have historically provided our distributors and dealers of our Trex Residential Products incentives to build inventory levels before the start of the prime deck-building season to ensure adequate availability of our product to meet anticipated seasonal consumer demand and to enable production planning. These incentives include payment discounts and favorable payment terms. In addition, we offer price discounts or volume rebates on specified products and other incentives based on increases in purchases as part of specific promotional programs. The timing of sales incentive programs can significantly impact sales, receivables and inventory levels during the offering period. However, the timing and terms of the majority of our programs are generally consistent from year to year. In addition, the operating results for Trex Commercial Products are driven by the timing of individual projects, which may vary each quarterly period.

Gross Profit. Gross profit represents the difference between net sales and cost of sales. Cost of sales consists of raw material costs, direct labor costs, manufacturing costs, subcontract costs and freight. Raw material costs generally include the costs to purchase and transport reclaimed wood fiber, reclaimed polyethylene, pigmentation for coloring our products, and commodities used in the production of railing and staging. Direct labor costs include wages and benefits of personnel engaged in the manufacturing process. Manufacturing costs consist of costs of depreciation, utilities, maintenance supplies and repairs, indirect labor, including wages and benefits, and warehouse and equipment

rental activities.

Product Warranty. We warrant that our Trex Residential products will be free from material defects in workmanship and materials for warranty periods ranging from 10 years to 25 years, depending on the product and its use. If there is a breach of such warranties, we have an obligation either to replace the defective product or refund the purchase price. We continue to receive and settle claims for products manufactured at our Nevada facility prior to 2007 that exhibit surface flaking and maintain a warranty reserve to provide for the settlement of these claims.

We monitor surface flaking claims activity each quarter for indications that our estimates require revision. Typically, a majority of surface flaking claims received in a fiscal year are received during the summer outdoor season, which spans the second and third fiscal quarters. It has been our practice to utilize actuarial techniques during the third quarter, after a significant portion of all claims has been received for the fiscal year and variances to annual claims expectations are more meaningful. Our actuarial analysis is based on currently known facts and a number of assumptions. Projecting future events

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such as the number of claims to be received, the number of claims that will require payment and the average cost of claims could cause the actual warranty liabilities to be higher or lower than those projected, which could materially affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. The number of incoming claims received in the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was lower than the Company's expectations and considerably lower than the claims received in the nine months ended September 30, 2017, continuing the historical year-over-year decline in incoming claims. The favorable experience in incoming claims was offset, in part, by increased average settlement cost per claim experienced in the nine months ended September 30, 2018. We believe that our reserve at September 30, 2018 is sufficient to cover future surface flaking obligations.

The following table details surface flaking claims activity related to our warranty:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Claims open, beginning of period	2,306	2,755
Claims received (1)	1,314	1,931
Claims resolved (2)	(1,390)	(2,003)
Claims open, end of period	2,230	2,683
Average cost per claim (3)	\$ 2,703	\$ 2,553

(1) Claims received include new claims received or identified during the period.

(2) Claims resolved include all claims settled with or without payment and closed during the period.

(3) Average cost per claim represents the average settlement cost of claims closed with payment during the period.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. The largest component of selling, general and administrative expenses is personnel related costs, which includes salaries, commissions, incentive compensation, and benefits of personnel engaged in sales and marketing, accounting, information technology, corporate operations, research and development, and other business functions. Another component of selling, general and administrative expenses is branding and other sales and marketing costs, which are used to build brand awareness. These costs consist primarily of advertising, merchandising, and other promotional costs. Other general and administrative expenses include professional fees, office occupancy costs attributable to the business functions previously referenced, and consumer relations expenses. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses may vary from quarter to quarter due, in part, to the seasonality of our business.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

On July 31, 2017, Trex Commercial Products, Inc., our newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary, acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of SC Company for \$71.8 million. The Company used cash on hand and \$30.0 million of funding from its existing revolving credit facility to acquire the assets. The acquired business designs, engineers and markets modular architectural railing, staging, acoustical and seating systems for the commercial and multi-family market, including sports stadiums and performing arts venues. As a result of the purchase, we will gain access to growing commercial markets, expand our custom design and engineering capabilities, and add the contract architect and specifier communities as new channels for our products. The condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, and from the date of acquisition of SC Company through September 30,

2017, and the condensed consolidated statement of cash flow for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and from the date of acquisition of SC Company through September 30, 2017, include the accounts of Trex Commercial Products, Inc.

