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Winpak Reports First Quarter Results

Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 20, 2016 - Winpak Ltd. (WPK) today reports consolidated results in US dollars for the first quarter of 2016, which ended on March 27, 2016.

	Quarter Ended	
	March 27 2016	March 29 2015
<i>(thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts)</i>		
Revenue	198,154	199,440
Net income	27,300	22,724
Income tax expense	12,310	10,914
Net finance (income) expense	(19)	35
Depreciation and amortization	8,331	7,747
EBITDA (1)	47,922	41,420
Net income attributable to equity holders of the Company	26,564	22,463
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	736	261
Net income	27,300	22,724
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)	41	35

Winpak Ltd. manufactures and distributes high-quality packaging materials and related packaging machines. The Company's products are used primarily for the packaging of perishable foods, beverages and in healthcare applications.

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¹ EBITDA is not a recognized measure under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Management believes that in addition to net income, this measure provides useful supplemental information to investors including an indication of cash available for distribution prior to debt service, capital expenditures and income taxes. Investors should be cautioned, however, that this measure should not be construed as an alternative to net income, determined in accordance with IFRS, as an indicator of the Company's performance. The Company's method of calculating this measure may differ from other companies, and accordingly, the results may not be comparable.



Management's Discussion and Analysis

(presented in US dollars)

Forward-looking statements: Certain statements made in the following Management's Discussion and Analysis contain forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, statements concerning possible or assumed future results of operations of the Company. Forward-looking statements represent the Company's intentions, plans, expectations and beliefs, and are not guarantees of future performance. Such forward-looking statements represent Winpak's current views based on information as at the date of this report. They involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions and the Company's actual results could differ, which in some cases may be material, from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements. Unless otherwise required by applicable securities law, we disclaim any intention or obligation to publicly update or revise this information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The Company cautions investors not to place undue reliance upon forward-looking statements.

Financial Performance

Net income attributable to equity holders of the Company for the first quarter of 2016 of \$26.6 million or 41 cents in earnings per share exceeded the \$22.5 million or 35 cents per share recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2015, an increase of 18.3 percent. This represented the highest first quarter earnings performance since the inception of Winpak. Organic volume growth contributed 2 cents in earnings per share and was supplemented by gross profit margin improvement and favorable foreign exchange impacts of 1.5 cents per share each. Lower operating expenses and a lower effective income tax rate each added 1 cent to earnings per share while a greater proportion of earnings attributable to non-controlling interests subtracted 1 cent from earnings per share.

Revenue

Revenue in the first quarter of 2016 amounted to \$198.2 million, falling just 0.6 percent short of the prior year-to-date level of \$199.4 million. Nonetheless, volume growth was solid at 4.7 percent in comparison to the first quarter of 2015 and was all organic. All product groups advanced with the exception of packaging machinery and parts sales, which registered a particularly strong first quarter in 2015. Biaxially oriented nylon volumes were robust, rising by low double-digit percentages in comparison to the first three months of 2015. The remaining product groups of specialty films, modified atmosphere packaging, rigid packaging and lidding all progressed in the mid single-digit percentage range in volume growth. Continued progress at business development in the core markets of meat and cheese drove success for both the specialty films and modified atmosphere packaging product groups. Multi-pak yogurt and retort packaging propelled volumes in both the rigid container and lidding groups which more than offset weakness experienced in the specialty beverage market. Selling price/mix changes had an unfavorable effect of 3.9 percent on 2016 first quarter revenues as indexed selling prices followed the decrease in raw material costs which occurred through most of 2015. The decline in the value of the Canadian dollar in comparison to its US counterpart had a further 1.4 percent negative effect on revenue versus the comparable prior year quarter.

