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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, 2018

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

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ACCELERATE DIAGNOSTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

84-1072256

(State or other jurisdiction

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

of incorporation or organization)

3950 South Country Club, Suite 470

Tucson, Arizona

85714

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(520) 365-3100

(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," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated file  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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

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

As of August 3, 2018 there were 54,127,990 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

ACCELERATE DIAGNOSTICS, INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED  
 BALANCE SHEET  
 (in thousands)

	June 30, 2018 Unaudited	December 31, 2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$66,810	\$28,513
Investments	130,594	80,648
Trade accounts receivable	1,823	1,946
Inventory	11,317	8,063
Prepaid expenses	1,421	850
Other current assets	643	468
Total current assets	212,608	120,488
Property and equipment, net	5,443	4,890
Intellectual property, net	124	134
Other non-current assets	78	—
Total assets	\$218,253	\$125,512
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$2,355	\$2,080
Accrued liabilities	5,302	3,636
Deferred revenue and income	185	1,071
Total current liabilities	7,842	6,787
Other long term liabilities	26	21
Convertible notes	115,499	—
Total liabilities	\$123,367	\$6,808
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred shares, \$0.001 par value; 5,000,000 preferred shares authorized and none outstanding as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017	—	—
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 75,000,000 common shares authorized with 54,090,575 shares issued and outstanding on June 30, 2018 and 75,000,000 authorized with 55,673,810 shares issued and outstanding on December 31, 2017	54	56
Contributed capital	426,091	360,620
Treasury Stock	(45,067)	)—
Accumulated deficit	(286,058)	(241,972)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(134)	)—

Total stockholders' equity	94,886	118,704
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$218,253	\$125,512
See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.		

ACCELERATE DIAGNOSTICS, INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED  
 STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

Unaudited

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Net sales	\$1,692	\$699	\$2,493	\$1,230
Cost of sales	717	135	1,210	161
Gross profit	975	564	1,283	1,069
Costs and expenses:				
Research and development	6,060	5,527	12,842	9,815
Sales, general and administrative	15,330	11,460	29,682	21,988
Total costs and expenses	21,390	16,987	42,524	31,803
Loss from operations	(20,415 )	(16,423 )	(41,241 )	(30,734 )
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense	(3,205 )	—	(3,363 )	—
Foreign currency exchange (loss)	(253 )	(7 )	(198 )	(33 )
Interest income	774	153	1,075	290
Other expense, net	(25 )	(5 )	(25 )	(5 )
Total other income (expense), net	(2,709 )	141	(2,511 )	252
Net loss before income taxes	(23,124 )	(16,282 )	(43,752 )	(30,482 )
Provision for income taxes	(101 )	(175 )	(285 )	(175 )
Net loss	\$(23,225)	\$(16,457)	\$(44,037)	\$(30,657)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$(0.43 )	\$(0.31 )	\$(0.80 )	\$(0.58 )
Weighted average shares outstanding	54,003	53,568		

Our proprietary brands, packaging designs, and manufacturing methods are essential to the value of our business, and the inability to protect these could harm the value of our brands and adversely affect our sales and profitability.

The success of our business depends significantly on our brands, know-how, and other intellectual property. We rely on a combination of trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, patents, copyrights, and similar rights to protect our intellectual property. The success of our growth strategy depends on our continued ability to use our existing trademarks and service marks in order to maintain and increase brand awareness and further develop our brands. If our efforts to protect our intellectual property are not adequate, or if any third party misappropriates or infringes on our intellectual property, the value of our brands may be harmed, which could have a material adverse effect on our business. From time to time, we are engaged in litigation to protect our intellectual property, which could result in substantial costs as well as diversion of management attention.

In particular, we consider our proprietary coffee roasting methods essential to the consistent flavor and richness of our coffee products and, therefore, essential to our coffee brands. Because many of the roasting methods we use are not protected by patents, it may be difficult for us to prevent competitors from copying our roasting methods if such methods become known. We also believe that our packaging innovations, such as our AromaSeal™ canisters, are important to the coffee business' marketing and operational efforts. If our competitors copy our roasting or packaging methods or develop more advanced roasting or packaging methods, the value of our coffee brands may be diminished, and we could lose customers to our competitors.

We use a single national broker to represent a portion of our branded products to the retail grocery trade and any failure by the broker to effectively represent us could adversely affect our business.

We use a single national broker in the U.S. to represent a portion of our branded products to the retail grocery trade. Our business would suffer disruption if this broker were to default in the performance of its obligations to perform brokerage services or if this broker fails to effectively represent us to the retail grocery trade, which could adversely affect our business.

Loss or interruption of supply from single-source suppliers of raw materials and finished goods could have a disruptive effect on our business and adversely affect our results of operations.

We have elected to source certain raw materials, such as packaging for our Folgers coffee products, as well as our Jif peanut butter and Crisco oil products, and finished goods, such as K-Cup® pods and our Pup-Peroni dog snacks, from single sources of supply. While we believe that, except as set forth below, alternative sources of these raw materials and finished goods could be obtained on commercially reasonable terms, loss or an extended interruption in supplies from a single-source supplier would result in additional costs, could have a disruptive short-term effect on our business, and could adversely affect our results of operations.

Keurig is our single-source supplier for K-Cup® pods, which are used in its proprietary Keurig® K-Cup® brewing system. There are a limited number of manufacturers other than Keurig that are making cups that will work in such proprietary brewing system. If Keurig is unable to supply K-Cup® pods to us for any reason, it could be difficult to find an alternative supplier for such goods on commercially reasonable terms, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Our results may be adversely impacted as a result of increased cost, limited availability, and/or insufficient quality of raw materials, including commodities and agricultural products.

