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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 0-23702

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-3588231

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

52-16 Barnett Avenue, Long Island City, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

11104

(Zip Code)

(718) 446-1800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (do not check if smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

As of August 2, 2016, the latest practicable date, there were 61,269,154 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.0001 par value, outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands)

	June 30, 2016	December 31, 2015	June 30, 2015
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,271	\$ 72,414	\$ 68,994
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$2,107, \$2,306 and \$1,819	27,820	43,173	17,957
Factor accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$14,249, \$21,756 and \$20,643	188,744	155,211	200,921
Inventories	116,369	102,080	112,434
Marketable securities – available for sale	32,546	32,424	31,210
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	25,019	20,641	21,720
Prepaid taxes	14,997	17,484	6,485
Deferred taxes	14,312	14,392	14,071
Total current assets	496,078	457,819	473,792
Notes receivable	1,239	1,158	1,299
Note receivable – related party	2,817	2,990	3,159
Property and equipment, net	73,485	72,010	70,036
Deposits and other	4,955	5,088	5,661
Marketable securities – available for sale	90,144	88,465	89,429
Goodwill – net	137,222	137,097	143,571
Intangibles – net	148,965	149,758	151,694
Total Assets	\$ 954,905	\$ 914,385	\$ 938,641
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 101,473	\$ 79,790	\$ 105,431
Accrued expenses	76,147	72,105	89,804
Contingent payment liability – current portion	20,012	16,763	17,934
Accrued incentive compensation	3,052	6,141	3,057
Total current liabilities	200,684	174,799	216,226
Contingent payment liability	—	8,012	17,607
Deferred rent	12,949	12,013	11,876
Deferred taxes	39,986	39,410	18,498
Other liabilities	508	1,488	1,630
Total Liabilities	254,127	235,722	265,837
Commitments, contingencies and other			
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Preferred stock – \$.0001 par value, 5,000 shares authorized; none issued; Series A Junior Participating preferred stock – \$.0001 par value, 60 shares authorized; none issued	—	—	—
Common stock – \$.0001 par value, 135,000 shares authorized, 86,021, 85,263 and 85,007 shares issued, 61,267, 61,693 and 63,160 shares outstanding	6	6	6
Additional paid-in capital	338,989	325,548	312,798
Retained earnings	941,473	896,842	828,231
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(26,382)	(31,413)	(17,568)
Treasury stock – 24,754, 23,570, and 21,847 shares at cost	(553,649)	(512,579)	(451,098)
Total Steven Madden, Ltd. stockholders' equity	700,437	678,404	672,369
Noncontrolling interest	341	259	435
Total stockholders' equity	700,778	678,663	672,804
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 954,905	\$ 914,385	\$ 938,641

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements - unaudited.

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net sales	\$ 325,402	\$ 323,582	\$ 654,759	\$ 647,527
Cost of sales	204,357	207,436	417,512	420,003
Gross profit	121,045	116,146	237,247	227,524
Commission and licensing fee income – net	2,826	3,127	4,997	7,045
Operating expenses	(87,981)	(82,456)	(176,474)	(164,860)
Impairment charge	—	—	—	(3,045)
Income from operations	35,890	36,817	65,770	66,664
Interest and other income – net	546	670	370	1,166
Income before provision for income taxes	36,436	37,487	66,140	67,830
Provision for income taxes	11,659	12,723	21,164	23,131
Net income	24,777	24,764	44,976	44,699
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	105	261	342	372
Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd.	\$ 24,672	\$ 24,503	\$ 44,634	\$ 44,327
Basic net income per share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.75
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.72
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	57,430	59,302	57,572	59,453
Effect of dilutive securities – options/restricted stock	1,744	2,115	1,902	2,294
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	59,174	61,417	59,474	61,747

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements - unaudited.

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(unaudited)
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2016			Six Months Ended June 30, 2016		
	Pre-tax amounts	Tax benefit/(expense)	After-tax amounts	Pre-tax amounts	Tax benefit/(expense)	After-tax amounts
Net income			\$ 24,777			\$ 44,976
Other comprehensive income (loss):						
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ (1,890)	\$ —	(1,890)	\$ 3,263	\$ —	3,263
Gain or (loss) on cash flow hedging derivatives	(422)	154	(268)	241	(88)	153
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	789	(288)	501	2,543	(928)	1,615
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (1,523)	\$ (134)	(1,657)	\$ 6,047	\$ (1,016)	5,031
Comprehensive income			23,120			50,007
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests			105			342
Comprehensive income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd.			\$ 23,015			\$ 49,665

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2015			Six Months Ended June 30, 2015		
	Pre-tax amounts	Tax benefit/(expense)	After-tax amounts	Pre-tax amounts	Tax benefit/(expense)	After-tax amounts
Net income			\$ 24,764			\$ 44,699
Other comprehensive income (loss):						
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ 1,489	\$ —	1,489	\$ (4,495)	\$ —	(4,495)
Gain or (loss) on cash flow hedging derivatives	140	(51)	89	(540)	197	(343)
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	(811)	296	(515)	31	(11)	20
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 818	\$ 245	1,063	\$ (5,004)	\$ 186	(4,818)
Comprehensive income			25,827			39,881
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests			261			372
Comprehensive income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd.			\$ 25,566			\$ 39,509

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements - unaudited.

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(unaudited)
(in thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 44,976	\$ 44,699
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Stock-based compensation	9,636	9,082
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation	(3,762)	(8,974)
Depreciation and amortization	10,675	9,265
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	—	661
Impairment charges	—	3,045
Deferred taxes	(896)	(6,664)
Accrued interest on note receivable - related party	(32)	(35)
Deferred rent expense	936	303
Realized loss (gain) on sale of marketable securities	779	(96)
Changes in fair value on contingent liability	1,518	(142)
Changes, net of acquisitions, in:		
Accounts receivable	15,353	(7,406)
Factor accounts receivable	(33,533)	(16,878)
Notes receivable - related party	205	204
Inventories	(14,289)	(19,256)
Prepaid expenses, prepaid taxes, deposits and other	1,741	11,183
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	25,725	34,504
Accrued incentive compensation	(3,089)	(2,616)
Other liabilities	(980)	2,904
Net cash provided by operating activities	54,963	53,783
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(8,402)	(8,452)
Purchases of marketable securities	(13,210)	(27,093)
Repayment of notes receivable	—	240
Maturity/sale of marketable securities	14,052	26,224
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(3,665)	(8,729)
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,225)	(17,810)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,708	19,703
Tax benefit from the exercise of options	3,762	8,974
Payment of contingent liability	(6,281)	(2,950)
Common stock purchased for treasury	(41,070)	(74,156)
Net cash used in financing activities	(39,881)	(48,429)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,857	(12,456)
Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period	72,414	81,450
Cash and cash equivalents – end of period	\$ 76,271	\$ 68,994

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements - unaudited.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements – Unaudited
June 30, 2016
(\$ in thousands except share and per share data)

Note A – Basis of Reporting

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Steven Madden, Ltd. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, such statements include all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring items) which are considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position of the Company and the results of its operations and cash flows for the periods presented. Certain adjustments were made to prior years’ amounts to conform to the 2016 presentation. The results of operations for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related disclosures for the year ended December 31, 2015 included in the Annual Report of Steven Madden, Ltd. on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 26, 2016.

Note B – Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant areas involving management estimates include allowances for bad debts, returns and customer chargebacks, inventory valuation, valuation of intangible assets, litigation reserves and contingent payment liabilities. The Company provides reserves on trade accounts receivables and factor receivables for future customer chargebacks and markdown allowances, discounts, returns and other miscellaneous compliance-related deductions that relate to the current period sales. The Company evaluates anticipated chargebacks by reviewing several performance indicators of its major customers. These performance indicators, which include retailers’ inventory levels, sell-through rates and gross margin levels, are analyzed by management to estimate the amount of the anticipated customer allowance.

Note C – Factor Receivable

The Company has a collection agency agreement with Rosenthal & Rosenthal, Inc. (“Rosenthal”). The agreement can be terminated by the Company or Rosenthal at any time upon 60 days prior written notice. Under the agreement, the Company can request advances from Rosenthal of up to 85% of aggregate receivables submitted to Rosenthal. The agreement provides the Company with a \$30,000 credit facility with a \$15,000 sub-limit for letters of credit at an interest rate based, at the Company’s election, upon a calculation that utilizes either the prime rate minus 0.5% or LIBOR plus 2.5%. As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, no borrowings were outstanding. Further as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, there were open letters of credit of \$656 and \$783, respectively. The Company also pays Rosenthal a fee based on a percentage of the gross invoice amount submitted to Rosenthal. With respect to receivables related to our private label business, the fee is 0.14% of the gross invoice amount. With respect to all other receivables, the fee is 0.20% of the gross invoice amount. Rosenthal assumes the credit risk on a substantial portion of the receivables that the Company submits to it and, to the extent of any loans made to the Company, Rosenthal maintains a lien on the Company’s receivables to secure the Company’s obligations.

Note D – Notes Receivable

As of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, Notes Receivable were comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Note receivable from seller of SM Canada	\$ 1,239	\$ 1,158

In connection with the Company's February 21, 2012 acquisition of all of the assets comprising the footwear, handbags and accessories wholesale and retail businesses of Steve Madden Canada Inc., Steve Madden Retail Canada Inc., Pasa Agency Inc.

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Note D – Notes Receivable (continued)

and Gelati Imports Inc. (collectively, "SM Canada"), which had been the Company's sole distributor in Canada since 1994, the Company provided an interest-free loan to the seller of SM Canada in the principal amount of \$3,107 Canadian dollars (which converted to approximately \$3,085 in U.S. dollars at the time of the acquisition). The note was recorded net of the imputed interest, which is being amortized to income over the term of the note. The loan is payable in five annual installments due on dates that correspond with the five annual earn-out payment dates under the acquisition agreement (to the extent such contingent consideration is earned as a result of SM Canada's financial performance in the earn-out periods; see Note F).

Any earn-out payment not achieved with respect to an earn-out period may result in less than the entire principal amount of the loan being repaid. In such event the unpaid annual installment of the principal amount of the loan will be forgiven.