Gross profit margins

Gross profit margins in the first quarter of 2016 rose to 34.2 percent of revenue versus 31.6 percent of revenue in the comparable 2015 quarter, an improvement of 2.6 percentage points. The fall in raw material costs in relation to those incurred a year prior was the main factor contributing to the margin improvement, resulting in an expansion in earnings per share of 1.5 cents. While just over 70 percent of the Company's revenues are indexed whereby the selling prices move in concert with raw material cost changes, albeit with a time lag, market pricing for non-indexed accounts has remained fairly steady over the past year. In addition, there was also some improvement in manufacturing performance, in terms of material waste and efficiency, at certain of the Company's operations which supplemented gross profit margins.

For reference, the following presents the weighted indexed purchased cost of Winpak's eight primary raw materials in the reported quarter and each of the preceding eight quarters, where base year 2001 = 100. The index was rebalanced as of December 28, 2015 to reflect the mix of the eight primary raw materials purchased in 2015.

Quarter and Year	1/16	4/15	3/15	2/15	1/15	4/14	3/14	2/14	1/14
Purchase Price Index	136.4	139.1	147.7	152.1	156.9	175.1	176.2	178.1	178.7

The purchase price index declined slightly by 1.9 percent in the current quarter compared to the final quarter of 2015. Moderate declines in the price of many of the Company's raw materials in the quarter were offset in large degree by a significant escalation in polypropylene resin pricing. In relation to a year ago, the purchase price index has fallen more noticeably by over 13 percent and was directly related to the decrease in the price of oil and natural gas, from which resins used by the Company are derived.



Expenses and Other

Operating expenses in the quarter, after eliminating the impact of foreign exchange, increased by less than 1 percent, well below the growth in sales volumes of 4.7 percent in relation to the first quarter of 2015. This contributed 1 cent in earnings per share and was mainly due to lower share-based compensation costs versus the prior year period. The lower value of the Canadian dollar in the first three months of the current year versus the comparable 2015 period supplemented earnings per share by 1.5 cents as Canadian dollar expenses exceed Canadian dollar revenues. A lower effective income tax rate in the 2016 first quarter added a further 1 cent to earnings per share as a greater proportion of income was earned in Canada where corporate income tax rates are more favorable. On the other hand, an increase in net income attributable to non-controlling interests reduced earnings per share by 1 cent in the first three months of 2016 versus the comparable 2015 quarter.

Summary of Quarterly Results

	Thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts (US cents)							
	Q1 2016	Q4 2015	Q3 2015	Q2 2015	Q1 2015	Q4 2014	Q3 2014	Q2 2014
Revenue	198,154	205,746	193,726	198,257	199,440	206,269	192,982	199,426
Net income attributable to equity holders of the Company	26,564	27,635	22,305	26,845	22,463	23,343	19,448	19,406
EPS	41	43	34	41	35	36	30	30

Capital Resources, Cash Flow and Liquidity

The Company's cash and cash equivalents balance ended the first quarter of 2016 at \$169.5 million, an increase of \$4.5 million from the end of the prior year. Winpak continued to generate strong and consistent cash flows from operating activities before changes in working capital of \$47.4 million, surpassing the first quarter of 2015 by \$6.2 million. Cash was utilized to supplement working capital of \$10.4 million, income tax payments of \$15.2 million, plant and equipment additions of \$15.1 million, dividends of \$1.4 million and other items totaling \$0.8 million.

