

# ENDURING STRENGTH

Accelerating Performance

ANNUAL REPORT





## A proven track record of sustained profitability.

To our shareholders, customers, partners and employees:

### Enduring Strength

Fiscal year 2015 was a year of growth and the 29th consecutive year of continued profitability for AZZ. For the twelve-month period ended February 28, 2015, revenues grew to \$816.7 million compared to \$751.7 million for the same period last year, an increase of 8.6%. Fiscal year 2015 net income was \$64.9 million as compared to \$59.6 million for fiscal year 2014, an increase of 8.9%. Diluted earnings per share were \$2.52 as compared to \$2.32 last year, an increase of 8.6%. AZZ delivered solid results for the year, despite several external factors that impacted our performance. These included unfavorable weather conditions, ongoing uncertainty in oil & gas markets, project delays in the nuclear market, and deferrals in the nuclear and refining markets, respectively.

Overall company growth in fiscal year 2015 was led by our Energy Segment, which generated revenues of \$458.3 million compared to \$416.1 million for fiscal year 2014, an increase of 10.1%. Fiscal year 2015 operating income for this segment was \$38.7 million as compared to \$44.5 million for fiscal year 2014, a decrease of 13.0%. The majority of the decrease in operating income within this segment was attributed to project delays and operating inefficiencies at Nuclear Logistics Incorporated (NLI). Our Galvanizing Services Segment achieved revenues of \$358.3 million and operating income of \$88.6 million for fiscal year 2015. During the year, the segment successfully completed the acquisition of Zalk Steel & Supply Co., a Minneapolis, Minnesota-based galvanizing company, bringing to 36, the number of galvanizing plants it operates within North America, and further strengthening AZZ's leading position in the fabricated steel galvanizing market.

### Accelerating Performance

AZZ delivered strong revenue and profit in 2015 and, as we look ahead to the next fiscal year, we plan to take our performance to the next level. We are well-positioned to capitalize on growth in our major end markets, will continue to make significant investments in the company to expand our geographical footprint, and drive increased profitability through our operational initiatives. Regardless of where we work around the globe, we will harness the collective power of our people, whose unique talents and dedication will ensure AZZ remains the innovative solutions leader in protecting metal and electrical systems used to build the world's infrastructure.



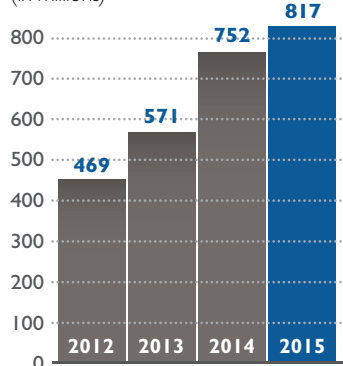
**Kevern Joyce**  
Chairman of the Board



**Tom Ferguson**  
President and Chief Executive Officer

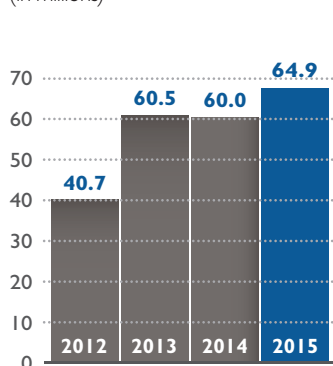
### Net sales

(in millions)



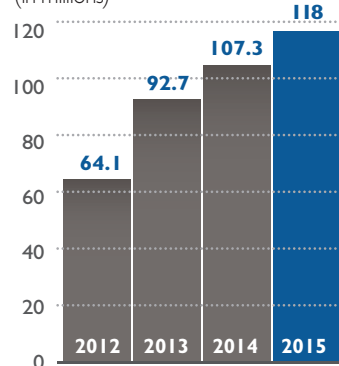
### Net income

(in millions)



### Cash provided by operations

(in millions)



## Select Financial Information (in thousands, except per-share data)

For the four fiscal years ending February 28/29

2012

2013

2014

2015

### Summary of Operations:

Net Sales	\$ 469,112	\$ 570,594	\$ 751,723	<b>\$816,687</b>
Net Income	40,736	60,456	59,597	<b>\$64,943</b>
Earnings per share:				
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.62	\$ 2.39	\$ 2.34	<b>2.53</b>
Diluted earnings per common share	1.61	2.37	2.32	<b>2.52</b>
Return on average shareholders' equity	15.0%	19.5%	16.8%	<b>16.3%</b>
Pretax profits to sales	13.6%	16.5%	12.5%	<b>11.0%</b>
Net income to sales	8.7%	10.6%	7.9%	<b>8.0%</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 606,775	\$ 694,205	\$ 953,253	<b>\$936,914</b>
Debt	225,000	210,714	405,616	<b>\$337,848</b>
Total liabilities	319,166	360,271	577,340	<b>\$516,862</b>
Shareholders' equity	287,609	333,934	375,913	<b>\$420,052</b>
Debt-to-equity ratio	0.78 to 1	0.63 to 1	1.08 to 1	<b>0.80 to 1</b>
Current ratio	3.88 to 1	2.21 to 1	2.06 to 1	<b>2.00 to 1</b>
Cash provided by operations	\$64,065	\$92,738	\$ 107,275	<b>\$118,157</b>
Capital expenditures	19,784	24,923	43,472	<b>\$29,377</b>
Backlog	\$138,621	\$221,714	\$ 325,013	<b>\$332,595</b>
Average shares outstanding	25,132	25,320	25,514	<b>25,676</b>

# Markets Served

Power Generation



Nuclear



Power Transmission and Distribution

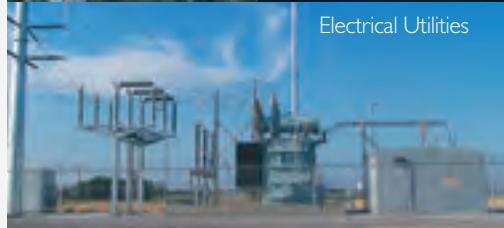


Renewable

Industrial



Petrochemical



Electrical Utilities



Bridge and Highway



Construction  
(General and Industrial)



Agriculture



OEM



Recreation

# Serving the growing needs of critical industries worldwide.

Our Energy and Galvanizing Services Segments work in tandem across a broad scope of markets, industries and applications to provide products and services to support the creation and modernization of global infrastructure applications. Addressing the challenge of aging infrastructure, AZZ is uniquely positioned to upgrade, restore and replace the world's infrastructure when and where it is needed most.



## **ENERGY SEGMENT**

### **Delivering established, innovative products and services**

The Energy Segment is a manufacturer of specialty equipment focusing on safe and reliable transmission of power from generation sources to end customers, and a service provider that ensures the safety and reliability of critical infrastructure in the energy markets worldwide. Products include custom switchgear, electrical enclosures, medium and high voltage bus ducts, explosion-proof and hazardous-duty lighting and tubular products. The company is a leading third-party supplier of safety-related equipment for the nuclear industry. In addition, its service offering focuses on extension of life cycle for power generation, refining and industrial infrastructure, through automated weld overlay solutions for corrosion and erosion mitigation.



## **GALVANIZING SERVICES SEGMENT**

### **North America's largest galvanizer**

The Galvanizing Services Segment provides hot dip galvanizing to the steel fabrication industry through 36 facilities located throughout the United States and Canada. The company's North American footprint provides a strategic advantage in a highly competitive market, providing customers with rapid service and consistent quality.



### Energy Segment (in thousands)

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sales	\$ 189,192	\$ 233,555	\$ 416,106	<b>\$458,339</b>
Operating income	25,772	32,073	44,513	<b>\$38,703</b>
Operating margin	14%	14%	11%	<b>8%</b>
Average assets employed	139,794	202,041	401,942	<b>\$533,028</b>
Return on average assets	18%	16%	11%	<b>7%</b>



### Galvanizing Services Segment (in thousands)

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sales	\$ 279,920	\$ 337,039	\$ 335,617	<b>\$358,348</b>
Operating income	72,964	88,506	87,808	<b>\$88,562</b>
Operating margin	26%	26%	26%	<b>25%</b>
Average assets employed	293,587	339,975	374,250	<b>\$375,591</b>
Return on average assets	25%	26%	23%	<b>24%</b>

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

FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended February 28, 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: 1-12777

**AZZ incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

75-0948250

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

One Museum Place, Suite 500  
3100 West Seventh Street  
Fort Worth, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

76107

(Zip Code)

(817) 810-0095

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes                      No  
                     

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant’s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	Non-accelerated filer	Smaller Reporting Company
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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  
                     

As of August 29, 2014 (the last business day of its most recently completed second fiscal quarter), the aggregate market value of the registrant’s common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$1,154,492,795 based on the closing sale price of \$46.34 per share as reported on the New York Stock Exchange. For purposes of determining the above stated amount, only the directors, executive officers and 10% or greater shareholders of the registrant have been deemed affiliates; however, this does not represent a conclusion by the registrant that any or all such persons are affiliates of the registrant.

As of April 14, 2015, there were 25,765,025 shares of the registrant’s common stock (\$1.00 par value) outstanding.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Certain information contained in the definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held July 14, 2015 (Proxy Statement) - Part III



**AZZ incorporated**

**YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

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## Forward Looking Statements

*Certain statements herein about our expectations of future events or results constitute forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as “may,” “should,” “expects,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “potential,” “continue,” or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Such forward-looking statements are based on currently available competitive, financial and economic data and management’s views and assumptions regarding future events. Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and investors must recognize that actual results may differ from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. In addition, certain factors could affect the outcome of the matters described herein. This Annual Report on Form 10-K may contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, changes in customer demand and response to products and services offered by AZZ, including demand by the power generation markets, electrical transmission and distribution markets, the industrial markets, and the hot dip galvanizing markets; prices and raw material cost, including zinc and natural gas which are used in the hot dip galvanizing process; changes in the political stability and economic conditions of the various markets that AZZ serves, foreign and domestic, customer requested delays of shipments, acquisition opportunities, currency exchange rates, adequacy of financing, and availability of experienced management and employees to implement AZZ’s growth strategy; a downturn in market conditions in any industry relating to the products we inventory or sell or the services that we provide; the continuing economic volatility in the U.S. and other markets in which we operate; acts of war or terrorism inside the United States or abroad; and other changes in economic and financial conditions. You are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements herein and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. These statements are based on information as of the date hereof and AZZ assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.*

## PART I

### **Item 1. Business**

AZZ incorporated (“AZZ”, the “Company”, "our" or “we”) was established in 1956 and incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas. We are a global provider of galvanizing services, welding solutions, specialty electrical equipment and highly engineered services to the power generation, transmission, distribution, refining and industrial markets. AZZ Galvanizing is a leading provider of metal finishing solutions for corrosion protection, including hot dip galvanizing to the North American steel fabrication industry. AZZ Energy is dedicated to delivering safe and reliable transmission of power from generation sources to end customers, and automated weld overlay solutions for corrosion and erosion mitigation to critical infrastructure in the energy markets worldwide.

As of March 1, 2014, our Electrical and Industrial Products and Services Segment was rebranded to the Energy Segment to more closely align the description of the segment with the nature of its operations and served markets. There have been no changes to the underlying information reported under this operating segment however, the new description will be included in the operating results for the years ended February 28, 2015, 2014 and 2013 and in future filings.

### **Energy Segment**

AZZ’s Energy Segment is a leading provider of specialized products and services designed to support industrial, nuclear and electrical applications. Our product offerings include custom switchgear, electrical enclosures, medium and high voltage bus ducts, explosion proof and hazardous duty lighting, nuclear safety-related equipment and tubular products. In addition to our product offerings, AZZ’s Energy Segment focuses on extension of life cycle for the power generation, refining and industrial infrastructure, through automated weld overlay solutions for corrosion and erosion mitigation. The markets for our Energy Segment are highly competitive and consist of large multi-national companies, along with numerous small independent companies. Competition is based primarily on product quality, range of product line, price and service. While some of our competitors are much larger than us, our Energy Segment offers some of the most technologically advanced solutions and engineering resources developed from a legacy of proven, reliable product options, allowing AZZ Energy to be ideally positioned to meet the most challenging application-specific demands.

Copper, aluminum, steel and nickel based alloys are the primary raw materials used by this segment. We do not foresee any availability issues for these materials. We do not commit contractually to minimum volumes and increases in price for these items are normally managed through escalation clauses to the customer's contracts. In addition, we look to get firm pricing contracts from our vendors on these materials at the time we receive orders from our customers, to minimize risk. Customers may resist these escalation clauses.

We sell this segment's products through manufacturers' representatives, distributors, agents and our internal sales force. We are not dependent on any single customer for this segment, and the loss of any single customer would not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated revenues or net income.

On March 29, 2013, we completed our acquisition of Aquilex Specialty Repair and Overhaul LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Aquilex SRO"). Aquilex SRO provides the energy industry with specialty repair and overhaul solutions designed to improve mechanical integrity and extend component life for critical equipment. This acquisition is part of our strategy to expand our offerings in the Energy Segment and to enhance our international footprint in the power generation and refining markets. Aquilex SRO is a market leader in weld overlay services for corrosion and erosion mitigation in power generation and refining facilities worldwide.

On June 1, 2012, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Nuclear Logistics Incorporated ("NLI"), located in Fort Worth, Texas. NLI is the leading third party supplier of safety related electrical and mechanical equipment in the domestic nuclear industry. This acquisition was made to expand our product offerings as well as increase AZZ's footprint in the power generation market.

The acquisitions of NLI and Aquilex SRO allows AZZ to participate in the extension of life cycle for power generation, refining and petrochemical infrastructure globally. Prior to these acquisitions, our business was primarily driven by new construction projects in power generation, transmission, distribution and industrial markets. The addition of NLI and Aquilex SRO has successfully transformed the segment to be a service provider that focuses on safety, reliability and life extension for critical equipment in the energy markets. Following these acquisitions, the customer base for the segment is more global and more diversified, while our offering is a balanced mix of products and services. For additional information on recent acquisitions, please refer to Note 16 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

For additional information on the Energy Segment's backlog and operating results, see Results of Operations within Item 7. For additional financial information by segment, see Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### **Galvanizing Services Segment**

The Galvanizing Services Segment provides hot dip galvanizing to the steel fabrication industry through facilities located throughout the United States and Canada. Hot dip galvanizing is a metallurgical process in which molten zinc is applied to steel. The zinc alloying renders corrosion protection to fabricated steel for extended periods of up to 50 years. As of February 28, 2015, we operated thirty-six galvanizing plants, which are located in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia in the United States and Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, Canada.

Galvanizing is a highly competitive business, and we compete with other galvanizing companies, captive galvanizing facilities operated by manufacturers, and alternate forms of corrosion protection such as material selection (stainless steel or aluminum) or barrier protections such as powder coating, paint, and weathered steel. Our galvanizing markets are generally limited to areas within relatively close proximity to our galvanizing plants due to freight cost.

Zinc, the principal raw material used in the galvanizing process, is currently readily available, but is subject to volatile pricing. We manage our exposure to commodity pricing of zinc by utilizing agreements with zinc suppliers that include fixed costs contracts to guard against escalating commodity prices. We also secure firm pricing for natural gas supplies with individual utilities when possible.

We typically serve fabricators or manufacturers that provide services to the electrical and telecommunications, bridge and highway, petrochemical and general industrial markets, and numerous original equipment manufacturers. We do not depend on

any single customer for our galvanizing services, and the loss of any single customer would not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated revenues or net income.

On June 30, 2014, we completed our acquisition of substantially all the assets of Zalk Steel & Supply Co. ("Zalk Steel"), a Minneapolis, Minnesota-based galvanizing company. Zalk Steel was acquired to expand AZZ's existing geographic footprint in North America.

On January 2, 2013, we acquired G3 Galvanizing Limited ("G3"), a company with operations in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

On October 1, 2012, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Galvcast Manufacturing Inc. ("Galvcast"), a Canadian galvanizing company with operations in Ontario, and certain real property owned by an affiliate of Galvcast.

The G3 and Galvcast acquisitions were both made to complement and expand our existing geographic Canadian footprint. For additional information on recent acquisitions, please refer to Note 16 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

For additional information on the Galvanizing Services Segment's backlog and operating results, see Results of Operations within Item 7. For additional financial information by segment, see Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### **Employees**

As of February 28, 2015, the Company employed approximately 3,244 persons consisting of approximately 2,661 in the United States, approximately 327 in Canada, 230 in Europe, and 26 in other countries.

## Executive Officers of the Registrant

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Business Experience of Executive Officers for Past Five Years Position or Office with Registrant or Prior Employer</u>	<u>Held Since</u>
Thomas E. Ferguson	58	President and Chief Executive Officer Chief Executive Officer, FlexSteel Pipeline Technologies, Inc. President, Flow Solutions Group, Flowserve Corp. President, Pump Division, Flowserve Corp.	2013 2013-2013 2009-2012 2003-2009
Paul W. Fehlman	51	Senior Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer Vice President, Finance, Engineered Products Division, Flowserve Corp. Vice President, Investor Relations and FP&A, Flowserve Corp. Vice President, Treasurer, Flowserve Corp.	2014 2011-2013 2009-2011 2004-2009
Tim E. Pendley	53	Senior Vice President, Galvanizing Services Segment Vice President Operations, Galvanizing Services Segment	2009 2004-2009
Robert J. Steines	52	Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer Vice President, Corporate Controller, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Vice President, Finance, Neuromodulation Division St. Jude Medical	2013 2012-2013 2006-2011
Tara D. Mackey	45	Chief Legal Officer and Secretary Chief Legal Counsel and Corporate Secretary, First Parts, Inc. General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Silverleaf Resorts Inc. VP, Assistant General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, SuperMedia LLC	2014 2013-2014 2011-2013 2008-2011
Matt V. Emery	47	Vice President, Chief Information Officer Senior Director of Information Technologies, Hewlett-Packard	2013 2004-2013
Debbie R. Forester	53	Vice President, Human Resources Director Human Resources at Weir Oil & Gas Regional HR Business Partner and Manager of Human Resources at Chesapeake Energy, Inc.	2014 2014-2014 2008-2014
Chris M. Bacius	54	Vice President, Corporate Development Vice President Mergers & Acquisition, Flowserve Corporation Vice President Business Development, Flowserve Corporation	2014 2012-2014 2009-2012

Each executive officer was elected by the Board of Directors to hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until their successor is elected. No executive officer has any family relationships with any other executive officer of the Company.

