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WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended **April 1, 2018**

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: **000-49850**

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

95-4388794

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

**2525 East El Segundo Boulevard
El Segundo, California**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90245

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(310) 536-0611**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

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| Large accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emerging growth company | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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

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

There were 21,415,958 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share outstanding as of April 24, 2018.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share amounts)

| | April 1, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 4,901 | \$ 7,170 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$86 and \$79, respectively | 9,222 | 10,886 |
| Merchandise inventories, net | 321,468 | 313,905 |
| Prepaid expenses | 16,462 | 18,930 |
| Total current assets | <u>352,053</u> | <u>350,891</u> |
| Property and equipment, net | 74,004 | 77,265 |
| Deferred income taxes | 13,258 | 14,172 |
| Other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,598 and \$1,575, respectively | 3,375 | 2,732 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 442,690</u> | <u>\$ 445,060</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 101,161 | \$ 113,740 |
| Accrued expenses | 59,700 | 68,226 |
| Current portion of capital lease obligations | 1,683 | 1,754 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>162,544</u> | <u>183,720</u> |
| Deferred rent, less current portion | 15,410 | 15,948 |
| Capital lease obligations, less current portion | 2,509 | 2,800 |
| Long-term debt | 68,901 | 45,000 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 10,341 | 10,523 |
| Total liabilities | <u>259,705</u> | <u>257,991</u> |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 25,065,971 and 24,919,624 shares, respectively; outstanding 21,415,758 and 21,345,159 shares, respectively | 250 | 249 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 116,761 | 116,495 |
| Retained earnings | 108,501 | 112,424 |
| Less: Treasury stock, at cost; 3,650,213 and 3,574,465 shares, respectively | (42,527) | (42,099) |
| Total stockholders' equity | <u>182,985</u> | <u>187,069</u> |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | <u>\$ 442,690</u> | <u>\$ 445,060</u> |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)

| | 13 Weeks Ended | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| | April 1, 2018 | April 2, 2017 |
| Net sales | \$ 234,178 | \$ 252,604 |
| Cost of sales | 161,452 | 168,982 |
| Gross profit | 72,726 | 83,622 |
| Selling and administrative expense | 73,488 | 74,644 |
| Operating (loss) income | (762) | 8,978 |
| Interest expense | 656 | 268 |
| (Loss) income before income taxes | (1,418) | 8,710 |
| Income taxes | (109) | 3,384 |
| Net (loss) income | <u>\$ (1,309)</u> | <u>\$ 5,326</u> |
| Earnings per share: | | |
| Basic | <u>\$ (0.06)</u> | <u>\$ 0.25</u> |
| Diluted | <u>\$ (0.06)</u> | <u>\$ 0.24</u> |
| Dividends per share | <u>\$ 0.15</u> | <u>\$ 0.15</u> |
| Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding: | | |
| Basic | <u>20,942</u> | <u>21,683</u> |
| Diluted | <u>20,942</u> | <u>21,916</u> |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In thousands, except share amounts)

| | Common Stock | | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Treasury Stock, At Cost | Total |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | | | | |
| Balance as of January 1, 2017 | 22,012,651 | \$ 248 | \$ 114,797 | \$ 124,363 | \$ (34,371) | \$ 205,037 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 5,326 | — | 5,326 |
| Dividends on common stock (\$0.15 per share) | — | — | — | (3,299) | — | (3,299) |
| Issuance of nonvested share awards | 198,912 | 2 | (2) | — | — | — |
| Exercise of share option awards | 2,650 | — | 14 | — | — | 14 |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 584 | — | — | 584 |
| Forfeiture of nonvested share awards | (2,275) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Retirement of common stock for payment of withholding tax | (54,012) | (1) | (804) | — | — | (805) |
| Purchases of treasury stock | (4,100) | — | — | — | (53) | (53) |
| Balance as of April 2, 2017 | <u>22,153,826</u> | <u>\$ 249</u> | <u>\$ 114,589</u> | <u>\$ 126,390</u> | <u>\$ (34,424)</u> | <u>\$ 206,804</u> |
| Balance as of December 31, 2017 | 21,345,159 | \$ 249 | \$ 116,495 | \$ 112,424 | \$ (42,099) | \$ 187,069 |
| Net loss | — | — | — | (1,309) | — | (1,309) |
| Cumulative adjustment from change in accounting principle, net of tax | — | — | — | 575 | — | 575 |
| Dividends on common stock (\$0.15 per share) | — | — | — | (3,189) | — | (3,189) |
| Issuance of nonvested share awards | 195,620 | 2 | (2) | — | — | — |
| Exercise of share option awards | 6,500 | — | 32 | — | — | 32 |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 601 | — | — | 601 |
| Forfeiture of nonvested share awards | (2,430) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Retirement of common stock for payment of withholding tax | (53,343) | (1) | (365) | — | — | (366) |
| Purchases of treasury stock | (75,748) | — | — | — | (428) | (428) |
| Balance as of April 1, 2018 | <u>21,415,758</u> | <u>\$ 250</u> | <u>\$ 116,761</u> | <u>\$ 108,501</u> | <u>\$ (42,527)</u> | <u>\$ 182,985</u> |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)

| | 13 Weeks Ended | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | April 1, 2018 | April 2, 2017 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (1,309) | \$ 5,326 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash used in operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 4,759 | 4,743 |
| Share-based compensation | 601 | 584 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs | 23 | 44 |
| Deferred income taxes | 707 | 1,786 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 1,664 | 1,716 |
| Merchandise inventories, net | (6,251) | (2,210) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 2,204 | 198 |
| Accounts payable | (2,169) | (3,926) |
| Accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities | (9,156) | (9,338) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u>(8,927)</u> | <u>(1,077)</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (2,398) | (4,369) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(2,398)</u> | <u>(4,369)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Principal borrowings under revolving credit facility | 63,864 | 70,108 |
| Principal payments under revolving credit facility | (39,963) | (58,299) |
| Changes in book overdraft | (10,319) | (3,744) |
| Principal payments under capital lease obligations | (456) | (370) |
| Proceeds from exercise of share option awards | 32 | 14 |
| Purchases of treasury stock | (428) | (53) |
| Tax withholding payments for share-based compensation | (366) | (805) |
| Dividends paid | (3,308) | (3,391) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | <u>9,056</u> | <u>3,460</u> |
| Net decrease in cash | (2,269) | (1,986) |
| Cash at beginning of period | <u>7,170</u> | <u>7,895</u> |
| Cash at end of period | <u>\$ 4,901</u> | <u>\$ 5,909</u> |
| Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities: | | |
| Property and equipment acquired under capital leases | <u>\$ 160</u> | <u>\$ 378</u> |
| Property and equipment additions unpaid | <u>\$ 879</u> | <u>\$ 765</u> |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: | | |
| Interest paid | <u>\$ 563</u> | <u>\$ 234</u> |
| Income taxes paid | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Description of Business

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the “Company”) is a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 435 stores and an e-commerce platform as of April 1, 2018. The Company provides a full-line product offering in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages approximately 11,000 square feet. The Company’s product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, winter and summer recreation and roller sports. The Company is a holding company that operates as one reportable segment through Big 5 Corp., its 100%-owned subsidiary, and Big 5 Services Corp., which is a 100%-owned subsidiary of Big 5 Corp. Big 5 Services Corp. provides a centralized operation for the issuance and administration of gift cards.

The accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements (“Interim Financial Statements”) of the Company and its 100%-owned subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, these Interim Financial Statements do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. These Interim Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, the Interim Financial Statements included herein contain all adjustments, including normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary to present fairly the Company’s financial position, the results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented.

The operating results and cash flows of the interim periods presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any other interim period or the full year.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Consolidation

The accompanying Interim Financial Statements include the accounts of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation, Big 5 Corp. and Big 5 Services Corp. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Reporting Period

The Company follows the concept of a 52-53 week fiscal year, which ends on the Sunday nearest December 31. Fiscal year 2018 is comprised of 52 weeks and ends on December 30, 2018. Fiscal year 2017 was comprised of 52 weeks and ended on December 31, 2017. The fiscal interim periods in fiscal 2018 and 2017 are each comprised of 13 weeks.