Looking Forward

After a strong start to the year, the Company remains optimistic with regard to volume growth and earnings performance for the rest of 2016. Opportunities in the sales pipeline continue to progress along the path to becoming new sources of revenue. World oil prices have risen in the last couple of months and this has put upward pressure on resin pricing as the second quarter begins, with price hikes announced for several of the Company's main raw materials. However, it is difficult to predict whether this will be a longer term trend or just a short-term impact on raw material costs. Gross profit margins will likely fall a couple of percentage points from the heightened levels experienced in the first quarter as higher resin costs make their way into cost of goods sold and eventually into higher indexed selling prices. Manufacturing performance should continue to improve in areas where capacity constraints have caused operational difficulties. Of particular importance will be the commercialization of the massive technologically-advanced cast coextrusion line, which is in the early stages of being commissioned at the Company's modified atmosphere packaging plant in Winnipeg. Although there has been some strength in the Canadian dollar versus its US counterpart as of late, it still remains at a lower level than a year prior and will continue to be favorable to the Company's earnings, as Canadian dollar denominated costs exceed revenues in that currency. In addition, further positive effects on earnings will be evident in 2016 as foreign currency forward contracts that are part of the Company's foreign exchange hedging policy mature at more favorable rates than those that came due in 2015. Capital spending for 2016 will be higher than in the past several years at a level estimated to be between \$75 million and \$85 million as both the rigid container operations in Chicago and the shrink bag production unit in Georgia are embarking on facility expansions of 350,000 and 85,000 square feet respectively. The Company will continue to pursue acquisition opportunities in Winpak's core competencies of sophisticated packaging for food, beverage and healthcare applications while it remains committed to substantial organic growth through capital investment. With Winpak's solid financial position, it has the resources necessary to complete an acquisition when the proper fit and price are present to provide long-term shareholder value.

Future Changes to Accounting Standards

As more fully described in Note 4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, three new accounting standards have been issued, IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments", IFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" and IFRS 16 "Leases". IFRS 9 and IFRS 15 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 while IFRS 16 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The Company is currently assessing the impact of these new standards and does not intend to early adopt these standards in its consolidated financial statements.

In addition, amendments to IAS 7 "Statement of Cash Flows" and IAS 12 "Income Taxes" were issued in January 2016. Both amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017. While the Company is currently assessing the impact of these amendments, management does not expect the amendments to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements and does not intend to early adopt them.



Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures in order to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to them in a timely manner and that information required to be disclosed is reported within time periods prescribed by applicable securities legislation. There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives. Based on management's evaluation of the design of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these controls and procedures are designed as of March 27, 2016 to provide reasonable assurance that the information being disclosed is recorded, summarized and reported as required.

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. Internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations and therefore can only provide reasonable assurance as to the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Management used the Internal Control – Integrated Framework published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO 2013) as the control framework in designing its internal controls over financial reporting. Based on management's design of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these controls and procedures are designed as of March 27, 2016 to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information being reported is materially accurate. During the first quarter ended March 27, 2016, there have been no changes to the design of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal controls over financial reporting.



Winpak Ltd.
Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
First Quarter Ended: March 27, 2016

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited or reviewed by the Company's independent external auditors, KPMG LLP.



Winpak Ltd.
 Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
 (thousands of US dollars) (unaudited)

	Note	March 27 2016	December 27 2015
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents		169,500	165,027
Trade and other receivables	12	109,160	107,805
Income taxes receivable		103	2,050
Inventories	5	97,542	96,498
Prepaid expenses		4,717	3,411
Derivative financial instruments		964	40
		<u>381,986</u>	<u>374,831</u>
Non-current assets:			
Property, plant and equipment	7	375,868	369,436
Intangible assets	7	14,574	14,745
Employee benefit plan assets		6,526	5,723
Deferred tax assets		1,320	1,408
		<u>398,288</u>	<u>391,312</u>
Total assets		<u>780,274</u>	<u>766,143</u>
Equity and Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Trade payables and other liabilities		61,878	68,534
Income taxes payable		4,924	10,569
Derivative financial instruments		387	1,683
		<u>67,189</u>	<u>80,786</u>
Non-current liabilities:			
Employee benefit plan liabilities		9,432	8,885
Deferred income		13,691	14,071
Provisions		760	760
Deferred tax liabilities		38,335	38,250
		<u>62,218</u>	<u>61,966</u>
Total liabilities		<u>129,407</u>	<u>142,752</u>
Equity:			
Share capital		29,195	29,195
Reserves		441	(1,208)
Retained earnings		601,450	576,359
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		<u>631,086</u>	<u>604,346</u>
Non-controlling interests		<u>19,781</u>	<u>19,045</u>
Total equity		<u>650,867</u>	<u>623,391</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>780,274</u>	<u>766,143</u>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



