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For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

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#### DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 84-0608431

(State of Incorporation or Organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5405 Spine Road, Boulder, Colorado 80301

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(303) 665-5700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

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The Nasdaq National Market

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The approximate aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$150,374,917 as of June 30, 2015.

The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding was 14,324,285 as of March 9, 2016.

Certain information required by Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Form 10-K is incorporated by reference into Part III hereof from the registrant's proxy statement for its 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which is expected to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") within 120 days of the close of the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

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PART I

ITEM 1. Business

References made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to "we", "our", "us", "DMC" and the "Company" refer to Dynamic Materials Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

#### Overview

Dynamic Materials Corporation operates a diversified family of technical product and process businesses serving the energy, industrial and infrastructure markets. Our businesses operate globally through an international network of manufacturing, distribution and sales facilities.

Today, our business segments consist of NobelClad (54% of 2015 net sales) and DynaEnergetics (46% of 2015 net sales).

NobelClad is a global leader in the production of explosion-welded clad metal plates for use in the construction of corrosion resistant industrial processing equipment and specialized transition joints. DynaEnergetics manufactures and distributes products utilized by the global oil and gas industry principally for the perforation of oil and gas wells.

#### Our Strategy

Our diversified business segments each provide a suite of unique technical products to niche segments of the global energy, industrial and infrastructure markets; and each of our businesses has established a strong or leading position in the markets in which it participates. With an underlying focus on free-cash flow generation, our objective is to sustain and grow the market share of our businesses through geographic expansion, development of new applications, and research and development of new and adjacent products that can be sold across our global network of sales and distribution facilities. We also intend to explore potential acquisitions of complementary businesses that could strengthen or add to our existing product and service portfolio, or expand our geographic footprint and market presence.

**Business Segments** 

#### NobelClad

Clad metal plates are typically used in the construction of heavy, corrosion resistant pressure vessels and heat exchangers. Clad metal plates consist of a thin layer of an expensive, corrosion resistant cladder metal, such as titanium or stainless steel, which is metallurgically welded to a less expensive structural backing metal, such as carbon steel. For heavy equipment, clad plates generally provide an economical alternative to building the equipment solely of a corrosion resistant alloy.

There are three major industrial clad plate manufacturing technologies: Explosion Welding, Hot Rollbonding and Weld Overlay. Explosion welding, the technology utilized by NobelClad, is the most versatile of the clad plate manufacturing methods. Created using a robust cold welding technology, explosion-welded clad products exhibit high bond strength and combine the corrosion resistance and mechanical properties of the cladder material with the structural strength and lower cost of the backer material. The explosion-welded clad process is suitable for joining virtually any combination of common engineering metals. This represents a competitive advantage versus the hot rollbonding and weld overlay processes, which generally can only clad compatible metals such as nickel alloys and stainless steels.

Explosion-welded clad metal is produced as flat plates or concentric cylinders, which can be further formed and fabricated into a broad range of industrial processing equipment or specialized transition joints. When fabricated properly, the two metals will not come apart, as the bond zone is generally stronger than the parent metals. The dimensional capabilities of the process are broad: cladding metal layers can range from a few thousandths of an inch to several inches in thickness and base metal thickness and lateral dimensions are primarily limited only by the capabilities of the world's metal production mills. Explosion welding is used to clad to steel a broad range of metals, including aluminum, titanium, zirconium, nickel alloys and stainless steels.

#### Clad Metal End Use Markets

Explosion-welded clad metal is primarily used in the construction of large industrial processing equipment that is subject to high pressures and temperatures and/or corrosive processes. Explosion welded clad plates also can be cut into transition joints, which are used to facilitate conventional welding of dissimilar metals. The eight broad industrial sectors discussed below comprise

the bulk of demand for NobelClad's products. This demand is driven by the underlying need for both new equipment and facility maintenance in these primary market sectors.

Oil and Gas: Oil and gas end use markets include both oil and gas production and petroleum refining. Oil and gas production covers a broad scope of operations related to recovering oil and/or gas for subsequent processing in refineries. Clad metal is used in separators, glycol contactors, piping, heat exchangers and other related equipment. The increase in oil and gas production from deep, hot, and more corrosive fields has increased the demand for clad equipment. Many non-traditional energy production methods are potentially commercially viable for bringing natural gas to the market. Clad is commonly used in these facilities. The primary clad metals for this market are stainless steel and nickel alloys clad to steel, with some use of reactive metals, such as titanium and zirconium.

Petroleum refining processes frequently are corrosive, hot, and operate at high pressures. Clad metal is extensively used in a broad range of equipment including desulfurization hydrotreaters, coke drums, distillation columns, separators and heat exchangers. In the United States, refinery capacity utilization is high; and adding capacity and reducing costly down-time are a high priority. The increasing reliance upon low quality, high sulfur crude further drives additional demand for new corrosion resistant equipment. Worldwide trends in regulatory control of sulfur emissions in gas, diesel and jet fuel are also increasing the need for clad equipment. Like the upstream oil and gas sector, the clad metals are primarily stainless steel and nickel alloys.

Chemical and Petrochemical: Many common products, ranging from plastics to drugs to electronic materials, are produced by chemical processes. Because the production of these items often involves corrosive agents and is conducted under high pressures or temperatures, corrosion resistant equipment is needed. One of the larger applications for clad equipment is in the manufacture of Purified Terephthalic Acid ("PTA"), a precursor product for polyester, which is used in everything from carpets to plastic bottles. This market requires extensive use of stainless steel and nickel alloys, but also uses titanium and, to a lesser extent, zirconium and tantalum.

Alternative Energy: Some alternative energy technologies involve conditions that necessitate clad metals. Solar panels predominantly incorporate high purity silicon. Processes for manufacturing high purity silicon utilize a broad range of highly corrosion resistant clad alloys. Many geothermal fields are corrosive, requiring high alloy clad separators to clean the hot steam. Cellulosic ethanol technologies may require corrosion resistant metals such as titanium and zirconium.

Hydrometallurgy: The processes for production of nickel, gold, and copper involve acids, high pressures, and high temperatures; and titanium-clad plates are used extensively for construction of associated autoclaves and peripheral equipment.

Aluminum Production: Aluminum is reduced from its oxide in large electric smelters called potlines. The electric current is carried via aluminum conductors. The electricity must be transmitted into steel components for the high temperature smelting operations. Aluminum cannot be welded to steel conventionally. Explosion-welded aluminum-steel transition joints provide an energy efficient and highly durable solution for making these connections. Modern potlines use a large number of transition joints, which are typically replaced after approximately five years in service. Although aluminum production is the major electrochemical application for NobelClad products, there are a number of other electrochemical applications including production of magnesium, chlorine and chlorate.

Shipbuilding: The combined problems of corrosion and top-side weight drive demand for our aluminum-steel transition joints, which serve as the juncture between a ship's upper and lower structures. Top-side weight is often a significant problem with tall ships, including cruise ships, naval vessels, ferries and yachts. Use of aluminum in the upper structure and steel in the lower structure provides stability. Since aluminum cannot be welded directly to steel using traditional welding processes, and since bolted joints between aluminum and steel corrode quickly in seawater, explosion welded transition joints are a common solution. NobelClad's transition joints have been used in the

construction of many well-known ships, including the Queen Elizabeth II and modern U.S. Navy aircraft carriers.

Power Generation: Fossil fuel and nuclear power generation plants require extensive use of heat exchangers, many of which require corrosion resistant alloys to handle low quality cooling water. Our clad plates are used extensively for heat exchanger tubesheets. The largest clad tubesheets are used in the final low-pressure condensers. For most coastal and brackish water-cooled plants, titanium is the metal of choice, and titanium-clad tubesheets are the low-cost solution for power plant condensers.

Industrial Refrigeration: Heat exchangers are a core component of refrigeration systems. When the cooling fluid is seawater, brackish, or even slightly polluted, corrosion resistant metals are necessary. Metal selection can range from stainless steel to copper alloy to titanium. Explosion-welded clad metal is often the low cost solution for making the tubesheets. Applications range from refrigeration chillers on fishing boats to massive air conditioning units for skyscrapers, airports, and deep underground mines.

### Operations

The NobelClad segment seeks to build on its leadership position in its markets. During the three years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the NobelClad segment represented approximately 54%, 48% and 59% of our consolidated net sales, respectively. The three manufacturing plants and their respective shooting sites in Pennsylvania, Germany and France provide the production capacity to address concurrent projects for NobelClad's North American and international customer base.

The principal product of metal cladding, regardless of the process used, is a metal plate composed of two or more dissimilar metals, usually a corrosion resistant metal, or "cladder," bonded to a steel backing plate. Prior to the explosion-welding process, the materials are inspected, the mating surfaces are ground, and the metal plates are assembled for cladding. The process involves placing a sheet of the cladder over a parallel plate of backer material and then covering the cladder with a layer of specifically formulated explosive powder. A small gap or "standoff space" is maintained between the cladder and backer using small metal spacers. The explosion is then initiated on one side of the cladder and travels across the surface of the cladder forcing it down onto the backer. The explosion happens in approximately one-thousandth of a second. The collision conditions cause a thin layer of the mating surfaces, as well as the spacers, to be spalled away in a jet. This action removes oxides and surface contaminants immediately ahead of the collision point. The extreme pressures force the two metal components together, creating a metallurgical bond between them. The explosion-welded clad process produces a strong, ductile, continuous metallurgical weld over the clad surface. After the explosion is completed, the resulting clad plates are flattened and cut, and then undergo testing and inspection to assure conformance with internationally accepted product specifications.

#### **EXPLOSION-WELDING PROCESS**

Explosion-welded cladding technology is a method for welding metals that cannot be joined using conventional welding processes, such as titanium-steel, aluminum-steel, and aluminum-copper. Explosion welding also can be used to weld compatible metals, such as stainless steels and nickel alloys to steel. The cladding metals are typically titanium, stainless steel, aluminum, copper alloys, nickel alloys, tantalum, and zirconium. The base metals are typically carbon steel, alloy steel, stainless steel and

aluminum. Although the patents for the explosion-welded cladding process have expired, NobelClad has proprietary knowledge that distinguishes it from its competitors. The entire explosion-welding process involves significant precision in all stages, and any errors can be extremely costly as they often result in the discarding of the expensive raw material metals. NobelClad's technological expertise is a significant advantage in preventing costly waste.

NobelClad's metal products are primarily produced for custom projects and conform to requirements set forth in customers' purchase orders. Upon receipt of an order, NobelClad obtains the component materials from a variety of sources based on quality, availability and cost and then produces the order in one of its three manufacturing plants. Final products are processed to meet contract specific requirements for product configuration and quality/inspection level.

#### Suppliers and Raw Materials

NobelClad's operations involve a range of alloys, steels and other materials, such as stainless steel, copper alloys, nickel alloys, titanium, zirconium, tantalum, aluminum and other metals. NobelClad sources its raw materials from a number of different producers and suppliers. It holds a limited metal inventory and purchases its raw materials based on contract specifications. Under most contracts, any raw material price increases are passed on to NobelClad's customers. NobelClad closely monitors the quality of its supplies and inspects the type, dimensions, markings, and certification of all incoming metals to ensure that the materials will satisfy applicable construction codes. NobelClad also manufactures a majority of its own explosives from standard raw materials, thus achieving higher quality and lower cost.

#### Competition

Metal Cladding. NobelClad faces competition from two primary alternative cladding technologies: Hot-Rollbonding and Weld Overlay. Usually the three processes do not compete directly, as each has its own preferential domain of application relating to metal used and thicknesses required. However, due to specific project considerations such as technical specifications, price and delivery time, explosion-welding may have the opportunity to compete successfully against these technologies. Rollbond is only produced by a few steel mills in the world. In this process, the clad metal and base metal are bonded during the hot rolling operation in which the metal slab is converted to plate. Being a high temperature process, hot rollbond is limited to joining similar metals, such as stainless steel and nickel alloys to steel. Rollbond's niche is production of large quantities of light to medium gauge clad plates; it is frequently lower cost than explosion clad when total metal thickness is under one to two inches (dependent upon alloy and a number of other factors). Rollbond products are generally suitable for most pressure vessel applications but have lower bond shear strength and may have inferior corrosion resistance.

The weld overlay process, which is produced by the many vessel fabricators that are often also NobelClad customers, is a slow and labor-intensive process that requires a large amount of floor space for the equipment. In weld overlay cladding, the clad metal layer is deposited on the base metal using arc-welding type processes. Weld overlay is a cost-effective technology for complicated shapes, for field service jobs, and for production of heavy-wall pressure vessel reactors. During overlay welding, the cladding metal and base metal are melted together at their interface. The resulting dilution of the cladding metal chemistry may compromise corrosion performance and limit use in certain applications. Weld metal shrinkage during cooling potentially causes distortion when the base layer is thin; consequently, overlay is rarely the technically preferred solution for construction of new equipment when thicknesses are under three to four inches. As with rollbond, weld overlay is limited to metallurgically similar metals, primarily stainless steels and nickel alloys joined to steel. Weld overlay is typically performed in conventional metal fabrication shops.

Explosion-Welded Metal Cladding. Competition in the explosion-welded clad metal business is fragmented. NobelClad holds a strong market position in the clad metal industry. It is the leading producer of explosion-welded

clad products in North America, and has a strong position in Europe against smaller competitors. NobelClad's main competitor in Asia is a division of Asahi Kasei, which has competitive technology and a recognized local brand name. There are several explosion-welded clad producers in Korea and China, most of which have been technically limited and have offered limited exports outside of their domestic markets. A number of additional small explosion-welding competitors operate throughout the world. To remain competitive, NobelClad intends to continue developing and providing technologically advanced manufacturing services, maintaining quality levels, offering flexible delivery schedules, delivering finished products on a reliable basis and competing favorably on the basis of price.

#### Customer Profile

NobelClad's products are used in critical applications in a variety of industries, including upstream oil and gas, oil refinery, chemical and petrochemical, hydrometallurgy, aluminum production, shipbuilding, power generation, industrial refrigeration and other similar industries. NobelClad's customers in these industries require metal products that can withstand exposure to corrosive

materials, high temperatures and high pressures. NobelClad's customers can be divided into three tiers: the product end users (e.g., operators of chemical processing plants), the engineering contractors that design and construct plants for end users, and the metal fabricators that manufacture the products or equipment that utilize NobelClad's metal products. It is typically the fabricator that places the purchase order with NobelClad and pays the corresponding invoice. NobelClad has developed strong relationships over the years with the engineering contractors (relatively large companies) that sometimes act as prescriptor to fabricators.

#### Marketing, Sales, Distribution

NobelClad conducts its selling efforts by marketing its services to potential customers' senior management, direct sales personnel, program managers, and independent sales representatives. Prospective customers in specific industries are identified through networking in the industry, cooperative relationships with suppliers, public relations, customer references, inquiries from technical articles and seminars and trade shows. NobelClad's sales office in the United States covers the Americas and East Asia. Its sales offices in Europe cover the full European continent, Africa, the Middle East, India, and Southeast Asia. NobelClad also has sales offices in South Korea and China to address these markets. These sales teams are further supported by local sales offices in the Middle East and India, with contract agents in most other developed countries, including Russia and Brazil. Contract agents typically work under multi-year agreements which are subject to sales performance as well as compliance with NobelClad quality and customer service expectations. Members of the global sales team may be called to work on projects located outside their usual territory. By maintaining relationships with its existing customers, developing new relationship with prospective customers, and educating all its customers as to the technical benefits of NobelClad's products, NobelClad endeavors to have its products specified as early as possible in the design process.

NobelClad's sales are generally shipped from its manufacturing locations in the United States, Germany and France. Any shipping costs or duties for which NobelClad is responsible typically will be included in the price paid by the customer. Regardless of where the sale is booked (in Europe or the U.S.), NobelClad will produce it, capacity permitting, at the location closest to the delivery place. In the event that there is a short-term capacity issue, NobelClad produces the order at any of its production sites, prioritizing timing. The various production sites allow NobelClad to meet customer production needs in a timely manner.

#### Research and Development

We prepare a formal research and development plan annually. It is implemented at our cladding sites in France, Germany, and the U.S. and is supervised by a Technical Committee that reviews progress quarterly and meets once a year to establish the plan for the following 12 months. The research and development projects concern process support, new products, and special customer-paid projects.

#### **DynaEnergetics**

DynaEnergetics manufactures, markets, and sells perforating explosives and associated hardware, as well as seismic explosives, for the international oil and gas industry. The oil and gas industry uses perforating products to punch holes in the casing or liner of wells to connect the well to the surrounding reservoir. During the drilling process, steel casing and cement are inserted into the well to isolate and support the wellbore. As part of the well completion process, the perforating guns, which contain a series of specialized shaped charges, are lowered into the well to the desired area of the targeted formation. Once fired, the shaped charges shoot a plasma jet through the casing and cement and into the formation. The resulting channels in the formation allow hydrocarbons to flow into the wellbore.

