

BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS Corp  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**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 March 29, 2015

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

There were 22,279,874 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share outstanding as of April 23, 2015.

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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)

	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>December 28, 2014</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 6,299	\$ 11,503
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$36 and \$110, respectively	10,787	15,680
Merchandise inventories, net	305,083	310,088
Prepaid expenses	8,341	9,358
Deferred income taxes	10,439	11,025
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>340,949</b>	<b>357,654</b>
Property and equipment, net	78,063	78,440
Deferred income taxes	13,266	12,792
Other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,111 and \$1,067, respectively	2,312	2,257
Goodwill	4,433	4,433
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 439,023</b>	<b>\$ 455,576</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 96,616	\$ 92,369
Accrued expenses	61,921	70,399
Current portion of capital lease obligations	1,113	1,197
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>159,650</b>	<b>163,965</b>
Deferred rent, less current portion	20,379	20,736
Capital lease obligations, less current portion	1,039	1,155
Long-term debt	55,412	66,312
Other long-term liabilities	8,463	8,404
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>244,943</b>	<b>260,572</b>
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued 24,541,844 and 24,445,345 shares, respectively; outstanding 22,200,884 and 22,180,458	245	245

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shares, respectively		
Additional paid-in capital	110,621	110,707
Retained earnings	112,625	112,521
Less: Treasury stock, at cost; 2,340,960 and 2,264,887 shares, respectively	(29,411)	(28,469)
Total stockholders' equity	194,080	195,004
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 439,023	\$ 455,576

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)

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>March 30, 2014</b>
Net sales	\$ 243,555	\$ 231,263
Cost of sales	166,871	158,585
Gross profit	76,684	72,678
Selling and administrative expense	72,462	68,904
Operating income	4,222	3,774
Interest expense	403	434
Income before income taxes	3,819	3,340
Income taxes	1,505	1,280
Net income	\$ 2,314	\$ 2,060
Earnings per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09
Diluted	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09
Dividends per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding:		
Basic	21,809	21,980
Diluted	21,999	22,231

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)

	<b>Common Stock Shares</b>	<b>Common Stock Amount</b>	<b>Additional Paid-In Capital</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Treasury Stock, At Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance as of December 29, 2013	22,297,701	\$ 244	\$ 109,901	\$ 106,565	\$ (25,940)	\$ 190,770
Net income				2,060		2,060
Dividends on common stock (\$0.10 per share)				(2,230)		(2,230)
Issuance of nonvested share awards	146,920	1	(1)			
Exercise of share option awards	7,900		48			48
Share-based compensation			512			512
Tax deficiency from share-based awards activity			(367)			(367)
Forfeiture of nonvested share awards	(280)					
Retirement of common stock for payment of withholding tax	(52,927)	(1)	(808)			(809)
Purchases of treasury stock	(28,512)				(425)	(425)
Balance as of March 30, 2014	22,370,802	\$ 244	\$ 109,285	\$ 106,395	\$ (26,365)	\$ 189,559
Balance as of December 28, 2014	22,180,458	\$ 245	\$ 110,707	\$ 112,521	\$ (28,469)	\$ 195,004
Net income				2,314		2,314
Dividends on common stock (\$0.10 per share)				(2,210)		(2,210)
Issuance of nonvested share awards	147,940	1	(1)			
Exercise of share option awards	2,700		16			16
Share-based compensation			508			508
Tax benefit from share-based awards activity			75			75
Forfeiture of nonvested share awards	(1,520)					
Retirement of common stock for payment of withholding tax	(52,621)	(1)	(684)			(685)
Purchases of treasury stock	(76,073)				(942)	(942)
Balance as of March 29, 2015	22,200,884	\$ 245	\$ 110,621	\$ 112,625	\$ (29,411)	\$ 194,080

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS CORPORATION****UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(In thousands)

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>March 30, 2014</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 2,314	\$ 2,060
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation and amortization	5,426	5,226
Share-based compensation	508	512
Excess tax benefit related to share-based awards	(87)	(177)
Amortization of debt issuance costs	44	44
Deferred income taxes	112	2,063
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Accounts receivable, net	4,893	6,541
Merchandise inventories, net	5,005	6,881
Prepaid expenses and other assets	993	(8,663)
Accounts payable	8,420	934
Accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities	(8,119)	(12,020)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>19,509</b>	<b>3,401</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(7,004)	(3,810)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(7,004)</b>	<b>(3,810)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Principal borrowings under revolving credit facility	37,999	58,534
Principal payments under revolving credit facility	(48,899)	(47,333)
Changes in book overdraft	(2,650)	(10,689)
Principal payments under capital lease obligations	(339)	(407)
Proceeds from exercise of share option awards	16	48
Excess tax benefit related to share-based awards	87	177
Purchases of treasury stock	(942)	(299)
Tax withholding payments for share-based compensation	(685)	(809)
Dividends paid	(2,296)	(2,311)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(17,709)</b>	<b>(3,089)</b>
Net decrease in cash	(5,204)	(3,498)
Cash at beginning of period	11,503	9,400
<b>Cash at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 6,299</b>	<b>\$ 5,902</b>