Winpak Ltd.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

	Note	Quarter Ended	
		March 27 2016	March 29 2015
Revenue		198,154	199,440
Cost of sales		(130,387)	(136,469)
Gross profit		67,767	62,971
Sales, marketing and distribution expenses		(15,232)	(15,082)
General and administrative expenses		(7,946)	(8,967)
Research and technical expenses		(3,745)	(3,699)
Pre-production expenses		(169)	(346)
Other expenses	6	(1,084)	(1,204)
Income from operations		39,591	33,673
Finance income		133	85
Finance expense		(114)	(120)
Income before income taxes		39,610	33,638
Income tax expense		(12,310)	(10,914)
Net income for the period		27,300	22,724
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		26,564	22,463
Non-controlling interests		736	261
		27,300	22,724
Basic and diluted earnings per share - cents	9	41	35

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(thousands of US dollars) (unaudited)

	Note	Quarter Ended	
		March 27 2016	March 29 2015
Net income for the period		27,300	22,724
<u>Items that will not be reclassified to the statements of income:</u>			
Cash flow hedge gains recognized		32	-
Cash flow hedge losses transferred to property, plant and equipment		52	-
Income tax effect		-	-
		84	-
<u>Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to the statements of income:</u>			
Cash flow hedge gains (losses) recognized		1,412	(1,568)
Cash flow hedge losses transferred to the statements of income	6	724	559
Income tax effect		(571)	270
		1,565	(739)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period - net of income tax		1,649	(739)
Comprehensive income for the period		28,949	21,985
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		28,213	21,724
Non-controlling interests		736	261
		28,949	21,985

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



Winpak Ltd.
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity
 (thousands of US dollars) (unaudited)

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company						
	Note	Share capital	Reserves	Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
Balance at December 29, 2014		29,195	(641)	555,697	584,251	17,136	601,387
Comprehensive (loss) income for the period							
Cash flow hedge losses, net of tax		-	(1,149)	-	(1,149)	-	(1,149)
Cash flow hedge losses transferred to the statements of income, net of tax		-	410	-	410	-	410
Other comprehensive loss		-	(739)	-	(739)	-	(739)
Net income for the period		-	-	22,463	22,463	261	22,724
Comprehensive (loss) income for the period		-	(739)	22,463	21,724	261	21,985
Dividends	8	-	-	(1,548)	(1,548)	-	(1,548)
Balance at March 29, 2015		29,195	(1,380)	576,612	604,427	17,397	621,824
Balance at December 28, 2015		29,195	(1,208)	576,359	604,346	19,045	623,391
Comprehensive income for the period							
Cash flow hedge gains, net of tax		-	1,067	-	1,067	-	1,067
Cash flow hedge losses transferred to the statements of income, net of tax		-	530	-	530	-	530
Cash flow hedge losses transferred to property, plant and equipment		-	52	-	52	-	52
Other comprehensive income		-	1,649	-	1,649	-	1,649
Net income for the period		-	-	26,564	26,564	736	27,300
Comprehensive income for the period		-	1,649	26,564	28,213	736	28,949
Dividends	8	-	-	(1,473)	(1,473)	-	(1,473)
Balance at March 27, 2016		29,195	441	601,450	631,086	19,781	650,867

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



Winpak Ltd.
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(thousands of US dollars) (unaudited)

	Note	Quarter Ended	
		March 27 2016	March 29 2015
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities:			
Net income for the period		27,300	22,724
Items not involving cash:			
Depreciation		8,555	7,984
Amortization - deferred income		(394)	(392)
Amortization - intangible assets		170	155
Employee defined benefit plan expenses		878	976
Net finance (income) expense		(19)	35
Income tax expense		12,310	10,914
Other		(1,377)	(1,123)
Cash flow from operating activities before the following		47,423	41,273
Change in working capital:			
Trade and other receivables		(1,355)	2,254
Inventories		(1,044)	3,131
Prepaid expenses		(1,306)	(932)
Trade payables and other liabilities		(6,681)	(7,782)
Provisions		-	36
Employee defined benefit plan contributions		(947)	(1,078)
Income tax paid		(15,185)	(3,714)
Interest received		51	62
Interest paid		(4)	(7)
Net cash from operating activities		20,952	33,243
Investing activities:			
Acquisition of plant and equipment - net		(15,061)	(12,804)
Acquisition of intangible assets		(10)	(55)
		(15,071)	(12,859)
Financing activities:			
Dividends paid	8	(1,408)	(1,678)
Change in cash and cash equivalents		4,473	18,706
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		165,027	143,761
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period		169,500	162,467