DynaEnergetics manufactures and sells the five primary components of a perforating system, which are: 1) carrier tubes and charge tubes, 2) shaped charges, 3) detonating cord, 4) detonators, and 5) control panels. Additionally, DynaEnergetics manufactures and sells a factory-assembled, performance-assured well perforating system known as DynaStage, which incorporates the safety features of our advanced detonator technologies.

#### PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF A PERFORATING GUN

The perforating products manufactured by DynaEnergetics are essential to certain types of modern oil and gas recovery. These products are sold to large, mid-sized, and small oilfield service companies in the U.S., Europe, Canada, South America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. DynaEnergetics also sells directly to end-users. The market for perforating products, which are used during the well completion process, generally corresponds with oil and gas exploration and production activity. Expanding exploration activity has led to increasingly complex well completion operations, which in turn, has increased the demand for high quality and technically advanced perforating products.

#### Operations

The DynaEnergetics segment seeks to build on its products and technologies, as well as its sales, supply chain and distribution network. During the three years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the DynaEnergetics segment represented approximately 46%, 52% and 41% of our consolidated net sales, respectively.

DynaEnergetics has been producing detonating cord and detonators and selling these and seismic explosives systems for decades. Since 1994 significant emphasis has been placed on enhancing its oilfield product offerings by improving existing products and adding new products through research and development, as well as acquisitions. In recent years, various types of detonating cord and detonators have been added as well as bi-directional boosters, a wide range of shaped charges, and corresponding gun systems.

In recent years, DynaEnergetics has introduced a number of new technologies designed for safe and selective perforating. Our Intrinsically Safe Detonator Systems require a specific electronic code for firing and are immune to induced currents and

voltages, static electricity and high-frequency irradiation. This eliminates the risk of oilfield accidents from unintentional firing. This safety feature enables concurrent perforating and fracturing processes at drilling sites with multiple wellbores, improving operating efficiencies for our customers.

With selective technologies the operator can sequentially initiate multiple perforating guns in a single run, resulting in significant time and cost savings. DynaEnergetics' Selectronic Switches provide high reliability through a microprocessor based switch design. The Selectronic switch and software operate in conjunction with our Intrinsically Safe Detonators, Multitronic Firing Panels and a standard PC to enable up to 12 initiation devices per run. DynaEnergetics' Mulitronic Firing Panels are installed in our customer's service fleet vehicles to control and sequence perforating operations. The control panels and switches provide uninterrupted communication with all detonators in the gun assembly and enable positive indication of gun firing along with selective control.

Our DynaSelect products combine our Selectronic Switches and Intrinsically Safe Detonator technologies in a one-piece system for improved well site efficiency, reliability, simplicity and service quality. The fully integrated design incorporates advanced software controls and reduces the size of the detonator and switch assembly. DynaSelect reduces by 40% the number of electrical connections required within each perforating gun versus prior detonator models. This improves set-up times and reliability. The DynaSelect switch detonator is controlled by our Multronic IV Firing Panel. This system enables safe and reliable firing of up to 20 guns in a single run and incorporates a signal output function to monitor the movement and position of the tool string.

Our DynaStage factory assembled perforating system combines preassembled perforating guns with our Multitronic V Firing Panel, Surface Tester, and intrinsically safe integrated switch-detonator. The Multitronic V Firing Panel is highly intuitive and allows the gun string to be safely tested and monitored throughout the pumpdown operation. Additionally, the Multitronic V also supports "shoot-on-the-fly" operation through an instant-fire capability. By safely checking perforating guns on the surface, the DynaStage Surface Tester greatly reduces the chance of lost time, mishaps, misruns and misfires due to a system fault. The Surface Tester is fully RP67 compliant and cannot initiate any type of detonator or explosive device. The patent-pending plug-n-go design of the wireless detonator reduces the potential for errors by eliminating the need for wiring and crimping. The fully integrated design of DynaStage allows users to minimizes uncertainty and operational risks, achieving industry-leading perforating performance.

Our DynaSlot system is designed for well abandonment. During abandonment the wellbore is shut in and permanently sealed so that layers of sedimentary rock, and in particular freshwater aquifers, are pressure isolated. DynaSlot creates complete 360 degree access behind the tubing and casing, which is preferred for plug and abandonment cement squeeze operations.

DynaEnergetics Tubing Conveyed Perforating, or TCP, systems are customized for individual customer needs and well applications. TCP enables perforating of more complex highly deviated and horizontal wells. These types of wells are being increasingly drilled by the industry. TCP tools also perforate long intervals in a single trip, which significantly improves rig efficiency. Our TCP tool range includes mechanical and hydraulic firing systems, gun releases, under-balancing devices and auxiliary components. Our tools are designed to withstand down hole temperatures of up to 260 degrees Celsius (500 degrees Fahrenheit), for safe and quick assembly at the well site, and to allow unrestricted total system length.

DynaEnergetics's manufacturing facilities are located in Germany, the United States and Russia. During 2013 DynaEnergetics completed a new shaped charge manufacturing facility in Blum, Texas and a perforating gun manufacturing facility in Tyumen, Siberia. The construction of the new shaped charge manufacturing facility in Tyumen, Siberia, was completed in 2015. In the first quarter of 2016, we received all the necessary permits to start production of charges, and the plant is scheduled to be fully operational in the second quarter of 2016. These investments have significantly expanded our global capacity for shaped charge and perforating gun production and improve our delivery and customer service capabilities.

# Suppliers and Raw Materials

DynaEnergetics' product offering consists of complex components that require numerous high-end inputs. DynaEnergetics utilizes a variety of raw materials for the production of oilfield perforating and seismic products, including high-quality steel tubes, steel and copper, explosives (RDX, HMX, HNS), granulates, plastics and ancillary plastic product components. DynaEnergetics obtains its raw materials primarily from a number of different producers in Germany and other European countries, but also purchases materials from North American, Chinese and other international suppliers.

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DynaEnergetics faces competition from independent producers of perforating products and from each of the industry's three largest oil and gas service companies, which produce most of their own shaped charges but also buy other perforating components and specialty products from independent suppliers such as DynaEnergetics. DynaEnergetics competes for sales primarily on customer service, product quality, reliability, safety, performance, price and, in North America, proximity of distribution centers to oilfield drilling activity.

#### Customer Profile

DynaEnergetics' perforating and seismic products are purchased by large, mid-sized and small oilfield service companies working in both onshore and offshore oil and gas fields. Our customers select perforating products based on their ability to address a broad spectrum of factors, including pressures and temperatures in the borehole and geological characteristics of the targeted formation.

The customers for our oilfield products can be divided into four broad categories: purchasing centers of large service companies, service companies worldwide, oil companies with and without their own service companies, and local resellers.

#### Marketing, Sales, Distribution

DynaEnergetics' worldwide marketing and sales efforts for its oilfield and seismic products are based in Troisdorf, Germany, with regional sales headquarters in Austin, Texas for the Americas and Tyumen, Siberia for the Commonwealth of Independent States. DynaEnergetics' sales strategy focuses on direct selling, distribution through licensed distributors and independent sales representatives, the establishment of international distribution centers to better service our customers, and educating current and potential customers about our products and technologies. Currently, DynaEnergetics sells its oilfield and seismic products through wholly owned affiliates in the U.S., Canada, Russia and Kazakhstan; and through independent sales agents in other parts of the world. DynaEnergetics serves the Americas region through its network of sales and distributions centers in the United States and Canada.

DynaEnergetics also designs and manufactures custom-ordered perforating products for third-party customers according to their designs and specifications.

#### Research and Development

DynaEnergetics attaches great importance to its research and development capabilities and has devoted substantial resources to its R&D programs. The R&D staff works closely with sales and operations management teams to establish priorities and effectively manage individual projects. Through its ongoing involvement in oil and gas industry trade shows and conferences, DynaEnergetics has increased its profile in the oil and gas industry. An R&D Plan, which focuses on new technology, products, process support and contracted projects, is prepared and reviewed at least annually.

#### Corporate History and Recent Developments

The genesis of the Company was an unincorporated business called "Explosive Fabricators," which was formed in Colorado in 1965. The business was incorporated in Colorado in 1971 under the name "E. F. Industries, Inc.," which was later changed to "Explosive Fabricators, Inc." The Company became publicly traded in 1976. In 1994, it changed its name to "Dynamic Materials Corporation." The Company reincorporated in Delaware in 1997.

In 1976, the Company became a licensee of Detaclad®, the explosion-welded clad process developed by DuPont in 1959. In 1996, the Company purchased the Detaclad® operating business from Dupont.

In 2001, the Company acquired substantially all of the stock of Nobelclad Europe SA, a French company ("Nobelclad France"). Early in its history, Nobelclad France was a licensee of the Detaclad® technology. The acquisition of Nobelclad France expanded the Company's explosive metalworking operations to Europe.

In 2007, the Company acquired the German company DynaEnergetics GmbH and Co. KG ("DynaEnergetics") and certain affiliates. DynaEnergetics was comprised of two primary businesses: explosive metalworking and oilfield products. This acquisition expanded the Company's explosive metalworking operations in Europe and added a complimentary business segment, oilfield products.

Over the next several years the Company further grew the DynaEnergetics business by acquiring additional related sales and manufacturing companies in Canada and the United States and purchased the outstanding minority-owned interests in its Russian joint ventures.

In 2013, the Company branded its explosive metalworking operations under the single name NobelClad. The NobelClad segment is comprised of the Company's U.S. Clad operations as well as the explosion metalworking assets and operations purchased in the Nobelclad France and DynaEnergetics acquisitions. In 2014, the Company re-branded the oilfield products segment as DynaEnergetics, which is comprised entirely of DynaEnergetics (other than its explosion metalworking operations), its subsidiaries and sister companies.

In 2014, the Company sold its specialty welding business, AMK Technical Services ("AMK"), which was acquired in 1997 and in recent years contributed approximately 5% of the Company's consolidated annual revenue. Also in 2014, the Company acquired a modern manufacturing and office complex in Liebenscheid, Germany. The facility enhances NobelClad's manufacturing capabilities and serves as a state-of-the-art production and administrative resource for NobelClad's European operations.

#### **Employees**

As of December 31, 2015, we had 424 employees (195 U.S. and 229 non-U.S.), the majority of whom are engaged in manufacturing operations, with the remainder primarily in sales, marketing and administrative functions. Most of our manufacturing employees are not unionized. In addition, we use a number of temporary workers at any given time, depending on the workload.

In the last three years, the Company has experienced two work stoppages, which lasted for three days in November 2014 and eight days in December 2014, at NobelClad's production facility in Rivesaltes, France. The stoppages related to a consolidation program of NobelClad's European explosion welding operations. A restructuring agreement with the labor union at Rivesaltes was reached in January 2015, at which point work was restarted. We currently believe that employee relations are good.

#### Insurance

Our operations expose us to potential liabilities for personal injury or death as a result of the failure of a component that has been designed, manufactured, or serviced by us, or the irregularity or failure of products we have processed or distributed. We maintain liability insurance that we believe adequately protects us from potential product liability claims.

#### Proprietary Knowledge, Permits and Patents

Protection of Proprietary Information. We hold patents related to the business of explosive metalworking and metallic processes and also own certain registered trademarks, including Detaclad®, Detacouple®, EFTEK®, ETJ 2000® and NOBELCLAD®. Although the patents for the explosion-welded cladding process have expired, our current product application patents expire on various dates through 2020. Since individual patents relate to specific product applications and not to core technology, we do not believe that such patents are material to our business, and the expiration of any single patent is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our operations. Much of the manufacturing expertise lies in the knowledge of the factors that affect the quality of the finished clad product, including the types of metals to be explosion-welded, the setting of the explosion, the composition of the explosive, and the preparation of the plates to be bonded. We have developed this specialized knowledge over our 40 years of experience in the explosive metalworking business. We are very careful in protecting our proprietary know-how and manufacturing expertise, and we have implemented measures and procedures to ensure that the information remains confidential. We hold various patents and licenses through our DynaEnergetics perforating business, but some of the

patents are not yet registered. As with the explosive metalworking business segment, since individual patents relate to specific product applications and not to core technology, we do not believe that such patents are material to our business, and the expiration of any single patent is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our current operations.

Permits. Explosive metalworking and the production of perforation products involve the use of explosives, making safety a critical factor in our operations. In addition, explosive metalworking and the production of oilfield products are highly regulated industries for which detailed permits are required. These permits require renewal every three or four years, depending on the permit. See Item 1A — Risk Factors — Risk Factors Related to the Dynamic Materials Corporation — We are subject to extensive government regulation and failure to comply could subject us to future liabilities and could adversely affect our ability to conduct or to expand our business for a more detailed discussion of these permits.

Foreign and Domestic Operations and Export Sales

All of our sales are shipped from our manufacturing facilities and distribution centers located in the United States, Germany, France, Canada, Russia and Kazakhstan. The following chart represents our net sales based on the geographic location to where we shipped the product, regardless of the country of the actual end user. NobelClad products are usually shipped to the fabricator before being passed on to the end user.

	(Dollars in Thousands)		
	For the years ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
United States	\$81,634	\$91,009	\$88,532
Canada	13,000	23,532	18,142
United Arab Emirates	7,891	3,694	2,695
France	6,624	5,478	3,756
South Korea	5,709	7,362	11,642
Germany	5,182	7,721	9,208
Russia	4,937	7,992	5,992
India	4,566	7,617	8,888
Egypt	4,080	2,227	2,133
Spain	3,858	892	5,775
Iraq	3,758	11,348	4,243
China	2,426	1,800	606
Italy	2,327	2,350	4,119
Hong Kong	2,207	1,967	1,180
Sweden	1,699	1,227	1,547
Rest of the world	17,020	26,345	33,602
Total	\$166,918	\$202,561	\$202,060

#### **Company Information**

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We therefore file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Such reports may be obtained by visiting the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, or by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains an internet site at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically.

Our Internet address is www.dmcglobal.com. Information contained on our website does not constitute part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our annual report on SEC Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Forms 10-Q, current reports on Forms 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act are available free of charge on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with or furnish it to the SEC. We also regularly post information about our Company on our website under the Investors tab.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Risk Factors Related to our NobelClad Segment

NobelClad operates a cyclical business and its sales are down significantly from its 2008 peak.

NobelClad operates a somewhat cyclical business. NobelClad revenues are affected both by the demand for NobelClad's explosion-welded cladding services and the base price of metal used in explosion-welded cladding operations. Higher metal prices make it more economical for customers to use cladding on less-expensive metal than using solid metal plates. Higher metal prices also lead to higher sales (in terms of dollars rather than square meters of cladding) and generally higher margins for NobelClad. Year-end backlog was \$36.9 million, \$41.2 million, and \$41.8 million, respectively, in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

The explosion-welded cladding market is dependent upon sales of products for use by customers in a limited number of heavy industries, including oil and gas, chemicals and petrochemicals, alternative energy, hydrometallurgy, aluminum production, shipbuilding, power generation, and industrial refrigeration. These industries tend to be cyclical in nature and an economic slowdown in one or all of these industries-whether due to traditional cyclicality, general economic conditions or other factors-could impact capital expenditures within that industry. If demand from such industries were to decline or to experience reduced growth rates, our sales would be expected to be affected proportionately, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. Our revenue and margins are also affected by the price of the base metals we use; lower prices generally lead to lower revenue and often lower margins.

Our backlog figures may not accurately predict future sales.

We define "backlog" at any given point in time to consist of all firm, unfulfilled purchase orders and commitments at that time. We expect to fill most items of backlog within the following 12 months. However, since orders may be rescheduled or canceled and a significant portion of our net sales is derived from a small number of customers, backlog is not necessarily indicative of future sales levels. Moreover, we cannot be sure of when during the future 12-month period we will be able to recognize revenue corresponding to our backlog nor can we be certain that revenues corresponding to our backlog will not fall into periods beyond the 12-month horizon. The percentage increase or decrease in NobelClad's annual sales may be substantially greater or less than the change in backlog at the previous year-end.

There is a limited availability of sites suitable for cladding operations.

Our cladding process involves the detonation of large amounts of explosives. As a result, the sites where we perform cladding must meet certain criteria, including adequate distance from densely populated areas, the specific geological characteristics of the site, and the ability to comply with local noise and vibration abatement regulations in conducting the process. In addition, our primary U.S. shooting site is subleased under an arrangement pursuant to which we provide certain contractual services to the sub-landlord. The efforts to identify suitable sites and obtain permits for using the sites from local government agencies can be time-consuming and may not be successful. In addition, we could experience difficulty in obtaining or renewing permits because of resistance from residents in the vicinity of proposed sites. The failure to obtain required governmental approvals or permits could limit our ability to expand our cladding business in the future, and the failure to maintain such permits or satisfy other conditions to use the sites would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The use of explosives subjects us to additional regulation, and any accidents or injuries could subject us to significant liabilities.