Recently Adopted Accounting Updates

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, which was further clarified and amended in 2015 and 2016, and supersedes most preexisting revenue recognition guidance with a comprehensive new revenue recognition model. The core principle is that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance also requires disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The Company adopted this standard on January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective approach. Further disclosures relative to the adoption of this standard are provided in the *Revenue Recognition* policy section of this Note 2 to the Interim Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Recently Issued Accounting Updates

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which requires lessees to recognize on the balance sheet assets and liabilities for leases with lease terms of more than 12 months. Consistent with current GAAP, the recognition, measurement, and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease by a lessee will depend primarily on its classification as a finance or operating lease. However, unlike current GAAP—which requires only capital leases to be recognized on the balance sheet—the new ASU will require both types of leases to be recognized on the balance sheet. The ASU will take effect for public companies for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. This ASU shall be applied at the beginning of the earliest period presented using the modified retrospective approach, which includes a number of practical expedients that an entity may elect to apply, including an election to use certain transition relief. The Company is evaluating proposed guidance to allow companies not to restate prior comparative periods. The Company plans to adopt this standard in the first quarter of fiscal 2019, coinciding with the standard’s effective date. While the Company is still evaluating this ASU, the Company has determined that the primary impact will be to recognize on the balance sheet all leases with lease terms greater than 12 months. It is expected that this standard will have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements. The Company’s project team continues to evaluate the standard, along with the practical expedients offered and enhanced disclosures required in the ASU, in addition to implementing a recently-selected lease administration and accounting software and evaluating existing contracts for lease elements, among other activities, to account for this standard upon adoption.

Other recently issued accounting updates are not expected to have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

Use of Estimates

Management has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets, liabilities and stockholders’ equity and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the Interim Financial Statements and reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period to prepare these Interim Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP. Certain items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of merchandise inventories, and property and equipment; valuation allowances for receivables, sales returns and deferred income tax assets; estimates related to gift cards and returned merchandise credits (collectively, “stored value cards”) and the valuation of share-based compensation awards; and obligations related to litigation, self-insurance liabilities and employee benefits. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

Revenue Recognition

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, using the modified retrospective approach for all contracts not completed as of the date of adoption. Results for the reporting periods beginning on January 1, 2018 are presented under ASC 606, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with accounting under ASC 605, *Revenue Recognition*. As a result of adopting ASC 606, the Company recorded an increase to retained earnings of \$0.6 million, net of tax, as of January 1, 2018, due to the cumulative effect related to the change in accounting for stored value card breakage. In addition, the Company recorded merchandise inventory cost of \$1.3 million related to estimated sales returns, with a corresponding increase to the sales return reserve recorded in accrued expenses; and revenues related to online sales were recognized upon shipment rather than delivery to the customer, with the cumulative effect related to this change determined to be immaterial.

The Company operates solely as a sporting goods retailer, which includes both retail stores and an e-commerce platform, that offers a broad range of products in the western United States and online. Generally, all revenues are recognized when control of the promised goods is transferred to customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration in exchange for those goods. Accordingly, the Company implicitly enters into a contract with customers to deliver merchandise inventory at the point of sale. Collectibility is reasonably assured since the Company only extends immaterial credit purchases to certain municipalities and local school districts.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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As noted in the segment information in the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Company's recently-filed Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and Note 1 to these Interim Financial Statements, the Company's business consists of one reportable segment. In accordance with ASC 606, the Company disaggregates net sales into the following major merchandise categories to depict the nature and amount of revenue and related cash flows:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | April 1, 2018 | April 2, 2017 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Hard goods | \$ 104,452 | \$ 110,754 |
| Athletic and sport apparel | 58,446 | 65,129 |
| Athletic and sport footwear | 69,352 | 74,168 |
| Other sales | 1,928 | 2,553 |
| Net sales | \$ 234,178 | \$ 252,604 |

Substantially all of the Company's revenue is for single performance obligations for the following distinct items:

- Retail store sales
- E-commerce sales
- Stored value cards

For performance obligations related to retail store and e-commerce sales contracts, the Company typically transfers control, for retail stores, upon consummation of the sale when the product is paid for and taken by the customer and, for e-commerce sales, when the products are tendered for delivery to the common carrier. For performance obligations related to stored value cards, the Company typically transfers control at a point in time upon redemption of the stored value card through consummation of a future sales transaction.

The transaction price for each contract is the stated price on the product, reduced by any stated discounts at that point in time. The Company does not engage in sales of products that attach a future material right which could result in a separate performance obligation for the purchase of goods in the future at a material discount. The implicit point-of-sale contract with the customer, as reflected in the transaction receipt, states the final terms of the sale, including the description, quantity, and price of each product purchased. Payment for the Company's contracts is due in full upon delivery. The customer agrees to a stated price implicit in the contract that does not vary over the contract.

The transaction price relative to sales subject to a right of return reflects the amount of estimated consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled. This amount of variable consideration included in the transaction price, and measurement of net sales, is included in net sales only to the extent that it is probable that there will be no significant reversal in a future period. Actual amounts of consideration ultimately received may differ from the Company's estimates. The allowance for sales returns is estimated based upon historical experience and a provision for estimated returns is recorded as a reduction in sales in the relevant period. The estimated merchandise inventory cost related to the sales returns is recorded in merchandise inventory. If actual results in the future vary from the Company's estimates, the Company adjusts these estimates, which would affect net sales and earnings in the period such variances become known.

The Company has elected to apply the practical expedient, relative to e-commerce sales, which allows an entity to account for shipping and handling as fulfillment activities, and not a separate performance obligation. Accordingly, the Company recognizes revenue for only one performance obligation, the sale of the product, at shipping point (when the customer gains control). Revenue associated with e-commerce sales is not material.

Contract liabilities are recognized primarily for stored value card sales. Cash received from the sale of stored value cards is recorded as a contract liability in accrued expenses, and the Company recognizes revenue upon the customer's redemption of the stored value card. Stored value card breakage is recognized as revenue in proportion to the pattern of customer redemptions by applying a historical breakage rate of 5% when it is determined that the likelihood of redemption is remote and no liability to relevant jurisdictions exists. The Company does not sell or provide stored value cards that carry expiration dates.

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The Company recognized approximately \$2.3 million and \$2.2 million in stored value card redemption revenue for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018 and April 2, 2017, respectively, and recognized approximately \$119,000 and \$111,000 in stored value card breakage revenue for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018 and April 2, 2017, respectively. The Company had outstanding stored value card liabilities of \$5.8 million and \$7.4 million as of April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, which are included in accrued expenses. Stored value card redemption and breakage revenue for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018 and stored value card liability as of April 1, 2018 reported under ASC 606 were not materially different from amounts that would have been reported under the previous revenue guidance of ASC 605. The Company will continue to monitor future quarters for materiality. Based upon historical experience, stored value cards are predominantly redeemed in the first two years following their issuance date.

The Company recorded merchandise inventory cost of \$0.9 million related to estimated sales returns and an allowance for sales returns reserve of \$1.8 million as of April 1, 2018 under ASC 606, which would have been reported as a net liability of \$0.9 million with no merchandise inventory recorded as of April 1, 2018 under ASC 605.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for share-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718, *Compensation—Stock Compensation*. The Company recognizes compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period using the fair-value method for share option awards, nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards granted with service-only conditions. See Note 9 to the Interim Financial Statements for a further discussion on share-based compensation.

Valuation of Merchandise Inventories, Net

The Company's merchandise inventories are made up of finished goods and are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value using the weighted-average cost method, which approximates the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method. Average cost includes the direct purchase price of merchandise inventory, net of certain vendor allowances and cash discounts, in-bound freight-related expense and allocated overhead expense associated with the Company's distribution center.

Management regularly reviews inventories and records valuation reserves for damaged and defective merchandise, merchandise items with slow-moving or obsolescence exposure and merchandise that has a carrying value that exceeds net realizable value. Because of its merchandise mix, the Company has not historically experienced significant occurrences of obsolescence.