Note E – Marketable Securities

Marketable securities consist primarily of certificates of deposit and corporate bonds with maturities greater than three months and up to ten years at the time of purchase as well as marketable equity securities. These securities, which are classified as available-for-sale, are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses, net of any tax effect, reported in stockholders' equity as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). These securities are classified as current and non-current marketable securities based upon their maturities. Amortization of premiums and discounts is included in interest income. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, the amortization of bond premiums totaled \$309 and \$617 compared to \$348 and \$693 for the comparable period in 2015. The values of these securities may fluctuate as a result of changes in equity values, market interest rates and credit risk. The schedule of maturities at June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	Maturities as of June 30, 2016		Maturities as of December 31, 2015	
	1 Year or Less	1 to 10 Years	1 Year or Less	1 to 10 Years
Corporate bonds	\$ 11,373	\$ 90,144	\$ 11,240	\$ 88,465
Certificates of deposit	21,173	—	21,184	—
Total	\$ 32,546	\$ 90,144	\$ 32,424	\$ 88,465

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, losses of \$0 and \$779 were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income and recognized in the income statement in other income compared to gains of \$0 and \$96 for the comparable period in 2015. For the six month period ended June 30, 2016, current marketable securities included unrealized losses of \$616 and long-term marketable securities included unrealized gains of \$873 and unrealized losses of \$246. For the comparable period in 2015, current marketable securities included unrealized losses of \$277 while long-term marketable securities included unrealized gains of \$110 and unrealized losses of \$491.

Note F – Fair Value Measurement

The accounting guidance under Accounting Standards Codification “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” (“ASC 820-10”) requires the Company to make disclosures about the fair value of certain of its assets and liabilities. ASC 820-10 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. ASC 820-10 utilizes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. A brief description of those three levels is as follows:

- Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs.

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Note F – Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The Company's financial assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurements as of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are as follows:

		June 30, 2016		
		Fair Value Measurements		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	Fair value			
Assets:				
Cash equivalents	\$ 2,771	\$ 2,771	\$ —	\$ —
Current marketable securities – available for sale	32,546	32,546	—	—
Note receivable – related party	2,817	—	—	2,817
Note receivable from seller of SM Canada	1,239	—	—	1,239
Long-term marketable securities – available for sale	90,144	90,144	—	—
Total assets	\$ 129,517	\$ 125,461	\$ —	\$ 4,056
Liabilities:				
Forward contracts	\$ 307	\$ —	\$ 307	\$ —
Contingent consideration	20,012	—	—	20,012
Total liabilities	\$ 20,319	\$ —	\$ 307	\$ 20,012

		December 31, 2015		
		Fair Value Measurements		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	Fair value			
Assets:				
Cash equivalents	\$ 2,242	\$ 2,242	\$ —	\$ —
Current marketable securities – available for sale	32,424	32,424	—	—
Note receivable – related party	2,990	—	—	2,990
Note receivable from seller of SM Canada	1,158	—	—	1,158
Long-term marketable securities – available for sale	88,465	88,465	—	—
Total assets	\$ 127,279	\$ 123,131	\$ —	\$ 4,148
Liabilities:				
Contingent consideration	\$ 24,775	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 24,775
Total liabilities	\$ 24,775	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 24,775

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Note F – Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The majority of our level 3 balances consist of contingent consideration related to various acquisitions and certain notes receivable. The changes in our level 3 assets and liabilities for the periods ended June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	Balance at January 1,	Payments	Accrued Interest	Acquisitions	Change in estimate	Foreign Currency Translation	Balance at June 30,
2016							
Assets:							
Note receivable – related party	\$ 2,990	(205)	32				\$ 2,817
Note receivable – SM Canada	\$ 1,158					81	\$ 1,239
Liabilities:							
Contingent consideration	\$ 24,775	(6,281)			1,518		\$ 20,012
	Balance at January 1,	Payments	Accrued Interest	Acquisitions	Change in estimate	Foreign Currency Translation	Balance at December 31,
2015							
Assets:							
Note receivable – related party	\$ 3,328	(409)	71				\$ 2,990
Note receivable – SM Canada	\$ 1,878	(466)				(254)	\$ 1,158
Liabilities:							
Contingent consideration	\$ 38,633	(6,270)			(5,576)	(2,012)	\$ 24,775

Forward contracts are entered into to manage the risk associated with the volatility of future cash flows (see Note O). Fair value of these instruments is based on observable market transactions of spot and forward rates.

For the note receivable due from related party (see Note I) and due from the sellers of SM Canada (see Note D), the carrying value was determined to be the fair value, based upon their actual and imputed interest rates, which approximate current market interest rates.

The Company has recorded a liability for potential contingent consideration in connection with the December 30, 2014 acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of Trendy Imports S.A. de C.V., Comercial Diecisiete S.A. de C.V. and Maximus Designer Shoes S.A. de C.V. (together, "SM Mexico"). Pursuant to the terms of an earn-out agreement between the Company and the seller of SM Mexico, earn-out payments, if achieved, are due annually to the seller of SM Mexico based on the financial performance of SM Mexico for each of the twelve-month periods ending on December 31, 2015 and 2016, inclusive. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management's projections of the financial results of SM Mexico during the earn-out period. The current portion of the earn-out due, based on the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2015, approximates the recorded value. An earn-out payment of \$3,483 for the period ended December 31, 2015 was paid to the seller of SM Mexico in the first quarter of this year.

The Company has recorded a liability for potential contingent consideration in connection with the August 13, 2014 acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of Dolce Vita Holdings, Inc. ("Dolce Vita"). Pursuant to the terms of an earn-out agreement between the Company and the seller of Dolce Vita, earn-out payments are due annually to the seller of Dolce Vita based on the financial performance of Dolce Vita for each of the twelve-month periods ending on September 30, 2015 and 2016, inclusive, provided that the aggregate minimum earn-out payment shall be no less than \$5,000. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management's projections of the financial results of Dolce Vita during the earn-out period.

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Note F – Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The Company has recorded a liability for potential contingent consideration in connection with the February 21, 2012 acquisition of SM Canada. Pursuant to the terms of an earn-out agreement between the Company and the seller of SM Canada, earn-out payments, if achieved, are due annually to the seller of SM Canada based on the financial performance of SM Canada for each of the 12-month periods ending on March 31, 2013 through 2017, inclusive. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management's projections of the financial results of SM Canada during the earn-out period. An earn-out payment of \$2,798 for the period ended March 31, 2016 was paid to the seller of SM Canada in the second quarter of this year.

The Company has recorded a liability for potential contingent consideration in connection with the May 25, 2011 acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Cejon, Inc. and Cejon Accessories, Inc. and all of the outstanding membership interests in New East Designs, LLC (collectively, "Cejon"). Pursuant to the terms of an earn-out agreement between the Company and the sellers of Cejon, earn-out payments, if achieved, are made annually to the sellers of Cejon, based on the financial performance of Cejon for each of the twelve-month periods ending on June 30, 2012 through 2016, inclusive. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management's projections of the financial results of Cejon during the earn-out period.

The carrying value of certain financial instruments such as accounts receivable, factor accounts receivable and accounts payable approximates their fair values due to the short-term nature of their underlying terms. The fair values of investment in marketable securities available for sale are determined by reference to publicly quoted prices in an active market. Fair value of the notes receivable held by the Company approximates their carrying value based upon their imputed or actual interest rate, which approximates applicable current market interest rates.

Note G – Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue on wholesale sales when (i) products are shipped pursuant to its standard terms, which are freight on board Company warehouse, or when products are delivered to the consolidators, or any other destination, as per the terms of the customers' purchase order, (ii) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (iii) the price is fixed and determinable and (iv) collection is reasonably assured. Sales reductions on wholesale sales for anticipated discounts, allowances and other deductions are recognized during the period when sales are recorded. With the exception of our cold weather accessories and Blondo businesses, normally we do not accept returns from our wholesale customers unless there are product quality issues, which we charge back to the vendors at cost. Sales of cold weather accessories and Blondo products to wholesale customers are recorded net of returns, which are estimated based on historical experience. Such amounts have historically not been material.

Retail sales are recognized when the payment is received from customers and are recorded net of estimated returns. The Company generates commission income acting as a buying agent by arranging to manufacture private label shoes to the specifications of its customers. The Company's commission revenue also includes fees charged for its design, product and development services provided to certain suppliers in connection with the Company's private label business. Commission revenue and product and development fees are recognized as earned when title to the product transfers from the manufacturer to the customer and collections are reasonably assured and are reported on a net basis after deducting related operating expenses.

The Company licenses its Steve Madden®, Steven by Steve Madden®, Madden Girl® and Stevies® trademarks for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of outerwear, hosiery, activewear, sleepwear, jewelry, watches, hair accessories, umbrellas, bedding, luggage, and men's leather accessories. In addition, the Company licenses the Betsey Johnson® trademark for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of hosiery, swimwear, outerwear, sleepwear, activewear, jewelry, watches, bedding, luggage, stationery, umbrellas, and household goods; and furthermore, licenses the Dolce Vita® trademark for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of women's and children's apparel. The license agreements require the licensee to pay the Company a royalty and, in substantially all of the agreements, an advertising fee, both of which are based on the higher of a minimum or a net sales percentage as defined in the various agreements. In addition, under

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Note G – Revenue Recognition (continued)

the terms of retail selling agreements, most of the Company's international distributors are required to pay the Company a royalty based on a percentage of net retail sales, in addition to a commission and a design fee on the purchases of the Company's products. Licensing revenue is recognized on the basis of net sales reported by the licensees, or the minimum guaranteed royalties, if higher.

In substantially all of the Company's license agreements, the minimum guaranteed royalty is earned and receivable on a quarterly basis.

Note H – Sales Deductions

The Company supports retailers' initiatives to maximize sales of the Company's products on the retail floor by subsidizing the co-op advertising programs of such retailers, providing them with inventory markdown allowances and participating in various other marketing initiatives of its major customers. In addition, the Company accepts returns for damaged products for which the Company's costs are normally charged back to the responsible third-party factory. Such expenses are reflected in the condensed consolidated financial statements as deductions from gross sales to arrive at net sales.

Note I – Note Receivable – Related Party

On June 25, 2007, the Company made a loan to Steve Madden, its Creative and Design Chief and a principal stockholder of the Company, in the amount of \$3,000 in order for Mr. Madden to satisfy a personal tax obligation resulting from the exercise of stock options that were due to expire and to retain the underlying Company common stock. Mr. Madden executed a secured promissory note in favor of the Company, for which a securities brokerage account maintained by Mr. Madden with his broker serves as collateral security. None of the securities held in the securities brokerage account are shares of the Company's common stock. There have been successive amendments of the secured promissory note, the most recent of which occurred on April 8, 2016, at which time the secured promissory note was amended to substitute the collateral securing the secured promissory note from shares of the Company's common stock to the security interest in Mr. Madden's securities brokerage account. Previously, on January 3, 2012, in connection with an amendment of Mr. Madden's employment contract, the secured promissory note was amended and restated to extend the maturity date of the obligation to December 31, 2023 and to eliminate the accrual of interest after December 31, 2011. Prior to its January 3, 2012 amendment and restatement, the secured promissory note was accruing interest at the rate of 6% per annum. In addition, the secured promissory note, as amended, provides that, commencing on December 31, 2014, and annually on each December 31 thereafter through the maturity date, one-tenth of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest, will be cancelled by the Company, provided that Mr. Madden continues to be employed by the Company on each such December 31. Contemporaneously, the Company will release its security interest in a portion of the securities held in Mr. Madden's securities brokerage account generally correlating to the amount of indebtedness cancelled on such date. As of December 31, 2011, \$1,090 of interest has accrued on the principal amount of the loan evidenced by the secured promissory note related to the period prior to the elimination of the accrual of interest and has been reflected on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Pursuant to the elimination of further interest accumulation under the secured promissory note, the outstanding principal amount of the loan and the accrued interest as of June 30, 2016 has been discounted to reflect imputed interest, which will be amortized over the remaining life of the loan. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company also recorded a charge in the amount of \$409 to write-off the required one-tenth of the principal amount of the secured promissory note, which was partially offset by accrued imputed interest of \$71.