Below is our discussion and analysis of our operating results and material changes in our operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2018 (2018 quarter) compared to the three months ended September 30, 2017 (2017 quarter), and for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 (2018 nine-month period) compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017 (2017 nine-month period).

Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 Compared To The Three Months Ended September 30, 2017

Net Sales

	Three Months Ended September 30, \$			
	2018	2017	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Total net sales	\$ 166,380	\$ 140,194	\$ 26,186	18.7%
Residential net sales	\$ 146,998	\$ 131,043	\$ 15,955	12.2%
Commercial net sales	\$ 19,382	\$ 9,151	\$ 10,231	111.8%

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The 18.7% increase in total net sales in the 2018 quarter compared to the 2017 quarter was due primarily to volume growth reflecting favorable market conditions and strong consumer demand for Trex branded residential decking and railing products. The volume growth was positively impacted by continued strength in the remodeling sector, our marketing programs aimed at taking market share from wood, and the healthy demand across our full suite of outdoor living products with decking and railing products as the major growth contributors. The increase in net sales in the Residential segment was offset by a \$6 million charge related to the expansion of stocking positions in all residential sales channels beginning in 2019. Residential net sales growth excluding the \$6 million totaled 16.8%. The Commercial segment operated for three months in the 2018 quarter and contributed \$10.2 million to the increase in total net sales. Commercial net sales were \$9.2 million after the acquisition of SC Company in July 2017.

Gross Profit

	Three Months Ended September 30, \$			
	2018	2017	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Cost of sales	\$ 99,170	\$ 84,910	\$ 14,260	16.8%
% of total net sales	59.6%	60.6%		
Gross profit	\$ 67,210	\$ 55,284	\$ 11,926	21.6%
Gross margin	40.4%	39.4%		

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales, gross margin, was 40.4% in the 2018 quarter compared to 39.4% in the 2017 quarter. Gross margin for Residential and Commercial products totaled 42.3% and 25.9%, respectively. Excluding the \$6 million charge discussed above in Net Sales, Residential gross margin was 44.6%, an improvement of 400 basis points. The 2018 quarter gross margin reflected sustained improvement resulting in part from our ability to identify, qualify and procure new lower cost recycling product streams, manufacturing efficiencies that are part of ongoing programs, higher capacity utilization, favorability in other residential warranty claims, and improved execution and cost reduction initiatives in our commercial segment. The improvements above were partially offset by expenses for product innovation costs, and inflationary factors for freight and non-recycled polyethylene material costs.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2018	2017	\$ Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 28,132	\$ 24,919	\$ 3,213	12.9%
% of total net sales	16.9%	17.8%		

The \$3.2 million increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in the 2018 quarter compared to the 2017 quarter resulted primarily from an increase in personnel related expenses and branding, offset by a \$0.3 million decrease in amortization expense. As a percentage of net sales, total selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by 0.9% in the 2018 quarter compared to the 2017 quarter.

Provision for Income Taxes

Three Months Ended September 30,

	2018	2017	\$ Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Provision for income taxes	\$ 9,829	\$ 10,208	\$ (379)	(3.7)%
Effective tax rate	25.0%	33.7%		

The effective tax rate for the 2018 quarter decreased by 8.7% compared to the effective tax rate for the 2017 quarter primarily due to the effects of tax legislation H.R.1, An Act to Provide for Reconciliation Pursuant to Titles II and V of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which lowered the Federal statutory rate to 21%. The effective tax rate for the 2018 quarter reflects the new Federal statutory tax rate of 21%.