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Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Property and equipment acquired under capital leases	\$ 139	\$ 60
Property and equipment additions unpaid	\$ 3,012	\$ 2,289
Treasury stock purchases accrued but unpaid	\$	\$ 126
Solar energy rebate receivable	\$	\$ 100
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 395	\$ 397
Income taxes paid	\$ 314	\$ 4,330

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(1) Description of Business**

*Business*

Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation (the Company) is a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 437 stores as of March 29, 2015. 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 28, 2014 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 2015 is comprised of 53 weeks and ends on January 3, 2016. Fiscal year 2014 was comprised of 52 weeks and ended on December 28, 2014. The first three quarters in fiscal 2015 are each comprised of 13 weeks, and the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 is comprised of 14 weeks. The four quarters of fiscal 2014 were each comprised of 13 weeks.

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*Recently Issued 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 includes amendments that create Topic 606 and supersede the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, *Revenue Recognition*, including most industry-specific revenue recognition guidance throughout the Industry Topics of the Codification. In addition, the amendments supersede the cost guidance in Subtopic 605-35, *Revenue Recognition Construction-Type and Production-Type Contracts*, and create new Subtopic 340-40, *Other Assets and Deferred Costs Contracts with Customers*. In summary, the core principle of Topic 606 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 amendments in ASU No. 2014-09 are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early application is not permitted. On April 1, 2015, the FASB tentatively decided to defer for one year the effective date of ASU No. 2014-09, while also tentatively deciding to permit early application. If these changes are adopted, then ASU No. 2014-09 will become effective for annual reporting periods (including interim reporting periods within those periods) beginning after December 15, 2017, with early application permitted as of the original effective date in ASU 2014-09 (i.e., annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016). The Company is evaluating the future impact of the issuance of ASU No. 2014-09, as well as the tentative decisions reached by the FASB.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, *Interest Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30) Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. This ASU requires retrospective adoption and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. When adopted, ASU No. 2015-03 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

There have been no other recently issued accounting updates that had a material impact on the Company's Interim 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, property and equipment, and goodwill; valuation allowances for receivables, sales returns and deferred income tax assets; estimates related to gift card breakage and the valuation of share-based compensation awards; and obligations related to asset retirements, litigation, self-insurance liabilities and employee benefits. Actual results could differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.



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*Revenue Recognition*

The Company recognizes revenue from retail sales at the point of sale through its retail stores. For e-commerce sales, revenue is recognized when the merchandise is delivered to the customer. Shipping and handling fees, when billed to customers for e-commerce sales, are included in net sales. An allowance for sales returns is estimated based upon historical experience and recorded as a reduction in sales in the relevant period.

Cash received from the sale of gift cards is recorded as a liability, and revenue is recognized upon the redemption of the gift card or when it is determined that the likelihood of redemption is remote ( gift card breakage ) and no liability to relevant jurisdictions exists. The Company determines the gift card breakage rate based upon historical redemption patterns and recognizes gift card breakage on a straight-line basis over the estimated gift card redemption period (20 quarters as of the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2015). The Company recognized approximately \$111,000 and \$108,000 in gift card breakage revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company records sales tax collected from its customers on a net basis, and therefore excludes it from revenue as defined in Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) 605, *Revenue Recognition*.

*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 market using the weighted-average cost method that 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 market value. These reserves are estimates of a reduction in value to reflect inventory valuation at the lower of cost or market. Because of its merchandise mix, the Company has not historically experienced significant occurrences of obsolescence.

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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 impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable.

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 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*.

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 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.

*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 and corporate office. Capital lease obligations consist principally of leases for some of the Company's distribution center delivery tractors, management information systems hardware and point-of-sale equipment for the Company's stores.



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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 is based on 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.

**(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.

**(4) Accrued Expenses**

The major components of accrued expenses are as follows:

	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>December 28, 2014</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Payroll and related expense	\$ 20,749	\$ 22,568
Occupancy expense	10,185	9,412
Sales tax	7,730	10,432
Other	23,257	27,987
Accrued expenses	\$ 61,921	\$ 70,399

**(5) Long-Term Debt**

On October 18, 2010, the Company 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 ). The maturity date of the Credit Agreement is December 19, 2018.

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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 Credit Facility includes a \$50.0 million sublimit for issuances of letters of credit and 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.

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 Excess Availability*). Those loans designated as LIBO rate loans bear 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 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, 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*. The applicable margin for all loans is as set forth below as a function of *Average Daily Excess Availability* for the preceding fiscal quarter.