Note J – Share Repurchase Program

The Company's Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program (the "Share Repurchase Program"), effective as of January 1, 2004. The Share Repurchase Program does not have a fixed expiration or termination date and may be modified or terminated by the Board of Directors at any time. On several occasions the Board of Directors has increased the amount authorized for repurchase. The Share Repurchase Program permits the Company to effect repurchases from time to time through a combination of open market repurchases or in privately negotiated transactions at such prices and times as are determined to be in the best interest of the Company. On February 22, 2016, the Board of Directors approved the extension of the Share Repurchase Program for an additional \$136,000 in repurchases of the Company's common stock. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, an aggregate of 965,607 shares of the Company's common stock were repurchased under the Share Repurchase Program, at an

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Note J – Share Repurchase Program (continued)

average price per share of \$34.38, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$33,198. As of June 30, 2016, approximately \$159,372 remained available for future repurchases under the Share Repurchase Program.

Note K – Net Income Per Share of Common Stock

Basic net income per share is based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period, which does not include unvested restricted common stock subject to forfeiture of 4,210,000 and 4,162,000 shares for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, compared to 4,068,000 shares for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015. Diluted net income per share reflects: (a) the potential dilution assuming shares of common stock were issued upon the exercise of outstanding in-the-money options and the proceeds thereof were used to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock at the average market price during the period, and (b) the vesting of granted non-vested restricted stock awards for which the assumed proceeds upon vesting are deemed to be the amount of compensation cost not yet recognized attributable to future services using the treasury stock method, to the extent dilutive. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, options to purchase approximately 382,000 and 372,000 shares of common stock, respectively, have been excluded in the calculation of diluted net income per share as compared to 0 and 12,000 shares that were excluded for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, as the result would have been antidilutive. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, all unvested restricted stock awards were dilutive.

Note L – Equity-Based Compensation

In March 2006, the Company’s Board of Directors approved the Steven Madden, Ltd. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) under which nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance shares, restricted stock, other stock-based awards and performance-based cash awards may be granted to employees, consultants and non-employee directors. The stockholders approved the Plan on May 26, 2006. On May 25, 2007, the stockholders approved an amendment to the Plan to increase the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the Plan from 4,050,000 to 5,231,250. On May 22, 2009, the stockholders approved an amendment and restatement of the Plan that, among other things, increased the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the Plan to 13,716,000. On May 25, 2012, the stockholders approved an amendment to the Plan that increased the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the Plan to 23,466,000. The following table summarizes the number of shares of common stock authorized for use under the Plan, the number of stock-based awards granted (net of expired or cancelled awards) under the Plan and the number of shares of common stock available for the grant of stock-based awards under the Plan:

Common stock authorized	23,466,000
Stock-based awards, including restricted stock and stock options granted, net of expired or cancelled	(19,999,000)
Common stock available for grant of stock-based awards as of June 30, 2016	3,467,000

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Note L – Equity-Based Compensation (continued)

Total equity-based compensation for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Restricted stock	\$ 4,097	\$ 3,568	\$ 8,240	\$ 7,328
Stock options	612	756	1,396	1,754
Total	\$ 4,709	\$ 4,324	\$ 9,636	\$ 9,082

Equity-based compensation is included in operating expenses on the Company’s Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Stock Options

Cash proceeds and intrinsic values related to total stock options exercised during the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Proceeds from stock options exercised	\$ 30	\$ 2,897	\$ 3,708	\$ 19,703
Intrinsic value of stock options exercised	\$ 20	\$ 1,848	\$ 11,050	\$ 29,294

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, options to purchase approximately 26,381 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$33.60 and options to purchase approximately 240,709 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$31.85 vested, respectively. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, options to purchase approximately 94,674 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$25.55 and options to purchase approximately 393,201 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$26.70 vested, respectively. As of June 30, 2016, there were unvested options relating to 475,628 shares of common stock outstanding with a total of \$3,688 of unrecognized compensation cost and an average vesting period of 2.02 years.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate the fair value of options granted, which requires several assumptions. The expected term of the options represents the estimated period of time until exercise and is based on the historical experience of similar awards. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company’s common stock. The risk free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant. With the exception of special dividends paid in November of 2005 and 2006, the Company historically has not paid regular cash dividends and thus the expected dividend rate is assumed to be zero. The following weighted average assumptions were used for stock options granted during the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Volatility	22.2% to 26.2%	22.4% to 28.3%
Risk free interest rate	1.07% to 1.73%	0.99% to 1.60%
Expected life in years	3.8 to 5.0	4.1 to 5.1
Dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%
Weighted average fair value	\$7.38	\$8.70

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Note L – Equity-Based Compensation (continued)

Activity relating to stock options granted under the Company's plans and outside the plans during the six months ended June 30, 2016 is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2016	2,016,000	\$ 23.51		
Granted	72,500	32.44		
Exercised	(410,500)	9.04		
Cancelled/Forfeited	(17,000)	29.85		
Outstanding at June 30, 2016	1,661,000	\$ 27.40	3.2 years	\$ 11,247
Exercisable at June 30, 2016	1,184,000	\$ 24.85	2.6 years	\$ 11,051

Restricted Stock

The following table summarizes restricted stock activity during the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	2016		2015	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant Date	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant Date
Non-vested at January 1,	4,055,000	\$ 25.32	4,067,000	\$ 24.69
Granted	339,000	34.24	246,000	36.40
Vested	(187,000)	30.30	(222,000)	22.94
Forfeited	—	—	(68,000)	34.27
Non-vested at June 30,	4,207,000	\$ 25.87	4,023,000	\$ 25.16

As of June 30, 2016, the Company had \$73,722 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock awards granted under the Plan. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average of 6.40 years. The Company determines the fair value of its restricted stock awards based on the market price of its common stock on the date of grant.

On January 3, 2012, the Company and its Creative and Design Chief, Steven Madden, entered into an amendment of Mr. Madden's existing employment agreement, pursuant to which, on February 8, 2012, Mr. Madden was granted 1,463,057 restricted shares of the Company's common stock at the then market price of \$27.34, which will vest in equal annual installments over a seven-year period commencing on December 31, 2017 and, thereafter, on each December 31 through December 31, 2023, subject to Mr. Madden's continued employment on each such vesting date. Pursuant to the contract, on June 30, 2012, Mr. Madden exercised his right to receive an additional restricted stock award, and, on July 3, 2012, he was granted 1,893,342 restricted shares of the Company's common stock at the then market price of \$21.13, which will vest in the same manner as the aforementioned grant.

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Note M – Acquisitions

Mad Love

In June 2016, the Company paid \$3,665 to acquire the remaining minority interest in Madlove, LLC ("Mad Love") thereby making Mad Love a wholly-owned subsidiary. Mad Love was formed as a joint venture in April 2011, in which the Company was the majority interest holder, had financial control and consolidated the financial statements of the joint venture. Mad Love designs and markets women’s footwear under the Mad Love label. The Company has accounted for the acquisition of the minority interest as an equity transaction.

SM Europe

In April 2016, the Company formed a joint venture ("SM Europe") with SPM Shoetrade Holding B.V. through its subsidiary, Steve Madden Europe B.V. The Company is the majority interest holder in SM Europe and controls the joint venture. SM Europe is the exclusive distributor of the Company's products in Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, and Tunisia. As the Company controls the joint venture and is the majority interest holder in SM Europe, the assets, liabilities and results of operations of SM Europe are included in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. The other member's interest is reflected in "Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests" in the Consolidated Statements of Income and "Noncontrolling interests" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Note N – Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The following is a summary of the carrying amount of goodwill by segment as of June 30, 2016:

	Wholesale			Retail		Net Carrying Amount
	Footwear	Accessories				
Balance at January 1, 2016	\$ 73,018	\$ 49,324	\$ 14,755	\$	137,097	
Acquisitions	—	—	—		—	
Purchase accounting adjustment	—	—	—		—	
Translation and other	113	—	12		125	
Balance at June 30, 2016	\$ 73,131	\$ 49,324	\$ 14,767	\$	137,222	

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Note N – Goodwill and Intangible Assets (continued)

The following table details identifiable intangible assets as of June 30, 2016:

	Estimated Lives	Cost Basis	Accumulated Amortization (1)	Impairment (2)	Net Carrying Amount
Trade names	6–10 years	\$ 4,590	\$ 3,130	\$ —	\$ 1,460
Customer relationships	10 years	41,509	19,331	—	22,178
License agreements	3–6 years	5,600	5,600	—	—
Non-compete agreement	5 years	2,440	2,377	—	63
Re-acquired right	2 years	4,200	3,147	—	1,053
Other	3 years	14	14	—	—
		58,353	33,599	—	24,754
Re-acquired right	indefinite	35,200	8,277	—	26,923
Trademarks	indefinite	100,333	—	3,045	97,288
		\$ 193,886	\$ 41,876	\$ 3,045	\$ 148,965

(1) Includes the effect of foreign currency translation related primarily to the movements of the Canadian dollar and Mexican peso in relation to the U.S. dollar.

(2) An impairment charge of \$3,045 was recorded in the first quarter of 2015 related to the Company's Wild Pair trademark. The impairment was triggered by a loss of future anticipated cash flows from a significant customer.

The estimated future amortization expense of purchased intangibles as of June 30, 2016 is as follows:

2016 (remaining six months)	\$ 2,753
2017	3,301
2018	3,166
2019	3,093
2020	2,288
Thereafter	10,153
	<u>\$ 24,754</u>

Note O – Derivative Instruments

The Company uses derivative instruments, specifically, forward foreign exchange contracts, to manage the risk associated with the volatility of future cash flows. The foreign exchange contracts are used to mitigate the impact of exchange rate fluctuations on certain forecasted purchases of inventory and are designated as cash flow hedging instruments. As of June 30, 2016, the fair value of the Company's foreign currency derivatives, which is included on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets in accrued expenses, is \$307. As of June 30, 2016, \$161 of losses related to cash flow hedges are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes and are expected to be recognized in earnings at the same time the hedged items affect earnings. As of June 30, 2015, \$1,903 of losses related to cash flow hedges were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes. As of June 30, 2016, the Company's hedging activities were considered effective and, thus, no ineffectiveness from hedging activities were recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, gains of \$3 and losses of \$359 were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income and recognized in the income statement in cost of sales, as compared to losses of \$511 and \$725 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015.