Net Income and Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA)¹ (in thousands)

- ¹ EBITDA represents net income before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a measurement of financial performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). We have included data with respect to EBITDA because management evaluates the performance of its reportable segments using several measures, including EBITDA. Management considers EBITDA to be an important supplemental indicator of our core operating performance because it eliminates interest, taxes, and depreciation and amortization charges to net income or loss. For these reasons, management believes that EBITDA provides important information regarding the operating performance of the Company's reportable segments.

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Reconciliation of net income (GAAP) to EBITDA (non-GAAP):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net income	\$ 27,755	\$ 1,716	\$ 29,471
Interest, net	(222)		(222)
Taxes	9,259	570	9,829
Depreciation and amortization	3,275	494	3,769
EBITDA	\$ 40,067	\$ 2,780	\$ 42,847

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net income (loss)	\$ 20,173	\$ (75)	\$ 20,098
Interest, net	59		59
Taxes	10,208		10,208
Depreciation and amortization	3,639	881	4,520
EBITDA	\$ 34,079	\$ 806	\$ 34,885

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2018	2017	\$ Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Total EBITDA	\$ 42,847	\$ 34,885	\$ 7,962	22.8%
Residential EBITDA	\$ 40,067	\$ 34,079	\$ 5,988	17.6%
Commercial EBITDA	\$ 2,780	\$ 806	\$ 1,974	244.9%

The Company uses EBITDA to assess performance as it believes EBITDA facilitates performance comparison between its reportable segments by eliminating interest, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization charges to income. Total EBITDA increased 22.8% to \$42.8 million for the 2018 quarter compared to \$34.9 million for the 2017 quarter. The improvement was driven primarily by a \$6.0 million increase in Residential EBITDA resulting primarily from higher net sales, which were offset by a \$6 million charge to Residential net sales related to the expansion of stocking positions in all residential sales channels beginning in 2019, and sustained improvement in gross profit. The 2018 quarter includes Commercial operations for the three months in the quarter with an increase in sales and improved gross profit that contributed \$2.0 million to total EBITDA. Commercial EBITDA for the 2017 quarter includes operations after acquisition of the SC Company.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 Compared To The Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017**Net Sales**

	Nine Months Ended September 30, \$			
	2018	2017	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Total net sales	\$ 544,279	\$ 442,941	\$ 101,338	22.9%
Residential net sales	\$ 491,399	\$ 433,790	\$ 57,609	13.3%
Commercial net sales	\$ 52,880	\$ 9,151	\$ 43,729	477.9%

The 22.9% increase in total net sales in the 2018 nine-month period compared to the 2017 nine-month period was primarily due to a 13.3% increase in our Residential net sales resulting from volume growth in our Trex branded decking and railing products. Residential net sales growth totaled 14.7%, excluding the third quarter \$6 million charge related to the expansion of stocking positions in all residential sales channels beginning in 2019. The volume growth was positively impacted by

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continued strength in the remodeling sector, our marketing programs aimed at taking market share from wood, and the healthy demand across our full suite of outdoor living products with decking and railing products as the major growth contributors. The remaining increase in total net sales was from our Commercial operations acquired from SC Company in July 2017.

Gross Profit

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		\$	
	2018	2017	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Cost of sales	\$ 309,241	\$ 250,473	\$ 58,768	23.5%
% of total net sales	56.8%	56.5%		
Gross profit	\$ 235,038	\$ 192,468	\$ 42,570	22.1%
Gross margin	43.2%	43.5%		

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales, gross margin, was relatively unchanged at 43.2% in the 2018 nine-month period from 43.5% in the 2017 nine-month period. Gross margin for the Residential and Commercial products totaled 45.4% and 23.0%, respectively. Excluding the \$6 million charge discussed above in Net Sales, Residential gross margin was 46.0%. Residential gross margin improved by 2.1% resulting in part from our ability to identify, qualify and procure new lower cost recycling product streams, manufacturing efficiencies that are part of ongoing programs, higher capacity utilization. Commercial gross margin increased due to improved execution and cost reduction initiatives. The improvements above were partially offset by expenses for product innovation costs, and inflationary factors for freight and non-recycled polyethylene material costs.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		\$	
	2018	2017	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 90,603	\$ 75,409	\$ 15,194	20.1%
% of total net sales	16.6%	17.0%		

The \$15.2 million increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in the 2018 nine-month period compared to the 2017 nine-month period resulted primarily from an increase in personnel related expenses of \$11.9 million, an increase in amortization expense of \$2.2 million related to the SC acquisition, and an increase in branding initiatives of \$2.7 million. As a percentage of net sales, total selling, general and administrative expenses remained relatively unchanged in the 2018 nine-month period compared to the 2017 nine-month period. Trex Commercial Products accounted for \$7.4 million of the overall increase.