Our operations involve the detonation of large amounts of explosives. As a result, we are required to use specific safety precautions under U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines and guidelines of similar entities in Germany and France. These include precautions which must be taken to protect employees from exposure to sound and ground vibration or falling debris associated with the detonation of explosives. There is a risk that an accident or death could occur in one of our facilities. Any accident could result in significant manufacturing delays, disruption of operations or claims for damages resulting from death or injuries, which could result in decreased sales and increased expenses. To date, we have not incurred any significant delays, disruptions or claims resulting from accidents at our facilities. The potential liability resulting from any accident or death, to the extent not covered by insurance, may require us to use other funds to satisfy our obligations and could cause our business to suffer. See "Our use of explosives is an inherently dangerous activity that could lead to temporary or permanent closure of our NobelClad shooting sites or DynaEnergetics manufacturing facilities" under "Risk Factors Related to Dynamic Materials Corporation" below.

Certain raw materials NobelClad uses are subject to price increases due to general economic conditions.

The markets for certain metals and other raw materials used by NobelClad are highly variable and are characterized by periods of increasing prices. While prices for much of the raw materials we use have recently decreased, we may again experience increasing prices. We generally do not hedge commodity prices or enter into forward supply contracts; instead we endeavor to pass along price variations to our customers. We may see a general downturn in business if the price of raw materials increases enough for our customers to delay planned projects or use alternative materials to complete their projects.

### Risk Factors Related to DynaEnergetics

Prices and pricing trends of oil and natural gas affect the level of exploration, development, and production activity of DynaEnergetics' customers. The steep decline in oil and gas prices since the middle of 2014 has

adversely affected DynaEnergetics' sales and economic performance.

The oil and gas industry is unpredictable and has historically been subject to occasional downturns. Prices for oil and natural gas are subject to large fluctuations in response to relatively minor changes in the supply of and demand for oil and natural gas, market uncertainty, and a variety of other economic factors that are beyond our control. Demand for DynaEnergetics' products is linked to the level of exploration, development, and production activity of, and the corresponding capital spending by, oil and natural gas companies and oilfield services companies. With the worldwide decrease in oil prices and the increased supply levels of these resources, drilling for new wells has decreased sharply. For example, rig count in the United States and Canada at the end of 2015 is down approximately 68% from the highest level during 2014. DynaEnergetics' revenues in 2015 were 27.0% less than in 2014. Any prolonged reduction in oil and natural gas prices or expectations about lower future prices will depress the immediate levels of exploration, development, and production activity, which negatively impacts DynaEnergetics' sale of products and economic performance.

The adoption of any future laws or regulations imposing reporting obligations on, or limiting or banning, the hydraulic fracturing process could cause a decrease in natural gas and oil well perforating and could materially adversely affect DynaEnergetics' sales and economic performance.

DynaEnergetic's perforating products are used for oil and gas well hydraulic fracturing processes, among other uses. Various federal, state and local legislative and regulatory initiatives have been undertaken, which could result in additional requirements or restrictions being imposed on hydraulic fracturing operations. The adoption of these or other laws or implementation of regulations imposing reporting obligations on, or limiting or banning, the hydraulic fracturing process could make it more difficult to use hydraulic fracking for natural gas and oil well development, which would reduce the demand for some of DynaEnergetic's products and could have a material adverse effect on its sales and financial performance.

DynaEnergetics' continued economic success depends on remaining at the forefront of innovation in the perforating industry.

DynaEnergetics' position in the perforation market depends in part on its ability to remain an innovative leader in the field. The ability to remain competitive depends in part on the retention of talented personnel. DynaEnergetics may be unable to remain an innovative leader in the perforation market segment or may be unable to retain top talent in the field.

DynaEnergetics' growth and market position relies on the development of demand for its innovative new technologies and products.

DynaEnergetics is developing new and innovative products, including its DynaStage factory assembled perforating system, which it believes will drive sales at improved margins and improve its position as a technology-focused leader in the perforating market. To the extent the market for DynaStage and other new technologies and products does not develop from its existing and target customers as expected, DynaEnergetic's growth and market position may be diminished and may have a material adverse effect on its financial position.

The manufacturing of explosives subjects DynaEnergetics to various environmental, health and safety laws.

DynaEnergetics is subject to a number of environmental, health, and safety laws and regulations, the violation of which could result in significant penalties. DynaEnergetics' continued success depends on continued compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, new environmental, health and safety laws and regulations could be passed that could create costly compliance issues. While DynaEnergetics endeavors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, compliance with future laws and regulations may not be economically feasible or even possible.

#### Risk Factors Related to Dynamic Materials Corporation

Our use of explosives is an inherently dangerous activity that could lead to temporary or permanent closure of our NobelClad shooting sites and DynaEnergetics manufacturing facilities.

We use a large amount of explosives in connection with the creation of clad metals and manufacturing of perforating shaped charges and detonating cord. The use of explosives is an inherently dangerous activity. Explosions, even if occurring as intended, can lead to damage to the shooting site or manufacturing facility or to equipment used at the facility or injury to persons at the facility. If a person were injured or killed in connection with such explosives, or if equipment at the shooting site or manufacturing facility were damaged or destroyed, we might be required to suspend our operations for a period of time while an investigation is

undertaken or repairs are made. Such a delay might impact our ability to meet the demand for our products. In addition, if a mine were seriously damaged, we might not be able to locate a suitable replacement site to continue our operations.

Weakness in the general global economy may adversely affect certain segments of our end market customers and reduce our sales and results of operations.

NobelClad supplies products to customers that fabricate industrial equipment for various capital-intensive industries. Weakness in the general global economy may adversely affect our end market customers, causing them to cancel or postpone new plant or infrastructure construction, expansion, maintenance, or retrofitting projects that use our NobelClad products. Similarly, any decrease in oil and gas well drilling activities will reduce the sales of our DynaEnergetics products. The global general economic climate may lessen demand for our products and reduce our sales and results of operations.

Our operating results fluctuate from quarter to quarter.

We have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, fluctuations in annual and quarterly operating results caused by various factors, including the timing and size of significant orders by customers, customer inventory levels, shifts in product mix, acquisitions and divestitures, and general economic conditions. The upstream oil and gas, oil refinery, chemical and petrochemical, hydrometallurgy, aluminum production, shipbuilding, power generation, industrial refrigeration and other diversified industries to which we sell our products are, to varying degrees, cyclical and tend to decline in response to overall declines in industrial production. As a result, our business is also cyclical, and the demand for our products by these customers depends, in part, on overall levels of industrial production. Any future material weakness in demand in any of these industries could materially reduce our revenues and profitability. In addition, the threat of terrorism and other geopolitical uncertainty could have a negative impact on the global economy, the industries we serve and our operating results.

We typically do not obtain long-term volume purchase contracts from our customers. Quarterly sales and operating results, therefore, depend on the volume and timing of the orders in our backlog as well as bookings received during the quarter. Significant portions of our operating expenses are fixed, and planned expenditures are based primarily on sales forecasts and product development programs. If sales do not meet our expectations in any given period, the adverse impact on operating results may be magnified by our inability to adjust operating expenses sufficiently or quickly enough to compensate for such a shortfall. Results of operations in any period should not be considered indicative of the results for any future period. Fluctuations in operating results may also result in fluctuations in the price of our common stock. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

We are exposed to potentially volatile fluctuations of the U.S. dollar (our reporting currency) against the currencies of many of our operating subsidiaries.

Many of our operating subsidiaries conduct business in Euros or other foreign currency such as the Russian Ruble. Sales made in currencies other than U.S. dollars accounted for 23%, 32%, and 36% of total sales for the years ended 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Any increase (decrease) in the value of the U.S. dollar against any foreign currency that is the functional currency of any of our operating subsidiaries will cause us to experience foreign currency translation losses (gains) with respect to amounts already invested in such foreign currencies. In addition, our company and our operating subsidiaries are exposed to foreign currency risk to the extent that we or they enter into transactions denominated in currencies other than our or their respective functional currencies. For example DynaEnergetics KG's functional currency is Euros, but its sales often occur in U.S. dollars. Changes in exchange rates with respect to these items will result in unrealized (based upon period-end exchange rates) or realized foreign currency transaction gains and losses upon settlement of the transactions. In addition, we are exposed to foreign

exchange rate fluctuations related to our operating subsidiaries' assets and liabilities and to the financial results of foreign subsidiaries and affiliates when their respective financial statements are translated into U.S. dollars for inclusion in our consolidated financial statements. Cumulative translation adjustments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as a separate component of equity. As a result of foreign currency risk, we may experience economic loss and a negative impact on earnings and equity with respect to our holdings solely as a result of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Our primary exposure to foreign currency risk is the Euro due to the percentage of our U.S. dollar revenue that is derived from countries where the Euro is the functional currency and the Russian Ruble due to our operations in Tyumen, Siberia.

The terms of our indebtedness contain a number of restrictive covenants, the breach of any of which could result in acceleration of payment of our credit facilities.

As of December 31, 2015, we had an outstanding balance of approximately \$27.5 million on our syndicated credit agreement. This agreement includes various covenants and restrictions and certain of these relate to the incurrence of additional indebtedness; mortgaging and pledging or disposition of major assets. We are also required to maintain certain financial ratios

on a quarterly basis. A breach of any of these covenants could impair our ability to borrow and could result in acceleration of our obligations to repay our debt, if we are unable to obtain a waiver or amendment from our lenders. As of December 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all financial covenants and other provisions of the credit agreement and our other loan agreements.

Any failure to remain in compliance with any material provision or covenant of our credit agreement could result in a default, which would, absent a waiver or amendment, require immediate repayment of outstanding indebtedness under our credit facilities.

We are dependent on a relatively small number of customers for a significant portion of our net sales.

A significant portion of our net sales is derived from a relatively small number of customers; therefore, the failure to complete existing contracts on a timely basis, to receive payment for such services in a timely manner, or to enter into future contracts at projected volumes and profitability levels could adversely affect our ability to meet cash requirements exclusively through operating activities. We attempt to minimize the risk of losing customers or specific contracts by continually improving product quality, delivering product on time and competing aggressively on the basis of price. We expect to continue to depend upon our principal customers for a significant portion of our sales, although our principal customers may not continue to purchase products and services from us at current levels, if at all. The loss of one or more major customers or a change in their buying patterns could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

In past years, the majority of NobelClad's revenues have been derived from customers in the oil and gas, chemicals and petrochemicals, alternative energy, hydrometallurgy, aluminum production, shipbuilding, power generation and industrial refrigeration industries. Economic downturns in these industries could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

DynaEnergetics has customers throughout the world. Economic or political instability in certain regions of the world where DynaEnergetics conducts a significant volume of its business, such as Russia and other oil-producing countries with unsettled economic or political situations, could have a material adverse effect on DynaEnergetics' business and operating results.

Customers have the right to change orders until products are completed.

Customers have the right to change orders after they have been placed. If orders are changed, the extra expenses associated with the change will be passed on to the customer. However, because a change in an order may delay completion of the project, recognition of income for the project may also be delayed.

There is no assurance that we will continue to compete successfully against other clad and perforating companies.

Our explosion-welded clad products compete with explosion-welded clad products made by other manufacturers in the clad metal business located throughout the world and with clad products manufactured using other technologies. Our combined North American and European operations typically supply explosion-welded clad to the worldwide market. There is one other well-known explosion-welded clad supplier worldwide, a division of Asahi-Kasei Corporation of Japan. There are also a number of smaller companies worldwide with explosion-welded clad manufacturing capability, including several companies in China and in South Korea that appear to be growing significantly in their domestic markets. There are currently no other significant North American based explosion-welded clad suppliers. We focus strongly on reliability, product quality, on-time delivery performance, and low cost manufacturing to minimize the potential of future competitive threats. However, there is no guarantee we will be able to maintain our competitive position.

Explosion-welded clad products also compete with those manufactured by rollbond and weld overlay cladding processes. In rollbond technology, the clad and base metal are bonded together during a hot rolling process in which slab is converted to plate. In weld overlay, which is typically performed by our fabricator customers, the cladding layer is deposited on the base metal through a fusion welding process. The technical and commercial niches of each cladding process are well understood within the industry and vary from one world market location to another. Our products compete with weld overlay clad products manufactured by a significant number of our fabricator customers.

DynaEnergetics competes principally with perforating companies based in North America, South America, and Russia, which produce and market perforating services and products. DynaEnergetics also competes with oil and gas service companies that are able to satisfy a portion of their perforating needs through in-house production. To remain competitive, DynaEnergetics must continue to provide innovative products and maintain an excellent reputation for quality, safety, and value. There can be no assurances that we will continue to compete successfully against these companies.

Failure to attract and retain key personnel could adversely affect our current operations.

Our continued success depends to a large extent upon the efforts and abilities of key managerial and technical employees. The loss of services of certain of these key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition. There can be no assurance that we will be able to attract and retain such individuals on acceptable terms, if at all; and the failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Liabilities under environmental and safety laws could result in restrictions or prohibitions on our facilities, substantial civil or criminal liabilities, as well as the assessment of strict liability and/or joint and several liability.

We are subject to extensive environmental and safety regulation in the countries where our manufacturing facilities are located. Any failure to comply with current and future environmental and safety regulations could subject us to significant liabilities. In particular, any failure to control the discharge of hazardous materials and wastes could subject us to significant liabilities, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We and all our activities in the United States are subject to federal, state and local environmental and safety laws and regulations, including but not limited to, noise abatement and air emissions regulations, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, regulations issued and laws enforced by the labor and employment departments of the U.S. and the states in which we conduct business, by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and by state and local health and safety agencies. In Germany, we and all our activities are subject to various safety and environmental regulations of the federal state which are enforced by the local authorities, including the Federal Act on Emission Control (Bundesimmissionsschutzgesetz). The Federal Act on Emission Control permits are held by companies jointly owned by DynaEnergetics and the other companies that are located at the Troisdorf manufacturing site and are for an indefinite period of time. In France, we and all our activities are subject to state environmental and safety regulations established by various departments of the French Government, including the Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Ecology and the Ministry of Industry, and to local environmental and safety regulations and administrative procedures established by DRIRE (Direction Régionale de l'Industrie, de la Recherche et de l'Environnement) and the Préfecture des Pyrénées Orientales. In addition, our shooting operations in France may be particularly vulnerable to noise abatement regulations because these operations are primarily conducted outdoors. The Dillenburg, Germany facility is operated based on a mountain plan ("Bergplan"), which is a specific permit granted by the local mountain authority. This permit must be renewed every three years.

Changes in or compliance with environmental and safety laws and regulations could inhibit or interrupt our operations, or require modifications to our facilities. Any actual or alleged violations of environmental and safety laws could result in restrictions or prohibitions on our facilities, substantial civil or criminal sanctions, as well as the assessment of strict liability and/or joint and several liability under applicable law. Under certain environmental laws, we could be held responsible for all of the costs relating to any contamination at our or our predecessor's past or present facilities and at third party waste disposal sites. We could also be held liable for any and all consequences arising out of human exposure to hazardous substances or other environmental damage. Accordingly, environmental, health or safety matters may result in significant unanticipated costs or liabilities.

We are subject to extensive government regulation and failure to comply could subject us to future liabilities and could adversely affect our ability to conduct or to expand our business.

We are subject to extensive government regulation in the United States, Germany, France, Canada, Russia and Kazakhstan, including guidelines and regulations for the safe manufacture, handling, transport and storage of

explosives issued by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Safety Library Publications of the Institute of Makers of Explosive; and similar guidelines of their European counterparts. In Germany, the transport, storage and use of explosives is governed by a permit issued under the Explosives Act (Sprengstoffgesetz). In France, the manufacture and transportation of explosives is subcontracted to a third party which is responsible for compliance with regulations established by various State and local governmental agencies concerning the handling and transportation of explosives. Our French operations could be adversely affected if the third party does not comply with these regulations. We must comply with licensing and regulations for the purchase, transport, storage, manufacture, handling and use of explosives. In addition, while our shooting facilities in Tautavel, France are located outdoors, our shooting facilities located in Pennsylvania and in Dillenburg, Germany are located in mines, which subject us to certain regulations and oversight of governmental agencies that oversee mines.

We are also subject to extensive environmental and occupational safety regulation, as described below under "Liabilities under environmental and safety laws could result in restrictions or prohibitions on our facilities, substantial civil or criminal

liabilities, as well as the assessment of strict liability and/or joint and several liability" and "The use of explosives subjects us to additional regulation, and any accidents or injuries could subject us to significant liabilities."