Level	Average Daily Excess 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%



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The commitment fee assessed on the unused portion of the Credit Facility is 0.25% 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.

As of March 29, 2015, the Company had long-term revolving credit borrowings of \$55.4 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.5 million outstanding, compared with borrowings of \$66.3 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.5 million as of December 28, 2014, respectively. Total remaining borrowing availability, after subtracting letters of credit, was \$84.1 million and \$73.2 million as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, respectively.

**(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 March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, there was no valuation allowance as the deferred income tax assets were more likely than not to be realized.

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 2011 and after, and state and local income tax returns are open for fiscal years 2010 and after.

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As of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits 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 March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, 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 potentially 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:

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>March 30, 2014</b>
<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>		
Net income	\$ 2,314	\$ 2,060
Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding:		
Basic	21,809	21,980
Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents arising from share option, nonvested share and nonvested share unit awards	190	251
Diluted	21,999	22,231
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.09

The computation of diluted earnings per share for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014 does not include share option awards in the amounts of 487,169 and 601,308, respectively, that were outstanding and antidilutive (i.e., including such share option awards would result in higher earnings per share), 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 2015 does not include nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards in the amount of 791 shares 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. No nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards were antidilutive for the first quarter of fiscal 2014.

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**(8) Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company was served on the following dates with the following nine complaints, each of which was brought as a purported class action on behalf of persons who made purchases at the Company's stores in California using credit cards and were requested or required to provide personal identification information at the time of the transaction: (1) on February 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Maria Eugenia Saenz Valiente v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455049; (2) on February 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Scott Mossler v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455477; (3) on February 28, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Yelena Matatova v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455459; (4) on March 8, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Neal T. Wiener v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC456300; (5) on March 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Francisco, entitled *Donna Motta v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. CGC-11-509228; (6) on March 30, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Alameda, entitled *Steve Holmes v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. RG11563123; (7) on March 30, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Francisco, entitled *Robin Nelson v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. CGC-11-508829; (8) on April 8, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Joaquin, entitled *Pamela B. Smith v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. 39-2011-00261014-CU-BT-STK; and (9) on May 31, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Deena Gabriel v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC462213. On June 16, 2011, the Judicial Council of California issued an Order Assigning Coordination Trial Judge designating the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles as having jurisdiction to coordinate and to hear all nine of the cases as Case No. JCCP4667. On October 21, 2011, the plaintiffs collectively filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint, alleging violations of the California Civil Code, negligence, invasion of privacy and unlawful intrusion. The plaintiffs allege, among other things, that customers making purchases with credit cards at the Company's stores in California were improperly requested to provide their zip code at the time of such purchases. The plaintiffs seek, on behalf of the class members, the following: statutory penalties; attorneys' fees; expenses; restitution of property; disgorgement of profits; and injunctive relief. In an effort to negotiate a settlement of this litigation, the Company and plaintiffs engaged in Mandatory Settlement Conferences conducted by the court on February 6, 2013, February 19, 2013, April 2, 2013, September 12, 2013, and September 20, 2013, and also engaged in mediation conducted by a third party mediator on July 15, 2013. As a result of the foregoing, the parties agreed to settle the lawsuit. On March 23, 2014, the court granted preliminary approval of the settlement. On December 5, 2014, the court granted final approval of the settlement and on January 2, 2015, entered judgment on the settlement. On February 2, 2015, a Notice of Appeal was filed by an objector, which was withdrawn on April 17, 2015. Under the terms of the settlement, the Company distributed to class members who submitted valid and timely claim forms either a \$25 gift card (with proof of purchase) or a \$10 merchandise voucher (without proof of purchase). Additionally, the Company paid plaintiff's attorneys' fees and costs awarded

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by the court, enhancement payments to the class representatives and claims administrator's fees. Furthermore, to the extent that if the total amount paid by the Company for the class payout, class representative enhancement payments and claims administrator's fees was less than \$1.0 million, the Company issued merchandise vouchers to a charity for the balance of the deficiency in the manner provided in the settlement agreement. The Company's estimated total cost pursuant to this settlement is reflected in a legal settlement accrual initially recorded in the third quarter of fiscal 2013, and subsequently adjusted in fiscal 2014 to reflect the settlement. The Company admitted no liability or wrongdoing with respect to the claims set forth in the lawsuit. The settlement constitutes a full and complete settlement and release of all claims related to the lawsuit.