Provision for Income Taxes

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		\$	
	2018	2017	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			

Provision for income taxes	\$ 34,657	\$ 39,715	\$ (5,058)	(12.7)%
Effective tax rate	24.1%	34.1%		

The effective tax rate for the 2018 nine-month period decreased by 10% compared to the effective tax rate for the 2017 nine-month period primarily due to the effects of tax legislation H.R.1, An Act to Provide for Reconciliation Pursuant to Titles II and V of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which lowered the Federal statutory rate to 21%. The effective tax rate for the 2018 nine-month period reflects the new Federal statutory tax rate of 21%.

Net Income and Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA)² (in thousands)

- ² EBITDA represents net income before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a measurement of financial performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). We have included data with respect to EBITDA because management evaluates the performance of its reportable segments using several measures, including EBITDA. Management considers EBITDA to be an important supplemental indicator of our core operating performance because it eliminates interest, taxes, and depreciation and amortization charges to net income or loss. For these reasons, management believes that EBITDA provides important information regarding the operating performance of the Company's reportable segments.

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Reconciliation of net income (GAAP) to EBITDA (non-GAAP):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net income	\$ 107,449	\$ 1,952	\$ 109,401
Interest, net	377		377
Taxes	34,009	648	34,657
Depreciation and amortization	10,004	3,063	13,067
EBITDA	\$ 151,839	\$ 5,663	\$ 157,502

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017		
	Residential	Commercial	Total
Net income (loss)	\$ 76,904	\$ (75)	\$ 76,829
Interest, net	515		515
Taxes	39,715		39,715
Depreciation and amortization	11,087	881	11,968
EBITDA	\$ 128,221	\$ 806	\$ 129,027

	Nine Months Ended September 30, \$			
	2018	2017	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Total EBITDA	\$ 157,502	\$ 129,027	\$ 28,475	22.1%
Residential EBITDA	\$ 151,839	\$ 128,221	\$ 23,618	18.4%
Commercial EBITDA	\$ 5,663	\$ 806	\$ 4,857	602.6%

The Company uses EBITDA to assess performance as it believes EBITDA facilitates performance comparison between its reportable segments by eliminating interest, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization charges to income. Total EBITDA improved 22.1% to \$157.5 million for the 2018 nine-month period compared to \$129.0 million for the 2017 nine-month period. The improvement was driven by a \$23.6 million increase in Residential EBITDA resulting primarily from higher net sales, which were offset by a \$6 million charge to Residential net sales related to the expansion of stocking positions in all residential sales channels beginning in 2019, and sustained improvement in gross profit.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We finance operations and growth primarily with cash flows from operations, borrowings under our revolving credit facility, operating leases and normal trade credit terms from operating activities. At September 30, 2018 we had \$107.3 million of cash and cash equivalents.

Sources and Uses of Cash. The following table summarizes our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 115,369	\$ 92,837
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (21,528)	\$ (82,631)
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (17,042)	\$ (3,329)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,799	\$ 6,877

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Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$115.4 million in the 2018 nine-month period compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$92.8 million in the 2017 nine-month period. Cash provided by operating activities increased primarily due to an increase in net sales volume growth and related net income, offset by an increase in accounts receivable related to the increased net sales volume growth.