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

1. General

Winpak Ltd. is incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act. The Company manufactures and distributes high-quality packaging materials and related packaging machines. The Company's products are used primarily for the packaging of perishable foods, beverages and in healthcare applications. The address of the Company's registered office is 100 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3J 3T3.

2. Basis of Presentation

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), using the same accounting policies as those used in the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 27, 2015, except as disclosed in note 3. The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements are in compliance with IAS 34. Accordingly, certain information and note disclosure normally included in annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) have been omitted or condensed. These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 27, 2015, which are included in the Company's 2015 Annual Report.

The fiscal year of the Company ends on the last Sunday of the calendar year. As a result, the Company's fiscal year is usually 52 weeks in duration, but includes a 53rd week every five to six years. The 2016 and 2015 fiscal years are both comprised of 52 weeks and each quarter of 2016 and 2015 are comprised of 13 weeks.

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the Audit Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors on April 20, 2016.

3. Accounting Standards Implemented in 2016

(a) *Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangibles:*

The amendments to IAS 16 "Property, Plant and Equipment" and IAS 38 "Intangible Assets" prohibit the use of revenue-based depreciation for plant and equipment and significantly limit the use of revenue-based amortization for intangible assets. These amendments were implemented in the first quarter of 2016 with prospective application and had no impact on the Company's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

(b) *Financial Statement Presentation:*

The amendments to IAS 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements" were issued as part of the IASB's major initiative to improve presentation and disclosure in financial reports. These amendments were implemented in the first quarter of 2016 and had no impact on the Company's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements. In addition, the Company is currently assessing the impact of these amendments on its 2016 annual consolidated financial statements.

4. Future Accounting Standards

(a) *Financial Instruments:*

IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" was issued in November 2009, introducing new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets. IFRS 9 was amended in October 2010 to include requirements for the classification and measurement of financial liabilities and for derecognition. IFRS 9, which has yet to be adopted, retains but simplifies the mixed measurement model and establishes two primary measurement categories for financial assets: amortized cost and fair value. The basis of classification depends on an entity's business model and the contractual cash flow of the financial asset. Classification is made at the time the financial asset is initially recognized, namely when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. With regard to the measurement of financial liabilities designated as fair value through profit or loss, IFRS 9 requires that the amount of the change in the fair value of the financial liability, that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability, is presented in other comprehensive income, unless the recognition of the effects of changes in the liability's credit risk in other comprehensive income would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in the statement of income. Changes in fair value attributable to a financial liability's credit risk are not subsequently reclassified to the statement of income. Previously, the entire amount of the change in the fair value of the financial liability designated as fair value through profit or loss was presented in the statement of income. In November 2013, a new general hedge accounting standard was issued, forming part of IFRS 9. It will more closely align with risk management. This new standard does not fundamentally change the types of hedging relationships or the requirement to measure and recognize ineffectiveness, however it will provide more hedging strategies that are used for risk management to qualify for hedge accounting and introduce more judgment to assess the effectiveness of a hedging relationship. Another revised version of IFRS 9 was issued in July 2014 mainly to include i) impairment requirements for financial assets and ii) limited amendments to the classification and measurement requirements by introducing a fair value through other comprehensive income measurement category for certain simple debt instruments.

IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this new standard and does not intend to early adopt IFRS 9 in its consolidated financial statements.

