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

## FORM 10-Q

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

## CONN'S, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

A Delaware Corporation<br>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)<br>\section*{06-1672840}<br>(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4055 Technology Forest Blvd, Suite 210 The Woodlands, Texas 77381

## (936) 230-5899

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

## None

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (l) 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 $\boxtimes$ No o

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 $\begin{aligned} & \text { No o }\end{aligned}$

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 $\mathrm{x} \quad$ Accelerated filer o $\quad$ Non-accelerated filer o $\quad$ Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule $12 \mathrm{~b}-2$ of the Act). Yes o No $\boxtimes$
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of December 4, 2014:

| $\underline{\text { Class }}$ | $\frac{\text { Outstanding }}{36,297,211}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

## CONN'S, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES FORM 10-Q

## FOR THE FISCAL QUARTER ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2014

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

## CONN'S, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(unaudited)
(in thousands, except share data)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { October 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 5,760 | \$ | 5,727 |
| Customer accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$71,784 and \$38,447, respectively |  | 598,241 |  | 527,267 |
| Other accounts receivable |  | 75,245 |  | 51,480 |
| Inventories |  | 168,603 |  | 120,530 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 40,562 |  | 20,284 |
| Income taxes recoverable |  | 12,846 |  | 2,187 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | 9,389 |  | 8,120 |
| Total current assets |  | 910,646 |  | 735,595 |
| Long-term portion of customer accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$60,884 and \$33,354, respectively |  | 507,399 |  | 457,413 |
| Property and equipment, net |  | 116,585 |  | 86,842 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 11,070 |  | 7,721 |
| Other assets |  | 10,306 |  | 10,415 |
| Total assets | \$ | 1,556,006 | \$ | 1,297,986 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity |  |  |  |  |
| Current Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ | 391 | \$ | 420 |
| Accounts payable |  | 92,100 |  | 82,861 |
| Accrued compensation and related expenses |  | 6,409 |  | 11,390 |
| Accrued expenses |  | 39,300 |  | 27,944 |
| Income taxes payable |  | 2,685 |  | 2,924 |
| Deferred revenues and credits |  | 22,452 |  | 17,068 |
| Total current liabilities |  | 163,337 |  | 142,607 |
| Long-term debt |  | 696,310 |  | 535,631 |
| Other long-term liabilities |  | 59,681 |  | 30,458 |
| Total liabilities |  | 919,328 |  | 708,696 |
| Commitments and contingencies |  |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity: |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred stock (\$0.01 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding) |  | - |  | - |
| Common stock ( $\$ 0.01$ par value, 100,000,000 and 50,000,000 shares authorized, respectively; 36,284,140 and $36,127,569$ shares issued, respectively) |  | 363 |  | 361 |
| Additional paid-in capital |  | 229,862 |  | 225,631 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss |  | - |  | (100) |
| Retained earnings |  | 406,453 |  | 363,398 |
| Total stockholders' equity |  | 636,678 |  | 589,290 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ | 1,556,006 | \$ | 1,297,986 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## CONN'S, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)(in thousands, except per share amounts)

|  | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Product sales | \$ | 278,139 | \$ | 234,159 | \$ | 796,525 | \$ | 628,482 |
| Repair service agreement commissions |  | 23,056 |  | 19,601 |  | 64,042 |  | 52,756 |
| Service revenues |  | 3,414 |  | 3,286 |  | 9,952 |  | 8,968 |
| Total net sales |  | 304,609 |  | 257,046 |  | 870,519 |  | 690,206 |
| Finance charges and other revenues |  | 65,449 |  | 53,830 |  | 187,951 |  | 142,422 |
| Total revenues |  | 370,058 |  | 310,876 |  | 1,058,470 |  | 832,628 |
| Costs and expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs |  | 178,976 |  | 151,987 |  | 508,475 |  | 411,484 |
| Cost of service parts sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs |  | 1,525 |  | 1,286 |  | 4,815 |  | 4,010 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses |  | 112,562 |  | 90,341 |  | 320,069 |  | 242,353 |
| Provision for bad debts |  | 72,019 |  | 22,730 |  | 133,862 |  | 58,049 |
| Charges and credits |  | 355 |  | 2,834 |  | 3,601 |  | 2,834 |
| Total costs and expenses |  | 365,437 |  | 269,178 |  | 970,822 |  | 718,730 |
| Operating income |  | 4,621 |  | 41,698 |  | 87,648 |  | 113,898 |
| Interest expense |  | 8,950 |  | 3,714 |  | 19,921 |  | 10,720 |
| Other income, net |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | (38) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes |  | $(4,329)$ |  | 37,984 |  | 67,727 |  | 103,216 |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes |  | $(1,265)$ |  | 13,608 |  | 24,672 |  | 37,502 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | $(3,064)$ | \$ | 24,376 | \$ | 43,055 | \$ | 65,714 |
| Earnings (loss) per share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | (0.08) | \$ | 0.68 | \$ | 1.19 | \$ | 1.84 |
| Diluted | \$ | (0.08) | \$ | 0.66 | \$ | 1.17 | \$ | 1.79 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 36,265 |  | 35,955 |  | 36,203 |  | 35,686 |
| Diluted |  | 36,265 |  | 36,965 |  | 36,928 |  | 36,795 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## CONN'S, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(unaudited)
(in thousands)

|  | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | $(3,064)$ | \$ | 24,376 | \$ | 43,055 | \$ | 65,714 |
| Change in fair value of hedges |  | 39 |  | 103 |  | 155 |  | 193 |
| Impact of provision for income taxes on comprehensive income |  | (14) |  | (36) |  | (55) |  | (68) |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$ | $(3,039)$ | \$ | 24,443 | \$ | 43,155 | \$ | 65,839 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## CONN'S, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(unaudited)
(in thousands)

|  | Common Stock |  |  | Additional <br> Paid-in <br> Capital |  | Accumulated Other <br> Comprehensive <br> Loss |  | Retained Earnings |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares | Amount |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance at January 31, 2014 | 36,127 | \$ | 361 | \$ | 225,631 | \$ | (100) | \$ | 363,398 | \$ | 589,290 |
| Exercise of stock options, net of tax | 71 |  | 1 |  | 112 |  | - |  | - |  | 113 |
| Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan | 28 |  | - |  | 862 |  | - |  | - |  | 862 |
| Vesting of restricted stock units | 58 |  | 1 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 1 |
| Stock-based compensation | - |  | - |  | 3,257 |  | - |  | - |  | 3,257 |
| Net income | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 43,055 |  | 43,055 |
| Change in fair value of hedges, net of tax of \$55 | - |  | - |  | - |  | 100 |  | - |  | 100 |
| Balance at October 31, 2014 | 36,284 | \$ | 363 | \$ | 229,862 | \$ | - | \$ | 406,453 | \$ | 636,678 |


|  | Common Stock |  |  | Additional <br> Paid-in <br> Capital |  | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss |  | Retained Earnings |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares | Amount |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance at January 31, 2013 | 35,191 | \$ | 352 | \$ | 204,372 | \$ | (223) | \$ | 269,949 | \$ | 474,450 |
| Exercise of stock options, net of tax | 707 |  | 7 |  | 14,869 |  | - |  | - |  | 14,876 |
| Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan | 21 |  | - |  | 680 |  | - |  | - |  | 680 |
| Vesting of restricted stock units | 56 |  | 1 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 1 |
| Stock-based compensation | - |  | - |  | 2,889 |  | - |  | - |  | 2,889 |
| Net income | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 65,714 |  | 65,714 |
| Change in fair value of hedges, net of tax of \$68 | - |  | - |  | - |  | 125 |  | - |  | 125 |
| Balance at October 31, 2013 | 35,975 | \$ | 360 | \$ | 222,810 | \$ | (98) | \$ | 335,663 | \$ | 558,735 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## CONN'S, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(unaudited)
(in thousands)

|  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Cash flows from operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 43,055 | \$ | 65,714 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation |  | 13,294 |  | 9,048 |
| Amortization |  | 2,287 |  | 3,140 |
| Provision for bad debts and uncollectible interest |  | 153,709 |  | 66,399 |
| Stock-based compensation |  | 3,258 |  | 2,889 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation |  | (961) |  | $(4,743)$ |
| Charges, net of credits, for store and facility closures and relocations |  | 3,105 |  | 2,834 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | $(23,681)$ |  | $(2,374)$ |
| Gain on sale of property and equipment |  | (345) |  | (37) |
| Tenant improvement allowances received from landlords |  | 14,621 |  | 5,422 |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable |  | $(284,291)$ |  | $(248,644)$ |
| Inventories |  | $(48,073)$ |  | $(58,047)$ |
| Other assets |  | $(1,347)$ |  | (501) |
| Accounts payable |  | 9,239 |  | 36,814 |
| Accrued expenses |  | $(2,242)$ |  | 9,756 |
| Income taxes |  | $(10,798)$ |  | 2,493 |
| Deferred revenues and credits |  | 2,376 |  | 138 |
| Net cash used in operating activities |  | $(126,794)$ |  | $(109,699)$ |
| Cash flows from investing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of property and equipment |  | $(53,116)$ |  | $(37,122)$ |
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment |  | 19,402 |  | 44 |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | $(33,714)$ |  | $(37,078)$ |
| Cash flows from financing activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Borrowings from revolving credit facility |  | 357,456 |  | 306,664 |
| Payments on revolving credit facility |  | $(441,950)$ |  | $(147,737)$ |
| Proceeds from issuance of senior notes, net of issuance costs |  | 243,400 |  | - |
| Payments on asset-backed notes |  | - |  | $(32,513)$ |
| Change in restricted cash |  | - |  | 4,717 |
| Proceeds from stock issued under employee benefit plans |  | 975 |  | 15,556 |
| Other |  | 660 |  | (58) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities |  | 160,541 |  | 146,629 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents |  | 33 |  | (148) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period |  | 5,727 |  | 3,849 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ | 5,760 | \$ | 3,701 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## CONN'S, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> (unaudited)

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation. The accompanying unaudited, condensed consolidated financial statements of Conn's, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the "Company") have been prepared by management in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. The accompanying financial statements reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods presented. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature, except as otherwise described herein. The Company's business is moderately seasonal, with a higher portion of sales and operating profit realized during the quarter that ends January 31, due primarily to the holiday selling season. Operating results for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full fiscal year ending January 31, 2015. The Company's balance sheet at January 31, 2014 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2014, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 27, 2014.

Principles of Consolidation. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Conn's, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Conn's, Inc. is a holding company with no independent assets or operations other than its investments in its subsidiaries. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

In April 2012, the Company transferred certain customer receivables to a bankruptcy-remote, variable-interest entity ("VIE") in connection with a securitization. The VIE, which was consolidated within the accompanying financial statements, issued debt secured by the customer receivables that were transferred to it, which were included in customer accounts receivable and long-term portion of customer accounts receivable. On April 15, 2013, the VIE redeemed the then outstanding asset-backed notes and the remaining customer receivables were transferred back to the Company.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Earnings per Share. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share include the dilutive effects of any stock options and restricted stock units granted, to the extent not anti-dilutive, which is calculated using the treasury-stock method. The following table sets forth the shares outstanding for the earnings per share calculations:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Basic | 36,265 | 35,955 | 36,203 | 35,686 |
| Assumed exercise of stock options | - | 790 | 587 | 892 |
| Unvested restricted stock units | - | 220 | 138 | 217 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - Diluted | 36,265 | 36,965 | 36,928 | 36,795 |

For the three months ended October 31, 2014, 744,000 stock options and restricted stock units were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share due to their anti-dilutive effect on the loss for the period. For the nine months ended October 31, 2014, 92,000 shares of stock options and restricted stock units were outstanding but were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share due to their anti-dilutive effect. There were no anti-dilutive stock options or restricted stock units for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2013.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments. The Company determines the fair value of its assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurement by using the highest possible "Level" based on a hierarchy defined as follows:

- Level 1 - Quoted prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 - Pricing inputs not quoted in active markets but either directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 - Significant inputs to pricing that have little or no transparency with inputs requiring significant management judgment or estimation.

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents and accounts payable approximate their carrying amounts because of the short maturity of these instruments. The fair value of customer accounts receivables, determined using a Level 3 discounted cash flow analysis, approximates their carrying amount. The fair value of the Company's asset based, revolving credit facility, using Level 2 inputs, approximates carrying value. At October 31, 2014, the fair value of the Company's $7.25 \%$ senior notes which was determined using Level 1 inputs was $\$ 215.0$ million as compared to the carrying value of $\$ 250.0$ million, excluding the impact of the related discount.

Stockholders' Equity. On May 29, 2014, following approval by its stockholders on May 28, 2014, the Company amended its Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock, par value of $\$ 0.01$ per share, from $50,000,000$ shares of common stock to $100,000,000$ shares of common stock.

Stockholders' Rights Plan. On October 6, 2014, the Company adopted a one-year stockholders' rights plan whereby the Board of Directors of the Company ("Board of Directors") declared a dividend of one right for each outstanding share of the Company's common stock to stockholders of record on October 16, 2014. Each right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of the Company's Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock at a price of $\$ 155.00$ per right. The rights are not presently exercisable and remain attached to the shares of common stock until the occurrence of certain triggering events. Subject to certain exceptions, the rights will separate from the shares of common stock and a distribution date will be deemed to occur on the earlier of (i) the tenth business day after a public announcement or filing that a person or group has become a beneficial owner of $10 \%$ or more of the Company's outstanding common stock after the adoption of the stockholders' rights plan, or (ii) the tenth business day (or such later date as the Board of Directors may determine) after the commencement of, or announcement of an intention to commence, a tender or exchange offer that, if consummated, would result in a person or group becoming a beneficial owner of $10 \%$ or more of the Company's outstanding common stock. The rights will expire on October 5, 2015, unless exercised, redeemed or exchanged prior to that time. The Board of Directors may terminate the rights plan before the expiration date or extend the expiration date. The rights have no voting or dividend privileges, and, unless and until they become exercisable, have no dilutive effect on the earnings of the Company.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements. In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, which provides a single comprehensive accounting standard for revenue recognition for contracts with customers and supersedes current guidance. Upon adoption of ASU 2014-09, entities are required to recognize revenue using the following comprehensive model: (1) identify contracts with customers, (2) identify the performance obligations in contracts, (3) determine transaction price, (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations, and (5) recognize revenue as each performance obligation is satisfied. ASU 2014-09 is effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and will result in retrospective application, either in the form of recasting all prior periods presented or a cumulative adjustment to equity in the period of adoption. The Company is currently assessing the impact the new standard will have on its financial statements.

## 2. Charges and Credits

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recorded a net pretax credit of $\$ 0.1$ million ( $\$ 0.1$ million after-tax) due to the revision of estimated lease termination and other costs and credits related to store closures and relocations and a pretax charge of $\$ 0.5$ million ( $\$ 0.3$ million after-tax) for legal and professional fees related to the Company's exploration of strategic alternatives and a class action lawsuit. During the three months ended October 31, 2013, the Company recorded a pretax charge of $\$ 2.8$ million ( $\$ 1.8$ million after-tax) related to store closures and relocations as well as revised estimates of future obligations related to previously closed stores. These charges are reported within the retail segment.