Investing Activities

Capital expenditures in the 2018 nine-month period were \$21.6 million, consisting primarily of \$13.4 million for general plant cost reduction initiatives and other production improvements and \$6.3 million for the purchase of domain names. Capital expenditures in the 2017 nine-month period were \$11.1 million primarily consisting of \$8.1 million for general plant cost reduction initiatives and \$2.2 million for equipment and new product development.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$17.0 million in the 2018 nine-month period compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$3.3 million in the 2017 nine-month period. The increase was primarily due to repurchases of our outstanding common stock under the February 2018 Stock Repurchase Program.

Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation

The Company's Board of Directors unanimously approved an amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Amendment) on February 14, 2018, subject to stockholder approval. At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company held on May 2, 2018, the Company's stockholders approved the Amendment, effective as of May 2, 2018. The Amendment increases the number of shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, that the Company is authorized to issue from 80,000,000 shares to 120,000,000 shares. The Amendment was filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on May 2, 2018.

Stock Split

Following the annual meeting of stockholders on May 2, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a two-for-one stock split of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01. The stock split was in the form of a stock dividend distributed on June 18, 2018, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 23, 2018. The stock split entitled each stockholder to receive one additional share of common stock, par value \$0.01, for each share they held as of the record date. All common stock share and per share data for all periods presented in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the stock split.

Stock Repurchase Programs.

On February 16, 2017, the Board of Directors authorized a common stock repurchase program of up to 5.92 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock (February 2017 Stock Repurchase Program). The Company made no repurchases under the February 2017 Stock Repurchase Program. On February 16, 2018, the Board of Directors terminated the February 2017 Stock Repurchase Program and adopted a new stock repurchase program of up to 5.8 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock (February 2018 Stock Repurchase Program). As of the date of this report, the Company has repurchased 250,044 shares of the Company's outstanding common stock under the February 2018 Stock Repurchase Program.

Indebtedness. Our Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as amended, provides us with revolving loan capacity in a collective maximum principal amount of \$250 million from January 1 through June 30 of each year, and a maximum principal amount of \$200 million from July 1 through December 31 of each year throughout the term, which ends January 12, 2021. At September 30, 2018, we had no outstanding indebtedness under the revolving credit facility and borrowing capacity under the facility of \$200.0 million.

Debt Covenants. To remain in compliance with covenants contained within our debt agreements, we must maintain specified financial ratios based on levels of debt, fixed charges, and earnings (excluding extraordinary gains and extraordinary non-cash losses) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. At September 30, 2018, we were in compliance with these covenants. Failure to comply with our loan covenants might cause our lenders to accelerate our repayment obligations under our credit facility, which may be declared payable immediately based on a default.

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We believe that cash on hand, cash from operations and borrowings expected to be available under our revolving credit facility will provide sufficient funds to fund planned capital expenditures, make scheduled principal and interest payments, fund warranty payments, and meet other cash requirements. We currently expect to fund future capital expenditures from operations and financing activities. The actual amount and timing of future capital requirements may differ materially from our estimate depending on the demand for Trex products and new market developments and opportunities.

Capital Requirements. We currently estimate that our capital expenditures in 2018 will be in excess of \$30 million. Our capital allocation priorities include expenditures for internal growth opportunities, manufacturing cost reductions, acquisitions which fit our long-term outdoor products growth strategy as we continue to evaluate opportunities that would be a good strategic fit for Trex, and return of capital to shareholders.

Inventory in Distribution Channels. We sell our decking and residential railing products through a tiered distribution system. We have over 50 distributors worldwide and two national retail merchandisers to which we sell our products. The distributors in turn sell the products to dealers and retail locations who in turn sell the products to end users. Significant increases in inventory levels in the distribution channel without a corresponding change in end-use demand could have an adverse effect on future sales. We cannot definitively determine the level of inventory in the distribution channels at any time. We are not aware of significant changes in the levels of inventory in the distribution channels at September 30, 2018 compared to inventory levels at September 30, 2017.

Product Warranty. We continue to receive and settle claims related to residential products manufactured at our Nevada facility prior to 2007 that exhibit surface flaking, which has had a material adverse effect on cash flow from operations, and regularly monitor the adequacy of the warranty reserve.