Inventory shrinkage is accrued as a percentage of merchandise sales based on historical inventory shrinkage trends. The Company performs physical inventories of its stores at least once per year and cycle counts inventories at its distribution center throughout the year. The reserve for inventory shrinkage primarily represents an estimate for inventory shrinkage for each store since the last physical inventory date through the reporting date.

These reserves are estimates, which could vary significantly, either favorably or unfavorably, from actual results if future economic conditions, consumer demand and competitive environments differ from expectations.

Valuation of Long-Lived Assets

The Company reviews long-lived assets for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may be impaired.

Long-lived assets are reviewed for recoverability at the lowest level in which there are identifiable cash flows ("asset group"), usually at the store level. Each store typically requires net investments of approximately \$0.5 million in long-lived assets to be held and used, subject to recoverability testing. The carrying amount of an asset group is not considered recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset group. If the asset group is determined not to be recoverable, then an impairment charge will be recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset group exceeds its fair value, determined using discounted cash flow valuation techniques, as defined in ASC 360, *Property, Plant, and Equipment*.

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The Company determines the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the asset group by projecting future revenue, gross margin and operating expense for each store under evaluation for impairment. The estimates of future cash flows involve management judgment and are based upon assumptions about expected future operating performance. Assumptions used in these forecasts are consistent with internal planning, and include assumptions about sales growth rates, gross margins and operating expense in relation to the current economic environment and future expectations, competitive factors in the various markets and inflation. The actual cash flows could differ from management's estimates due to changes in business conditions, operating performance and economic conditions.

The Company recognized no impairment charges in the first 13 weeks of fiscal 2018 or 2017.

Leases and Deferred Rent

The Company accounts for its leases under the provisions of ASC 840, *Leases*.

The Company evaluates and classifies its leases as either operating or capital leases for financial reporting purposes. Operating lease commitments consist principally of leases for the Company's retail store facilities, distribution center, corporate office, IT systems hardware and distribution center delivery tractors. Capital lease obligations consist principally of leases for some of the Company's IT systems hardware.

Certain of the leases for the Company's retail store facilities provide for payments based on future sales volumes at the leased location, which are not measurable at the inception of the lease. These contingent rents are expensed as they accrue.

Deferred rent represents the difference between rent paid and the amounts expensed for operating leases. Certain leases have scheduled rent increases, and certain leases include an initial period of free or reduced rent as an inducement to enter into the lease agreement ("rent holidays"). The Company recognizes rent expense for rent increases and rent holidays on a straight-line basis over the term of the underlying leases, without regard to when rent payments are made. The calculation of straight-line rent begins on the possession date and extends through the "reasonably assured" lease term as defined in ASC 840 and may exceed the initial non-cancelable lease term.

Landlord allowances for tenant improvements, or lease incentives, are recorded as deferred rent and amortized on a straight-line basis over the "reasonably assured" lease term as a component of rent expense.

The Company evaluates its leases relative to asset retirement obligations, and determined these amounts to be immaterial.

(3) Fair Value Measurements

The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate the fair values of these instruments due to their short-term nature. The carrying amount for borrowings under the revolving credit facility approximates fair value because of the variable market interest rate charged to the Company for these borrowings. When the Company recognizes impairment on certain of its underperforming stores, the carrying values of these stores' assets are reduced to their estimated fair values. After the impairment charges, the carrying values of the remaining assets of these stores were not material.

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(4) Accrued Expenses

The major components of accrued expenses are as follows:

| | April 1, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| (In thousands) | | |
| Payroll and related expense | \$ 19,806 | \$ 23,670 |
| Occupancy expense | 10,798 | 10,005 |
| Sales tax | 8,677 | 9,674 |
| Other | 20,419 | 24,877 |
| Accrued expenses | <u>\$ 59,700</u> | <u>\$ 68,226</u> |

(5) Long-Term Debt

On October 18, 2010, the Company, Big 5 Corp. and Big 5 Services Corp. entered into a credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (“Wells Fargo”), as administrative agent, and a syndicate of other lenders, which was amended on October 31, 2011 and December 19, 2013 (as so amended, the “Credit Agreement”). On September 29, 2017, the parties amended certain provisions of the Credit Agreement (such amendment, the “Third Amendment”), as further discussed below. The amendment represented a modification and resulted in the payment and capitalization of \$0.2 million in deferred financing fees.

The Credit Agreement provides for a revolving credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) with an aggregate committed availability of up to \$140.0 million, which amount may be increased at the Company’s option up to a maximum of \$165.0 million. The Company may also request additional increases in aggregate availability, up to a maximum of \$200.0 million, in which case the existing lenders under the Credit Agreement will have the option to increase their commitments to accommodate the requested increase. If such existing lenders do not exercise that option, the Company may (with the consent of Wells Fargo, not to be unreasonably withheld) seek other lenders willing to provide such commitments. The Third Amendment includes a provision which permits the Company to elect to reduce the aggregate committed availability under the Credit Agreement to \$100.0 million for a three-month period each calendar year. Prior to the Third Amendment, the Credit Facility included a \$50.0 million sublimit for issuances of letters of credit. The Third Amendment reduced the letter of credit sublimit to \$25.0 million. The Credit Facility includes a \$20.0 million sublimit for swingline loans.

The Company may borrow under the Credit Facility from time to time, provided the amounts outstanding will not exceed the lesser of the then aggregate availability (as discussed above) and the Borrowing Base (such lesser amount being referred to as the “Loan Cap”). The “Borrowing Base” generally is comprised of the sum, at the time of calculation, of (a) 90.00% of eligible credit card receivables; plus (b) the cost of eligible inventory (other than eligible in-transit inventory), net of inventory reserves, multiplied by 90.00% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory (expressed as a percentage of the cost of eligible inventory); plus (c) the lesser of (i) the cost of eligible in-transit inventory, net of inventory reserves, multiplied by 90.00% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible in-transit inventory (expressed as a percentage of the cost of eligible in-transit inventory), or (ii) \$10.0 million, minus (d) certain reserves established by Wells Fargo in its role as the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

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Generally, the Company may designate specific borrowings under the Credit Facility as either base rate loans or LIBO rate loans. The applicable interest rate on the Company's borrowings is a function of the daily average, over the preceding fiscal quarter, of the excess of the Loan Cap over amounts borrowed (such amount being referred to as the "Average Daily Availability"). Prior to the Third Amendment, those loans designated as LIBO rate loans bore interest at a rate equal to the then applicable LIBO rate plus an applicable margin as shown in the table below. Those loans designated as base rate loans bore interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin for base rate loans (as shown below) plus the highest of (a) the Federal funds rate, as in effect from time to time, plus one-half of one percent (0.50%), (b) the LIBO rate, as adjusted to account for statutory reserves, plus one percent (1.00%), or (c) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Wells Fargo as its "prime rate." Prior to the Third Amendment, the applicable margin for all loans under the existing Credit Agreement was as set forth below as a function of Average Daily Availability for the preceding fiscal quarter.

| Level | Average Daily Availability | LIBO Rate Applicable Margin | Base Rate Applicable Margin |
|-------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I | Greater than or equal to \$100,000,000 | 1.25% | 0.25% |
| II | Less than \$100,000,000 but greater than or equal to \$40,000,000 | 1.50% | 0.50% |
| III | Less than \$40,000,000 | 1.75% | 0.75% |

Prior to the Third Amendment, the commitment fee assessed on the unused portion of the Credit Facility was 0.25% per annum.

After giving effect to the Third Amendment, those loans designated as LIBO rate loans bear interest at a rate equal to the applicable adjusted LIBO rate plus an applicable margin as shown in the table below. Those loans designated as base rate loans bear interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin for base rate loans (as shown below) plus the highest of (a) the Federal funds rate, as in effect from time to time, plus one-half of one percent (0.50%), (b) the LIBO rate, plus one percentage point (1.00%), or (c) the rate of interest in effect for such day as announced from time to time within Wells Fargo as its "prime rate." The applicable margin for all loans are a function of Average Daily Availability for the preceding fiscal quarter as set forth below.

| Level | Average Daily Availability | LIBO Rate Applicable Margin | Base Rate Applicable Margin |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I | Greater than or equal to \$70,000,000 | 1.25% | 0.25% |
| II | Less than \$70,000,000 | 1.375% | 0.50% |

After giving effect to the Third Amendment, the commitment fee assessed on the unused portion of the Credit Facility is 0.20% per annum.