The export of certain products from the United States or from foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies is restricted by U.S. and similar foreign export regulations. These regulations generally prevent the export of products that could be used by certain end users, such as those in the nuclear or biochemical industries. In addition, the use and handling of explosives may be subject to increased regulation due to heightened concerns about security and terrorism. Such regulations could restrict our ability to access and use explosives and increase costs associated with the use of such explosives, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Any failure to comply with current and future regulations in the countries where we operate could subject us to future liabilities. In addition, such regulations could restrict our ability to expand our facilities, construct new facilities, or compete in certain markets or could require us to incur other significant expenses in order to maintain compliance. Accordingly, our business, results of operations or financial condition could be adversely affected by our non-compliance with applicable regulations, by any significant limitations on our business as a result of our inability to comply with applicable regulations, or by any requirement that we spend substantial amounts of capital to comply with such regulations.

Work stoppages and other labor relations matters may make it substantially more difficult or expensive for us to produce our products, which could result in decreased sales or increased costs, either of which would negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to the risk of work stoppages and other labor relations matters, particularly in Germany and France, where some of our employees are unionized. In the fourth quarter of 2014, we experienced a total of 11 days work stoppage at our facility in Rivesaltes, France related to the consolidation program of NobelClad's European explosion welding operations. The employees at our U.S. manufacturing facilities are not unionized. While we believe our relations with employees are satisfactory, any prolonged work stoppage or strike at any one of our principal facilities could have a negative impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Besides the previously mentioned work stoppage at our France facility, we have not experienced a strike or work stoppage at any other location in the last three years. However, if a work stoppage occurs at one or more of our facilities, it may materially impair our ability to operate our business in the future.

The unsuccessful integration of a business we acquire could have a material adverse effect on operating results.

We continue to consider possible acquisitions as part of our growth strategy. Any potential acquisition may require additional debt or equity financing, resulting in additional leverage and dilution to existing stockholders. We may be unable to consummate any future acquisition. If any acquisition is made, we may not be able to integrate such acquisition successfully without a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

We have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting related to the restatement of previously-issued financial statements. The material weakness could, if not remediated, result in additional material misstatements in our consolidated financial statements.

We have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting and in early 2015 restated our previously-issued financial statements included in our 2014 annual report on Form 10-K. These material weaknesses and the resulting restatement may affect investor confidence in the accuracy of our financial disclosures. Although we have been working since early 2015 to remedy the ineffectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, there can be no assurance as to when the remediation plan will be fully developed, when it will be fully implemented or the aggregate cost of implementation. Until our remediation plan is fully implemented, our management will continue to devote significant time and attention to these efforts. If we do not complete our

remediation in a timely fashion, or at all, or if our remediation plan is inadequate, there will continue to be an increased risk of additional material weaknesses in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, which may also reduce investor confidence in the Company. For more information relating to the Company's internal control over financial reporting (and disclosure controls and procedures) and the remediation plan undertaken by us, see Part II, Item 9A, "Controls and Procedures."

ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

ITEM 2. Properties

Corporate Headquarters

Our corporate headquarters are located in Boulder, Colorado. The term of the lease for the office space is through November 30, 2022.

#### NobelClad

We own our principal domestic manufacturing site, which is located in Mount Braddock, Pennsylvania. We currently lease our primary domestic shooting site, which is located in Dunbar, Pennsylvania, and we also have license and risk allocation agreements relating to the use of a secondary shooting site that is located within a few miles of our Mount Braddock, Pennsylvania manufacturing facility. The shooting site in Dunbar and the nearby secondary shooting site support our Mount Braddock manufacturing facility. The lease for the Dunbar property will expire on December 15, 2020, but we have options to renew the lease which extend through December 15, 2029. The license and risk allocation agreements will expire on December 31, 2018, but we have options to renew these agreements through December 31, 2028.

NobelClad owns a manufacturing site in Liebenscheid, Germany and leases a shooting site in Dillenburg, Germany. The Dillenburg shooting site lease expires August 31, 2021. NobelClad owns the land and the buildings housing its operations in Rivesaltes, France.

#### DynaEnergetics

DynaEnergetics leases a manufacturing site and sales office in Troisdorf, Germany. The Troisdorf manufacturing site lease expires December 31, 2020. The sales office the lease expires December 31, 2020. DynaEnergetics also leases office and warehouse space in various cities throughout Alberta, Canada and also leases bunkers for storage of its explosives in various locations throughout Alberta, Canada. These agreements are on a month to month basis. In the United States, DynaEnergetics owns manufacturing sites in Texas and Pennsylvania in addition to leasing storage bunkers as well as office and warehouse space in various cities throughout Texas and Louisiana. We also lease office space in Moscow, Russia office and warehouse space in Aktobe, Kazakhstan. DynaEnergetics until recently leased the land for its manufacturing site and sales office site in Tyumen, Siberia, since Match 2016 this land is now 100% owned by DynaEnergetics.

Below are charts summarizing our properties by segment, including their location, type, size, whether owned or leased and lease terms, if applicable.

#### Corporate Headquarters

Location	Facility Type	Facility Size	Owned/Leased	(if applicable)
Boulder, Colorado	Corporate and Sales Office	14,630 sq. ft.	Leased	November 30, 2022

# NobelClad

Location	Facility Type	Facility Size	Owned/Leased	Expiration Date of Lease (if applicable)
Mt. Braddock, Pennsylvania (a)	Clad Plate Manufacturing	48,000 sq. ft.	Owned	,
Dunbar, Pennsylvania	Clad Plate Shooting Site	322 acres	Leased	December 15, 2020, with renewal options through December 15, 2029
Rivesaltes, France	Clad Plate Manufacturing Clad Plate	6.6 acres	Owned	•
Rivesaltes, France	Manufacturing, Sales and Administration Office	49,643 sq. ft.	Owned	
Rivesaltes, France (b)	Clad Plate Manufacturing	Land around building: 61,354 sq. ft.	Leased	June 30, 2020, with renewal options
Rivesaltes, France (b)		Building: 11,302 sq. ft.	Leased	
Tautavel, France	Clad Shooting Site	116 acres	109 acres owned, 7 acres leased	December 31, 2016, with renewal options
Dillenburg, Germany	Clad Plate Shooting Site	11.4 acres	Owned	
Würgendorf, Germany (b)	Manufacturing	25,791 sq. ft. Land: 24.6 acres	Leased Owned	August 31, 2021
		Shooting site: 56,038 sq. ft.	Leased	August 31, 2016, with renewal options
		Building: 34,251 sq. ft.	Owned	
Würgendorf, Germany (b)	Sales and Administration Office	3,880 sq. ft.	Leased	March 31, 2016
Liebenscheid, Germany	Manufacturing	10.47 acres	Owned	

# DynaEnergetics

Location	Facility Type	Facility Size	Owned/Leased	Expiration Date of Lease (if applicable)
Troisdorf, Germany	Manufacturing	263,201 sq. ft.	Leased	December 31, 2020, with renewal options for 5 years
Troisdorf, Germany	Manufacturing 404	21,527 sq. ft.	Leased	December 31, 2016
Troisdorf, Germany	Office 673	2,033 sq. ft.	Leased	December 31, 2020, with renewal options for 5 years
Troisdorf, Germany	Office, Sieglarer Strasse	9,203 sq. ft.	Leased	February 28, 2017 with yearly renewal options
Edmonton, Alberta (c)	Sales office and warehouse	24,000 sq. ft.	Leased	January 31, 2019
Grande Prairie, Alberta	Sales office and warehouse	200 sq. ft.	Leased	December 31, 2019
Grande Prairie, Alberta	Storage magazines	144 sq. ft.	Leased	Month to month agreement
Red Deer, Alberta (d)	Sales office and warehouse	6,583 sq. ft.	Leased	September 30, 2016
Red Deer, Alberta	Sales office and warehouse	2,500 sq. ft.	Leased	March 31, 2018
Red Deer, Alberta	Storage magazines	1,000 sq. ft.	Leased	May 31, 2017. Lease is continuous until either party gives 120 days notice
Bonnyville, Alberta (c)	Sales office and warehouse	5,355 sq. ft.	Leased	April 30, 2019
Bonnyville, Alberta	Storage magazines	95 sq. ft.	Leased	Month to month agreement
Andrews, Texas	Office and warehouse	4,000 sq. ft.	Leased	December 31, 2016
Andrews, Texas	Land for magazines	600 sq. ft.	Leased	Month to month agreement
Austin, Texas (d)	Office	2,400 sq. ft.	Leased	April 30, 2017
Lakeway, Texas	Office	5,412 sq. ft.	Leased	March 31, 2021
Blum, Texas	Office, warehouse, and manufacturing	16,800 sq. ft.	Owned	
Blum, Texas	Land for magazines	206.3 acres	Owned	
Bridgeport, Texas	Office and warehouse	4,000 sq. ft.	Leased	June 14, 2016
Bridgeport, Texas	Land for magazines	100 acres	Leased	Month to month agreement
Corpus Christi, Texas (d)	Office and warehouse	6,000 sq. ft.	Leased	August 31, 2018
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Location	Facility Type	Facility Size	Owned/Leased	Expiration Date of Lease (if applicable)
Victoria, Texas	Office and warehouse	4,000 sq. ft.	Leased	June 30, 2016
Victoria, Texas	Storage magazine	4,000 sq. ft.	Leased	Month to month agreement
Whitney, Texas	Office, warehouse, and manufacturing	36,000 sq. ft.	Owned	
Lafayette, Louisiana	Office and warehouse	6,800 sq. ft.	Leased	Month to month agreement
Beaux Bridge, Louisiana	Storage magazine	600 sq. ft.	Leased	Month to month agreement
Dunbar, Pennsylvania	Storage magazines	400 sq. ft.	Owned	
Mt. Braddock, Pennsylvania	Storage magazines	120 sq. ft.	Owned	
Russia, Nizhnetavdinskiy District	Land	59.7 acres	Leased	October 10, 2015
District		1.6 acres	Leased	August 8, 2016
Russia,				
Nizhnetavdinskiy	Office	9,860 sq. ft.	Owned	
District				
Russia, Nizhnetavdinskiy District	Manufacturing	58,216 sq. ft.	Owned	
Moscow, Russia	Sales office	939 sq. ft.	Leased	June 30, 2014, subject for prolongation every year
Chapaevsk, Russia	Warehouse	3,000 sq. ft.	Leased	December 31, 2016
Noyabrsk, Russia	Warehouse	3,229 sq. ft.	Leased	December 31, 2016
Urengoy, Russia	Warehouse	900 sq. ft.	Leased	December 31, 2016
Sheremetyevo, Russia		Any shipped		
(Mezdunarodnoye	Warehouse	quantity of	Leased	Not limited
Shosse 9)	a 1 0 am	goods		
Aktobe, Kazakhstan	Sales Office	548 sq. ft.	Owned	
Aktobe, Kazakhstan	Land (sales office)	0.09 acres	Owned	
Aktobe, Kazakhstan	Storage	1,076 sq. ft.	Leased	Subject for prolongation every year
Aktobe, Kazakhstan	Bunker	2,273 sq. ft.	Owned	
Aktobe, Kazakhstan	Land	19.76 acres	Leased	Year 2050
Aktobe, Kazakhstan	Land (power line)	0.5 acres	Leased	Year 2050
(a) The Mt. Braddock, F	Pennsylvania location is als	o used as a distribu	ition center for our	DynaEnergetics business

<sup>(</sup>a) The Mt. Braddock, Pennsylvania location is also used as a distribution center for our DynaEnergetics business segment.

<sup>(</sup>b) In connection with the purchase of the manufacturing facility in Liebenschied, Germany, the manufacturing facility and sales and administration office in Würgendorf, Germany and the leased property in Tautevel, France were closed in the first quarter of 2015.

<sup>(</sup>c) The Edmonton, Alberta sales office and warehouse and a portion of the Bonnyville, Alberta sales office and warehouse have been subleased for the duration of their remaining leases.

(d) The Red Deer, Alberta, Austin, Texas, and Corpus Christi, Texas offices are vacant as of December 31, 2015. ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we and certain of our subsidiaries are parties to regulatory and other legal actions arising in the ordinary course of our business. While the outcomes of these legal mattes cannot be predicted with certainty, our management believes the final outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect, either individually or in the aggregate, upon our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

#### **PART II**

ITEM 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Our common stock is publicly traded on The Nasdaq National Market ("Nasdaq") under the symbol "BOOM." The following table sets forth quarterly high and low sales prices for the common stock during our last two fiscal years, as reported by Nasdaq.

2015	High	Low
First Quarter	\$16.57	\$12.60
Second Quarter	\$13.92	\$10.28
Third Quarter	\$12.67	\$8.30
Fourth Quarter	\$11.27	\$5.73
2014	High	Low
First Quarter	\$24.00	\$18.61
Second Quarter	\$22.97	\$18.12
Third Quarter	\$23.45	\$18.65
Fourth Quarter	\$19.11	\$14.84

As of March 9, 2016, there were 280 holders of record of our common stock (does not include beneficial holders of shares held in "street name").

### **Dividend Policy**

We declared and paid quarterly dividends aggregating \$0.14 per share in 2015 and \$0.16 per share in 2014. We may pay quarterly dividends subject to capital availability and periodic determinations that cash dividends are in the best interests of our stockholders, but we cannot assure you that such payments will continue. Future dividends may be affected by, among other items, our views on potential future capital requirements, future business prospects, debt covenant compliance considerations, changes in income tax laws, and any other factors that our Board of Directors deems relevant. Any determination to pay cash dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

# **Equity Compensation Plan**

Refer to "Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" for information regarding securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans which is incorporated in this Item by this reference.

## Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the performance of our common stock with the Nasdaq Non-Financial Stocks Index and the Nasdaq Composite (U.S.) Index. The comparison of total return (change in year-end stock price plus reinvested dividends) for each of the years assumes that \$100 was invested on December 31, 2009, in each of the Company, Nasdaq Non-Financial Stocks Index and the Nasdaq Composite (U.S.) Index with investment weighted on the basis of market capitalization. The comparisons in the graph below are based upon historical data and are not indicative of, or intended to forecast, future performance of our common stock.

Total Return	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/30/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
Analysis	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/30/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/13
Dynamic	\$100	\$87.64	\$61.59	\$96.32	\$70.98	\$30.97
Materials Corp	Ψ100	ψ07.0+	ψ01.57	Ψ)0.32	Ψ10.20	Ψ30.77
Nasdaq						
Non-Financial	\$100	\$103.66	\$122.68	\$167.97	\$200.56	\$220.12
Stocks						
Nasdaq	\$100	\$100.31	\$116.79	\$155.9	\$175.33	\$176.17
Composite (US)	Ψ100	ψ100.51	Ψ110.77	Ψ133.7	Ψ173.33	ψ1/0.1/

### ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements, including the related Notes, and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." The 2012 selected financial data includes the operating results of TRX from the January 3, 2012, acquisition date through December 31, 2012, and the balance sheet information as of December 31, 2012. All years presented reflect the classification of AMK into discontinued operations.

	(Dollars in	Tł	nousands, Ex	xce	ept Per Share	$\Gamma$	Oata)			
	Year Ended December 31,									
Statement of Operations	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011	
Net sales	\$166,918		\$202,561		\$202,060		\$192,737		\$198,981	
Gross profit	35,624		61,419		58,134		57,652		52,244	
Cost and expenses	43,776		47,973		47,156		41,653		36,492	
Restructuring expenses	4,063		6,781							
Goodwill impairment	11,464									
Income (loss) from operations	(23,679	)	6,665		10,978		15,999		15,752	
Other income (expense), net	(2,410	)	(826	)	(1,169	)	(851	)	(1,409	)
Income (loss) before income taxes,										
discontinued operations and non-controlling	(26,089	)	5,839		9,809		15,148		14,343	
interest										
Income tax provision (benefit)	(2,118	)	3,913		3,736		5,316		4,075	
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(23,971	)	1,926		6,073		9,832		10,268	
Income from discontinued operations	_		641		478		943		1,783	
Net income (loss) attributable to					02		(2	`	(50)	`
non-controlling interest	_				92		(2	)	(50	)
Net income (loss) attributable to Dynamic	¢ (22 071	`	¢2.567		¢ 6 450		¢ 10.770		¢ 10 151	
Materials Corporation	\$(23,971	)	\$2,567		\$6,459		\$10,779		\$12,151	
Net income (loss) per share - Basic:										
Continuing operations	\$(1.72	)	\$0.13		\$0.44		\$0.73		\$0.78	
Discontinued operations	<b>\$</b> —		\$0.05		\$0.03		\$0.07		\$0.13	
Net income (loss)	\$(1.72	)	\$0.18		\$0.47		\$0.80		\$0.91	
Net income (loss) per share - Diluted:										
Continuing operations	\$(1.72	)	\$0.13		\$0.44		\$0.73		\$0.78	
Discontinued operations	<b>\$</b> —		\$0.05		\$0.03		\$0.07		\$0.13	
Net income (loss)	\$(1.72	)	\$0.18		\$0.47		\$0.80		\$0.91	
Dividends Declared per Common Share	\$0.14		\$0.16		\$0.16		\$0.16		\$0.16	
Financial Position										
Total assets	\$182,866		\$219,329		\$235,206		\$235,206		\$213,574	
Long-term debt	\$27,500		\$22,782		\$37,853		\$37,853		\$26,650	
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ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our historical consolidated financial statements and notes, as well as the selected historical consolidated financial data included elsewhere in this annual report.