(b) Revenue From Contracts With Customers:

IFRS 15 "Revenue From Contracts With Customers" was issued in May 2014, specifying the steps and timing for recognizing revenue. The new standard also requires more informative, relevant disclosures. IFRS 15 supersedes IAS 11 "Construction Contracts" and IAS 18 "Revenue", as well as various IFRIC and SIC interpretations regarding revenue. IFRS 15 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 and is to be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this new standard and does not intend to early adopt IFRS 15 in its consolidated financial statements.

(c) Leases:

IFRS 16 "Leases" was issued in January 2016, providing a single model for leases. The new standard introduces a balance sheet recognition and measurement model for lessees, eliminating the distinction between operating and finance leases. As a result, most leases will be recognized on the statement of financial position. Certain exemptions will apply for short-term leases and leases for low-value assets. Lessors will continue to classify leases as operating and finance leases. IFRS 16 replaces IAS 17 "Leases" and the related interpretations. IFRS 16 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019 and is to be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted under certain conditions. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this new standard and does not intend to early adopt IFRS 16 in its consolidated financial statements.

(d) Statements of Cash Flows:

In January 2016, amendments to IAS 7 "Statement of Cash Flows" were issued to improve information provided to users of financial statements about an entity's changes in liabilities arising from financing activities. These amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017 with early adoption permitted. While the Company is currently assessing the impact of the amended standard, management does not expect the amendments to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The amended standard will be adopted by the Company in 2017.

(e) Income Taxes:

Amendments to IAS 12 "Income Taxes" were issued in January 2016 regarding the recognition of deferred tax assets for unrealized losses relating to debt instruments measured at fair value. These amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017 with early adoption permitted. While the Company is currently assessing the impact of the amended standard, management does not expect the amendments to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The amended standard will be adopted by the Company in 2017.

5. Inventories

	March 27 2016	December 27 2015
Raw materials	25,623	27,263
Work-in-process	17,823	16,267
Finished goods	46,740	46,092
Spare parts	7,356	6,876
	<u>97,542</u>	<u>96,498</u>

During the first quarter of 2016, the Company recorded, within cost of sales, inventory write-downs for slow-moving and obsolete inventory of \$2,559 (2015 - \$3,539) and reversals of previously written-down items of \$1,609 (2015 - \$1,246).

6. Other Expenses

	Quarter Ended	
	March 27 2016	March 29 2015
Amounts shown on a net basis		
Foreign exchange loss	(360)	(503)
Cash flow hedge losses transferred from other comprehensive income	(724)	(559)
Multiemployer defined benefit pension plan withdrawal liability expense - change in discount rates	-	(142)
	<u>(1,084)</u>	<u>(1,204)</u>

7. Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets

At March 27, 2016, the Company has commitments to purchase plant and equipment of \$19,009 (December 27, 2015 - \$16,445). No impairment losses or impairment reversals were recognized in the first quarter of 2016 or 2015.

8. Dividends

During the first quarter of 2016, dividends in Canadian dollars of 3 cents per common share were declared (2015 - 3 cents).

9. Earnings Per Share

	Quarter Ended	
	March 27 2016	March 29 2015
Net income attributable to equity holders of the Company	26,564	22,463
Weighted average shares outstanding (000's)	65,000	65,000
Basic and diluted earnings per share - cents	41	35

10. Determination of Fair Values

The Company measures assets and liabilities under the following fair value hierarchy in accordance with IFRS. The different levels have been defined as follows:

Level 1 - unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 - inputs that are not based on observable market data.

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade payables and other liabilities approximate their carrying value because of the short-term maturity of these instruments. The fair value of foreign currency forward contracts, designated as cash flow hedges, have been determined by valuing those contracts to market against prevailing forward foreign exchange rates as at the reporting date.

The following table presents assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy:

Financial Assets (Liabilities)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<u>At March 27, 2016</u>				
Foreign currency forward contracts - net	-	577	-	577
<u>At December 27, 2015</u>				
Foreign currency forward contracts - net	-	(1,643)	-	(1,643)

11. Financial Instruments

When the Company has a legally enforceable right to set off supplier rebates receivable against supplier trade payables and intends to settle the amount on a net basis or simultaneously, the balance is presented as an offset within Trade Payables and Other Liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheet. At March 27, 2016, the supplier rebate receivable balance that was offset was \$1,103 (December 27, 2015 - \$5,073).