In the 2018 nine-month period and the 2017 nine-month period we paid \$3.5 million and \$4.4 million, respectively, to settle surface flaking claims. We estimate that the number of claims received will continue to decline over time and that the average settlement cost per claim will increase slightly, primarily due to inflation. If the level of claims received or average settlement cost per claim differs materially from our expectations, it could result in additional increases or decreases to the warranty reserve and a decrease or increase in earnings and cash flow in future periods.

Seasonality. The operating results for Trex Residential Products have historically varied from quarter to quarter. Seasonal, erratic or prolonged adverse weather conditions in certain geographic regions reduce the level of home improvement and construction activity and can shift demand for its products to a later period. As part of its normal business practice and consistent with industry practice, Trex Residential Products has historically offered incentive programs to its distributors and dealers to build inventory levels before the start of the prime deck-building season in order to ensure adequate availability of its product to meet anticipated seasonal consumer demand. The seasonal effects are often offset by the positive effect of the incentive programs. The operating results for Trex Commercial Products have not historically varied from quarter to quarter as a result of seasonality; however, they are driven by the timing of individual projects, which may vary each quarterly period.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

In addition to the critical accounting policies included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, critical accounting policies and estimates also include the following:

Revenue Recognition

Effective January 1, 2018, we adopted the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606). We determined the appropriate revenue recognition for our contracts with customers by analyzing the type, terms and conditions of our contracts with our customers. Topic 606 provides a single, comprehensive model for revenue recognition arising from contracts with customers. A performance obligation is a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer and is the unit of account in Topic 606. A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and revenue is recognized when or as the Company satisfies the performance obligation. Revenue is recognized at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring control of the goods or services to a customer. Adoption of Topic 606 did not have an impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations. The following provides additional information about our contracts with customers.

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Trex Residential Products principally generates revenue from the manufacture and sale of its high performance, low maintenance composite decking and railing products and accessories. Substantially all of its revenues are from contracts with customers, which are individual customer purchase orders of short-term duration of less than one year. Trex Residential Products satisfies its performance obligations at a point in time. The shipment of each product is a separate performance obligation as the customer is able to derive benefit from each product shipped and no performance obligation remains after shipment. Upon shipment of the product, the customer obtains control over the distinct product and Trex Residential satisfies its performance obligation. Any performance obligation that remains unsatisfied at the end of a reporting period is part of a contract that has an original expected duration of one year or less. Any variable consideration related to the unsatisfied performance obligation is allocated wholly to the unsatisfied performance obligation and recognized when the product ships and the performance obligation is satisfied.

Trex Commercial Products

Trex Commercial Products generates revenue from the manufacture and sale of its modular and architectural railing systems, staging, acoustical and seating systems. All of its revenues are from fixed-price contracts with customers. Trex Commercial Products contracts have a single performance obligation as the promise to transfer the individual goods or services is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contract and is, therefore, not distinct.

Trex Commercial Products satisfies its performance obligation over time as work progresses because control is transferred continuously to its customers. Revenue and estimated profit is recognized over time based on the proportion of costs incurred to date relative to total estimated costs at completion to measure progress toward satisfying the performance obligation. Incurred costs represent work performed, which corresponds with, and thereby best depicts, the transfer of control to the customer. Incurred costs include all direct material, labor, subcontract and certain indirect costs. The Company reviews and updates its estimates regularly and recognizes adjustments in estimated profit on contracts under the cumulative catch-up method. Under this method, the impact of the adjustment on revenue and estimated profit to date on a contract is recognized in the period the adjustment is identified. Revenues and profits in future periods are recognized using the adjusted estimate. If at any time the estimate of contract profitability indicates an anticipated loss on the contract, the Company recognizes the total loss in the period it is identified. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, no adjustment to any one contract was material to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and no impairment loss on any contract was recorded.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

For information regarding our exposure to certain market risks, see Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, in Part II, Item 7A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. There were no material changes to the Company's market risk exposure during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with the participation of its President and Chief Executive Officer, who is the Company's principal executive officer, and its Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, who is the Company's principal financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2018. Based on this evaluation, the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. In addition, there have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2018, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents**PART II****OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

The Company has lawsuits, as well as other claims, pending against it which are ordinary routine litigation and claims incidental to the business. Management has evaluated the merits of these lawsuits and claims, and believes that their ultimate resolution will not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or competitive position.