Unless stated otherwise, all dollar figures in this discussion are presented in thousands (000s).

**Executive Overview** 

#### General

Our business is organized into two segments: NobelClad and DynaEnergetics. Prior to 2014, we were organized into three segments: NobelClad, DynaEnergetics and AMK Technical Services ("AMK"). In 2014 management approved a change in operating structure whereby AMK would operate within and be managed as part of the Oilfield Products business segment. Consequently, we combined AMK and DynaEnergetics into one reportable business segment, Oilfield Products. On October 1, 2014 we completed the sale of our AMK business. We have reflected the results of AMK as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. Accordingly, historical consolidated statements of operations included in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations have been restated to reflect the discontinued operation.

#### NobelClad

NobelClad manufactures clad metal plates and transition joints, which are made from clad plates, for sale to customers that fabricate industrial equipment for various industries, including oil and gas, petrochemicals, alternative energy, hydrometallurgy, aluminum production, shipbuilding, power generation, industrial refrigeration, and similar industries. While a large portion of the demand for our clad metal products is driven by new plant construction and large plant expansion projects, maintenance and retrofit projects at existing chemical processing, petrochemical processing, oil refining, and aluminum smelting facilities also account for a significant portion of total demand. These industries tend to be cyclical in nature and timing of new order inflow remains difficult to predict; however, we believe that our NobelClad segment is well-positioned in the marketplace.

Cost of products sold for NobelClad includes the cost of metals and alloys used to manufacture clad metal plates, the cost of explosives, employee compensation and benefits, freight, outside processing costs, depreciation of manufacturing facilities and equipment, manufacturing supplies and other manufacturing overhead expenses.

We use backlog as a primary means to measure the immediate outlook for our NobelClad business. We define "backlog" at any given point in time as all firm, unfulfilled purchase orders and commitments at that time. Generally speaking, we expect to fill most backlog orders within the following 12 months. From experience, most firm purchase orders and commitments are realized. Our NobelClad backlog increased to \$41,832 at December 31, 2015 from \$41,244 at December 31, 2014.

#### **DynaEnergetics**

DynaEnergetics manufactures shaped charges, detonators and detonating cord, and bidirectional boosters and perforating guns for sale to customers that perform the perforation of oil and gas wells and from sales of seismic products to customers involved in oil and gas exploration activities.

Cost of products sold for DynaEnergetics includes the cost of metals, explosives and other raw materials used to manufacture shaped charges, detonating products and perforating guns as well as employee compensation and benefits, depreciation of manufacturing facilities and equipment, manufacturing supplies and other manufacturing

overhead expenses.

2015 Results

NobelClad continued to experience margin squeeze due to pricing pressure and customer and product mix. However, the effect has been offset by the benefits of the restructuring activities it undertook beginning in the fourth quarter of 2014 in the form of more streamlined production and lower costs.

Subsequent to the close of 2015, NobelClad was awarded a \$6.3 million order for specialized explosion clad plates to be used in the fabrication of equipment for a semiconductor material production facility in East Asia. The order will be reflected in NobelClad's first-quarter order backlog, and is expected to ship during the second quarter. The plates will be manufactured at NobelClad's plant in Liebenscheid, Germany, which is close to the metal suppliers.

Despite low oil prices and decreased well-completion activities in and outside of North America, we were able to increase DynaEnergetics' customer penetration in the perforating market in 2015. Unit sales of DynaSelect continued to grow during 2015, as an increasing number of operators and service providers are leveraging the reliability, efficiency and safety of this industry-leading product. In the third quarter of 2015, DynaEnergetics completed field trials of its factory-assembled DynaStage perforating system and entered into a principal partner agreement with Weatherford International, our primary testing partner and one of the world's largest oilfield services companies. Weatherford became the first oilfield service company to deploy our DynaStage product, a factory-assembled, performance-assured well perforating system incorporating the safety features of our advanced detonator technologies. We expect that our efforts to educate end users about DynaStage's efficiency and safety benefits will lead to increased sales growth and market penetration in the future.

In January 2016, DynaEnergetics obtained all the permits necessary to manufacture industrial explosives at its new shaped charge plant in Tyumen, Siberia. Test runs of the manufacturing line will commence in March 2016, and after passing internal quality checks, the charges will be tested in several Russian oil fields to ensure real-world performance. This process should be complete by the middle of the second quarter, at which point we expect to begin supplying the Russian oil and gas market with high-performance charges and guns.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, to alleviate the risk that the slowdown in our core energy markets and the near-term financial impact our restructuring programs put on our leverage and debt-service-coverage ratios, we negotiated an amended credit agreement, which increases those ratios and grants us additional financial flexibility for the coming year.

#### Restructuring

During 2015, we executed several programs to enhance operating efficiencies across our businesses, including closing distribution and production centers, consolidating manufacturing to more cost-effective locations, and reducing corporate headcount. The total restructuring charges for 2015 and 2014 were \$4,063 and \$6,781, respectively.

In the first quarter of 2015, we launched several initiatives to enhance DynaEnergetics' operational efficiencies and align its production and distribution resources with the anticipated demands of the market. In January 2015, we closed two North American distribution centers. On February 24, 2015, we announced the closure of a perforating gun manufacturing facility and distribution center in Edmonton, Alberta. In the second quarter of 2015, we consolidated North America perforating gun manufacturing into DynaEnergetics' existing facility in Whitney, Texas. We also exited multiple other distribution centers in North America and Colombia. The Colombia market is now being served directly from our existing facilities in Texas. Two new centralized distribution centers replaced the smaller and less efficient distribution centers that were closed.

In the first quarter of 2015, we eliminated certain positions in our corporate office. Additionally, two of the nine members of our board of directors did not stand for re-election at our Annual meeting in May 2015.

In the second quarter of 2015, as part of a plan announced in October 2014, the majority of European clad metal plate production was shifted from facilities in both Rivesaltes, France and Würgendorf, Germany to the new manufacturing facility in Liebenscheid, Germany. NobelClad's Rivesaltes plant will continue to produce transition joints with a reduced workforce while the Würgendorf site was closed and its workers were transferred to the new facility.

In the fourth quarter of 2015, we took additional measures as part of our continuing efforts to control costs in a challenging market. In DynaEnergetics, we implemented a short work week in Troisdorf, Germany, eliminated production shifts at both of its U.S. manufacturing sites and closed two additional U.S. distribution centers. On October 20, 2015, we announced a reduction in force ("RIF") affecting 12 employees at DynaEnergetics' corporate

offices in Troisdorf, Germany. We incurred severance charges of \$486 related to this restructuring.

### Goodwill Impairment

As discussed below in "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates", we perform our goodwill impairment test annually as of December 31, 2015 or when indicators of impairment exist. For 2015, we found that the fair value of the DynaEnergetics reporting unit was less than its carrying value by approximately 14% due primarily to the sustained decline in global oil prices, expected reduction in exploration and production activities of certain of our customers, and the impact these factors have on our expected future cash flows. We valued the assets of DynaEnergetics and, based on the results of that valuation, recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$11,464. There was no impairment of goodwill for the NobelClad reporting unit for the year

ended December 31, 2015. As of December 31, 2015, the fair value of the NobelClad reporting unit, with \$17,190 of goodwill, exceeded the carrying value of its net assets by approximately 19%.

### U.S. Commerce Department Ruling and Appeal

In February 2016, the Company received a scope ruling from the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce Department"), which determined certain imports, primarily used for gun carrier tubing by DynaEnergetics, are subject to anti-dumping ("AD") and countervailing duties ("CVD").

The Company plans to appeal the Commerce Department's ruling. In its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company recorded a \$6.4 million reserve for AD/CVD duties and interest that the Company expects to pay if it is unsuccessful in its appeal.

Please refer to Note 7 "Commitments and Contingencies" to our Consolidated Financial Statements in this annual report for additional discussion of the matter with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Commerce Department.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This annual report and the documents incorporated by reference into it contain certain forward-looking statements within the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigations Reform Act of 1995. These statements include information with respect to our anticipated future financial condition and results of operations and businesses. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "may," "will," "continue," "project," "for similar expressions, as well as statements in the future tense, identify forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of our future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include:

- •The ability to obtain new contracts at attractive prices;
- •The size and timing of customer orders;
- •Fluctuations in customer demand;
- •General economic conditions, both domestically and abroad, and their effect on us and our customers;
- •Competitive factors;
- •The timely completion of contracts;
- •The timing and size of expenditures;
- •The ability to remain an innovative leader in our fields of business;
- The ability to successfully obtain the anticipated cost savings, operational efficiencies and other benefits from our various restructuring initiatives;
- The application of governmental regulation and oversight of our operations and products and the industries in which our customers operate;
- •The availability and cost of funds; and
- •Fluctuations in foreign currencies.

The effects of these factors are difficult to predict. New factors emerge from time to time and we cannot assess the potential impact of any such factor on the business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this annual report, and we do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statement or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. In addition, see "Risk Factors" for a discussion of these and other factors.

## **Results of Operations**

Year ended December 31, 2015 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2014

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		\$ change		% change	
Net sales	\$166,918		\$202,561		\$202,561		(18	)%
Gross profit	35,624		61,419		(25,795	)	(42	)%
Gross profit margin	21.3	%	30.3	%				
COSTS AND EXPENSES:								
General and administrative expenses	20,998		23,766		(2,768	)	(12	)%
% of net sales	12.6	%	11.7	%	12.2	%		
Selling and distribution expenses	18,745		18,104		641		4	%
% of net sales	11.2	%	8.9	%	8.0	%		
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	4,033		6,103		(2,070	)	(34	)%
% of net sales	2.4	%	3.0	%	3.1	%		
Restructuring charges	4,063		6,781		(2,718	)	(40	)%
Goodwill impairment charge	11,464		_		_		NM	
Operating income (loss)	(23,679	)	6,665		(30,344	)	(455	)%
Other income (expense), net	(669	)	(313	)	(356	)	114	%
Interest income (expense), net	(1,741	)	(513	)	(1,228	)	239	%
Income tax provision (benefit)	(2,118	)	3,913		(6,031	)	(154	)%
Net income (loss)	(23,971	)	2,567		(26,538	)	(1,034	)%
Adjusted EBITDA	13,080		31,475		(18,395	)	(58	)%

Net sales The decrease compared with 2014 was due to a 7% decrease in NobelClad and a 27% decrease in DynaEnergetics. Excluding unfavorable currency, NobelClad's net sales increased 1% and DynaEnergetics' decreased 21%. The net sales declined in DynaEnergetics as the global downturn in the oil and gas market outweighed higher sales of new products and technologies.

Gross profit The decrease in gross profit and gross profit margin compared with 2014 was driven by the impact of a \$6,374 accrual for anti-dumping and countervailing duties resulting from an unfavorable scope ruling from the Department of Commerce on prior imports of metals primarily used for gun carrier tubing in DynaEnergetics. The decline also resulted from a lower proportion of sales in DynaEnergetics relative to NobelClad, unfavorable product mix in NobelClad, lower average selling prices and increased inventory reserves in DynaEnergetics and the impact of lower sales volume on fixed manufacturing overhead expenses in both segments.

General and administrative expenses The decrease compared with 2014 was primarily due to a reduction in salaries of \$1,451, lower stock-based compensation of \$894, and a reduction in outside services expenses of \$667. In the first half of 2015 we recognized incremental audit and legal expenses of \$450 associated with the restatement of previously-issued financial statements included in our 2014 Form 10-K. These one-time expenses were offset by a reduction in fees related to fewer Board of Directors and lower information technology spending from bringing selected services in-house and completing an ERP project in NobelClad.

Selling and distribution expenses The increase compared with 2014 was principally due to an increase in bad debt expense.

Amortization expense The decrease compared with 2014 was due to fully amortizing NobelClad's customer relationships as of December 31, 2014 and the impact of foreign currency translation.

Restructuring charges The components of 2015 restructuring charges are detailed as follows:

	Severance and benefits	Asset impairments	Contract termination	Equipment moving ant other exit costs	Total
NobelClad restructuring	\$238	<b>\$</b> —	\$40	\$472	\$750
DynaEnergetics restructuring	735	205	498	222	1,660
Corporate restructuring	1,653	_			1,653
Total restructuring charges	\$2,626	\$205	\$538	\$694	\$4,063

NobelClad's restructuring relates to the shifting of the majority of clad metal plate production from facilities in both Rivesaltes, France and Würgendorf, Germany to its manufacturing facility in Liebenscheid, Germany.

DynaEnergetics restructuring relates to the consolidation of perforating gun manufacturing centers, the closure of distribution centers, and the reduction of administrative workforce at the corporate offices in Troisdorf, Germany.

Corporate restructuring relates to the elimination of certain positions in our corporate office and the severance and expense related to the acceleration of unvested stock awards.

Operating income The decrease compared with 2014 was due to a 233% decrease in DynaEnergetics operating income partially offset by a 170% increase in NobelClad operating income, a 8% increase in corporate unallocated costs offset by a 6% decrease in stock-based compensation. Corporate unallocated and stock-based compensation expenses are not allocated to our business segments.

Other income (expense), net The increase compared with 2014 primarily was due to an increase in unrealized foreign currency losses. Our subsidiaries frequently enter into inter-company and third party transactions that are denominated in currencies other than their functional currency. Changes in exchange rates with respect to these transactions will result in unrealized gains or losses if unsettled at end of the reporting period or realized foreign currency transaction gains or losses at settlement of the transaction.

Interest income (expense), net The increase compared with 2014 was due to the amortization of loan fees associated with the credit agreement entered into on February 23, 2015, the write off of \$508 of loan fees previously deferred in conjunction with our December 2015 credit facility amendment, and higher interest expense on a larger average outstanding debt balance.

Goodwill impairment charge The impairment charge relates to fully writing off DynaEnergetics' goodwill balance.

Income tax provision (benefit) We recorded an income tax benefit of \$2,118 for 2015 compared to an income tax expense of \$3,913 for 2014. Our consolidated income tax benefit for 2015 and expense for 2014 included \$1,584 and \$76, respectively, related to U.S. taxes, with the remainder relating to a net foreign tax benefit of \$534 in 2015 and expense of \$3,837 in 2014, respectively, associated with our foreign operations and holding companies.

Net loss Primarily as a result of the non-recurring restructuring and goodwill impairment charges along with the other factors discussed above, net loss in 2015 was \$23,971 (\$1.72 per diluted share) compared with a net income of \$2,567 (\$0.18 per diluted share) in 2014.

Adjusted EBITDA The decrease compared with 2014 primarily was due to the significant net loss compared to net income in 2014.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) measure that we believe provides an important indicator of our ongoing operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA, as well as income measures that exclude restructuring expenses (ex-items), are non-GAAP financial measures used by management to measure

operating performance. Non-GAAP results are presented only as a supplement to the financial statements based on U.S. GAAP. The non-GAAP financial information is provided to enhance the reader's understanding of DMC's financial performance, but no non-GAAP measure should be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Reconciliations of the most directly comparable GAAP measures to non-GAAP measures are provided within the schedules that follow.

EBITDA is defined as net income plus or minus net interest plus taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA excludes from EBITDA stock-based compensation, restructuring and impairment charges and, when appropriate, other items that management does not utilize in assessing DMC's operating performance (as further described in the following financial schedules). None of these non-GAAP financial measures are recognized terms under GAAP and do not purport to be an alternative to net income as an indicator of operating performance or any other GAAP measure.

Management uses these non-GAAP measures in its operational and financial decision-making, believing that it is useful to eliminate certain items in order to focus on what it deems to be a more reliable indicator of ongoing operating performance. As a result, internal management reports used during monthly operating reviews feature the adjusted EBITDA. In addition, during 2015 and 2014 DMC management incentive awards were based, in part, on the amount of adjusted EBITDA achieved during the year. Management also believes that investors may find non-GAAP financial measures useful for the same reasons, although investors are cautioned that non-GAAP financial measures are not a substitute for GAAP disclosures.

Because not all companies use identical calculations, DMC's presentation of non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. However, these measures can still be useful in evaluating the company's performance against its peer companies because management believes the measures provide users with valuable insight into key components of GAAP financial disclosures. For example, a company with greater GAAP net income may not be as appealing to investors if its net income is more heavily comprised of gains on asset sales. Likewise, eliminating the effects of interest income and expense moderates the impact of a company's capital structure on its performance.