We and our business partners purchase and use large quantities of many different commodities and agricultural products in the manufacturing of our products, including green coffee, peanuts, oils and fats, protein meals, sweeteners, grains, and fruit. In addition, we and our business partners utilize significant quantities of plastic, glass, and cardboard to package our products and natural gas and fuel oil to manufacture, package, and distribute our products. The prices of these commodities, agricultural products, and other materials are subject to volatility and can fluctuate due to conditions that are difficult to predict, including global supply and demand, commodity market fluctuations, crop sizes and yield fluctuations, weather, natural disasters, foreign currency fluctuations, investor speculation, trade agreements, political unrest, consumer demand, and changes in governmental agricultural programs. In addition, we compete for certain raw materials, notably corn and soy-based agricultural products, with the biofuels industry, which has resulted in increased prices for these raw materials. Additionally, farm acreage currently devoted to other agricultural





products we purchase may be utilized for biofuels crops resulting in higher cost for the other agricultural products we utilize. Although we use basis, futures, and options contracts to manage commodity price volatility in some instances, commodity price increases ultimately result in corresponding increases in our raw material and energy costs.

Due to the significance of green coffee to our coffee business, combined with our ability to only partially mitigate future price risk through purchasing practices and hedging activities, significant increases or decreases in the cost of green coffee could have an adverse impact on our profitability, as compared to that of our competitors. In addition, if we are not able to purchase sufficient quantities of green coffee due to any of the above factors or to a worldwide or regional shortage, we may not be able to fulfill the demand for our coffee, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our efforts to manage commodity, foreign currency exchange, and other price volatility through derivative instruments could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We use derivative instruments, including commodity futures and options, to reduce the price volatility associated with anticipated commodity purchases. The extent of our derivative position at any given time depends on our assessment of the markets for these commodities. If we fail to take a derivative position and costs subsequently increase, or if we institute a position and costs subsequently decrease, our costs may be greater than anticipated or higher than our competitors' costs and our financial results could be adversely affected. In addition, our liquidity may be adversely impacted by the cash margin requirements of the commodities exchanges or the failure of a counterparty to perform in accordance with a contract.

We currently do not qualify any of our commodity or foreign currency exchange derivatives for hedge accounting. We instead mark-to-market our derivatives through the Statement of Consolidated Income, which results in changes in the fair value of all of our derivatives being immediately recognized in consolidated earnings, resulting in potential volatility in both gross profit and net income. These gains and losses are reported in cost of products sold in our Statement of Consolidated Income but are excluded from our segment operating results and non-GAAP earnings until the related inventory is sold, at which time the gains and losses are reclassified to segment profit and non-GAAP earnings. Although this accounting treatment aligns the derivative gains and losses with the underlying exposure being hedged within segment results, it may result in volatility in our consolidated earnings.

We may be limited in our ability to pass cost increases on to our customers in the form of price increases or may realize a decrease in sales volume to the extent price increases are implemented.

We may not be able to pass some or all of any increases in the price of raw materials, energy, and other input costs to our customers by raising prices. To the extent competitors do not also increase their prices, customers and consumers may choose to purchase competing products or may shift purchases to private label or other lower-priced offerings, which may adversely affect our results of operations.

Consumers may be less willing or able to pay a price differential for our branded products, and may increasingly purchase lower-priced offerings and may forego some purchases altogether, especially during economic downturns. Retailers may also increase levels of promotional activity for lower-priced offerings as they seek to maintain sales volumes during times of economic uncertainty. Accordingly, sales volumes of our branded products could be reduced or lead to a shift in sales mix toward our lower-margin offerings. As a result, decreased demand for our products may adversely affect our results of operations.

Certain of our products are produced at single manufacturing sites.

We have consolidated our production capacity for certain products, including substantially all of our coffee, Milk-Bone dog snacks, fruit spreads, toppings, syrups, and Uncrustables frozen sandwiches, into single manufacturing sites. We could experience a production disruption at these or any of our manufacturing sites resulting in a reduction or elimination of the availability of some of our products. If we are not able to obtain alternate production capability in a timely manner, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be adversely affected.

A significant interruption in the operation of any of our supply chain or distribution capabilities could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our ability and the ability of our third-party suppliers and service providers, distributors, and contract manufacturers to manufacture, distribute, and sell products is critical to our success. A significant interruption in the operation of any of our manufacturing or distribution capabilities, or the manufacturing or distribution capabilities of our suppliers, distributors, or contract manufacturers, or a service failure by a third-party service provider, whether as a result of adverse weather conditions or a natural disaster, work stoppage, terrorism, pandemic illness, or other causes, could significantly impair our ability to operate our business. Notably, substantially all of our coffee production takes place in New Orleans, Louisiana, which is subject to risks associated with hurricane and other weather-related events. Additionally, some of our production facilities are located in places where tornadoes can frequently occur, such as Alabama and Kansas. Failure to take adequate steps to mitigate the likelihood or potential impact of such events, or to effectively manage such events if they occur, could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our business could be harmed by strikes or work stoppages.

As of April 30, 2018, 28 percent of our full-time employees, located at 10 manufacturing locations, are covered by collective bargaining agreements. These contracts vary in term depending on location, with one contract expiring in 2019, representing less than 1 percent of our total employees. We cannot assure that we will be able to renew these collective bargaining agreements on the same or more favorable terms as the current agreements, or at all, without production interruptions caused by labor stoppages. If a strike or work stoppage were to occur in connection with negotiations of new collective bargaining agreements or as a result of disputes under collective bargaining agreements with labor unions, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Our ability to competitively serve customers depends on the availability of reliable transportation. Increases in logistics and other transportation-related costs could adversely impact our results of operations.

Logistics and other transportation-related costs have a significant impact on our earnings and results of operations. We use multiple forms of transportation, including ships, trucks, and railcars, to bring our products to market. Disruption to the timely supply of these services or increases in the cost of these services for any reason, including availability or cost of fuel, regulations affecting the industry, labor shortages in the transportation industry, service failures by third-party service providers, accidents, or natural disasters, which may impact the transportation infrastructure or demand for transportation services, could have an adverse effect on our ability to serve our customers, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our operations are subject to the general risks of the food industry.