12. Financial Risk Management

In the normal course of business, the Company has risk exposures consisting primarily of foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, commodity price risk, liquidity risk, and credit risk. The Company manages its risks and risk exposures through a combination of derivative financial instruments, insurance, a system of internal and disclosure controls and sound business practices. The Company does not purchase any derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Financial risk management is primarily the responsibility of the Company's corporate finance function. Significant risks are regularly monitored and actions are taken, when appropriate, according to the Company's approved policies, established for that purpose. In addition, as required, these risks are reviewed with the Company's Board of Directors.

Foreign Exchange Risk

Translation differences arise when foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated at foreign exchange rates that change over time. These foreign exchange gains and losses are recorded in other expenses. As a result of the Company's CDN dollar net liability monetary position as at March 27, 2016, a one-cent change in the period-end foreign exchange rate from 0.7553 to 0.7453 (CDN to US dollars) would have increased net income by \$67 for the first quarter of 2016. Conversely, a one-cent change in the period-end foreign exchange rate from 0.7553 to 0.7653 (CDN to US dollars) would have decreased net income by \$67 for the first quarter of 2016.

The Company's Foreign Exchange Policy requires that between 50 and 80 percent of the Company's net requirement of CDN dollars for the ensuing 9 to 15 months will be hedged at all times with a combination of cash and cash equivalents and forward or zero-cost option foreign currency contracts. The Company may also enter into forward foreign currency contracts when equipment purchases and special dividend payments will be settled in foreign currencies. Transactions are only conducted with certain approved Schedule I Canadian financial institutions. All foreign currency contracts are designated as cash flow hedges. Certain foreign currency contracts matured during the first quarter of 2016 and the Company realized pre-tax foreign exchange losses of \$776. Of these foreign exchange differences, losses of \$724 were recorded in other expenses and losses of \$52 were recorded in property, plant and equipment. During the first quarter of 2015, the Company realized pre-tax foreign exchange losses of \$559 which were recorded in other expenses.

As at March 27, 2016, the Company had US to CDN dollar foreign currency forward contracts outstanding with a notional amount of US \$31.0 million at an average exchange rate of 1.3466 maturing between April 2016 and January 2017 and US to Euro dollar foreign currency forward contracts outstanding with a notional amount of US \$1.6 million at an average rate of 0.9303 (US dollars to Euros) maturing in July 2016. The fair value of these financial instruments was \$577 US and the corresponding unrealized gain has been recorded in other comprehensive income.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company's interest rate risk arises from interest rate fluctuations on the finance income that it earns on its cash invested in money market accounts and short-term deposits. The Company developed and implemented an investment policy, which was approved by the Company's Board of Directors, with the primary objective to preserve capital, minimize risk and provide liquidity. Regarding the March 27, 2016 cash and cash equivalents balance of \$169.5 million, a 1.0 percent increase/decrease in interest rate fluctuations would increase/decrease income before income taxes by \$1,695 annually.

Commodity Price Risk

The Company's manufacturing costs are affected by the price of raw materials, namely petroleum-based and natural gas-based plastic resins and aluminum. In order to manage its risk, the Company has entered into selling price-indexing programs with certain customers. Changes in raw material prices for these customers are reflected in selling price adjustments but there is a slight time lag. For the quarter ended March 27, 2016, 71 percent of revenue was generated from customers with selling price-indexing programs. For all other customers, the Company's preferred practice is to match raw material cost changes with selling price adjustments, albeit with a slight time lag. This matching is not always possible, as customers react to selling price pressures related to raw material cost fluctuations according to conditions pertaining to their markets.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company would not be able to meet its financial obligations as they come due. Management believes that the liquidity risk is low due to the strong financial condition of the Company. This risk assessment is based on the following: (a) cash and cash equivalents amounts of \$169.5 million, (b) no outstanding bank loans, (c) unused credit facilities comprised of unsecured operating lines of \$38 million, (d) the ability to obtain term-loan financing to fund an acquisition, if needed, (e) an informal investment grade credit rating, and (f) the Company's ability to generate positive cash flows from ongoing operations. Management believes that the Company's cash flows are more than sufficient to cover its operating costs, working capital requirements, capital expenditures and dividend payments in 2016. The Company's trade payables and other liabilities and derivative financial instrument liabilities are virtually all due within twelve months.