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Note P – Commitments, Contingencies and Other

Legal proceedings:

Information regarding certain specific legal proceedings in which the Company is involved is contained in Part 1, Item 3, and in Note O to the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Unless otherwise indicated in this report, all proceedings discussed in the earlier reports which are not indicated therein as having been concluded, remain outstanding as of June 30, 2016.

The Company has been named as a defendant in certain other lawsuits in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the liabilities, if any, resulting from these matters should not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. It is the policy of management to disclose the amount or range of reasonably possible losses in excess of recorded amounts.

Note Q – Operating Segment Information

The Company operates the following business segments: Wholesale Footwear, Wholesale Accessories, Retail, First Cost and Licensing. The Wholesale Footwear segment, through sales to department stores, mid-tier retailers, mass market merchants, online retailers and specialty stores, derives revenue, both domestically and worldwide (via our International business), from sales of branded and private label women's, men's, girls' and children's footwear. The Wholesale Accessories segment, which includes branded and private label handbags, belts and small leather goods as well as cold weather and selected other fashion accessories, derives revenue, both domestically and worldwide (via our International business), from sales to department stores, mid-tier retailers, mass market merchants, online retailers and specialty stores. Our Wholesale Footwear and Wholesale Accessories segments, through our International business, derive revenue from Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, and Tunisia and, under special distribution arrangements in various other territories within Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, India, South and Central America and New Zealand. The Retail segment, through the operation of Company-owned retail stores in the United States, Canada, Mexico and South Africa and the Company's websites, derives revenue from sales of branded women's, men's and children's footwear, accessories and licensed products to consumers. The First Cost segment represents activities of a subsidiary that earns commissions and design fees for serving as a buying agent of footwear products to mass-market merchandisers, mid-tier department stores and other retailers with respect to their purchase of footwear. In the Licensing segment, the Company generates revenue by licensing its Steve Madden®, Steven by Steve Madden®, Madden Girl® and Stevies® trademarks and other trademark rights for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of outerwear, hosiery, activewear, sleepwear, jewelry, watches, hair accessories, umbrellas, bedding, luggage, and men's leather accessories. In addition, this segment licenses the Betsey Johnson® trademark for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of hosiery, swimwear, outerwear, sleepwear, activewear, jewelry, watches, bedding, luggage, stationery, umbrellas, and household goods; and furthermore, licenses the Dolce Vita® trademark for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of women's and children's apparel.

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Note Q – Operating Segment Information (continued)

As of and for the three months ended,	Wholesale Footwear		Wholesale Accessories		Total Wholesale		Retail		First Cost		Licensing		Consolidated	
June 30, 2016														
Net sales to external customers	\$	195,424	\$	67,442	\$	262,866	\$	62,536	\$	—	\$	—	\$	325,402
Gross profit		59,856		21,922		81,778		39,267		—		—		121,045
Commissions and licensing fees – net		—		—		—		—		919		1,907		2,826
Income from operations		18,685		9,517		28,202		4,862		919		1,907		35,890
Segment assets	\$	496,711	\$	252,999		749,710		163,843		41,352		—		954,905
Capital expenditures					\$	1,173	\$	2,845	\$	—	\$	—	\$	4,018
June 30, 2015														
Net sales to external customers	\$	199,038	\$	67,649	\$	266,687	\$	56,895	\$	—	\$	—	\$	323,582
Gross profit		56,455		23,010		79,465		36,681		—		—		116,146
Commissions and licensing fees – net		—		—		—		—		1,184		1,943		3,127
Income from operations		17,201		10,437		27,638		6,052		1,184		1,943		36,817
Segment assets	\$	541,287	\$	207,821		749,108		150,594		38,939		—		938,641
Capital expenditures					\$	2,474	\$	2,309	\$	—	\$	—	\$	4,783
As of and for the six months ended,														
	Wholesale Footwear		Wholesale Accessories		Total Wholesale		Retail		First Cost		Licensing		Consolidated	
June 30, 2016														
Net sales to external customers	\$	424,346	\$	114,321	\$	538,667	\$	116,092	\$	—	\$	—	\$	654,759
Gross profit		130,779		37,126		167,905		69,342		—		—		237,247
Commissions and licensing fees – net		—		—		—		—		1,504		3,493		4,997
Income from operations		44,937		13,813		58,750		2,023		1,504		3,493		65,770
Segment assets	\$	496,711	\$	252,999		749,710		163,843		41,352		—		954,905
Capital expenditures					\$	2,590	\$	5,812	\$	—	\$	—	\$	8,402
June 30, 2015														
Net sales to external customers	\$	421,934	\$	120,964	\$	542,898	\$	104,629	\$	—	\$	—	\$	647,527
Gross profit		124,134		40,527		164,661		62,863		—		—		227,524
Commissions and licensing fees – net		—		—		—		—		2,712		4,333		7,045
Income (loss) from operations		38,961		16,084		55,045		4,574		2,712		4,333		66,664
Segment assets	\$	541,287	\$	207,821		749,108		150,594		38,939		—		938,641
Capital expenditures					\$	4,665	\$	3,787	\$	—	\$	—	\$	8,452

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Note Q – Operating Segment Information (continued)

Revenues by geographic area for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Domestic (a)	\$ 297,346	\$ 291,094	\$ 596,741	\$ 585,071
International	28,056	32,488	58,018	62,456
Total	\$ 325,402	\$ 323,582	\$ 654,759	\$ 647,527

(a) Includes revenues of \$82,350 and \$170,272 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, and \$85,596 and \$170,340 for the comparable periods in 2015 related to sales to U.S. customers where the title is transferred outside the U.S. and the sale is recorded by our International business.

Note R – Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. Accounting Standards Update 2016-13 replaces the incurred loss impairment methodology in current GAAP with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. The new guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the new guidance will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In March 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting, that changes the accounting for certain aspects of share-based payments to employees. The guidance requires the recognition in the income statement of the income tax effects of vested or settled awards. The guidance also allows for the employer to repurchase more of an employee's shares for tax withholding purposes and not classify the award as a liability that requires valuation on a mark-to-market basis. In addition, the guidance allows for a policy election to account for forfeitures as they occur rather than on an estimated basis. The guidance is effective in 2017 with early adoption permitted. The Company is planning to adopt this standard in the third quarter of 2016 and while we have not completed the analysis, we expect it could have a material impact on our consolidated statement of income.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, Leases, which is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2018 with early adoption permitted. Under Accounting Standards Update 2016-02, lessees will be required to recognize for all leases, at the commencement date of the lease, a lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease measured on a discounted basis, and a right-to-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use or control the use of a specified asset for the lease term. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the new guidance will have on its financial statements and related disclosures and, while we have not completed the analysis, we expect it will have a material impact on our consolidated balance sheets.

In January 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-01, Financial Instruments - Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. Accounting Standards Update 2016-01 generally requires companies to measure investments in equity securities, except those accounted for under the equity method, at fair value and recognize any changes in fair value in net income. The new guidance must be applied using a modified-retrospective approach and is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is not permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the new guidance will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In November 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2015-17, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes. Accounting Standards Update 2015-17 simplifies current guidance and requires companies to classify all deferred tax assets and liabilities as noncurrent on the balance sheet. Accounting Standards Update 2015-17 can be applied either prospectively or retrospectively and is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption

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Note R – Recent Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the new guidance will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In July 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2015-11, Inventory (Topic 330): Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory which changes the measurement principle for inventory from the lower of cost or market to the lower of cost and net realizable value. Accounting Standards Update 2015-11 defines net realizable value as estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal, and transportation. The new guidance must be applied on a prospective basis and is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the timing of adoption of this guidance; however, the guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance, Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, on revenue recognition. The new standard provides for a single five-step model to be applied to all revenue contracts with customers as well as requires additional financial statement disclosures that will enable users to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows relating to customer contracts. Companies have an option to use either a retrospective approach or cumulative effect adjustment approach to implement the standard. Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early adoption is permitted, but not before the original effective date of the standard. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the new guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

All references in this Quarterly Report to “we,” “our,” “us” and the “Company,” refer to Steven Madden, Ltd. and its subsidiaries unless the context indicates otherwise.

This Quarterly Report contains certain “forward-looking statements” as that term is defined in the federal securities laws. The events described in forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report may not occur. Generally, forward-looking statements relate to business plans or strategies, projected or anticipated benefits or other consequences of our plans or strategies, projected or anticipated benefits from acquisitions to be made by us, or projections involving anticipated revenues, earnings or other aspects of our operating results. The words “may,” “will,” “expect,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “project,” “plan,” “intend,” “estimate”, and “continue”, and their opposites and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We caution you that these statements are not guarantees of future performance or events and are subject to a number of uncertainties, risks and other influences, many of which are beyond our control, that may influence the accuracy of the statements and the projections upon which the statements are based. Factors that may affect our results include, but are not limited to, the risks and uncertainties discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Any one or more of these uncertainties, risks and other influences could materially affect our results of operations and whether forward-looking statements made by us ultimately prove to be accurate. Our actual results, performance and achievements could differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether from new information, future events or otherwise.

Overview:
(\$ in thousands, except retail sales data per square foot, earnings per share and per share data)

Steven Madden, Ltd. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”) design, source, market and sell fashion-forward name brand and private label footwear for women, men and children and name brand and private label fashion handbags and accessories. We also license our trademarks for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of various products to our licensees. Our products are marketed through our retail stores and our e-commerce websites, as well as better department stores, major department stores, mid-tier department stores, specialty stores, luxury retailers, value priced retailers, national chains, mass market merchants and catalog retailers throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico as well as Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, and Tunisia. In addition, we have special distribution arrangements for the marketing and sale of our products in various other territories within Asia, Australia, Europe, India, the Middle East, South and Central America and New Zealand. We offer a broad range of updated styles designed to establish or complement and capitalize on market trends. We have established a reputation for design creativity and our ability to offer quality products in popular styles at affordable prices, delivered in an efficient manner and time frame.

Key Performance Indicators and Statistics

The following measurements are among the key business indicators reviewed by various members of management to measure consolidated and segment results of the Company:

- net sales
- gross profit margin
- operating expenses
- income from operations
- adjusted EBITDA
- adjusted EBIT
- same store sales
- inventory turnover
- accounts receivable average collection days
- cash flow and liquidity determined by the Company's working capital and free cash flow
- store metrics such as sales per square foot, average unit retail, conversion, average units per transaction, and contribution margin.