The food industry is subject to risks posed by food spoilage and contamination, product tampering, product recall, and consumer product liability claims. Our operations could be impacted by both genuine and fictitious claims regarding our products as well as our competitors' products. In the event of product contamination or tampering, we may need to recall some of our products. A widespread product recall could result in significant loss due to the cost of conducting a product recall, including destruction of inventory and the loss of sales resulting from the unavailability of product for a period of time. We could also suffer losses from a significant product liability judgment against us. A significant product recall or a product liability judgment, involving either us or our competitors, could also result in a loss of consumer confidence in our food products or the food category, and an actual or perceived loss of value of our brands, materially impacting consumer demand.

Changes in our relationships with significant customers, including the loss of our largest customer, could adversely affect our results of operations.

Sales to Walmart Inc. and subsidiaries amounted to 31 percent of net sales in 2018. These sales are primarily included in the U.S. retail market segments. Trade receivables at April 30, 2018, included amounts due from Walmart Inc. and subsidiaries of \$123.1 million, or 32 percent of the total trade receivables balance. During 2018, our top 10 customers, collectively, accounted for approximately 60 percent of consolidated net sales. We expect that a significant portion of our revenues will continue to be derived from a limited number of



customers. Our customers are generally not contractually obligated to purchase from us. These customers make purchase decisions based on a combination of price, promotional support, product quality, consumer demand, customer service performance, their desired inventory levels, and other factors. Changes in customers' strategies, including a reduction in the number of brands they carry or a shift of shelf space to private label products, may adversely affect sales. Customers also may respond to price increases by reducing distribution, resulting in reduced sales of our products. Additionally, our customers may face financial or other difficulties that may impact their operations and their purchases from us, which could adversely affect our results of operations. A reduction in sales to one or more major customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

• We operate in the competitive food industry and continued demand for our products may be affected by changes in consumer preferences.

We face competition across our product lines from other food companies with the primary methods and factors in competition being product quality, price, packaging, product innovation, nutritional value, convenience, customer service, advertising, and promotion. Continued success is dependent on product innovation, the ability to secure and maintain adequate retail shelf space and to compete in new and growing channels, such as e-commerce, and effective and sufficient trade merchandising, advertising, and marketing programs. Some of our competitors have substantial financial, marketing, and other resources, and competition with them in our various markets, channels, and product lines could cause us to reduce prices, increase marketing or other expenditures, or lose category share. Category share and growth could be adversely impacted if we are not successful in introducing new products. Introduction of new products and product extensions requires significant development and marketing investment. If our products fail to meet consumer preferences, or we fail to introduce new and improved products on a timely basis, then the return on that investment will be less than anticipated and our strategy to grow sales and profits through investment in innovation will be less successful. In order to generate future revenues and profits, we must continue to sell products that appeal to our customers and consumers. Specifically, there are a number of trends in consumer preferences that may impact us and the food industry as a whole, including convenience, flavor variety, an emphasis on protein and snacking, and the desire for transparent product labeling and simple and natural ingredients.

Prolonged negative perceptions concerning the health implications of certain food products could influence consumer preferences and acceptance of some of our products and marketing programs. Although we strive to respond to consumer preferences and social expectations, we may not be successful in these efforts. Increasing public concern regarding health issues and failure to satisfy consumer preferences could decrease demand for certain of our products and adversely affect our profitability.

¶ The success of our business depends substantially on consumer perceptions of our brands.

We are the branded market leader in several categories both in the U.S. and Canada. We believe that maintaining and continually enhancing the value of our brands is critical to the success of our business. Brand value is based in large part on consumer perceptions. Success in promoting and enhancing brand value depends in large part on our ability to provide high-quality products. Brand value could diminish significantly as a result of a number of factors, such as if we fail to preserve the quality of our products, if we are perceived to act in an irresponsible manner, if the Company or our brands otherwise receive negative publicity, if our brands fail to deliver a consistently positive consumer experience, or if our products become unavailable to consumers. The growing use of social and digital media by consumers increases the speed and extent that information and opinions can be shared. Negative posts or comments about us or our brands or products on social or digital media could damage our brands and reputation. If our brand values are diminished, our revenues and operating results could be materially adversely affected. In addition, anything that harms the Dunkin' Donuts, Rachael Ray, Pillsbury, Carnation, Sweet'N Low, or Sugar In The Raw brands could adversely affect the success of our exclusive licensing agreements with the owners of these brands.

¶ We could be subject to adverse publicity or claims from consumers.

Certain of our products contain ingredients, the health effects of which are the subject of public scrutiny, including the suggestion that consumption may have adverse health effects. An unfavorable report on the



health effects of ingredients present in our products, product recalls, or negative publicity or litigation arising from other health risks could significantly reduce the demand for our products.

We may also be subject to complaints from or litigation by consumers who allege food and beverage-related illness, or other quality, health, or operational concerns. Adverse publicity resulting from such allegations could materially adversely affect us, regardless of whether such allegations are true or whether we are ultimately held liable. A lawsuit or claim could result in an adverse decision against us, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our operations are subject to the general risks associated with acquisitions and divestitures. Specifically, we may not realize all of the anticipated benefits of the Ainsworth acquisition or those benefits may take longer to realize than expected. We may also encounter significant unexpected difficulties in integrating the Ainsworth business.

Our stated strategic vision is to own and market a portfolio of food and beverage brands that combines number one and leading brands with emerging, on-trend brands to drive balanced, long-term growth, primarily in North America. We have historically made strategic acquisitions of brands and businesses and intend to do so in the future in support of this strategy. If we are unable to complete acquisitions or to successfully integrate and develop acquired businesses, including the effective management of integration and related restructuring costs, we could fail to achieve the anticipated synergies and cost savings, or the expected increases in revenues and operating results, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial results. In particular, our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the Ainsworth acquisition will depend, to a large extent, on our ability to integrate the Ainsworth business into Smucker. The combination of two independent businesses is a complex, costly, and time-consuming process. As a result, we will be required to devote significant management attention and resources to integrating Ainsworth's business practices and operations with our business practices and operations. The integration process may disrupt the businesses and, if implemented ineffectively or if impacted by unforeseen negative economic or market conditions or other factors, we may not realize the full anticipated benefits, cost savings, synergies, business opportunities, and growth prospects of the acquisition. Our failure to meet the challenges involved in integrating the two businesses to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition could cause an interruption of, or a loss of momentum in, our activities and could adversely affect our results of operations.

In addition, we have made strategic divestitures of brands and businesses, including a potential divestiture of our U.S. baking business, and we may do so in the future. If we are unable to complete divestitures or to successfully transition divested businesses, our business and financial results could be negatively impacted.

• We may not realize the benefits we expect from our cost reduction initiatives.

As part of our organization optimization and cost management programs, we are pursuing a number of initiatives to reduce costs and increase effectiveness. We may not realize all or part of the anticipated cost savings or other benefits from such initiatives. Other events and circumstances, such as financial or strategic difficulties, delays, or unexpected costs, may also adversely impact our ability to realize all or part of the anticipated cost savings or other benefits, or cause us not to realize such cost savings or other benefits on the expected timetable. If we are unable to realize the anticipated cost savings, our ability to fund other initiatives may be adversely affected. Finally, the complexity of the implementation will require a substantial amount of management and operational resources. Our management team must successfully execute the administrative and operational changes necessary to achieve the anticipated benefits of the initiatives. These and related demands on our resources may divert the organization's attention from other business issues, have adverse effects on existing business relationships with suppliers and customers, and impact employee morale. Any failure to implement our cost reduction initiatives in accordance with our plans could adversely affect our business and financial results.

• Weak financial performance, downgrades in our credit ratings, or disruptions in the financial markets may adversely affect our ability to access capital in the future.

We may need new or additional financing in the future to conduct our operations, expand our business, or refinance existing indebtedness, which would be dependent upon our financial performance. Any downgrade in our credit ratings, particularly our short-term rating, would likely impact the amount of commercial paper we could issue and increase our commercial paper borrowing costs. The liquidity of the overall capital



markets and the state of the economy, including the food and beverage industry, may make credit and capital markets more difficult for us to access, even though we have an established revolving credit facility. From time to time, we have relied, and also may rely in the future, on access to financial markets as a source of liquidity for working capital requirements, acquisitions, and general corporate purposes. In particular, our access to funds under our revolving credit facility is dependent on the ability of the financial institutions that are parties to that facility to meet their funding commitments. The obligations of the financial institutions under our revolving credit facility are several and not joint and, as a result, a funding default by one or more institutions does not need to be made up by the others. In addition, long-term volatility and disruptions in the capital and credit markets as a result of uncertainty, changing or increased regulation of financial institutions, reduced alternatives, or the failure of significant financial institutions could adversely affect our access to the liquidity needed for our businesses in the longer term. Such disruptions could require us to take measures to conserve cash until the markets stabilize or until alternative credit arrangements or other funding for our business needs can be arranged. Disruptions in the capital and credit markets could also result in higher interest rates on publicly issued debt securities and increased costs under credit facilities. Continuation of these disruptions would increase our interest expense and capital costs and could adversely affect our results of operations and financial position.

Our substantial debt obligations could restrict our operations and financial condition. Additionally, our ability to generate cash to make payments on our indebtedness depends on many factors beyond our control.

As of April 30, 2018, we had approximately \$4.8 billion of short-term borrowings and long-term debt. Subsequently, on May 14, 2018, we borrowed \$1.9 billion to finance the Ainsworth acquisition. We may also incur additional indebtedness in the future. Our debt service obligations will require us to use a portion of our operating cash flow to pay interest and principal on indebtedness rather than for other corporate purposes, including funding future expansion of our business and ongoing capital expenditures, which could impede our growth. Our substantial indebtedness could have other adverse consequences, including:

making it more difficult for us to satisfy our financial obligations;

- increasing our vulnerability to adverse economic, regulatory, and industry conditions, and placing us at a disadvantage compared to our competitors that are less leveraged;
- limiting our ability to compete and our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;

limiting our ability to borrow additional funds for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, and general corporate or other purposes; and

exposing us to greater interest rate risk, including the risk to variable borrowings of a rate increase and the risk to fixed borrowings of a rate decrease.

Our ability to make payments on our indebtedness will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. Our ability to generate future cash is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. Our business may not generate sufficient cash flow from operations and future borrowings may not be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness when scheduled payments are due or to fund other liquidity needs. In these circumstances, we may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness on or before maturity. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require make-whole payments and compliance with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. Our ability to refinance our indebtedness or obtain additional financing would depend on, among other things, our financial condition at the time, restriction in the agreements governing our indebtedness, and the condition of the financial markets and the industry in which we operate. As a result, we may not be able to refinance any of our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Without this financing, we may have to seek additional equity or debt financing or restructure our debt, which could harm our long-term business prospects. Our failure to comply with the terms of any existing or future indebtedness could result in an event of default which, if not cured or waived, could result in the acceleration of the payment of all of our debt.

A material impairment in the carrying value of acquired goodwill or other intangible assets could negatively affect our consolidated operating results and net worth.





A significant portion of our assets is goodwill and other intangible assets, the majority of which are not amortized but are reviewed for impairment at least annually and more often if indicators of impairment exist. At April 30, 2018, the carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets totaled \$11.9 billion, compared to total assets of \$15.3 billion and total shareholders' equity of \$7.9 billion. If the carrying value of these assets exceeds the current estimated fair value, the asset is considered impaired, and this would result in a noncash charge to earnings, which could be material. Events and conditions that could result in impairment include a sustained drop in the market price of our common shares, increased competition or loss of market share, obsolescence, product claims that result in a significant loss of sales or profitability over the product life, deterioration in macroeconomic conditions, or declining financial performance in comparison to projected results.