Obligations under the Credit Facility are secured by a general lien and perfected security interest in substantially all of the Company's assets. The Credit Agreement contains covenants that require the Company to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0:1.0 in certain circumstances, and limit the ability to, among other things, incur liens, incur additional indebtedness, transfer or dispose of assets, change the nature of the business, guarantee obligations, pay dividends or make other distributions or repurchase stock, and make advances, loans or investments. The Company may declare or pay cash dividends or repurchase stock only if, among other things, no default or event of default then exists or would arise from such dividend or repurchase of stock and, after giving effect to such dividend or repurchase, certain availability and/or fixed charge coverage ratio requirements are satisfied. The Credit Agreement contains customary events of default, including, without limitation, failure to pay when due principal amounts with respect to the Credit Facility, failure to pay any interest or other amounts under the Credit Facility for five days after becoming due, failure to comply with certain agreements or covenants contained in the Credit Agreement, failure to satisfy certain judgments against the Company, failure to pay when due (or any other default which does or may lead to the acceleration of) certain other material indebtedness in principal amount in excess of \$5.0 million, and certain insolvency and bankruptcy events.

The Third Amendment extended the maturity date of the Credit Agreement from December 19, 2018 to September 29, 2022. As of April 1, 2018, the Company had long-term revolving credit borrowings of \$68.9 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.4 million outstanding, compared with borrowings of \$45.0 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.5 million as of December 31, 2017. Total remaining borrowing availability, after subtracting letters of credit, was \$70.7 million and \$94.5 million as of April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

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(6) Income Taxes

Under the asset and liability method prescribed under ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, the Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be realized or settled. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The realizability of deferred tax assets is assessed throughout the year and a valuation allowance is recorded if necessary to reduce net deferred tax assets to the amount more likely than not to be realized. As of April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company had a valuation allowance for deferred income tax assets of \$0.9 million related to unused California Enterprise Zone Tax Credits, which the Company will no longer be able to carry forward beyond 2024 as a result of California's termination of this program.

The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return and files tax returns in various state and local jurisdictions. The statutes of limitations for consolidated federal income tax returns are open for fiscal years 2014 and after, and state and local income tax returns are open for fiscal years 2013 and after.

The provision for income taxes for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 reflects the write-off of deferred tax assets of \$0.2 million related to share-based compensation. Also related to the provision for income taxes was approximately \$0.8 million recorded in accounts receivable as of April 1, 2018, which is expected to offset income tax payable during fiscal 2018.

As of April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits including those that, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective income tax rate over the next 12 months. The Company's policy is to recognize interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expense. As of April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company had no accrued interest or penalties.

(7) Earnings Per Share

The Company calculates earnings per share in accordance with ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share*, which requires a dual presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding, reduced by shares repurchased and held in treasury, during the period. Diluted earnings per share represents basic earnings per share adjusted to include the dilutive effect of outstanding share option awards, nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| | April 1, 2018 | April 2, 2017 |
| | (In thousands, except per share data) | |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (1,309) | \$ 5,326 |
| Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 20,942 | 21,683 |
| Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents arising from share option, nonvested share and nonvested share unit awards | — | 233 |
| Diluted | 20,942 | 21,916 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ (0.06) | \$ 0.25 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ (0.06) | \$ 0.24 |
| Antidilutive share option awards excluded from diluted calculation | 183 | 89 |
| Antidilutive nonvested share and nonvested share unit awards excluded from diluted calculation | 387 | — |

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The computation of diluted earnings per share for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018 excludes all potential share option awards since the Company reported a net loss, and the effect of their inclusion would have been antidilutive (i.e., including such share option awards would result in higher earnings per share). The computation of diluted earnings per share for the 13 weeks ended April 2, 2017 excludes share option awards that were outstanding and antidilutive, since the exercise prices of these share option awards exceeded the average market price of the Company's common shares.

Additionally, the computation of diluted earnings per share for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 excludes all potential nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards since the Company reported a net loss, and the effect of their inclusion would have been antidilutive. The computation of diluted earnings per share for the first quarter of fiscal 2017 excludes nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards that were outstanding and antidilutive, since the grant date fair values of these nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards exceeded the average market price of the Company's common shares.

(8) Commitments and Contingencies

In February 2008, the Company entered into a lease for a parcel of land with an existing building adjacent to its corporate headquarters location, including a parking lot currently used by the Company (the "premises"). The lease term commenced in 2009 and the primary term was originally scheduled to expire on February 28, 2019, subject to renewal for six successive periods of five years each. In accordance with terms of the lease agreement, the Company is committed to the construction of a new retail building on the premises before the primary term expires, regardless of whether or not any renewal options are exercised. In May 2017, the Company entered into an amendment to the lease to, among other things, extend the primary lease term, and consequently the construction deadline, to a date between February 29, 2020 and June 30, 2020. Such extension required a non-refundable payment of \$40,000, which the Company made concurrently with execution of the amendment. In November 2017, the Company entered into an additional amendment to the lease concurrently with entering into a purchase and sale agreement. Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, the Company has the right to purchase the premises for \$4.5 million. The purchase and sale agreement's due diligence period expired on March 2, 2018, and in connection therewith, the Company paid an escrow deposit of \$300,000 to be applied towards the purchase price of the property. The closing of the sale is scheduled to occur on or before November 27, 2018, subject to seller's right to elect an earlier closing date. Pursuant to the amended lease, if consummation of the sale fails to occur by November 27, 2018, then the Company's lease would remain in full force and effect, including the construction deadline, which would be the later of (a) February 29, 2020, or (b) the earlier of (i) two (2) years after the date that the purchase and sale agreement is terminated, or (ii) November 27, 2020.

The Company is involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

(9) Share-based Compensation

At its discretion, the Company grants share option awards, nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards to certain employees, as defined by ASC 718, *Compensation—Stock Compensation*, under the Company's 2007 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan, as amended and restated in April 2011 and April 2016 (the "Amended 2007 Plan"), and accounts for its share-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718. The Company recognized \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million in share-based compensation expense for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018 and April 2, 2017, respectively.

Share Option Awards

Share option awards granted by the Company generally vest and become exercisable in four equal annual installments of 25% per year with a maximum life of ten years. The exercise price of share option awards is equal to the quoted market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. In the first quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company granted 252,400 share option awards with a weighted-average grant-date fair value of \$1.23 per option. No share option awards were granted in the first quarter of fiscal 2017.

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The fair value of each share option award on the date of grant is estimated using the Black-Scholes method based on the following weighted-average assumptions:

| | Quarter Ended | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | April 1, 2018 | April 2, 2017 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 2.6% | — |
| Expected term | 5.1 years | — |
| Expected volatility | 48.0% | — |
| Expected dividend yield | 9.6% | — |

The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected term of the option award; the expected term represents the weighted-average period of time that option awards granted are expected to be outstanding giving consideration to vesting schedules and historical participant exercise behavior; the expected volatility is based upon historical volatility of the Company's common stock; and the expected dividend yield is based upon the Company's current dividend rate.

A summary of the status of the Company's share option awards is presented below:

| | Shares | Weighted- Average Exercise Price | Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life (In Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|--|----------------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2017 | 144,293 | \$ 10.11 | | |
| Granted | 252,400 | 6.21 | | |
| Exercised | (6,500) | 4.82 | | |
| Forfeited or Expired | (23,319) | 8.95 | | |
| Outstanding at April 1, 2018 | <u>366,874</u> | <u>\$ 7.59</u> | <u>7.89</u> | <u>\$ 386,654</u> |
| Exercisable at April 1, 2018 | <u>101,244</u> | <u>\$ 10.22</u> | <u>2.98</u> | <u>\$ 123,805</u> |
| Vested and Expected to Vest at April 1, 2018 | <u>357,403</u> | <u>\$ 7.63</u> | <u>7.84</u> | <u>\$ 376,844</u> |

The aggregate intrinsic value in the preceding table represents the total pretax intrinsic value, based upon the Company's most recent closing stock price of \$7.25 as of April 1, 2018, which would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their option awards as of that date.

