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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 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: 1-7665

LYDALL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 06-0865505

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or

Organization)

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

One Colonial Road, Manchester, Connecticut 06042 (Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(860) 646-1233

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

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

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 a 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 ýNo "

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 ýNo "

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

Large accelerated filer "Accelerated filer ýNon-accelerated filer "Smaller reporting company"

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock \$ .10 par value per share. Total Shares outstanding April 13, 2015

17,014,967

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Lydall, Inc. and its subsidiaries are hereafter collectively referred to as "Lydall," the "Company" or the "Registrant." Lydall and its subsidiaries' names, abbreviations thereof, logos, and product and service designators are all either the registered or unregistered trademarks or trade names of Lydall and its subsidiaries.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Any statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-O that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. All such forward-looking statements are intended to provide management's current expectations for the future operating and financial performance of the Company based on current assumptions relating to the Company's business, the economy and future conditions. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified through the use of words such as "believes," "anticipates," "may," "should," "will," "plans," "projects," "expects," "expectations," "estimates," "forecasts," "projects," "expects," "expectations," "ex "prospects," "strategy," "signs" and other words of similar meaning in connection with the discussion of future operating or financial performance. Forward-looking statements may include, among other things, statements relating to future sales, earnings, cash flow, results of operations, uses of cash and other measures of financial performance. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. Accordingly, the Company's actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Investors, therefore, are cautioned against relying on any of these forward-looking statements. They are neither statements of historical fact nor guarantees or assurances of future performance. Forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include, among others, statements relating to:

Overall economic and business conditions and the effects on the Company's markets;

Outlook for the remainder of 2015;

Expected vehicle production in the North American, European or Asian markets;

Growth opportunities in markets served by the Company;

Expected cost savings from synergy programs associated with the Industrial Filtration acquisition;

Expected gross margin, operating margin and working capital improvements from the application of Lean Six Sigma;

Product development and new business opportunities;

Future strategic transactions, including but not limited to: acquisitions, joint ventures, alliances, licensing agreements and divestitures;

Pension plan funding requirements;

Future cash flow and uses of

cash

Future repurchases of the Company's Common Stock;

Future amounts of stock-based compensation

expense;

Future earnings and other measurements of financial performance;

Future levels of indebtedness and capital spending:

Ability to meet cash operating requirements;

Ability to meet financial covenants in the Company's revolving credit facility;

Future impact of the variability of interest

rates:

Future impact of foreign currency exchange rates;

The expected future impact of recently issued accounting pronouncements upon adoption;

Future effective income tax rates and realization of deferred tax assets;

• Estimates of fair values of reporting units and long-lived assets used in assessing goodwill and long-lived assets for possible impairment; and

The expected outcomes of legal proceedings and other contingencies.

All forward-looking statements are inherently subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those reflected in forward-looking statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as in press releases and other statements made from time to time by the Company's authorized officers. Such risks and

uncertainties include, among others, worldwide economic cycles that affect the markets which the Company's businesses serve which could have an effect on demand for the Company's products and impact the Company's profitability, disruptions in the global credit and financial markets, including diminished liquidity and credit availability, swings in consumer confidence and spending, unstable economic growth, volatility in foreign currency exchange rates, raw material pricing and supply issues, fluctuations in unemployment rates, increases in fuel prices, and outcomes of legal proceedings, claims and investigations, including with respect to possible violations of German anti-trust laws by employees in the Company's German operation as well as other risks and uncertainties identified in Part II, Item 1A — Risk Factors of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and Part I, Item 1A - Risk Factors of Lydall's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Financial Statements

#### LYDALL, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In Thousands Except Per Share Data)

	Quarter Ended	
	March 31,	
	2015 2014	
	(Unaudited)	
Net sales	\$127,306 \$125,226	
Cost of sales	99,606 99,027	
Gross profit	27,700 26,199	
Selling, product development and administrative expenses	17,622 18,573	
Operating income	10,078 7,626	
Gain on sale of business	(18,647 ) —	
Interest expense	222 212	
Other (income) expense, net	(1,022 ) 55	
Income before income taxes	29,525 7,359	
Income tax expense	10,588 3,643	
Net income	\$18,937 \$3,716	
Earnings per share:		
Basic	\$1.12 \$0.22	
Diluted	\$1.11 \$0.22	
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	16,837 16,542	
Diluted	17,109 16,852	

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

# LYDALL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In Thousands)

	Quarter Ended		
	March 31,		
	2015	2014	
	(Unaudited)		
Net income	\$18,937	\$3,716	
Other comprehensive income:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(9,919	(336	)
Pension liability adjustment, net of tax	137	111	
Comprehensive income	\$9,155	\$3,491	

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

# LYDALL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands)

	March 31,	December 31,
	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$72,103	\$62,051
Accounts receivable, less allowances (2015 - \$907; 2014 - \$709)	91,252	84,366
Inventories	53,640	51,241
Taxes receivable	1,426	4,539
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,205	11,109
Total current assets	228,626	213,306
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	289,473	