Credit Risk

The Company is exposed to credit risk from its cash and cash equivalents held with banks and financial institutions, derivative financial instruments (foreign currency forward contracts), as well as credit exposure to customers, including outstanding trade and other receivable balances.

The following table details the maximum exposure to the Company's counterparty credit risk which represents the carrying value of the financial asset:

	March 27 2016	December 27 2015
Cash and cash equivalents	169,500	165,027
Trade and other receivables	109,160	107,805
Foreign currency forward contracts	964	40
	279,624	272,872

Credit risk on cash and cash equivalents and other financial instruments arises in the event of non-performance by the counterparties when the Company is entitled to receive payment from the counterparty who fails to perform. The Company has established an investment policy to manage its cash. The policy requires that the Company manage its risk by investing its excess cash on hand on a short-term basis, up to a maximum of six months, with several financial institutions and/or governmental bodies that must be rated 'AA' or higher for CDN financial institutions and 'A-1' or higher for US financial institutions by recognized international credit rating agencies or insured 100 percent by the US government or a 'AAA' rated CDN federal or provincial government. The Company manages its counterparty risk on its financial instruments by only dealing with CDN Schedule I financial institutions.



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For the periods ended March 27, 2016 and March 29, 2015
(thousands of US dollars, unless otherwise indicated) (Unaudited)

In the normal course of business, the Company is exposed to credit risk on its trade and other receivables from customers. To mitigate such risk, the Company performs ongoing customer credit evaluations and assesses their credit quality by taking into account their financial position, past experience and other pertinent factors. Management regularly monitors customer credit limits, performs credit reviews and, in certain cases insures trade and other receivables against credit losses.

As at March 27, 2016, the Company believes that the credit risk for trade and other receivables is mitigated due to the following: a) a broad customer base which is dispersed across varying market sectors and geographic locations, b) 98 percent of the gross trade and other receivables balance is within 30 days of the agreed upon payment terms with customers, and c) 21 percent of the trade and other receivables balance is insured against credit losses. The Company's exposure to the ten largest customer balances, on aggregate, accounted for 45 percent of the total trade and other receivables balance.

The carrying amount of trade and other receivables is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of income within general and administrative expenses. When a receivable balance is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against general and administrative expenses in the statement of income.

The following table sets out the aging details of the Company's trade and other receivables balances outstanding based on the status of the receivable in relation to when the receivable was due and payable and related allowance for doubtful accounts:

	March 27 2016	December 27 2015
Current - neither impaired nor past due	94,757	86,268
<u>Not impaired but past the due date:</u>		
Within 30 days	13,131	18,877
31 - 60 days	1,423	2,797
Over 60 days	855	819
	110,166	108,761
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,006)	(956)
Total trade and other receivables, net	109,160	107,805

13. Segment Reporting

The Company operates in one reportable segment being the manufacture and sale of packaging materials. The Company operates principally in Canada and the United States. The following summary presents key information by geographic segment:

	United States	Canada	Other	Consolidated
Revenue				
Quarter ended March 27, 2016	166,807	21,601	9,746	198,154
Quarter ended March 29, 2015	164,656	22,793	11,991	199,440
Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets				
As at March 27, 2016	180,827	208,361	1,254	390,442
As at March 29, 2015	169,190	197,369	1,297	367,856

14. Seasonality

The Company experiences seasonal variation in revenue, with revenue typically being the highest in the second and fourth quarters, and lowest in the first quarter.