### Available Information

AZZ files or furnishes annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). The public may read and copy any materials that AZZ files with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Also, the SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including AZZ, that file electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that AZZ files with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

In addition, we make available, free of charge, on our Internet website, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file this material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. You may review these documents, under the heading "Investor Relations," subheading "SEC Filings," on our website at <http://www.azz.com>.

## **Corporate Governance**

Our Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"), with the assistance of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that set forth the Board's policies regarding corporate governance.

In connection with the Board's responsibility to oversee our legal compliance and conduct, the Board has adopted a Code of Ethics, which applies to the Company's officers, directors and employees.

The Board has adopted charters for each of its Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. You may review the Corporate Governance Guidelines, our Code of Ethics and our Committee charters under the Heading "Investor Relations," subheading "Corporate Governance," on our website at:

<http://www.azz.com>

You may also obtain a copy of these documents by mailing a request to:

AZZ incorporated  
Investor Relations  
One Museum Place, Suite 500  
3100 West Seventh Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76107

## ***Item 1A. Risk Factors***

Our business is subject to a variety of risks, including the risks described below, which we believe are the most significant risks and uncertainties facing our business. However, they are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not known to us or not described below may also impair our business operations. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be negatively impacted and our future growth could be impacted as well.

### ***Our business segments operate in highly competitive markets.***

Many of our competitors, primarily in our Energy Segment, are significantly larger and have substantially more resources. Competition is based on a number of factors, including price. Certain of our competitors may have lower cost structures and may, therefore, be able to provide their products and services at lower prices than we are able to provide. We cannot be certain that our competitors will not develop the expertise, experience and resources to provide services that are superior in both price and quality. Similarly, we cannot be certain that we will be able to maintain or enhance our competitive position within our industries, maintain our customer base at current levels or increase our customer base.

### ***Climate change could impact our business.***

Climate changes could have an adverse impact on the Company, particularly in hurricane prone or low lying areas near the ocean. At this time, the Company is not able to speculate as to the potential timing or impact from potential global warming and other natural disasters, however the Company believes that it currently has adequate insurance coverage related to natural disasters at the Company's sites.

### ***Changes in greenhouse gas regulations could impact our operating results.***

International agreements and national or regional legislation and regulatory measures to limit greenhouse emissions are currently in various stages of discussion or implementation. These and other greenhouse gas emissions-related laws, policies and regulations may result in substantial capital, compliance, operating and maintenance costs. The level of expenditure required to comply with these laws and regulations is uncertain and is expected to vary depending on the laws enacted in each jurisdiction, our activities in the particular jurisdiction, and market conditions.

The effect of regulation on our financial performance will depend on a number of factors including, not limited to, the sectors covered, the greenhouse gas emissions reductions required by law, the extent to which we would be entitled to receive emission allowance allocations or would need to purchase compliance instruments on the open market or through auctions, the price and availability of emission allowances and credits and the impact of legislation or other regulation on our ability to recover the costs incurred through the pricing of our products and services.

### ***Our business segments are sensitive to economic downturns.***

If the general level of economic activity deteriorates from current levels, our customers may delay or cancel new projects. If there is a reduction in demand for our products or services, as a result of a downturn in the general economy, there could be a material adverse effect on price levels and the quantity of goods and services purchased, therefore adversely impacting revenues and results from operations. A number of factors, including financing conditions and potential bankruptcies in the industries we serve, could adversely affect our customers and their ability or willingness to fund capital expenditures in the future and pay for past services. Certain economic conditions may also impact the financial condition of one or more of our key suppliers, which could affect our ability to secure raw materials and components to meet our customers' demand for our products. Other various factors drive demand for our products and services, including the price of oil, economic forecasts and financial markets. Uncertainty in the global economy and financial markets could continue to impact our customers and could in turn severely impact the demand for spending projects that would result in a reduction in orders for our products and services. All of these factors together could materially impact our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations and potentially impact the trading price of our common stock.

***International and political events may adversely affect our Energy and Galvanizing Services Segments.***

A portion of the revenues from our Energy and Galvanizing Services Segments are from international markets. The occurrence of any of the risks described below could have an adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows and financial condition:

- political and economic instability, such as is occurring in Northern Africa, Europe and the Middle East;
- social unrest, acts of terrorism, force majeure, war or other armed conflict;
- inflation;
- currency fluctuation, devaluations and conversion restrictions;
- governmental activities that limit or disrupt markets, restrict payments or limit the movement of funds; and
- trade restrictions and economic embargoes by the United States or other countries.

***Fluctuations in the price and supply of raw materials and natural gas for our business segments may adversely affect our operations.***

We purchase a wide variety of raw materials for our Energy Segment to manufacture our products, including steel, aluminum and copper. Unanticipated increases in raw material requirements or price increases could increase production costs and adversely affect profitability. In our Galvanizing Services Segment, zinc and natural gas represent a large portion of our cost of sales. The prices of zinc and natural gas are subject to volatility. The following factors, which are beyond our control, affect the price of raw materials and natural gas for our business segments: supply and demand; freight costs and transportation availability; trade duties and taxes; and labor disputes. We seek to maintain operating margins by attempting to increase the price of our products and services in response to increased costs, but may not be successful in passing these price increases through to our customers.

***Our volume of fixed-price contracts for our Energy Segment could adversely affect our business.***

We currently generate, and expect to continue to generate, a significant portion of our revenues under fixed price contracts. We must estimate the costs of completing a particular project to bid for fixed-price contracts. The actual cost of labor and materials, however, may vary from the costs we originally estimated. Depending on the size of a particular project, variations from estimated cost could have a significant impact on our operating results for any fiscal year.

***Our operations could be adversely impacted by the continuing effects from government regulations.***

Various regulations have been implemented related to new safety and certification requirements applicable to oil and gas drilling and production activities. While certain new drilling plans and drilling permits have been approved, we cannot predict whether operators will be able to satisfy these requirements. Further, we cannot predict what the continuing effects of government regulations on offshore deepwater drilling projects may have on offshore oil and gas exploration and development activity, or what actions may be taken by our customers or other industry participants in response to these regulations. Changes in laws or regulations regarding offshore oil and gas exploration and development activities and decisions by customers and other industry participants could reduce demand for our services, which would have a negative impact on our operations. Similarly, we cannot accurately predict future regulations by the government in any country in which we operate and how those regulations may affect our ability to perform projects in those regions.

Federal, state and local governments have a major impact on the framework and economics of the US nuclear power industry. Changes in laws or regulations regarding the operations of current nuclear facilities could have an impact on the demand for our products and services, which would have a negative impact on our operations. These same risks are also associated with foreign nuclear power industries.

***New regulations related to conflict minerals could adversely impact our business.***

On August 22, 2012, the SEC adopted a rule pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act which establishes annual disclosure and reporting requirements for publicly-traded companies that use tin, tantalum, tungsten or gold (collectively, “conflict minerals”) mined from the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries in their products. There are costs associated with complying with these disclosure requirements, including for due diligence to determine the source of



any conflict minerals used in our products and other potential changes to products, processes, or sources of supply. Despite our due diligence efforts, we may be unable to verify the origin of all conflict minerals used in our products. As a result, we may face reputational and other challenges with customers that require that all of the components incorporated in our products be certified as conflict-free.

***Our acquisition strategy involves a number of risks.***

We intend to pursue growth through the pursuit of opportunities to acquire companies or assets that will enable us to expand our product and service offerings and to increase our geographic footprint. We routinely review potential acquisitions. However, we may be unable to implement this growth strategy if we cannot reach agreement on potential strategic acquisitions on acceptable terms or for other reasons. Moreover, our acquisition strategy involves certain risks, including:

- difficulties in the integration of operations and systems;
- the termination of relationships by key personnel and customers of the acquired company;
- a failure to add additional employees to handle the increased volume of business;
- additional financial and accounting challenges and complexities in areas such as tax planning, treasury management and financial reporting;
- risks and liabilities from our acquisitions, some of which may not be discovered during our due diligence;
- a disruption of our ongoing business or an inability of our ongoing business to receive sufficient management attention; and
- a failure to realize the cost savings or other financial benefits we anticipated.

Future acquisitions may require us to obtain additional equity or debt financing, which may not be available on attractive terms.

***Our use of percentage-of-completion accounting in the Energy Segment could result in a reduction or elimination of previously reported profits.***

As discussed in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations-Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” and in the notes to our consolidated financial statements, a portion of our revenues is recognized on the percentage-of-completion method of accounting. The percentage-of-completion accounting practice causes us to recognize contract revenues and earnings ratably over the contract term in proportion to our incurrence of contract costs. The earnings or losses recognized on individual contracts are based on estimates of contract revenues, costs and profitability. Contract losses are recognized in full when determined, and contract profit estimates are adjusted based on ongoing reviews of contract profitability. Actual collection of contract amounts or change orders could differ from estimated amounts and could result in a reduction or elimination of previously recognized earnings. In certain circumstances, it is possible that such adjustments could be significant.

***We may not be able to fully realize the revenue value reported in our backlog for our Energy Segment.***

We have a backlog of work in our Energy Segment. Orders included in our backlog are represented by customer purchase orders and contracts, which we believe to be firm. Backlog develops as a result of new business secured, which represents the revenue value of new project commitments received by us during a given period. Backlog consists of projects which have either (1) not yet been started or (2) are in progress and are not yet complete. In the latter case, the revenue value reported in backlog is the remaining value associated with work that has not yet been completed. From time to time, projects that were recorded as new business are cancelled. In the event of a project cancellation, we may be reimbursed for certain costs but typically have no contractual right to the total revenue reflected in our backlog. In addition to being unable to recover certain direct costs, we may also incur additional costs resulting from underutilized assets if projects are cancelled.

***Our operating results may vary significantly from quarter to quarter.***

Our quarterly results may be materially and adversely affected by:

- the timing and volume of work under new agreements;
- general economic conditions;
- the budgetary spending patterns of customers;

- variations in the margins of projects performed during any particular quarter;
- losses experienced in our operations not otherwise covered by insurance;
- a change in the demand or production of our products and our services caused by severe weather conditions;
- a change in the mix of our customers, contracts and business;
- a change in customer delivery schedule;
- increases in design and manufacturing costs; and
- abilities of customers to pay their invoices owed to us.

Accordingly, our operating results in any particular quarter may not be indicative of the results expected for any other quarter or for the entire year.

***We may be unsuccessful at generating internal growth.***

Our ability to generate internal growth will be affected by, among other factors, our ability to:

- attract new customers, internationally and domestically;
- potential regulatory changes;
- increase the number or size of projects performed for existing customers;
- hire and retain employees; and
- increase volume utilizing our existing facilities.

Many of the factors affecting our ability to generate internal growth may be beyond our control, and we cannot be certain that our strategies will be successful or that we will be able to generate cash flow sufficient to fund our operations and to support internal growth. If we are unsuccessful, we may not be able to achieve internal growth, expand our operations or grow our business.

***The departure of key personnel could disrupt our business.***

We depend on the continued efforts of our executive officers and senior management. We cannot be certain that any individual will continue in such capacity for any particular period of time. The loss of key personnel, or the inability to hire and retain qualified employees, could negatively impact our ability to manage our business.

***Our business requires skilled labor, and we may be unable to attract and retain qualified employees.***

Our ability to maintain our productivity and profitability could be limited by an inability to employ, train and retain skilled personnel necessary to meet our requirements. We may experience shortages of qualified personnel. We cannot be certain that we will be able to maintain an adequately skilled labor force necessary to operate efficiently and to support our growth strategy or that our labor expense will not increase as a result of shortage in the supply of skilled personnel. Labor shortages or increased labor costs could impair our ability to maintain our business or grow our revenues.

***Actual and potential claims, lawsuits, and proceedings could ultimately reduce our profitability and liquidity and weaken our financial condition.***

In the future, the Company could be named as a defendant in legal proceedings claiming damages from us in connection with the operation of our business. Most of the actions against us arise out of the normal course of our performing services or with respect to the equipment we manufacture. We could potentially be a plaintiff in legal proceedings against customers, in which we seek to recover payments of contractual amounts due to us, and claims for increased costs incurred by us. When appropriate, we establish provisions against certain legal exposures, and we adjust such provisions from time to time according to ongoing developments related to each exposure. If in the future our assumptions and estimates related to such exposures prove to be inadequate or incorrect, our consolidated results of operations, cash flows and financial condition could be adversely affected. In addition, claims, lawsuits and proceedings may harm our reputation and possibly divert management resources away from operating our business.

***Technological innovations by competitors may make existing products and production methods obsolete.***

All of the products manufactured and sold by the Company depend upon the best available technology for success in the marketplace. The competitive environment is highly sensitive to technological innovation in both segments of our business. It is possible for our competitors, both foreign and domestic, to develop new products or production methods, which will make current products or methods obsolete or at least hasten their obsolescence.

***Catastrophic events could disrupt our business.***

The occurrence of catastrophic events ranging from natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis or hurricanes to epidemics such as health epidemics to acts of war and terrorism could disrupt or delay our ability to complete projects and could potentially expose the Company to third-party liability claims. Such events may or may not be fully covered by our various insurance policies or may be subject to deductibles. In addition, such events could impact our customers and suppliers, resulting in temporary or long-term delays and/or cancellations of orders or raw materials used in normal business operations. These situations are outside the Company's control and could have a significant adverse impact on the results of operations.

***Adoption of new or revised employment and labor laws and regulations could make it easier for our employees to obtain union representation and our business could be adversely impacted.***

Other than an immaterial number of employees at four of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, none of our employees are currently represented by unions. However, our U.S. based employees have the right at any time under the National Labor Relations Act to form or affiliate with a union. If some or our entire workforce were to become unionized and the terms of the collective bargaining agreement were significantly different from our current compensation arrangements, it could increase our costs and adversely impact our profitability. Any changes in regulations, the imposition of new regulations, or the enactment of new legislation could have an adverse impact on our business; to the extent it becomes easier for workers to obtain union representation.

***AZZ's flexibility to operate its business could be impacted by provisions in its debt obligations.***

AZZ's debt instruments contain covenants which restrict or prohibit certain actions ("negative covenants"), including, but not limited to, AZZ's ability to incur debt, create or suffer to exist liens, capital spending limits, engage in certain merger, acquisition, or divestiture actions, or increase dividends beyond a specific level. AZZ's debt instruments also contain covenants requiring AZZ to, among other things, maintain specified financial ratios ("affirmative covenants"). Failure to comply with these negative covenants and affirmative covenants could result in an event of default that, if not cured or waived, could restrict the Company's access to liquidity and have a material adverse effect on the Company's business or prospects. If the Company does not have enough cash to service its debt or fund other liquidity needs, AZZ may be required to take actions such as requesting a waiver from lenders, reducing or delaying capital expenditures, selling assets, restructuring or refinancing all or part of the existing debt, or seeking additional equity capital. AZZ cannot assure that any of these remedies can be effected on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

***A failure in our operational systems or cyber security attacks on any of our facilities, or those of third parties, may affect adversely our financial results.***

Our business is dependent upon our operational systems to process a large amount of data and complex transactions. If any of our financial, operational, or other data processing systems fail or have other significant shortcomings, our financial results could be adversely affected. Our financial results could also be adversely affected if an employee causes our operational systems to fail, either as a result of inadvertent error or by deliberately tampering with or manipulating our operational systems. Due to increased technology advances, we have become more reliant on technology to help increase efficiency in our business. We use computer programs to help run our financial and operations sectors, and this may subject our business to increased risks. Any future cyber security attacks that affect our facilities, our customers and any financial data could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, cyber attacks on our customer and employee data may result in a financial loss, including potential fines for failure to safeguard data, and may negatively impact our reputation. Third-party systems on which we rely could also suffer operational system failure. Any of these occurrences could disrupt our business, result in potential liability or reputational damage or otherwise have an adverse effect on our financial results.

***Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments***

None.