During the nine months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recorded a net pretax charge of $\$ 3.1$ million ( $\$ 2.0$ million after-tax) due to the revision of estimated lease termination and other costs related to store closures and relocations and a pretax charge of $\$ 0.5$ million ( $\$ 0.3$ million after-tax) for legal and professional fees related to the Company's exploration of strategic alternatives and a class action lawsuit. During the nine months ended October 31, 2013, the Company recorded a pretax charge
of $\$ 2.8$ million ( $\$ 1.8$ million after-tax) related to store closures and relocations as well as revised estimates of future obligations related to previously closed stores. These charges are reported within the retail segment.

## 3. Supplemental Disclosure of Customer Receivables

Customer accounts receivable are originated at the time of sale and delivery of the various products and services. The Company records the amount of principal and accrued interest on customer receivables that is expected to be collected within the next twelve months, based on contractual terms, in current assets on its consolidated balance sheet. Those amounts expected to be collected after twelve months, based on contractual terms, are included in long-term assets. Customer receivables are considered delinquent if a payment has not been received on the scheduled due date. Accounts that are delinquent more than 209 days as of the end of a month are charged-off against the allowance for doubtful accounts and interest accrued subsequent to the last payment is reversed and charged against the allowance for uncollectible interest.

As part of its efforts in mitigating losses on its accounts receivable, the Company may make loan modifications to a borrower experiencing financial difficulty. The loan modifications are intended to maximize net cash flow after expenses and avoid the need to repossess collateral or exercise legal remedies available to the Company. The Company may extend the loan term, refinance or otherwise re-age an account. In accordance with accounting standards, accounts that have been re-aged in excess of three months or refinanced are considered Troubled Debt Restructurings ("TDR" or "Restructured Accounts").

The Company uses risk-rating criteria to differentiate underwriting requirements, potentially requiring differing down payments, credit limits and initial application and documentation criteria. The following tables present quantitative information about the receivables portfolio managed by the Company:

| (in thousands) | Total Outstanding Balance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Customer Accounts Receivable |  |  |  | 60 Days Past Due ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  | Re-aged ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { October 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { October 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 31, } \\ 2014 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { October 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Customer accounts receivable | \$ | 1,180,095 | \$ | 1,022,914 | \$ | 105,248 | \$ | 82,486 | \$ | 90,788 | \$ | 75,414 |
| Restructured accounts |  | 73,428 |  | 45,356 |  | 20,430 |  | 11,917 |  | 73,428 |  | 45,356 |
| Total receivables managed |  | 1,253,523 |  | 1,068,270 | \$ | 125,678 | \$ | 94,403 | \$ | 164,216 | \$ | 120,770 |

Allowance for uncollectible accounts related
to the credit portfolio

| to the credit portfolio | $(132,668)$ | $(71,801)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Allowance for no-interest option credit | $(15,215)$ | $(11,789)$ |
| programs | $1,105,640$ | 984,680 |
| Total customer accounts receivable, net |  |  |
| Short-term portion of customer accounts <br> receivable, net | $(598,241)$ |  |

Long-term portion of customer accounts
receivable, net $\xlongequal{\$ \quad 507,399} \xlongequal{\$ \quad 457,413}$
(1) Amounts are based on end of period balances. As an account can become past due after having been re-aged, accounts may be presented in both the past due and re-aged columns shown above. The amounts included within both the past due and re-aged columns shown above as of October 31, 2014 and January 31, 2014 were $\$ 42.8$ million and $\$ 27.4$ million, respectively. The total amount of customer receivables past due one day or greater was $\$ 314.0$ million and $\$ 249.3$ million as of October 31, 2014 and January 31, 2014, respectively. These amounts include the 60 days past due totals shown above.

| (in thousands) | Average Balances |  |  |  | Net Credit <br> Charge-offs ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  | Average Balances |  |  |  | Net Credit <br> Charge-offs ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |
| Customer accounts receivable | \$ | 1,153,226 | \$ | 853,394 | \$ | 23,602 | \$ | 12,358 | \$ | 1,090,078 | \$ | 779,859 | \$ | 66,162 | \$ | 31,982 |
| Restructured accounts |  | 67,709 |  | 41,693 |  | 3,462 |  | 4,564 |  | 57,715 |  | 40,446 |  | 10,650 |  | 10,671 |
| Total receivables managed | \$ | 1,220,935 | \$ | 895,087 | \$ | 27,064 | \$ | 16,922 | \$ | 1,147,793 | \$ | 820,305 | \$ | 76,812 | \$ | 42,653 |

(1) Net credit charge-offs include the principal amount of losses (excluding accrued and unpaid interest) net of recoveries which include principal collections during the period shown of previously charged-off balances.

The following presents the activity in the Company's balance in the allowance for doubtful accounts and uncollectible interest for customer receivables:

|  | Nine Months Ended October 31, 2014 |  |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (in thousands) | Customer <br> Accounts <br> Receivable |  | Restructured Accounts |  | Total |  | Customer <br> Accounts <br> Receivable |  | Restructured Accounts |  | Total |  |
| Allowance at beginning of period | \$ | 54,448 | \$ | 17,353 | \$ | 71,801 | \$ | 27,702 | \$ | 16,209 | \$ | 43,911 |
| Provision ${ }^{(1)}$ |  | 131,806 |  | 21,903 |  | 153,709 |  | 53,468 |  | 12,931 |  | 66,399 |
| Principal charge-offs ${ }^{(2)}$ |  | $(77,058)$ |  | $(12,404)$ |  | $(89,462)$ |  | $(35,805)$ |  | $(11,947)$ |  | $(47,752)$ |
| Interest charge-offs |  | $(13,807)$ |  | $(2,223)$ |  | $(16,030)$ |  | $(6,045)$ |  | $(2,017)$ |  | $(8,062)$ |
| Recoveries ${ }^{(2)}$ |  | 10,896 |  | 1,754 |  | 12,650 |  | 3,823 |  | 1,276 |  | 5,099 |
| Allowance at end of period | \$ | 106,285 | \$ | 26,383 | \$ | 132,668 | \$ | 43,143 | \$ | 16,452 | \$ | 59,595 |

(1) Includes provision for uncollectible interest, which is included in finance charges and other revenues.
(2) Charge-offs include the principal amount of losses (excluding accrued and unpaid interest), and recoveries include principal collections during the period shown of previously charged-off balances. Net charge-offs are calculated as the net of principal charge-offs and recoveries.

The Company records an allowance for doubtful accounts, including estimated uncollectible interest, for its customer accounts receivable, based on its historical cash collections and net loss experience using a projection of monthly delinquency performance, cash collections and losses. In addition to pre-charge-off cash collections and charge-off information, estimates of post-charge-off recoveries, including cash payments, amounts realized from the repossession of the products financed and, at times, payments received under credit insurance policies are considered.

The Company determines reserves for those accounts that are TDR based on the present value of cash flows expected to be collected over the life of those accounts. The excess of the carrying amount over the discounted cash flow amount is recorded as a reserve for loss on those accounts.

The Company typically only places accounts in non-accrual status when legally required. Payments received on non-accrual loans are applied to principal and reduce the amount of the loan. Interest accrual is resumed on those accounts once a legally-mandated settlement arrangement is reached or other payment arrangements are made with the customer. Customer receivables in non-accrual status were $\$ 13.1$ million and $\$ 12.2$ million at October 31, 2014 and January 31, 2014, respectively. Customer receivables that were past due 90 days or more and still accruing interest totaled $\$ 91.0$ million and $\$ 63.3$ million at October 31, 2014 and January 31, 2014, respectively.

## 4. Supplemental Disclosure of Finance Charges and Other Revenues

The following is a summary of the classification of the amounts included as finance charges and other revenue:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Interest income and fees on customer receivables | \$ | 52,142 | \$ | 40,260 | \$ | 150,858 | \$ | 109,667 |
| Insurance commissions |  | 12,777 |  | 13,132 |  | 35,753 |  | 31,688 |
| Other revenues |  | 530 |  | 438 |  | 1,340 |  | 1,067 |
| Finance charges and other revenues | \$ | 65,449 | \$ | 53,830 | \$ | 187,951 | \$ | 142,422 |

Interest income and fees on customer receivables is reduced by provisions for uncollectible interest of $\$ 7.8$ million and $\$ 4.2$ million for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and $\$ 19.8$ million and $\$ 9.4$ million for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The amount included in interest income and fees on customer receivables related to TDR accounts was $\$ 1.8$ million and $\$ 1.1$ million for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and $\$ 4.9$ million and $\$ 3.2$ million for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company recognizes interest income on TDR accounts using the interest income method, which requires reporting interest income equal to the increase in the net carrying amount of the loan attributable to the passage of time. Cash proceeds and other adjustments are applied to the net carrying amount of TDR accounts such that it always equals the present value of expected future cash flows.

## 5. Accrual for Store Closures

The Company has closed or relocated retail locations that did not perform at a level the Company expects for mature store locations. Certain of the closed or relocated stores had noncancelable lease agreements, resulting in the accrual of the present value of the remaining lease payments and estimated related occupancy obligations, net of estimated sublease income. Adjustments to these projections for changes in estimated marketing times and sublease rates, as well as other revisions, are made to the obligation as further information related to the actual terms and costs become available. The following table presents detail of the activity in the accrual for store closures:

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ | 4,316 | \$ | 5,071 |
| Accrual for additional closures |  | 2,595 |  | 137 |
| Adjustments |  | (216) |  | 2,036 |
| Cash payments, net of sublease income |  | $(3,880)$ |  | $(1,509)$ |
| Balance at end of period | \$ | 2,815 | \$ | 5,735 |

The accrual for store closures is presented on the condensed consolidated balance sheet as follows:

| (in thousands) | $\begin{gathered} \text { October 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  | January 31,2014 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance sheet presentation: |  |  |  |  |
| Accrued expenses | \$ | 954 | \$ | 1,957 |
| Other long-term liabilities |  | 1,861 |  | 2,359 |
|  | \$ | 2,815 | \$ | 4,316 |

## 6. Debt and Letters of Credit

The Company's long-term debt consisted of the following:

| (in thousands) | $\begin{gathered} \text { October 31, } \\ 2014 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 31, } \\ 2014 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Asset-based revolving credit facility | \$ | 450,463 | \$ | 534,956 |
| 7.25\% Senior notes, net of discount of \$4,792 |  | 245,208 |  | - |
| Other long-term debt |  | 1,030 |  | 1,095 |
| Total debt |  | 696,701 |  | 536,051 |
| Less current portion of debt |  | (391) |  | (420) |
| Long-term debt | \$ | 696,310 | \$ | 535,631 |

Senior Notes. On July 1, 2014, the Company issued $\$ 250.0$ million in senior unsecured notes due July 2022 (the "Senior Notes"), bearing interest at $7.25 \%$, pursuant to an indenture dated July 1, 2014 (the "Indenture"), among Conn's, Inc., its subsidiary guarantors (the "Guarantors") and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. The Senior Notes were sold at par, and resulted in net proceeds to the Company of $\$ 243.4$ million, after deducting the initial purchasers' discounts and commissions and other offering expenses. The net proceeds were used to repay outstanding borrowings under the Company's assetbased revolving credit facility. The effective interest rate of the Senior Notes after giving effect to offering fees is $7.6 \%$.

The Indenture restricts the Company's ability and the ability of certain of its subsidiaries to: (i) incur indebtedness; (ii) pay dividends or make other distributions in respect of, or repurchase or redeem, our capital stock; (iii) prepay, redeem or repurchase debt that is junior in right of payment to the notes; (iv) make loans and certain investments; (v) sell assets; (vi) incur liens; (vii) enter into transactions with affiliates; and (viii) consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. During any time when the Senior Notes are rated investment grade by either of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard \& Poor's Ratings Services and no Default (as defined in the Indenture) has occurred and is continuing, many of such covenants will be suspended and the Company and its subsidiaries will cease to be subject to such covenants during such period.

Events of default under the Indenture include customary events, such as a cross-acceleration provision in the event that we default in the payment of other debt due at maturity or upon acceleration for default in an amount exceeding $\$ 25.0$ million, as well as in the event a judgment is entered against us in excess of $\$ 25.0$ million that is not discharged, bonded or insured.

The Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by the Guarantors. The only direct or indirect subsidiaries of Conn's, Inc. that are not Guarantors are minor subsidiaries. There are no restrictions on the ability of any of the Guarantors to transfer funds to Conn's, Inc. in the form of loans, advances or dividends, except as provided by applicable law.

In connection with the issuance and sale of the Senior Notes, the Company and the Guarantors entered into a registration rights agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement") with the initial purchasers, dated July 1, 2014. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company and the Guarantors have agreed to file a registration statement with the SEC so that holders of the Senior Notes can exchange the Senior Notes for registered notes that have substantially identical terms as the Senior Notes. In addition, the Company and the Guarantors have agreed to exchange the guarantee related to the Senior Notes for a registered guarantee having substantially the same terms as the original guarantee. The Company and the Guarantors will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the exchange to be completed within 365 days of the issuance of the Senior Notes. The Company and the Guarantors are required to pay additional interest if they fail to comply with their obligations to register the Senior Notes within the specified time periods.

Revolving Credit Facility. Conn's, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries (the "Borrowers") amended its asset-based revolving credit facility in connection with the issuance of the Senior Notes, to provide for among other things, the issuance of the Senior Notes and Indenture as well as related guarantees, upstream distributions from subsidiaries to Conn's, Inc. (a holding company) for the payment of interest and principal on the Senior Notes and under certain circumstances optional and mandatory prepayment of the Senior Notes and allow holders of the Senior Notes to receive payments even though they may be stockholders of the Company.

The Company's asset-based revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks had capacity of $\$ 880.0$ million as of October 31, 2014. The revolving credit facility provides funding based on a borrowing base calculation that includes customer accounts
receivable and inventory. The amended and restated credit facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a spread ranging from 250 basis points to 325 basis points, based on a leverage ratio (defined as total liabilities to tangible net worth). In addition to the leverage ratio, the revolving credit facility includes a fixed charge coverage requirement, a minimum customer receivables cash recovery percentage requirement and a net capital expenditures limit. The obligations under the asset-based revolving credit facility are secured by all assets of the Borrowers. The asset-based revolving credit facility restricts the amount of dividends the Company can pay.

As of October 31, 2014, the Company had immediately available borrowing capacity of $\$ 335.3$ million under its asset-based revolving credit facility, net of standby letters of credit issued, for general corporate purposes. The Company also had $\$ 93.1$ million that may become available under its asset-based revolving credit facility if it grows the balance of eligible customer receivables and its total eligible inventory balances. The Company pays additional fees in the amount of $0.25 \%$ for the additional commitment amount.