On September 10, 2014, a complaint was filed in the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, entitled Pedro Duran v. Big 5 Corp., et al., Case No. BC557154. On October 7, 2014, an amended complaint was filed. As amended, the complaint alleges the Company violated the California Labor Code and the California Business and Professions Code. The complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of certain of the Company's hourly employees who worked as warehousemen in the Company's distribution center in California for the four years prior to the filing of the complaint. The plaintiff alleges, among other things, that the Company failed to pay such employees for all time worked, failed to provide such employees with compliant meal and rest periods, failed to properly itemize wage statements, and failed to pay wages within required time periods during employment and upon termination of employment. The plaintiff seeks, on behalf of the purported class members, an award of statutory and civil damages and penalties, including restitution and recovery of unpaid wages; pre-judgment interest; an award of attorneys' fees and costs; and injunctive and declaratory relief. The Company believes that the complaint is without merit. The Company has not yet been served with the complaint or the amended complaint. In an effort to negotiate a settlement of this litigation, the Company and plaintiff engaged in mediation on January 28, 2015. On April 1, 2015, the parties agreed to settle the lawsuit. The court has scheduled a hearing for June 8, 2015, to consider the parties request to preliminarily approve the proposed settlement. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, the Company agreed to pay approximately \$1.4 million, which includes payments to class members, plaintiff's attorneys' fees and expenses, an enhancement payment to the class representative, claims administration fees and payment to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. The Company's anticipated total payments pursuant to this settlement have been reflected in a legal settlement accrual initially recorded in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014 prior to the settlement and subsequently adjusted in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 to reflect the settlement. The Company admitted no liability or wrongdoing with respect to the claims set forth in the lawsuit. Once final approval is granted, the settlement will constitute a full and complete

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settlement and release of all claims related to the lawsuit. If the court does not grant preliminary or final approval of the settlement, the Company intends to defend the lawsuit vigorously. If the settlement is not finally approved by the court and the lawsuit is resolved unfavorably to the Company, this litigation could have a material negative impact on the Company's financial condition, and costs associated with any judgment, defense of this litigation as well as any required change in the Company's labor practices, could have a material negative impact on the Company's results of operations.

The Company is involved in various other 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 negative impact 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 on June 14, 2011 (the "Plan"), and accounts for its share-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718. The Company recognized \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million in share-based compensation expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014, 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. No share option awards were granted in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014.

As of March 29, 2015, there was \$0.2 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 2.0 years.

*Nonvested Share Awards and Nonvested Share Unit Awards*

Nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards granted by the Company have historically vested from the date of grant in four equal annual installments of 25% per year. In accordance with the Company's Director Compensation Program, as amended on July 24, 2014, nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards granted by the Company to non-employee directors vest 100% on the first anniversary of the grant date. This one-year vesting for non-employee directors shall become effective for nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards granted in fiscal 2015.

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.



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The total fair value of nonvested share awards which vested during the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014 was \$1.7 million and \$2.0 million, respectively. No nonvested share unit awards vested during the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014.

The Company granted 147,940 and 146,920 nonvested share awards in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively. The weighted-average grant-date fair value per share of the Company's nonvested share awards granted in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014 was \$13.01 and \$15.27, respectively. In the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014, the Company granted no nonvested share unit awards.

The following table details the Company's nonvested share awards activity for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Balance as of December 28, 2014	336,765	\$ 13.47
Granted	147,940	13.01
Vested	(127,975)	12.55
Forfeited	(1,520)	13.84
Balance as of March 29, 2015	355,210	\$ 13.61

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 2015, the Company withheld 52,621 common shares with a total value of \$0.7 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 March 29, 2015, there was \$4.5 million and \$0.3 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 3.0 years and 2.3 years for nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards, respectively.

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of nonvested share awards and nonvested share unit awards is the quoted market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant.

**(10) Subsequent Event**

In the second quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2015 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2015.

**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 Corporation ) as of March 29, 2015, and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 and March 30, 2014. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation'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 28, 2014, 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 25, 2015, 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 28, 2014 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

April 29, 2015

## 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 28, 2014.

### Overview

We are a leading sporting goods retailer in the western United States, operating 437 stores under the name Big 5 Sporting Goods as of March 29, 2015. 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.

### Executive Summary

Our improved operating results for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2014 were mainly attributable to our higher sales levels, including an increase in same store sales of 3.9%. Our higher same store sales in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the same period last year reflected strength across each of our major merchandise categories of hardgoods, footwear and apparel.

Net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 increased 5.3% to \$243.6 million compared to \$231.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2014. The increase in net sales was primarily attributable to an increase in same store sales of 3.9% as well as added sales from new stores, partially offset by a reduction in closed store sales.

Net income for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 increased to \$2.3 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, compared to \$2.1 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2014. The increase in net income was driven primarily by higher net sales and merchandise margins resulting in higher gross profit, partially offset by an increase in selling and administrative expense.

Gross profit for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 represented 31.5% of net sales, compared with 31.4% in the same quarter of the prior year. The increase in gross profit margin resulted mainly from a year over year increase in merchandise margins of 14 basis points.

Selling and administrative expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 increased 5.2% to \$72.5 million, or 29.8% of net sales, compared to \$68.9 million, or 29.8% of net sales, for the first quarter of fiscal 2014. The increase in selling and administrative expense was primarily attributable to higher employee labor and benefit-related expense to support the increase in store count, as well as increased legal expense, partially offset by a decrease in print advertising expense.