As of April 1, 2018, there was \$0.3 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested share option awards granted. That expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.8 years.

Nonvested Share Awards and Nonvested Share Unit Awards

Nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards granted by the Company vest for employees from the date of grant in four equal annual installments of 25% per year. Nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards granted by the Company to non-employee directors for their service as directors, as defined by ASC 718, vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date.

Nonvested share awards are delivered to the recipient upon their vesting. With respect to nonvested share unit awards, vested shares will be delivered to the recipient on the tenth business day of January following the year in which the recipient's service to the Company is terminated. The total fair value of nonvested share awards which vested during the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was \$0.9 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. No nonvested share unit awards vested during the first quarter of fiscal 2018 or 2017.

The Company granted 195,620 and 186,800 nonvested share awards in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. The weighted-average grant-date fair value per share of the Company's nonvested share awards granted in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was \$6.85 and \$14.90, respectively. No nonvested share unit awards were granted during the first quarter of fiscal 2018 or 2017.

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The following table details the Company's nonvested share awards activity for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018:

| | Shares | Weighted- Average Grant- Date Fair Value |
|------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | 377,035 | \$ 13.61 |
| Granted | 195,620 | 6.85 |
| Vested | (138,505) | 13.67 |
| Forfeited | (2,430) | 13.62 |
| Balance at April 1, 2018 | <u>431,720</u> | <u>\$ 10.53</u> |

To satisfy employee minimum statutory tax withholding requirements for nonvested share awards that vest, the Company withholds and retires a portion of the vesting common shares, unless an employee elects to pay cash. In the first quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company withheld 53,343 common shares with a total value of \$0.4 million. This amount is presented as a cash outflow from financing activities in the accompanying interim unaudited condensed consolidated statement of cash flows.

As of April 1, 2018, there was \$4.2 million and \$0.1 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards, respectively. That expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.1 years and 0.2 years for nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards, respectively.

(10) Subsequent Event

In the second quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2018 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2018.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation
El Segundo, California

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of April 1, 2018, and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018 and April 2, 2017, and of stockholders' equity and cash flows for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018 and April 2, 2017. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2017, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated February 28, 2018, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2017 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Los Angeles, California
May 2, 2018

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

The following discussion and analysis of the Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation ("we," "our," "us") financial condition and results of operations includes information with respect to our plans and strategies for our business and should be read in conjunction with our interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes ("Interim Financial Statements") included herein and our consolidated financial statements, related notes, *Risk Factors* and *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Our fiscal year ends on the Sunday nearest December 31. Fiscal 2018 includes 52 weeks and ends on December 30, 2018. Fiscal 2017 included 52 weeks and ended on December 31, 2017. The fiscal interim periods in fiscal 2018 and 2017 are each comprised of 13 weeks.

Overview

We are a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 435 stores and an e-commerce platform under the name "Big 5 Sporting Goods" as of April 1, 2018. We provide a full-line product offering in a traditional sporting goods store format that averages approximately 11,000 square feet. Our product mix includes athletic shoes, apparel and accessories, as well as a broad selection of outdoor and athletic equipment for team sports, fitness, camping, hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, winter and summer recreation and roller sports.

Throughout our history, we have emphasized controlled growth. The following table summarizes our store count for the periods presented:

| | 13 Weeks Ended April 1, 2018 | 13 Weeks Ended April 2, 2017 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Beginning stores | 435 | 432 |
| New stores opened | — | — |
| Relocated stores opened | — | 1 |
| Stores closed | — | (1) |
| Relocated stores closed | — | (1) |
| Ending stores | 435 | 431 |

For fiscal 2018, we anticipate opening approximately eight new stores and closing approximately three stores.

Executive Summary

Our net loss of \$1.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to net income of \$5.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2017 primarily reflected the unfavorable impact of lower net sales and lower merchandise margins, partially offset by lower selling and administrative expense. Same store sales decreased 7.5% for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018, versus the comparable 13-week period in the prior year. This decrease in same store sales compares to a 7.9% increase in same store sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2017.

- Net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 decreased 7.3% to \$234.2 million compared to \$252.6 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2017. The decrease in net sales was primarily attributable to a decrease in same store sales and a reduction in sales from closed stores, partially offset by added sales from new stores opened since January 1, 2017. Same store sales decreased in each of our major merchandise categories of hardgoods, apparel and footwear, and primarily reflected lower demand for winter-related products during the first half of the quarter and lower demand for non-winter-related products during the remainder of the quarter as generally cooler and wetter weather was experienced in most of our markets. The decline in winter-related product sales reflected unseasonably dry and warm weather conditions in most of our major markets compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2017, which experienced more favorable winter-weather conditions. Net and same store sales comparisons to the prior year were also unfavorably impacted by a calendar shift related to the Easter holiday.
- Gross profit for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 represented 31.1% of net sales, compared with 33.1% in the first quarter of the prior year. The decrease in gross profit margin resulted mainly from lower merchandise margins and higher store occupancy expense as a percentage of net sales.
- Selling and administrative expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 decreased 1.5% to \$73.5 million, or 31.4% of net sales, compared to \$74.6 million, or 29.5% of net sales, for the first quarter of fiscal 2017. The decrease in selling and administrative expense was primarily attributable to reductions in print advertising and employee incentive compensation, partially offset by higher wage-related costs.

- Net loss for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$1.3 million, or \$0.06 per share, compared to net income of \$5.3 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2017. The lower earnings were driven primarily by lower net sales and lower merchandise margins, partially offset by lower selling and administrative expense.
- Operating cash flow for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 was a negative \$8.9 million compared to operating cash flow in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 of a negative \$1.1 million, due primarily to decreased net income and increased funding of merchandise inventory.
- Capital expenditures for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 decreased to \$2.4 million from \$4.4 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2017.
- The balance under our revolving credit facility was \$68.9 million as of April 1, 2018, compared with \$21.8 million as of April 2, 2017 and \$45.0 million as of December 31, 2017.
- We paid cash dividends in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 of \$3.3 million, or \$0.15 per share, compared with \$3.4 million, or \$0.15 per share, in the first quarter of fiscal 2017.

Results of Operations

The results of the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire fiscal year.

13 Weeks Ended April 1, 2018 Compared to 13 Weeks Ended April 2, 2017

The following table sets forth selected items from our interim unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations by dollar and as a percentage of our net sales for the periods indicated:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | | | |
|--|------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | April 1, 2018 | | April 2, 2017 | |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 234,178 | 100.0% | \$ 252,604 | 100.0% |
| Cost of sales (1) | 161,452 | 68.9 | 168,982 | 66.9 |
| Gross profit | 72,726 | 31.1 | 83,622 | 33.1 |
| Selling and administrative expense (2) | 73,488 | 31.4 | 74,644 | 29.5 |
| Operating (loss) income | (762) | (0.3) | 8,978 | 3.6 |
| Interest expense | 656 | 0.3 | 268 | 0.1 |
| (Loss) income before income taxes | (1,418) | (0.6) | 8,710 | 3.5 |
| Income taxes | (109) | 0.0 | 3,384 | 1.3 |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (1,309) | (0.6)% | \$ 5,326 | 2.2% |

(1) Cost of sales includes the cost of merchandise, net of discounts or allowances earned, freight, inventory reserves, buying, distribution center expense, including depreciation and amortization, and store occupancy expense. Store occupancy expense includes rent, amortization of leasehold improvements, common area maintenance, property taxes and insurance.

(2) Selling and administrative expense includes store-related expense, other than store occupancy expense, as well as advertising, depreciation and amortization, expense associated with operating our corporate headquarters and impairment charges, if any.

Net Sales. Net sales decreased by \$18.4 million, or 7.3%, to \$234.2 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 from \$252.6 million in the first quarter last year. The change in net sales reflected the following:

- Same store sales decreased by \$18.7 million, or 7.5%, for the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018, versus the comparable 13-week period in the prior year. This decrease in same store sales compares to a 7.9% increase in same store sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2017. Same store sales in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 decreased in each of our major merchandise categories of hardgoods, apparel and footwear, and primarily reflected lower demand for winter-related products during the first half of the quarter and lower demand for non-winter-related products during the remainder of the quarter as generally cooler and wetter weather was experienced in most of our markets. The decline in winter-related product sales reflected unseasonably dry and warm weather conditions in most of our major markets compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2017, which experienced more favorable winter-weather conditions. Same store sales for a period consist of sales for stores that operated throughout the period and the full corresponding prior-year period. Same store sales comparisons exclude sales from stores closed during the comparable periods. Beginning in fiscal 2018, we included sales from e-commerce in the same store sales calculation for both the current period and comparable prior year period. Sales from e-commerce in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and the first quarter of fiscal 2017 were not material and had an insignificant effect on the percentage change in same store sales for the periods reported.
- Added sales from new stores opened since January 1, 2017 were partially offset by a reduction in sales from closed stores.
- We experienced decreased customer transactions and a higher average sale per transaction in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to the same period last year.
- Net and same store sales comparisons year over year reflected the unfavorable impact of a calendar shift related to the Easter holiday, when our stores are closed, into the first quarter of fiscal 2018 from the second quarter of fiscal 2017.

Gross Profit. Gross profit decreased by \$10.9 million, or 13.0%, to \$72.7 million, or 31.1% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018, from \$83.6 million, or 33.1% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended April 2, 2017. The change in gross profit was primarily attributable to the following:

- Net sales decreased by \$18.4 million, or 7.3%, compared with the first quarter of last year.
- Merchandise margins, which exclude buying, occupancy and distribution expense, decreased by an unfavorable 58 basis points compared with the first quarter of last year when merchandise margins increased by a favorable 228 basis points. This decrease primarily reflected a shift in sales mix away from higher-margin winter products resulting from unseasonably dry and warm winter weather conditions.
- Store occupancy expense increased by \$0.8 million, or an unfavorable 108 basis points, year over year in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 due primarily to lease renewals for existing stores and leases for new stores, and higher expenses associated with the increase in store count.
- Distribution expense, including costs capitalized into inventory, decreased by \$0.1 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to the prior year, but increased by an unfavorable 29 basis points as a percentage of net sales. The favorable impact from increased costs capitalized into inventory was partially offset by higher expense primarily related to employee labor and benefits, as well as increased freight costs.

Selling and Administrative Expense. Selling and administrative expense decreased by \$1.1 million to \$73.5 million, or 31.4% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended April 1, 2018 from \$74.6 million, or 29.5% of net sales, in the first quarter last year. The change in selling and administrative expense was primarily attributable to the following:

- Advertising expense decreased by \$1.0 million due primarily to lower newspaper advertising.
- Store-related expense, excluding occupancy, decreased by \$0.1 million due primarily to a year-over-year reduction in store labor hours, partially offset by increased employee wage rates, as well as increased benefit-related expense. Our labor expense continues to reflect the incremental impact of legislated minimum wage rate increases primarily in California, where over fifty percent of our store operations are located. In April 2016, California passed legislation to enact additional minimum wage rate increases from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per hour to be implemented in annual increments through fiscal 2022, with annual increases of \$0.50 per hour effective in fiscal 2017 and fiscal 2018, and annual increases of \$1.00 per hour effective in fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2022. We estimate that the impact of the California minimum wage rate increase of \$0.50 per hour effective in January 2018 caused our labor expense to increase by approximately \$0.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2018.

Interest Expense. Interest expense increased by \$0.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2017. Interest expense reflects an increase in average debt levels of \$49.2 million to \$68.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 from \$19.2 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2017, as well as an increase in average interest rates of approximately 50 basis points to 3.0% in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 from 2.5% in the first quarter of fiscal 2017.

Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes decreased to a negative \$0.1 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 from a positive \$3.4 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2017, primarily as a result of a pre-tax loss in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to pre-tax income in the first quarter of fiscal 2017. Our effective tax rate was 7.7% for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and 38.9% for the first quarter of fiscal 2017, primarily reflecting a reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate resulting from enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in fiscal 2017 and the write-off of \$0.2 million of deferred tax assets related to share-based compensation.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal liquidity requirements are for working capital, capital expenditures and cash dividends. We fund our liquidity requirements primarily through cash on hand, cash flows from operations and borrowings from our revolving credit facility.

As of April 1, 2018, we had \$4.9 million of cash compared with \$5.9 million as of April 2, 2017. Our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities are summarized as follows:

| | 13 Weeks Ended | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | April 1, 2018 | April 2, 2017 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Net cash (used in) provided by: | | |
| Operating activities | \$ (8,927) | \$ (1,077) |
| Investing activities | (2,398) | (4,369) |
| Financing activities | 9,056 | 3,460 |
| Net decrease in cash | \$ (2,269) | \$ (1,986) |

Operating Activities. Operating cash flows for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 were a negative \$8.9 million and a negative \$1.1 million, respectively. The decreased cash flow from operating activities for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to the same period last year primarily reflects the decrease in net income as well as a larger increase in merchandise inventory in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 than we experienced in the first quarter of fiscal 2017, due primarily to lower-than-anticipated net sales in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 compared to the prior year.

Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 was \$2.4 million and \$4.4 million, respectively. Capital expenditures, excluding non-cash acquisitions, represented all of the cash used in investing activities for each period. The decrease primarily reflects lower required investment in certain computer hardware, software and infrastructure improvements. Capital expenditures for both periods reflect store-related remodeling, distribution center investments and computer hardware and software purchases. Capital expenditures for the first quarter of fiscal 2017 also reflect new store investments.

Financing Activities. Financing cash flows for the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017 were a positive \$9.1 million and a positive \$3.5 million, respectively. For the first quarter of fiscal 2018, net cash was provided primarily from increased borrowings under our revolving credit facility, partially offset by an increase in outstanding checks and dividend payments. For the first quarter of fiscal 2017, net cash was provided primarily from increased borrowings under our revolving credit facility, partially offset by dividend payments.

As of April 1, 2018, we had revolving credit borrowings of \$68.9 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.4 million outstanding. These balances compare to revolving credit borrowings of \$45.0 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.5 million outstanding as of December 31, 2017 and revolving credit borrowings of \$21.8 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.5 million outstanding as of April 2, 2017. Our higher debt levels in fiscal 2018 compared with the prior year largely reflect our higher merchandise inventory levels as a result of lower-than-anticipated demand for winter-related products in the first quarter of fiscal 2018.

In fiscal 2017 we paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.15 per share of outstanding common stock, for an annual rate of \$0.60 per share. In the first quarter of fiscal 2018 we paid a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of outstanding common stock. In the second quarter of fiscal 2018, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2018 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2018.

Pursuant to our current share repurchase program, in the first quarter of fiscal 2018, we repurchased 75,748 shares of common stock for \$0.4 million. In the first quarter of fiscal 2017, we repurchased 4,100 shares of common stock for \$0.1 million. Since the inception of our initial share repurchase program in May 2006 through April 1, 2018, we have repurchased a total of 3,528,972 shares for \$41.8 million.

Credit Agreement. On October 18, 2010, we entered into a credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (“Wells Fargo”), as administrative agent, and a syndicate of other lenders, which was amended on October 31, 2011 and December 19, 2013 (as so amended, the “Credit Agreement”). On September 29, 2017, the parties amended certain provisions of the Credit Agreement (such amendment, the “Third Amendment”), as further discussed below. The amendment represented a modification and resulted in the payment and capitalization of \$0.2 million in deferred financing fees.

The Credit Agreement provides for a revolving credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) with an aggregate committed availability of up to \$140.0 million, which amount may be increased at our option up to a maximum of \$165.0 million. We may also request additional increases in aggregate availability, up to a maximum of \$200.0 million, in which case the existing lenders under the Credit Agreement will have the option to increase their commitments to accommodate the requested increase. If such existing lenders do not exercise that option, we may (with the consent of Wells Fargo, not to be unreasonably withheld) seek other lenders willing to provide such commitments. The Third Amendment includes a provision which permits us to elect to reduce the aggregate committed availability under the Credit Agreement to \$100.0 million for a three-month period each calendar year. Prior to the Third Amendment, the Credit Facility included a \$50.0 million sublimit for issuances of letters of credit. The Third Amendment reduced the letter of credit sublimit to \$25.0 million. The Credit Facility includes a \$20.0 million sublimit for swingline loans.