The Company's asset-based revolving credit facility provides it the ability to utilize letters of credit to secure its deductibles under the Company's property and casualty insurance programs, among other acceptable uses. At October 31, 2014, the Company had outstanding letters of credit of $\$ 1.1$ million under this facility, which is the maximum potential amount of future payments.

The Company was in compliance with its financial covenants at October 31, 2014.

## 7. Contingencies

Securities Class Action Litigation. Between March 5, 2014 and May 5, 2014, the Company and three of its current and former executive officers were sued in three purported securities class action lawsuits, each filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Each of the complaints allege that the defendants made false and misleading statements and/or failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Company's business, operations, and prospects. The complaints allege violations of sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. The complaints do not specify the amount of damages sought.

On June 3, 2014, the court consolidated these three complaints into a single, putative class action, In re Conn's, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 14:14-CV-00548, and appointed lead plaintiffs. On July 21, 2014, the lead plaintiffs' filed an amended and consolidated complaint (the "Amended Complaint"). On September 4, 2014, the defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint.

On October 1, 2014, the lead plaintiffs filed a Motion for Leave to File a Second Consolidated Amended Complaint, seeking, among other things, to extend the class period. On October 15, 2014, the court granted plaintiffs' motion and on October 29, 2014, the plaintiffs' filed a Second Consolidated Amended Complaint (the "Second Amended Complaint") with the court. The Second Amended Complaint seeks to certify a class of all persons and entities that purchased or otherwise acquired Conn's common stock and/or call options, or sold/wrote Conn's put options between April 3, 2013 and August 29, 2914. The defendants intend to file an amended motion to dismiss and vigorously defend against these claims. It is not possible at this time to predict the timing or outcome of the litigation.

Derivative Litigation. On December 1, 2014, an alleged shareholder filed, purportedly on behalf of the Company, a derivative shareholder lawsuit against the Company and certain of its current and former directors and executive officers in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas captioned Robert Hack, derivatively on behalf of Conn's, Inc., v. Theodore M. Wright, Bob L. Martin, Jon E.M. Jacoby, Kelly M. Malson, Douglas H. Martin, David Schofman, Scott L. Thompson, Brian E. Taylor and Michael J. Poppe and Conn’s, Inc., Case No. 4:14-cv-03442. The complaint asserts claims for breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, gross mismanagement, and insider trading based on substantially similar factual allegations as those asserted in the consolidated securities class action lawsuit described above. The plaintiff seeks unspecified damages against these persons and does not request any damages from us. The plaintiff did not make a demand on our Board of Directors prior to filing the suit. The defendants intend to vigorously defend against these claims.

Regulatory Matters. The Company received a voluntary request for information dated November 25, 2014 from the Fort Worth Regional Office of the SEC. The information request generally relates to the Company's underwriting policies and bad debt provisions. The request states that it is part of an informal, non-public, inquiry, which, as noted by the SEC, should not be construed as an indication by the SEC or its staff that any violations of law have occurred. The Company intends to cooperate with the SEC's inquiry.

In addition, the Company is involved in other routine litigation and claims incidental to its business from time to time which, individually or in the aggregate are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. As required, the Company accrues estimates of the probable costs for the resolution of these matters. These estimates have been developed in consultation with counsel and are based upon an analysis of potential results, assuming
a combination of litigation and settlement strategies. However, the results of these proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, and changes in facts and circumstances could impact the Company's estimate of reserves for litigation.

## 8. Segment Reporting

Financial information by segment is presented in the following tables:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, 2014 |  |  |  |  |  | Three Months Ended October 31, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Retail |  | Credit |  | Total |  | Retail |  | Credit |  | Total |  |
| Revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Product sales | \$ | 278,139 | \$ | - | \$ | 278,139 | \$ | 234,159 | \$ | - | \$ | 234,159 |
| Repair service agreement commissions |  | 23,056 |  | - |  | 23,056 |  | 19,601 |  | - |  | 19,601 |
| Service revenues |  | 3,414 |  | - |  | 3,414 |  | 3,286 |  | - |  | 3,286 |
| Total net sales |  | 304,609 |  | - |  | 304,609 |  | 257,046 |  | - |  | 257,046 |
| Finance charges and other revenues |  | 531 |  | 64,918 |  | 65,449 |  | 438 |  | 53,392 |  | 53,830 |
| Total revenues |  | 305,140 |  | 64,918 |  | 370,058 |  | 257,484 |  | 53,392 |  | 310,876 |
| Costs and expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs |  | 178,976 |  | - |  | 178,976 |  | 151,987 |  | - |  | 151,987 |
| Cost of service parts sold, including warehousing and occupancy cost |  | 1,525 |  | - |  | 1,525 |  | 1,286 |  | - |  | 1,286 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses ${ }^{(1)}$ |  | 86,436 |  | 26,126 |  | 112,562 |  | 69,920 |  | 20,421 |  | 90,341 |
| Provision for bad debts |  | 54 |  | 71,965 |  | 72,019 |  | 203 |  | 22,527 |  | 22,730 |
| Charges and credits |  | 355 |  | - |  | 355 |  | 2,834 |  | - |  | 2,834 |
| Total costs and expense |  | 267,346 |  | 98,091 |  | 365,437 |  | 226,230 |  | 42,948 |  | 269,178 |
| Operating income |  | 37,794 |  | $(33,173)$ |  | 4,621 |  | 31,254 |  | 10,444 |  | 41,698 |
| Interest expense |  | - |  | 8,950 |  | 8,950 |  | - |  | 3,714 |  | 3,714 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | \$ | 37,794 | \$ | $(42,123)$ | \$ | $(4,329)$ | \$ | 31,254 | \$ | 6,730 | \$ | 37,984 |


| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, 2014 |  |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Retail |  | Credit |  | Total |  | Retail |  | Credit |  | Total |  |
| Revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Product sales | \$ | 796,525 | \$ | - | \$ | 796,525 | \$ | 628,482 | \$ | - | \$ | 628,482 |
| Repair service agreement commissions |  | 64,042 |  | - |  | 64,042 |  | 52,756 |  | - |  | 52,756 |
| Service revenues |  | 9,952 |  | - |  | 9,952 |  | 8,968 |  | - |  | 8,968 |
| Total net sales |  | 870,519 |  | - |  | 870,519 |  | 690,206 |  | - |  | 690,206 |
| Finance charges and other revenues |  | 1,340 |  | 186,611 |  | 187,951 |  | 1,067 |  | 141,355 |  | 142,422 |
| Total revenues |  | 871,859 |  | 186,611 |  | 1,058,470 |  | 691,273 |  | 141,355 |  | 832,628 |
| Costs and expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs |  | 508,475 |  | - |  | 508,475 |  | 411,484 |  | - |  | 411,484 |
| Cost of service parts sold, including warehousing and occupancy cost |  | 4,815 |  | - |  | 4,815 |  | 4,010 |  | - |  | 4,010 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses ${ }^{(1)}$ |  | 245,102 |  | 74,967 |  | 320,069 |  | 188,340 |  | 54,013 |  | 242,353 |
| Provision for bad debts |  | 98 |  | 133,764 |  | 133,862 |  | 389 |  | 57,660 |  | 58,049 |
| Charges and credits |  | 3,601 |  | - |  | 3,601 |  | 2,834 |  | - |  | 2,834 |
| Total costs and expense |  | 762,091 |  | 208,731 |  | 970,822 |  | 607,057 |  | 111,673 |  | 718,730 |
| Operating income |  | 109,768 |  | $(22,120)$ |  | 87,648 |  | 84,216 |  | 29,682 |  | 113,898 |
| Interest expense |  | - |  | 19,921 |  | 19,921 |  | - |  | 10,720 |  | 10,720 |
| Other income, net |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | (38) |  | - |  | (38) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | \$ | 109,768 | \$ | $(42,041)$ | \$ | 67,727 | \$ | 84,254 | \$ | 18,962 | \$ | 103,216 |


|  | October 31, 2014 |  |  |  |  |  | January 31, 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (in thousands) | Retail |  | Credit |  | Total |  | Retail |  | Credit |  | Total |  |
| Total assets ${ }^{(2)}$ | \$ | 420,489 | \$ | 1,135,517 | \$ | 1,556,006 | \$ | 283,637 | \$ | 1,014,349 | \$ | 1,297,986 |

(1) Selling, general and administrative ("SG\&A") expenses include the direct expenses of the retail and credit operations, allocated overhead expenses and a charge to the credit segment to reimburse the retail segment for expenses it incurs related to occupancy, personnel, advertising and other direct costs of the retail segment which benefit the credit operations by sourcing credit customers and collecting payments. The reimbursement received by the retail segment from the credit segment is estimated using an annual rate of $2.5 \%$ times the average portfolio balance for each applicable period. The amount of overhead allocated to each segment was $\$ 2.8$ million and $\$ 2.9$ million for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and $\$ 8.7$ million and $\$ 8.0$ million for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The amount of reimbursement made to the retail segment by the credit segment was $\$ 7.7$ million and $\$ 5.6$ million for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and $\$ 21.5$ million and $\$ 15.3$ million for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.
(2) Retail segment total assets as of October 31, 2014 included $\$ 3.3$ million of land, buildings and improvements related to a store that was under construction and subject to a sale and lease-back transaction. In November 2014, construction of this store was completed and the store opened for business and the related assets were retired from the Company's balance sheet.

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Unless the context otherwise indicates, references to "Conn's," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to the consolidated business operations of Conn's, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include information concerning our future financial performance, business strategy, plans, goals and objectives. Statements containing the words "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "project," "should," or the negative of such terms or other similar expressions are generally forward-looking in nature and not historical facts. Although we believe that the expectations, opinions, projections, and comments reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such statements will prove to be correct. A wide variety of potential risks, uncertainties, and other factors could materially affect our ability to achieve the results either expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements including, but not limited to: whether any potential sale of or other strategic transaction by or related to Conn's will be consummated and, if so, the timing and terms of any such transaction, including any possible sale price; general economic conditions impacting our customers or potential customers; our ability to continue existing or to offer new customer financing programs; changes in the delinquency status of our credit portfolio; unfavorable developments in ongoing litigation; increased regulatory oversight; higher than anticipated net charge-offs in the credit portfolio; the success of our planned opening of new stores and the updating of existing stores; technological and market developments and sales trends for our major product offerings; our ability to protect against cyber-attacks or data security breaches and to protect the integrity and security of individually identifiable data of our customers and our employees; our ability to fund our operations, capital expenditures, debt repayment and expansion from cash flows from operations, borrowings from our revolving credit facility, and proceeds from accessing debt or equity markets; and the other risks detailed in our United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") reports, including but not limited to, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended January 31, 2014 and this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. Except as required by law, we are not obligated to publicly release any revisions or update to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

## General

We are a leading specialty retailer that offers a broad selection of quality, branded durable consumer goods and related services in addition to a proprietary credit solution for our core credit constrained consumers. We operate an integrated and scalable business through our retail stores and website. Our complementary product offerings include home appliances, furniture and mattresses, consumer electronics and home office products from leading global brands across a wide range of price points. Our credit offering provides financing solutions to a large, underserved population of credit constrained consumers who typically are unbanked and have credit scores between 550 and 650 . We provide customers the opportunity to comparison shop across brands with confidence in our competitive prices as well as affordable monthly payment options, next-day delivery and installation, and product repair services. We believe our large, attractively merchandised stores and credit solutions offer a distinctive shopping experience compared to other retailers that target our core customer demographic.

Our fiscal year ends on January 31. References to a fiscal year refer to the calendar year in which the fiscal year ends.
As of October 31, 2014, we operated 89 retail locations in Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Our primary product categories include:

- Furniture and mattress, including furniture and related accessories for the living room, dining room and bedroom, as well as both traditional and specialty mattresses;
- Home appliance, including refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers and ranges;
- Consumer electronic, including LCD, LED, 3-D, Ultra HD and plasma televisions, Blu-ray players, home theater and video game products, digital cameras, and portable audio equipment; and
- Home office, including computers, tablets, printers and accessories.

Additionally, we offer a variety of products on a seasonal basis.
Our stores typically range in size from 30,000 to 50,000 square feet and are predominately located in areas densely populated by our core customer and are typically anchor stores in strip malls. We utilize a merchandising strategy that offers approximately

2,300 quality, branded products from approximately 200 manufacturers and distributors at various price points. Our commissioned sales, consumer credit and service personnel are well-trained and knowledgeable to assist our customers with product selection and the credit application process. We also provide additional services including next-day delivery and installation capabilities, and product repair or replacement services for most items sold in our stores.

We provide multiple financing options to address various customer needs including a proprietary in-house credit program, a third-party financing program and a third-party rent-to-own payment program. The majority of our credit customers use our in-house credit program and typically have a credit score of between 550 and 650, with the average score of new applicants financed by us during the three months ended October 31, 2014 of 608 , up from 599 for the same period last year. For customers who do not qualify for our in-house program, we offer rent-to-own payment plans primarily through AcceptanceNow (formerly known as RAC Acceptance). For customers with high credit scores, we have partnered with Synchrony Financial (formerly known as GE Capital) to offer long-term, no-interest and revolving credit plans. AcceptanceNow and Synchrony Financial manage their respective underwriting decisions and collection of their credit programs. For the three months ended October 31, 2014, we financed approximately $77.3 \%$ of our retail sales, including down payments, under our in-house financing program.

We believe our extensive brand and product selection, competitive pricing, financing alternatives and supporting services combined with our customer service focused store associates make us an attractive alternative to appliance and electronics superstores, department stores and other national, regional, local and internet retailers.

Due to the holiday selling season, our business is moderately seasonal, with a greater share of our revenues, operating and net income historically realized during the quarter ending January 31.

## Recent Developments and Operational Changes

In October 2014, the Company announced that its Board of Directors authorized management to explore a full range of strategic alternatives for the Company to potentially enhance value for stockholders. The Company has engaged an independent financial advisor to assist and the process is underway. No timetable has been set for the Company's completion of the process. There can be no assurance that this strategic alternatives review will result in the Company changing its current business plan, pursuing a particular transaction, completing any such transaction, or that any transaction we might enter will prove to be beneficial to our stockholders. Further, it is not certain what impact any potential strategic alternatives, or a decision not to pursue any potential strategic alternatives, may have on the Company's stock price, operating results, financial condition, liquidity, or business prospects.

We have implemented, continued to focus on, or modified operating initiatives, including the following:

- Opening expanded Conn's HomePlus stores in new markets. During the nine months ended October 31, 2014, we opened 16 new stores in Arizona (2), Colorado (4), Mississippi (1), Nevada (1), North Carolina (1), South Carolina (2), Tennessee (3) and Texas (2). We opened two additional new stores in November 2014. We plan to open between 15 and 18 stores in fiscal 2016. We opened 14 new stores in fiscal 2014 and five new stores in fiscal 2013. For the nine months ended October 31, 2014, new stores opened since February 1, 2012 accounted for approximately $27.1 \%$ of total product sales. New stores opened since February 1, 2012 accounted for approximately $14.8 \%$ and $3.4 \%$ of total product sales in fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively;
- Reviewing our existing store locations to ensure the customer demographics and retail sales opportunity are sufficient to achieve our store performance expectations, and selectively closing or relocating stores to achieve those goals. In this regard, we have closed a total of 22 retail locations since the beginning of fiscal 2012 that did not perform at the level we expect for mature store locations. We plan to close three additional retail locations over the next twelve months;
- Remodeling and relocating existing stores utilizing the Conn's HomePlus format to increase retail square footage and improve our customers' shopping experience;
- Expanding and enhancing our product offering of higher-margin furniture and mattresses;
- Focusing on quality, branded products to improve operating performance;
- Growing our appliance business by focused advertising, promotions and delivery options;
- Increasing use of short-term, no interest credit programs, with terms of 12 months or less, over recent years with the intent to accelerate cash collections, while modestly reducing portfolio interest and fee yield. In August 2014, we discontinued
offering six-month, no-interest programs and in September 2014, raised eligibility requirements to qualify for the 12-month program;
- Offering 18 -month and 24-month equal-payment, no-interest finance programs to certain higher credit quality borrowers;
- Raised interest rates charged to customers in October 2014, where possible, in response to the changing market environment;
- Continuing to review and modify our underwriting standards to improve the overall quality of our credit portfolio; and
- Revising our re-aging policies, as appropriate, and focusing on further improvement of execution within our collection operations to reduce delinquency rates and future charge-offs.


## Results of Operations

The presentation of our results of operations may not be comparable to some other retailers since we include the cost of our in-home delivery and installation service as part of selling, general and administrative ("SG\&A") expense. Similarly, we include the cost related to operating our purchasing function in SG\&A expense. It is our understanding that other retailers may include such costs as part of their cost of goods sold.

The following tables present results of operations on a consolidated and segment basis:

## Consolidated:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | Change |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | Change |  |
| Revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Product sales | \$ | 278,139 | \$ | 234,159 | \$ | 43,980 | \$ | 796,525 | \$ | 628,482 | \$ | 168,043 |
| Repair service agreement commissions |  | 23,056 |  | 19,601 |  | 3,455 |  | 64,042 |  | 52,756 |  | 11,286 |
| Service revenues |  | 3,414 |  | 3,286 |  | 128 |  | 9,952 |  | 8,968 |  | 984 |
| Total net sales |  | 304,609 |  | 257,046 |  | 47,563 |  | 870,519 |  | 690,206 |  | 180,313 |
| Finance charges and other revenues |  | 65,449 |  | 53,830 |  | 11,619 |  | 187,951 |  | 142,422 |  | 45,529 |
| Total revenues |  | 370,058 |  | 310,876 |  | 59,182 |  | 1,058,470 |  | 832,628 |  | 225,842 |
| Costs and expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs |  | 178,976 |  | 151,987 |  | 26,989 |  | 508,475 |  | 411,484 |  | 96,991 |
| Cost of service parts sold, including warehousing and occupancy cost |  | 1,525 |  | 1,286 |  | 239 |  | 4,815 |  | 4,010 |  | 805 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses ${ }^{(1)}$ |  | 112,562 |  | 90,341 |  | 22,221 |  | 320,069 |  | 242,353 |  | 77,716 |
| Provision for bad debts |  | 72,019 |  | 22,730 |  | 49,289 |  | 133,862 |  | 58,049 |  | 75,813 |
| Charges and credits |  | 355 |  | 2,834 |  | $(2,479)$ |  | 3,601 |  | 2,834 |  | 767 |
| Total costs and expenses |  | 365,437 |  | 269,178 |  | 96,259 |  | 970,822 |  | 718,730 |  | 252,092 |
| Operating income |  | 4,621 |  | 41,698 |  | $(37,077)$ |  | 87,648 |  | 113,898 |  | $(26,250)$ |
| Interest expense |  | 8,950 |  | 3,714 |  | 5,236 |  | 19,921 |  | 10,720 |  | 9,201 |
| Other income, net |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | (38) |  | 38 |
| Income before income taxes |  | $(4,329)$ |  | 37,984 |  | $(42,313)$ |  | 67,727 |  | 103,216 |  | $(35,489)$ |
| Provision for income taxes |  | $(1,265)$ |  | 13,608 |  | $(14,873)$ |  | 24,672 |  | 37,502 |  | $(12,830)$ |
| Net income | \$ | $(3,064)$ | \$ | 24,376 | \$ | $(27,440)$ | \$ | 43,055 | \$ | 65,714 | \$ | $(22,659)$ |

Retail Segment:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | Change |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | Change |  |
| Revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Product sales | \$ | 278,139 | \$ | 234,159 | \$ | 43,980 | \$ | 796,525 | \$ | 628,482 | \$ | 168,043 |
| Repair service agreement commissions |  | 23,056 |  | 19,601 |  | 3,455 |  | 64,042 |  | 52,756 |  | 11,286 |
| Service revenues |  | 3,414 |  | 3,286 |  | 128 |  | 9,952 |  | 8,968 |  | 984 |
| Total net sales |  | 304,609 |  | 257,046 |  | 47,563 |  | 870,519 |  | 690,206 |  | 180,313 |
| Finance charges and other revenues |  | 531 |  | 438 |  | 93 |  | 1,340 |  | 1,067 |  | 273 |
| Total revenues |  | 305,140 |  | 257,484 |  | 47,656 |  | 871,859 |  | 691,273 |  | 180,586 |
| Costs and expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs |  | 178,976 |  | 151,987 |  | 26,989 |  | 508,475 |  | 411,484 |  | 96,991 |
| Cost of service parts sold, including warehousing and occupancy cost |  | 1,525 |  | 1,286 |  | 239 |  | 4,815 |  | 4,010 |  | 805 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses ${ }^{(1)}$ |  | 86,436 |  | 69,920 |  | 16,516 |  | 245,102 |  | 188,340 |  | 56,762 |
| Provision for bad debts |  | 54 |  | 203 |  | (149) |  | 98 |  | 389 |  | (291) |
| Charges and credits |  | 355 |  | 2,834 |  | $(2,479)$ |  | 3,601 |  | 2,834 |  | 767 |
| Total costs and expenses |  | 267,346 |  | 226,230 |  | 41,116 |  | 762,091 |  | 607,057 |  | 155,034 |
| Operating income |  | 37,794 |  | 31,254 |  | 6,540 |  | 109,768 |  | 84,216 |  | 25,552 |
| Other income, net |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | (38) |  | 38 |
| Income before income taxes | \$ | 37,794 | \$ | 31,254 | \$ | 6,540 | \$ | 109,768 | \$ | 84,254 | \$ | 25,514 |
| Number of stores: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beginning of period |  | 86 |  | 72 |  |  |  | 79 |  | 68 |  |  |
| Open |  | 6 |  | 2 |  |  |  | 16 |  | 6 |  |  |
| Closed |  | (3) |  | (2) |  |  |  | (6) |  | (2) |  |  |
| End of period |  | 89 |  | 72 |  |  |  | 89 |  | 72 |  |  |

Credit Segment:

|  | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (in thousands) | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | Change |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | Change |  |
| Revenues - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finance charges and other revenues | \$ | 64,918 | \$ | 53,392 | \$ | 11,526 | \$ | 186,611 | \$ | 141,355 | \$ | 45,256 |
| Costs and expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses ${ }^{(1)}$ |  | 26,126 |  | 20,421 |  | 5,705 |  | 74,967 |  | 54,013 |  | 20,954 |
| Provision for bad debts |  | 71,965 |  | 22,527 |  | 49,438 |  | 133,764 |  | 57,660 |  | 76,104 |
| Total cost and expenses |  | 98,091 |  | 42,948 |  | 55,143 |  | 208,731 |  | 111,673 |  | 97,058 |
| Operating income |  | $(33,173)$ |  | 10,444 |  | $(43,617)$ |  | $(22,120)$ |  | 29,682 |  | $(51,802)$ |
| Interest expense |  | 8,950 |  | 3,714 |  | 5,236 |  | 19,921 |  | 10,720 |  | 9,201 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | \$ | $(42,123)$ | \$ | 6,730 | \$ | $(48,853)$ | \$ | $(42,041)$ | \$ | 18,962 | \$ | $(61,003)$ |

(1) Selling, general and administrative ("SG\&A") expenses include the direct expenses of the retail and credit operations, allocated overhead expenses and a charge to the credit segment to reimburse the retail segment for expenses it incurs related to occupancy, personnel, advertising and other direct costs of the retail segment which benefit the credit operations by sourcing credit customers and collecting payments. The reimbursement received by the retail segment from the credit segment is estimated using an annual rate of $2.5 \%$ times the average portfolio balance for each applicable period. The amount of overhead allocated to each segment was $\$ 2.8$ million and $\$ 2.9$ million for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 , respectively, and $\$ 8.7$ million and $\$ 8.0$ million for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The amount of reimbursement made to the retail segment by the credit segment was $\$ 7.7$ million and $\$ 5.6$
million for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and $\$ 21.5$ million and $\$ 15.3$ million for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

## Segment Overview

The following provides an overview of our retail and credit segment operations for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014.

## Retail Segment

- Revenue for the three months ended October 31, 2014 increased $\$ 47.7$ million, or $18.5 \%$, from the same prior-year period. The increase was primarily driven by new store openings partially offset by a decrease of $1.0 \%$ in same store sales. The decline in same store sales was primarily the result of the tightening by our credit segment of underwriting standards over the last twelve months and fully lapping changes in marketing strategies last year which drove a $35.1 \%$ in same store sales for the three months ended October 31, 2013. Net sales for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 increased by $26.1 \%$ over the same prior-year period, driven by new store openings and same store sales growth of $10.1 \%$. This year-over-year growth was partially offset by the impact of the decision to no longer offer lawn equipment and changes in our underwriting standards.
- Retail gross margin for the three months ended October 31, 2014 was $40.6 \%$, an increase of 50 basis points over the $40.1 \%$ reported in the comparable quarter last year. The expansion in retail margin was driven by a favorable shift in product mix with the higher-margin furniture and mattress category accounting for $31.2 \%$ of product sales in the current quarter versus $27.0 \%$ in the prior-year period. Retail gross margin for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 increased to $40.9 \%$ from $39.6 \%$ in the same prior-year period reflecting a favorable shift in product mix and margin expansion in each of the major product categories.
- SG\&A expenses for the three months ended October 31, 2014 was $\$ 86.4$ million, an increase of $\$ 16.5$ million, or $23.6 \%$, over the same prior-year period. The SG\&A expenses increase was primarily due to the opening of new stores resulting in higher sales-driven compensation, advertising costs, delivery expenses and facility-related costs. As a percentage of segment revenues, SG\&A expenses was $28.3 \%$ for the three months ended October 31, 2014, compared to $27.2 \%$ in the same prior-year period. The increase in SG\&A expenses as a percentage of segment revenues is attributable primarily to costs associated with the six new stores opened during the current quarter. In the prior-year period, we opened two new stores. SG\&A expenses for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 increased $\$ 56.8$ million, or $30.1 \%$, over the same prior-year period, also primarily due to the opening of new stores.


## Credit Segment

- Revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2014 were $\$ 64.9$ million, an increase of $\$ 11.5$ million, or $21.6 \%$, over the same prior-year period. The increase reflects the year-over-year growth in the average balance of the customer receivable portfolio partially offset by a 90 basis point decrease in portfolio yield. Total revenues for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 increased by $\$ 45.3$ million as compared to the same prior year period also due to the rise in the average balance of the customer receivable portfolio.
- Credit segment SG\&A expenses for the three months ended October 31, 2014 was $\$ 26.1$ million, an increase of $\$ 5.7$ million, or $27.9 \%$, from the same prior-year period. The increase is the result of the addition of collections personnel to service the $32.7 \%$ year-over-year increase in the customer receivable portfolio balance and anticipated near-term portfolio growth. SG\&A expenses as a percent of segment revenues was $40.2 \%$ in the current year period, which compares to $38.2 \%$ in the same prior-year period. Credit segment SG\&A expenses for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 increased by $\$ 21.0$ million also due to increased compensation and related expenses.
- Provision for bad debts for the three months ended October 31, 2014 was $\$ 72.0$ million, an increase of $\$ 49.4$ million from the same prior-year period. The provision for bad debts for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 increased $\$ 76.1$ million. The year-over-year increase was impacted by the following:
- For the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014, a $36.4 \%$ increase and a $39.9 \%$ increase, respectively, in the average receivable portfolio balance resulting from new store openings and same store growth over the past 12 months;
- For the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014, a $12.3 \%$ increase and a $22.4 \%$ increase, respectively, in the balances originated compared to the same period in the prior year;
- An increase of 150 basis points in the percentage of customer accounts receivable balances greater than 60 days delinquent to $10.0 \%$ at October 31, 2014 as compared to the prior year period. Delinquency increased year-over-year across credit quality levels, customer groups, product categories, geographic regions and years of origination. Delinquency increased year-over-year across credit quality levels, customer groups, product categories, geographic regions and years of origination. Despite tighter underwriting and better collections execution, deterioration in the customer's ability to resolve delinquency continued throughout the quarter and the expectation for charge-offs over the next twelve months was adjusted to fully reflect this trend;
- Higher expected charge-offs over the next twelve-month period as losses are occurring at a faster pace than previously anticipated, due to the continued deterioration in the customer's ability to resolve delinquency;
- The decision to pursue collection of past and future charged-off accounts internally rather than selling charged off accounts to a third party. This change resulted in $\$ 7.6$ million in additional provision as recoveries are expected to occur over an extended time period, which results in a reduction in expected cash recoveries over the next twelve months; and
- The balance of customer receivables accounted for as troubled debt restructurings increased to $\$ 73.4$ million, or $5.9 \%$ of the total portfolio balance, driving $\$ 4.1$ million and $\$ 9.0$ million of the increase in provision for bad debts for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014, respectively.
- Net interest expense for the three months ended October 31, 2014 was $\$ 9.0$ million, an increase of $\$ 5.2$ million from the same prior-year period reflecting an increase in the level of outstanding debt and an increase in our effective interest rate. The increase in our effective interest rate is attributable to our issuance of $\$ 250.0$ million of $7.25 \%$ senior unsecured notes due 2022 (the "Senior Notes") on July 1, 2014. Net proceeds from the offering were used to reduce borrowings under our asset-based revolving credit facility which carries a lower borrowing rate. Interest expense for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 increased $\$ 9.2$ million as a result of the increase in the average debt balance outstanding and an increase in our effective interest rate.

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Total net sales | \$ | 304,609 | \$ | 257,046 | \$ | 47,563 |
| Finance charges and other revenues |  | 65,449 |  | 53,830 |  | 11,619 |
| Total revenues | \$ | 370,058 | \$ | 310,876 | \$ | 59,182 |

The following table provides net sales and change in net sales by category:

| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |  |  | Change |  | \% <br> Change | Same store \% change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | \% of Total | 2013 |  | \% of Total |  |  |  |  |
| Furniture and mattress | \$ | 86,820 | 28.5\% | \$ | 63,191 | 24.6\% | \$ | 23,629 | 37.4 \% | 7.0 \% |
| Home appliance |  | 82,811 | 27.2 |  | 66,453 | 25.9 |  | 16,358 | 24.6 | 9.5 |
| Consumer electronic |  | 73,722 | 24.2 |  | 68,396 | 26.6 |  | 5,326 | 7.8 | (6.4) |
| Home office |  | 28,380 | 9.3 |  | 28,613 | 11.1 |  | (233) | (0.8) | (11.1) |
| Other |  | 6,406 | 2.1 |  | 7,506 | 2.9 |  | $(1,100)$ | (14.7) | (29.9) |
| Product sales |  | 278,139 | 91.3 |  | 234,159 | 91.1 |  | 43,980 | 18.8 | (0.4) |
| Repair service agreement commissions |  | 23,056 | 7.6 |  | 19,601 | 7.6 |  | 3,455 | 17.6 | (5.5) |
| Service revenues |  | 3,414 | 1.1 |  | 3,286 | 1.3 |  | 128 | 3.9 |  |
| Total net sales | \$ | 304,609 | 100.0\% | \$ | 257,046 | 100.0\% | \$ | 47,563 | 18.5 \% | (1.0)\% |

The following provides a summary of items influencing the Company's major product category performance during the quarter compared to the prioryear period:

- Furniture and mattress sales growth was driven by a $29.8 \%$ increase in unit sales and a $4.9 \%$ increase in the average selling price. Furniture sales rose $34.3 \%$ on a $31.7 \%$ increase in unit volume with a $2.0 \%$ increase in average selling price. Mattress sales increased $40.6 \%$ reflecting a $24.8 \%$ increase in unit volume and a $12.6 \%$ increase in average selling price due to a shift to higher price-point merchandise;
- Home appliance sales increased from the prior-year period driven by a $17.1 \%$ increase in unit sales and a $6.4 \%$ increase in the average selling price. Laundry sales increased $30.2 \%$, dishwasher sales climbed $26.2 \%$, refrigeration sales rose $26.0 \%$ and cooking sales increased $21.4 \%$;
- Consumer electronic sales rose $7.8 \%$ driven by a $16.3 \%$ increase in unit volume partially offset by a $6.5 \%$ decrease in the average selling price. Television sales were up $3.4 \%$ in total and declined $10.5 \%$ on a same store basis. Gaming hardware sales increased more than $400 \%$ and home theater sales climbed 4.6\%;
- Home office sales declined slightly due to a $47.0 \%$ decrease in tablet sales that was partially offset by a $16.1 \%$ increase in computer sales;
- Other sales declined $14.7 \%$ due to the exit of the lawn equipment category, which reduced year-over-year sales by $\$ 2.4$ million; and
- The increase in repair service agreement commissions was driven by increased retail sales.

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Interest income and fees | \$ | 52,142 | \$ | 40,260 | \$ | 11,882 |
| Insurance commissions |  | 12,777 |  | 13,132 |  | (355) |
| Other revenues |  | 530 |  | 438 |  | 92 |
| Finance charges and other revenues | \$ | 65,449 | \$ | 53,830 | \$ | 11,619 |

Interest income and fees of the credit segment increased over the prior-year level primarily driven by a $36.4 \%$ increase in the average balance of the portfolio partially offset by a decline in portfolio interest and fee yield reflecting a higher provision for uncollectible interest.

The following table provides key portfolio performance information:

| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Interest income and fees | \$ | 52,142 | \$ | 40,260 |
| Net charge-offs |  | $(27,064)$ |  | $(16,922)$ |
| Interest expense |  | $(8,950)$ |  | $(3,714)$ |
| Net portfolio yield | \$ | 16,128 | \$ | 19,624 |
| Average portfolio balance | \$ | 1,220,935 | \$ | 895,087 |
| Interest income and fee yield \% (annualized) |  | 16.9\% |  | 17.8\% |
| Net charge-off \% (annualized) |  | 8.9\% |  | 7.6\% |


| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs | \$ | 178,976 | \$ | 151,987 | \$ | 26,989 |
| Product gross margin percentage |  | 35.7\% |  | 35.1\% |  |  |
| Cost of service parts sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs | \$ | 1,525 | \$ | 1,286 | \$ | 239 |
| Service gross margin percentage |  | 44.7\% |  | 39.1\% |  |  |

Product gross margin expanded 60 basis points as a percent of product sales from the quarter ended October 31, 2013 primarily due to a favorable shift in product mix.

| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail segment | \$ | 86,436 | \$ | 69,920 |  | 16,516 |
| Credit segment |  | 26,126 |  | 20,421 |  | 5,705 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses - Consolidated | \$ | 112,562 | \$ | 90,341 |  | 22,221 |
| As a percent of total revenues |  | 30.4\% |  | 29.1\% |  |  |

For the three months ended October 31, 2014, the increase in SG\&A expenses in the retail segment was primarily due to the opening of new stores resulting in higher sales-driven compensation, advertising costs, delivery expenses and facility-related costs. As a percent of segment revenues, SG\&A expenses increased 110 basis points primarily due to costs associated with the six new stores opened during the current quarter. In the prior-year period, we opened two new stores.

The increase in SG\&A expenses for the credit segment was driven by the addition of collections personnel to service the $32.7 \%$ year-over-year increase in the customer receivable portfolio balance and anticipated near-term portfolio growth.

| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Provision for bad debts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail segment | \$ | 54 | \$ | 203 | \$ | (149) |
| Credit segment |  | 71,965 |  | 22,527 |  | 49,438 |
| Provision for bad debts - Consolidated | \$ | 72,019 | \$ | 22,730 | \$ | 49,289 |
| Provision for bad debts - Credit segment, as a percent of average portfolio balance (annualized) |  | 23.6\% |  | 10.1\% |  |  |

The provision for bad debts of the credit segment increased by $\$ 49.4$ million from the prior-year period. The year-over-year increase was impacted by the following:

- A 36.4\% increase in the average receivable portfolio balance resulting from new store openings and same store growth over the past twelve months;
- A $12.3 \%$ increase in the balances originated during the three months ended October 31,2014 compared to the same period in the prior year;
- An increase of 150 basis points in the percentage of customer accounts receivable balances greater than 60 days delinquent to $10.0 \%$ at October 31, 2014 as compared to the prior year period. Delinquency increased year-over-year across credit quality levels, customer groups, product categories, geographic regions and years of origination. Delinquency increased year-over-year across credit quality levels, customer groups, product categories, geographic regions and years of origination. Despite tighter underwriting and better collections execution, deterioration in the customer's ability to resolve delinquency continued throughout the quarter and the expectation for charge-offs over the next twelve months was adjusted to fully reflect this trend;
- Higher expected charge-offs over the next twelve-month period as losses are occurring at a faster pace than previously anticipated, due to the continued deterioration in the customer's ability to resolve delinquency;
- The decision to pursue collection of past and future charged-off accounts internally rather than selling charged off accounts to a third party. This change resulted in $\$ 7.6$ million in additional provision as recoveries are expected to occur over an extended time period, which results in a reduction in expected cash recoveries over the next twelve months; and
- The balance of customer receivables accounted for as troubled debt restructurings increased to $\$ 73.4$ million, or $5.9 \%$ of the total portfolio balance, driving $\$ 4.1$ million of the increase in provision for bad debts.

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Store closure and relocation costs (credits) | \$ | (141) | \$ | 2,834 | \$ | $(2,975)$ |
| Legal and professional fees related to the exploration of strategic alternatives and a class action lawsuit |  | 496 |  | - |  | 496 |
| Charges and credits | \$ | 355 | \$ | 2,834 | \$ | $(2,479)$ |

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recorded a net credit of $\$ 0.1$ million due to the revision of estimated lease termination and other costs related to store closures and relocations and a charge of $\$ 0.5$ million for legal and professional fees related to the Company's exploration of strategic alternatives and a class action lawsuit. During the three months ended October 31, 2013, the Company recorded a charge of $\$ 2.8$ million related to store closures and relocations as well as revised estimates of future obligations related to previously closed stores.

|  | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (in thousands) | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Interest expense | \$ | 8,950 | \$ | 3,714 | \$ | 5,236 |

Net interest expense for the three months ended October 31, 2014 increased $\$ 5.2$ million from the prior-year period reflecting an increase in the average debt balance outstanding and an increase in the effective interest rate. The increase in the effective interest rate was primarily due to our issuance of Senior Notes on July 1, 2014.

| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | \$ | $(1,265)$ | \$ | 13,608 | \$ | $(14,873)$ |
| As a percent of income before income taxes |  | 29.2\% |  | 35.8 |  |  |

The provision for income taxes decreased on a dollar basis due to the year-over-year decline in profitability.

Nine Months Ended October 31, 2014 Compared to Nine Months Ended October 31, 2013

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |
| Total net sales | \$ | 870,519 | \$ | 690,206 | \$ | 180,313 |
| Finance charges and other revenues |  | 187,951 |  | 142,422 |  | 45,529 |
| Total Revenues | \$ | 1,058,470 | \$ | 832,628 | \$ | 225,842 |

The following table provides net sales and change in net sales by category:

| (dollars in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |  |  | Change |  | \% <br> Change | Same store \% change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2014 | \% of Total |  | 2013 | \% of Total |  |  |  |  |
| Furniture and mattress | \$ | 249,085 | 28.6\% | \$ | 162,982 | 23.6\% | \$ | 86,103 | 52.8 \% | 28.5 \% |
| Home appliance |  | 244,281 | 28.1 |  | 187,989 | 27.2 |  | 56,292 | 29.9 | 17.3 |
| Consumer electronic |  | 209,110 | 24.0 |  | 180,972 | 26.2 |  | 28,138 | 15.5 | 3.1 |
| Home office |  | 76,377 | 8.8 |  | 64,831 | 9.5 |  | 11,546 | 17.8 | 6.9 |
| Other |  | 17,672 | 2.0 |  | 31,708 | 4.6 |  | $(14,036)$ | (44.3) | (56.0) |
| Product sales |  | 796,525 | 91.5 |  | 628,482 | 91.1 |  | 168,043 | 26.7 | 10.3 |
| Repair service agreement commissions |  | 64,042 | 7.4 |  | 52,756 | 7.6 |  | 11,286 | 21.4 | 8.2 |
| Service revenues |  | 9,952 | 1.1 |  | 8,968 | 1.3 |  | 984 | 11.0 |  |
| Total net sales | \$ | 870,519 | 100.0\% | \$ | 690,206 | 100.0\% | \$ | 180,313 | 26.1 \% | 10.1 \% |

The following provides a summary of items influencing the Company's major product category performance during the nine months ended October 31, 2014, compared to the prior-year period:

- Furniture and mattress sales growth was driven by a $42.9 \%$ increase in unit sales and an $8.7 \%$ increase in the average selling price. Furniture sales rose $53.9 \%$ on a $43.9 \%$ increase in unit volume with a $6.9 \%$ increase in average selling price. Mattress sales increased $58.4 \%$ reflecting a $39.9 \%$ increase in unit volume and a $13.2 \%$ increase in average selling price attributable to a shift to higher price-point merchandise;
- Home appliance sales increased during the period due to a $19.4 \%$ increase in unit sales and a $7.9 \%$ increase in average selling price. Laundry sales were up $35.2 \%$, refrigeration sales were up $29.3 \%$, dishwasher sales climbed $28.2 \%$ and cooking sales increased $23.9 \%$;
- Consumer electronic sales were up $15.5 \%$ driven by an $22.8 \%$ increase in unit volume partially offset by a $5.9 \%$ decrease in the average selling price. Television sales were up $9.7 \%$, gaming hardware sales increased more than $400 \%$, and home theater sales climbed $25.2 \%$;
- Home office sales increased primarily due to a $38.9 \%$ increase in computer sales partially offset by a $32.0 \%$ decrease in tablet sales;
- Other sales decreased due to the exit of the lawn equipment category, which reduced year-over-year sales by $\$ 16.7$ million;
- The increase in repair service agreement commissions was driven by increased retail sales; and
- Service revenue increased by $11.0 \%$ due to increased service technician staffing and in-house performance of certain warranty repair services.

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Interest income and fees | \$ | 150,858 | \$ | 109,667 | \$ | 41,191 |
| Insurance commissions |  | 35,753 |  | 31,688 |  | 4,065 |
| Other income |  | 1,340 |  | 1,067 |  | 273 |
| Finance charges and other revenues | \$ | 187,951 | \$ | 142,422 | \$ | 45,529 |

Interest income and fees of the credit segment increased over the prior-year level primarily driven by a $39.9 \%$ increase in the average balance of the portfolio partially offset by a decline in portfolio interest and fee yield reflecting a higher provision for uncollectible interest.

The following table provides key portfolio performance information:

| (dollars in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Interest income and fees | \$ | 150,858 | \$ | 109,667 |
| Net charge-offs |  | $(76,812)$ |  | $(42,653)$ |
| Interest expense |  | $(19,921)$ |  | $(10,720)$ |
| Net portfolio yield | \$ | 54,125 | \$ | 56,294 |
| Average portfolio balance | \$ | 1,147,793 | \$ | 820,305 |
| Interest income and fee yield \% (annualized) |  | 17.6\% |  | 17.9\% |
| Net charge-off \% (annualized) |  | 8.9\% |  | 6.9\% |


| (dollars in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Cost of goods sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs | \$ | 508,475 | \$ | 411,484 | \$ | 96,991 |
| Product gross margin percentage |  | 36.2\% |  | 34.5\% |  |  |
| Cost of service parts sold, including warehousing and occupancy costs | \$ | 4,815 | \$ | 4,010 | \$ | 805 |
| Service gross margin percentage |  | 48.4\% |  | 44.7\% |  |  |

Product gross margin expanded 170 basis points as a percent of product sales from the nine months ended October 31, 2013 primarily due to a favorable shift in product mix and margin expansion in each of the major product categories.

The increase in cost of service parts sold was due primarily to the growth in service revenues.

| (dollars in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail segment | \$ | 245,102 | \$ | 188,340 | \$ | 56,762 |
| Credit segment |  | 74,967 |  | 54,013 |  | 20,954 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses - Consolidated | \$ | 320,069 | \$ | 242,353 | \$ | 77,716 |
| As a percent of total revenues |  | 30.2\% |  | 29.1\% |  |  |

For the nine months ended October 31, 2014, the increase in SG\&A expenses in the retail segment was primarily due to the opening of new stores resulting in higher sales-driven compensation, advertising costs, delivery expenses and facility-related costs.

As a percent of segment revenues, SG\&A expenses increased 90 basis points as compared to the prior-year period primarily due to costs associated with new store openings partially offset by the leveraging effect of increased revenues.

The increase in SG\&A expenses for the credit segment was driven by the hiring of additional collections personnel to service the $32.7 \%$ year-over-year increase in the customer receivable portfolio balance and anticipated near-term portfolio growth.

| (dollars in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Provision for bad debts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail segment | \$ | 98 | \$ | 389 | \$ | (291) |
| Credit segment |  | 133,764 |  | 57,660 |  | 76,104 |
| Provision for bad debts - Consolidated | \$ | 133,862 | \$ | 58,049 | \$ | 75,813 |
| Provision for bad debts - Credit segment, as a percent of average portfolio balance (annualized) |  | 15.5\% |  | 9.4\% |  |  |

The provision for bad debts of the credit segment increased by $\$ 76.1$ million from the prior-year period. The year-over-year increase was impacted by the following:

- A 39.9\% increase in the average receivable portfolio balance resulting from new store openings and same store growth over the past twelve months;
- A $22.4 \%$ increase in the balances originated during the nine months ended October 31, 2014 compared to the same period in the prior year;
- An increase of 150 basis points in the percentage of customer accounts receivable balances greater than 60 days delinquent to $10.0 \%$ at October 31, 2014 as compared to the prior year period. Delinquency increased year-over-year across credit quality levels, customer groups, product categories, geographic regions and years of origination. Delinquency increased year-over-year across credit quality levels, customer groups, product categories, geographic regions and years of origination. Despite tighter underwriting and better collections execution, deterioration in the customer's ability to resolve delinquency continued throughout the quarter and the expectation for charge-offs over the next twelve months was adjusted to fully reflect this trend;
- Higher expected charge-offs over the next twelve-month period as losses are occurring at a faster pace than previously anticipated, due to the continued deterioration in the customer's ability to resolve delinquency;
- The decision to pursue collection of past and future charged-off accounts internally rather than selling charged off accounts to a third party. This change resulted in $\$ 7.6$ million in additional provision as recoveries are expected to occur over an extended time period, which results in a reduction in expected cash recoveries over the next twelve months; and
- The balance of customer receivables accounted for as troubled debt restructurings increased to $\$ 73.4$ million, or $5.9 \%$ of the total portfolio balance, driving $\$ 9.0$ million of the increase in provision for bad debts.

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Store closure and relocation costs (credits) | \$ | 3,105 | \$ | 2,834 | \$ | 767 |
| Legal and professional fees related to the exploration of strategic alternatives and a class action lawsuit |  | 496 |  | - |  | 496 |
| Charges and credits | \$ | 3,601 | \$ | 2,834 | \$ | 767 |

During the nine months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recorded a net charge of $\$ 3.1$ million related to store closures and relocations as well as revised estimates of future obligations related to previously closed stores and a charge of $\$ 0.5$ million for legal and professional fees related to the Company's exploration of strategic alternatives and a class action lawsuit. During the
nine months ended October 31, 2013, the Company recorded a charge of $\$ 2.8$ million related to store closures and relocations as well as revised estimates of future obligations related to previously closed stores.

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Interest expense | \$ | 19,921 | \$ | 10,720 | \$ | 9,201 |

Net interest expense for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 increased $\$ 9.2$ million from the prior-year period primarily due to an increase in the average debt balance outstanding and an increase in the effective interest rate. The increase in the effective interest rate was primarily due to our issuance of Senior Notes on July 1, 2014.

|  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (dollars in thousands) | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |  |  |
| Provision for income taxes | \$ | 24,672 | \$ | 37,502 | \$ | $(12,830)$ |
| As a percent of income before income taxes |  | 36.4\% |  | 36.3\% |  |  |

The provision for income taxes decreased on a dollar basis due to the year-over-year decline in profitability.

## Customer Receivable Portfolio

We provide in-house financing to individual consumers on a short-term basis (maximum initial contractual term is 32 months) for the purchase of durable products for the home. A significant portion of our customer credit portfolio is due from customers that are considered higher-risk, subprime borrowers. Our financing is executed using an installment contract, which requires a fixed monthly payment over a fixed term. We maintain a secured interest in the product financed. If a payment is delayed, missed or paid only in part, the account becomes delinquent. Our collection personnel attempt to contact a customer once their account becomes delinquent. Our loan contracts generally provide for interest at the maximum rate allowed by the respective regulations in the states in which we operate, which generally range between $18 \%$ and $21 \%$. In states where regulations do not generally limit the interest rate charged, we currently charge $28 \%$.

We offer no-interest option programs, with the majority of these accounts under our 12-month no-interest program. In August 2014, we discontinued offering six-month, no-interest programs. Monthly payments are required under our no-interest programs. If the customer is delinquent in making a scheduled monthly payment or does not repay the principal in full by the end of the no-interest program period (grace periods are provided), the account no longer qualifies for the no-interest provision and the terms of the account revert back to those of the executed retail installment loan contract. A significant number of customers who purchase through our no-interest option programs meet the terms of the program, resulting in the payoff of those accounts and thus increase the velocity of portfolio turnover.

In October 2014, we began offering 18- and 24-month equal-payment, no-interest finance programs to certain higher credit quality borrowers. Monthly payments are required under the program. If a customer is delinquent in making a scheduled monthly payment, the account begins accruing interest. Amounts originated under our in-house finance program, that exceed one year in duration, are discounted to their present value at origination, resulting in a reduction in sales and customer receivables, and the discount amount is amortized into finance charges and other revenues over the term of the contract.

We regularly extend or "re-age" a portion of our delinquent customer accounts as a part of our normal collection procedures to protect our investment. Generally, extensions are granted to customers who have experienced a financial difficulty (such as the temporary loss of employment), which was subsequently resolved and the customer indicates a willingness and ability to resume making monthly payments. Re-ages are not granted to debtors who demonstrate a lack of intent or ability to service the obligation. These re-ages involve modifying the payment terms to defer a portion of the cash payments currently required of the debtor to help the debtor improve his or her financial condition and eventually be able to pay us. Our re-aging of customer accounts does not reduce the contractual principal or interest due from the customer. Typically, we also charge the customer an extension fee, which approximates the interest owed for the time period the contract was past due. To a much lesser extent, we may provide the customer the ability to re-age their obligation by refinancing the account or making two consecutive payments. Under these options, as with extensions, the customer must resolve the reason for delinquency and show a willingness and ability to resume making contractual monthly payments.

As of October 31, 2014, we had 695,865 active customer accounts with an average balance of $\$ 1,801$ outstanding per account. This compares to 563,573 active customer accounts with an average balance of $\$ 1,676$ outstanding per account as of October 31, 2013. The $23.5 \%$ increase in the number of customer accounts outstanding reflects the impact of marketing-driven, same store sales growth over the last twelve months as well as new store openings since a year ago. The average number of months since origination or customer accounts in the portfolio has been flat in comparison to the same period a year ago.

The following tables present, for comparison purposes, information about our credit portfolio and, except for "percent of retail sales paid for by:," does not include information related to third party financing or third party rent-to-own options:

| (dollars in thousands, except average outstanding customer balance) | As of October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Total outstanding balance | \$ | 1,253,523 | \$ | 944,826 |
| Weighted average credit score of outstanding balances |  | 595 |  | 591 |
| Number of active accounts |  | 695,865 |  | 563,573 |
| Weighted average months since origination of outstanding balance |  | 8.7 |  | 8.6 |
| Average outstanding account balance | \$ | 1,801 | \$ | 1,676 |
| Account balances 60+ days past due ${ }^{(1)}$ | \$ | 125,678 | \$ | 80,505 |
| Percent of balances 60+ days past due to total outstanding balance |  | 10.0\% |  | 8.5\% |
| Total account balances re-aged ${ }^{(1)}$ | \$ | 164,216 | \$ | 102,802 |
| Percent of re-aged balances to total outstanding balance |  | 13.1\% |  | 10.9\% |
| Account balances re-aged more than six months | \$ | 34,604 | \$ | 20,738 |
| Percent of total allowance for bad debts to total outstanding customer receivable balance |  | 10.6\% |  | 6.3\% |
| Percent of total outstanding balance represented by no-interest option receivables ${ }^{(2)}$ |  | 33.9\% |  | 33.4\% |


| (dollars in thousands, except average income of credit customer) | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Total applications processed |  | 313,663 |  | 267,558 |  | 874,911 |  | 682,453 |
| Weighted average origination credit score of sales financed |  | 608 |  | 599 |  | 607 |  | 601 |
| Percent of total applications approved and utilized |  | 41.7\% |  | 48.5\% |  | 44.8\% |  | 50.4\% |
| Average down payment |  | 3.6\% |  | 3.4\% |  | 3.8\% |  | 3.7\% |
| Average income of credit customer at origination | \$ | 40,700 | \$ | 41,000 | \$ | 39,800 | \$ | 40,200 |
| Average total outstanding balance | \$ | 1,220,935 | \$ | 895,087 | \$ | 1,147,793 | \$ | 820,305 |
| Bad debt charge-offs (net of recoveries) | \$ | 27,064 | \$ | 16,922 | \$ | 76,812 | \$ | 42,653 |
| Percent of bad debt charge-offs (net of recoveries) to average outstanding balance (annualized) |  | 8.9\% |  | 7.6\% |  | 8.9\% |  | 6.9\% |
| Weighted average monthly payment rate ${ }^{(3)}$ |  | 4.94\% |  | 5.06\% |  | 5.17\% |  | 5.46\% |
| Provision for bad debts ${ }^{(4)}$ | \$ | 71,965 | \$ | 22,527 | \$ | 133,764 | \$ | 57,660 |
| Provision for bad debts as a percentage of average outstanding balance (annualized) |  | 23.6\% |  | 10.1\% |  | 15.5\% |  | 9.4\% |
| Percent of retail sales paid for by: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In-house financing, including down payment received |  | 77.3\% |  | 79.5\% |  | 77.2\% |  | 73.2\% |
| Third party financing |  | 11.4\% |  | 11.5\% |  | 11.9\% |  | 11.7\% |
| Third party rent-to-own options |  | 4.8\% |  | 2.5\% |  | 4.3\% |  | 2.9\% |
|  |  | 93.5\% |  | 93.5\% |  | 93.4\% |  | 87.8\% |

(1) Accounts that become delinquent after being re-aged are included in both the delinquency and re-aged amounts.
(2) Short-term, no-interest option receivables are financed under a standard retail installment loan contract. Monthly payments are required, and the maximum no-interest period is 12 months. If the customer account becomes delinquent or the remaining
account principal balance is not paid in full prior to the end of the no-interest period, interest is earned over the term of the installment contract and the required monthly payment remains unchanged. In October 2014, we began offering 18 -month and 24 -month equal-payment, no-interest finance programs to certain higher credit quality borrowers. Monthly payments are required under the program. If a customer is delinquent in making a scheduled monthly payment, the account begins accruing interest.
(3) Average monthly gross cash payments as a percentage of average gross principal balances outstanding at the beginning of each month in the period.
(4) Amount does not include retail segment provision for bad debts.

Our customer accounts receivable and related allowance for uncollectible accounts are segregated between customer accounts receivable and restructured accounts. Restructured accounts includes all customer accounts for which the payment term has been re-aged in excess of three months or refinanced.

The following tables present quantitative information about our receivables portfolio:

| (in thousands) | Total Outstanding Balance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Customer Accounts Receivable |  |  |  | 60 Days Past Due ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  | Re-aged ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  |
|  | October 31, 2014 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  | October 31, 2014 |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { January 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  | October 31, 2014 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { January 31, } \\ 2014 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Customer accounts receivable | \$ | 1,180,095 | \$ | 1,022,914 | \$ | 105,248 | \$ | 82,486 | \$ | 90,788 | \$ | 75,414 |
| Restructured accounts |  | 73,428 |  | 45,356 |  | 20,430 |  | 11,917 |  | 73,428 |  | 45,356 |
| Total receivables managed |  | 1,253,523 |  | 1,068,270 | \$ | 125,678 | \$ | 94,403 | \$ | 164,216 | \$ | 120,770 |

Allowance for uncollectible accounts related
to the credit portfolio

$$
(132,668)
$$

$(71,801)$
Allowance for no-interest option credit

| programs | $(15,215)$ | $(11,789)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1,105,640$ | 984,680 |
| Total customer accounts receivable, net |  |  |
| Short-term portion of customer accounts |  |  |
| receivable, net |  |  |

Long-term portion of customer accounts receivable, net
$\xlongequal{\$ \quad 507,399} \xlongequal{\$ \quad 457,413}$
(1) Amounts are based on end of period balances. As an account can become past due after having been re-aged, accounts may be presented in both the past due and re-aged columns shown above. The amounts included within both the past due and re-aged columns shown above as of October 31, 2014 and January 31, 2014 were $\$ 42.8$ million and $\$ 27.4$ million, respectively. The total amount of customer receivables past due one day or greater was $\$ 314.0$ million and $\$ 249.3$ million as of October 31, 2014 and January 31, 2014, respectively. These amounts include the 60 days past due totals shown above.

| (in thousands) | Average Balances |  |  |  | Net Credit <br> Charge-offs (1) |  |  |  | Average Balances |  |  |  | Net Credit <br> Charge-offs ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Three Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2013 |
| Customer accounts receivable | \$ | 1,153,226 | \$ | 853,394 | \$ | 23,602 | \$ | 12,358 | \$ | 1,090,078 | \$ | 779,859 | , | 66,162 | \$ | 31,982 |
| Restructured accounts |  | 67,709 |  | 41,693 |  | 3,462 |  | 4,564 |  | 57,715 |  | 40,446 |  | 10,650 |  | 10,671 |
| Total receivables managed | \$ | 1,220,935 | \$ | 895,087 | \$ | 27,064 | \$ | 16,922 | \$ | 1,147,793 | \$ | 820,305 | \$ | 76,812 | \$ | 42,653 |

(1) Net credit charge-offs include the principal amount of losses (excluding accrued and unpaid interest) net of recoveries which include principal collections during the period shown of previously charged-off balances.

The following presents the activity in the Company's balance in the allowance for doubtful accounts and uncollectible interest for customer receivables for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013:

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended October 31, 2014 |  |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended October 31, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Customer Accounts Receivable |  | Restructured Accounts |  | Total |  | Customer <br> Accounts <br> Receivable |  | Restructured Accounts |  | Total |  |
| Allowance at beginning of period | \$ | 54,448 | \$ | 17,353 | \$ | 71,801 | \$ | 27,702 | \$ | 16,209 | \$ | 43,911 |
| Provision ${ }^{(1)}$ |  | 131,806 |  | 21,903 |  | 153,709 |  | 53,468 |  | 12,931 |  | 66,399 |
| Principal charge-offs ${ }^{(2)}$ |  | $(77,058)$ |  | $(12,404)$ |  | $(89,462)$ |  | $(35,805)$ |  | $(11,947)$ |  | $(47,752)$ |
| Interest charge-offs |  | $(13,807)$ |  | $(2,223)$ |  | $(16,030)$ |  | $(6,045)$ |  | $(2,017)$ |  | $(8,062)$ |
| Recoveries ${ }^{(2)}$ |  | 10,896 |  | 1,754 |  | 12,650 |  | 3,823 |  | 1,276 |  | 5,099 |
| Allowance at end of period | \$ | 106,285 | \$ | 26,383 | \$ | 132,668 | \$ | 43,143 | \$ | 16,452 | \$ | 59,595 |

(1) Includes provision for uncollectible interest, which is included in finance charges and other.
(2) Charge-offs include the principal amount of losses (excluding accrued and unpaid interest), and recoveries include principal collections during the period shown of previously charged-off balances. Net charge-offs are calculated as the net of principal charge-offs and recoveries.

Our overall allowance for uncollectible accounts as a percentage of the total portfolio balance increased to $10.6 \%$ as of October 31,2014 from $6.3 \%$ as of October 31, 2013. The year-over-year increase was impacted by the following:

- An increase of 150 basis points in the percentage of customer accounts receivable balances greater than 60 days delinquent to $10.0 \%$ at October 31, 2014 as compared to the prior year period. Delinquency increased year-over-year across credit quality levels, customer groups, product categories, geographic regions and years of origination. Despite tighter underwriting and better collections execution, deterioration in the customer's ability to resolve delinquency continued throughout the quarter and the expectation for charge-offs over the next twelve months was adjusted to fully reflect this trend;
- Higher expected charge-offs over the next twelve-month period as losses are occurring at a faster pace than previously anticipated, due to the continued deterioration in the customer's ability to resolve delinquency;
- The decision to pursue collection of past and future charged-off accounts internally rather than selling charged off accounts to a third party. This change resulted in $\$ 7.6$ million in additional provision as recoveries are expected to occur over an extended time period, which results in a reduction in expected cash recoveries over the next twelve months; and
- The balance of customer receivables accounted for as troubled debt restructurings increased to $\$ 73.4$ million, or $5.9 \%$ of the total portfolio balance, driving $\$ 9.0$ million of the increase in provision for bad debts for the nine months ended October 31, 2014.

For customer accounts receivable (excluding restructured accounts), the allowance for uncollectible accounts as a percentage of the outstanding balance rose from $4.8 \%$ as of October 31,2013 to $9.0 \%$ as of October 31, 2014. The percentage of non-restructured accounts greater than 60 days past due increased 100 basis points from July 31, 2014 to $8.9 \%$ of total customer accounts receivable as of October 31, 2014, which compares to $7.5 \%$ a year ago. We expect delinquency levels and charge-offs to remain elevated over the short-term. The delinquency changes and changes in expectations for customer performance and cash recoveries on charged-off accounts were reflected in our projection models as of October 31, 2014, resulting in an increase in the level of losses we expected to realize over the next twelve months.

For restructured accounts, the allowance for uncollectible accounts as a percentage of the portfolio balance was $37.8 \%$ as of October 31, 2013 as compared to $35.9 \%$ as of October 31, 2014. This 190 basis point reduction reflects the impact of lower delinquency rates from a year ago.

The percent of bad debt charge-offs (net of recoveries) to average outstanding balance increased from $7.6 \%$ for the three months ended October 31, 2013 to $8.9 \%$ for the three months ended October 31, 2014. The increase was primarily due to the higher level of delinquency experienced over the past twelve months.

Included within customer accounts receivable as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 were balances originated under no-interest programs totaling $\$ 425.3$ million and $\$ 315.9$ million, respectively. Amounts financed under these no-interest programs increased to $33.9 \%$ of the total portfolio balance as of October 31, 2014 from $33.4 \%$ as of October 31, 2013 with more products eligible for purchase using no-interest programs. Use of these programs accelerates cash collections. As the proportion of accounts financed under no-interest programs increases, the overall yield recognized on the average customer receivable balance will decline. Conversely, a decline in the proportion of accounts financed under no-interest programs will generally result in an increase in the overall yield recognized. The allowance for no-interest option credit programs represents the portion of the balance reported within customer accounts receivable at the end of each period which is not expected to be realized due to customers satisfying the requirements of these programs and is based on historical experience. The allowance for no-interest credit programs climbed from $3.4 \%$ of the balance outstanding as of October 31,2013 to $3.6 \%$ as of October 31, 2014 based on realized changes over the past 12 months in customer satisfaction of the no-interest program requirements.

## Historical Static Loss Table

The following static loss analysis calculates the cumulative percentage of balances charged off, based on the year the credit account was originated and the period the balance was charged off. The percentage computed below is calculated by dividing the cumulative net amount charged off since origination by the total balance of accounts originated during the applicable fiscal year. The net charge-off was determined by estimating, on a pro rata basis, the amount of the recoveries received during a period that was allocable to the applicable origination period.

October 31, 2014

| Fiscal Year of Origination | Balance Outstanding (millions) |  | \% of Balance Originated Outstanding | Cumulative Loss Rate as a \% of Balance Originated ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Years from Origination |
|  |  |  | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | Terminal ${ }^{(2)}$ |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  | 0.3\% | 1.9\% | 3.6\% | 4.8\% | 5.8\% |
| 2007 |  |  |  |  | 0.2\% | 1.7\% | 3.5\% | 4.8\% | 5.7\% |
| 2008 |  |  |  | 0.2\% | 1.8\% | 3.6\% | 5.1\% | 5.9\% |
| 2009 |  |  |  | 0.2\% | 2.1\% | 4.6\% | 6.1\% | 6.6\% |
| 2010 |  |  |  | 0.2\% | 2.4\% | 4.6\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% |
| 2011 | \$ | 0.7 | 0.1\% | 0.4\% | 2.6\% | 5.2\% | 5.8\% | 6.0\% |
| 2012 | \$ | 7.7 | 1.3\% | 0.2\% | 3.2\% | 5.9\% | 6.4\% |  |
| 2013 | \$ | 64.4 | 8.8\% | 0.4\% | 5.5\% | 7.6\% |  |  |
| 2014 | \$ | 416.1 | 38.7\% | 0.8\% | 5.8\% |  |  |  |

(1) The loss rates for balances originated in fiscal years 2012 through 2014 may not be comparable to those for balances originated in earlier years as changes made to our collections policies during fiscal 2012 resulted in accounts charging off earlier than in prior periods. The most recent percentages in years from origination 1 through 3 include loss data through October 31, 2014, and are not comparable to prior fiscal year accumulated net chargeoff percentages in the same column.
(2) The terminal loss percentage presented represents the point at which that pool of loans has reached its maximum loss rate.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

We require liquidity and capital resources to finance our operations operations and future growth as we add new stores and markets to our operations, which in turn requires additional working capital for increased customer receivables and inventory. We finance our operations primarily through a combination of cash flow generated from operations and the use of our asset-based revolving credit facility. We may also obtain additional capital to fund our growth through additional borrowings, including bank debt, issuance of debt securities or other capital market transactions. If the repayment of amounts owed under our debt and other credit arrangements is accelerated for any reason, we may not have sufficient cash and liquid assets at such time to be able to immediately repay all the amounts owed under the facility. We believe, based on our current projections, that we have sufficient sources of liquidity to fund our operations, store expansion and updating activities, and capital programs for at least the next twelve months.

Operating cash flow activities. During the nine months ended October 31, 2014, net cash used in operating activities was $\$ 126.8$ million. This compares to net cash used in operating activities of $\$ 109.7$ million during the prior-year period. The increase in net cash used in operating activities was primarily driven by a greater increase in the customer accounts receivable balance as compared the same period a year ago and a reduction in accounts payable, partially offset by higher net income when adjusted for noncash activity, including the increase in the provision for bad debts and uncollectible interest.

Investing cash flow activities. We sold three owned properties and received net proceeds of approximately $\$ 19.3$ million in July 2014 in connection with the sale, which was used to repay borrowings under our asset-based lending facility. Net cash used in investing activities was $\$ 33.7$ million for the nine months ended October 31, 2014. This compares to $\$ 37.1$ million for the nine months ended October 31, 2013. The increase year-over-year in capital expenditures related to the construction of new stores, as well as store remodels and relocations was partially offset by the proceeds from sales. We expect during the next twelve months to invest between $\$ 20.0$ million and $\$ 30.0$ million, net of tenant improvement allowances, in capital expenditures for new stores, remodels and other projects. We expect to fund these estimated capital expenditures with cash from operations and borrowings under our asset-based revolving credit facility.

Financing cash flow activities. In July 2014, we issued the Senior Notes and received net proceeds of approximately $\$ 243.4$ million, which was used to pay down outstanding balances under our asset-based revolving credit facility. For the nine months ended October 31, 2014, net cash provided by financing activities was $\$ 160.5$ million with debt outstanding increasing $\$ 160.7$ million in the period to finance sales driven growth in the customer receivable portfolio and purchases of property and equipment. This compares to net cash provided by financing activities of $\$ 146.6$ million during the nine months ended October 31, 2013.

Senior Notes. On July 1, 2014, we issued the Senior Notes pursuant to an indenture dated July 1, 2014 (the "Indenture"), among Conn’s, Inc., its subsidiary guarantors (the "Guarantors") and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. The Senior Notes were sold at par, and we received net proceeds of $\$ 243.4$ million, after deducting the initial purchasers’ discounts and commissions and other offering expenses. The net proceeds were used to repay outstanding borrowings under our asset-based revolving credit facility. The effective interest rate of the Senior Notes after giving effect to offering fees is 7.6\%.

The Indenture restricts the Company's ability and the ability of certain of its subsidiaries to: (i) incur indebtedness; (ii) pay dividends or make other distributions in respect of, or repurchase or redeem, our capital stock; (iii) prepay, redeem or repurchase debt that is junior in right of payament to the notes; (iv) make loans and certain investments; (v) sell assets; (vi) incur liens; (vii) enter into transactions with affiliates; and (viii) consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. During any time when the Senior Notes are rated investment grade by either of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard \& Poor's Ratings Services and no Default (as defined in the Indenture) has occurred and is continuing, many of such covenants will be suspended and the Company and its subsidiaries will cease to be subject to such covenants during such period.

Events of default under the Indenture include customary events, such as a cross-acceleration provision in the event that we default in the payment of other debt due at maturity or upon acceleration for default in an amount exceeding $\$ 25.0$ million, as well as in the event a judgment is entered against us in excess of $\$ 25.0$ million that is not discharged, bonded or insured.

The Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by the Guarantors. The only direct or indirect subsidiaries of Conn's, Inc. that are not Guarantors are minor subsidiaries. There are no restrictions on the ability of any of the Guarantors to transfer funds to Conn's, Inc. in the form of loans, advances or dividends, except as provided by applicable law.

In connection with the issuance and sale of the Senior Notes, the Company and the Guarantors entered into a registration rights agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement") with the initial purchasers, dated July 1, 2014. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company and the Guarantors have agreed to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission so that holders of the Senior Notes can exchange the Senior Notes for registered notes that have substantially identical terms as the Senior Notes. In addition, the Company and the Guarantors have agreed to exchange the guarantee related to the Senior Notes for a registered guarantee having substantially the same terms as the original guarantee. The Company and the Guarantors will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the exchange to be completed within 365 days of the issuance of the Senior Notes. The Company and the Guarantors are required to pay additional interest if they fail to comply with their obligations to register the Senior Notes within the specified time periods.

Revolving Credit Facility. The Company amended its asset-based revolving credit facility in connection with the issuance of the Senior Notes, to provide for among other things, the issuance of the Senior Notes and Indenture as well as related guarantees, upstream distributions from subsidiaries to Conn's, Inc. (a holding company) for the payment of interest and principal on the

Senior Notes and under certain circumstances optional and mandatory prepayment of the Senior Notes and allow holders of the Senior Notes to receive payments even though they may be stockholders of the Company.

We have an asset-based revolving credit facility with capacity of $\$ 880.0$ million as of October 31, 2014. The facility matures in November 2017 and provides funding based on a borrowing base calculation that includes customer accounts receivable and inventory. The credit facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a spread ranging from 250 basis points to 325 basis points, based on a leverage ratio (defined as total liabilities to tangible net worth). The weighted average interest rate on borrowings outstanding under the asset-based revolving credit facility was $4.6 \%$ at October 31, 2014.

During the quarter ended October 31, 2011, we entered into interest rate cap option transactions with a notional amount of $\$ 100$ million. These cap options are held for the purpose of hedging against variable interest rate risk related to the variability of cash flows in the interest payments on a portion of our variable-rate debt, based on the benchmark one-month LIBOR interest rate exceeding 1.0\%. These cap options expired in August 2014.

The weighted average effective interest rate on borrowings outstanding under all our credit facilities for the three months ended October 31, 2014 was $5.5 \%$, including the interest expense associated with our interest rate caps and amortization of deferred financing costs.

A summary of the significant financial covenants that govern our asset-based revolving credit facility, as amended, compared to our actual compliance status at October 31, 2014 is presented below:

|  | Actual | Required <br> Minimum/ <br> Maximum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fixed charge coverage ratio must exceed required minimum | 1.51 to 1.00 | 1.10 to 1.00 |
| Leverage ratio must be lower than required maximum | 1.44 to 1.00 | 2.00 to 1.00 |
| Cash recovery percentage must exceed stated amount | 4.94\% | 4.49\% |
| Capital expenditures, net, must be lower than required maximum | \$29.5 million | \$75.0 million |

All terms in the above table are defined by the asset-based revolving credit facility, as amended, and may or may not agree directly to the financial statement captions in this document. The covenants are calculated quarterly on a trailing 12 -month basis, except for the cash recovery percentage, which is calculated monthly on a trailing three-month basis. We expect, based on current facts and circumstances, that we will be in compliance with the above covenants for the next 12 months.

As of October 31, 2014, we had total available borrowing capacity of $\$ 428.4$ million under our asset-based revolving credit facility, net of standby letters of credit issued, available to us for general corporate purposes. Of this amount, $\$ 335.3$ million was immediately available under the asset-based revolving credit facility as of October 31, 2014 and an additional $\$ 93.1$ million may become available if we grow the balance of eligible customer receivables and total eligible inventory balances. Payments received on customer receivables averaged approximately $\$ 71.1$ million per month during the three months ended October 31, 2014, and are available each month to fund new customer receivables generated. During the balance of fiscal 2015, we expect to grow the balance of the credit portfolio.

The asset-based revolving credit facility is a significant factor relative to our ongoing liquidity and our ability to meet the cash needs associated with the growth of our business. Our inability to use this program because of a failure to comply with its covenants would adversely affect our business operations. Funding of current and future customer receivables under the borrowing facilities can be adversely affected if we exceed certain predetermined levels of reaged customer receivables, write-offs, bankruptcies or other ineligible customer receivable amounts.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, which provides a single comprehensive accounting standard for revenue recognition for contracts with customers and supersedes current guidance. Upon adoption of ASU 2014-09, entities are required to recognize revenue using the following comprehensive model: (1) identify contracts with customers, (2) identify the performance obligations in contracts, (3) determine transaction price, (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations, and (5) recognize revenue as each performance obligation is satisfied. ASU 2014-09 is effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and will result in retrospective application, either in the form of recasting all prior periods presented or a cumulative adjustment to equity in the period of adoption. The Company is currently assessing the impact the new standard will have on its financial statements.