Operating cash flow for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 increased to \$19.5 million from \$3.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2014.

Capital expenditures for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 of \$7.0 million were up from \$3.8 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2014.

We reduced the balance under our revolving credit facility to \$55.4 million as of March 29, 2015 compared with \$66.3 million as of December 28, 2014.

We paid cash dividends in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 of \$2.3 million, or \$0.10 per share.

We repurchased 76,073 shares of common stock for \$0.9 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2015.

### Results of Operations

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

#### *13 Weeks Ended March 29, 2015 Compared to 13 Weeks Ended March 30, 2014*

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:

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>			
	<b>March 29, 2015</b>		<b>March 30, 2014</b>	
	<b>(In thousands, except percentages)</b>			
Net sales	\$ 243,555	100.0%	\$ 231,263	100.0%
Cost of sales <sup>(1)</sup>	166,871	68.5	158,585	68.6
Gross profit	76,684	31.5	72,678	31.4
Selling and administrative expense <sup>(2)</sup>	72,462	29.8	68,904	29.8
Operating income	4,222	1.7	3,774	1.6
Interest expense	403	0.2	434	0.2
Income before income taxes	3,819	1.5	3,340	1.4
Income taxes	1,505	0.6	1,280	0.5
Net income	\$ 2,314	0.9%	\$ 2,060	0.9%

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 increased by \$12.3 million, or 5.3%, to \$243.6 million in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 from \$231.3 million in the comparable period last year. The change in net sales reflected the following:

Same store sales increased by \$8.8 million, or 3.9%, for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015, versus the comparable 13-week period in the prior year. Our higher same store sales in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the same period last year reflected strength across each of our major merchandise categories of hardgoods, footwear and apparel. Same store sales for a period reflect net sales from stores that operated throughout the period as well as the full corresponding prior year period.

Added sales from new stores opened since December 29, 2013 were partially offset by a reduction in closed store sales.

We experienced increased customer transactions in our retail stores, and the average sale per transaction also increased in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the same period last year.

Store count as of March 29, 2015 was 437 versus 425 as of March 30, 2014. We opened one new store and closed three stores, one of which was a relocation, in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015. We closed four stores, two of which were relocations, in the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2014. For fiscal 2015, we expect to open approximately 10 net new stores.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit increased by \$4.0 million, or 5.5%, to \$76.7 million, or 31.5% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 from \$72.7 million, or 31.4% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2014. The change in gross profit was primarily attributable to the following:

Net sales increased \$12.3 million, or 5.3%, year over year in the first quarter of fiscal 2015.

Merchandise margins, which exclude buying, occupancy and distribution expense, increased 14 basis points versus the first quarter last year.

Store occupancy expense increased by \$1.1 million year over year in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 due primarily to the increase in store count, but decreased as a percentage of net sales by two basis points.

Distribution expense increased \$1.1 million, or 26 basis points, resulting primarily from lower costs capitalized into inventory as well as higher employee labor and benefit-related expense.

*Selling and Administrative Expense.* Selling and administrative expense increased by \$3.6 million to \$72.5 million, or 29.8% of net sales, in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 from \$68.9 million, or 29.8% of net sales, in the same period last year. The change in selling and administrative expense was primarily attributable to the following:

Store-related expense, excluding occupancy, increased by \$2.6 million due primarily to higher employee labor and benefit-related expense and higher operating expense to support the increase in store count.

Administrative expense increased by \$1.7 million, primarily reflecting higher employee labor and benefit-related expense. Administrative expense also included a pre-tax charge of \$0.4 million for a legal settlement, as further discussed in Note 8 to the Interim Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1, *Financial Statements*, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

The increase in administrative expense also reflected costs associated with a publicly-disclosed proxy contest. The proxy contest, and related matters, negatively impacted our administrative expense during the first quarter of fiscal 2015 by approximately \$0.5 million. A prolonged proxy contest in advance of our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will likely result in significant additional administrative expense during the second quarter of fiscal 2015.

Advertising expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 decreased by \$0.7 million, due primarily to lower newspaper advertising.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense remained flat at \$0.4 million in the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2014. Interest expense reflected a decrease in average interest rates of 20 basis points to 1.8% in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 from 2.0% in the prior year. The impact of lower average interest rates was offset by an increase in average debt levels of \$8.7 million to \$64.0 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 from \$55.3 million in the same period last year.

*Income Taxes.* The provision for income taxes was \$1.5 million for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 and \$1.3 million for the 13 weeks ended March 30, 2014. Our effective tax rate was 39.4% for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared with 38.3% for the first quarter of fiscal 2014. The increased effective tax rate for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the same period in fiscal 2014 was primarily due to a reduced amount of income tax credits for the current year.