As a result of the Big Heart acquisition in 2015, we recognized \$3.0 billion of goodwill and \$1.5 billion of other indefinite-lived intangible assets based on their estimated fair values on the acquisition date. During 2017, we recognized total impairment charges of \$128.5 related to certain indefinite-lived trademarks within the U.S. Retail Pet Foods segment. During the third quarter of 2018, we performed an interim impairment analysis on the goodwill of the Pet Foods reporting unit and the indefinite-lived trademarks included within the U.S. Retail Pet Foods segment due to a decline in forecasted net sales for the U.S. Retail Pet Foods segment, as well as the narrow differences between estimated fair value and carrying value. As a result, we recognized total impairment charges of \$176.9, of which \$145.0 and \$31.9 related to the goodwill of the Pet Foods reporting unit and certain indefinite-lived trademarks within the U.S. Retail Pet Foods segment, respectively, to the extent the carrying values exceeded the estimated fair values. The goodwill and indefinite-lived trademarks within the U.S. Retail Pet Foods segment remain susceptible to future impairment charges as the carrying values approximate estimated fair values at April 30, 2018. In addition, any meaningful adverse change to our near or long-term projections or macro-economic conditions could result in future impairment charges. Further changes to the assumptions regarding the future performance of the U.S. Retail Pet Foods segment or its brands or a change to other assumptions could result in additional impairment losses in the future, which could be more significant.

In addition, as a result of the Ainsworth acquisition in May 2018, we will recognize additional goodwill and other intangible assets, which will be included within the U.S. Retail Pet Foods reportable segment, based on their estimated fair values on the acquisition date. Since carrying value will represent estimated fair value, these assets could be more susceptible to future impairment. A change to the assumptions regarding future performance of the business, or a portion of it, or a change to other assumptions, could result in significant impairment losses in the future.

Changes in tax, environmental, or other regulations and laws, or their application, or failure to comply with existing licensing, trade, and other regulations and laws could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

Our operations are subject to various regulations and laws administered by federal, state, and local government agencies in the U.S. as well as to regulations and laws administered by government agencies in Canada and other countries in which we have operations and our products are sold. In particular, the manufacturing, marketing, packaging, labeling, and distribution of food products are each subject to governmental regulation that is increasingly extensive, encompassing such matters as ingredients (including whether a product contains genetically modified ingredients), packaging, advertising, relations with distributors and retailers, health, safety, and the environment. Additionally, we are routinely subject to new or modified tax and securities regulations, other laws and regulations, and accounting and reporting standards.

In the U.S., we are required to comply with federal laws, such as the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Food Safety Modernization Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Tariff Act, laws governing equal employment opportunity, and various other federal statutes and regulations. We are also subject to various state and local statutes and regulations. For instance, the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (better known as "Proposition 65") requires that a specific warning appear on any product sold in the State of California that contains a substance listed by that state as having been found to cause cancer or birth defects. This law exposes all food and beverage producers to the possibility of having to provide warnings on their products, as well as civil penalties. The detection of even a trace amount of a listed substance can subject an affected product to the requirement of a warning label. Products containing listed substances that occur naturally or that are contributed to such products solely by a municipal water supply are generally exempt



from the warning requirement. In particular, we are currently a defendant in *Council for Education and Research on Toxics v. Brad Barry LLC, et al.*, which alleges that we, in addition to nearly eighty other defendants who manufacture, package, distribute, or sell coffee, failed to warn persons in California that our coffee products expose persons to the chemical acrylamide, which is not added to coffee but is present in all coffee in small amounts (measured in parts per billion) as a byproduct of the coffee bean roasting process, in violation of Proposition 65. If we are required to pay significant statutory penalties or to add warning labels to any of our products or place warnings in certain locations where our products are sold as a result of Proposition 65, our business and financial results could be adversely impacted and sales of those products could suffer not only in those locations but elsewhere.

Complying with new regulations and laws, or changes to existing regulations and laws, or their application could increase our production costs or adversely affect our sales of certain products. In addition, our failure or inability to comply with applicable regulations and laws could subject us to civil remedies, including fines, injunctions, recalls or seizures, and potential criminal sanctions, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

Our operations in certain developing markets expose us to regulatory risks.

In many countries outside of the U.S., particularly in those with developing economies, it may be common for others to engage in business practices prohibited by laws and regulations applicable to us, such as the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or similar local anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws. These laws generally prohibit companies and their employees, contractors, or agents from making improper payments to government officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. Failure to comply with these laws could subject us to civil and criminal penalties that could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Changes in climate or legal, regulatory, or market measures to address climate change may negatively affect our business and operations.

There is significant political and scientific concern that emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases may alter the composition of the global atmosphere in ways that are affecting and are expected to continue affecting the global climate. The emission of such greenhouse gases may have an adverse impact on global temperatures, weather patterns, and the frequency and severity of extreme weather and natural disasters. In the event that climate change has a negative effect on agricultural productivity, we may be subject to decreased availability or less favorable pricing for certain commodities that are necessary for our products, such as green coffee, peanuts, oils and fats, protein meals, sweeteners, grains, and fruit. We may also be subjected to decreased availability or less favorable pricing for water as a result of such change, which could impact our manufacturing and distribution operations. In addition, natural disasters and extreme weather conditions may disrupt the productivity of our facilities or the operation of our supply chain.

Increasing concern over climate change also may result in more regulatory requirements to reduce or mitigate the effects of greenhouse gases. In the event that such regulations are enacted and are more rigorous than existing regulations, we may experience significant increases in costs of operation and delivery. In particular, increased regulation of utility providers, fuel emissions, or suppliers could substantially increase our operating, distribution, or supply chain costs. We could also face increased costs related to defending and resolving legal claims and other litigation related to climate change. As a result, climate change could negatively affect our results of operations, cash flows, or financial position.

If our information technology systems fail to perform adequately or we are unable to protect such information technology systems against data corruption, cyber-based attacks, or network security breaches, our operations could be disrupted, and we may suffer financial damage or loss because of lost or misappropriated information.

We rely on information technology networks and systems, including the Internet, to process, transmit, and store electronic information. In particular, we depend on our information technology infrastructure to effectively manage our business data, supply chain, logistics, finance, and other business processes and for digital marketing activities and electronic communications between Company personnel and our customers and suppliers. If we do not allocate and effectively manage the resources necessary to build, sustain, and protect an appropriate technology infrastructure, or we do not effectively implement system upgrades, our



business or financial results could be negatively impacted. Security breaches or system failures of our infrastructure, whether due to attacks by hackers, employee error, or other causes, can create system disruptions, shutdowns, or unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. If we are unable to prevent such breaches or failures, our operations could be disrupted, or we may suffer financial damage or loss because of lost or misappropriated information.