## Item 2. Properties

The following table sets forth information about the Company's principal facilities, owned or leased, on February 28, 2015:

Location	Land/Acres	Buildings/Sq. Footage	Segment/Occupant
Crowley, Texas.....	29.7	201,000	Energy Segment
Houston, Texas.....	5.4	61,600	Energy Segment
Richland, Mississippi.....	6.7	60,981	Energy Segment
Pittsburg, Kansas.....	15.3	87,800	Energy Segment
Medway, Massachusetts.....	—	(Leased) 85,000	Energy Segment
Fulton, Missouri.....	—	(Leased) 126,300	Energy Segment
Hamilton, Ontario Canada.....	—	(Leased) 78,000	Energy Segment
St. Catharines, Ontario Canada *	4.6	47,500	Energy Segment
Fort Worth, Texas.....	—	(Leased) 201,000	Energy Segment
Norcross, Georgia.....	5.5	(Leased) 15,000	Energy Segment
Norcross, Georgia.....	11.0	(Leased) 161,229	Energy Segment
College Station, Texas.....	—	(Leased) 1,000	Energy Segment
Chanute, Kansas.....	—	(Leased) 1,000	Energy Segment
Spring, Texas.....	—	(Leased) 1,000	Energy Segment
York, Pennsylvania.....	—	(Leased) 4,855	Energy Segment
St. Petersburg, Florida.....	6.4	(Leased) 26,155	Energy Segment
Edmonton, AB Canada.....	—	(Leased) 17,680	Energy Segment
Hellevoetsluis, Netherlands.....	1.6	(Leased) 30,785	Energy Segment
Radom, Poland.....	—	(Leased) 56,000	Energy Segment
Osasco, Brazil.....	—	(Leased) 1,000	Energy Segment
Barueri, Brazil.....	0.4	(Leased) 1,217	Energy Segment
Beaumont, Texas.....	12.9	33,700	Galvanizing Services Segment
Crowley, Texas.....	28.5	79,200	Galvanizing Services Segment
Houston, Texas.....	25.2	61,800	Galvanizing Services Segment
Houston, Texas.....	23.7	128,764	Galvanizing Services Segment
Hurst, Texas.....	9.2	51,583	Galvanizing Services Segment
Waskom, Texas.....	10.6	30,400	Galvanizing Services Segment
Moss Point, Mississippi.....	13.5	16,000	Galvanizing Services Segment
Richland, Mississippi.....	5.6	22,800	Galvanizing Services Segment
Citronelle, Alabama.....	10.8	34,000	Galvanizing Services Segment
Goodyear, Arizona.....	16.8	36,800	Galvanizing Services Segment
Prairie Grove, Arkansas.....	11.5	34,000	Galvanizing Services Segment
Belle Chasse, Louisiana.....	9.5	34,000	Galvanizing Services Segment
Port Allen, Louisiana.....	22.2	48,700	Galvanizing Services Segment
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	15.0	81,700	Galvanizing Services Segment
Canton, Ohio.....	13.6	60,756	Galvanizing Services Segment
Hamilton, Indiana.....	49.3	110,700	Galvanizing Services Segment
Muncie, Indiana.....	6.6	50,200	Galvanizing Services Segment
Plymouth, Indiana.....	40.0	42,900	Galvanizing Services Segment
Joliet, Illinois.....	12.0	113,900	Galvanizing Services Segment
Dixon, Illinois.....	21.3	59,600	Galvanizing Services Segment
Peoria, Illinois.....	7.4	42,600	Galvanizing Services Segment
Peoria, Illinois.....	—	(Leased) 66,400	Galvanizing Services Segment

Winsted, Minnesota .....	10.4	81,200	Galvanizing Services Segment
Bristol, Virginia.....	3.6	38,000	Galvanizing Services Segment
Poca, West Virginia .....	22.0	14,300	Galvanizing Services Segment
Commerce, Colorado .....	3.9	31,940	Galvanizing Services Segment
Chelsea, Oklahoma .....	15.0	30,700	Galvanizing Services Segment
Tulsa, Oklahoma .....	29.8	186,726	Galvanizing Services Segment
Port of Catoosa, Oklahoma .....	4.0	(Leased) 42,360	Galvanizing Services Segment
Nashville, Tennessee.....	12.0	27,055	Galvanizing Services Segment
St. Louis, Missouri.....	5.6	1,800	Galvanizing Services Segment
Kansas City, Missouri .....	—	(Leased) 18,000	Galvanizing Services Segment
Minneapolis, Minnesota.....	4.3	67,260	Galvanizing Services Segment
Louisville, Kentucky.....	5.9	23,007	Galvanizing Services Segment
Montreal, QC Canada .....	4.4	85,000	Galvanizing Services Segment
Acton, ON Canada.....	6.3	32,090	Galvanizing Services Segment
Acton, ON Canada.....	4.1	24,180	Galvanizing Services Segment
Halifax, NS Canada .....	2.9	33,832	Galvanizing Services Segment
Fort Worth, Texas.....	—	(Leased) 41,000	Corporate Offices

\*St. Catharines, Ontario Canada property currently unoccupied and held for sale.

***Item 3. Legal Proceedings***

The Company and its subsidiaries are named defendants in various routine lawsuits incidental to our business. These proceedings include labor and employment claims, use of the Company's intellectual property, worker's compensation and various environmental matters, all arising in the normal course of business. Although the outcome of these lawsuits or other proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, and the amount of any potential liability that could arise with respect to such lawsuits or other matters cannot be predicted at this time, management, after consultation with legal counsel, does not expect liabilities, if any, from these claims or proceedings, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a material effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

***Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures***

Not applicable.

## PART II

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

Our common stock, \$1.00 par value ("Common Stock"), is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AZZ". The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices of our Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on a quarterly basis for each of the two fiscal years ended February 28, 2015 and 2014.

	High	Low	Dividends Declared
<b>2015</b>			
First Quarter.....	\$ 46.82	\$ 41.50	\$ 0.14
Second Quarter .....	\$ 49.09	\$ 41.30	\$ 0.14
Third Quarter .....	\$ 47.67	\$ 36.84	\$ 0.15
Fourth Quarter .....	\$ 47.96	\$ 38.64	\$ 0.15
<b>2014</b>			
First Quarter.....	\$ 49.10	\$ 40.71	\$ 0.14
Second Quarter .....	\$ 44.14	\$ 34.61	\$ 0.14
Third Quarter .....	\$ 49.47	\$ 37.35	\$ 0.14
Fourth Quarter .....	\$ 49.64	\$ 40.00	\$ 0.14

The payment of dividends is within the discretion of our Board and is dependent on our earnings, capital requirements, operating and financial condition and other factors. AZZ has paid dividends quarterly over the last three fiscal years. Dividends paid totaled \$14.9 million, \$14.3 million, and \$13.4 million during fiscal 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Dividend payments are restricted to total payments of \$20.0 million per fiscal year based on covenants with the Company's lenders. AZZ fully expects to continue to pay dividends. However, the decision is within the discretion of our Board and we expect any future payments will be made on a quarterly basis.

In January of 2012, our Board authorized the repurchase of up to ten percent of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock. The share repurchase authorization does not have an expiration date, and the amount and prices paid for any future share purchases under the authorization will be based on market conditions and other factors at the time of the purchase. Repurchases under this share repurchase authorization will be made through open market purchases or private transactions in accordance with applicable federal securities laws, including Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act. We did not repurchase any shares of Common Stock during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2015.

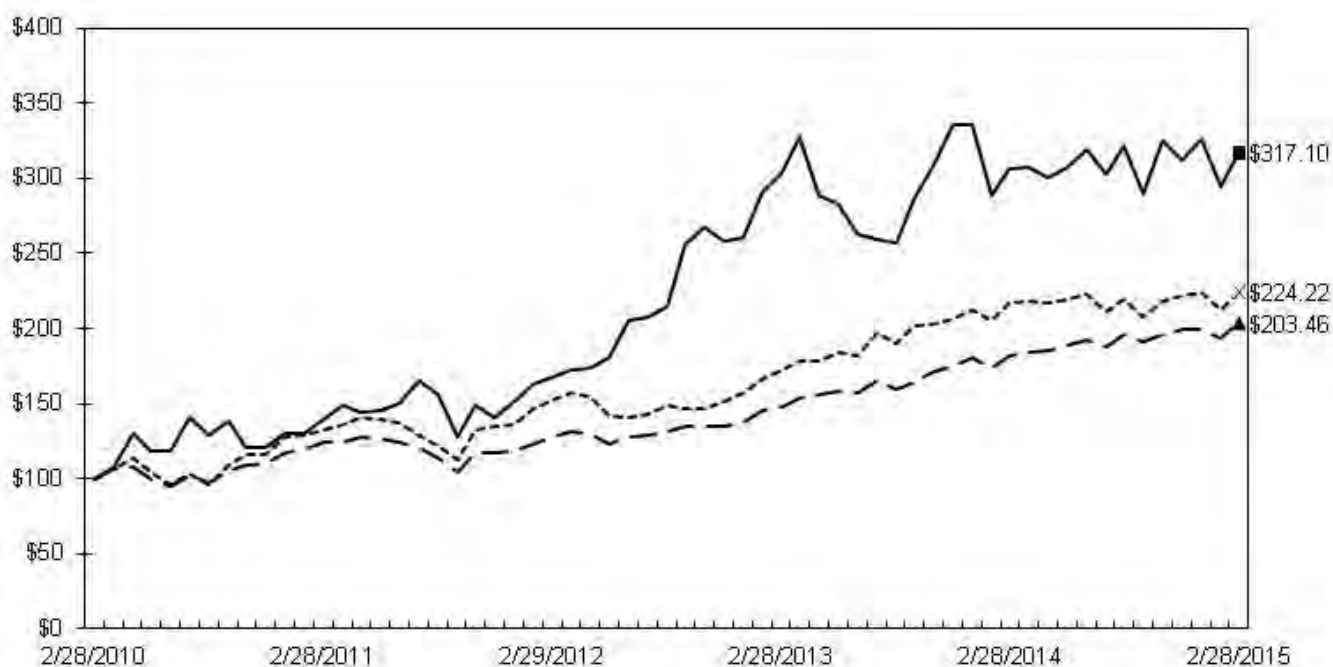
The approximate number of holders of record of our Common Stock at February 28, 2015 was 890. See Item 12 of this Report for information regarding securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans.



## STOCK PRICE PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following graph illustrates the five-year cumulative total return on investments in our Common Stock, the CRSP Index for NYSE Stock Market (U.S. Companies) and the CRSP Index for NYSE Stocks (SIC 5000-5099 US Companies). These indices are prepared by Zacks Investment Research, Inc. AZZ's Common Stock is listed on The New York Stock Exchange and AZZ is engaged in two industry segments. The shareholder return shown below is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Total return, as shown, assumes \$100 invested on February 28, 2010, in shares of AZZ Common Stock and each index, all with cash dividends reinvested. The calculations exclude trading commissions and taxes.

Comparison of Five Year-Cumulative Total Returns  
Value of \$100 Invested on February 28, 2010  
For Fiscal Year Ended on the Last Day of February



### Legend

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>CRSP Total Returns Index for:</u>	<u>2/10</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>2/13</u>	<u>2/14</u>	<u>2/15</u>
<b>—</b>	AZZ incorporated.....	100.00	139.41	167.73	303.41	305.75	317.10
<b>- - -</b>	CRSP Index for NYSE Stock Market (US Companies) .....	100.00	123.86	127.79	147.43	181.28	203.46
<b>.....</b>	CRSP Index for NYSE Stocks (SIC 5000-5099 US Companies) Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	100.00	132.30	152.47	172.08	216.52	224.22

### Notes:

- A. The lines represent monthly index levels derived from compounded daily returns that include all dividends.
- B. The indexes are reweighted daily, using the market capitalization on the previous trading day.
- C. If the monthly interval, based on the fiscal year-end, is not a trading day, the preceding trading day is used.
- D. The index level for all series was set to \$100 on 02/28/2010.

See the equity compensation plan information in Item 12, "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters."

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data.**

	Fiscal Year				
	2015	2014 (a)	2013 (b)	2012 (c)	2011 (d)
	<i>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</i>				
Summary of operations:					
Net sales .....	\$ 816,687	\$ 751,723	\$ 570,594	\$ 469,112	\$ 380,649
Net income.....	64,943	59,597	60,456	40,736	34,963
Earnings per share:					
Basic earnings per common share .....	2.53	2.34	2.39	1.62	1.40
Diluted earnings per common share .....	2.52	2.32	2.37	1.61	1.39
Total assets .....	936,914	953,253	694,205	606,775	566,525
Total debt .....	337,848	405,616	210,714	225,000	225,000
Total liabilities .....	516,862	577,340	360,271	319,166	310,507
Shareholders' equity.....	420,052	375,913	333,934	287,609	256,018
Working capital .....	149,492	152,165	143,533	224,757	225,833
Cash provided by operating activities .....	118,157	107,275	92,738	64,065	42,085
Capital expenditures.....	29,377	43,472	24,923	19,784	16,411
Depreciation & amortization.....	46,089	43,305	29,363	22,595	22,166
Cash dividend per common share .....	0.58	0.56	0.53	0.50	0.50
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic .....	25,676	25,514	25,320	25,132	24,923
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted .....	25,778	25,693	25,561	25,362	25,201

(a) Includes the acquisition of Aquilex SRO on March 29, 2013. See Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Results of Operations - Year ended February 28, 2014 compared to year ended February 28, 2013.

(b) Includes the acquisition of NLI, on June 1, 2012, the acquisition of Galvcast on October 1, 2012 and the acquisition of G3 on January 2, 2013.

(c) Includes the acquisition of Galvan, on February 1, 2012.

(d) Includes the acquisition of North American Galvanizing & Coatings, Inc., on June 14, 2010.

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation.**

You should read the following discussion together with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. This discussion contains forward-looking statements about our business and operations. Our actual results may differ materially from those we currently anticipate as a result of the factors we describe under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Overview**

As mentioned in Item 1, AZZ operates two distinct business segments, the Energy Segment and the Galvanizing Services Segment. Our discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is divided by each of our segments along with corporate costs and other costs not specifically identifiable to a segment. For a reconciliation of segment operating income to pretax income, see Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. References herein to fiscal years are to the twelve-month periods that end in February of the relevant calendar year. For example, the twelve-month period ended February 28, 2015 is referred to as "fiscal 2015" or "fiscal year 2015."

For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2015, we recorded net sales of \$816.7 million compared to the prior year's net sales of \$751.7 million. Of the total net sales for fiscal 2015, approximately 56.1% of our net sales were generated from the Energy Segment and approximately 43.9% were generated from the Galvanizing Services Segment. Net income for fiscal 2015 was \$64.9 million compared to \$59.6 million for fiscal 2014. Net income as a percentage of net sales was 8.0% for fiscal 2015 as

compared to 7.9% for fiscal 2014. Earnings per share increased by 8.6% to \$2.52 per share for fiscal 2015 compared to \$2.32 per share for fiscal 2014, on a diluted basis.

## Results of Operations

### Year ended February 28, 2015 compared with year ended February 28, 2014

#### Backlog

We ended fiscal 2015 with a backlog of \$332.6 million, an increase of 2.3% as compared to fiscal 2014. The Company's backlog as of year end pertains to the Energy Segment's operations. The book-to-ship ratio remained relatively flat at 1.01 to 1 for fiscal 2015 and 2014.

The following table reflects bookings and shipments for fiscal 2015 and 2014.

**Backlog Table**  
(In thousands)

	<u>Period Ended</u>			<u>Period Ended</u>		
Backlog .....	2/28/2014	\$	325,013	2/28/2013	\$	221,714
Bookings .....			824,269			759,935
Acquired Backlog .....			—			95,087
Shipments.....			816,687			751,723
Backlog as reported.....	2/28/2015	\$	332,595	2/28/2014	\$	325,013
Book-to-Ship Ratio .....			1.01			1.01

#### Net Sales

Our total net sales for fiscal 2015 increased by \$65.0 million, or 8.6%, as compared to fiscal 2014.

The following table reflects the breakdown of revenue by segment:

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
	(In thousands)			
<b>Net sales:</b>				
Energy .....	\$	458,339	\$	416,106
Galvanizing Services .....		358,348		335,617
Total Net Sales.....	\$	816,687	\$	751,723

Our Energy Segment recorded net sales for fiscal 2015 of \$458.3 million, an increase of 10.1% compared to fiscal 2014 net sales of \$416.1 million. The increase in net sales for fiscal 2015 was attributable to organic growth in our legacy energy businesses and reporting a full year of results for Aquilex SRO. As noted in Item 1 and in Note 16 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Aquilex SRO was acquired on March 29, 2013, therefore, only eleven months of activity was included within fiscal 2014 results.

Our Galvanizing Services Segment, which consisted of thirty-six hot dip galvanizing facilities as of February 28, 2015, generated net sales of \$358.3 million, a 6.8% increase from the prior year's net sales of \$335.6 million. The volume of steel processed for the fiscal year, and selling price increased slightly for fiscal 2015 as compared to fiscal 2014. The acquisition of Zalk Steel along with our Joliet facility operating for a full year during fiscal 2015 also attributed to the increase in net sales and volumes. Joliet had previously been closed as a result of fire damage that occurred in fiscal 2013. Historically, net sales for the Galvanizing Service Segment have followed closely the condition of the industrial sector of the general economy.

### ***Operating Income***

Operating income for the Energy Segment decreased \$5.8 million, or 13.1%, for fiscal 2015, to \$38.7 million as compared to \$44.5 million for fiscal 2014. Operating margins for this segment were 8.4% for fiscal 2015 as compared to 10.7% for fiscal 2014. This decrease was generally attributable to charges related to the previously announced realignment described in Note 6 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and certain cost overruns on projects at NLI and Aquilex SRO recognized in the second quarter.

Operating income for the Galvanizing Service Segment increased \$0.8 million, or 0.9%, for fiscal 2015 to \$88.6 million as compared to \$87.8 million for the prior year. Operating margins were 24.7% for fiscal 2015 as compared to 26.2% for fiscal 2014. Operating income was negatively impacted by higher zinc costs of approximately 5.3%.

Corporate expenses were \$20.4 million for fiscal 2015 and \$32.2 million for fiscal 2014. During fiscal 2015, the Company recognized a \$9.1 million gain from the reversal of the contingent liability associated with the acquisition of NLI. Based on the criteria set forth in the acquisition agreement, we no longer believe an additional payment to the previous owners is probable. During fiscal 2014, the Company incurred \$5.4 million in acquisition costs as a result of the acquisition of Aquilex SRO (see Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements). Excluding acquisition costs and the gain from the reversal of the NLI contingency, for the year, general corporate expenses would have totaled \$29.5 million and represented 3.6% of sales for fiscal 2015 and \$26.8 million or 3.6% of sales for fiscal 2014.