## 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. We believe our cash on hand, future cash flows from operations and borrowings from our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund our cash requirements for at least the next 12 months.

We ended the first quarter of fiscal 2015 with \$6.3 million of cash compared with \$5.9 million at the end of the same period in fiscal 2014. Our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities are summarized as follows:

	<b>13 Weeks Ended</b>	
	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>March 30, 2014</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Net cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 19,509	\$ 3,401
Investing activities	(7,004)	(3,810)
Financing activities	(17,709)	(3,089)
Net decrease in cash	\$ (5,204)	\$ (3,498)

*Operating Activities.* Net cash provided by operating activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 and March 30, 2014 was \$19.5 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. The increase in cash flow from operating activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 compared to the same period last year primarily reflects decreased prepaid expenses related mainly to the prepayment of income taxes and the timing of rent payments, reduced funding of inventory purchases and smaller decreases of various accrued expenses primarily related to employee benefits.

*Investing Activities.* Net cash used in investing activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 and March 30, 2014 was \$7.0 million and \$3.8 million, respectively. Capital expenditures, excluding non-cash acquisitions, represented all of the cash used in investing activities for each period. The increase primarily reflects increased investment in our distribution center to support overall growth.

*Financing Activities.* Net cash used in financing activities for the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015 and March 30, 2014 was \$17.7 million and \$3.1 million, respectively. In the first quarter of fiscal 2015, net cash was used primarily to pay down borrowings under our revolving credit facility and to fund dividend payments and treasury stock repurchases. In the first quarter of fiscal 2014, net cash was used primarily to pay dividends and fund working capital, partially offset by increased net borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

As of March 29, 2015, we had revolving credit borrowings of \$55.4 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.5 million outstanding. These balances compare to revolving credit borrowings of \$66.3 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.5 million outstanding as of December 28, 2014 and revolving credit borrowings of \$54.2 million and letter of credit commitments of \$0.6 million outstanding as of March 30, 2014.

In fiscal 2014 and the first quarter of fiscal 2015, we paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.10 per share of outstanding common stock, for an annual rate of \$0.40 per share. In the second quarter of fiscal 2015, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2015 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2015.

Periodically, we repurchase our common stock in the open market pursuant to programs approved by our Board of Directors. We may repurchase our common stock for a variety of reasons, including, among other things, our alternative cash requirements, existing business conditions and the current market price of our stock. In the first quarter of fiscal 2015, we repurchased 76,073 shares of common stock for \$0.9 million. In the first quarter of fiscal 2014, we repurchased 28,512 shares of common stock for \$0.4 million. Since the inception of our initial share repurchase program in May 2006 through March 29, 2015, we have repurchased a total of 2,226,750 shares for \$28.8 million, leaving a total of \$6.2 million available for share repurchases under our current share repurchase program.

*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 ). The maturity date of the Credit Agreement is December 19, 2018.

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 Credit Facility includes a \$50.0 million sublimit for issuances of letters of credit and a \$20.0 million sublimit for swingline loans. Total remaining borrowing availability under the Credit Agreement, after subtracting letters of credit, was \$84.1 million and \$73.2 million as of March 29, 2015 and December 28, 2014, respectively.

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 ). After giving effect to the amendments, 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 will be 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 Excess Availability). Those loans designated as LIBO rate loans shall bear 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 shall 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, 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. The applicable margin for all loans will be as set forth below as a function of Average Daily Excess Availability for the preceding fiscal quarter.

Level	Average Daily Excess 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%

The commitment fee assessed on the unused portion of the Credit Facility is 0.25% 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.

*Future Capital Requirements.* We had cash on hand of \$6.3 million as of March 29, 2015. We expect capital expenditures for fiscal 2015, excluding non-cash acquisitions, to range from approximately \$28.0 million to \$32.0 million, primarily to fund the opening of new stores, store-related remodeling, distribution center equipment and computer hardware and software purchases, including amounts related to the development of a new point-of-sale system. The increased capital expenditures expected in fiscal 2015 compared to actual capital expenditures in fiscal 2014 primarily reflect increased investment in our distribution center to support overall growth. For fiscal 2015, we expect to open approximately 10 net new stores.

We currently pay quarterly dividends, subject to declaration by our Board of Directors. In the second quarter of fiscal 2015, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share of outstanding common stock, which will be paid on June 15, 2015 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2015.

As of March 29, 2015, a total of \$6.2 million remained available for share repurchases under our share repurchase program. We consider several factors in determining when and if we make share repurchases including, among other things, our alternative cash requirements, existing business conditions and the market price of our stock.

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, 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. With respect to most of those leases, we intend to renegotiate those leases as they expire.