All of the items included in the reconciliation from net income to EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are either (i) non-cash items (e.g., depreciation, amortization of purchased intangibles and stock-based compensation) or (ii) items that management does not consider to be useful in assessing DMC's operating performance (e.g., income taxes, restructuring and impairment charges and gain on sale of assets). In the case of the non-cash items, management believes that investors can better assess the company's operating performance if the measures are presented without such items because, unlike cash expenses, these adjustments do not affect DMC's ability to generate free cash flow or invest in its business. For example, by adjusting for depreciation and amortization in computing EBITDA, users can compare operating performance without regard to different accounting determinations such as useful life. In the case of the other items, management believes that investors can better assess operating performance if the measures are presented without these items because their financial impact does not reflect ongoing operating performance.

We have also presented certain financial measures excluding certain one-time, non-recurring "special items," including our accrued anti-dumping duties, inventory reserve adjustment, the non-cash goodwill impairment charge and restructuring charges. These are non-GAAP financial measures when the special items are excluded. We believe these are important supplemental measures because they eliminate one-time, non-recurring items that have less bearing on our operating performance and so highlight trends in our business that may not otherwise be apparent when relying solely on GAAP financial measures.

The following is a reconciliation of the most directly comparable GAAP measure to EBITDA and Adjusted EBIDTA.

	2015	2014	
Net income attributable to DMC	\$(23,971	) \$2,567	7
Income from discontinued operations	<del>_</del>	(641	)
Interest expense	1,745	551	
Interest income	(4	) (38	)
Provision for income taxes	(2,118	) 3,913	
Depreciation	6,244	7,051	

Amortization of purchased intangible assets	4,033	6,103
EBITDA	(14,071	) 19,506
Restructuring charges	4,063	6,781
Accrued anti-dumping duties	6,205	_
Goodwill impairment charges	11,464	_
DynaEnergetics inventory reserves	1,924	1,287
Stock-based compensation	2,826	3,588
Other (income) expense, net	669	313
Adjusted EBITDA	\$13,080	\$31,475

Year ended December 31, 2014 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2013

	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013		\$ change		% change	
Net sales	\$202,561		\$202,060		\$501			%
Gross profit	61,419		58,134		3,285		6	%
Gross profit margin	30.3	%	28.8	%				
COSTS AND EXPENSES:								
General and administrative expenses	23,766		24,672		(906	)	(4	)%
% of net sales	11.7	%	12.2	%				
Selling and distribution expenses	18,104		16,136		1,968		12	%
% of net sales	8.9	%	8.0	%				
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	6,103		6,348		(245	)	(4	)%
% of net sales	3.0	%	3.1	%				
Restructuring charges	6,781				6,781		NM	
Operating income (loss)	6,665		10,978		(4,313	)	(39	)%
Other income (expense), net	(313	)	(528	)	215		(41	)%
Interest income (expense), net	(513	)	(641	)	128		(20	)%
Income tax provision	3,913		3,736		177		5	%
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	641		478		163		34	%
Net income (loss)	2,567		6,551		(3,984	)	(61	)%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$31,475		\$27,967		\$3,508	-	13	%

Net sales The increase compared with 2013 was due to a 26% increase in DynaEnergetics revenue offset by a 18% decrease in NobelClad revenue.

Gross profit The increase in gross profit margin compared with 2013 was primarily due to a higher proportion of sales in DynaEnergetics, which has higher gross profit margins than NobelClad.

General and administrative expenses Excluding the impacts in 2013 of \$2,965 in non-recurring expenses associated with management retirements and a \$756 asset impairment charge related to an information system project in Russia, our general and administrative expenses increased by \$2,815 or 13.4% from an aggregate increase in salaries, benefits and payroll taxes of \$1,093, a \$976 increase in stock-based compensation expense and a \$327 increase in professional services. The increases were driven by year-over-year headcount additions to support business development initiatives, corporate branding and recruiting expenses. Excluding the impact of non-recurring management retirement and asset impairment expenses in 2013, general and administrative expenses, as a percentage of net sales, increased to 11.7% in 2014 from 10.4% in 2013.

Selling and distribution expenses The increase in selling and distribution expenses compared with 2013 was primarily due to a \$1,000 aggregate increase in salaries, benefits and payroll taxes, a \$436 increase in bad debt expense mostly from favorable adjustments in the third quarter of 2013 and an increase of \$100 in stock-based compensation expense.

Amortization expense Amortization expense relates to the amortization of values assigned to intangible assets in connection with our prior years acquisitions of DynaEnergetics and other businesses that are now part of our DynaEnergetics business segment. The \$245 decrease in 2014 amortization expenses reflects the impact of foreign currency translation effects and a slight decrease in Q4 2014 amortization expense associated with the DynaEnergetics acquisition based on the amortization schedule. Amortization expense for 2014 includes \$4,777 \$1,135, and

\$191 relating to values assigned to customer relationships, core technology, and trademarks/trade names, respectively. Amortization expense for 2013 includes \$5,021, \$1,136 and \$191 relating to values assigned to customer relationships, core technology, and trademarks/trade names, respectively.

Restructuring charges The components of 2014 restructuring charges are detailed as follows:

	Severance and benefits	Asset impairments	Contract termination	Equipment moving ant other exit costs	Total
NobelClad restructuring	\$2,466	\$3,946	<b>\$</b> —	\$369	\$6,781
Total restructuring charges	\$2,466	\$3,946	<b>\$</b> —	\$369	\$6,781

NobelClad's restructuring relates to the shifting of the majority of clad metal plate production from facilities in both Rivesaltes, France and Würgendorf, Germany to the new manufacturing facility in Liebenscheid, Germany.

Operating income Income from operations decreased by 39.3% to \$6,665 in 2014 from \$10,978 in 2013. Excluding the impact of restructuring expenses, our consolidated operating income for 2014 was \$13,446, an increase of \$2,468 or 22.5% over 2013. The consolidated operating income totals for 2014 and 2013 include \$6,381 and \$7,217, respectively, of unallocated corporate expenses and \$3,588 and \$3,401, respectively, of stock-based compensation expense. These expenses are not allocated to our business segments and thus are not included in the below 2014 and 2013 operating income totals for NobelClad and DynaEnergetics.

The increase (after excluding restructuring charges) in our consolidated operating income for 2014 reflects an increase in operating income for our DynaEnergetics segment of \$9,973 and a decrease in unallocated corporate expenses of \$836, which were partially offset by a decrease of \$8,154 in the operating income reported by our NobelClad segment and an increase of \$187 in stock-based compensation. The aggregate net decrease of \$649 in unallocated corporate expenses and stock-based compensation expense primarily relates to the \$2,965 of non-recurring expenses in the first quarter 2013 associated with management retirements.

Other income (expense), net We reported net other expense of \$313 in 2014 compared to net other expense of \$528 in 2013. Our 2014 net other income includes net realized and unrealized foreign exchange losses of \$451 and net other income items aggregating \$138. Our 2013 net other income includes net realized and unrealized foreign exchange losses of \$836 and net other income items aggregating \$308.

Interest income (expense), net We recorded net interest expense of \$513 in 2014 compared to net interest expense of \$641 in 2013. The small decrease reflects lower average outstanding borrowings in the first quarter of 2014 as interest rates remained relatively stable.

Income tax provision We recorded an income tax provision of \$3,913 in 2014 compared with \$3,736 in 2013. Our 2014 effective tax rate of 67% includes valuation allowances of \$3,737 recorded in the second half of 2014 as described below, partially offset by favorable changes in tax law of \$1,376. Our 2013 effective tax rate was 38.1%. Our consolidated income tax provision for 2014 and 2013 included \$1,098 and \$810, respectively, related to U.S. taxes, with the remainder relating to net foreign tax provisions of \$2,815 in 2014 and \$2,926 in 2013, respectively, associated with our foreign operations and holding companies.

Discontinued operations On October 1, 2014 we completed the sale of our AMK business. The net proceeds were \$6,830, after final purchase price adjustments, and and the purchase was financed through \$4,330 in cash consideration and the issuance of a \$2,500 90-day secured promissory note to the Company which was paid in full by December 31, 2014. The excess of the selling price over the carrying value of \$1,476 was recorded in our Statement of Operations in the fourth quarter 2014.

AMK's net sales were \$4,540 and \$7,513 in 2014 and 2013, respectively. AMK had a loss from discontinued operations of \$77, net of tax of \$1 for 2014 compared to income from discontinued operations of \$478, net of tax of \$241 for 2013. In 2014 we recorded a gain on the sale of AMK of \$718, net of tax of \$758.

Net income Primarily as a result of the restructuring charges along with the other factors discussed above, net income in 2014 was \$2,567 (\$0.18 per diluted share) compared with a net income of \$6,459 (\$0.47 per diluted share) in 2013.

Adjusted EBITDA The increase compared with 2013 was primarily due to an increased add back due to restructuring offset by lower net income.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure that we believe provides an important indicator of our ongoing operating performance. Our aggregate depreciation, amortization of purchased intangible assets, restructuring charges and stock-based compensation expense for 2014 and 2013 was \$23,523 and \$15,669, respectively. These aggregate charges represent a significant percentage of the consolidated operating income that we reported for these periods. As discussed above, we use non-GAAP EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in our operational and financial decision-making and believe that these non-GAAP measures facilitate a more meaningful and accurate comparison of the operating performance of our two business segments than do certain GAAP measures. The following is a reconciliation of the most directly comparable GAAP measure to Adjusted EBIDTA.

2014	2013	
\$2,567	\$6,551	
(641	) (478	)
551	648	
(38	) (7	)
3,913	3,736	
7,051	5,920	
6,103	6,348	
19,506	22,718	
6,781	_	
1,287	1,320	
3,588	3,401	
313	528	
\$31,475	\$27,967	
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### **Business Segment Financial Information**

We primarily evaluate performance and allocate resources based on segment revenues, operating income and adjusted EBITDA as well as projected future performance. Segment operating income is defined as revenues less expenses identifiable to the segment. Segment operating income will reconcile to consolidated income before income taxes by deducting unallocated corporate expenses, including stock-based compensation, net other expense, net interest expense, income tax provision, and income from discontinued operations.

For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the proportion of consolidated revenues and segment operating income attributed to each segment was as follows:

	December 31, 2015	December 2014	31,	December 3	31,
NobelClad					
Percent of net sales	54	% 48	%	59	%
Percent of operating income <sup>1</sup>	*	13	%	79	%
DynaEnergetics					
Percent of net sales	46	% 52	%	41	%
Percent of operating income <sup>1</sup>	143	% 87	%	21	%

<sup>\*</sup> Not meaningful

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Operating income before consideration of unallocated corporate expenses and stock-based compensation expense which are not allocated to our business segments. NobelClad generated operating income in 2015, while

DynaEnergetics generated an operating loss.

NobelClad

Year ended December 31, 2015 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2014

	December 31,		December 31,	\$ change		% change	
	2015		2014				
Net sales	\$89,980		\$97,108	\$(7,128	)	(7	)%
Gross profit	17,206		21,698	(4,492	)	(21	)%
Gross profit margin	19.1	%	22.3 %				
COSTS AND EXPENSES:							
General and administrative expenses	4,539		4,907	(368	)	(7	%)
Selling and distribution expenses	5,719		5,928	(209	)	(4	)%
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	379		1,927	(1,548	)	(80	)%
Restructuring expenses	750		6,781	(6,031	)	(89	)%
Operating income (loss)	5,819		2,155	3,664		170	%
Adjusted EBITDA	10,727		15,418	(4,691	)	(30	)%

Net sales The decrease compared with 2014 primarily was due to unfavorable foreign currency exchange translation of \$7,710.

Gross profit The decrease in gross profit and gross profit margin compared with 2014 was due to unfavorable project mix.

General and administrative expenses The decrease compared with 2014 primarily was due to a reduction in salaries and wages of \$113 and a reduction in outside services expenses of \$97.

Selling and distribution expenses The decrease compared with 2014 was principally due to a \$452 decrease in outside sales agents commission expense due to lower sales into territories in which we don't have a captive sales force, partially offset by a \$187 increase in salaries and wages.

Amortization expense The decrease compared with 2014 was due to the complete amortization of NobelClad's customer relationships as of December 31, 2014.

Restructuring expense NobelClad's restructuring relates to the shifting of the majority of clad metal plate production from facilities in both Rivesaltes, France and Würgendorf, Germany to its manufacturing facility in Liebenscheid, Germany.

Operating income NobelClad's operating income increased compared with 2014 primarily due to lower restructuring expenses. Excluding the reduction of restructuring expenses, operating income decreased \$2,367 (26.5%) versus prior year primarily due to lower gross margins from unfavorable project mix.

Adjusted EBITDA The decrease compared with 2014 primarily due to lower operating income caused by gross margin decline from unfavorable product mix. See explanation of the use of Adjusted EBITDA under "Results of Operations"

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Income from operations	\$5,819	\$2,155
Adjustments:		
Restructuring	750	6,781
Stock-based compensation	_	_
Depreciation	3,779	4,555
Amortization of purchased intangibles	379	1,927

Adjusted EBITDA \$10,727 \$15,418

Year ended December 31, 2014 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2013

	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013		\$ change		% change	
Net sales	\$97,108		\$118,409		\$(21,301	)	(18	)%
Gross profit	21,698		30,069		(8,371	)	(27.8	)%
Gross profit margin	22.3	%	25.4	%				
COSTS AND EXPENSES:								
General and administrative expenses	4,907		5,284		(377	)	(7	)%
Selling and distribution expenses	5,928		5,574		354		6	%
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	1,927		2,121		(194	)	(9	)%
Restructuring expenses	6,781				6,781		NM	
Operating income (loss)	2,155		17,090		(14,935	)	(87	)%
Adjusted EBITDA	15,418		23,208		(7,790	)	(34	)%

Net sales NobelClad sales decreased 18.0% to \$97,108 in 2014 (48% of total sales) from \$118,409 in 2013 (59% of total sales). The decrease in Nobelclad sales this period relates primarily to the lower backlog and timing of shipments out of backlog.

Gross profit The decrease in gross margin rate relates principally to lower sales volume and unfavorable manufacturing overhead absorption compared with 2013.

General and administrative expenses The decrease relates principally to a \$737 decrease in salaries, benefits, and payroll taxes compared with 2013.

Selling and distribution expenses The increase relates principally to a \$436 increase in bad debt expense combined with a \$255 increase in salaries, benefits and payroll taxes compared with 2013.

Amortization expense The decrease relates principally to the impact of foreign currency translation on intangible assets in our European operations.

Restructuring expense Restructuring expenses relate to our decision in the fourth quarter of 2014 to consolidate our NobelClad European operations. Clad metal plate production will be shifted from facilities in both Rivesaltes, France and Würgendorf, Germany to a new manufacturing facility in Germany. NobelClad's Rivesaltes plant will continue to produce transition joints with a reduced workforce while the Würgendorf site will be closed and its workers will be transferred to the new facility. The restructuring charges of \$6,781 included severance of \$2,466, non-cash impairment charges of \$3,946 associated with the Würgendorf facility and leasehold improvements at a leased facility in France, both of which are being closed under the consolidation program, and other exit costs of \$369.

Operating income The decrease was attributable to lower sales and related unfavorable manufacturing overhead absorption discussed above

Adjusted EBITDA The decrease was due to lower operating income offset by an additional add back for restructuring expenses. See explanation of the non GAAP measure of adjusted EBITDA under "Results of Operations".

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Income (loss) from operations	\$2,155	\$17,090
Adjustments:		
Restructuring	6,781	_
Depreciation	4,555	3,997
Amortization of purchased intangibles	1,927	2,121
Adjusted EBITDA	\$15,418	\$23,208

DynaEnergetics

Year ended December 31, 2015 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2014

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		\$ change		% change	
Net sales	\$76,938		\$105,453		\$(28,515	)	(27	)%
Gross profit	18,662		40,030		(21,368	)	(53	)%
Gross profit margin	24.3	%	38.0	%				
COSTS AND EXPENSES:								
General and administrative expenses	8,423		9,483		(1,060	)	(11	%)
Selling and distribution expenses	12,706		11,892		814		7	%
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	3,654		4,176		(522	)	(13	)%
Restructuring expenses	1,660				1,660		NM	
Goodwill impairment charges	11,464		_		_		NM	
Operating income (loss)	(19,245	)	14,479		(33,724	)	(233	)%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$8,127		\$22,438		\$(14,311	)	(64	)%

Net sales The decrease compared with 2014 was due to the steep decline in the North American rig count and capital spending cuts by exploration and production companies, significant pricing pressure in the second half of 2015 and unfavorable foreign currency exchange translation of \$5,766.

Gross profit The decrease in gross profit and gross profit margin compared with 2014 primarily was driven by the impact of a \$6,374 accrual for anti-dumping and countervailing duties resulting from an unfavorable scope ruling from the Department of Commerce on prior imports of metals primarily used for gun carrier tubing in DynaEnergetics. The decline also resulted from lower average selling prices, the impact of lower sales volume on fixed manufacturing overhead expenses, and \$1,924 of inventory reserve charges taken during 2015 compared to \$1,287 in 2014. The decline in gross profit margin partially was offset by favorable product mix from increased sales of new products and technologies.