We may borrow under the Credit Facility from time to time, provided the amounts outstanding will not exceed the lesser of the then aggregate availability (as discussed above) and the Borrowing Base (such lesser amount being referred to as the “Loan Cap”). The “Borrowing Base” generally is comprised of the sum, at the time of calculation, of (a) 90.00% of our eligible credit card receivables; plus (b) the cost of our eligible inventory (other than our eligible in-transit inventory), net of inventory reserves, multiplied by 90.00% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory (expressed as a percentage of the cost of eligible inventory); plus (c) the lesser of (i) the cost of our eligible in-transit inventory, net of inventory reserves, multiplied by 90.00% of the appraised net orderly liquidation value of our eligible in-transit inventory (expressed as a percentage of the cost of eligible in-transit inventory), or (ii) \$10.0 million, minus (d) certain reserves established by Wells Fargo in its role as the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

Generally, we may designate specific borrowings under the Credit Facility as either base rate loans or LIBO rate loans. The applicable interest rate on our borrowings is a function of the daily average, over the preceding fiscal quarter, of the excess of the Loan Cap over amounts borrowed (such amount being referred to as the “Average Daily Availability”). Prior to the Third Amendment, those loans designated as LIBO rate loans bore interest at a rate equal to the then applicable LIBO rate plus an applicable margin as shown in the table below. Those loans designated as base rate loans bore interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin for base rate loans (as shown below) plus the highest of (a) the Federal funds rate, as in effect from time to time, plus one-half of one percent (0.50%), (b) the LIBO rate, as adjusted to account for statutory reserves, plus one percent (1.00%), or (c) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Wells Fargo as its “prime rate.” Prior to the Third Amendment, the applicable margin for all loans under the existing Credit Agreement was as set forth below as a function of Average Daily Availability for the preceding fiscal quarter.

| Level | Average Daily Availability | LIBO Rate Applicable Margin | Base Rate Applicable Margin |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| I | Greater than or equal to \$100,000,000 | 1.25% | 0.25% |
| II | Less than \$100,000,000 but greater than or equal to \$40,000,000 | 1.50% | 0.50% |
| III | Less than \$40,000,000 | 1.75% | 0.75% |

Prior to the Third Amendment, the commitment fee assessed on the unused portion of the Credit Facility was 0.25% per annum.

After giving effect to the Third Amendment, those loans designated as LIBO rate loans will bear interest at a rate equal to the then applicable adjusted LIBO rate plus an applicable margin as shown in the table below. Those loans designated as base rate loans bear interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin for base rate loans (as shown below) plus the highest of (a) the Federal funds rate, as in effect from time to time, plus one-half of one percent (0.50%), (b) the LIBO rate, plus one percentage point (1.00%), or (c) the rate of interest in effect for such day as announced from time to time within Wells Fargo as its “prime rate.” The applicable margin for all loans are a function of Average Daily Availability for the preceding fiscal quarter as set forth below.

| Level | Average Daily Availability | LIBO Rate Applicable Margin | Base Rate Applicable Margin |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I | Greater than or equal to \$70,000,000 | 1.25% | 0.25% |
| II | Less than \$70,000,000 | 1.375% | 0.50% |

After giving effect to the Third Amendment, the commitment fee assessed on the unused portion of the Credit Facility is 0.20% per annum.

Obligations under the Credit Facility are secured by a general lien and perfected security interest in substantially all of our assets. Our Credit Agreement contains covenants that require us to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0:1.0 in certain circumstances, and limit our ability to, among other things, incur liens, incur additional indebtedness, transfer or dispose of assets, change the nature of the business, guarantee obligations, pay dividends or make other distributions or repurchase stock, and make advances, loans or investments. We may declare or pay cash dividends or repurchase stock only if, among other things, no default or event of default then exists or would arise from such dividend or repurchase of stock and, after giving effect to such dividend or repurchase, certain availability and/or fixed charge coverage ratio requirements are satisfied. The Credit Agreement contains customary events of default, including, without limitation, failure to pay when due principal amounts with respect to the Credit Facility, failure to pay any interest or other amounts under the Credit Facility for five days after becoming due, failure to comply with certain agreements or covenants contained in the Credit Agreement, failure to satisfy certain judgments against us, failure to pay when due (or any other default which does or may lead to the acceleration of) certain other material indebtedness in principal amount in excess of \$5.0 million, and certain insolvency and bankruptcy events.

The Third Amendment extended the maturity date of the Credit Agreement from December 19, 2018 to September 29, 2022. As of April 1, 2018, we had long-term revolving credit borrowings of \$68.9 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.4 million outstanding, compared with borrowings of \$45.0 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.5 million as of December 31, 2017. Total remaining borrowing availability under the Credit Agreement, after subtracting letters of credit, was \$70.7 million and \$94.5 million as of April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

Future Capital Requirements. We had cash on hand of \$4.9 million as of April 1, 2018. We expect capital expenditures for fiscal 2018, excluding non-cash acquisitions, to range from approximately \$16.0 million to \$20.0 million primarily to fund the opening of new stores, store-related remodeling, distribution center investments and computer hardware and software purchases. As more fully described in Note 8 to the Interim Financial Statements included in Part 1, Item 1, *Financial Statements*, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we have the right to acquire for \$4.5 million a parcel of land that we currently lease. This parcel of land with an existing building is adjacent to our corporate headquarters location and includes a parking lot currently used by us. For fiscal 2018, we anticipate opening approximately eight new stores.

We currently pay quarterly dividends, subject to declaration by our Board of Directors. In the second quarter of fiscal 2018, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2018 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2018.

Periodically, we repurchase our common stock in the open market pursuant to programs approved by our Board of Directors. Our decision to repurchase our common stock may be influenced by a variety of factors, including, among other things, our alternative cash requirements, existing business conditions and the current market price of our stock. In the third quarter of fiscal 2016, our Board of Directors authorized a new share repurchase program for the purchase of up to \$25.0 million of our common stock. Under the current authorization, we may purchase shares from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). However, the timing and amount of such purchases, if any, would be at the discretion of our management and Board of Directors, and would depend upon market conditions and other considerations. As of April 1, 2018, a total of \$15.3 million remained available for share repurchases under our current share repurchase program.

We believe we will be able to fund our cash requirements from cash on hand, operating cash flows and borrowings from our revolving credit facility, for at least the next 12 months. However, our ability to satisfy our cash requirements depends upon our future performance, which in turn is subject to general economic conditions and regional risks, as well as financial, competitive, business and other factors affecting our operations, including factors beyond our control.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations. Our material off-balance sheet arrangements are operating lease obligations. We excluded these items from the balance sheet in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Operating lease commitments consist principally of leases for our retail store facilities, distribution center and corporate office. These leases frequently include options which permit us to extend the terms beyond the initial fixed lease term. We intend to renegotiate most of these leases as they expire. Operating lease commitments also consist of IT systems hardware and distribution center delivery tractors.

Our material contractual obligations include operating lease commitments associated with our leased properties and other occupancy expense, capital lease obligations, borrowings under our Credit Facility and other liabilities.

Issued and outstanding letters of credit were \$0.4 million as of April 1, 2018, and were related to securing insurance program liabilities.

Included in the *Liquidity and Capital Resources* section of Part II, Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, is a discussion of our future obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2017. In the first quarter of fiscal 2018, our revolving credit borrowings increased by \$23.9 million from the end of fiscal 2017. We entered into new operating lease agreements in relation to our business operations during the first quarter of fiscal 2018. We do not believe that these operating leases or the changes to our revolving credit borrowings materially impact our contractual obligations or commitments presented as of December 31, 2017.

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into arrangements with vendors to purchase merchandise in advance of expected delivery. Because most of these purchase orders do not contain any termination payments or other penalties if cancelled, they are not included as outstanding contractual obligations.

Critical Accounting Estimates

As discussed in Part II, Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, we consider our estimates on inventory valuation, long-lived assets and self-insurance liabilities to be the most critical in understanding the judgments that are involved in preparing our consolidated financial statements. There have been no significant changes to these estimates in the first quarter of fiscal 2018.