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. Capital lease obligations, which include imputed interest, consist principally of leases for some of our distribution center delivery tractors, management information systems hardware and point-of-sale equipment for our stores. Our Credit Facility debt fluctuates daily depending on operating, investing and financing cash flows. Other occupancy expense includes estimated property maintenance fees and property taxes for our stores, distribution center and corporate headquarters. Other liabilities consist principally of actuarially-determined reserve estimates related to self-insurance liabilities, of which certain self-insurance liabilities are secured by a surety bond, a contractual obligation for the surviving spouse of Robert W. Miller, our co-founder, and asset retirement obligations related to the removal and retirement of leasehold improvements for certain stores upon termination of their leases.

Issued and outstanding letters of credit were \$0.5 million as of March 29, 2015, 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 28, 2014, is a discussion of our future obligations and commitments as of December 28, 2014. In the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015, our revolving credit borrowings decreased by \$10.9 million from the end of fiscal 2014. We entered into new operating lease agreements in relation to our business operations during the 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015. We do not believe that these operating leases or the decrease in our revolving credit borrowings materially impact our contractual obligations or commitments presented as of December 28, 2014.

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 28, 2014, 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 13 weeks ended March 29, 2015.

### **Seasonality and Impact of Inflation**

We experience seasonal fluctuations in our net sales and operating results. In the fourth fiscal quarter, which includes the holiday selling season, we normally experience higher inventory purchase volumes and increased expense for staffing and advertising. Seasonality 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. If we miscalculate the demand for our products generally or for our product mix during the fourth fiscal quarter, our net sales can decline, which can harm our financial performance. A significant shortfall from expected fourth fiscal quarter net sales can negatively impact our annual operating results.

In fiscal 2014, we experienced minor inflation in the purchase cost, including transportation expense, of certain products. In the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the impact of inflation was minimal. We continue to evolve 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 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, e 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, continued or worsening weakness in the consumer spending environment and the U.S. financial and credit markets, fluctuations in consumer holiday spending patterns, 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, 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 United States Securities and Exchange Commission. 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 March 29, 2015, our interest expense would change approximately \$0.6 million on an annual basis based on the outstanding balance of borrowings under our Credit Facility as of March 29, 2015.

Inflationary factors and changes in foreign currency rates can increase the purchase cost of our products. We are evolving 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 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 March 29, 2015, 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.

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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

The Company was served on the following dates with the following nine complaints, each of which was brought as a purported class action on behalf of persons who made purchases at the Company's stores in California using credit cards and were requested or required to provide personal identification information at the time of the transaction: (1) on February 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Maria Eugenia Saenz Valiente v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455049; (2) on February 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Scott Mossler v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455477; (3) on February 28, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Yelena Matatova v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC455459; (4) on March 8, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Neal T. Wiener v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC456300; (5) on March 22, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Francisco, entitled *Donna Motta v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. CGC-11-509228; (6) on March 30, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Alameda, entitled *Steve Holmes v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. RG11563123; (7) on March 30, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Francisco, entitled *Robin Nelson v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. CGC-11-508829; (8) on April 8, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of San Joaquin, entitled *Pamela B. Smith v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. 39-2011-00261014-CU-BT-STK; and (9) on May 31, 2011, a complaint filed in the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles, entitled *Deena Gabriel v. Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation*, et al., Case No. BC462213. On June 16, 2011, the Judicial Council of California issued an Order Assigning Coordination Trial Judge designating the California Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles as having jurisdiction to coordinate and to hear all nine of the cases as Case No. JCCP4667. On October 21, 2011, the plaintiffs collectively filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint, alleging violations of the California Civil Code, negligence, invasion of privacy and unlawful intrusion. The plaintiffs allege, among other things, that customers making purchases with credit cards at the Company's stores in California were improperly requested to provide their zip code at the time of such purchases. The plaintiffs seek, on behalf of the class members, the following: statutory penalties; attorneys' fees; expenses; restitution of property; disgorgement of profits; and injunctive relief. In an effort to negotiate a settlement of this litigation, the Company and plaintiffs engaged in Mandatory Settlement Conferences conducted by the court on February 6, 2013, February 19, 2013, April 2, 2013, September 12, 2013, and September 20, 2013, and also engaged in mediation conducted by a third party mediator on July 15, 2013. As a result of the foregoing, the parties agreed to settle the lawsuit. On March 23, 2014, the court granted preliminary approval of the settlement. On December 5, 2014, the court granted final approval of the settlement and on January 2, 2015, entered judgment on the settlement. On February 2, 2015, a Notice of Appeal was filed by an objector, which was withdrawn on April 17, 2015. Under the terms of the settlement, the Company distributed to class members who submitted valid and timely claim forms either a \$25 gift card (with proof of

purchase) or a \$10 merchandise voucher (without proof of purchase). Additionally, the Company paid plaintiff's attorneys' fees and costs awarded by the court, enhancement payments to the class representatives and claims administrator's fees. Furthermore, to the extent that the total amount paid by the Company for the class payout, class representative enhancement payments and claims administrator's fees was less than \$1.0 million, the Company issued merchandise vouchers to a charity for the balance of the deficiency in the manner provided in the settlement agreement. The Company's estimated total cost pursuant to this settlement is reflected in a legal settlement accrual initially recorded in the third quarter of fiscal 2013, and subsequently adjusted in fiscal 2014 to reflect the settlement. The Company admitted no liability or wrongdoing with respect to the claims set forth in the lawsuit. The settlement constitutes a full and complete settlement and release of all claims related to the lawsuit.

On September 10, 2014, a complaint was filed in the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, entitled Pedro Duran v. Big 5 Corp., et al., Case No. BC557154. On October 7, 2014, an amended complaint was filed. As amended, the complaint alleges the Company violated the California Labor Code and the California Business and Professions Code. The complaint was brought as a purported class action on behalf of certain of the Company's hourly employees who worked as warehousemen in the Company's distribution center in California for the four years prior to the filing of the complaint. The plaintiff alleges, among other things, that the Company failed to pay such employees for all time worked, failed to provide such employees with compliant meal and rest periods, failed to properly itemize wage statements, and failed to pay wages within required time periods during employment and upon termination of employment. The plaintiff seeks, on behalf of the purported class members, an award of statutory and civil damages and penalties, including restitution and recovery of unpaid wages; pre-judgment interest; an award of attorneys' fees and costs; and injunctive and declaratory relief. The Company believes that the complaint is without merit. The Company has not yet been served with the complaint or the amended complaint. In an effort to negotiate a settlement of this litigation, the Company and plaintiff engaged in mediation on January 28, 2015. On April 1, 2015, the parties agreed to settle the lawsuit. The court has scheduled a hearing for June 8, 2015, to consider the parties' request to preliminarily approve the proposed settlement. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, the Company agreed to pay approximately \$1.4 million, which includes payments to class members, plaintiff's attorneys' fees and expenses, an enhancement payment to the class representative, claims administration fees and payment to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. The Company's anticipated total payments pursuant to this settlement have been reflected in a legal settlement accrual initially recorded in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014 prior to the settlement and subsequently adjusted in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 to reflect the settlement. The Company admitted no liability or wrongdoing with respect to the claims set forth in the lawsuit. Once final approval is granted,

the settlement will constitute a full and complete settlement and release of all claims related to the lawsuit. If the court does not grant preliminary or final approval of the settlement, the Company intends to defend the lawsuit vigorously. If the settlement is not finally approved by the court and the lawsuit is resolved unfavorably to the Company, this litigation could have a material negative impact on the Company's financial condition, and costs associated with any judgment, defense of this litigation as well as any required change in the Company's labor practices, could have a material negative impact on the Company's results of operations.

The Company is involved in various other 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 negative impact 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 28, 2014.

**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 March 29, 2015:

**ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES <sup>(1) (2)</sup>**

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total Number of Shares Purchased</i>	<i>Average Price Paid per Share <sup>(3)</sup></i>	<i>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</i>	<i>Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(4)</sup></i>
December 29 - January 25	34,873	\$ 12.42	34,873	\$6,672,000
January 26 - February 22	40,000	\$ 12.37	40,000	\$6,177,000
February 23 - March 29 <sup>(b)</sup>	53,821	\$ 13.00	1,200	\$6,162,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,694</b>		<b>76,073</b>	<b>\$6,162,000</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company repurchased 76,073 shares of its common stock for \$0.9 million during the first fiscal quarter ended March 29, 2015 under a previously announced plan, and withheld 52,621 shares of Company common stock totaling \$0.7 million to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of certain nonvested share awards issued to employees. The current repurchase plan was announced on November 1, 2007 and authorizes the repurchase of the Company's common stock totaling \$20.0 million. Under the 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 SEC. However, the timing and amount of such purchases, if any, would be at the discretion of management and would depend upon market conditions and other considerations. Since the inception of its initial share repurchase program in May 2006 through March 29, 2015, the Company has repurchased a total of 2,226,750 shares for \$28.8 million, leaving a total of \$6.2 million available for share repurchases under the current share repurchase program.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

<sup>(3)</sup> Shares purchased in this monthly period include 52,621 shares of Company common stock withheld by the Company, as discussed in footnote 1 to this table. The average price paid per share of such withheld shares was

\$13.01, which reflects the closing market value of the Company's common stock on the date the shares were withheld. The remaining 1,200 shares reflected for this monthly period were repurchased under the current authorization at an average price paid per share of \$12.53. The average price paid per share for these transactions was \$13.00.

- (4) This amount reflects the dollar value of shares remaining available to repurchase under previously announced plans, and does not include \$0.7 million withheld to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding obligations, as discussed in footnote 1 to this table.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

None.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits

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

**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: April 29, 2015

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

Date: April 29, 2015

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