General and administrative expenses The decrease compared with 2014 was primarily due to a \$1,245 reduction in salaries, benefits and payroll taxes and a \$115 decrease in travel expenses partially offset by a \$481 increase in outside services.

Selling and distribution expenses The increase compared with 2014 was principally due to a \$815 increase in outside sales agents commission expense due to regional product mix offset by a \$163 increase in salaries.

Amortization expense The decrease compared with 2014 was due to the impact of foreign currency translation.

Restructuring expense Restructuring relates to the consolidation of perforating gun manufacturing centers, the closure of multiple distribution centers in North America, and the reduction of administrative workforce at the corporate offices in Troisdorf, Germany.

Goodwill impairment charge The impairment charge relates to fully writing-off DynaEnergetics' goodwill balance.

Operating loss Primarily as a result of lower revenue and gross profit as well as the goodwill impairment charge, DynaEnergetics had an operating loss compared with operating income in 2014.

Adjusted EBITDA The decrease was due to lower operating income partially offset by an additional add back for restructuring expenses. See explanation of the non GAAP measure of adjusted EBITDA under "Results of Operations".

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Income (loss) from operations	\$(19,245	) \$14,479
Adjustments:		
Restructuring	1,660	_
Goodwill impairment charges	11,464	_
Accrued anti-dumping duties	6,205	_
DynaEnergetics inventory reserves	1,924	1,287
Depreciation	2,465	2,496
Amortization of purchased intangibles	3,654	4,176
Adjusted EBITDA	\$8,127	\$22,438

Year ended December 31, 2014 compared to Year Ended December 31, 2013

	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	\$ change		% change	
Net sales	\$105,453		\$83,651	\$21,802		26	%
Gross profit	40,030		28,369	11,661		41	%
Gross profit margin	38.0	%	33.9	%			
COSTS AND EXPENSES:							
General and administrative expenses	9,483		9,258	225		2	%
Selling and distribution expenses	11,892		10,378	1,514		15	%
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	4,176		4,227	(51	)	(1	)%
Operating income (loss)	14,479		4,506	9,973		221	%
Adjusted EBITDA	22,438		10,564	11,874		112	%

Net sales The increase in sales was driven by increased demand and favorable product and customer mix primarily from sales of our DynaSelect selective perforating detonator switch.

Gross profit The full year gross profit margin improved due to favorable price and mix including DynaSelect sales.

General and administrative expenses Did not change significantly during the last year.

Selling and distribution expenses The higher level of selling and distribution expenses reflects the strategy, particularly in North America, maintaining a number of strategically located distribution centers that are in close proximity to areas which contain a large concentration of oilfields and enjoy a high volume of related oil and gas drilling activities.

Amortization expense Amortization expense relates to the amortization of values assigned to intangible assets in connection with our prior years acquisitions of DynaEnergetics, LRI, the two Russian joint ventures, Austin Explosives and our January 3, 2012 acquisition of TRX, all part of our DynaEnergetics business segment. The decrease in 2014 amortization expenses reflects the impact of foreign currency translation effects and a slight decrease in Q4 2014 amortization expense associated with the DynaEnergetics acquisition based on the amortization schedule.

Operating income The increase in operating income for 2014 was largely attributable to the improved sales volumes and gross margin percentages as discussed above.

Adjusted EBITDA The increase was due to higher operating income. See explanation of the non GAAP measure of adjusted EBITDA under "Results of Operations".

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	
Income (loss) from operations	\$14,479	\$4,506	
Adjustments:			
Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	_	(92	)
DynaEnergetics inventory reserves	1,287	1,320	
Depreciation	2,496	1,923	
Amortization of purchased intangibles	4,176	4,227	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$22,438	\$11,884	

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have historically financed our operations from a combination of internally generated cash flow, revolving credit borrowings, various long-term debt arrangements, and the issuance of common stock. We believe that cash flow from operations and funds available under our current credit facilities and any future replacement thereof will be sufficient to fund the working capital, debt service, dividends and capital expenditure requirements of our current business operations for the foreseeable future. Nevertheless, our ability to generate sufficient cash flows from operations will depend upon our success in executing our strategies. If we are unable to (i) realize sales from our backlog; (ii) secure new customer orders; (iii) continue selling products at attractive margins; and (iv) continue to implement cost-effective internal processes, our ability to meet cash requirements through operating activities could be impacted. Furthermore, any restriction on the availability of borrowings under our credit facilities could negatively affect our ability to meet future cash requirements.

We declared and paid quarterly dividends aggregating \$0.14 per share in 2015 and \$0.16 per share in 2014. We may pay quarterly dividends subject to capital availability and periodic determinations that cash dividends are in the best interests of our stockholders. Future dividends may be affected by, among other items, our views on potential future capital requirements, future business prospects, debt covenant compliance considerations, changes in income tax laws, and any other factors that our Board of Directors deems relevant. Any determination to pay cash dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

#### Debt facilities

On February 23, 2015, we entered into a five year \$150,000 syndicated credit facility which amended and replaced our previous syndicated credit facility. On December 18, 2015, we amended the 2015 syndicated credit facility and reduced total borrowing capacity to \$75,000. We also maintain a line of credit with a German bank for certain DynaEnergetics operations. This line of credit provides a borrowing capacity of 4,000 Euros.

As of December 31, 2015, U.S. dollar revolving loans of \$27,500 were outstanding under our 2015 syndicated credit facility. While we had approximately \$47,500 of unutilized revolving credit loan capacity as of December 31, 2015 under our various credit facilities, future borrowings are subject to compliance with financial covenants that could significantly limit availability. As of December 31, 2015, our available borrowing capacity under our syndicated credit facility was approximately \$31,500.

There are two significant financial covenants under our credit facility, the leverage ratio and debt service coverage ratio requirements. The leverage ratio is defined in the credit facility as Consolidated Funded Indebtedness at the balance sheet date as compared to Consolidated EBITDA, which is defined as earnings before provisions for income taxes, interest expense, depreciation and amortization, extraordinary, non-recurring charges and other non-cash charges, for the previous twelve months. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, Consolidated EBITDA approximated the Adjusted EBITDA that we reported for the respective periods. The maximum leverage ratio

permitted by our credit facility is 3.75 to 1.0. The actual leverage ratio as of December 31, 2015 was 1.83 to 1.0.

The debt service coverage ratio, as defined in the credit facility, means, for any period, the ratio of Consolidated EBITDA less the sum of cash dividends, cash income taxes and capital expenditures to Debt Service Charges. Consolidated EBITDA is defined above and Debt Service Charges equals the sum of cash interest expense and scheduled principal payments of Consolidated Funded Indebtedness. Under our credit facility, the minimum debt service coverage ratio permitted by our credit facility is 1.35 to 1.0. The actual debt service coverage ratio for the trailing twelve months ended December 31, 2015 was 7.77 to 1.0.

Our existing credit facilities include various covenants and restrictions, certain of which relate to the payment of dividends or other distributions to stockholders, redemption of capital stock, incurrence of additional indebtedness, mortgaging, pledging or disposition of major assets, and maintenance of specified financial ratios. As of December 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all financial covenants and other provisions of our credit facilities.

### Other contractual obligations and commitments

The table below presents principal cash flows by expected maturity dates for our debt obligations and other contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2015:

	Payment Due by Period						
	As of December 31, 2015						
	Less than		More than				
Other Contractual Obligations	1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5 Years	Total		
Operating lease obligations (1)	1,511	2,105	1,186	487	5,289		
License agreements obligations (2)	398	796	_	_	1,194		
Purchase obligations (3)	16,395	_	_	_	16,395		
Total	\$18,304	\$2,901	\$1,186	\$487	\$22,878		

- (1) The operating lease obligations presented reflect future minimum lease payments due under non-cancelable portions of our leases as of December 31, 2015. Our operating lease obligations are described in Note 7 "Commitments and Contingencies" of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (2) The license agreements obligations presented reflect future minimum payments due under non-cancelable portions of our agreements as of December 31, 2015. Our license agreements obligations are described in Note 7 "Commitments and Contingencies" of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (3) Amounts represent commitments to purchase goods or services to be utilized in the normal course of business. These amounts are not reflected in accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

As of December 31, 2015, we have \$27,500 of outstanding borrowings under our U.S. dollar revolving line of credit at then current interest rates of 2.43%. For more information about our debt obligations, see Note 3 " Debt" to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Cash flows from operating activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,618 in 2015, which was entirely made up of net cash flows provided by continuing operations. This compares to net cash provided by operating activities of \$23,313 for 2014 which consisted of net cash flows provided by continuing operations of \$23,074 and net cash flows provided by discontinued operations of \$239. The year-over-year decline of cash flow from continuing operations of \$21,456 was driven by a decline in net income of \$26,538, combined with a \$7,364 increase in net working capital. We experienced unfavorable net working capital changes of \$9,442 in 2015 compared to \$2,078 in 2014. Unfavorable changes in our 2015 net working capital included increases of \$2,394 and \$3,570 in accounts receivable and prepaid expenses, respectively, and decreases of \$4,765 and \$857 in accrued expenses and other liabilities, primarily driven by ash payments related to restructuring programs, and customer advances, repectively. The unfavorable working capital changes partially were offset by a decrease in inventory of \$1,386 and an increase in accounts payable of \$758.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$23,313 in 2014 which consisted of net cash flows provided by continuing operations of \$23,074 and net cash flows provided by discontinued operations of \$239. This compares to net cash provided by operating activities of \$32,016 for 2013 which consisted of net cash flows provided by

continuing operations of \$30,239 and net cash flows provided by discontinued operations of \$1,777. The year-over-year decline of continuing operations operating cash flow of \$7,165 was driven by a \$9,883 increase in net working capital. We experienced unfavorable net working capital changes of \$2,078 in 2014 compared to favorable changes in net working capital of \$8,110 in 2013. Favorable changes in our 2014 net working capital included increases in customer advances and accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$2,782 and \$3,267, respectively, which were outweighed by increases of \$3,459, \$3,004 and \$427 in inventory, prepaid expenses and accounts receivable, respectively, and a decrease in accounts payable of \$932. The increases in net working capital were driven by higher sales in DynaEnergetics, timing of accounts payable and prepayment for raw materials with long lead times but favorable pricing.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$32,016 in 2013 which consisted of net cash flows provided by continuing operations of \$30,239 and net cash flows provided by discontinued operations of \$1,777. Net cash flows provided by continuing operations increased by \$10,775 over 2012, reflecting a \$4,224 decrease in net income that was offset by favorable changes in net working capital of \$13,803 and favorable changes in non-cash adjustments aggregating \$1,196. We experienced net favorable changes in net working capital of \$8,110 in 2013 compared to unfavorable changes in net working capital of \$5,693 in 2012. Favorable changes in our 2013 net working capital included a decrease in inventories \$6,750 and increases of \$2,228 and \$1,588 in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other liabilities, respectively. These favorable changes were partly offset by an increase in accounts receivable of \$2,185 and decrease of \$360 in customer advances. The large decrease in inventories reflects our focused efforts during 2013 to reduce overall inventory levels in our DynaEnergetics business, particularly within the North American distribution system. All other changes in working capital relate to typical fluctuations in our business flow and the related timing of cash payments and receipts.

### Cash flows from investing activities

Net cash flows used in investing activities in 2015 totaled \$5,326 and primarily consisted of capital expenditures of \$1,376 for NobelClad and \$3,668 for DynaEnergetics for property, plant, and equipment.

Net cash flows used in investing activities in 2014 totaled \$13,383 which consisted of cash flows used in investing activities of continuing operations of \$13,263 and \$120 of net cash flows used in investing activities of discontinued operations. Net cash flows used in investing activities of continuing operations consisted of capital expenditures of \$21,403 which includes \$13,140 for the purchase of the new German facility and \$4,782 for our greenfield investment in Russia to expand capacity in DynaEnergetics and net proceeds of \$6,830 on the sale of AMK.

Net cash flows used in investing activities in 2013 totaled \$18,240 which consisted of net cash flows used in investing activities of continuing operations of \$16,892 and \$1,348 of net cash flows used in investing activities of discontinued operations. Net cash flows of investing activities of continuing operations consisted almost entirely of capital expenditures. Our capital expenditures included \$9,159 for our greenfield projects in Russia and North America.

### Cash flows from financing activities

Net cash flows provided by financing activities for 2015 totaled \$1,788, which included net borrowings on bank lines of credit of \$5,003, payment of quarterly dividends of \$2,260 and payment of deferred debt issuance costs of \$1,222

Net cash flows used in financing activities for 2014 totaled \$7,854, which included net repayments on bank lines of credit of \$6,069 and payment of quarterly dividends of \$2,226.

Net cash flows used in financing activities for 2013 totaled \$11,587, which included net repayments on bank lines of credit of \$9,592 and payment of quarterly dividends of \$2,187.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our historical consolidated financial statements and notes to our historical consolidated financial statements contain information that is pertinent to our management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations. Preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires that our management make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. However, the accounting principles used by us generally do not change our reported cash flows or liquidity. Existing rules must be interpreted and judgments made on how the specifics of a given rule apply to us.

In management's opinion, the more significant reporting areas impacted by management's judgments and estimates are revenue recognition, asset impairments, goodwill and other intangible assets, and income taxes. Management's judgments and estimates in these areas are based on information available from both internal and external sources, and actual results could differ from the estimates, as additional information becomes known. We believe the following to be our most critical accounting policies.

### Revenue recognition

Sales of clad metal products are generally based upon customer specifications set forth in customer purchase orders and require us to provide certifications relative to metals used, services performed and the results of any non-destructive testing that the customer has requested be performed. All issues of conformity of the product to specifications are resolved before the product is shipped and billed. Products related to the DynaEnergetics segment, which include detonating cords, detonators, bi-directional boosters and shaped charges, as well as, seismic related explosives and accessories, are standard in nature. In all cases, revenue is recognized only when all four of the following criteria have been satisfied: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; the price is fixed or determinable; delivery has occurred; and collection is reasonably assured. Revenue from sales of consigned inventory is recognized upon the use of the product by the consignee or according to the terms of the contract.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower-of-cost (first-in, first-out) or market value. Cost elements included in inventory are material, labor, subcontract costs, and manufacturing overhead. As necessary, we record provisions and maintain reserves for excess, slow moving and obsolete inventory. To determine reserve amounts, we regularly review inventory quantities on hand and values, and compare them to estimates of future product demand, market conditions, production requirements and technological developments.

### Asset impairments

Finite-lived assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. We compare the expected undiscounted future operating cash flows associated with these finite-lived assets to their respective carrying values to determine if they are fully recoverable when indicators of impairment are present. If the expected future operating cash flows of an asset are not sufficient to recover the carrying value, we estimate the fair value of the asset. Impairment is recognized when the carrying amount of the asset is not recoverable and when carrying value exceeds fair value. Long-lived assets to be disposed of, if any, are reported at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell.

In association with the 2015 goodwill impairment testing, we tested finite-lived assets for impairment, and found that the carrying amounts of assets at the lowest level of identifiable cash flows, in this case our reporting units, are fully recoverable.

#### **Business Combinations**

We account for our business acquisitions using the purchase method of accounting. We allocate the total cost of the acquisition to the underlying net assets based on their respective estimated fair values. As part of this allocation process, we identify and attribute values and estimated lives to the intangible assets acquired. These determinations involve significant estimates and assumptions regarding multiple, highly subjective variables, including those with respect to future cash flows, discount rates, asset lives, and the use of different valuation models and therefore require considerable judgment. Our estimates and assumptions are based, in part, on the availability of listed market prices or other transparent market data. These determinations affect the amount of amortization expense recognized in future periods. We base our fair value estimates on assumptions we believe to be reasonable but are inherently uncertain.

#### Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price in a business combination over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired. The carrying value of goodwill is periodically reviewed for impairment (at a minimum annually) and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be

recoverable. Examples of such events or changes in circumstances, many of which are subjective in nature, include significant negative industry or economic trends, significant changes in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or our strategy, a significant decrease in the market value of the asset, and a significant change in legal factors or in the business climate that could affect the value of the asset.

Our reporting units for goodwill impairment testing are currently the same as our reportable business segments: NobelClad and DynaEnergetics. Each business segment represents separately managed strategic business units and our chief operating decision maker reviews financial results and evaluates operating performance at this level.