### ***Interest***

Interest expense for fiscal 2015 decreased 10.0% to \$16.6 million as compared to \$18.4 million in fiscal 2014. This decrease is the result of lower borrowings during fiscal 2015 stemming from mandatory and elective principal reductions. For additional information on outstanding debt, see Note 12 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. As of February 28, 2015, we had outstanding debt of \$337.8 million compared to \$405.6 million at the end of fiscal 2014. AZZ's debt to equity ratio was 0.80 to 1 at the end of fiscal 2015 compared to 1.08 to 1 at the end of fiscal 2014.

### ***Net Gain On Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment and Insurance Proceeds***

We recorded a net gain of \$2.5 million from the sale of plant, property and equipment and insurance proceeds during fiscal 2015. The gain is primarily attributable to the property, plant and equipment lost as a result of the fires at our Joliet, Illinois, Goodyear, Arizona and New Orleans, Louisiana galvanizing facilities, offset by insurance proceeds. During fiscal 2014, the Company recorded a net gain of \$8.0 million from the sale of plant, property and equipment and insurance proceeds as the result of the fire that occurred at our galvanizing facility in Joliet, Illinois.

### ***Other (Income) Expense***

For fiscal 2015, a total of \$2.7 million in expense was recorded to other (income) expense, net. A portion of these expenses was attributable to the cleanup efforts at our New Orleans, Louisiana and Goodyear, Arizona galvanizing facilities. For fiscal 2014, we recorded \$4.2 million of other income, net, which was primarily attributable to a lawsuit settlement with a former employee due to a non-compete violation.

### ***Provision For Income Taxes***

The provision for income taxes reflected an effective tax rate of 27.9% for fiscal 2015 and 36.5% for fiscal 2014. The Company's tax rate is affected by recurring items, such as tax rates in foreign jurisdictions and the relative amounts of income we earn in those jurisdictions. It is also affected by discrete items that may occur in any given year, but may not be consistent from year to year. The most significant impacts on the difference between our statutory U.S. federal income tax rate of 35.0% and our effective tax rate are as follows: (i) a tax rate reduction of 3.4% was the result of certain U.S. tax law available in prior years through December 2014 for research and development credits; (ii) a tax rate reduction of 3.4% resulting from release of valuation allowances from prior year net operating loss carryforwards.

A valuation allowance was recorded for net operating losses against certain deferred tax assets for both fiscal 2015 and 2014. We will review the need for these allowances within the next fiscal year. If sufficient evidence becomes available to allow us to

reach a conclusion that a significant portion of the valuation allowance will no longer be needed, we will release the valuation allowance.

## Year ended February 28, 2014 compared with year ended February 28, 2013

### Backlog

We ended fiscal 2014 with a backlog of \$325.0 million, an increase of 46.6% as compared to the ending backlog for fiscal 2013 of \$221.7 million. The Company's backlog as of year end pertains to the Energy Segment's operations. The book-to-ship ratio remained relatively flat at 1.01 to 1 for fiscal 2014 and 2013. However, the increase in backlog is attributable to the acquisition of Aquilex SRO during fiscal 2014.

The following table reflects bookings and shipments for fiscal 2014 and 2013.

### Backlog Table

(In thousands)

	Period Ended		Period Ended			
Backlog .....	2/28/2013	\$	221,714	2/29/2012	\$	138,621
Bookings .....			759,935			575,196
Acquired Backlog .....			95,087			78,491
Shipments.....			751,723			570,594
Backlog as reported.....	2/28/2014	\$	325,013	2/28/2013	\$	221,714
Book-to-Ship Ratio .....			1.01			1.01

### Net Sales

Our consolidated net sales for fiscal 2014 increased by \$181.1 million, or 31.7%, as compared to fiscal 2013.

The following table reflects the breakdown of revenue by segment:

	2014		2013	
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
<b>Net sales:</b>				
Energy .....	\$	416,106	\$	233,555
Galvanizing Services .....		335,617		337,039
Total Net Sales.....	\$	751,723	\$	570,594

Our Energy Segment recorded net sales for fiscal 2014 of \$416.1 million, an increase of 78.2% compared to fiscal 2013 net sales of \$233.6 million. The increase in net sales for fiscal 2014 was mainly attributable to the acquisitions of NLI and Aquilex SRO. NLI contributed \$51.5 million in net sales or 12.4% of the segment net sales, and Aquilex SRO contributed \$200.6 million, or 48.2% of the segment net sales, for fiscal 2014. NLI contributed \$45.3 million in net sales or 19.3% of the segment net sales, for fiscal 2013. Without the acquisition of NLI and Aquilex SRO, revenues for this segment would have decreased by 12.9%, due to softness in domestic power generation and gas drilling markets.

Our Galvanizing Services Segment, which consisted of thirty-five hot dip galvanizing facilities as of February 28, 2014, generated net sales of \$335.6 million, a 0.4% decrease from the prior year's revenues of \$337.0 million. The volume of steel processed for fiscal 2014 decreased slightly, however, its effect was partially offset by increased selling price as compared to fiscal 2013. Our Canadian operations, which include Galvan, Galvcast and G3, generated \$39.9 million of this segment's net sales for fiscal 2014, as compared to \$23.1 million in fiscal 2013. Excluding net sales attributable to the acquisition of the Canadian operations, the net sales for the Galvanizing Services Segment reflected a decline in volume by 7.8% and an increase in selling price by 1.8% for fiscal 2014, as compared to fiscal 2013. The decline in volumes reflected softness in the electrical utility market, led by fewer large scale solar projects and the accompanying transmission lines. In addition, the bridge and highway market segment softened

on reduced highway spending. Historically, net sales for the Galvanizing Service Segment have followed closely the condition of the industrial sector of the general economy.

### ***Operating Income***

Operating income for the Energy Segment increased \$12.4 million, or 38.8%, for fiscal 2014, to \$44.5 million as compared to \$32.1 million for fiscal 2013. Operating margins for this segment were 10.7% for fiscal 2014 as compared to 13.7% for fiscal 2013. As previously stated, the majority of the increase in operating income for this segment was a result of the acquisition of Aquilex SRO. Aquilex SRO contributed \$15.5 million in operating income for fiscal 2014, or 34.8% of the segment's total operating income. NLI contributed \$5.4 million in operating income for fiscal 2014, or 12.1% of the segment's total operating income. Without the amortization of intangibles resulting from the acquisition of NLI and Aquilex SRO, operating income for the segment would have been \$57.4 million and operating margins would have been 13.8% for fiscal 2014. Operating margins were lower than prior year for the same period due to lower margins for the newly acquired services business in comparison to the product offering.

Operating income for the Galvanizing Service Segment decreased \$0.7 million, or less than 1.0%, for fiscal 2014 to \$87.8 million as compared to \$88.5 million for the prior year. Operating margins remained relatively flat at 26.2% for fiscal 2014 as compared to 26.3% for fiscal 2013.

General corporate expenses were \$32.2 million for fiscal 2014 and \$22.6 million for fiscal 2013. As a percentage of sales, general corporate expenses were 4.3% for fiscal 2014 as compared to 4.0% in fiscal 2013 primarily due to increased acquisition related costs in fiscal 2014. During fiscal 2014, the Company expensed \$5.4 million in costs related to the acquisition of Aquilex SRO compared to \$1.7 million of costs in fiscal 2013 related to the acquisitions of NLI, Galvcast, and G3.

### ***Interest***

Interest expense for fiscal 2014 increased 40.8% to \$18.4 million as compared to \$13.1 million in fiscal 2013 primarily due to the increased amount of outstanding debt driven by our acquisitions in fiscal 2014. Debt balances at the end of fiscal 2014 were \$405.6 million compared to \$210.7 million at the end of fiscal 2013. Our debt as a percentage of shareholders' equity ratio was 1.08 to 1 at the end of fiscal 2014 compared to 0.63 to 1 at the end of fiscal 2013.

### ***Net Gain On Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment and Insurance Proceeds***

For the year ended February 28, 2014, the Company received a portion of the insurance proceeds in the amount of \$10.9 million as compared to \$13.1 million in fiscal 2013 for the fire that occurred at our galvanizing facility in Joliet, Illinois. Of the \$10.9 million received during fiscal 2014, \$2.8 million related to business interruption reimbursement, and \$8.0 million was reported as an item under Net Gain on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment and Insurance Proceeds. For fiscal 2013, the Company reported a total of \$8.3 million under Net Gain on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment and Insurance Proceeds, the majority of which were attributable to insurance proceeds from the Joliet fire as noted previously.

### ***Other (Income) Expense***

For fiscal 2014 and 2013, the amounts in other income was \$4.2 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. We recorded other income of \$4.2 million in fiscal 2014 for the lawsuit settlement with a former employee due to a non-compete violation and fiscal 2013 was a result primarily of scrap sales.

### ***Provision For Income Taxes***

The provision for income taxes reflected an effective tax rate of 36.5% for fiscal 2014 and 35.9% for fiscal 2013. Our tax rate was affected by recurring items, such as tax rates in foreign jurisdictions and the relative amounts of income we earn in those jurisdictions. It was also affected by discrete items that may occur in any given year, but are not consistent from year to year. There was not a significant impact on the difference between our statutory U.S. federal income tax rate of 35.0% and our effective tax rate.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have historically met our cash needs through a combination of cash flows from operating activities along with bank and bond market debt. Our cash requirements are generally for operating activities, cash dividend payments, capital improvements, debt repayment and acquisitions. We believe that our cash position, cash flows from operating activities and our expectation of continuing availability to draw upon our credit facilities are sufficient to meet our cash flow needs for the foreseeable future.

Net cash provided by operating activities for fiscal 2015 was \$118.2 million compared to \$107.3 million provided by operating activities for fiscal 2014. The increase in cash provided by operating activities for fiscal 2015 is primarily attributable to higher earnings and less impact during the year by changes in working capital. During fiscal 2014, the impact of changes in working capital was much greater due to the acquisition of Aquilex SRO and the fire at the Joliet Facility.

Net cash used in investing activities for fiscal 2015 was \$39.6 million compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$311.0 million for fiscal 2014. The decrease in cash used during fiscal 2015 was attributable to the acquisition of Aquilex SRO, insurance proceeds received for the Joliet fire, and higher capital expenditures in fiscal 2014.

Net cash used in financing activities for fiscal 2015 was \$82.4 million compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$176.3 million for fiscal 2014. The increase in cash used during fiscal 2015 was primarily attributable to reduced borrowings under our debt agreements.

We consider the undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiaries as of fiscal year ended February 28, 2015, to be indefinitely reinvested and, accordingly, no U.S. income taxes have been provided thereon. Should the Company decide to repatriate the foreign earnings, we would need to adjust our income tax provision in the period we determined that the earnings will no longer be indefinitely invested outside the United States. As of fiscal year ended February 28, 2015, the amount of cash associated with indefinitely reinvested foreign earnings was approximately \$8.8 million. We have not, nor do we anticipate the need to repatriate earnings to the United States to satisfy domestic liquidity needs arising in the ordinary course of business including liquidity needs associated with our domestic debt service requirements. However, the Company may repatriate some cash to the U.S. through settlement of inter-company loans or return of capital distributions in a tax efficient manner.

During fiscal 2015, we spent \$40.9 million on capital expenditures including acquisitions, net of cash. The breakdown of capital spending by segment for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 can be found in Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

On March 27, 2013, we entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with Bank of America and other lenders. The Credit Agreement provided for a \$75.0 million term facility and a \$225.0 million revolving credit facility that included a \$75.0 million "accordion" feature. The Credit Agreement is used to provide for working capital needs, capital improvements, dividends, future acquisitions and letter of credit needs.

The Credit Agreement provides various financial covenants requiring us, among other things, to a) maintain on a consolidated basis net worth equal to at least the sum of \$230.0 million, plus 50.0% of future net income, b) maintain on a consolidated basis a Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) not to exceed 3.25:1.0, c) maintain on a consolidated basis a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of at least 1.75:1.0 and d) not to make Capital Expenditures (as defined in the Credit Agreement) on a consolidated basis in an amount in excess of \$60.0 million during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2014 and \$50.0 million during any subsequent fiscal year.

Interest rates for borrowings under the Credit Agreement are based on either a Eurodollar Rate or a Base Rate plus a margin ranging from 1.0% to 2.0% depending on our Leverage Ratio. The Eurodollar Rate is defined as LIBOR for a term equivalent to the borrowing term (or other similar interbank rates if LIBOR is unavailable). The Base Rate is defined as the highest of the applicable Fed Funds rate plus 0.50%, the Prime rate, or the Eurodollar Rate plus 1.0% at the time of borrowing. The Credit Agreement also carries a Commitment Fee for the unfunded portion ranging from 0.20% to 0.30% per annum, depending on our Leverage Ratio.

The \$75.0 million term facility requires quarterly principal and interest payments commencing on June 30, 2013 until March 27, 2018, at which time the Credit Agreement matures.

On March 31, 2008, the Company entered into a Note Purchase Agreement (the “Note Purchase Agreement”) pursuant to which the Company issued \$100.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 6.24% unsecured Senior Notes (the “2008 Notes”) due March 31, 2018 through a private placement (the “2008 Note Offering”). Pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement, the Company’s payment obligations with respect to the 2008 Notes may be accelerated upon any Event of Default, as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement.

The Company entered into an additional Note Purchase Agreement on January 21, 2011 (the “2011 Agreement”), pursuant to which the Company issued \$125.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 5.42% unsecured Senior Notes (the “2011 Notes”), due in January of 2021, through a private placement (the “2011 Note Offering”). Pursuant to the 2011 Agreement, the Company’s payment obligations with respect to the 2011 Notes may be accelerated under certain circumstances.

The 2008 Notes and the 2011 Notes each provide for various financial covenants requiring us, among other things, to a) maintain on a consolidated basis net worth equal to at least the sum of \$116.9 million plus 50.0% of future net income; b) maintain a ratio of indebtedness to EBITDA (as defined in Note Purchase Agreement) not to exceed 3.25:1.00; c) maintain on a consolidated basis a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement) of at least 2.0:1.0; d) not at any time permit the aggregate amount of all Priority Indebtedness (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement) to exceed 10.0% of Consolidated Net Worth (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement).

As of February 28, 2015, the Company was in compliance with all of its debt covenants.

Historically, we have not experienced a significant impact on our operations from increases in general inflation other than for specific commodities. We have exposure to commodity price increases in both segments of our business, primarily copper, aluminum, steel and nickel based alloys in the Energy Segment and zinc and natural gas in the Galvanizing Services Segment. We attempt to minimize these increases through escalation clauses in customer contracts for copper, aluminum, steel and nickel based alloys, when market conditions allow and through fixed cost contract purchases on zinc. In addition to these measures, we attempt to recover other cost increases through improvements to our manufacturing process, supply chain management, and through increases in prices where competitively feasible.



## Off Balance Sheet Transactions and Related Matters

There are no off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations) other than the contingent obligations as described in the contingent liability section, or other relationships of the Company with unconsolidated entities or other persons that have, or may have, a material effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

## Contractual Commitments

The following summarizes the Company's operating leases, debt and interest payments for the next five fiscal years and thereafter.

	<b>Operating Leases</b>	<b>Debt</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<i>(In thousands)</i>		
2016 .....	\$ 6,955	\$ 21,866	\$ 13,332	\$ 42,153
2017 .....	6,415	23,192	12,283	41,890
2018 .....	4,561	16,629	11,247	32,437
2019 .....	3,257	151,161	7,973	162,391
2020 .....	1,204	—	6,775	7,979
Thereafter .....	2,758	125,000	6,775	134,533
Total .....	<u>\$ 25,150</u>	<u>\$ 337,848</u>	<u>\$ 58,385</u>	<u>\$ 421,383</u>

### Commodity pricing

We have no contracted commitments for any commodities including steel, aluminum, natural gas, nickel based alloys, copper, zinc or any other commodity, except for those entered into under the normal course of business.

### Other

At February 28, 2015, the Company had outstanding letters of credit in the amount of \$13.0 million. These letters of credit are issued to a portion of the Company's customers in our Energy Segment to cover any potential warranty costs, performance issues, insurance reserves and bid bonds. In addition, as of February 28, 2015, a warranty reserve in the amount of \$2.3 million has been provided to offset any future warranty claims.

The Company has been named as a defendant in certain lawsuits that arose in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the potential liabilities, if any, resulting from these matters would not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flow.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Our estimates are based on historical experience and various other factors that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances and form the basis for our conclusions. We continually evaluate the information used to make these estimates as business and economic conditions change. Accounting policies and estimates considered most critical are allowances for doubtful accounts, accruals for contingent liabilities, revenue recognition, impairment of long-lived assets, identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, accounting for income taxes, stock options, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock units. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The development and selection of the critical accounting policies and the related disclosures below have been reviewed with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. More information regarding significant accounting policies can be found in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts – The carrying value of our accounts receivable is continually evaluated based on the likelihood of collection. An allowance is maintained for estimated losses resulting from our customers' inability to make required payments.

The allowance is determined by historical experience of uncollected accounts, the level of past due accounts, overall level of outstanding accounts receivable, information about specific customers with respect to their inability to make payments and future expectations of conditions that might impact the collectability of accounts receivable. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances could be required.

Accruals for Contingent Liabilities - The amounts we record for estimated claims, such as self-insurance programs, warranty, environmental and other contingent liabilities, requires us to make judgments regarding the amount of expenses that will ultimately be incurred. We use past history and experience and other specific circumstances surrounding these claims in evaluating the amount of liability that should be recorded. Actual results may be different than what we estimate. In connection with our acquisition of NLI on June 1, 2012, we may be obligated to make an additional payment of up to \$20.0 million which will be based on the future financial performance of the NLI business. Based on the cumulative performance to date and current forecast, we do not believe this additional payment will be probable and based on that determination, the accrual recorded at the end of fiscal 2014 of \$9.1 million was reversed during the second quarter of fiscal 2015.

Revenue Recognition – Revenue is recognized for the Energy Segment upon transfer of title and risk to customers, or based upon the percentage of completion method of accounting for electrical products built to customer specifications and for services under long term contracts. We typically recognize revenue for the Galvanizing Service Segment at completion of the service unless we specifically agree with the customer to hold its material for a predetermined period of time after the completion of the galvanizing process and, in that circumstance, we invoice and recognize revenue upon shipment. Customer advanced payments presented in the balance sheets arise from advanced payments received from our customers prior to shipment of the product and are not related to revenue recognized under the percentage of completion method. The extent of progress for revenue recognized using the percentage of completion method is measured by the ratio of contract costs incurred to date to total estimated contract costs at completion. Contract costs include direct labor and material and certain indirect costs. Selling, general and administrative costs are charged to expense as incurred. Provisions for estimated losses, if any, on uncompleted contracts are made in the period in which such losses are able to be determined. The assumptions made in determining the estimated cost could differ from actual performance resulting in a different outcome for profits or losses than anticipated.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets, Identifiable Intangible Assets and Goodwill – We record impairment losses on long-lived assets, including identifiable intangible assets, when events and circumstances indicate that the assets might be impaired and the undiscounted projected cash flows associated with those assets are less than the carrying amounts of those assets. In those situations, impairment losses on long-lived assets are measured based on the excess of the carrying amount over the asset's fair value, generally determined based upon discounted estimates of future cash flows. A significant change in events, circumstances or projected cash flows could result in an impairment of long-lived assets, including identifiable intangible assets. An annual impairment test of goodwill is performed in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year. The test is calculated using the anticipated future cash flows after tax from our operating segments. Based on the present value of the future cash flows, we will determine whether impairment may exist. A significant change in projected cash flows or cost of capital for future years could result in an impairment of goodwill in future years. Variables impacting future cash flows include, but are not limited to, the level of customer demand for and response to products and services we offer to the power generation market, the electrical transmission and distribution markets, the general industrial market and the hot dip galvanizing market, changes in economic conditions of these various markets, raw material and natural gas costs and availability of experienced labor and management to implement our growth strategies. Our testing concluded goodwill was not reasonably likely to be impaired.

Accounting for Income Taxes – Our income tax expense, deferred tax assets and liabilities, and liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits reflect management's best assessment of estimated current and future taxes to be paid. We are subject to income taxes in both the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgments and estimates are required in determining the consolidated income tax expense. Deferred income taxes arise from temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements, which will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future.

In evaluating our ability to recover our deferred tax assets within the jurisdiction from which they arise, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including scheduled reversals of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, tax-planning strategies, and results of recent operations. In projecting future taxable income, we begin with historical results adjusted for the results of discontinued operations and incorporate assumptions about the amount of future state, federal, and foreign pretax

operating income adjusted for items that do not have tax consequences. The assumptions about future taxable income require significant judgment and are consistent with the plans and estimates we are using to manage the underlying businesses. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized.

The calculation of our tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws and regulations in a multitude of jurisdictions across our global operations. GAAP states that a tax benefit from an uncertain tax position may be recognized when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including resolutions of any related appeals or litigation processes, on the basis of the technical merits. We may (1) record unrecognized tax benefits as liabilities in accordance with GAAP and (2) adjust these liabilities when our judgment changes as a result of the evaluation of new information not previously available. Because of the complexity of some of these uncertainties, the ultimate resolution may result in a payment that is materially different from our current estimate of the unrecognized tax benefit liabilities. These differences will be reflected as increases or decreases to income tax expense in the period in which new information is available. We currently do not record unrecognized tax benefits related to U.S. federal, state or, foreign tax exposure. We continue to review our tax exposure for any significant need to record unrecognized tax benefits in the future.

We consider the earnings of certain non-U.S. subsidiaries to be indefinitely invested outside the United States on the basis of estimates that future domestic cash generation will be sufficient to meet future domestic cash needs and our specific plans for reinvestment of those subsidiary earnings. We have not recorded a deferred tax liability related to the U.S. federal and state income taxes and foreign withholding taxes on approximately \$17.5 million of undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries indefinitely invested outside the United States. If we decide to repatriate the foreign earnings, we would need to adjust our income tax provision in the period we determined that the earnings will no longer be indefinitely invested outside the United States.

Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights and Restricted Stock Units – Our employees and directors are periodically granted restricted stock units, stock options or stock appreciation rights by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The compensation cost of all employee stock-based compensation awards is measured based on the grant-date fair value of those awards and that cost is recorded as compensation expense over the period during which the employee is required to perform service in exchange for the award (generally over the vesting period of the award).

The valuation of stock based compensation awards, with the exception of restricted stock units, is complex in that there are a number of variables included in the calculation of the value of the award:

- Volatility of our stock price
- Expected term of the option or stock appreciation rights
- Expected dividend yield
- Risk-free interest rate over the expected term
- Expected forfeitures

We have elected to use a Black-Scholes pricing model in the valuation of our stock options and stock appreciation rights. Restricted stock units are valued at the stock price on the date of grant.

These variables are developed using a combination of our internal data with respect to stock price volatility and exercise behavior of option holders and information from outside sources. The development of each of these variables requires a significant amount of judgment. Changes in the values of the above variables would result in different option valuations and, therefore, different amounts of compensation cost.

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

Market risk affecting our operations results primarily from changes in interest rates and commodity prices. As of February 28, 2015, we had no involvement with derivative financial instruments.

In the Energy Segment, we have exposure to commodity pricing for copper, aluminum, steel and nickel based alloys. Increases in price for these items are normally managed through escalation clauses in our customers' contracts, although during difficult market conditions customers' may resist these escalation clauses. In addition, we attempt to enter into firm pricing contracts with our vendors on material at the time we receive orders from our customers to minimize risk. We manage our exposures to commodity prices, primarily zinc used in our Galvanizing Services Segment, by utilizing agreements with zinc suppliers that include protective caps and fixed contracts to guard against escalating commodity prices. We also secure firm pricing for natural gas supplies with individual utilities when possible. We believe these agreements ensure adequate supplies and partially offset exposure to commodity price escalation.

As of February 28, 2015, the Company had exposure to foreign currency exchange rates related to our operations in Canada, China, Brazil, Poland, and the Netherlands.

We do not believe that a hypothetical change of 10% of the interest rate or currency exchange rate that are currently in effect or a change of 10% of commodity prices would have a significant adverse effect on our results of operations, financial position, or cash flows as long as we are able to pass along the increases in commodity prices to our customers. However, there can be no assurance that either interest rates, exchange rates or commodity prices will not change in excess of the 10% hypothetical amount or that we would be able to pass along rising costs of commodity prices to our customers, and such hypothetical change could have an adverse effect on our results of operations, financial position, and cash flows.

**Item 8. Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors and Shareholders  
AZZ incorporated  
Fort Worth, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of AZZ incorporated as of February 28, 2015 and 2014 and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended February 28, 2015. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15 of this Form 10-K. We have also audited AZZ incorporated's internal control over financial reporting as of February 28, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). AZZ incorporated's management is responsible for these financial statements, financial statement schedule, maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements, financial statement schedule and to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the schedule are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AZZ incorporated as of February 28, 2015 and 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended February 28, 2015, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, AZZ incorporated maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of February 28, 2015, based on the COSO criteria.

Also in our opinion, the financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

As indicated in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management's assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting did not include the internal controls of Zalk Steel & Supply Co., whose acquisition was completed on June 30, 2014. Zalk Steel & Supply Co. is included in the consolidated balance sheet of AZZ incorporated as of February 28, 2015 and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. Zalk Steel & Supply Co. constituted approximately 1.16% of the Company's total assets as of February 28, 2015 and 0.5% and 0.94% of revenues and net income, respectively, for the year then ended. Management did not assess the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Zalk Steel & Supply Co. because of the timing of the acquisition. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of AZZ incorporated also did not include an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of Zalk Steel & Supply Co.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP  
Dallas, Texas  
April 22, 2015

**AZZ incorporated**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

	<b>Year Ended February 28,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>		
Net Sales .....	\$ 816,687	\$ 751,723	\$ 570,594
Cost of Sales.....	610,991	546,018	406,421
Gross Profit .....	<u>205,696</u>	<u>205,705</u>	<u>164,173</u>
Selling, General and Administrative .....	98,871	105,591	66,189
Operating Income.....	<u>106,825</u>	<u>100,114</u>	<u>97,984</u>
Interest Expense .....	16,561	18,407	13,073
Net Gain On Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment, and Insurance Proceeds.....	(2,525)	(8,039)	(8,303)
Other Expense (Income) – net.....	<u>2,659</u>	<u>(4,165)</u>	<u>(1,155)</u>
Income Before Income Taxes.....	<u>90,130</u>	<u>93,911</u>	<u>94,369</u>
Income Tax Expense .....	<u>25,187</u>	<u>34,314</u>	<u>33,913</u>
Net Income .....	<u>\$ 64,943</u>	<u>\$ 59,597</u>	<u>\$ 60,456</u>
Earnings Per Common Share			
Basic Earnings Per Share .....	<u>\$ 2.53</u>	<u>\$ 2.34</u>	<u>\$ 2.39</u>
Diluted Earnings Per Share .....	<u>\$ 2.52</u>	<u>\$ 2.32</u>	<u>\$ 2.37</u>
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding			
Basic.....	25,676	25,514	25,320
Diluted .....	25,778	25,693	25,561

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	<b>Year Ended February 28,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>		
Net Income .....	\$ 64,943	\$ 59,597	\$ 60,456
Other Comprehensive Loss:			
Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments -			
Unrealized Translation Losses .....	(11,760)	(7,775)	(4,439)
Interest Rate Swap, Net of Income Tax of \$29, \$29 and \$29, respectively.....	(54)	(54)	(54)
Other Comprehensive Loss .....	(11,814)	(7,829)	(4,493)
Comprehensive Income.....	\$ 53,129	\$ 51,768	\$ 55,963

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>February 28, 2015</b>	<b>February 28, 2014</b>
<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>		
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ 22,527	\$ 27,565
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,472 and \$1,744 in 2015 and 2014, respectively .....	125,638	116,128
Inventories – net .....	107,697	107,581
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts .....	33,676	27,222
Deferred income tax assets .....	4,526	7,801
Prepaid expenses and other .....	4,570	9,884
Total current assets .....	298,634	296,181
Property, plant, and equipment, net .....	196,583	197,639
Goodwill .....	279,074	278,556
Intangibles and other assets .....	162,623	180,877
	\$ 936,914	\$ 953,253
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable .....	\$ 49,580	\$ 38,833
Income tax payable .....	2,888	5,359
Accrued salaries and wages .....	17,046	17,760
Other accrued liabilities .....	18,287	17,155
Customer advance payment .....	28,401	33,733
Profit sharing .....	6,400	7,310
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts .....	4,674	3,018
Debt due within one year .....	21,866	20,848
Total current liabilities .....	149,142	144,016
Long-term accrued liability due after one year .....	—	9,121
Debt due after one year .....	315,982	384,768
Deferred income tax liabilities .....	51,738	39,435
Total liabilities .....	516,862	577,340
Commitments and Contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value; 100,000 shares authorized; 25,732 shares issued and outstanding at February 28, 2015 and 25,577 at February 28, 2014 .....	25,732	25,577
Capital in excess of par value .....	27,706	21,954
Retained earnings .....	389,446	339,400
Accumulated other comprehensive loss .....	(22,832)	(11,018)
Total shareholders' equity .....	420,052	375,913
	\$ 936,914	\$ 953,253

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>Year Ended February 28,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income.....	\$ 64,943	\$ 59,597	\$ 60,456
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization .....	46,089	43,305	29,363
Deferred income taxes.....	15,818	842	3,366
Net loss on disposition of property, plant & equipment due to realignment.....	2,651	—	—
Net gain on sale of property, plant & equipment and insurance proceeds .....	(2,525)	(8,039)	(8,303)
Share-based compensation expense .....	4,080	3,703	3,175
Amortization of deferred borrowing costs .....	1,431	1,421	287
Provision for doubtful accounts .....	458	(116)	446
Effects of changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable.....	(9,382)	35,955	(11,599)
Inventories .....	(879)	(6,209)	(4,454)
Prepaid expenses and other assets.....	5,543	(6,590)	(2,244)
Net change in billings related to costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts.....	(5,635)	(9,732)	1,942
Accounts payable.....	11,025	(4,150)	958
Other accrued liabilities and income taxes payable .....	(15,460)	(2,712)	19,345
Net cash provided by operating activities:	<u>118,157</u>	<u>107,275</u>	<u>92,738</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from the sale or insurance settlement of property, plant, and equipment.....	1,330	8,205	11,839
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired.....	(11,518)	(275,702)	(137,058)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment .....	(29,377)	(43,472)	(24,923)
Net cash used in investing activities:	<u>(39,565)</u>	<u>(310,969)</u>	<u>(150,142)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and stock appreciation rights .....	—	—	16
Excess tax benefits from stock options and stock appreciation rights .....	259	1,602	1,283
Proceeds from revolving loan.....	10,977	197,000	—
Payments on revolving loan.....	(57,905)	(60,000)	—
Proceeds from long-term debt.....	—	75,000	—
Payments on long-term debt .....	(20,848)	(17,098)	(18,136)
Debt acquisition costs .....	—	(5,881)	(100)
Payment of dividends .....	(14,897)	(14,290)	(13,423)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities: .....	<u>(82,414)</u>	<u>176,333</u>	<u>(30,360)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,216)	(672)	59
Net change in cash and cash equivalents.....	(5,038)	(28,033)	(87,705)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year.....	27,565	55,598	143,303
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year .....	<u>\$ 22,527</u>	<u>\$ 27,565</u>	<u>\$ 55,598</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest.....	<u>\$ 15,613</u>	<u>\$ 16,500</u>	<u>\$ 13,108</u>
Cash paid for income taxes .....	<u>\$ 15,264</u>	<u>\$ 26,332</u>	<u>\$ 30,967</u>

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

	Common Stock		Capital in excess of par value	Retained earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Total
	Shares	Amount					
	<i>(In thousands)</i>						
Balance at February 29, 2012	25,218	\$ 25,218	\$ 14,201	\$ 247,060	\$ 1,304	\$ (174)	287,609
Exercise of stock options....	7	7	8				15
Stock compensation .....	14	14	3,161				3,175
Restricted Stock Units.....			(517)			104	(413)
Stock issued for SARs.....	90	90	(1,297)			15	(1,192)
Employee Stock Purchase Plan .....	47	47	814			55	916
Federal income tax deducted on stock options ..			1,283				1,283
Cash dividend paid.....				(13,423)			(13,423)
Net income.....				60,456			60,456
Foreign currency translation.....					(4,439)		(4,439)
Interest rate swap, net of \$29 of income tax.....					(54)		(54)
Balance at February 28, 2013	25,376	\$ 25,376	\$ 17,653	\$ 294,093	\$ (3,189)	\$ —	333,933
Stock compensation .....	14	14	3,689				3,703
Restricted Stock Units.....	56	56	(1,393)				(1,337)
Stock issued for SARs.....	68	68	(1,117)				(1,049)
Employee Stock Purchase Plan .....	63	63	1,519				1,582
Federal income tax deducted on stock options ..			1,603				1,603
Cash dividend paid.....				(14,290)			(14,290)
Net income.....				59,597			59,597
Foreign currency translation.....					(7,775)		(7,775)
Interest rate swap, net of \$29 of income tax.....					(54)		(54)
Balance at February 28, 2014	25,577	\$ 25,577	\$ 21,954	\$ 339,400	\$ (11,018)	\$ —	375,913
Stock compensation .....	16	16	4,064				4,080
Restricted Stock Units.....	21	21	(497)				(476)
Stock issued for SARs.....	40	40	(371)				(331)
Employee Stock Purchase Plan .....	78	78	2,297				2,375
Federal income tax deducted on stock options ..			259				259
Cash dividend paid.....				(14,897)			(14,897)
Net income.....				64,943			64,943
Foreign currency translation.....					(11,760)		(11,760)
Interest rate swap, net of \$29 of income tax.....					(54)		(54)
Balance at February 28, 2015	<u>25,732</u>	<u>\$ 25,732</u>	<u>\$ 27,706</u>	<u>\$ 389,446</u>	<u>\$ (22,832)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>420,052</u>

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Organization—AZZ incorporated (the “Company” “AZZ” or “We”) operates primarily in the United States of America and Canada and has recently begun operating in China, Brazil, Poland and the Netherlands. Information about the Company's operations by segment is included in Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

Basis of consolidation—The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of estimates—The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Concentrations of credit risk—Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and trade accounts receivable.

The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents with various financial institutions. These financial institutions are located throughout the United States and Canada, as well as Europe, China and Brazil. The Company's policy is designed to limit exposure to any one institution. The Company performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of those financial institutions that are considered in the Company's banking relationships and has not experienced any losses in such accounts. We believe we are not exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash and cash equivalents.

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade accounts receivable are limited due to the Company's diversity by virtue of two operating segments, the number of customers, and the absence of a concentration of trade accounts receivable in a small number of customers. The Company performs continuous evaluations of the collectability of trade accounts receivable and allowance for doubtful accounts based upon historical losses, economic conditions and customer specific events. After all collection efforts are exhausted and an account is deemed uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts. Accounts receivable written off, net of recoveries, in fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 were approximately \$0.7 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. Collateral is usually not required from customers as a condition of sale.

Revenue recognition—The Company recognizes revenue for the Energy Segment upon transfer of title and risk to customer or based upon the percentage of completion method of accounting for electrical products built to customer specifications and services under long-term contracts. We typically recognize revenue for the Galvanizing Services Segment at completion of the service unless we specifically agree with the customer to hold its material for a predetermined period of time after the completion of the galvanizing process and, in that circumstance, we invoice and recognize revenue upon shipment. Customer advanced payments presented in the balance sheets arise from advanced payments received from our customers prior to shipment of the product and are not related to revenue recognized under the percentage of completion method. The extent of progress for revenue recognized using the percentage of completion method is measured by the ratio of contract costs incurred to date to total estimated contract costs at completion. Contract costs include direct labor and material and certain indirect costs. Selling, general and administrative costs are charged to expense as incurred.

Provisions for estimated losses, if any, on uncompleted contracts are made in the period in which such losses are able to be determined. The assumptions made in determining the estimated cost could differ from actual performance resulting in a different outcome for profits or losses than anticipated.

Cash and cash equivalents—The Company considers cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, deposits with banks and all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Inventories—Cost is determined principally using a weighted-average method for the Energy Segment and the first-in-first-out (FIFO) method for the Galvanizing Services Segment.

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Property, plant and equipment—For financial reporting purposes, depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Buildings and structures .....	10-25 years
Machinery and equipment .....	3-15 years
Furniture and fixtures .....	3-15 years
Automotive equipment .....	3 years
Computers and software .....	3 years

Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; renewals and betterments that significantly extend the useful life of the asset are capitalized.

Long-lived assets, intangible assets and goodwill—Purchased intangible assets included on the balance sheets are comprised of customer lists, backlogs, engineering drawings and non-compete agreements. Such intangible assets are being amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from two to nineteen years. The Company records impairment losses on long-lived assets, including identifiable intangible assets, when events and circumstances indicate that the assets might be impaired and the undiscounted projected cash flows associated with those assets are less than their carrying amount. In those situations, impairment loss on a long-lived asset is measured based on the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over the asset's fair value. For goodwill, the Company performs an annual impairment test on December 31st each year or as indicators are present. The test is calculated using the anticipated future cash flows after tax from our operating segments. Based on the present value of the future cash flows, we determine whether impairment may exist. A significant change in projected cash flows or cost of capital for future years could result in an impairment of goodwill in future years. Variables impacting future cash flows include, but are not limited to, the level of customer demand for and response to products and services we offer to the power generation market, the electrical transmission and distribution markets, the general industrial market and the hot dip galvanizing market; changes in economic conditions of these various markets; raw material and natural gas costs and availability of experienced labor and management to implement our growth strategies. As of February 28, 2015, no impairment of long-lived assets, intangible assets or goodwill was determined.

Debt issue costs—Debt issue costs, included in other assets, are amortized using the effective interest rate method over the term of the debt.

Income taxes—We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined on the basis of the differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. 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.

We recognize deferred tax assets to the extent that we believe these assets are more likely than not to be realized. In making such a determination, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income, tax-planning strategies, and results of recent operations. If we determine that we would be able to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of their net recorded amount, we would make an adjustment to the deferred tax asset valuation allowance, which would reduce the provision for income taxes.

As applicable, we record uncertain tax positions in accordance with GAAP on the basis of a two-step process whereby (1) we determine whether it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained on the basis of the technical merits of the position and (2) for those tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold, we recognize the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement with the related tax authority. We currently do not have any unrecognized tax benefits to record related to U.S. federal, state or, foreign tax exposure. We continue to review our tax exposure for any significant need to record unrecognized tax benefits in the future.

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The Company is subject to taxation in the U.S. and various state, provincial and local and foreign jurisdictions. With few exceptions, as of fiscal 2015, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal or state examinations by tax authorities for years before fiscal 2012.

Share-based compensation—The Company has granted stock options, stock appreciation rights or restricted stock units for a fixed number of shares to employees and directors. A discussion of share-based compensation can be found in Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Financial instruments—Fair value is an exit price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Hierarchy Levels 1, 2, or 3 are terms for the priority of inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Hierarchy Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Hierarchy Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included with Level 1 that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability. Hierarchy Level 3 inputs are inputs that are not observable in the market.

The Company’s financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and debt. Our financial instruments are presented at fair value in our consolidated balance sheets, with the exception of our outstanding Senior Notes. For fiscal 2015 and 2014 the fair value of our senior outstanding notes, as described in Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, was approximately \$164.4 million and \$179.4 million, respectively. These fair values were determined using the discounted cash flow at the market rate as well as the applicable market interest rates classified as Level 2 inputs. During fiscal 2015 a principal payment was made in the amount of \$14.3 million related to the \$100.0 million unsecured Senior Notes due March 31, 2018, which accounts for a portion of the decrease in fair value for the compared periods in conjunction with lower market interest rates.

Derivative financial instruments—From time to time, the Company uses derivatives to manage interest rate risk. The Company’s policy is to use derivatives for risk management purposes only, which includes maintaining the ratio between the Company’s fixed and floating rate debt obligations that management deems appropriate, and prohibits entering into such contracts for trading purposes. The Company enters into derivatives only with counterparties (primarily financial institutions) which have substantial financial wherewithal to minimize credit risk. As the result of the recent global financial crisis, a number of financial institutions have failed or required government assistance, and counterparties considered substantial may develop credit risk. The amount of gains or losses from the use of derivative financial instruments has not been and is not expected to be material to the Company’s consolidated financial statements. As of February 28, 2015, the Company had no derivative financial instruments.

Warranty reserves—Within other accrued liabilities, a reserve has been established to provide for the estimated future cost of warranties on a portion of the Company’s delivered products. Management periodically reviews the reserves, and adjustments are made accordingly. A provision for warranty on products is made on the basis of the Company’s historical experience and identified warranty issues. Warranties cover such factors as non-conformance to specifications and defects in material and workmanship.

The following is a roll-forward of amounts accrued for warranties (in thousands):

Balance at February 29, 2012.....	\$	1,670
Warranty costs incurred.....		(2,026)
Additions charged to income.....		2,429
Balance at February 28, 2013.....	\$	2,073
Warranty costs incurred.....		(2,246)
Additions charged to income.....		1,511
Balance at February 28, 2014.....	\$	1,338
Warranty costs incurred.....		(1,294)
Additions charged to income.....		2,243
Balance at February 28, 2015.....	\$	<u>2,287</u>

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)—On January 21, 2011, we entered into a Note Purchase Agreement, (the “2011 Agreement”) and incurred fixed rate, long-term indebtedness of \$125.0 million in relation to the 2011 Agreement. See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. In anticipation of the issuance of Senior Notes thereunder, we entered into a treasury lock hedging transaction with Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BAML) in order to eliminate the variability of cash flows on the forecasted fixed rate coupon of the debt during the pre-issuance period. The hedging transaction settled during the Company’s third fiscal quarter of fiscal 2011, and the Company received a payment from BAML in the amount of \$0.8 million resulting therefrom. The notional value of the hedge was \$75.0 million and qualified for hedge accounting as a cash flow hedge. The gain on the settlement was recorded as a component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) and is being amortized to interest expense in the form of a credit over the life of the 10 year loan. Amortization of this gain to interest expense was recorded in a credit of \$0.1 million for fiscal 2015, 2014, and 2013.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) also includes foreign currency translation adjustments from our foreign subsidiaries consisting of Aquilex SRO, AZZ Trading (Shanghai), Blenkhorn and Sawle, Galvan, Galvcast and G3.

Foreign Currency Translation—The local currency is the functional currency for the Company’s foreign operations. Related assets and liabilities are translated into United States dollars at exchange rates existing at the balance sheet date, and revenues and expenses are translated at weighted-average exchange rates. The foreign currency translation adjustment is recorded as a separate component of shareholders’ equity and is included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

Accruals for Contingent Liabilities— The amounts we record for estimated claims, such as self-insurance programs, warranty, environmental and other contingent liabilities, requires us to make judgments regarding the amount of expenses that will ultimately be incurred. We use past history and experience and other specific circumstances surrounding these claims in evaluating the amount of liability that should be recorded. Actual results may be different than what we estimate. In connection with our acquisition of NLI on June 1, 2012, we may be obligated to make an additional payment of up to \$20.0 million which will be based on the future financial performance of the NLI business. Based on the cumulative performance to date and current forecast, we do not believe this additional payment will be probable and based on that determination, the accrual recorded at the end of fiscal 2014 of \$9.1 million was reversed during the second quarter of fiscal 2015.

2. Inventories

Inventories (net) consisted of the following:

	<b>As of February 28,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Raw materials .....	\$ 62,794	\$ 64,817
Work-in-process .....	42,001	39,781
Finished goods .....	2,902	2,983
	<b>\$ 107,697</b>	<b>\$ 107,581</b>

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3. Property, Plant, and Equipment

Following is a summary of property, plant and equipment:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Land.....	\$ 16,004	\$ 15,116
Building and structures.....	122,539	117,765
Machinery and equipment.....	184,921	175,955
Furniture, fixtures, software and computers.....	21,716	20,497
Automotive equipment.....	2,351	2,429
Construction in progress.....	12,193	8,277
	<u>359,724</u>	<u>340,039</u>
Less accumulated depreciation.....	(163,141)	(142,400)
Net property, plant, and equipment.....	<u>\$ 196,583</u>	<u>\$ 197,639</u>

Depreciation expense was \$28.1 million, \$25.1 million, and \$19.4 million for fiscal 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

4. Costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts

Costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts consisted of the following:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Costs incurred on uncompleted contracts.....	\$ 126,882	\$ 158,224
Estimated earnings.....	50,487	65,063
	<u>177,369</u>	<u>223,287</u>
Less billings to date.....	148,367	199,083
	<u>\$ 29,002</u>	<u>\$ 24,204</u>

The amounts noted above are included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets under the following captions:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Cost and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts.....	\$ 33,676	\$ 27,222
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts....	(4,674)	(3,018)
	<u>\$ 29,002</u>	<u>\$ 24,204</u>



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5. Other accrued liabilities

Other accrued liabilities consisted of the following:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Accrued interest .....	\$ 2,878	\$ 3,415
Tenant improvements .....	745	984
Accrued warranty .....	2,287	1,338
Commissions .....	2,540	1,259
Personnel expenses .....	6,034	5,579
Group medical insurance .....	1,502	1,858
Other .....	2,301	2,722
	\$ 18,287	\$ 17,155

6. Realignment Costs

As part of AZZ's ongoing efforts to optimize cost and effectiveness, during the second quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company underwent a review of its current management structure with respect to its segment and corporate operations and recorded realignment costs related to severance associated with changes needed to improve management efficiency and accountability. We also reserved for the disposition and write off of certain fixed assets in connection with the realignment. The total cost related to the realignment is estimated to be \$4.0 million. One-time severance costs total \$1.3 million and is included in Selling, General and Administrative Expense. The loss recognized from the disposition of certain fixed assets total \$2.7 million and is included in Costs of Sales. The following table shows changes in the realignment accrual:

	Realignment Accrual	
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Realignment costs accrued .....	\$	3,952
Realignment costs utilized .....		(3,496)
Balance at February 28, 2015 .....	\$	456

7. Employee benefit plans

The Company has a trusted profit sharing plan and 401(k) plan covering substantially all of its employees. Under the provisions of the plan, the Company contributes amounts as authorized by the Board of Directors. Total contributions to the profit sharing plan, which included the Company's 401(k) matching, were \$10.0 million, \$10.4 million, and \$10.5 million for fiscal 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

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8. Income taxes

The provision for income taxes consists of:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Income before income taxes:			
Domestic.....	\$ 76,434	\$ 83,495	\$ 92,334
Foreign .....	13,696	10,416	2,035
Income before income taxes.....	<u>\$ 90,130</u>	<u>\$ 93,911</u>	<u>\$ 94,369</u>
Current provision:			
Federal.....	\$ 3,770	\$ 28,901	\$ 26,330
Foreign .....	3,025	1,903	(2,600)
State and Local.....	2,575	4,382	4,136
Total current provision for income taxes.....	<u>\$ 9,370</u>	<u>\$ 35,186</u>	<u>\$ 27,866</u>
Deferred provision (benefit):			
Federal.....	\$ 15,455	(2,143)	\$ 2,024
Foreign .....	(858)	1,230	3,455
State and Local.....	1,220	41	568
Total deferred provision for income taxes.....	<u>\$ 15,817</u>	<u>\$ (872)</u>	<u>\$ 6,047</u>
Total provision for income taxes.....	<u>\$ 25,187</u>	<u>\$ 34,314</u>	<u>\$ 33,913</u>

A reconciliation from the federal statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate is as follows:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Statutory federal income tax rate.....	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Permanent differences .....	0.6	1.3	0.2
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit .....	2.7	3.0	3.1
Benefit of Section 199 of the Code, manufacturing deduction .....	(2.4)	(2.2)	(2.6)
Valuation allowance .....	(3.4)	—	—
Tax credits .....	(3.4)	—	—
Foreign tax rate differential .....	(0.7)	(0.6)	0.2
Other.....	(0.5)	—	—
Effective income tax rate.....	<u>27.9%</u>	<u>36.5%</u>	<u>35.9%</u>

Deferred federal and state income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial accounting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of the Company's net deferred income tax liability are as follows:

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	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Deferred income tax assets:		
Employee related items .....	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,314
Inventories .....	1,080	839
Accrued warranty .....	893	504
Accounts receivable .....	565	2,342
Net operating loss carry forward .....	1,919	4,268
Other .....	—	606
	<u>9,147</u>	<u>12,873</u>
Less: valuation allowance .....	(1,588)	(3,793)
Total deferred income tax assets .....	<u>7,559</u>	<u>9,080</u>
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
Depreciation methods and property basis differences .....	(28,611)	(19,995)
Other assets and tax-deductible goodwill .....	(26,161)	(20,719)
Total deferred income tax liabilities .....	<u>(54,772)</u>	<u>(40,714)</u>
Net deferred income tax liabilities .....	<u>\$ (47,213)</u>	<u>\$ (31,634)</u>

In general, it is our practice and intention to reinvest the earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries in those operations. As of fiscal year end 2015, we have not made a provision for U.S. or additional foreign withholding taxes on approximately \$17.5 million of the excess of the amount for financial reporting over the tax basis of investments in foreign subsidiaries that is indefinitely reinvested. Generally, such amounts become subject to U.S. taxation upon the remittance of dividends and under certain other circumstances. It is not practicable to estimate the amount of deferred tax liability related to investments in these foreign subsidiaries.

The following table summarizes the Net Operating Loss Carry forward:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Federal .....	\$ —	\$ 1,089
State .....	\$ 1,919	\$ 1,919
Foreign .....	\$ —	\$ 1,260

As of February 28, 2015, the Company had state NOL carry forwards of \$31.9 million which, if unused, will begin to expire in 2025.

We believe that it is more likely than not that the benefit from certain state NOL carry forwards will not be realized. In recognition of this risk, we have provided a valuation allowance of \$1.6 million on the deferred tax assets related to these state NOL carry forwards. We will review this risk within the next fiscal year and may conclude that a significant portion of the valuation allowance will no longer be needed. The tax benefits related to any reversal of the valuation allowance will be recognized as a reduction of income tax expense.

As of fiscal 2015, a portion of our deferred tax assets were the result of state NOL carry forwards. A valuation allowance of \$1.6 million and \$3.8 million was recorded against our gross deferred tax asset balance as of fiscal year end 2015 and 2014, respectively. For the year ended February 28, 2015, we recorded a net valuation allowance release of \$2.2 million (comprising of a full-year valuation release of \$1.2 million related to foreign operations, and \$1.0 million related to NOLs from purchased stock of Aquilex SRO, in March 2013), on the basis of local tax authority reassessment of the amount which was realized in local tax jurisdictions and on local income tax returns.

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9. Goodwill and intangible assets

Goodwill is not amortized but is subject to annual impairment tests. Other intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives.

Changes in goodwill by segment during the year are as follows:

Segment	March 1, 2014	Acquisitions	Foreign Exchange Translation	February 28, 2015
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Galvanizing Services .....	\$ 94,731	\$ 3,306	\$ (2,499)	\$ 95,538
Energy .....	183,825	807	(1,096)	183,536
Total .....	<u>\$ 278,556</u>	<u>\$ 4,113</u>	<u>\$ (3,595)</u>	<u>\$ 279,074</u>

Segment	March 1, 2013	Acquisitions	Foreign Exchange Translation	February 28, 2014
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Galvanizing Services .....	\$ 96,735	\$ —	\$ (2,004)	\$ 94,731
Energy .....	75,151	109,636	(962)	183,825
Total .....	<u>\$ 171,886</u>	<u>\$ 109,636</u>	<u>\$ (2,966)</u>	<u>\$ 278,556</u>

The Company completes its annual impairment analysis of goodwill on December 31st of each year. As a result, the Company determined that there was no impairment of goodwill.

Amortizable intangible assets consisted of the following as of February 28:

	2015	2014
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Amortizable intangible assets		
Customer related intangibles .....	\$ 159,235	\$ 158,913
Non-compete agreements .....	5,715	5,037
Trademarks .....	5,042	5,110
Technology .....	7,400	7,400
Certifications .....	209	232
Engineering drawings .....	24,600	24,600
Backlog .....	8,355	8,440
	<u>210,556</u>	<u>209,732</u>
Less accumulated amortization .....	<u>(56,699)</u>	<u>(39,300)</u>
	<u>\$ 153,857</u>	<u>\$ 170,432</u>

The Company recorded amortization expense of \$18.0 million, \$18.2 million and \$10.0 million for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The following table projects the estimated amortization expense for the five succeeding fiscal years and thereafter.

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	<i>(In thousands)</i>
2016.....	\$ 15,666
2017.....	15,402
2018.....	14,812
2019.....	14,136
2020.....	13,666
Thereafter.....	80,175
Total.....	<u>\$ 153,857</u>

10. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during each year. Diluted earnings per share were similarly computed but have been adjusted for the dilutive effect of the weighted average number of stock options, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock units outstanding. The shares and earnings per share were adjusted to reflect our two for one stock split effected in the form of a share dividend approved by the Board of Directors on June 28, 2012, and paid on July 30, 2012. All share data has been retroactively restated.

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

	<b>Year Ended February 28,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>		
Numerator:			
Net income for basic and diluted earnings per common share.....	\$ 64,943	\$ 59,597	\$ 60,456
Denominator:			
Denominator for basic earnings per common share—weighted average shares.....	25,676	25,514	25,320
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Employee and Director stock awards.....	102	179	241
Denominator for diluted earnings per common share.....	25,778	25,693	25,561
Earnings per share basic and diluted:			
Basic earnings per common share.....	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.34	\$ 2.39
Diluted earnings per common share.....	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.32	\$ 2.37

Stock appreciation rights of approximately 80,683 and 113,887 were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share for fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively, as the effect would be anti-dilutive. There were zero stock options or stock appreciation rights outstanding with exercise prices greater than the average market price of common shares for fiscal 2013.

11. Share-based compensation

The Company has one share-based compensation plan, the 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan (the “Plan”). The purpose of the Plan is to promote the growth and prosperity of the Company by permitting the Company to grant to its employees, directors and advisors various types of restricted stock unit awards, stock appreciation rights and options to purchase common stock of the Company. The maximum number of shares that may be issued under the Plan is 1,500,000 shares. As of February 28, 2015, the Company had approximately 1,473,148 shares reserved for future issuance under the Plan.

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*Restricted Stock Unit Awards*

Restricted stock unit awards are valued at the market price of our common stock on the grant date. These awards generally have a three year cliff vesting schedule but may vest early in accordance with the Plan's accelerated vesting provisions.

Activity in our non-vested restricted stock unit awards for the year ended February 28, 2015 was as follows:

	Restricted Stock Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Non-Vested Balance as of February 28, 2014.....	70,352	\$ 34.95
Granted .....	48,616	42.89
Vested .....	(28,647)	28.57
Forfeited .....	(12,875)	40.87
Non-Vested Balance as of February 28, 2015.....	<u>77,446</u>	<u>\$ 41.31</u>

The total fair value of restricted stock units vested during fiscal years 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$0.8 million, \$1.9 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. For fiscal years ended 2015, 2014 and 2013, there were 77,446, 70,352 and 109,430, respectively, of non vested restricted stock units outstanding with weighted average grant date fair values of \$41.31, \$34.95 and \$20.73, respectively.

*Stock Appreciation Rights and Option Awards*

Stock appreciation rights and option awards are granted with an exercise price equal to the market value of our common stock on the date of grant. These awards generally have a contractual term of 7 years and vest ratably over a period of 3 years although some may vest immediately on issuance. These awards are valued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

A summary of the Company's stock appreciation rights and option awards activity for the three years ended February 28, were as follows:

	2015		2014		2013	
	Options/ SAR's	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options/ SAR's	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options/ SAR's	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of year .....	396,174	\$ 26.64	439,863	\$ 19.12	573,000	\$ 15.46
Granted.....	126,532	43.92	116,032	45.20	118,107	25.77
Exercised.....	(98,942)	22.79	(159,721)	19.19	(251,240)	13.84
Forfeited.....	(46,782)	44.14	—	—	(4)	2.11
Outstanding at end of year	<u>376,982</u>	\$ 31.27	<u>396,174</u>	\$ 26.64	<u>439,863</u>	\$ 19.12
Exercisable at end of year	<u>204,107</u>	\$ 21.55	<u>153,343</u>	\$ 15.32	<u>115,395</u>	\$ 13.14
Weighted average fair value for the fiscal year indicated of options and SARs granted during such year.....		\$ 16.94		\$ 13.68		\$ 8.81

The average remaining contractual term for those options and stock appreciation rights outstanding as of February 28, 2015 was 4.13 years, with an aggregate intrinsic value of \$17.1 million. The average remaining contractual terms for those options and stock appreciation rights that are exercisable as of February 28, 2014 was 2.82 years, with an aggregate intrinsic value of \$9.3 million. As of February 28, 2015, the intrinsic value of options/stock appreciation rights exercised was \$4.5 million.

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The following table summarizes additional information about stock options and stock appreciation rights outstanding at February 28, 2015.

Range of Exercise Prices	Total Options/ SAR's	Average Remaining Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Options / SAR's Currently Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$9.06	48,510	1.00	\$ 9.06	48,510	\$ 9.06
\$15.84	54,546	2.00	\$ 15.84	54,546	\$ 15.84
\$20.91	40,950	3.00	\$ 20.91	40,950	\$ 20.91
\$25.67	38,932	4.00	\$ 25.67	24,082	\$ 25.67
\$39.65	950	5.00	\$ 39.65	—	\$ 39.65
\$43.92	112,411	6.00	\$ 43.92	8,089	\$ 43.92
\$45.26	40,000	6.00	\$ 45.26	10,000	\$ 45.26
\$45.36	39,924	5.00	\$ 45.36	17,677	\$ 45.36
\$46.43	759	5.00	\$ 46.43	253	\$ 46.43
\$ 9.06 - \$46.43	376,982	4.13	\$ 31.27	204,107	\$ 21.55

Assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option pricing model for the last three fiscal years were as follows for all stock appreciation rights plans:

	2015	2014	2013
Expected term in years.....	4.5	4.5	4.5
Expected dividend yield.....	1.20% – 1.32%	1.21% - 1.49%	1.76% – 1.95%
Expected price volatility.....	35.39% – 40.00%	36.34% – 53.00%	45.00% – 47.83%
Risk-free interest rate.....	2.32 – 2.73	0.75 - 2.98	0.59 – 0.89

*Directors Grants*

During fiscal 2013 the Company granted each of its independent directors 1,000 shares of the Company's common stock which subsequently split 2 for 1. In fiscal 2014 and 2015, each of its independent directors were granted 2,000 shares of the Company's common stock. These common stock grants were valued at \$44.90, \$36.70 and \$32.51 per share for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which was the market price of our common stock on the grant date.

*Employee Stock Purchase Plan*

The Company also has an employee stock purchase plan, which allows employees of the Company to purchase common stock of the Company through accumulated payroll deductions. Offerings under this plan have a duration of 24 months (the "offering period"). On the first day of an offering period (the "enrollment date") the participant is granted the option to purchase shares on each exercise date at the lower of 85% of the market value of a share of our common stock on the enrollment date or the exercise date. The participant's right to purchase common stock under the plan is restricted to no more than \$25,000 per calendar year and the participant may not purchase more than 5,000 shares during any offering period. Participants may terminate their interest in a given offering or a given exercise period by withdrawing all of their accumulated payroll deductions at any time prior to the end of the offering period.

Share-based compensation expense and related income tax benefits related to all the plans listed above were as follows:

Year Ended February 28,	2015	2014	2013
	<i>(In thousands)</i>		
Compensation Expense.....	\$ 4,080	\$ 3,703	\$ 3,175
Income tax benefits.....	\$ 1,428	\$ 1,296	\$ 1,111

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Unrecognized compensation cost related to all the above at February 28, 2015 totaled \$4.1 million. These costs are expected to be recognized over a weighted period of 2.66 years.

The Company did not receive cash from the exercise of stock options for the years ended February 28, 2015 and 2014. Cash received from the exercise of stock options for the year ended February 28, 2013 was insignificant. The actual tax benefit realized for tax deductions from options exercised each of these years totaled \$0.3 million, \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

The Company's policy is to issue shares required under these plans from the Company's treasury shares or from the Company's authorized but unissued shares. The Company has no formal or informal plan to repurchase shares on the open market to satisfy these requirements.

12. Debt

Debt consisted of the following:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Senior Notes, due in balloon payment in January 2021.....	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
Senior Notes, due in annual installments of \$14,286 beginning in March 2012 through March 2018 .....	\$ 57,143	\$ 71,428
Term Note, due in quarterly installments beginning in June 2013 through March 2018.....	\$ 65,625	\$ 72,188
Revolving line of credit with bank .....	\$ 90,080	\$ 137,000
Total debt.....	\$ 337,848	\$ 405,616
Less amount due within one year .....	\$ (21,866)	\$ (20,848)
Total long-term debt.....	\$ 315,982	\$ 384,768

On March 27, 2013, we entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with Bank of America and other lenders. The Credit Agreement provided for a \$75.0 million term facility and a \$225.0 million revolving credit facility that included a \$75.0 million "accordion" feature. The Credit Agreement is used to provide for working capital needs, capital improvements, dividends, future acquisitions and letter of credit needs.

Interest rates for borrowings under the Credit Agreement are based on either a Eurodollar Rate or a Base Rate plus a margin ranging from 1.0% to 2.0% depending on our Leverage Ratio. The Eurodollar Rate is defined as LIBOR for a term equivalent to the borrowing term (or other similar interbank rates if LIBOR is unavailable). The Base Rate is defined as the highest of the applicable Fed Funds rate plus 0.50%, the Prime rate, or the Eurodollar Rate plus 1.0% at the time of borrowing. The Credit Agreement also carries a Commitment Fee for the unfunded portion ranging from 0.20% to 0.30% per annum, depending on our Leverage Ratio.

The \$75.0 million term facility under the Credit Agreement requires quarterly principal and interest payments commencing on June 30, 2013 through March 27, 2018, the maturity date.

The Credit Agreement provides various financial covenants requiring us, among other things, to a) maintain on a consolidated basis net worth equal to at least the sum of \$230.0 million, plus 50.0% of future net income, b) maintain on a consolidated basis a Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) not to exceed 3.25:1.0, c) maintain on a consolidated basis a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of at least 1.75:1.0 and d) not to make Capital Expenditures (as defined in the Credit Agreement) on a consolidated basis in an amount in excess of \$60.0 million during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2014 and \$50.0 million during any subsequent year.

As of February 28, 2015, we had \$90.1 million of outstanding debt against the revolving credit facility provided and letters of credit outstanding in the amount of \$13.0 million, which left approximately \$122.0 million of additional credit available under the Credit Agreement.



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On March 31, 2008, the Company entered into a Note Purchase Agreement (the “Note Purchase Agreement”) pursuant to which the Company issued \$100.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 6.24% unsecured Senior Notes (the “2008 Notes”) due March 31, 2018 through a private placement (the “2008 Note Offering”). Pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement, the Company’s payment obligations with respect to the 2008 Notes may be accelerated upon any Event of Default, as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement.

The Company entered into an additional Note Purchase Agreement on January 21, 2011 (the “2011 Agreement”), pursuant to which the Company issued \$125.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 5.42% unsecured Senior Notes (the “2011 Notes”), due in January of 2021, through a private placement (the “2011 Note Offering”). Pursuant to the 2011 Agreement, the Company's payment obligations with respect to the 2011 Notes may be accelerated under certain circumstances.

The 2008 Notes and the 2011 Notes each provide for various financial covenants requiring us, among other things, to a) maintain on a consolidated basis net worth equal to at least the sum of \$116.9 million plus 50.0% of future net income; b) maintain a ratio of indebtedness to EBITDA (as defined in Note Purchase Agreement) not to exceed 3.25:1.00; c) maintain on a consolidated basis a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement) of at least 2.0:1.0; d) not at any time permit the aggregate amount of all Priority Indebtedness (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement) to exceed 10.0% of Consolidated Net Worth (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement).

As of February 28, 2015, the Company was in compliance with all of its debt covenants.

Maturities of debt are as follows:

Fiscal Year	<i>(In thousands)</i>
2016.....	\$ 21,866
2017.....	23,192
2018.....	16,629
2019.....	151,161
2020.....	—
Thereafter .....	125,000
Total.....	<u>\$ 337,848</u>

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13. Operating segments

Information regarding operations and assets by segment was as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Net sales:		<i>(In thousands)</i>	
Energy .....	\$ 458,339	\$ 416,106	\$ 233,555
Galvanizing Services .....	358,348	335,617	337,039
	<u>\$ 816,687</u>	<u>\$ 751,723</u>	<u>\$ 570,594</u>
Operating income:			
Energy .....	\$ 38,703	\$ 44,513	\$ 32,073
Galvanizing Services .....	88,562	87,808	88,505
Corporate .....	(20,440)	(32,207)	(22,594)
Total Operating Income .....	<u>106,825</u>	<u>100,114</u>	<u>97,984</u>
Interest expense .....	16,561	18,407	13,073
Net gain on sale of property, plant and equipment and insurance proceeds .....	(2,525)	(8,039)	(8,303)
Other (income) expense, net .....	2,659	(4,165)	(1,155)
Income before income taxes .....	<u>\$ 90,130</u>	<u>\$ 93,911</u>	<u>\$ 94,369</u>
Depreciation and amortization:			
Energy .....	\$ 20,725	\$ 19,959	\$ 8,587
Galvanizing Services .....	23,964	22,008	19,501
Corporate .....	1,400	1,338	1,275
	<u>\$ 46,089</u>	<u>\$ 43,305</u>	<u>\$ 29,363</u>
Expenditures for acquisitions, net of cash, and property, plant and equipment:			
Energy .....	\$ 10,647	\$ 284,514	\$ 79,513
Galvanizing Services .....	26,928	33,282	81,604
Corporate .....	3,320	1,378	864
	<u>\$ 40,895</u>	<u>\$ 319,174</u>	<u>\$ 161,981</u>
Total assets:			
Energy .....	\$ 523,247	\$ 542,809	\$ 261,074
Galvanizing Services .....	378,823	378,358	370,142
Corporate .....	34,844	32,086	62,989
	<u>\$ 936,914</u>	<u>\$ 953,253</u>	<u>\$ 694,205</u>
Geographic net sales:			
United States .....	\$ 631,544	\$ 601,674	\$ 503,699
Other countries .....	189,855	150,049	66,895
Eliminations .....	(4,712)	—	—
	<u>\$ 816,687</u>	<u>\$ 751,723</u>	<u>\$ 570,594</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net:			
United States .....	\$ 173,712	\$ 171,727	\$ 127,410
Canada .....	20,289	23,779	27,066
Other Countries .....	2,582	2,133	—
	<u>\$ 196,583</u>	<u>\$ 197,639</u>	<u>\$ 154,476</u>

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14. Commitments and contingencies

*Leases*

The Company is obligated under various operating leases for property, plant and equipment. As February 28, 2015, future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases with initial terms in excess of one year are summarized in the below table:

Fiscal Year:	<i>(In thousands)</i>
2016.....	\$ 6,955
2017.....	6,415
2018.....	4,561
2019.....	3,257
2020.....	1,204
Thereafter.....	2,758
Total.....	<u>\$ 25,150</u>

Rent expense was \$14.1 million, \$11.0 million and \$7.8 million for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Rent expense includes various equipment rentals that do not meet the terms of a non-cancelable lease or that have initial terms of less than one year.

*Commodity pricing*

We have no contracted commitments for any commodities including steel, aluminum, natural gas, cooper, zinc, nickel based alloys, except for those entered into under the normal course of business.

*Other*

At February 28, 2015, the Company had outstanding letters of credit in the amount of \$13.0 million. These letters of credit were issued to customers served by our Energy Segment to cover insurance reserves and any potential warranty costs and performance issues and bid bonds. In addition, as of February 28, 2015, a warranty reserve in the amount of \$2.3 million was established to offset any future warranty claims.

15. Selected quarterly financial data (Unaudited)

	<b>Quarter ended</b>			
	May 31, 2014	August 31, 2014	November 30, 2014	February 28, 2015
	<i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i>			
Net sales.....	\$ 216,126	\$ 193,416	\$ 224,833	\$ 182,312
Gross profit.....	55,389	42,100	60,775	47,432
Net income.....	14,925	13,769	19,965	16,283
Basic earnings per share.....	0.58	0.54	0.78	0.63
Diluted earnings per share.....	0.58	0.53	0.77	0.63

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	<b>Quarter ended</b>			
	May 31, 2013	August 31, 2013	November 30, 2013	February 28, 2014
	<i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i>			
Net sales.....	\$ 183,175	\$ 189,782	\$ 197,755	\$ 181,011
Gross profit.....	50,715	55,905	53,361	45,724
Net income.....	14,547	16,363	18,445	10,242
Basic earnings per share.....	0.57	0.64	0.72	0.40
Diluted earnings per share.....	0.57	0.64	0.72	0.40

16. Acquisitions

On June 30, 2014, we completed our acquisition of substantially all the assets of Zalk Steel & Supply Co. (“Zalk Steel”), a Minneapolis, Minnesota-based galvanizing company, for a purchase price of \$10.5 million and the assumption of \$0.3 million in liabilities. The Company recorded \$3.3 million of goodwill, which has been allocated to the Galvanizing Services Segment, and \$3.4 million of intangible assets associated with this acquisition. The intangible assets associated with the acquisition consist primarily of trade names, customer relationships and non-compete agreements. These intangible assets are being amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of 19 years for customer relationships, 19 years for trade names, and 5 years for non-compete agreements. Zalk Steel was acquired to expand AZZ's existing geographic footprint in North America. The goodwill arising from this acquisition was allocated to the Galvanizing Segment and is deductible for income tax purposes.

Unaudited pro forma results of operations assuming the Zalk Steel acquisition had taken place at the beginning of each period are not provided because the historical operating results of Zalk Steel were not significant and pro forma results would not be significantly different from reported results for the periods presented.

On March 29, 2013, we completed our acquisition of all of the equity securities of Aquilex Specialty Repair and Overhaul LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Aquilex SRO”), pursuant to the terms of the Securities Purchase Agreement dated February 22, 2013 (the “Purchase Agreement”). Aquilex SRO provides the energy industry with specialty repair and overhaul solutions designed to improve mechanical integrity and extend component life. Aquilex SRO offers services to a diverse base of blue-chip customers in the nuclear, fossil power, refining, chemical processing, pulp and waste-to-energy industries, serving clients that place a high value on reliability, quality and safety. Aquilex SRO's offering is differentiated through advanced proprietary tooling and process technologies delivered by a uniquely skilled specialized workforce. The acquisition is part of our strategy to expand our offerings in the Energy Segment to enhance our presence in the power generation market. The Purchase Agreement provided for AZZ's acquisition of all equity securities of Aquilex SRO for cash consideration in the amount of \$275.7 million, which was comprised of \$271.8 million as cash paid at closing and \$3.9 million subsequently paid in connection with a purchase price adjustment based on working capital pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

Under the acquisition method of accounting, the total purchase price was allocated to Aquilex SRO's net identifiable assets based on their estimated fair values as of March 29, 2013, the date on which AZZ acquired control of Aquilex SRO through cash purchase. The excess of the purchase price over the net identifiable assets was recorded as goodwill. The following table summarizes the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities of Aquilex SRO assumed at the date of acquisition:

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	<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>
Current Assets.....	\$ 78,619
Property and Equipment.....	27,669
Intangible Assets.....	87,100
Goodwill.....	109,636
Other Assets.....	205
Total Assets Acquired.....	<u>303,229</u>
Current Liabilities.....	<u>(27,527)</u>
Net Assets Acquired.....	<u>\$ 275,702</u>

The goodwill recorded in connection with the acquisition is primarily attributable to a larger geographic footprint and also synergies expected to arise. This goodwill has been allocated to the Energy Segment and will not be deductible for income tax purposes. All of the \$87.1 million of intangible assets acquired are assigned to customer related intangibles and technology. The intangible assets are being amortized over 14 years for customer related intangibles, 19 years for trade names and 3-9 years for technology on a straight line basis. During fiscal 2014, we expensed \$5.4 million in acquisition costs related to the acquisition of Aquilex SRO.

The following unaudited pro forma information assumes that the acquisition of Aquilex SRO took place on March 1, 2012 for the income statements for the years ended February 28, 2014, and February 28, 2013.

	2014	2013
	(Unaudited) (In thousands, except for per share amounts)	
Net sales: .....	\$ 774,818	\$ 783,126
Net Income .....	\$ 60,080	\$ 58,372
Earnings Per Common Share.....		
Basic Earnings Per Share.....	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.31
Diluted Earnings Per Share ....	\$ 2.34	\$ 2.28

On January 2, 2013, we acquired G3 Galvanizing Limited ("G3"), a galvanizing operation in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This acquisition is part of the stated AZZ strategy to continue the geographic expansion of its served markets that should provide a basis for continued growth of the Galvanizing Services Segment of AZZ. The purchase price paid in connection with the asset purchase was \$12.0 million and the assumption of \$3.1 million in liabilities. Goodwill of \$4.2 million resulting from the acquisition has been allocated to the Galvanizing Services Segment and will not be deductible for tax purposes. The goodwill recorded in connection with the acquisition is primarily attributable to a larger geographic footprint and also reflects the synergies that are expected to arise. During fiscal 2013, we expensed \$0.5 million in acquisition costs related to the acquisition of G3.

On October 1, 2012, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Galvcast Manufacturing Inc. ("Galvcast"), a Canadian galvanizing company with operations in Ontario, and certain real property owned by an affiliate of Galvcast. The purchase price paid in connection with the asset purchase was \$48.0 million and the assumption of approximately \$0.9 million in liabilities. Goodwill of \$15.7 million resulting from the acquisition has been allocated to the Galvanizing Services Segment and 75% of the goodwill will be deductible for tax purposes. The goodwill recorded in connection with the acquisition is primarily attributable to a larger geographic footprint and also reflects the synergies that are expected to arise. This acquisition was made to compliment and expand our existing geographic Canadian footprint. During fiscal 2013, we expensed \$0.3 million in acquisition costs related to the acquisition of Galvcast.

On June 1, 2012, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Nuclear Logistics Incorporated ("NLI"). The purchase price paid in connection with the asset purchase was \$77.0 million, net of cash acquired, along with the assumption of certain liabilities and the payoff of \$3.8 million of notes payable at closing. In connection with

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our acquisition of NLI on June 1, 2012, we may be obligated to make an additional payment of up to \$20.0 million which will be based on the future financial performance of the NLI business. Based on the cumulative performance to date and current forecast, we do not believe this additional payment will be probable and based on that determination, the accrual recorded at the end of fiscal 2014 of \$9.1 million was reversed during the second quarter of fiscal 2015. During fiscal 2013, we expensed \$0.9 million in acquisition costs related to the acquisition of NLI.

The following unaudited pro forma information assumes that the acquisition of NLI took place on March 1, 2012 for the income statements for the year ended February 28, 2013.

	2013
	(Unaudited) (In thousands, except for per share amounts)
Net sales: .....	\$ 583,743
Net Income .....	\$ 60,602
Earnings Per Common Share.....	
Basic Earnings Per Share.....	\$ 2.39
Diluted Earnings Per Share.....	\$ 2.37

The total purchase price was allocated to NLI's net tangible and identifiable intangible assets based on their estimated fair values as of June 1, 2012, the date on which AZZ acquired control of NLI. The excess of the purchase price over the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets was recorded as goodwill and will be allocated to the Energy Segment. The goodwill will be deductible for income tax purposes. The goodwill arising from this acquisition is mainly attributable to business synergies expected to arise between NLI and other AZZ subsidiaries along with the long term growth that is projected at NLI. The potential earn out payment with respect to NLI, as described above, was classified as a long term liability for purposes of the purchase price allocation, however, the accrual recorded at the end of fiscal 2014 of \$9.1 million was reversed during the second quarter of fiscal 2015. AZZ has made an allocation of the purchase price as follows:

	<i>(\$ in thousands)</i>
Current Assets.....	\$ 22,901
Property and Equipment.....	1,416
Intangible Assets.....	50,600
Goodwill.....	32,323
Other Assets.....	58
Total Assets Acquired.....	107,298
Current Liabilities.....	(17,866)
Long Term Liabilities.....	(12,388)
Net Assets Acquired .....	\$ 77,044

17. Subsequent Events

None.

Schedule II  
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Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves  
(In thousands)

	<b>Year Ended February 28,</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts			
Balance at beginning of year.....	\$ 1,744	\$ 1,000	\$ 898
Additions (reductions) charged or credited to income.....	458	(116)	446
Balances written off, net of recoveries .....	(700)	(294)	(344)
Other .....	—	1,184	—
Effect of exchange rate .....	(30)	(30)	—
Balance at end of year .....	<u>\$ 1,472</u>	<u>\$ 1,744</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

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

None.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.**

***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

As of February 28, 2015, the Company's management, with the participation of its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, have evaluated, as required by Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("the Exchange Act"), the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of February 28, 2015, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and were effective to provide reasonable assurance that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

***Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting***

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended February 28, 2015, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

***Management's Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting***

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act. Management, with the participation of its principal executive officer and principal financial officer assessed the effectiveness, as of February 28, 2015, of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting established in "Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)," issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on the assessment, management concluded that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of February 28, 2015. Management's assessment and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting did not include an assessment of the internal controls of Zalk Steel, whose acquisition was completed on June 30, 2014. The assets acquired from Zalk Steel comprised approximately 1.2% of the Company's total assets as of February 28, 2015. The Zalk Steel acquisition resulted in revenues and net income consisting of less than 1.0% of the Company's consolidated revenues and net income for the year ended February 28, 2015.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect all misstatements or fraud. Any control system, no matter how well designed and operated, is based upon certain assumptions and can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that its objectives will be met.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of February 28, 2015, has been audited by BDO USA, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their attestation report included herein.

**Item 9B. Other Information.**

None.



## PART III

### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

The information required by this item with regard to executive officers is included in Part I, Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading “Executive Officers of the Registrant.”

Information regarding directors of AZZ required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the section entitled “Election of Directors” set forth in the Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The information regarding compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the section entitled “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” set forth in the Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Information regarding our audit committee financial experts and code of ethics and business conduct required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the section entitled “Matters Relating to Corporate Governance, Board Structure, Director Compensation and Stock Ownership” set forth in the Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

No director or nominee for director has any family relationship with any other director or nominee or with any executive officer of our company.

### **Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the section entitled “Executive Compensation” and the section entitled “Matters Relating to Corporate Governance, Board Structure, Director Compensation and Stock Ownership – Fees Paid to Directors” set forth in our Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the section entitled “Executive Compensation” and the section entitled “Matters Relating to Corporate Governance, Board Structure, Director Compensation and Stock Ownership – Security Ownership of Management” set forth in the Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

#### **Equity Compensation Plan**

The following table provides a summary of information as of February 28, 2015, relating to our equity compensation plans in which our Common Stock is authorized for issuance.

#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information:**

	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(b) Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding shares reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders <sup>(1)</sup>	376,982 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 31.27	1473148 <sup>(3)</sup>
Total	376,982	\$ 31.27	1,473,148

(1) Consists of the Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan. See Note 11, “Stock Compensation” to our “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” for further information.

(2) The average term of outstanding options and stock appreciation rights is 4.03 years.

(3) Consists of 1,473,148 shares remaining available for future issuance under the Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

## **Description of Other Plans for the Grant of Equity Compensation**

### *Long Term Incentive Plans*

The description of the 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan and 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan provided in Note 11 to the financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are incorporated by reference under this Item.

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

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the sections entitled “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” and “Director Independence” set forth in the Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

### ***Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services***

Information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the sections entitled “Other Business – Independent Auditor Fees” and “Other Business – Pre-approval of Non-audit Fees” set forth in our Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

## PART IV

### **Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.**

#### **A. Financial Statements**

1. The financial statements filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are listed in the “Index to Consolidated Financial Statements” on page 31.
2. Financial Statement Schedule  
Schedule II – Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is listed in the “Index to Consolidated Financial Statements” on page 57.

Schedules and compliance information other than those referred to above have been omitted since the required information is not present or is not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedule, or because the information required is included in the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto.

#### **B. Exhibits Required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K**

A list of the exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K and filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is set forth in the Index to Exhibits beginning on page 63, which immediately precedes such exhibits.

## SIGNATURES

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

AZZ incorporated  
(Registrant)

April 22, 2015

By: /s/ Thomas E. Ferguson  
**Thomas E. Ferguson,**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**

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

April 22, 2015

/s/ Kevern R. Joyce  
Kevern R. Joyce  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

April 22, 2015

/s/ Thomas E. Ferguson  
Thomas E. Ferguson  
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)

April 22, 2015

/s/ Paul W. Fehlman  
Paul W. Fehlman,  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

April 22, 2015

/s/ Robert J. Steines  
Robert J. Steines  
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

April 22, 2015

/s/ Daniel R. Feehan  
Daniel R. Feehan, Director

April 22, 2015

/s/ Peter A. Hegedus  
Peter A. Hegedus, Director

April 22, 2015

/s/ Dr. H. Kirk Downey  
Dr. H. Kirk Downey, Director

April 22, 2015

/s/ Daniel E. Berce  
Daniel E. Berce, Director

April 22, 2015

/s/ Martin C. Bowen  
Martin C. Bowen, Director

April 22, 2015

/s/ Sam Rosen  
Sam Rosen, Director

April 22, 2015

/s/ Dana L. Perry  
Dana L. Perry, Director

April 22, 2015

/s/ Stephen E. Pirnat  
Stephen E. Pirnat, Director

## Index to Exhibits as Required By Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation, and all amendments thereto (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1981)
- 3.2 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, dated June 30, 1988 (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2000)
- 3.3 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation dated October 25, 1999 (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2000)
- 3.4 Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporated, dated July 17, 2000 (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2000)
- 3.5 AZZ incorporated Bylaws, as Amended and Restated (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(1) to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 8, 2014)
- 4.1 Form of Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 31, 2000)
- 10.1 Securities Purchase Agreement, dated February 22, 2013 by and among AZZ incorporated, Arbor-Crowley, Inc., Aquilex Specialty Repair and Overhaul LLC, Aquilex LLC, the Blocker Sellers named therein and the Blocker Corps named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 28, 2013)
- 10.2 Note Purchase Agreement dated March 31, 2008, by and among AZZ incorporated and the purchasers listed therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(1) to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 2, 2008)
- 10.3 Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2011, by and among AZZ incorporated and the purchasers identified therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 21, 2011)
- 10.4 Credit Agreement, dated as of March 27, 2013, by and among AZZ incorporated, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer, and the other Lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed April 2, 2013)
- 10.5\* AZZ incorporated Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A filed June 4, 2008)
- 10.6\* Form of AZZ incorporated Fiscal Year 2005 Stock Appreciation Rights Plan for Directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(53) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 31, 2004)
- 10.7\* Form of AZZ incorporated Fiscal Year 2005 Stock Appreciation Rights Plan for Key Employees (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(54) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 31, 2004)
- 10.8\* AZZ incorporated 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A filed May 29, 2014)
- 10.9\* Form of Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2014)
- 10.10\* Form of Stock Appreciation Rights Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2014)
- 10.11\* Form of Performance Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended November 30, 2014)
- 10.12\* AZZ incorporated Senior Executive Bonus Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A filed June 4, 2007)
- 10.13\* AZZ incorporated Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Form DEF 14A filed June 4, 2008)
- 10.14\* Employment Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and Thomas Ferguson, dated as of November 4, 2013 (incorporated by reference to the Exhibit 10(1) to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 7, 2013)
- 10.15\* Change in Control Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and Thomas Ferguson, dated as of November 4, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(2) to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 7, 2013)

10.16*	Employment Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and Paul Fehlman, dated as of February 24, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(1) to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 27, 2014)
10.17*	Change in Control Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and Paul Fehlman, dated as of February 24, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(2) to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 27, 2014)
10.18*	Employment Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and Dana L. Perry, to be effective as of March 1, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(15) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2002)
10.19*	Amendment No. One to Employment Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and Dana L. Perry, dated as of March 27, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(16) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2002)
10.20*	Amendment No. Two to Employment Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and Dana L. Perry, dated as of May 15, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(34) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2003)
10.21*	Change in Control Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and Dana L. Perry, dated as of January 28, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(28) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2011)
10.22*	Form of Change in Control Agreement by and between AZZ incorporated and certain officers thereof (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(18) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2002)
12.1	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (Filed herewith)
14.1	Code of Ethics. AZZ incorporated Code of Ethics may be accessed via the Company's Website at <a href="http://www.azz.com">www.azz.com</a> .
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant (Filed herewith)
23.1	Consent of BDO USA, LLP (Filed herewith)
31.1	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Filed herewith)
31.2	Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Filed herewith)
32.1	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Filed herewith)
32.2	Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Filed herewith)
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

\* Management contract, compensatory plan or arrangement

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Daniel E. Berce**

Chief Executive Officer  
*GM Financial*

**Daniel R. Feehan**

Chairman of the Board  
*Cash America International, Inc.*

**Kevern R. Joyce**

Chairman of the Board

**Martin C. Bowen**

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
*Thru Line, LP*

**Tom Ferguson**

President and Chief Executive Officer

**Dr. H. Kirk Downey**

Independent Business Consultant  
Investor

**Peter A. Hegedus**

Private Investor

**Stephen E. Pirnat**

CEO of ClearSign Combustion Corporation

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

**Tom Ferguson**

President and Chief Executive Officer

**Debbie Forester**

Vice President, Human Resources

**Paul Fehlman**

Senior Vice President of Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

**Tara D. Mackey**

Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

**Matt Emery**

Vice President and Chief Information Officer

**Tim E. Pendley**

Senior Vice President and Chief Operating  
Officer, Galvanizing Services

**Robert J. Steines**

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

**Chris Bacius**

Vice President, Corporate Development

## CORPORATE INFORMATION

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**Shareholder Assistance**

Shareholders of record requiring information about their accounts should contact:

Computershare Investor Services  
211 Quality Circle, Suite 210  
College Station, TX 77845  
(877) 373-6374 (USA, Canada, Puerto Rico)  
(312) 360-5241 (All other countries)

Computershare representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT. Automated phone service and the Computershare Website at [www.computershare.com/azz](http://www.computershare.com/azz) are always available.

**Electronic Delivery of Annual Meeting Materials**

Shareholders may consent to receive their AZZ annual report and proxy materials via the Internet. Shareholders of record may enroll at [www.computershare.com/azz](http://www.computershare.com/azz). If your stock is held through a broker, bank, or other nominee, contact it directly.

**Annual Meeting**

July 14, 2015 at 10:00 am (CDT)  
One Museum Place, 4th Floor  
3100 West 7th Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76107

**Availability of Forms Filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission**

Shareholders may obtain, without charge, copies of AZZ's annual reports, proxy statements, Forms 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K, and Changes in Beneficial Ownership by accessing the company's website or by providing a written request for such copies or additional information to:

Investor Relations  
AZZ incorporated  
One Museum Place, Suite 500  
3100 West 7th Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Additional information on AZZ is available online at [www.azz.com](http://www.azz.com).

**Common Stock**

AZZ common stock, \$1.00 par value, is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol AZZ.

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