In addition, we have outsourced several information technology support services and administrative functions, including benefit plan administration and other functions, to third-party service providers, and may outsource other functions in the future to achieve cost savings and efficiencies. In addition, certain of our processes rely on third-party cloud computing services. If the service providers to which we outsource these functions do not perform effectively, we may not be able to achieve the expected cost savings and may have to incur additional costs to correct errors made by such service providers. Depending on the function involved, such errors may also lead to business disruption, processing inefficiencies, the loss of or damage to intellectual property through security breach, the loss of sensitive data through security breach, or otherwise.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

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## Item 2. Properties.

The table below lists all of our manufacturing and processing facilities at April 30, 2018. <sup>(A)</sup> All of our properties are maintained and updated on a regular basis, and we continue to make investments for expansion and safety and technological improvements. For instance, in addition to the facilities listed below, we purchased land in Longmont, Colorado, and are constructing a second Smucker's Uncrustables frozen sandwich facility there. We believe that the capacity at our existing facilities, combined with the additional capacity at the Longmont facility, will be sufficient to sustain current operations and the anticipated near-term growth of our businesses. Production is expected to begin at the Longmont facility during 2020.

We own all of the properties listed below, except as noted. Additionally, our principal distribution centers in the U.S. include three that we own and six that we lease. We also lease our principal distribution center in Canada. Our distribution facilities are in good condition, and we believe that they have sufficient capacity to meet our distribution needs in the near future. We lease eight sales and administrative offices in the U.S., and one each in China, Canada, and Mexico. <sup>(B)</sup> Our corporate headquarters is located in Orrville, Ohio, and our Canadian headquarters is located in Markham, Ontario. We lease the principal headquarters of our pet food business located in San Francisco, California, as well as additional administrative facilities dedicated to that business in Burbank, California. <sup>(B)</sup>

Locations	Products Produced/Processed/Stored	Primary Reportable Segment
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania	Wet dog and cat food and dry dog and cat food	U.S. Retail Pet Foods
Buffalo, New York	Dog snacks	U.S. Retail Pet Foods
Chico, California	Fruit and vegetable juices and beverages and grain products	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Cincinnati, Ohio	Shortening and oils	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Decatur, Alabama	Dry dog and cat food	U.S. Retail Pet Foods
Grandview, Washington	Fruit	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Havre de Grace, Maryland	Fruit and vegetable juices and beverages	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Lawrence, Kansas	Dry dog food	U.S. Retail Pet Foods
Lexington, Kentucky	Peanut butter	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Memphis, Tennessee	Peanut butter and fruit spreads	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania	Peanut butter and combination peanut butter and jelly products	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
New Orleans, Louisiana (four facilities) <sup>(C)</sup>	Coffee	U.S. Retail Coffee
Orrville, Ohio	Fruit spreads, toppings, and syrups	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Oxnard, California	Fruit	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Ripon, Wisconsin	Fruit spreads, toppings, syrups, and condiments	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Scottsville, Kentucky	Frozen sandwiches	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Seattle, Washington <sup>(C)</sup>	Nut mix products	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Sherbrooke, Quebec	Canned milk	International and Away From Home
Suffolk, Virginia	Coffee	International and Away From Home
Toledo, Ohio	Baking mixes, frostings, and flour	U.S. Retail Consumer Foods
Topeka, Kansas	Dry dog and cat food and dog and cat snacks	U.S. Retail Pet Foods

<sup>(A)</sup> With the completion of the Ainsworth acquisition, as described in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders under “Note 2: Acquisitions,” we own two additional manufacturing facilities in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and Frontenac, Kansas, which are not reflected in the table above. Several administrative and distribution facilities were also included in the transaction, virtually all of which are leased properties.

<sup>(B)</sup> We plan to close our offices in San Francisco, Burbank, China, and Mexico during 2019, as described in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders under “Note 3: Integration and Restructuring Costs.”

<sup>(C)</sup> We lease our coffee silo facility in New Orleans and our facilities in Seattle.





Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

We are a defendant in a variety of legal proceedings. While we cannot predict with certainty the ultimate results of these proceedings, we do not believe that the final outcome of these proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows, with the exception of the matter discussed below. On May 9, 2011, an organization named Council for Education and Research on Toxics (“Plaintiff”) filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, against us and additional defendants who manufacture, package, distribute, or sell packaged coffee. The lawsuit is Council for Education and Research on Toxics v. Brad Barry LLC, et al., and was a tag along to a 2010 lawsuit against companies selling “ready-to-drink” coffee based on the same claims. Both cases have since been consolidated and now include nearly eighty defendants, which constitute the great majority of the coffee industry in California. The Plaintiff alleges that we and the other defendants failed to provide warnings for our coffee products of exposure to the chemical acrylamide as required under California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5, the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, better known as "Proposition 65". The Plaintiff seeks equitable relief, including providing warnings to consumers of coffee products, as well as civil penalties in the amount of the statutory maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars per day per violation of Proposition 65. The Plaintiff asserts that every consumed cup of coffee, absent a compliant warning, is equivalent to a violation under Proposition 65.

As part of a joint defense group organized to defend against the lawsuit, we dispute the claims of the Plaintiff. Acrylamide is not added to coffee, but is present in all coffee in small amounts (measured in parts per billion) as a byproduct of the coffee bean roasting process. We have asserted multiple affirmative defenses. Trial of the first phase of the case commenced on September 8, 2014, and was limited to three affirmative defenses shared by all defendants. On September 1, 2015, the trial court issued a final ruling adverse to the defendants on all Phase 1 defenses. Trial of the second phase of the case commenced in the fall of calendar year 2017. On March 28, 2018, the trial court issued a proposed ruling adverse to the defendants on the Phase 2 defense, our last remaining defense to liability. The trial court finalized and affirmed its Phase 2 ruling on May 7, 2018 and, therefore, the trial will proceed to the third phase regarding remedies issues.