## Application of Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires us to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Certain accounting policies are considered "critical accounting policies" because they are particularly dependent on estimates made by us about matters that are inherently uncertain and could have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements. We base our estimates on historical experience and on other assumptions that we believe are reasonable. As a result, actual results could differ because of the use of estimates. The description of critical accounting policies is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2014.

## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest rates under our asset-based revolving credit facility are variable and bear interest at LIBOR plus a spread ranging from 250 basis points to 325 basis points, based on a leverage ratio (defined as total liabilities to tangible net worth). Accordingly, changes in LIBOR will affect the interest rate on, and therefore our costs under, the credit facility. The balance outstanding under our asset-based revolving credit facility decreased from $\$ 535.0$ million at January 31, 2014 to $\$ 450.5$ million at October 31, 2014. Accordingly, a 100 basis point increase in interest rates on the asset-based revolving credit facility would increase our borrowing costs by $\$ 4.5$ million over a 12-month period, based on the balance outstanding at October 31, 2014.

For additional information regarding quantitative and qualitative market risks, as updated by the preceding paragraphs, see Item 7A. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2014.

## Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Based on management's evaluation (with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Interim Chief Financial Officer ("Interim CFO")), as of the end of the period covered by this report, our CEO and Interim CFO have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), are 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 SEC rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

For the nine months ended October 31, 2014, there have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth under the heading "Contingencies" in Note 7 of the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1, of this quarterly report is incorporated by reference in response to this item.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors

Set forth below are material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Part I, Item 1A, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2014.

We are exploring and evaluating strategic alternatives for the Company and there can be no assurance that we will be successful in identifying a strategic alternative, that such strategic alternative will yield additional value for our stockholders or that the process will not have an adverse impact on our business. On October 6, 2014, we announced that we had retained a financial advisor to assist us in exploring a full range of strategic alternatives for the Company to enhance value for our stockholders. The process could result in, among other things, a sale of the Company, a merger, consolidation, business combination, the separation of our credit and retail businesses, slowing store growth or returning capital to investors. We cannot provide any assurance that the exploration of strategic alternatives will result in the identification or consummation of any transaction. Similarly, any strategic decision will involve risks and uncertainties, and we cannot provide any assurance that any strategic alternative, if
identified, evaluated and consummated, will provide the anticipated benefits or otherwise enhance stockholder value. The process is ongoing and our Board of Directors has not set a timetable for completion of the evaluation.

We expect to incur substantial costs associated with identifying and evaluating potential strategic alternatives. Any potential transaction would be dependent upon a number of factors that may be beyond our control, including, among other factors, market conditions, industry trends, the interest of third parties in our business, regulatory approval and the availability of financing to potential buyers or the Company on reasonable terms. The process of exploring strategic alternatives may be time consuming and disruptive to our business operations. We are also subject to other risks in connection with the uncertainty created by the strategic review process, including stock price volatility, ability to attract and retain qualified employees, and possible difficulty in maintaining relationships or arrangements with key vendors, landlords and suppliers. We do not currently intend to disclose further developments with respect to this process, unless and until our Board of Directors approves a specific transaction or otherwise concludes the review of strategic alternatives.

If we are unable to effectively manage the strategic review process, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We have been named as a defendant in a securities class action lawsuit, a shareholder derivative lawsuit, and we have also received a non-public voluntary request for information from the SEC. Potential similar or related litigation or inquiries could result in substantial damages and may divert management's time and attention from our business. We and certain of our current and former officers and directors are named as defendants in a securities class action lawsuit and in a related shareholder derivative lawsuit. The Company has also received a non-public, voluntary request for information from the SEC. Each of these matters is described in more detail under the heading "Contingencies" in Note 7 of the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

There can be no assurance that any litigation to which we are a party will be resolved in our favor. These lawsuits and any other related lawsuits are subject to inherent uncertainties, and the actual costs to be incurred relating to these lawsuits will depend upon many unknown factors. Any claim that is successfully decided against us may cause us to pay substantial damages, including punitive damages, and other related fees or prevent us from selling certain of our products. Regardless of whether lawsuits are resolved in our favor or if we are the plaintiff or the defendant in the litigation, any lawsuits to which we are a party will likely be expensive and time consuming to defend or resolve.

Furthermore, we are unable to predict the timing or outcome of the SEC inquiry or estimate the nature or amount of any possible sanction or enforcement action the SEC could seek to impose, which could include fines, penalties, damages, sanctions, administrative remedies and modifications to our disclosure, accounting and business practices, including a prohibition on specific conduct or a potential restatement of our financial statements, any of which could be material.

The lawsuits and SEC inquiry, along with any reputation issues raised by the lawsuits or inquiry, could result in the diversion of management's time and attention away from business operations, which could harm our business and also harm our relationships with existing customers and vendors. Our legal expenses incurred in defending the lawsuits and responding to the SEC inquiry could be significant, and a ruling against us, or a settlement of any of these matters could adversely affect our cash flow, financial results and stock price.

Our governance documents and state law provide certain anti-takeover measures which could prevent or delay a change in control of the Company, even if such changes would be beneficial to our stockholders. Provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws as well as provisions of Delaware law could discourage, delay or prevent a merger, acquisition or other change in control of our Company, even if such change in control would be beneficial to our stockholders. These provisions include:

- No stockholder action may be taken without a meeting, unless such action has been approved in advance by our Board of Directors;
- Stockholders cannot call special meetings of stockholders;
- Advance notice requirements for nominations for election to the Board of Directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings; and
- Authorization of the issuance of "blank check" preferred stock that could be issued by our Board of Directors to increase the number of outstanding shares and thwart a takeover attempt.

On October 6, 2104, we also adopted a one-year stockholders' rights plan, the purpose of which is, among other things, to enhance our Board of Director's ability to protect stockholder interests against unsolicited attempts to acquire control of us that do not offer a fair price to our stockholders. The stockholder rights plan could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from acquiring, the Company or a large block of the Company's common stock. The effect of these rights may impact the price that investors are willing to pay for securities.

Further, we are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which limits certain transactions and business combinations between a corporation and a stockholder owning $15 \%$ or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock for a period of three years from the date the stockholder becomes a $15 \%$ stockholder. These provisions and our stockholders' rights plan, either alone or in combination with each other, could delay, deter or prevent a change of control, whether or not it is desired by, or beneficial to, our stockholders.

Our corporate actions may be substantially controlled by our principal stockholders and affiliated entities. As of October 31, 2014, Stephens Inc., The Stephens Group, LLC, Luxor Capital Group, L.P, St. Denis J. Villere \& Company, LLC, Greenlight Capital, Inc. and Morgan Stanley (together with each of their respective affiliates), each own more than $5 \%$ or more of our outstanding shares common stock, and beneficially own, in the aggregate, a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock. The concentration of ownership of the Company's shares of common stock by this relatively small number of hedge funds and investors may: (i) have significant influence in determining the outcome of all matters submitted to stockholders for approval, including the election of directors, mergers, consolidations, and the sale of all or substantially of our assets or other significant corporate actions, (ii) delay or deter a change of control of the Company; (iii) deprive stockholders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their shares as part of a sale of the Company; and (iv) affect the market price volatility and liquidity of our shares of common stock. The interests of these investors and their respective affiliates, may differ from or be adverse to the interests of our other stockholders. If any of these investors sells a substantial number of shares in the public market, the market price of our shares could fall. The perception among the public that these sales will occur could also contribute to a decline in the market price of the shares.

A disruption in our relationships with, in the operations of, or the supply of product from any of our key suppliers could cause our sales to decline. The success of our business and growth strategies depends to a significant degree on our relationships with a relatively small number of suppliers, particularly our brand name suppliers such as Dell, Electrolux, Franklin, Frigidaire, General Electric, Hewlett-Packard, Jackson-Catnapper, LG, Samsung, Sealy, Serta, Sharp, Steve Silver, Sony, Toshiba, and Z-Line. Our top six suppliers represented approximately $60 \%$ of our purchases for fiscal year 2014, and the top two suppliers represented approximately $40 \%$ of our total purchases. The loss of any one or more of these key vendors or failure to establish and maintain relationships with these and other vendors, and limitations on the availability of inventory or repair parts, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. If one of our vendors were to go out of business, it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition if such vendor is unable to fund amounts due to us, including payments due for returns of product and warranty claims. Catastrophic or other unforeseen events, such as the one which impacted Japan during 2011, could adversely impact the supply and delivery to us of products manufactured outside the United States and could adversely impact our results of operations. In addition, because many of the products we sell are manufactured outside of the United States, we may experience labor unrest or an increase in the cost of imported vendor products at any time for reasons beyond our control. For example, a port worker strike or other disruption in Long Beach, California, or any other port from which we receive our imported merchandise, could significantly disrupt and create significant risks for our business. Any slow-downs, disruptions or strikes at any of these ports may have a material adverse effect on our relationships with our customers and our business, potentially resulting in canceled orders by customers and reduced revenues and earnings. Products from alternative sources may also be more expensive than those our vendors currently import.

Our ability to enter new markets successfully depends, to a significant extent, on the willingness and ability of our vendors to supply merchandise to additional warehouses or stores. If vendors are unwilling or unable to supply some or all of their products to us at acceptable prices in one or more markets, our results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

Furthermore, we rely on credit from vendors to purchase the products we sell. A substantial change in credit terms from vendors or vendors' willingness to extend credit to us, including providing inventory under consignment arrangements, would reduce our ability to obtain the merchandise that we sell, which would have a material adverse effect on our sales and results of operations.

Our vendors also supply us with cooperative advertising support funds and volume rebates. If our vendors fail to continue these incentives, it could have a material adverse effect on our sales and results of operations.

We do not have long-term supply agreements or exclusive arrangements with our major suppliers. We typically order our inventory through the issuance of individual purchase orders to vendors. We have no contractual assurance of the continued supply of merchandise we currently, or would like to, offer our customers. We may be subject to rationing by suppliers with respect to a number of limited distribution items. The loss of any one or more of our key suppliers or our failure to establish and maintain relationships with these and other suppliers could materially adversely affect our supply and assortment of products, as we may not be able to find suitable replacements to supply products at competitive prices.

Turmoil in financial markets and economic disruptions in other parts of the world may also adversely affect our suppliers' access to capital and liquidity with which to maintain their inventory, production levels and product quality and to operate their businesses, all of which could adversely affect our supply chain. It may cause suppliers to reduce their offerings of customer incentives and vendor rebates, cooperative advertising support and product promotions. It may also cause them to change their pricing policies, which could impact demand for their products. Economic disruptions and market instability may make it difficult for us and our suppliers to accurately forecast future product demand trends, which could cause us to carry too much or too little merchandise in various product categories.

In addition, to the extent that any manufacturer utilizes labor practices that are not commonly accepted in the United States, we could be affected by any resulting negative publicity.

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

None.

## Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

## Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosure

Not applicable.

## Item 5. Other Information

None.

## Item 6. Exhibits

The exhibits required to be furnished pursuant to Item 6 of Form 10-Q are listed in the Exhibit Index filed herewith, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

## SIGNATURE

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

CONN'S, INC.

By: /s/ Mark A. Haley

## Mark A. Haley

Vice President and Interim Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and duly authorized to sign this report on behalf of the registrant)

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Certificate of Incorporation of Conn's, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Conn's, Inc. registration statement on Form S-1 (file no. 333-109046) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 23, 2003)
3.1.1 Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Conn's, Inc. dated June 3, 2004 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1.1 to Conn's, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2004 (File No. 000-50421) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 7, 2004)
3.1.2 Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Conn's, Inc. dated May 30, 2012 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1.2 to Conn's, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2012 (File No. 000-50421) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 5, 2012)
3.1.3 Certificate of Correction to the Certificate of Amendment to Conn's, Inc. Certificate of Incorporation (as corrected December 31, 2013) (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1.3 to Conn's, Inc. Form 10-K for the annual period ended January 31, 2014 (File No. 000-50421) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 27, 2014)
3.1.4 Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Conn’s, Inc. as filed on May 29, 2014 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1.4 to Conn's, Inc. Form 10-Q for the fiscal period ended April 30, 2014 (File No. 000-50421) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 2, 2014)
3.1.5 Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Conn's, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Conn's, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-50421) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 6 , 2014)
3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Conn's, Inc. effective as of December 3, 2013 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Conn's, Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 31, 2013 (File No. 000-50421) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 6, 2013)
4.1 Rights Agreement, dated as of October 6, 2014, by and between Conn's, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Conn's, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-50421) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 6, 2014)
4.2 Specimen of certificate for shares of Conn's, Inc.'s common stock (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Conn's, Inc. registration statement on Form S-1 (file no. 333-109046) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 29, 2003)
Change of Control Agreement dated as of October 14, 2014 by and between Conn's, Inc. and Mark Haley (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Conn’s, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-50421) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 17, 2014)

| $12.1^{*}$ | Statement of computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges |
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| $31.1^{*}$ | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification (Chief Executive Officer) |
| $31.2^{*}$ | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification (Interim Chief Financial Officer) |
| $32.1^{*}$ | Section 1350 Certification (Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer) |
| $101^{*}$ | The following financial information from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the third quarter of fiscal year 2015, filed with the <br> SEC on December 9, 2014, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) the consolidated balance sheets at |
|  | October 31, 2014 and January 31, 2014 and, (ii) the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended October <br> 31, 2014 and 2013, (iii) the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014 <br> and 2013, (iv) the consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, (v) the consolidated <br> statements of stockholders' equity for the nine months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 and (vi) the notes to consolidated financial <br> statements |

* Filed herewith


## Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (Dollars in thousands)

|  | Nine Months Ended October 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 |  | 2013 |  |
| Income before income taxes | \$ | 67,727 | \$ | 103,216 |
| Fixed charges |  | 35,391 |  | 23,188 |
| Capitalized interest |  | (138) |  | (289) |
| Total earnings | \$ | 102,980 | \$ | 126,115 |
| Interest expense (including capitalized interest) | \$ | 18,109 | \$ | 8,674 |
| Amortized premiums and expenses |  | 1,950 |  | 2,335 |
| Estimated interest within rent expense |  | 15,332 |  | 12,179 |
| Total fixed charges | \$ | 35,391 | \$ | 23,188 |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges |  | 2.91 |  | 5.44 |

## CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Theodore M. Wright, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Conn's, Inc.;
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 control 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/ Theodore M. Wright

## Theodore M. Wright

Chief Executive Officer and President
Date: December 9, 2014

## CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Mark A. Haley, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Conn's, Inc.;
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 control 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/ Mark A. Haley
Mark A. Haley
Vice President and Interim Chief Financial Officer
Date: December 9, 2014

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO <br> 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, <br> AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Conn's, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended October 31, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), we, Theodore M. Wright, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, and Mark A. Haley, Vice President and Interim Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 , as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of our 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/ Theodore M. Wright
Theodore M .Wright
Chief Executive Officer and President
/s/ Mark A. Haley
Mark A. Haley
Vice President and Interim Chief Financial Officer
Dated: December 9, 2014
A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Conn's, Inc. and will be retained by Conn's, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request. The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