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

(c) The following table provides information relating to the purchases of our common stock during the three months ended September 30, 2018 in accordance with Item 703 of Regulation S-K (*share and per share data have been adjusted for the two-for-one stock split distributed on June 18, 2018*):

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased (1)	(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) (\$)	(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (2)	(d) Maximum number of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan or Program
July 1, 2018 – July 31, 2018	4,541	\$ 77.74		5,549,956
August 1, 2018 – August 31, 2018	1,731	\$ 81.07		5,549,956
September 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018				5,549,956
Quarter ended September 30, 2018	6,272			

- (1) Shares withheld by, or delivered to, the Company pursuant to provisions in agreements with recipients of restricted stock granted under the Company's 2014 Stock Incentive Plan allowing the Company to withhold, or the recipient to deliver to the Company, the number of shares having the fair value equal to tax withholding due.
- (2) On February 16, 2018, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a common stock repurchase program of up to 5.8 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock (February 2018 Stock Repurchase Program). The February 2018 Stock Repurchase Program was publicly announced on February 21, 2018. During the three months ended September 30, 2018, the Company did not repurchase shares under the February 2018 Stock

Repurchase Program.

Item 5. Other Information

Amendment of Amended and Restated 1999 Incentive Plan for Outside Directors

On October 24, 2018, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Amended and Restated 1999 Incentive Plan for Outside Directors (Outside Directors Plan) effective January 1, 2019, as follows:

The annual cash retainer for service on the Board was increased from \$50,000 to \$65,000.

The annual equity award for service on the Board was increased from \$70,000 to \$100,000.

The annual committee fee for members of the Audit Committee was increased from \$8,500 to \$8,750.

The annual committee fee for members of the Compensation Committee was increased from \$6,500 to \$7,500.

The annual committee fee for members of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee was increased from \$5,000 to \$6,250.

The annual committee fee for the chairman of the Audit Committee was increased from \$12,500 to \$17,500.

The annual committee fee for the chairman of the Compensation Committee was increased from \$9,000 to \$15,000.

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The annual committee fee for the chairman of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee was increased from \$7,500 to \$12,500.

The additional compensation for the Lead Independent Director was increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The additional compensation for a non-executive chairman of the Board was increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company amended the Outside Directors Plan as described above based upon a Board of Directors compensation study undertaken by Korn Ferry Hay Group, which is the Company's independent compensation consultant.

The foregoing description of the amendment to the Outside Directors Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Outside Directors Plan, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Form 10-Q.

Item 6. Exhibits

See Exhibit Index at the end of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the information required by this Item.

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SIGNATURE

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

TREX COMPANY, INC.

Date: October 29, 2018

By: /s/ Bryan H. Fairbanks
Bryan H. Fairbanks
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer
(Duly Authorized Officer and Principal Financial
Officer)

Table of Contents**EXHIBIT INDEX****Exhibit**

Number	Exhibit Description
3.1	<u>Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Trex Company, Inc. (Company). Filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-63287) and incorporated herein by reference.</u>
3.2	<u>Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Trex Company, Inc. dated April 30, 2014. Filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.</u>
3.3	<u>Second Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Trex Company, Inc. dated May 2, 2018. Filed as Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference.</u>
3.4	<u>Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company. Filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 7, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.</u>
10.1	<u>Trex Company, Inc. Amended and Restated 1999 Incentive Plan for Outside Directors as amended on October 24, 2018. Filed herewith.*</u>
31.1	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Trex Company, Inc. pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Filed herewith.</u>
31.2	<u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Trex Company, Inc. pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Filed herewith.</u>
32	<u>Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350). Furnished herewith.</u>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document. Filed.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. Filed.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document. Filed.
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document. Filed.
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document. Filed.
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document. Filed.

* Management contract or compensatory plan or agreement.