At this stage of the proceedings, prior to a trial on remedies issues, we are unable to predict or reasonably estimate the potential loss or effect on our operations. Accordingly, no loss contingency has been recorded for this matter as of April 30, 2018, as the likelihood of loss is not considered probable or estimable. The trial court has discretion to impose zero penalties against us or to impose significant statutory penalties. Significant labeling or warning requirements that could potentially be imposed by the trial court may increase our costs and adversely affect sales of our coffee products, as well as involve substantial expense and operational disruption, which could have a material adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. Furthermore, a future appellate court decision could reverse the trial court rulings. The outcome and the financial impact of settlement, or the trial or appellate court rulings of the case, if any, cannot be predicted at this time. For additional information, see “Note 15: Contingencies” in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.



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Executive Officers of the Registrant.

The names, ages as of June 15, 2018, and current positions of the executive officers are listed below. All executive officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, with no fixed term of office.

Name	Age	Years with Company	Position	Served as an Officer Since
Richard K. Smucker	70	45	Executive Chairman <sup>(A)</sup>	1974
Mark T. Smucker	48	20	President and Chief Executive Officer <sup>(B)</sup>	2001
Mark R. Belgya	57	33	Vice Chair and Chief Financial Officer <sup>(C)</sup>	1997
Barry C. Dunaway	55	31	President, Pet Food and Pet Snacks <sup>(D) (J)</sup>	2001
Tina R. Floyd	52	23	Senior Vice President and General Manager, Consumer Foods <sup>(E)</sup>	2018
Jeannette L. Knudsen	48	15	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary <sup>(F)</sup>	2009
David J. Lemmon	50	24	President, Canada, International, and U.S. Away From Home <sup>(G)</sup>	2012
Jill R. Penrose	45	14	Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Corporate Communications <sup>(H)</sup>	2014
Joseph Stanziano	51	21	Senior Vice President and General Manager, Coffee <sup>(I)</sup>	2018

<sup>(A)</sup> Mr. Richard Smucker was elected to his present position in May 2016, having served as Chief Executive Officer since August 2011.

<sup>(B)</sup> Mr. Mark Smucker was elected to his present position in May 2016, having served as President and President, Consumer and Natural Foods since April 2015. Prior to that time, he served as President, U.S. Retail Coffee since May 2011.

<sup>(C)</sup> Mr. Belgya was elected to his present position in May 2016, having served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since October 2009.

<sup>(D)</sup> Mr. Dunaway was elected to his present position in March 2016, having served as President, International and Chief Administrative Officer since April 2015. Prior to that time, he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer since May 2011.

<sup>(E)</sup> Ms. Floyd was elected to her present position in February 2018, having served as Vice President and General Manager, Foodservice since February 2016. Prior to that time, she served as Vice President, Marketing - Consumer Foods since April 2012.

(F) Ms. Knudsen was elected to her present position in May 2016, having served as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since August 2010.

(G) Mr. Lemmon was elected to his present position in August 2017, having served as Vice President and General Manager, International since January 2016. Prior to that time, he served as Vice President and Managing Director, Canada and International since April 2015 and Vice President and Managing Director, Canada since May 2012.

(H) Ms. Penrose was elected to her present position in May 2016, having served as Vice President, Human Resources since June 2014. Prior to that time, she served as Vice President, Strategy and Organization Development since April 2010.

(I) Mr. Stanziano was elected to his present position in February 2018, having served as Senior Vice President and General Manager, Consumer Foods since October 2017. Prior to that time, he served as Vice President and General Manager, Consumer since February 2016 and Vice President, General Manager - Peanut Butter and Snacking since April 2012.

(J) Effective June 25, 2018, Mr. Lemmon will assume the position of President, Pet Food and Pet Snacks, and Mr. Dunaway will assume the position of Executive Advisor, Pet, until his retirement on July 31, 2018.

## PART II

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

(a) The information pertaining to the market for our common shares and other related shareholder information is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders under the captions "Stock Price Data" and "Comparison of Five-Year Cumulative Total Shareholder Return."

(b) Not applicable.

## (c) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Maximum number (or approximate dollar value) of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
February 1, 2018 - February 28, 2018	10	\$118.76	—	3,586,598
March 1, 2018 - March 31, 2018	463	126.73	—	3,586,598
April 1, 2018 - April 30, 2018	438	120.55	—	3,586,598
Total	911	\$123.67	—	3,586,598

Information set forth in the table above represents the activity in our fourth fiscal quarter.

(a) Shares in this column include shares repurchased from stock plan recipients in lieu of cash payments.

(d) As of April 30, 2018, there were 3,586,598 common shares remaining available for future repurchase pursuant to our Board of Directors' authorizations.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

Five-year summaries of our selected financial data and discussions of items which materially affect the comparability of the selected financial data are incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders under the following captions: "Five-Year Summary of Selected Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis," "Note 1: Accounting Policies," "Note 2: Acquisitions," and "Note 3: Integration and Restructuring Costs."

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, including a discussion of liquidity and capital resources and critical accounting estimates and policies, is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders under the caption "Management's Discussion and Analysis."

## Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk are incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders under the caption "Derivative Financial Instruments and Market Risk."

## Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Consolidated financial statements at April 30, 2018 and 2017, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended April 30, 2018, with the report of independent registered public accounting firm and selected unaudited quarterly financial data, are incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders

under the caption “Summary of Quarterly Results of Operations” and beginning with “Report of Management on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting” through “Note 17: Common Shares.”

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. Management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act), as of April 30, 2018 (the “Evaluation Date”). Based on that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and (2) accumulated and communicated to management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Controls. There were no changes in internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter ended April 30, 2018, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Management’s report on internal control over financial reporting and the attestation report of our independent registered public accounting firm are set forth in our 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders under the headings “Report of Management on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting” and “Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting,” which reports are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

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PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The information required by this Item as to the directors of the Company, the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee financial expert, and compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Election of Directors,” “Corporate Governance,” “Board and Committee Meetings,” and “Ownership of Common Shares” in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 15, 2018. Information required by Item 10 as to the executive officers of the Company is included in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K as permitted by Instruction 3 to Item 401(b) of Regulation S-K.

The Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, last revised January 2018, which applies to our directors, principal executive officer, and principal financial and accounting officer. The Board of Directors has adopted charters for each of the Audit, Executive Compensation, and Nominating, Governance, and Corporate Responsibility committees and has also adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines. Copies of these documents are available on our website ([jmsmucker.com/investor-relations/smuckers-corporate-governance](http://jmsmucker.com/investor-relations/smuckers-corporate-governance)).

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Executive Compensation,” “Board and Committee Meetings,” and “Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation” in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 15, 2018.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Ownership of Common Shares” and “Equity Compensation Plan Information” in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 15, 2018.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Corporate Governance” and “Related Party Transactions” in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 15, 2018.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Service Fees Paid to the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” and “Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures” in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 15, 2018.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a)(1) Financial Statements

See the Index to Financial Statements, which is included on page F-1 of this Report.

(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules

Financial statement schedules are omitted because they are not applicable or because the information required is set forth in the Consolidated Financial Statements or notes thereto.

(a)(3) Exhibits

See the Index of Exhibits beginning on page 24 of this Report.



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 18, 2018  
 Company  
 /s/ Mark R. Belgya  
 By: Mark R. Belgya  
 Vice Chair and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

*			
Mark T. Smucker	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)		June 18, 2018
/s/ Mark R. Belgya			
Mark R. Belgya	Vice Chair and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)		June 18, 2018
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Timothy P. Smucker	Chairman Emeritus		June 18, 2018
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Richard K. Smucker	Executive Chairman		June 18, 2018
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Kathryn W. Dindo	Director		June 18, 2018
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Paul J. Dolan	Director		June 18, 2018
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Jay L. Henderson	Director		June 18, 2018
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Elizabeth Valk Long	Director		June 18, 2018
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Gary A. Oatey	Director		June 18, 2018
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Kirk L. Perry	Director		June 18, 2018
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Sandra Pianalto	Director		June 18, 2018
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Nancy Lopez Russell	Director		June 18, 2018
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Alex Shumate	Director		June 18, 2018
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Dawn C.  
Willoughby                      Director

June 18,  
2018

The undersigned, by signing her name hereto, does sign and execute this report pursuant to the powers of attorney \*executed by the above-named officers and directors of the registrant, which are being filed herewith with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of such officers and directors.

Date: June 18, 2018                      /s/ Jeannette L. Knudsen

By: Jeannette L. Knudsen Attorney-in-Fact

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INDEX OF EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are either attached or incorporated herein by reference to another filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
<u>2.1</u>	<u>Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 3, 2015, by and among Blue Acquisition Group, Inc., the Company, SPF Holdings I, Inc., SPF Holdings II, LLC, and, for the limited purposes set forth therein, Blue Holdings I, L.P.</u>
<u>2.2</u>	<u>First Amendment to Stock Purchase Agreement and Plan of Merger and Side Letter, dated as of May 14, 2018, by and among NU Pet Company, PR Merger Sub I, LLC, Ainsworth Pet Nutrition Parent, LLC, CP APN, Inc., CP APN, L.P., and, solely for the limited purpose set forth therein, The J. M. Smucker Company.</u>
<u>2.3</u>	<u>Purchase Agreement dated as of October 9, 2013, among Del Monte Corporation, Del Monte Foods Consumer Products, Inc., and, for the limited purposes set forth therein, Del Monte Pacific Limited Stock Purchase Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 4, 2018, by and among NU Pet Company, PR Merger Sub I, LLC, Ainsworth Pet Nutrition Parent, LLC, CP APN, Inc., CP APN, L.P., and, solely for the limited purpose set forth therein, The J. M. Smucker Company.</u>
<u>2.4</u>	<u>Purchase Agreement dated as of October 9, 2013, among Del Monte Corporation, Del Monte Foods Consumer Products, Inc., and, for the limited purposes set forth therein, Del Monte Pacific Limited Stock Purchase Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 4, 2018, by and among NU Pet Company, PR Merger Sub I, LLC, Ainsworth Pet Nutrition Parent, LLC, CP APN, Inc., CP APN, L.P., and, solely for the limited purpose set forth therein, The J. M. Smucker Company.</u>
<u>3.1</u>	<u>Amended Articles of Incorporation of The J. M. Smucker Company</u>
<u>3.2</u>	<u>Amended Regulations of The J. M. Smucker Company</u>
<u>4.1</u>	<u>Rights Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2009, by and between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent</u>
<u>4.2</u>	<u>Amendment No. 1, dated as of February 3, 2015, to the Rights Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2009, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent</u>
<u>4.3</u>	<u>Amendment No. 2, dated as of October 24, 2016, to the Rights Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2009, by and between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent</u>
<u>4.4</u>	<u>Indenture, dated as of October 18, 2011, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association</u>
<u>4.5</u>	<u>First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 18, 2011, among the Company, the guarantors party thereto, and U.S. Bank National Association</u>
<u>4.6</u>	<u>Third Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement, dated June 11, 2010, among the administrative agents and other parties identified therein</u>
<u>4.7</u>	<u>Indenture, dated as of March 20, 2015, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee</u>
<u>4.8</u>	<u>First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 20, 2015, by and among the Company, the guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee</u>
<u>4.9</u>	<u>Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 7, 2017, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee</u>
<u>10.1</u>	<u>Nonemployee Director Stock Plan dated January 1, 1997*</u>
<u>10.2</u>	<u>The J. M. Smucker Company Top Management Supplemental Retirement Benefit Plan, restated as of January 1, 2018*</u>
<u>10.3</u>	<u>Amended and Restated Consulting and Noncompete Agreement of Timothy P. Smucker, dated as of December 31, 2010*</u>
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The J. M. Smucker Company Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan, amended and restated as of December 1, 2012\*

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The J. M. Smucker Company 2006 Equity Compensation Plan, effective August 17, 2006\*

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101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
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