Seasonality and Impact of Inflation

We experience seasonal fluctuations in our net sales and operating results. Seasonality in our net sales influences our buying patterns which directly impacts our merchandise and accounts payable levels and cash flows. We purchase merchandise for seasonal activities in advance of a season and supplement our merchandise assortment as necessary and when possible during the season. Our efforts to replenish products during a season are not always successful. In the fourth fiscal quarter, which includes the holiday selling season and the start of the winter selling season, we normally experience higher inventory purchase volumes and increased expense for staffing and advertising. If we miscalculate the consumer demand for our products generally or for our product mix in advance of a season, particularly the fourth quarter, our net sales can decline, which can harm our financial performance. A significant shortfall from expected net sales, particularly during the fourth quarter, can negatively impact our annual operating results.

In fiscal 2017, and during the first quarter of fiscal 2018, the impact of inflation was minimal. We have evolved our product mix to include more branded merchandise that we believe gives us added flexibility to adjust selling prices for purchase cost increases. If we are unable to adjust our selling prices for purchase cost increases that might occur, then our merchandise margins will decline, which will adversely impact our operating results. We do not believe that inflation had a material impact on our operating results for the reporting periods.

Recently Issued Accounting Updates

See Note 2 to the Interim Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1, *Financial Statements*, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document includes certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, our financial condition, our results of operations, our growth strategy and the business of our company generally. In some cases, you can identify such statements by terminology such as “may,” “could,” “project,” “estimate,” “potential,” “continue,” “should,” “expects,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “intends” or other such terminology. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, changes in the consumer spending environment, fluctuations in consumer holiday spending patterns, increased competition from e-commerce retailers, breach of data security or other unauthorized disclosure of sensitive personal or confidential information, the competitive environment in the sporting goods industry in general and in our specific market areas, inflation, product availability and growth opportunities, changes in the current market for (or regulation of) firearm-related products, seasonal fluctuations, weather conditions, changes in cost of goods, operating expense fluctuations, increases in labor and benefit-related expense, changes in laws or regulations, including those related to tariffs and duties, lower-than-expected profitability of our e-commerce platform or cannibalization of sales from our existing store base which could occur as a result of operating our e-commerce platform, litigation risks, stockholder campaigns and proxy contests, disruption in product flow, changes in interest rates, credit availability, higher expense associated with sources of credit resulting from uncertainty in financial markets and economic conditions in general. Those and other risks and uncertainties are more fully described in Part II, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in this report and in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and other filings with the SEC. We caution that the risk factors set forth in this report are not exclusive. In addition, we conduct our business in a highly competitive and rapidly changing environment. Accordingly, new risk factors may arise. It is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors, nor to assess the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any individual risk factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by us or on our behalf.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are subject to risks resulting from interest rate fluctuations since interest on borrowings under our Credit Facility is based on variable rates. We enter into borrowings under our Credit Facility principally for working capital, capital expenditures and general corporate purposes. We routinely evaluate the best use of our cash on hand and manage financial statement exposure to interest rate fluctuations by managing our level of indebtedness and the interest base rate options on such indebtedness. We do not utilize derivative instruments and do not engage in foreign currency transactions or hedging activities to manage our interest rate risk. If the interest rate on our debt was to change 1.0% as compared to the rate as of April 1, 2018, our interest expense would change approximately \$0.7 million on an annual basis based on the outstanding balance of borrowings under our Credit Facility as of April 1, 2018.

Inflationary factors and changes in foreign currency rates can increase the purchase cost of our products. We have evolved our product mix to include more branded merchandise, which we believe gives us added flexibility to adjust selling prices for purchase cost increases. If we are unable to adjust our selling prices for purchase cost increases that might occur then our merchandise margins will decline, which will adversely impact our operating results. All of our stores are located in the United States, and all imported merchandise is purchased in U.S. dollars. We do not believe that inflation had a material impact on our operating results for the reporting periods.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective, at a reasonable assurance level, in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act and are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2018, no changes occurred with respect to our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The Company is involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors identified in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

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

The following tabular summary reflects the Company's share repurchase activity during the quarter ended April 1, 2018:

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)</i> | <i>Average Price Paid per Share</i> | <i>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (2)(3)</i> | <i>Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2)(3)(4)</i> |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| January 1 – January 28 | 11,474 | \$ 6.22 | 11,474 | \$ 15,629,000 |
| January 29 – February 25 | 64,274 | \$ 5.57 | 64,274 | \$ 15,271,000 |
| February 26 – April 1 | 53,343 | \$ — | — | \$ 15,271,000 |
| Total | <u>129,091</u> | | <u>75,748</u> | \$ 15,271,000 |

(1) The Company withheld 53,343 shares of Company common stock at an average price of \$6.85 per share to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of certain nonvested share awards issued to employees, in accordance with the Company's Amended and Restated 2007 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.

(2) In the third quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the current share repurchase program for the purchase of up to \$25.0 million of the Company's common stock. All share repurchases shown in this table, except for shares withheld, were made under the Company's current share repurchase program. Under the current authorization, the Company may purchase shares from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. However, the timing and amount of such purchases, if any, would be at the discretion of the Company's management and Board of Directors and would depend upon market conditions and other considerations. Since the inception of its initial share repurchase program in May 2006 through April 1, 2018, the Company has repurchased a total of 3,528,972 shares for \$41.8 million. As of April 1, 2018, a total of \$15.3 million remained available for share repurchases under the current share repurchase program.

(3) The Company's dividends and stock repurchases are generally funded by distributions from its subsidiary, Big 5 Corp. The Company's Credit Agreement contains covenants that require it to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0:1.0 in certain circumstances, and limit the ability to, among other things, pay dividends or repurchase stock. The Company may declare or pay cash dividends or repurchase stock only if, among other things, no default or event of default then exists or would arise from such dividend or repurchase of stock and, after giving effect to such dividend or repurchase, certain availability and/or fixed charge coverage ratio requirements are satisfied. See Part I, Item 2, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Liquidity and Capital Resources*, for a further discussion of the Credit Agreement.

(4) This amount reflects the dollar value of shares remaining available to repurchase under the Company's current share repurchase program.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description of Document |
|-----------------------|---|
| 15.1 | <u>Independent Auditors' Awareness Letter Regarding Interim Financial Statements.</u> (1) |
| 31.1 | <u>Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.</u> (1) |
| 31.2 | <u>Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.</u> (1) |
| 32.1 | <u>Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer.</u> (1) |
| 32.2 | <u>Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer.</u> (1) |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document. (1) |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. (1) |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document. (1) |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document. (1) |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document. (1) |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document. (1) |

(1) Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

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.

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION,
a Delaware corporation

Date: May 2, 2018

By: /s/ Steven G. Miller
 Steven G. Miller
 Chairman of the Board of Directors,
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 2, 2018

By: /s/ Barry D. Emerson
 Barry D. Emerson
 Senior Vice President,
 Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
 (Principal Financial and
 Accounting Officer)

May 2, 2018

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation
2525 East El Segundo Boulevard
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We have reviewed, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the unaudited interim financial information of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and subsidiaries for the periods ended April 1, 2018 and April 2, 2017, as indicated in our report dated May 2, 2018; because we did not perform an audit, we expressed no opinion on that information.

We are aware that our report referred to above, which is included in your Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2018, is incorporated by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 333-149730, 333-104898, 333-179602 and 333-215545 on Form S-8.

We also are aware that the aforementioned report, pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, is not considered a part of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by an accountant or a report prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of that Act.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Los Angeles, California

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Steven G. Miller, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation;
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 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 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.

Date: May 2, 2018

/s/ Steven G. Miller

Steven G. Miller

President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Barry D. Emerson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation;
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 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 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.

Date: May 2, 2018

/s/ Barry D. Emerson

Barry D. Emerson
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the "Company") for the period ending April 1, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Steven G. Miller, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; 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/ Steven G. Miller
Steven G. Miller
President and Chief Executive Officer

May 2, 2018

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and will be retained by Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the “Company”) for the period ending April 1, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Barry D. Emerson, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; 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/ Barry D. Emerson
Barry D. Emerson
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

May 2, 2018

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and will be retained by Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.