While not all of these metrics are disclosed due to the proprietary nature of the information, many of these metrics are disclosed and discussed in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Non-GAAP Measures

The Company's reported results are presented in accordance with GAAP. The Company uses adjusted earnings before interest and taxes ("Adjusted EBIT") and adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA"), as calculated in the table below, as non-GAAP measures, in internal management reporting and planning processes as well as in evaluating the performance of the Company. Management believes these measures are useful to investors in evaluating the Company's ongoing operating and financial results. By providing these non-GAAP measures, as a supplement to GAAP information, we believe we are enhancing investors' understanding of our business and our results of operations. The non-GAAP financial measures are limited in their usefulness and should be considered in addition to, and not in lieu of, U.S. GAAP financial measures. Further, these non-GAAP measures may be unique to the Company, as they may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies.

The table below reconciles these metrics to net income as presented in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

	Year-To-Date Period Ended (\$ in thousands)		
	June 30, 2016	December 31, 2015	June 30, 2015
Net Income	\$ 44,976	\$ 113,655	\$ 44,699
Add back:			
Provision for income taxes	21,164	58,811	23,131
Deduct:			
Other (Loss) Income*	(1,098)	(1,373)	96
Interest, net	1,468	2,191	1,069
Adjusted EBIT	65,770	171,648	66,665
Add back:			
Depreciation and amortization	10,675	20,757	9,265
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	—	1,780	661
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 76,445	\$ 194,185	\$ 76,591

(*) Consists of realized (losses) gains on marketable securities and foreign exchange (losses) gains.

Executive Summary

Net sales for the quarter ended June 30, 2016 increased 0.6% to \$325,402 from \$323,582 in the same period of last year. Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd. increased 0.7% to \$24,672 in the second quarter of 2016 compared to \$24,503 in the same period of last year. The effective tax rate for the second quarter of 2016 decreased to 32.0% compared to 33.9% in the second quarter of last year primarily due to planned permanent investment of foreign earnings in foreign locations. Diluted earnings per share increased to \$0.42 per share on 59,174 diluted weighted average shares outstanding compared to \$0.40 per share on 61,417 diluted weighted average shares outstanding in the second quarter of last year.

Our inventory turnover (calculated on a trailing twelve-month average) for the quarter ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 was 8.5 times and 9.4 times, respectively. Our total company accounts receivable average collection decreased to 63 days in the second quarter of 2016 compared to 64 days in the second quarter of 2015. As of June 30, 2016, we had \$198,961 in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, no long-term debt and total stockholders' equity of \$700,778. Working capital increased to \$295,394 as of June 30, 2016, compared to \$257,566 on June 30, 2015.

The following tables set forth information on operations for the periods indicated:

Selected Financial Information
Three Months Ended June 30,
(\$ in thousands)

	2016		2015	
<u>CONSOLIDATED:</u>				
Net sales	\$	325,402	100.0%	\$ 323,582 100.0%
Cost of sales		204,357	62.8%	207,436 64.1%
Gross profit		121,045	37.2%	116,146 35.9%
Commission and licensing fee income – net of expenses		2,826	0.9%	3,127 1.0%
Operating expenses		87,981	27.0%	82,456 25.5%
Income from operations		35,890	11.0%	36,817 11.4%
Interest and other income – net		546	0.2%	670 0.2%
Income before income taxes		36,436	11.2%	37,487 11.6%
Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd.		24,672	7.6%	24,503 7.6%
By Segment:				
<u>WHOLESALE FOOTWEAR SEGMENT:</u>				
Net sales	\$	195,424	100.0%	\$ 199,038 100.0%
Cost of sales		135,568	69.4%	142,583 71.6%
Gross profit		59,856	30.6%	56,455 28.4%
Operating expenses		41,171	21.1%	39,254 19.7%
Income from operations		18,685	9.6%	17,201 8.6%
<u>WHOLESALE ACCESSORIES SEGMENT:</u>				
Net sales	\$	67,442	100.0%	\$ 67,649 100.0%
Cost of sales		45,520	67.5%	44,639 66.0%
Gross profit		21,922	32.5%	23,010 34.0%
Operating expenses		12,405	18.4%	12,573 18.6%
Income from operations		9,517	14.1%	10,437 15.4%
<u>RETAIL SEGMENT:</u>				
Net sales	\$	62,536	100.0%	\$ 56,895 100.0%
Cost of sales		23,269	37.2%	20,214 35.5%
Gross profit		39,267	62.8%	36,681 64.5%
Operating expenses		34,405	55.0%	30,629 53.8%
Income from operations		4,862	7.8%	6,052 10.6%
Number of stores		180		161
<u>FIRST COST SEGMENT:</u>				
Other commission income – net of expenses	\$	919	100.0%	\$ 1,184 100.0%
<u>LICENSING SEGMENT:</u>				
Licensing income – net of expenses	\$	1,907	100.0%	\$ 1,943 100.0%

Selected Financial Information
Six Months Ended June 30,
(\$ in thousands)

	2016		2015	
<u>CONSOLIDATED:</u>				
Net sales	\$	654,759	100.0%	\$ 647,527 100.0%
Cost of sales		417,512	63.8%	420,003 64.9%
Gross profit		237,247	36.2%	227,524 35.1%
Commission and licensing fee income – net of expenses		4,997	0.8%	7,045 1.1%
Operating expenses		176,474	27.0%	164,860 25.5%
Impairment charge		—	—%	3,045 0.5%
Income from operations		65,770	10.0%	66,664 10.3%
Interest and other income – net		370	0.1%	1,166 0.2%
Income before income taxes		66,140	10.1%	67,830 10.5%
Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd.		44,634	6.8%	44,327 6.8%
By Segment:				
<u>WHOLESALE FOOTWEAR SEGMENT:</u>				
Net sales	\$	424,346	100.0%	\$ 421,934 100.0%
Cost of sales		293,567	69.2%	297,800 70.6%
Gross profit		130,779	30.8%	124,134 29.4%
Operating expenses		85,842	20.2%	82,128 19.5%
Income from operations - before impairment charges		44,937	10.6%	42,006 10.0%
<u>WHOLESALE ACCESSORIES SEGMENT:</u>				
Net sales	\$	114,321	100.0%	\$ 120,964 100.0%
Cost of sales		77,195	67.5%	80,437 66.5%
Gross profit		37,126	32.5%	40,527 33.5%
Operating expenses		23,313	20.4%	24,443 20.2%
Income from operations - before impairment charges		13,813	12.1%	16,084 13.3%
<u>RETAIL SEGMENT:</u>				
Net sales	\$	116,092	100.0%	\$ 104,629 100.0%
Cost of sales		46,750	40.3%	41,766 39.9%
Gross profit		69,342	59.7%	62,863 60.1%
Operating expenses		67,319	58.0%	58,289 55.7%
Income from operations - before impairment charges		2,023	1.7%	4,574 4.4%
Number of stores		180		161
<u>FIRST COST SEGMENT:</u>				
Other commission income – net of expenses	\$	1,504	100.0%	\$ 2,712 100.0%
<u>LICENSING SEGMENT:</u>				
Licensing income – net of expenses	\$	3,493	100.0%	\$ 4,333 100.0%

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
(\$ in thousands)

Three Months Ended June 30, 2016 Compared to Three Months Ended June 30, 2015

Consolidated:

Net sales for the three months ended June 30, 2016 increased 0.6% to \$325,402 compared to \$323,582 in the same period of last year. Gross margin increased to 37.2% from 35.9% due primarily to a sales mix shift between the branded and private label businesses and decreased closeout activity in the Wholesale Footwear segment. Operating expenses increased in the second quarter of this year to \$87,981 from \$82,456 in the second quarter of last year. Operating expenses as a percentage of sales were 27.0% for the second quarter of 2016 compared to 25.5% in the second quarter of 2015 primarily due to increased advertising, the impact of a strong U.S. dollar as compared to foreign currencies and costs associated with our joint ventures. Commission and licensing fee income for the second quarter of 2016 decreased to \$2,826 compared to \$3,127 achieved in the second quarter of 2015. The effective tax rate for the second quarter of 2016 decreased to 32.0% compared to 33.9% in the second quarter of last year due primarily to planned permanent investment of foreign earnings in foreign locations. Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd. for the second quarter of 2016 increased to \$24,672 compared to net income for the second quarter of 2015 of \$24,503.

Wholesale Footwear Segment:

Net sales from the Wholesale Footwear segment accounted for \$195,424, or 60.1%, and \$199,038, or 61.5%, of our total net sales for the second quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively. The decrease in net sales primarily relates to decreases in our private label and international distributor businesses, partially offset by increases in Dolce Vita and Steve Madden Women's brands.

Gross profit margin in the Wholesale Footwear segment was 30.6% for the second quarter of 2016 compared to 28.4% for the second quarter of 2015, the increase resulting from decreased closeout activity and a sales mix shift between the branded and private label business. Operating expenses increased to \$41,171 in the second quarter of 2016 from \$39,254 in the same period of last year. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses increased to 21.1% in the second quarter of 2016 compared to 19.7% in the same period of 2015 due primarily to deleverage on lower sales.

Wholesale Accessories Segment:

Net sales generated by the Wholesale Accessories segment remained relatively flat compared to the prior year quarter, and accounted for \$67,442, or 20.7%, and \$67,649, or 20.9%, of total net sales for the Company in the second quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Gross profit margin in the Wholesale Accessories segment decreased to 32.5% in the second quarter of this year from 34.0% in the same period in 2015, primarily due to lower margins in our cold weather accessories business and an increase in sales mix to lower margin private label customers. In the second quarter of 2016, operating expenses decreased to \$12,405 compared to \$12,573 in the same period of last year. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses were 18.4% in the second quarter of 2016 compared to 18.6% in the same period of 2015. Income from operations for the Wholesale Accessories segment decreased 8.8% to \$9,517 for the second quarter of 2016 compared to \$10,437 for the same period of last year.

Retail Segment:

In the second quarter of 2016, net sales from the Retail segment accounted for \$62,536, or 19.2%, of our total net sales compared to \$56,895, or 17.6%, of our total net sales in the same period last year, which represents a \$5,641, or 9.9%, increase. The increase in net sales reflects the net addition of 19 retail stores since the second quarter of 2015, as well as a 5.4% increase in comparable store sales, which was driven by strong fashion footwear trends and stronger product assortment. We added 20 new stores and closed one store during the twelve months ended June 30, 2016. As a result, we had 180 retail stores as of June 30, 2016 compared to 161 stores as of June 30, 2015. The 180 stores currently in operation include 124 Steve Madden® stores, 48 Steve Madden® outlet stores, two Steven® stores, one Superga® store, one multi-branded SHOO store and four e-commerce websites. Comparable store sales (sales of those stores, including the e-commerce websites, that were open throughout the second quarter of 2016 and 2015) increased 5.4% on a constant currency basis when compared to the prior year period. The Company excludes new locations from the comparable store base for the first twelve months of operations. Stores that are closed for renovations are removed from the comparable store base. In the second quarter of 2016, gross margin decreased to 62.8% from 64.5% in the same period of 2015 primarily due to the lapsing of an insurance benefit received in the prior year quarter coupled with the impact of a strong U.S. dollar as compared to foreign currencies. In the second quarter of 2016, operating expenses increased to \$34,405, or 55.0%

of net sales, compared to \$30,629, or 53.8% of net sales, in the second quarter of last year. The increase primarily reflects the net increase of new store openings. Income from operations for the Retail segment decreased to \$4,862 in the second quarter of this year compared to income of \$6,052 in the same period of last year.

First Cost Segment:

The First Cost segment, which includes net commission income and fees, decreased to \$919 for the second quarter of 2016 compared to \$1,184 for the comparable period of 2015 due to a reduction in business with certain private label footwear customers.

Licensing Segment:

Net licensing income slightly decreased to \$1,907 for the second quarter of 2016 compared to \$1,943 for the comparable period of 2015.

Six Months Ended June 30, 2016 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2015

Consolidated:

Net sales for the six months ended June 30, 2016 increased 1.1% to \$654,759 compared to \$647,527 in the same period of last year. Gross margin increased to 36.2% from 35.1% due to a sales mix shift between the branded and private label businesses and decreased closeout activity in the Wholesale Footwear segment. Operating expenses increased for the first six months of 2016 to \$176,474 from \$164,860 for the first six months of 2015. Operating expense in the six months ended June 30, 2015 included a benefit of \$3,048 related to income arising from the early termination of our lease for our 5th Avenue, New York store, which was closed during the first quarter of 2015. Excluding this benefit, operating expenses for the first six months of 2015 were \$167,908. Excluding the aforementioned benefit, the increase in operating expenses versus the prior year period is the result of overall increases in sales, Wholesale and Retail segments sales mix changes and the impact of new retail store locations. Operating expenses as a percentage of sales were 27.0% for the first six months of 2016 compared to 25.5% for the first six months of 2015 due to the impact of changes in the Wholesale and Retail segments sales mix and deleverage on wholesale sales. Commission and licensing fee income for the first six months of 2016 decreased to \$4,997 compared to \$7,045 achieved in the comparable period of 2015. Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd. for the first six months of 2016 increased to \$44,634 compared to net income for the first six months of 2015 of \$44,327. Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd. for the first six months of 2015 included the \$3,048 pre-tax benefit related to the closure of our 5th Avenue, New York store location. as well as a pre-tax charge of \$3,045 related to the partial impairment of our Wild Pair trademark.

Wholesale Footwear Segment:

Net sales from the Wholesale Footwear segment accounted for \$424,346, or 64.8%, and \$421,934, or 65.2%, of our total net sales for the first six months of 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase was driven by strong increases in our Dolce Vita and Steve Madden Women's brands.

Gross profit margin in the Wholesale Footwear segment was 30.8% for the first six months of 2016 compared to 29.4% for the first six months of 2015, the increase resulting from decreased closeout activity. Operating expenses increased to \$85,842 in the first six months of 2016 from \$82,128 in the same period of last year. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses increased to 20.2% in the first six months of 2016 compared to 19.5% in the same period of 2015 due to employee-related costs.

Wholesale Accessories Segment:

Net sales generated by the Wholesale Accessories segment accounted for \$114,321, or 17.5%, and \$120,964, or 18.7%, of total net sales for the Company for the first six months of 2016 and 2015, respectively. This decrease in net sales is attributable to a decline in our branded handbag business.

Gross profit margin in the Wholesale Accessories segment decreased to 32.5% in the first six months of 2016 from 33.5% in the same period in 2015, primarily due to softness in the branded handbag category and an increase in sales mix to lower margin private label customers. In the first six months of 2016, operating expenses decreased to \$23,313 compared to \$24,443 in the same period of last year. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses increased slightly to 20.4% in the first six months of

2016 compared to 20.2% in the same period of 2015. Income from operations for the Wholesale Accessories segment decreased 14.1% to \$13,813 for the first six months of 2016 compared to \$16,084 for the same period of last year.

Retail Segment:

In the first six months of 2016, net sales from the Retail segment accounted for \$116,092, or 17.7%, of our total net sales compared to \$104,629, or 16.2%, of our total net sales in the same period last year, which represents a \$11,463, or 11.0%, increase. The increase in net sales reflects the net addition of 19 retail stores since the second quarter of 2015, as well as a 7.8% increase in comparable store sales, which was driven by strong fashion footwear trends, stronger product assortment and improvement in conversion rate. We added 20 new stores and closed one store during the twelve months ended June 30, 2016. As a result, we had 180 retail stores as of June 30, 2016 compared to 161 stores as of June 30, 2015. The 180 stores currently in operation include 124 Steve Madden® stores, 48 Steve Madden® outlet stores, two Steven® stores, one Superga® store, one multi-branded SHOO store and four e-commerce websites. Comparable store sales (sales of those stores, including the e-commerce websites, that were open throughout the first six months of 2016 and 2015) increased 7.8% on a constant currency basis when compared to the prior year period. The Company excludes new locations from the comparable store base for the first twelve months of operations. Stores that are closed for renovations are removed from the comparable store base. In the first six months of 2016, gross margin decreased slightly to 59.7% from 60.1% in the same period of 2015. In the first six months of 2016, operating expenses increased to \$67,319, or 58.0% of net sales, compared to \$58,289, or 55.7% of net sales, in the first six months of 2015. Operating expenses in the six months ended June 30, 2015 included a benefit of \$3,048 related to income arising from the early termination of our lease for our 5th Avenue, New York store, which was closed during the first quarter of 2015. Excluding this benefit, operating expenses in the six months ended June 30, 2015 were \$61,337 or 58.6% of net sales. Excluding the aforementioned benefit, the increase in operating expenses in the first six months of 2016 versus the prior year period is the result of the impact of new retail store locations and the decrease in operating expenses as a percentage of net sales reflects leverage on sales driven by same store sales growth. Income from operations for the Retail segment was \$2,023 in the first six months of 2016 compared to \$4,574 in the same period of last year.

First Cost Segment:

The First Cost segment which includes net commission income and fees decreased to \$1,504 for the first six months of 2016 compared to \$2,712 for the comparable period of 2015 due to a reduction in business with certain private label footwear customers.

Licensing Segment:

Net licensing income decreased to \$3,493 for the first six months of 2016 compared to \$4,333 for the comparable period of 2015 primarily driven by the discontinuation of the Steve Madden eyewear licenses.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

(\$ in thousands)

Our primary source of liquidity is cash flows generated from our operations. Our primary use of this liquidity is to fund our ongoing cash requirements, including working capital requirements, share repurchases, acquisitions, system enhancements and retail store expansion and remodeling.

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments totaled \$108,817 and \$104,838 at June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Of the total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments at June 30, 2016, \$76,777, or approximately 71%, was held in our foreign subsidiaries and of the total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments at December 31, 2015, \$73,640, or approximately 70%, was held in our foreign subsidiaries. To date, deferred taxes have been estimated and accrued for foreign subsidiary earnings that have not been determined to be indefinitely reinvested. As of June 30, 2016, the cumulative total amount of earnings considered to be indefinitely reinvested of our foreign subsidiaries was \$85,147. If such amounts were not indefinitely reinvested, the Company would incur approximately \$17,531 in cumulative taxes that were not previously provided for. Management believes that our existing domestic and international cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and cash flows from operations, which are not considered to be indefinitely reinvested, continue to be sufficient to fund our operating activities. Therefore, we do not intend, nor do we foresee a need, to repatriate foreign earnings of \$85,147 as of June 30, 2016, that were considered to be indefinitely reinvested and we do not believe there are any material implications or restrictions on our liquidity as a result of having a significant portion of our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments held by our foreign subsidiaries.

The Company has a collection agency agreement with Rosenthal & Rosenthal, Inc. (“Rosenthal”) that became effective on September 15, 2009. The agreement can be terminated by the Company or Rosenthal at any time upon 60 days' prior written notice. Under the agreement, the Company can request advances from Rosenthal of up to 85% of the aggregate receivables submitted to Rosenthal. The agreement provides the Company with a \$30,000 credit facility with a \$15,000 sub-limit for letters of credit at an interest rate based, at the Company's election, upon a calculation that utilizes either the prime rate or LIBOR. The Company also pays Rosenthal a fee based on a percentage of the gross invoice amount submitted to Rosenthal. With respect to receivables related to our First Cost segment and private label business, the fee is 0.14% of the gross invoice amount. For all other receivables, the fee is 0.20% of the gross invoice amount. Rosenthal assumes the credit risk on a substantial portion of the receivables that the Company submits to it. To the extent of any loans made to the Company, Rosenthal maintains a lien on the Company's receivables to secure the Company's obligations.

As of June 30, 2016, we had working capital of \$295,394, cash and cash equivalents of \$76,271 and investments in marketable securities of \$122,690.

We believe that based upon our current financial position and available cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, the Company will meet all of its financial commitments and operating needs for at least the next twelve months.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES
(\$ in thousands)

Cash provided by operations was \$54,963 for the six months of 2016 compared to cash provided by operations of \$53,783 in the same period of last year. The primary sources of cash were net income of \$44,976, as well as an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses and accounts receivable. These cash sources were partially offset by uses of cash related to factor accounts receivable, inventories, and accrued incentive compensation.

INVESTING ACTIVITIES
(\$ in thousands)

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, we invested \$13,210 in marketable securities and received \$14,052 from the maturities and sales of marketable securities. We also made capital expenditures of \$8,402, principally for improvements to existing stores, systems enhancements, new stores and leasehold improvements to office space. Additionally, we paid \$3,665 to acquire the minority interest in our Mad Love joint venture (see Note M to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report).

FINANCING ACTIVITIES
(\$ in thousands)

During the six months ended June 30, 2016, net cash used for financing activities was \$39,881, which consisted of the repurchase of shares of common stock for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$41,070 (see Note J to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report) and payment of contingent liabilities of \$6,281, partially offset by the tax benefit from the exercise of stock options of \$3,762, and proceeds from the exercise of stock options of \$3,708.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS
(\$ in thousands)

Our contractual obligations as of June 30, 2016 were as follows:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payment due by period			
		Remainder of 2016	2017-2018	2019-2020	2020 and after
Operating lease obligations	\$ 246,566	\$ 20,132	\$ 73,170	\$ 63,355	\$ 89,909
Purchase obligations	244,634	244,634	—	—	—
Contingent payment liabilities	20,012	12,063	7,949	—	—
Other long-term liabilities (future minimum royalty payments)	7,010	500	2,510	2,000	2,000
Total	\$ 518,222	\$ 277,329	\$ 83,629	\$ 65,355	\$ 91,909

At June 30, 2016, we had open letters of credit for the purchase of inventory of approximately \$656.

On January 3, 2012, the Company and its Creative and Design Chief, Steven Madden, entered into an amendment, dated as of December 31, 2011, to Mr. Madden's then existing employment agreement with the Company. The amended agreement, which extends the term of Mr. Madden's employment through December 31, 2023, provides for a base salary of approximately \$7,417 in 2013, approximately \$9,667 in 2014, approximately \$11,917 in 2015 and approximately \$10,698 per annum for the period between January 1, 2016 through the expiration of the term of employment. Accordingly, Mr. Madden's annual base salary was reduced as of January 1, 2016. The employment agreement provided Mr. Madden with the right, exercisable on certain specified dates in fiscal year 2012 only, to elect to receive a grant of restricted stock for a number of shares of the Company's common stock valued at \$40,000 in consideration for a reduction in his annual base salary in years subsequent to 2012 as follows: \$4,000 in 2013, approximately \$6,125 in 2014, approximately \$8,250 in 2015 and approximately \$7,026 per annum for the period between January 1, 2016 through the expiration of the employment agreement on December 31, 2023. On June 30, 2012, Mr. Madden exercised this right and on July 3, 2012 he was granted 1,893,342 restricted shares of the Company's common stock at the then market price of \$21.13, which will vest in the same manner as the February 8, 2012 restricted stock grant received by Mr. Madden pursuant to the amended agreement. (See Note L to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.) In addition to the opportunity for cash bonuses at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, Mr. Madden's employment agreement entitles him to an annual life insurance premium payment as well as an annual stock option grant and the potential for an additional one-time stock option grant based on achievement of certain financial performance criteria. The employment agreement also provides for the elimination of interest accrued after December 31, 2011 on an outstanding loan in the original principal amount of \$3,000 made by the Company to Mr. Madden, the extension of the maturity date of such loan until December 31, 2023, and the forgiveness of 1/10th of the principal amount of the loan, together with accrued interest, annually over a ten-year period commencing on December 31, 2014 for so long as Mr. Madden continues to be employed by the Company on each such December 31. As a result of the elimination of further interest accumulation, the outstanding principal and the accrued interest as of December 31, 2011 has been discounted to reflect imputed interest, which will be amortized over the remaining life of the loan.

The Company has employment agreements with certain executive officers, which provide for the payment of compensation aggregating approximately \$1,542 in the remainder of 2016, \$1,506 in 2017 and \$900 in 2018. In addition, some of these employment agreements provide for discretionary bonuses and some provide for incentive compensation based on various performance criteria as well as other benefits including stock options.

In connection with our acquisition of Steve Madden Canada Inc., Steve Madden Retail Canada Inc., Pasa Agency Inc. and Gelati Imports Inc. (collectively, "SM Canada") on February 21, 2012, we are subject to potential earn-out payments to the seller of SM Canada based on the annual performance of SM Canada for each of the twelve-month periods ending on March 31, 2013 through 2017, inclusive. We made the fourth earn-out payment of \$2,798, based on the performance of SM Canada during the twelve-month period ended on March 31, 2016, to the seller of SM Canada during the second quarter of 2016. In connection with our acquisition of Cejon Inc, Cejon Accessories, Inc. and New East Designs, LLC (collectively "Cejon") on May 25, 2011, we are subject to potential earn-out payments to the seller of Cejon based on the annual performance of Cejon for each of the twelve-month periods ending on June 30, 2012 through 2016, inclusive. The fourth earn-out payment of \$2,357 was made to the seller of Cejon in the fourth quarter of 2015 and the final earn-out payment, if achieved, will be payable in the third quarter of this year. In connection with our acquisition of Dolce Vita Holdings, Inc. ("Dolce Vita") on August 13, 2014, we are subject to potential earn-out payments to the sellers of Dolce Vita based on the performance of Dolce Vita in each of the twelve month periods ending

on September 30, 2015 and 2016 equal to 50% of Dolce Vita's EBITDA in each such year; provided that the aggregate minimum earn-out payments for the entire two-year earn-out period shall be no less than \$5,000. The first earn-out payment of \$1,019 was made to the sellers of Dolce Vita in the fourth quarter of 2015 and the second payment will be payable in the last quarter of this year. In connection with our acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of Trendy Imports S.A. de C.V., Comercial Diecisiete S.A. de C.V. and Maximus Designer Shoes S.A. de C.V. (together, "SM Mexico") on December 30, 2014, we are subject to potential earn-out payments to the seller of SM Mexico based on the annual performance of SM Mexico for each of the twelve-month periods ending on December 31, 2015 and 2016. The first earn-out payment of \$3,483 was made in the first quarter of 2016 and the second earn-out payment, if achieved, will be payable in the first quarter of 2017.

Virtually all of our products are manufactured at overseas locations, the majority of which are located in China, with a small but growing percentage located in Mexico in addition to smaller amounts produced in Brazil, Italy and India. We have not entered into any long-term manufacturing or supply contracts with any of these foreign manufacturers. We believe that a sufficient number of alternative sources exist outside of the United States for the manufacture of our products. Purchases are made primarily in United States dollars.

INFLATION

We do not believe that inflation had a significant effect on our sales or profitability in the three months ended June 30, 2016. Historically, we have minimized the impact of product cost increases by increasing prices, changing suppliers and by improving operating efficiencies. However, no assurance can be given that we will be able to offset any such inflationary cost increases in the future.

OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND THE USE OF ESTIMATES

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is based upon our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, sales and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Estimates by their nature are based on judgments and available information. Our estimates are made based upon historical factors, current circumstances and the experience and judgment of management. Assumptions and estimates are evaluated on an ongoing basis and we may employ outside experts to assist in evaluations. Therefore, actual results could materially differ from those estimates under different assumptions and conditions. Management believes the following critical accounting estimates are more significantly affected by judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements: allowance for bad debts, returns, and customer chargebacks; inventory valuation; valuation of intangible assets; litigation reserves; and contingent payment liabilities. Further, the policies currently utilized are constantly applied with prior periods.

Allowances for bad debts, returns and customer chargebacks. We provide reserves against our trade accounts receivables for future customer chargebacks, co-op advertising allowances, discounts, returns and other miscellaneous deductions that relate to the current period. The reserve against our non-factored trade receivables also includes estimated losses that may result from customers' inability to pay. The amount of the reserve for bad debts, returns, discounts and compliance chargebacks are determined by analyzing aged receivables, current economic conditions, the prevailing retail environment and historical dilution levels for customers. We evaluate anticipated customer markdowns and advertising chargebacks by reviewing several performance indicators for our major customers. These performance indicators (which include inventory levels at the retail floors, sell through rates and gross margin levels) are analyzed by management to estimate the amount of the anticipated customer allowance. Failure to correctly estimate the amount of the reserve could materially impact our results of operations and financial position.

Inventory valuation. Inventories are stated at lower-of-cost or market, on a first-in, first-out basis. We review inventory on a regular basis for excess and slow moving inventory. The review is based on an analysis of inventory on hand, prior sales, and expected net realizable value through future sales. The analysis includes a review of inventory quantities on hand at period-end in relation to year-to-date sales and projections for sales in the foreseeable future as well as subsequent sales. We consider quantities on hand in excess of estimated future sales to be at risk for market impairment. The net realizable value, or market value, is determined based on the estimate of sales prices of such inventory through off-price or discount store channels. The likelihood of any material inventory write-down is dependent primarily on the expectation of future consumer demand for our product. A misinterpretation

or misunderstanding of future consumer demand for our product, the economic conditions, or other failure to estimate correctly, in addition to abnormal weather patterns, could result in inventory valuation changes, compared to the valuation determined to be appropriate as of the balance sheet date.

Valuation of intangible assets and goodwill. Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 350, “Intangible – Goodwill and Other”, requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives no longer be amortized, but rather be tested for impairment at least annually. This pronouncement also requires that intangible assets with finite lives be amortized over their respective lives to their estimated residual values, and reviewed for impairment in accordance with ASC Topic 360, “Property, Plant and Equipment” (“ASC Topic 360”).

Indefinite-lived intangible assets and goodwill are assessed for impairment using either a qualitative or quantitative approach. We perform this annual assessment during our third quarter. Where we use the qualitative assessment, first we determine if, based on qualitative factors, it is more likely than not that an impairment exists. Factors considered include historical financial performance, macroeconomic and industry conditions and legal and regulatory environment. If the qualitative assessment indicates that it is more likely than not that an impairment exists, then a quantitative assessment is performed. The quantitative assessment requires an analysis of several estimates including future cash flows or income consistent with management’s strategic business plans, annual sales growth rates and the selection of assumptions underlying a discount rate (weighted average cost of capital) based on market data available at the time.

In accordance with ASC Topic 360, long-lived assets, such as property, equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset.

Litigation reserves. Estimated amounts for litigation claims that are probable and can be reasonably estimated are recorded as liabilities in our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The likelihood of a material change in these estimated reserves would be dependent on new claims as they may arise and the favorable or unfavorable events of a particular litigation. As additional information becomes available, management will assess the potential liability related to the pending litigation and revise its estimates. Such revisions in management’s estimates of a contingent liability could materially impact our results of operation and financial position.

Contingent payment liabilities. Since February 2012, the Company has completed five acquisitions, four of which continue to require the Company to potentially make earn-out payments to the sellers of the acquired businesses based on the future financial performance of the acquired businesses over a period of one or two years, as applicable. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management’s projections of the financial results of the acquired businesses. Failure to correctly project the financial results of the acquired businesses could materially impact our results of operations and financial position.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK
(\$ in thousands)

We do not engage in the trading of market risk sensitive instruments in the normal course of business. Our financing arrangements are subject to variable interest rates, primarily based on the prime rate and LIBOR. The terms of our collection agency agreements with Rosenthal & Rosenthal, Inc. can be found in the Liquidity and Capital Resources section of Item 2 and in Note C to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report.

As of June 30, 2016, we held marketable securities valued at \$122,690, which consist primarily of certificates of deposit and corporate bonds. The values of these securities may fluctuate as a result of changes in equity values, market interest rates and credit risk. We have the ability to hold these investments until maturity. In addition, any decline in interest rates would be expected to reduce our interest income.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As required by Rule 13a-15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) were, as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report, effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As required by Rule 13a-15(d) under the Exchange Act, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated our internal controls over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the quarter covered by this Quarterly Report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, there has been no such change during the quarter covered by this Quarterly Report.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Information regarding certain specific legal proceedings in which the Company is involved is contained in Part 1, Item 3, and in Note O to the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Unless otherwise indicated in this report, all proceedings discussed in the earlier report which are not indicated therein as having been concluded, remain outstanding as of June 30, 2016.

The Company has been named as a defendant in certain other lawsuits in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the liabilities, if any, resulting from these matters should not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. It is the policy of management to disclose the amount or range of reasonably possible losses in excess of recorded amounts.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table presents the total number of shares of the Company's common stock, \$.0001 par value, purchased by the Company in the three months ended June 30, 2016, the average price paid per share and the approximate dollar value of shares that still could have been purchased at the end of the fiscal period, pursuant to the Company's Share Repurchase Program. See also Note J to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. During the three months ended June 30, 2016, there were no sales by the Company of unregistered shares of the Company's common stock.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Dollar Amount of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
4/1/2016 - 4/30/2016	89,775	\$ 34.58	89,775	\$ 182,950
5/1/2016 - 5/31/2016	459,961	\$ 33.92	459,961	\$ 167,348
6/1/2016 - 6/30/2016	233,000	\$ 34.23	233,000	\$ 159,372
Total	782,736	\$ 34.09	782,736	\$ 159,372

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

- (a) On August 2, 2016, the Company issued a press release reporting its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2016, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Quarterly Report.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

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| 10.1 | First Allonge to Third Amended and Restated Secured Promissory Note made as of April 8, 2016 between Steven H. Madden and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 6, 2016) |
| 10.2 | Third Amendment to Third Amended Employment Agreement dated as of April 8, 2016 between Steven Madden and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 6, 2016)# |
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| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated August 2, 2016 of Steven Madden, Ltd. |
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Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be identified pursuant to Item 6 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

* This exhibit shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any filing, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report on Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DATE: August 4, 2016

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD.

/s/ EDWARD R. ROSENFELD

Edward R. Rosenfeld

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ ARVIND DHARIA

Arvind Dharia

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) OR 15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Edward R. Rosenfeld, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Steven Madden, Ltd.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ EDWARD R. ROSENFELD

Edward R. Rosenfeld

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

August 4, 2016

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) OR 15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Arvind Dharia, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Steven Madden, Ltd.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ ARVIND DHARIA

Arvind Dharia
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer
August 4, 2016

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Steven Madden, Ltd. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Edward R. Rosenfeld, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ EDWARD R. ROSENFELD

Edward R. Rosenfeld
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
August 4, 2016

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Steven Madden, Ltd. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Arvind Dharia, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ ARVIND DHARIA

Arvind Dharia

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

August 4, 2016

Steve Madden Announces Second Quarter 2016 Results

LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y., August 2, 2016 - Steve Madden (Nasdaq: SHOO), a leading designer and marketer of fashion footwear and accessories for women, men and children, today announced financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2016.

For the Second Quarter 2016:

- Net sales increased 0.6% to \$325.4 million compared to \$323.6 million in the same period of 2015.
- Gross margin expanded 130 basis points to 37.2% as compared to 35.9% in the same period last year.
- Operating expenses as a percentage of sales were 27.0% compared to 25.5% of sales in the same period of 2015.
- Operating income totaled \$35.9 million, or 11.0% of net sales, compared with operating income of \$36.8 million, or 11.4% of net sales, in the same period of 2015.
- Net income was \$24.7 million, or \$0.42 per diluted share, compared to \$24.5 million, or \$0.40 per diluted share, in the prior year's second quarter.

Edward Rosenfeld, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We were pleased with our second quarter performance, which was highlighted by robust gains in our Steve Madden Women's and Dolce Vita wholesale footwear divisions as well as continued strong comparable store sales growth in our retail segment. While these core businesses are meeting or exceeding expectations, we are seeing softer than anticipated trends in our private label footwear business and with certain international distributors. Therefore, we are adjusting our sales outlook and now expect net sales for 2016 to increase 0% to 1% compared to 2015. Despite the lower sales expectation, we continue to expect that diluted EPS will be in the range of \$1.93 to \$2.03 due to better than anticipated gross margin trends and a reduction in our forecasted full year tax rate."

Second Quarter 2016 Segment Results

Net sales for the wholesale business were \$262.9 million in the second quarter of 2016 compared to \$266.7 million in the second quarter of 2015. Gross margin in the wholesale business increased to 31.1% compared to 29.8% in last year's second quarter driven by improvement in the wholesale footwear segment.

Retail net sales in the second quarter were \$62.5 million compared to \$56.9 million in the second quarter of the prior year. Same store sales increased 5.4% for the second quarter. Retail gross margin decreased to 62.8% in the second quarter of 2016 compared to 64.5% in the second quarter of 2015 due to the positive impact in the second quarter of 2015 of insurance proceeds related to prior period losses as well as the negative impact in the second quarter of 2016 of a stronger U.S. dollar on the Company's international retail businesses.

During the second quarter, the Company opened 2 full price stores and 7 outlet locations. The Company ended the quarter with 180 company-operated retail locations, including 4 Internet stores.

The effective tax rate for the second quarter of 2016 was 32.0% compared to 33.9% in the second quarter of the prior year.

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

During the second quarter of 2016, the Company repurchased 792,933 shares of the Company's common stock for approximately \$27.0 million, which includes shares acquired through the net settlement of employee stock awards.

As of June 30, 2016, cash, cash equivalents, and current and non-current marketable securities totaled \$199.0 million.

Company Outlook

The Company has adjusted its sales outlook for fiscal year 2016. The Company now expects that net sales will increase 0% to 1% over net sales in 2015. The Company continues to expect diluted EPS for fiscal year 2016 to be in the range of \$1.93 to \$2.03.

Conference Call Information

Interested stockholders are invited to listen to the second quarter earnings conference call scheduled for today, August 2, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The call will be broadcast live over the Internet and can be accessed by logging onto <http://www.stevemadden.com>. An online archive of the broadcast will be available within one hour of the conclusion of the call and will be accessible for a period of 30 days following the call. Additionally, a replay of the call can be accessed by dialing 1-877-870-5176 (U.S.) and 1-858-384-5517 (international), passcode 8289304, and will be available until September 2, 2016.

About Steve Madden

Steve Madden designs, sources and markets fashion-forward footwear and accessories for women, men and children. In addition to marketing products under its own brands including [Steve Madden®](#), [Dolce Vita®](#), [Betsey Johnson®](#), [Report®](#), [Big Buddha®](#), [Brian Atwood®](#), [Cejon®](#), [Blondo®](#) and [Mad Love®](#), Steve Madden is the licensee of various brands, including [Superga®](#) for footwear in North America. Steve Madden also designs and sources products under private label brand names for various retailers. Steve Madden's wholesale distribution includes department stores, specialty stores, luxury retailers, national chains and mass merchants. Steve Madden also operates 180 retail stores (including Steve Madden's four Internet stores). Steve Madden licenses certain of its brands to third parties for the marketing and sale of certain products, including for ready-to-wear, outerwear, intimate apparel, hosiery, jewelry, luggage and bedding and bath products. For local store information and the latest Steve Madden booties, pumps, men's and women's boots, dress shoes, sandals and more, visit <http://www.stevemadden.com/>

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This press release and oral statements made from time to time by representatives of the Company contain certain "forward looking statements" as that term is defined in the federal securities laws. The events described in forward looking statements may not occur. Generally, these statements relate to business plans or strategies, projected or anticipated benefits or other consequences of the Company's plans or strategies, projected or anticipated benefits from acquisitions to be made by the Company, or projections involving anticipated revenues, earnings or other aspects of the Company's operating results. The words "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend," "estimate," and "continue," and their opposites and similar expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements. The Company cautions you that these statements concern current expectations about the Company's future results and condition and are not guarantees of future performance or events and are subject to a number of uncertainties, risks and other influences, many of which are beyond the Company's control, that may influence the accuracy of the statements and the projections upon which the statements are based. Factors which may affect the Company's results include, but are not limited to, the risks and uncertainties discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any one or more of these uncertainties, risks and other influences could materially

affect the Company's results of operations and financial condition and whether forward looking statements made by the Company ultimately prove to be accurate and, as such, the Company's actual results, performance and achievements could differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

Unaudited

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
Net sales	\$ 325,402	\$ 323,582	\$ 654,759	\$ 647,527
Cost of sales	204,357	207,436	417,512	420,003
Gross profit	121,045	116,146	237,247	227,524
Commission and licensing fee income, net	2,826	3,127	4,997	7,045
Operating expenses	87,981	82,456	176,474	164,860
Impairment charge	-	-	-	3,045
Income from operations	35,890	36,817	65,770	66,664
Interest and other income, net	546	670	370	1,166
Income before provision for income taxes	36,436	37,487	66,140	67,830
Provision for income taxes	11,659	12,723	21,164	23,131
Net income	24,777	24,764	44,976	44,699
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	105	261	342	372
Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd.	\$ 24,672	\$ 24,503	\$ 44,634	\$ 44,327
Basic income per share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.75
Diluted income per share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.72
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	57,430	59,302	57,572	59,453
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	59,174	61,417	59,474	61,747

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA

(In thousands)

	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	As of	<u>December 31, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,271	\$	72,414	\$ 68,994
Marketable securities (current & non current)	122,690		120,889	120,639
Accounts receivables, net	216,564		198,384	218,878
Inventories	116,369		102,080	112,434
Other current assets	54,328		52,517	42,276
Property and equipment, net	73,485		72,010	70,036
Goodwill and intangibles, net	286,187		286,855	295,265
Other assets	9,011		9,236	10,119
Total assets	<u>\$ 954,905</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>914,385</u>	<u>\$ 938,641</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 101,473	\$	79,790	\$ 105,431
Contingent payment liability (current & non current)	20,012		24,775	35,541
Other current liabilities	79,199		78,246	92,861
Other long term liabilities	53,443		52,911	32,004
Total Steven Madden, Ltd. stockholders' equity	700,437		678,404	672,369
Noncontrolling interest	341		259	435
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 954,905</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>914,385</u>	<u>\$ 938,641</u>

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW DATA

(In thousands)

Unaudited

	Six Months Ended	
	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 54,963	\$ 53,783
<u>Investing Activities</u>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(8,402)	(8,452)
Sales (purchases) of marketable securities, net	842	(869)
Repayment of notes receivable	-	240
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(3,665)	(8,729)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(11,225)</u>	<u>(17,810)</u>
<u>Financing Activities</u>		
Common stock share repurchases for treasury	(41,070)	(74,156)
Payment of contingent liability	(6,281)	(2,950)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,708	19,703
Tax benefit from the exercise of stock options	3,762	8,974
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(39,881)</u>	<u>(48,429)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,857	(12,456)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period	72,414	81,450
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	<u>\$ 76,271</u>	<u>\$ 68,994</u>

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