Goodwill impairment testing is performed annually as of December 31 for our NobelClad and DynaEnergetics reporting units. We utilize an income approach (discounted cash flow analysis) to determine the fair value of each reporting unit. We believe the discounted cash flow approach is the most reliable indicator of fair value for our reporting units. The key assumptions used in the discounted cash flows for both reporting units include, among other measures, expected future sales, operating income,

working capital and capital expenditures. Discount rates are determined using a peer-based, risk-adjusted weighted average cost of capital. Our approach also includes reviewing for reasonableness the total market capitalization of the Company as of December 31 to the sum of the discounted cash flows for the combined reporting units. During the fourth quarter of 2015, we observed a decrease in the market capitalization of the Company, thereby providing a potential indicator of impairment, which coincided with our 2015 annual goodwill impairment tests. As a result of our impairment testing, we found that the fair value of the DynaEnergetics reporting unit was less than its carrying value by approximately 16% due primarily to the sustained decline in global oil prices, expected reduction in exploration and production activities of certain of our customers, and the impact these factors have on our expected future cash flows. We valued the assets of DynaEnergetics and, based on the results of that valuation, recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$11,464, representing the entire goodwill balance as of December 31, 2015. The NobelClad reporting unit, which has approximately \$17,190 of goodwill as of December 31, 2015, had a fair value that exceeded carrying value by approximately 19%. No impairment of goodwill was identified in connection with our 2014 or 2013 annual goodwill impairment tests.

A future impairment is possible and could occur if (i) operating results underperform what we have estimated or (ii) additional volatility of the capital markets or other factors negatively impact our expectations of future results and or cause us to raise the discount rate percentage utilized in our discounted cash flow analysis. While we believe our most recent estimates were appropriate based on our view of then current business trends, no assurance can be provided that impairment charges will not be required in the future.

#### Income taxes

We recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future income tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities. Any effects of changes in income tax rates or tax laws are included in the provision for income taxes in the period of enactment. The deferred income tax impact of tax credits are recognized as an immediate adjustment to income tax expense. We recognize deferred tax assets for the expected future effects of all deductible temporary differences to the extent we believe these assets will more likely than not be realized. We record a valuation allowance when, based on current circumstances, it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In making such determination, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income, tax planning strategies, recent financial operations and their associated valuation allowances, if any.

We recognize the tax benefits from uncertain tax positions only when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits of the position; the tax position will be sustained upon examination, including the resolution of any related appeals or litigation. The tax benefits recognized in the consolidated financial statements from such a position are measured as the largest benefit that is more likely than not of being realized upon ultimate resolution. We recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in operating expense.

### Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no obligations, assets or liabilities other than those appearing or disclosed in our financial statements forming part of this annual report or as disclosed in the contractual obligation table above; no trading activities involving non-exchange traded contracts accounted for at fair value; and no relationships and transactions with persons or entities that derive benefits from their non-independent relationship with us or our related parties.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Please refer to Note 2 "Significant Accounting Policies" to our Consolidated Financial Statements in this annual report for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements and their anticipated effect on our business.

### ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

Our interest rate risk management policies are designed to reduce the potential earnings volatility that could arise from changes in interest rates. Periodically, we use interest rate swaps to stabilize funding costs by managing the exposure created by the differing maturities and interest rate structures of our assets and liabilities. See Note 2 "Significant Accounting Policies" to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on interest rate risk management.

Foreign Currency Risk

Our consolidated financial statements are expressed in U.S. dollars, but a portion of our business is conducted in currencies other than U.S. dollars. Changes in the exchange rates for such currencies into U.S. dollars can affect our revenues, earnings, and the carrying value of our assets and liabilities in our consolidated balance sheet, either positively or negatively. Sales made in currencies other than U.S. dollars accounted for 23%, 32%, and 36%, of total sales for the years ended 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. As a result of foreign currency risk, we may experience economic loss and a negative impact on earnings and equity with respect to our holdings solely as a result of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Our primary exposure to foreign currency risk is the Euro due to the percentage of our U.S. dollar revenue that is derived from countries where the Euro is the functional currency and the Russian Ruble due to our greenfield investment in Tyumen, Siberia.

# ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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The consolidated financial statement schedules required by Regulation S-X are filed under Item 15 "Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules".

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Dynamic Materials Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Dynamic Materials Corporation (the "Company") as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015. Our audits also included the financial statement schedules listed in the Index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Dynamic Materials Corporation at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has adopted ASU 2015-17 Income Taxes (Topic 740): Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Dynamic Materials Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated March 10, 2016 expressed an adverse opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Denver, Colorado March 10, 2016

### DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

(Amounts in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

	2015	2014	
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,291	\$9,400	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$974 and \$542, respectively	35,798	35,501	
Inventory, net	35,449	40,101	
Prepaid expenses and other	8,916	6,123	
Current deferred tax assets		3,971	
Total current assets	86,454	95,096	
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	106,523	109,733	
Less - accumulated depreciation	(48,524	) (45,898	)
Property, plant and equipment, net	57,999	63,835	
GOODWILL, net	17,190	32,762	
PURCHASED INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net	20,418	26,734	
DEFERRED TAX ASSETS	_	587	
OTHER ASSETS, net	805	315	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$182,866	\$219,329	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

### DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

(Amounts in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

LIADH ITHE AND CTOCKHOLDEDG! FOLHTY	2015	2014
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$14,624	\$14,076
Accrued expenses	3,972	5,638
Accrued anti-dumping duties	6,374	_
Dividend payable	284	559
Accrued income taxes	2,783	3,770
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	2,465	4,582
Customer advances	2,396	3,510
Current deferred tax liabilities	_	373
Total current liabilities	32,898	32,508
LINES OF CREDIT	27,500	22,782
DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES	2,119	7,003
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	1,928	2,121
Total liabilities	64,445	64,414
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (See Note 7)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, \$0.05 par value; 4,000,000 shares authorized; no issued and		
outstanding shares		
Common stock, \$0.05 par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized; 14,212,115 and 13,997,076 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	711	700
Additional paid-in capital	70,408	67,088
Retained earnings	87,767	113,723
Other cumulative comprehensive loss	•	) (26,596
Oliter camalative comprehensive ross	(10,102	) (20,5)0
Total stockholders' equity	118,421	154,915
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$182,866	\$219,329

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

# DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013 (Amounts in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

NET SALES COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD Gross profit COSTS AND EXPENSES:	2015 \$166,918 131,294 35,624	2014 \$202,561 141,142 61,419	2013 \$202,060 143,926 58,134
General and administrative expenses Selling and distribution expenses Amortization of purchased intangible assets Restructuring expenses	20,998 18,745 4,033 4,063	23,766 18,104 6,103 6,781	24,672 16,136 6,348
Goodwill impairment charge Total costs and expenses INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):	11,464 59,303 (23,679	54,754 ) 6,665	— 47,156 10,978
Other income (expense), net Interest expense Interest income INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES, DISCONTINUED	(1,745 4	) (313 ) (551 38	) (528 ) ) (648 ) 7
OPERATIONS AND NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST INCOME TAX PROVISION (BENEFIT) INCOME (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS:	(2,118	) 5,839 ) 3,913 ) 1,926	9,809 3,736 6,073
Income (loss) from operations of discontinued operations, net of tax Gain on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax Income from discontinued operations NET INCOME (LOSS)	_	(77 718 641 ) 2,567	478 — 478 6,551
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION	_	) \$2,567	92 \$6,459
INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE - BASIC: Continuing operations Discontinued operations Net income	\$—	) \$0.13 \$0.05 ) \$0.18	\$0.44 \$0.03 \$0.47
INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE - DILUTED: Continuing operations Discontinued operations Net income	\$	) \$0.13 \$0.05 ) \$0.18	\$0.44 \$0.03 \$0.47
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING: Basic Diluted	13,935,097 13,935,097	13,687,485 13,689,707	13,533,566 13,537,525
DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	\$0.14	\$0.16	\$0.16

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

### DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013 (Amounts in Thousands)

Net income (loss) including non-controlling interest	2015 \$(23,971	2014 ) \$2,567	2013 \$6,551
Change in cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment	(13,869	) (22,612	) 2,619
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(37,840	) (20,045	) 9,170
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interest	_	_	96
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Dynamic Materials Corporation	\$(37,840	) \$(20,045	) \$9,074

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

### DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013 (Amounts in Thousands, Except Share Data)

### Dynamic Materials Corporation Stockholders

	Bynamic Materials Corporation Stockholders								
					Other				
			Additional		Cumulative		Non-		
	Common St		Paid-In	Retained	Comprehen	ısiv	v <b>C</b> ontrolli	ng	
	Shares	Amoun	tCapital	Earnings	Loss		Interest	Total	
Balances, December 31, 2012	13,519,555	\$676	\$60,158	\$109,128	\$ (6,599	)	\$ 84	\$163,44	7
Net income	_	_	_	6,459	_		92	6,551	
Change in cumulative foreign					0.615		4	2 (10	
currency translation adjustment	_			<del></del>	2,615		4	2,619	
Shares issued in connection with	252.760	10	202					205	
stock compensation plans	252,769	13	282				_	295	
Tax impact of stock-based			(0.07					(0.0 <b>5</b>	,
compensation		_	(907)				_	(907	)
Stock-based compensation			3,401					3,401	
Dividends declared				(2,197)				(2,197	)
Purchasing remaining ownership in				( ) /				•	
subsidiary	_		_		_		(180)	(180	)
Balances, December 31, 2013	13,772,324	\$ 689	\$62,934	\$113,390	\$ (3,984	)	\$ <i>—</i>	\$173,029	9
Net income	_	<del></del>	_	2,567	—	,	_	2,567	
Change in cumulative foreign				_,00.					
currency translation adjustment			_		(22,612	)		(22,612	)
Shares issued in connection with									
stock compensation plans	224,752	11	348					359	
Tax impact of stock-based									
compensation			106		_			106	
Stock-based compensation			3,700					3,700	
Dividends declared			<i>5,700</i>	(2,234)				-	)
Balances, December 31, 2014	13,997,076	\$ 700	\$67,088	\$113,723	\$ (26,596	)	\$ <i>-</i>	\$154,913	-
Net (loss)		Ψ 700 —	Ψ 07,000 —	(23,971)	ψ (20,5)0 —	,	Ψ—		)
Change in cumulative foreign				(23,771 )				(23,771	,
currency translation adjustment					(13,869	)		(13,869	)
Shares issued in connection with									
	215,039	11	261		_		_	272	
stock compensation plans									
Tax impact of stock-based	_		(303)					(303	)
compensation			2.262					2.262	
Stock-based compensation		_	3,362	(1.005	_		_	3,362	`
Dividends declared		— 0.711	— Ф. <b>7</b> 0, 400	(1,985)	—	,	Φ	(1,985	)
Balances, December 31, 2015	14,212,115	\$711	\$70,408	\$87,767	\$ (40,465	)	\$ <i>—</i>	\$118,42	1

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

### DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013 (Amounts in Thousands)

	2015	2014	2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income (loss)	\$(23,971	) \$2,567	\$6,551
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by			
operating activities:			
Loss (income) from discontinued operations, net of tax	_	77	(478)
Gain on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax		(718	) —
Depreciation (including capital lease amortization)	6,244	7,051	5,920
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	4,033	6,103	6,348
Amortization and write-off of deferred debt issuance costs	752	102	102
Stock-based compensation	2,826	3,588	3,401
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	_	(156	) —
Deferred income tax benefit	(725	) (255	) (521
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(23	) 12	50
Restructuring and asset impairment expenses	4,063	6,781	756
Goodwill impairment charge	11,464	_	_
Accrued anti-dumping duties	6,374	_	_
Other	23	_	_
Change in:			
Accounts receivable, net	(2,394	) (427	) (2,185
Inventory, net	1,386	(3,459	) 6,750
Prepaid expenses and other	(3,570	) (3,004	) 89
Accounts payable	758	(932	) 2,228
Customer advances	(857	) 2,782	(360)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(4,765	) 2,962	1,588
Net cash flows provided by continuing operations	1,618	23,074	30,239
Net cash flows provided by discontinued operations	_	239	1,777
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,618	23,313	32,016
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(5,433	) (21,403	) (16,223
Net proceeds on sale of AMK Technical Services	_	6,830	_
Acquisition of minority interest	_	_	(180)
Change in other non-current assets	107	1,310	(489)
Net cash flows used in continuing operations	(5,326	) (13,263	) (16,892 )
Net cash flows used in discontinued operations	_	(120	) (1,348
Net cash used in investing activities	(5,326	) (13,383	) (18,240 )

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### DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014 AND 2013 (Amounts in Thousands)

	2015	2014	2013
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Borrowings (repayments) on bank lines of credit, net Payment on loans with former owners of LRI Payment on capital lease obligations Payment of dividends Payment of deferred debt issuance costs Net proceeds from issuance of common stock to employees and directors Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	5,003 — (5 (2,260 (1,222 272	(6,069 (50 ) (24 ) (2,226 ) — 359 156	) (9,592 ) ) (63 ) ) (40 ) ) (2,187 ) — 295
Other	_	—	_
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,788	(7,854	) (11,587 )
EFFECTS OF EXCHANGE RATES ON CASH	(1,189	) (3,274	) 191
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(3,109	) (1,198	) 2,380
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of the period	9,400	10,598	8,218
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of the period	\$6,291	\$9,400	\$10,598
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Cash paid during the period for - Interest Income taxes, net	\$624 \$2,491	\$514 \$3,586	\$631 \$1,938
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DYNAMIC MATERIALS CORPORATION NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015 (Amounts in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

### 1. ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS

Dynamic Materials Corporation ("DMC") was incorporated in the state of Colorado in 1971 and reincorporated in the state of Delaware in 1997. DMC is headquartered in Boulder, Colorado and has manufacturing facilities in the United States, Germany, France, and Russia. Customers are located throughout the world. DMC currently operates two business segments: NobelClad and DynaEnergetics. NobelClad metallurgically joins or alters metals by using explosives. DynaEnergetics, which previously was included in the Oilfield Products segment with AMK Technical Services, manufactures, markets, and sells oilfield perforating equipment and explosives.

#### 2014 sale of AMK Technical Services

On October 1, 2014, DMC completed the sale of its AMK Technical Services ("AMK") business. The operating results of AMK have been classified as discontinued operations in all periods presented. See Note 9 "Discontinued Operations" for additional disclosures regarding this sale.

### Restructuring

In the fourth quarter of 2014 and throughout 2015, we restructured operations within NobelClad and DynaEnergetics as well as eliminating positions within our corporate office. See Note 10 "Restructuring" for additional disclosures regarding these restructuring plans.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of DMC and its controlled subsidiaries. Only subsidiaries in which controlling interests are maintained are consolidated. All significant intercompany accounts, profits, and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

### Foreign Operations and Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

The functional currency for our foreign operations is the applicable local currency for each affiliate company. Assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries for which the functional currency is the local currency are translated at exchange rates in effect at period-end, and the statements of operations are translated at the average exchange rates during the period. Exchange rate fluctuations on translating foreign currency financial statements into U.S. dollars that result in unrealized gains or losses are referred to as translation adjustments. Cumulative translation adjustments are recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity and are included in other cumulative comprehensive income (loss). Transactions denominated in currencies other than the local currency are recorded based on exchange rates at the time

such transactions arise. Subsequent changes in exchange rates result in transaction gains and losses, which are reflected in other income (expense) as unrealized (based on period-end translations) or realized upon settlement of the transactions. Cash flows from our operations in foreign countries are translated at actual exchange rates when known, or at the average rate for the period. As a result, amounts related to assets and liabilities reported in the consolidated statements of cash flows will not agree to changes in the corresponding balances in the consolidated balance sheets. The effects of exchange rate changes on cash balances held in foreign currencies are reported as a separate line item below cash flows from financing activities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the consolidated financial statements, we consider highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Accounts Receivable

We review our accounts receivable balance routinely to identify any specific customers with collectability issues. In circumstances where we are aware of a specific customer's inability to meets its financial obligation to us, we record a specific allowance for doubtful accounts (with the offsetting expense charged to our statement of operations) against the amounts due reducing the net recognized receivable to the amount we estimate will be collected.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower-of-cost (first-in, first-out) or market value. Cost elements included in inventory are material, labor, subcontract costs, and manufacturing overhead. As necessary, we record provisions and maintain reserves for excess, slow moving and obsolete inventory. To determine reserve amounts, we regularly review inventory quantities on hand and values, and compare them to estimates of future product demand, market conditions, production requirements and technological developments.

In 2013 we changed our inventory management philosophy in order to reduce our investment in inventory. In connection with this, we identified certain slow-moving and obsolete inventories and therefore revised our assumptions for calculating estimated inventory reserves, resulting in a change in estimate which was primarily driven by specific quantitative analysis whereby inventory items which have not had movement for a certain duration are reserved against after a prescribed period. We determined that our December 31, 2013 inventory reserves for our DynaEnergetics business segment should be increased to adequately provide for estimated requirements and recorded corresponding expense in cost of products sold in our 2013 consolidated statement of operations.

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, we increased our inventory reserves and recognized expenses in cost of products sold in our consolidated statement of operations as follows: