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FORM 10-Q**

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

For the quarterly period ended January 27, 2019
Commission File No. 1-12597

CULP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NORTH CAROLINA
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or other organization)

56-1001967
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1823 Eastchester Drive
High Point, North Carolina**
(Address of principal executive offices)

27265-1402
(zip code)

(336) 889-5161
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 the filing requirements for at least 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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period after the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES NO

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

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

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

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

Common shares outstanding at January 27, 2019: 12,368,413
Par Value: \$0.05 per share

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Item 1: Financial Statements

CULP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF NET INCOME (LOSS)
FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 27, 2019 AND JANUARY 28, 2018
UNAUDITED
(Amounts in Thousands, Except for Per Share Data)

| | THREE MONTHS ENDED | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net sales | \$ 77,226 | 85,310 |
| Cost of sales | 63,103 | 67,707 |
| Gross profit | 14,123 | 17,603 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 10,038 | 9,959 |
| Restructuring credit | (214) | - |
| Income from operations | 4,299 | 7,644 |
| Interest expense | - | 31 |
| Interest income | (251) | (132) |
| Other expense | 288 | 229 |
| Income before income taxes | 4,262 | 7,516 |
| Income taxes | 1,225 | 8,208 |
| (Income) loss from investment in unconsolidated joint venture | (23) | 56 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 3,060 | (748) |
| Plus: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest | 94 | - |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Culp, Inc. common shareholders | \$ 3,154 | (748) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Culp Inc. common shareholders per share - basic | \$ 0.25 | (0.06) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Culp Inc. common shareholders per share - diluted | \$ 0.25 | (0.06) |
| Average shares outstanding, basic | 12,438 | 12,436 |
| Average shares outstanding, diluted | 12,465 | 12,436 |
| | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net sales | \$ 225,705 | 245,541 |
| Cost of sales | 187,697 | 195,668 |
| Gross profit | 38,008 | 49,873 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 28,174 | 28,876 |
| Restructuring credit | (825) | - |
| Income from operations | 10,659 | 20,997 |
| Interest expense | 38 | 69 |
| Interest income | (552) | (391) |
| Other expense | 688 | 903 |
| Income before income taxes | 10,485 | 20,416 |
| Income taxes | 3,407 | 11,956 |
| Loss from investment in unconsolidated joint venture | 109 | 249 |
| Net income | \$ 6,969 | 8,211 |
| Plus: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest | 75 | - |
| Net income attributable to Culp, Inc. common shareholders | \$ 7,044 | 8,211 |
| Net income attributable to Culp Inc. common shareholders per share - basic | \$ 0.56 | 0.66 |
| Net income attributable to Culp Inc. common shareholders per share - diluted | \$ 0.56 | 0.65 |
| Average shares outstanding, basic | 12,488 | 12,425 |
| Average shares outstanding, diluted | 12,593 | 12,626 |

CULP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 27, 2019 AND JANUARY 28, 2018
(UNAUDITED)
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

| | THREE MONTHS ENDED | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 3,060 | \$ (748) |
| Other comprehensive loss | | |
| Unrealized holding losses on investments, net of tax | (75) | (4) |
| Reclassification adjustment for realized loss on investments | 22 | - |
| | (53) | (4) |
| Total other comprehensive loss | | |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$ 3,007 | \$ (752) |
| Plus: Comprehensive loss attributable to non-controlling interest | 94 | - |
| Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Culp, Inc. common shareholders | \$ 3,101 | \$ (752) |
| | | |
| | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net income | \$ 6,969 | \$ 8,211 |
| Other comprehensive income | | |
| Unrealized gain on investments, net of tax | | |
| Unrealized holding (losses) gains on investments | (78) | 60 |
| Reclassification adjustment for realized loss on investments | 116 | - |
| | 38 | 60 |
| Total unrealized gain on investments | | |
| Unrealized gain on foreign currency cash flow hedge, net of tax | | |
| Unrealized holding loss on foreign currency cash flow hedge | (8) | - |
| Reclassification adjustment for realized loss on foreign currency cash flow hedge | 64 | - |
| | 56 | - |
| Total unrealized gain on foreign currency cash flow hedge | | |
| Total other comprehensive income | 94 | 60 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 7,063 | \$ 8,271 |
| Plus: Comprehensive loss attributable to non-controlling interest | 75 | - |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Culp, Inc. common shareholders | \$ 7,138 | \$ 8,271 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CULP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
JANUARY 27, 2019, JANUARY 28, 2018 AND APRIL 29, 2018
UNAUDITED
(Amounts in Thousands)

| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | *April 29, 2018 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 26,418 | 22,428 | 21,228 |
| Short-term investments - Available for Sale | - | 2,472 | 2,451 |
| Short-term investments - Held-To-Maturity | 13,544 | 17,206 | 25,759 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 26,142 | 26,097 | 26,307 |
| Inventories | 55,415 | 55,651 | 53,454 |
| Other current assets | 2,954 | 3,114 | 2,870 |
| Total current assets | <u>124,473</u> | <u>126,968</u> | <u>132,069</u> |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 50,129 | 51,838 | 51,794 |
| Goodwill | 27,222 | 11,462 | 13,569 |
| Intangible assets | 10,542 | 1,397 | 4,275 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,224 | 1,942 | 1,458 |
| Long-term investments - Held-To-Maturity | - | 13,625 | 5,035 |
| Long-term investments - Rabbi Trust | 6,834 | 7,176 | 7,326 |
| Investment in unconsolidated joint venture | 1,512 | 1,518 | 1,501 |
| Other assets | 972 | 918 | 957 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 224,908</u> | <u>216,844</u> | <u>217,984</u> |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable-trade | \$ 28,401 | 32,434 | 27,237 |
| Accounts payable - capital expenditures | 91 | 1,554 | 1,776 |
| Deferred revenue | 492 | - | 809 |
| Accrued expenses | 9,740 | 8,842 | 9,325 |
| Accrued restructuring costs | 228 | - | - |
| Income taxes payable - current | 642 | 1,580 | 1,437 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>39,594</u> | <u>44,410</u> | <u>40,584</u> |
| Accrued expenses - long-term | - | - | 763 |
| Contingent consideration - earn-out obligation | 5,781 | - | - |
| Income taxes payable - long-term | 3,294 | 10,940 | 3,758 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,225 | 2,096 | 2,150 |
| Deferred compensation | 6,782 | 7,216 | 7,353 |
| Total liabilities | <u>57,676</u> | <u>64,662</u> | <u>54,608</u> |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 13 and 22) | | | |
| Shareholders' equity | | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.05 par value, authorized 10,000,000 | - | - | - |
| Common stock, \$0.05 par value, authorized 40,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding 12,368,413 at January 27, 2019; 12,450,276 at January 28, 2018; and 12,450,276 at April 29, 2018 | 619 | 623 | 623 |
| Capital contributed in excess of par value | 43,961 | 48,413 | 48,203 |
| Accumulated earnings | 118,186 | 103,090 | 114,635 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 9 | 56 | (85) |
| Total shareholders' equity attributable to Culp Inc. | <u>162,775</u> | <u>152,182</u> | <u>163,376</u> |
| Non-controlling interest | 4,457 | - | - |
| Total equity | <u>167,232</u> | <u>152,182</u> | <u>163,376</u> |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | <u>\$ 224,908</u> | <u>216,844</u> | <u>217,984</u> |

* Derived from audited financial statements.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CULP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 27, 2019 AND JANUARY 28, 2018
UNAUDITED
(Amounts in Thousands)

| | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 6,969 | 8,211 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 6,087 | 5,679 |
| Amortization | 592 | 248 |
| Stock-based compensation | 373 | 2,422 |
| Deferred income taxes | (1,691) | (3,020) |
| Realized loss on sale of short-term investments (Available for Sale) | 94 | - |
| Gain on sale of property, plant, and equipment | (1,456) | - |
| Loss from investment in unconsolidated joint venture | 109 | 249 |
| Foreign currency exchange loss | 12 | 133 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisition of businesses | | |
| Accounts receivable | (38) | (923) |
| Inventories | (658) | (3,275) |
| Other current assets | (43) | (27) |
| Other assets | 6 | (37) |
| Accounts payable - trade | 486 | 1,715 |
| Deferred revenue | (317) | - |
| Accrued expenses and deferred compensation | (1,513) | (1,608) |
| Accrued restructuring costs | 228 | - |
| Income taxes | (1,155) | 11,702 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>8,085</u> | <u>21,469</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Net cash paid for acquisition of businesses | (12,096) | - |
| Capital expenditures | (2,954) | (6,657) |
| Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment | 1,894 | 6 |
| Investment in unconsolidated joint venture | (120) | (661) |
| Proceeds from the sale of short-term investments (Held to Maturity) | 17,150 | - |
| Proceeds from the sale of short-term investments (Available for Sale) | 2,458 | - |
| Purchase of short-term investments (Available for Sale) | (10) | (37) |
| Proceeds from the sale of long-term investments (Rabbi Trust) | 1,233 | 57 |
| Purchase of long-term investments (Rabbi Trust) | (795) | (1,699) |
| Premium payment on life insurance policy | - | (18) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | <u>6,760</u> | <u>(9,009)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from line of credit | 12,000 | 10,000 |
| Payments on line of credit | (12,000) | (10,000) |
| Payments on vendor-financed capital expenditures | (1,412) | (3,750) |
| Dividends paid | (3,493) | (5,722) |
| Common stock surrendered for withholding taxes payable | (1,303) | (1,530) |
| Common stock repurchased | (3,316) | - |
| Payments of debt issuance costs | (50) | - |
| Proceeds from common stock issued | - | 111 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(9,574)</u> | <u>(10,891)</u> |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (81) | 64 |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | 5,190 | 1,633 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | <u>21,228</u> | <u>20,795</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | <u>\$ 26,418</u> | <u>22,428</u> |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CULP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
NINE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 27, 2019
UNAUDITED
(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

Shareholders' equity attributable to Culp Inc.

| | Common Stock | | Capital Contributed in Excess of Par Value | Accumulated Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income | | Non- Controlling Interest | Total Equity |
|--|--------------|--------|--|-------------------------|---|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Shares | Amount | | | Total | | | |
| Balance, April 29, 2018 * | 12,450,276 | \$ 623 | 48,203 | 114,635 | (85) | \$ 163,376 | \$ - | \$ 163,376 |
| Net income | - | - | - | 957 | - | 957 | 8 | 965 |
| Acquisition of subsidiary with non- controlling interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,532 | 4,532 |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | (501) | - | - | (501) | - | (501) |
| Unrealized gain on foreign currency cash flow hedge | - | - | - | - | 15 | 15 | - | 15 |
| Unrealized gain on investments | - | - | - | - | 134 | 134 | - | 134 |
| Common stock issued in connection with vesting of performance based restricted stock units | 115,917 | 6 | (6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Common stock issued in connection with vesting of time- based restricted stock units | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Common stock surrendered for withholding taxes payable | (42,157) | (2) | (1,290) | - | - | (1,292) | - | (1,292) |
| Common stock repurchased | (2,990) | - | (72) | - | - | (72) | - | (72) |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | (1,127) | - | (1,127) | - | (1,127) |
| Balance, July 29, 2018 | 12,522,246 | 627 | 46,334 | 114,465 | 64 | 161,490 | 4,540 | 166,030 |
| Net income | - | - | - | 2,933 | - | 2,933 | 11 | 2,944 |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | 395 | - | - | 395 | - | 395 |
| Unrealized gain on foreign currency cash flow hedge | - | - | - | - | 41 | 41 | - | 41 |
| Unrealized loss on investments | - | - | - | - | (43) | (43) | - | (43) |
| Fully vested common stock award | 3,600 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Common stock repurchased | (33,890) | (2) | (770) | - | - | (772) | - | (772) |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | (1,126) | - | (1,126) | - | (1,126) |
| Balance, October 28, 2018 | 12,491,956 | \$ 625 | 45,959 | 116,272 | 62 | \$ 162,918 | \$ 4,551 | \$ 167,469 |
| Net income | - | - | - | 3,154 | - | 3,154 | (94) | 3,060 |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | 479 | - | - | 479 | - | 479 |
| Unrealized loss on investments | - | - | - | - | (53) | (53) | - | (53) |
| Common stock surrendered for withholding taxes payable | - | - | (11) | - | - | (11) | - | (11) |
| Common stock repurchased | (123,543) | (6) | (2,466) | - | - | (2,472) | - | (2,472) |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | (1,240) | - | (1,240) | - | (1,240) |
| Balance, January 27, 2019 | 12,368,413 | \$ 619 | \$ 43,961 | \$ 118,186 | \$ 9 | \$ 162,775 | \$ 4,457 | \$ 167,232 |

* Derived from audited financial statements.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CULP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
NINE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 28, 2018
UNAUDITED
(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

| | Common Stock | | Capital Contributed in Excess of Par Value | Accumulated Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income | Total Shareholders' Equity |
|--|--------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | | | | |
| Balance, April 30, 2017 * | 12,356,631 | \$ 618 | 47,415 | 100,601 | (4) | \$ 148,630 |
| Net income | - | - | - | 4,984 | - | 4,984 |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | 757 | - | - | 757 |
| Unrealized gain on investments | - | - | - | - | 44 | 44 |
| Common stock issued in connection with vesting of performance based restricted stock units | 118,845 | 6 | (6) | - | - | - |
| Common stock issued in connection with exercise of stock options | 600 | - | 5 | - | - | 5 |
| Common stock surrendered for withholding taxes payable | (34,915) | (2) | (1,133) | - | - | (1,135) |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | (3,608) | - | (3,608) |
| Balance, July 30, 2017 | 12,441,161 | 622 | 47,038 | 101,977 | 40 | 149,677 |
| Net income | - | - | - | 3,976 | - | 3,976 |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | 801 | - | - | 801 |
| Unrealized gain on investments | - | - | - | - | 20 | 20 |
| Fully vested common stock award | 4,800 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Common stock issued in connection with vesting of time- based restricted stock units | 1,200 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Common stock surrendered for withholding taxes payable | (11,885) | - | (398) | - | - | (398) |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | (996) | - | (996) |
| Balance, October 29, 2017 | 12,435,276 | \$ 622 | 47,441 | 104,957 | 60 | \$ 153,080 |
| Net loss | - | - | - | (748) | - | (748) |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | 867 | - | - | 867 |
| Unrealized loss on investments | - | - | - | - | (4) | (4) |
| Common stock issued in connection with exercise of stock options | 15,000 | 1 | 105 | - | - | 106 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | (1,119) | - | (1,119) |
| Balance, January 28, 2018 | 12,450,276 | \$ 623 | \$ 48,413 | \$ 103,090 | \$ 56 | \$ 152,182 |

* Derived from audited financial statements.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Culp, Inc.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Culp, Inc. and its majority-owned subsidiaries (the “company”) include all adjustments, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for fair presentation of the results of operations and financial position. All of these adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Results of operations for interim periods may not be indicative of future results. The unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements, which are included in the company’s annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 13, 2018, for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2018.

The company’s nine-months ended January 27, 2019, and January 28, 2018, represent 39-week periods, respectively.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

As of January 27, 2019, there were no changes in the nature of our significant accounting policies or the application of those policies from those reported in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year then ended April 29, 2018.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, which subsequently amended ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The amendments in this ASU are intended to enhance the comparability of revenue recognition practices and will be applied to all contracts with customers. Improved disclosures related to the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue that is recognized are requirements under the amended guidance. The new revenue standard became effective at the beginning of our fiscal 2019, and therefore, we applied the new revenue guidance in our first quarter of fiscal 2019 interim financial statements. This guidance did not have a material impact on our results of operations and financial position but did have a material impact on the disclosures required in our notes to the consolidated financial statements, which are disclosed in Note 5.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*, to address the diversity in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented in the statement of cash flows. This new guidance provides clarity around the cash flow classification for eight specific issues in an effort to reduce the current and potential future diversity in practice. This new standard, which is to be applied retrospectively, became effective at the beginning of our fiscal 2019, and therefore, we applied this new guidance in our first quarter of fiscal 2019 interim financial statements. During the first quarter of fiscal 2019, this new guidance did not impact our results of operations, balance sheet, or statement of cash flows. Currently, we do expect that this guidance will be applicable in determining how we classify certain contingent payments associated with our business combinations (see note 3) as either investing or financing activities. This guidance requires that cash payments not made soon after the acquisition date of a business combination by an acquirer to settle a contingent consideration liability should be separated and classified as cash outflows from financing activities. In comparison, cash payments made soon after the acquisition date should be separated and classified as cash outflows from investing activities.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-16, Income Taxes (Topic 740): *Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory*, to reduce the diversity in practice and complexity associated with accounting for the income tax consequences of intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. Prior GAAP prohibited recognition of deferred income taxes for an intra-entity transfer until the asset had been sold to an outside party. The new pronouncement stipulates that an entity should recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory when the transfer occurs. This new standard, which is required to be applied on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative-effect adjustment directly to retained earnings, became effective at the beginning of our fiscal 2019. Therefore, we were required to apply this new guidance in our first quarter fiscal 2019 interim financial statements. This guidance did not impact our results of operations and financial position.

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Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which increases transparency and comparability among companies accounting for lease transactions. The most significant change of this update will require the recognition of lease assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for operating lease arrangements with lease terms greater than twelve months for lessees. This update will require a modified retrospective application which includes a number of optional practical expedients related to the identification and classification of leases commenced before the effective date. This ASU is effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018.

The FASB recently issued ASU No. 2018-11, "*Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements*", which allows entities to apply the transition provisions of the new standard at its adoption date instead of the earliest comparative period presented in the consolidated financial statements. This ASU allows entities to continue to use Topic 840, *Leases*, including its disclosure requirements, in the comparative years presented in the year the new leases standard is adopted. Entities that elect this option would still adopt the new leases standard using a modified retrospective transition method but would recognize a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption rather than the earliest years presented.

We are required to apply this guidance in our fiscal 2020 interim and annual financial statements and are currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements. We do expect this guidance to have a material impact on our financial position due to the requirement to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets and the disclosures required in our notes to the consolidated financial statements.

3. Business Combinations

Read Window Products, LLC (Read)

Overview

Effective April 1, 2018, we entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (Asset Agreement) to acquire certain assets and assume certain liabilities of Read, a source of custom window treatments for the hospitality and commercial industries. Based in Knoxville, Tennessee, Read is a turn-key provider of window treatments that offers sourcing of upholstery fabrics and other products, measuring, and installation services of their own products. Read's custom product line includes motorization, shades, upholstered drapery, upholstered headboards and shower curtains. In addition, Read supplies soft goods such as decorative top sheets, coverlets, duvet covers, bed skirts, bolsters and pillows, for leading hospitality brands worldwide. The addition of window treatments and other soft goods to our product line allows us to be a more complete source of fabrics for the hospitality market, in which we believe there are significant growth opportunities.

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The purchase price for the net assets acquired was \$5.7 million, of which \$4.5 million was paid at closing on April 1, 2018, \$375,000 was paid in May 2018, and \$763,000 is to be paid in June 2019, subject to certain conditions as defined in the Asset Agreement.

Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed

The following table presents the final allocation of the acquisition cost to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values.

| (dollars in thousands) | Fair Value |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Customer relationships | \$ 2,247 |
| Goodwill | 2,107 |
| Inventory | 1,128 |
| Accounts receivable | 897 |
| Tradename | 683 |
| Property, plant & equipment | 379 |
| Other assets | 35 |
| Deferred revenue | (903) |
| Accounts payable | (719) |
| Accrued expenses | (174) |
| | \$ 5,680 |

We recorded customer relationships at fair market value based on a multi-period excess earnings valuation model. These customer relationships will be amortized on a straight-line basis over their nine-year useful life. We recorded the tradename at fair market value based on the relief from royalty method. This tradename was determined to have an indefinite useful life and, therefore, is not being amortized. Equipment will be depreciated on a straight-line basis over useful lives ranging from three to ten years.

The goodwill related to this acquisition is attributable to Read's reputation with the products and services they provide and the collective experience of management with regards to its operations, customers, and industry. Goodwill is deductible for income tax purposes over the statutory period of fifteen years.

The Asset Agreement contains a contingent consideration arrangement that requires us to pay a former shareholder of Read an earn-out payment based on adjusted EBITDA, as defined in the Asset Agreement, for calendar year 2018 in excess of fifty percent of a pre-established adjusted EBITDA target. As of January 27, 2019, based on actual financial results in relation to the pre-established adjusted EBITDA target, a contingent payment will not be made, and therefore, no contingent liability has been recorded.

Other

Acquisition costs totaling \$339,000 were included in selling, general, and administrative expenses in our fiscal 2018 Consolidated Statement of Net Income.

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eLuxury, LLC (eLuxury)

Overview

Effective June 22, 2018, we entered into an Equity Purchase Agreement (Equity Agreement) in which we acquired an initial 80% ownership interest in eLuxury, a company that offers bedding accessories and home goods directly to consumers. eLuxury's primary products include a line of mattress pads manufactured at eLuxury's facility located in Evansville, Indiana. eLuxury also offers handmade platform beds, cotton bed sheets, as well as other bedding items. Their products are available on eLuxury's own branded website, eLuxury.com, Amazon, and other leading online retailers for specialty home goods.

We believe this acquisition will provide a new sales channel for eLuxury's bedding accessories and will expand our opportunity to participate in the e-commerce direct-to-consumer space. This business combination brings together eLuxury's experience in e-commerce, online brand building, and direct-to-consumer shopping and fulfillment expertise with our global production, sourcing, and distribution capabilities. We also have an opportunity to market our new line of bedding accessories, and home products, as well as other finished products that we may develop, through this e-commerce platform.

The estimated consideration given for the initial 80% ownership interest in eLuxury totaled \$18.1 million, of which \$12.5 million represents the estimated purchase price and \$5.6 million represents the fair value for contingent consideration associated with an earn-out obligation (see below for further details). Of the \$12.5 million estimated purchase price, \$11.6 million was paid at closing on June 22, 2018, \$185,000 was paid in August 2018, and \$749,000 is to be paid in September 2019, subject to certain conditions as defined in the Equity Agreement.

Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed

The following table presents the final allocation of the acquisition cost to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values.

| (dollars in thousands) | Fair Value |
|--|------------------|
| Goodwill | \$ 13,653 |
| Tradename | 6,549 |
| Equipment | 2,179 |
| Inventory | 1,804 |
| Accounts receivable and other current assets | 108 |
| Accounts payable | (1,336) |
| Accrued expenses | (295) |
| Non-controlling interest in eLuxury | (4,532) |
| | <u>\$ 18,130</u> |

We recorded the tradename at fair market value based on the relief from royalty method. This tradename was determined to have an indefinite useful life and, therefore, is not being amortized. Equipment will be depreciated on a straight-line basis over useful lives ranging from five to ten years.

The goodwill related to this acquisition is attributable to eLuxury's reputation with the products they offer and management's experience in e-commerce, online brand building, and direct-to-consumer shopping and fulfillment expertise. Goodwill is deductible for income tax purposes over the statutory period of fifteen years.

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As mentioned above, the Equity Agreement contains a contingent consideration arrangement that requires us to pay the seller, who is also the owner of the noncontrolling interest, an earn-out payment based on a multiple of adjusted EBITDA, as defined in the Equity Agreement, for the twelve-month period ending August 31, 2021, less \$12.0 million. We recorded a contingent liability at the acquisition date for this earn-out obligation at its fair value totaling \$5.6 million based on the Black Scholes pricing model.

Consolidation and Non-Controlling Interest

The Equity Agreement contains substantive profit-sharing arrangement provisions in which it explicitly states the ownership interests at the effective date of this business combination and the allocation of net income or loss between the controlling interest (Culp) and the noncontrolling interest. The Equity Agreement states that at the effective date of this acquisition (June 22, 2018), we acquired an 80% ownership interest in eLuxury with the seller retaining a 20% noncontrolling interest. Additionally, the Equity Agreement states that eLuxury's net income or loss will be allocated at a percentage of 70% and 30% to the company and the noncontrolling interest, respectively.

As result of the acquisition of our 80% controlling interest, we included all the accounts of eLuxury in our consolidated financial statements and have eliminated all significant intercompany balances and transactions. Net income (loss) attributable to the minority interest in eLuxury is excluded from total consolidated net income (loss) attributable to Culp, Inc. common shareholders.

Based on the terms of the Equity Agreement, we believe the related risks associated with the ownership interests are aligned and therefore, the total consideration of \$18.1 million for the 80% controlling interest provides information for the equity value of eLuxury as a whole, and therefore, is useful in estimating fair value of the 20% noncontrolling interest. In order to determine the carrying value of our noncontrolling interest in eLuxury, we applied the Hypothetical-Liquidation-At-Book-Value method (HLBV). HLBV is an approach that is used in practice to determine the carrying value of a noncontrolling interest if it is consistent with an existing profit-sharing arrangement such as the Equity Agreement. Therefore, the carrying amount of the noncontrolling interest of \$4.5 million represents the \$4.5 million fair value determined at the acquisition date plus its allocation of net loss totaling \$75,000 subsequent to the acquisition date and through the end of our third quarter of fiscal 2019.

Other

Acquisitions costs totaling \$270,000 were included in selling, general, and administrative expenses in our Consolidated Statement of Net Income for the nine-month period ending January 27, 2019.

Actual revenue and net loss for the period June 22, 2018 through January 27, 2019 were included in our Consolidated Statement of Net Income for the nine-months ended January 27, 2019, and totaled \$11.8 million and \$248,000, respectively.

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Pro Forma Financial Information

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated results of operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019, and January 28, 2018, have been prepared as if the acquisitions of Read had occurred on May 2, 2016 and eLuxury had occurred on May 1, 2017.

| (dollars in thousands, except per share data) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net Sales | \$ 77,226 | \$ 93,451 |
| Income from operations | 4,299 | 7,257 |
| Net income (loss) | 3,060 | (1,073) |
| Net loss (income) - noncontrolling interest | 94 | (36) |
| Net income (loss) – Culp Inc. common shareholders | 3,154 | (1,109) |
| Net income (loss) per share (basic) – Culp Inc. common shareholders | 0.25 | (0.09) |
| Net income (loss) per share (diluted) –Culp Inc. common shareholders | 0.25 | (0.09) |

| (dollars in thousands, except per share data) | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net Sales | \$ 228,830 | \$ 270,950 |
| Income from operations | 10,657 | 20,799 |
| Net income | 6,943 | 7,901 |
| Net loss (income) - noncontrolling interest | 83 | (27) |
| Net income – Culp Inc. common shareholders | 7,026 | 7,874 |
| Net income per share (basic) –Culp Inc. common shareholders | 0.56 | 0.63 |
| Net income per share (diluted) –Culp Inc. common shareholders | 0.56 | 0.62 |

The unaudited pro forma information is presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that actually would have been achieved had the acquisition been consummated as of that time, nor is it intended to be a projection of future results.

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4. Accounts Receivable

A summary of accounts receivable follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | April 29, 2018 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Customers | \$ 26,748 | \$ 27,666 | \$ 28,097 |
| Allowance - doubtful accounts | (388) | (357) | (357) |
| Allowance - cash discounts | (197) | (222) | (245) |
| Allowance - sales returns & allowances (1) | (21) | (990) | (1,188) |
| | \$ 26,142 | \$ 26,097 | \$ 26,307 |

(1) Due to the adoption of ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, certain balance sheet reclassifications were required regarding our allowance for sales returns and allowances for the current year's presentation only. See Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements for required balance sheet disclosures associated with the adoption of ASC Topic 606.

A summary of the activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Beginning balance | \$ (357) | \$ (414) |
| Provision for bad debts | (78) | 57 |
| Net write-offs, net of recoveries | 47 | - |
| Ending balance | \$ (388) | \$ (357) |

A summary of the activity in the allowances for sales returns and allowances and cash discounts follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Beginning balance | \$ (1,433) | \$ (1,220) |
| Adoption of ASC Topic 606 (1) | 1,145 | - |
| Provision for returns, allowances and discounts | (1,612) | (2,332) |
| Credits issued | 1,682 | 2,340 |
| Ending balance | \$ (218) | \$ (1,212) |

5. Revenue

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

On April 30, 2018, we adopted ASU 2014-09 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" (ASC Topic 606 or the "new standard") using the retrospective modified method. The retrospective modified method requires an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings for the cumulative effect of initially applying the new revenue standard. As permitted by the transition guidance, we elected to apply the new standard only to contracts that were not completed at the date of initial application, and therefore, we only evaluated those contracts that were in-process and not completed before April 30, 2018.

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The application of the new standard did not result in a material impact to the opening balance of retained earnings, and therefore no adjustment to retained earnings was recorded. The largest impact of applying the new standard are the required qualitative and quantitative disclosures and the presentation and classification related to estimates of allowances for sales returns. The cumulative effect of the classification changes related to our allowances for sales returns on our April 30, 2018, balance sheet are as follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Balance at April 29, 2018 | Adjustments Due to ASC 606 Adoption (1) | Balance at April 30, 2018 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Balance Sheet | | | |
| Assets: | | | |
| Accounts Receivable | \$ 26,307 | \$ 1,145 | \$ 27,452 |
| Other Current Assets | 2,870 | 27 | 2,897 |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Accrued Expenses | 9,325 | 1,172 | 10,497 |

(1) The adjustments associated with the adoption of the new standard are related to classifying allowances for estimated sales returns as a liability rather than as a contra account to accounts receivable on the consolidated balance sheet for the current year's presentation only. As required under the new standard, we also recorded the estimated allowance for sales returns on a gross basis rather than a net basis by separately reflecting a return goods asset within other current assets rather than netting such amounts with the estimated sales returns liability.

Currently, we expect the adoption of this new standard to be immaterial to our net income on an ongoing basis. The effect of adopting ASC 606 on our Consolidated Statements of Net Income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended January 27, 2019, are as follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Three Months Ended January 27, 2019 | Adjustments Due to ASC 606 Adoption (1) | Balances Without ASC 606 Adoption |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Statements of Net Income | | | |
| Net Sales | \$ 77,226 | \$ 13 | \$ 77,239 |
| Cost of Sales | 63,103 | 13 | 63,116 |

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine Months Ended January 27, 2019 | Adjustments Due to ASC 606 Adoption (1) | Balances Without ASC 606 Adoption |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Statements of Net Income | | | |
| Net Sales | \$ 225,705 | \$ (17) | \$ 225,688 |
| Cost of Sales | 187,697 | (17) | 187,680 |

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The effect of adopting ASC 606 on our Consolidated Balance Sheets for the period ended January 27, 2019, is as follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 27, 2019 | Adjustments Due to ASC 606 Adoption (1) | Balances Without ASC 606 Adoption |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Balance Sheet | | | |
| Assets: | | | |
| Accounts Receivable | \$ 26,142 | \$ (1,092) | \$ 25,050 |
| Other Current Assets | 2,954 | (17) | 2,937 |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Accrued Expenses | \$ 9,740 | (1,109) | \$ 8,631 |

- (1) The adjustments associated with the adoption of the new standard are related to classifying allowances for estimated sales returns as a liability rather than as a contra account to accounts receivable on the consolidated balance sheet for the current year's presentation only. As required under the new standard, we also recorded the estimated allowance for sales returns on a gross basis rather than a net basis by separately reflecting a return goods asset within other current assets rather than netting such amounts with the estimated sales returns liability.

Nature of Performance Obligations

Our operations are classified into three business segments: mattress fabrics, upholstery fabrics, and home accessories. The mattress fabrics segment manufactures, sources, and sells fabrics and mattress covers primarily to bedding manufacturers. The upholstery fabrics segment manufactures, sources, develops, and sells fabrics primarily to residential and commercial furniture manufacturers. Effective April 1, 2018, we acquired Read (see Note 3 for further details), a turn key provider of window treatments that offer sourcing of upholstery fabrics and other products, measurement, and installation services of their own products for the hospitality and commercial industries. In addition, Read supplies soft goods such as decorative top sheets, coverlets, duvet covers, bed skirts, bolsters and pillows. The home accessories segment is our new finished products business that manufactures, sources, and sells bedding accessories and home goods directly to consumers and businesses through global e-commerce and business-to-business sales channels.

Our primary performance obligations include the sale of mattress fabrics, upholstery fabrics, bedding and home accessories products, as well as the performance of customized fabrication and installation services associated with window treatments.

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Significant Judgments

Revenue is recognized upon the transfer of control of promised products or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to receive in exchange for those products or services. We determined that our customer purchase orders represent contracts as defined in the new standard. In addition to purchase orders, we also have supply contracts with certain customers that define standard terms and conditions. Our contracts generally include promises to sell either upholstery fabric, mattress fabric, or bedding accessories and home goods products or promises to provide fabrication and installation services associated with customized window treatments. The transaction price is typically allocated to performance obligations based upon stand-alone selling prices. We did not disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations as substantially all of any unsatisfied performance obligations as of January 27, 2019, will be satisfied within one year or less. Revenue associated with sales of our products are recognized at the point-in-time when control of the promised goods has been transferred to the customer. The point-in-time when control transfers to the customer depends on the contractually agreed upon shipping terms, but typically occurs once the product has been shipped or once it has been delivered to a location specified by the customer. For certain warehousing arrangements, transfer of control to the customer is deemed to have occurred when the customer pulls the inventory for use in their production. Revenue associated with our customized fabrication services, which are performed on various types of window treatments, is recognized over time once the customized products are deemed to have no alternative use but for which we have an enforceable right to payment for the services performed. Revenue for our customized fabrication services is recognized over time using the output method based on units produced. Revenue associated with our installation services is also recognized over time as the customer receives and consumes the benefits of the promised installation services. Revenue associated with our installation services is recognized over time using the output method based on units installed.

We evaluated the nature of any guarantees or warranties related to our contracts with customers and determined that any such warranties are assurance-type warranties that cover only compliance with agreed upon specifications, and therefore are not considered separate performance obligations. We have elected to treat both shipping costs and handling costs as fulfillment costs which are classified in the Consolidated Statements of Net Income as cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expenses, respectively.

Revenue is measured as the amount of consideration we expect to receive in exchange for the transfer of the promised products and services. The amount of consideration we expect to receive changes due to variable consideration associated with allowances for sales returns, early payment discounts, and volume rebates that we offer to customers. The amount of variable consideration which is included in the transaction price is only included in net sales to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur in a future period. Our mattress fabrics and upholstery fabrics business segments only allow product returns to the extent that the products or services did not meet the contractually agreed upon specifications at the time of the sale. Customers must receive authorization prior to returning those products. Our home accessories business segment allow returns for any reason provided the product is returned within the stated time frame, generally 30 days, unless the product was customized in which case a defect must be present in order to return the product. Estimates of allowances for sales returns are based on historical data, current potential product return issues, and known sales returns for which customers have been granted return authorization. Known sales returns for which customers have been granted permission to return products for a refund or credit, continue to be recorded as a contra account receivable. Estimates for potential future sales returns and related customer accommodations are now recorded within accrued expenses as required by the new standard. Under the new standard we record estimates for sales returns on a gross basis rather than a net basis and an estimate for a right of return asset is recorded in other current assets and cost of goods sold. Variable consideration associated with early payment cash discounts are estimated using current payment trends and historical data on a customer-by-customer basis. The variable consideration associated with volume rebates are based on the portion of the rebate earned relative to the total amount of rebates the customer is expected to earn over the rebate period as determined using historical data and projections.

Revenue is recognized net of any taxes collected from customers which are subsequently remitted to governmental authorities. We generally recognize sales commission as expense when incurred because the amortization period is one year or less. Sales commissions are recorded within selling, general, and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Net Income.

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Contract Assets & Liabilities

Certain contracts, primarily those for customized fabrication and installation services, require upfront customer deposits that result in a contract liability which is recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as deferred revenue. If upfront deposits or prepayment are not required, customers may be granted credit terms which generally range from 15 – 45 days. Such terms are common within the industries in which we are associated and are not considered financing arrangements. There were no contract assets recognized as of January 27, 2019.

A summary of the activity of deferred revenue for the three-month and nine-month periods ended January 27, 2019 follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Three Months Ended January 27, 2019 |
|---|--|
| Balance as of October 28, 2018 | \$ 649 |
| Revenue recognized on contract liabilities during the period | (637) |
| Payments received for services not yet rendered during the period | 480 |
| Balance as of January 27, 2019 | \$ 492 |

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine Months Ended January 27, 2019 |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Balance as of April 29, 2018 | \$ 809 |
| Revenue recognized on contract liabilities during the period | (2,171) |
| Payments received for services not yet rendered during the period | 1,854 |
| Balance as of January 27, 2019 | \$ 492 |

Disaggregation of Revenue

The following table presents our disaggregated revenue by segment, timing of revenue recognition, and product sales versus services rendered for the three-month period ending January 27, 2019:

| Net Sales | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|--------|
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Mattress Fabrics | Upholstery Fabrics | Home Accessories | Total | |
| Products transferred at a point in time | \$ 35,732 | \$ 34,730 | \$ 4,390 | \$ | 74,852 |
| Services transferred over time | - | 2,374 | - | - | 2,374 |
| Total Net Sales | \$ 35,732 | \$ 37,104 | \$ 4,390 | \$ | 77,226 |

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The following table presents our disaggregated revenue by segment, timing of revenue recognition, and product sales versus services rendered for the nine-month period ending January 27, 2019:

| Net Sales | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| (dollars in thousands) | | Mattress Fabrics | | Upholstery Fabrics | | Home Accessories | | Total |
| Products transferred at a point in time | \$ | 107,335 | \$ | 98,610 | \$ | 11,759 | \$ | 217,704 |
| Services transferred over time | | - | | 8,001 | | - | | 8,001 |
| Total Net Sales | \$ | 107,335 | \$ | 106,611 | \$ | 11,759 | \$ | 225,705 |

6. Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined using the FIFO (first-in, first-out) method.

A summary of inventories follows:

| (dollars in thousands) | | January 27, 2019 | | January 28, 2018 | | April 29, 2018 |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Raw materials | \$ | 5,745 | \$ | 6,654 | \$ | 6,024 |
| Work-in-process | | 2,610 | | 3,151 | | 3,264 |
| Finished goods | | 47,060 | | 45,846 | | 44,166 |
| | \$ | 55,415 | \$ | 55,651 | \$ | 53,454 |

7. Intangible Assets

A summary of intangible assets follows:

| (dollars in thousands) | | January 27, 2019 | | January 28, 2018 | | April 29, 2018 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Tradenames | \$ | 7,232 | \$ | - | \$ | 683 |
| Customer relationships, net | | 2,613 | | 625 | | 2,839 |
| Non-compete agreement, net | | 697 | | 772 | | 753 |
| | \$ | 10,542 | \$ | 1,397 | \$ | 4,275 |

Tradename

A summary of the carrying amount of our tradenames from our recent acquisitions (see Note 3) follow:

| (dollars in thousands) | | January 27, 2019 | | January 28, 2018 | | April 29, 2018 |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Read | \$ | 683 | \$ | - | \$ | 683 |
| eLuxury | | 6,549 | | - | | - |
| | \$ | 7,232 | \$ | - | \$ | 683 |

Our tradenames were recorded at their fair market values at the effective date of their acquisitions (see Note 3) and were based on the relief from royalty method. These tradenames were determined to have an indefinite useful life and therefore, are not being amortized. However, these tradenames will be assessed annually for impairment.

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Customer Relationships

A summary of the change in the carrying amount of our customer relationships follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Beginning balance | \$ 2,839 | \$ 664 |
| Amortization expense | (226) | (39) |
| Ending balance | \$ 2,613 | \$ 625 |

In connection with our asset purchase agreement with Read (see note 3) on April 1, 2018, we purchased certain customer relationships. We recorded these customer relationships at fair market value totaling \$2.2 million based on a multi-period excess earnings valuation model. These customer relationships will be amortized on a straight-line basis over their nine-year useful life.

Additionally, we have customer relationships from a prior acquisition with a carrying amount of \$574,000 at January 27, 2019. These customer relationships are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their seventeen-year useful life.

The gross carrying amount of our customer relationships were \$3.1 million, \$868,000 and \$3.1 million at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively. Accumulated amortization for these customer relationships were \$502,000, \$243,000 and \$276,000 at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively.

The remaining amortization expense for the next five fiscal years and thereafter follows: FY 2019 - \$75,000; FY 2020 - \$301,000; FY 2021 - \$301,000; FY 2022 - \$301,000; FY 2023 - \$301,000; and Thereafter - \$1,334,000.

The weighted average amortization period for our customer relationships is 8.9 years as of January 27, 2019.

Non-Compete Agreement

A summary of the change in the carrying amount of our non-competite agreement follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Beginning balance | \$ 753 | \$ 828 |
| Amortization expense | (56) | (56) |
| Ending balance | \$ 697 | \$ 772 |

We have a non-competite agreement from a prior acquisition that is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the fifteen-year life of the agreement.

The gross carrying amount of this non-competite agreement was \$2.0 million at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively. Accumulated amortization for this non-competite agreement was \$1.3 million at January 27, 2019 and April 29, 2018, and \$1.2 million at January 28, 2018.

The remaining amortization expense for the next five years and thereafter follows: FY 2019 - \$19,000; FY 2020 - \$75,000; FY 2021 - \$75,000; FY 2022 - \$75,000; FY 2023 - \$75,000, and Thereafter - \$378,000.

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The weighted average amortization period for the non-compete agreement is 9.3 years as of January 27, 2019.

8. Goodwill

A summary of the change in the carrying amount of goodwill follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Beginning balance | \$ 13,569 | \$ 11,462 |
| Acquisition of business (see note 3) | 13,653 | - |
| Loss on impairment | - | - |
| Ending balance | \$ 27,222 | \$ 11,462 |

9. Investment in Unconsolidated Joint Venture

Culp International Holdings, Ltd. (Culp International), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company, entered into a joint venture agreement, pursuant to which Culp International owns fifty percent of Class International Holdings, Ltd. (CLIH). CLIH produces cut and sewn mattress covers, and its operations are located in a modern industrial park in northeastern Haiti, which borders the Dominican Republic. CLIH commenced production during the second quarter of fiscal 2018 (October 2017) and complements our mattress fabric operations with a mirrored platform that enhances our ability to meet customer demand while adding a lower cost operation to our platform.

CLIH incurred a net loss totaling \$218,000 and \$498,000 for the nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2018, respectively. CLIH's net loss through the third quarter of fiscal 2018 included a significant amount of initial start-up operating expenses. Our equity interests in these net losses were \$109,000 and \$249,000 for the nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2018, respectively.

The following table summarizes information on assets, liabilities and members' equity of our equity method investment in CLIH:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | April 29, 2018 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Total assets | \$ 3,255 | \$ 3,186 | \$ 3,130 |
| Total liabilities | \$ 230 | \$ 150 | \$ 128 |
| Total members' equity | \$ 3,025 | \$ 3,036 | \$ 3,002 |

At January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, our investment in CLIH totaled \$1.5 million, which represents the company's fifty percent ownership interest in CLIH.

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10. Accrued Expenses

A summary of accrued expenses follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | April 29, 2018 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Compensation, commissions and related benefits | \$ 4,848 | \$ 6,288 | \$ 6,918 |
| Interest | - | 5 | 20 |
| Other accrued expenses | 4,892 | 2,549 | 3,150 |
| | \$ 9,740 | \$ 8,842 | \$ 10,088 |

At January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2018, we had accrued expenses totaling \$9.7 million and \$8.8 million, respectively, all of which were classified as current accrued expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. At April 29, 2018, we had accrued expenses totaling \$10.1 million, of which \$9.3 million and \$763,000 were classified as current accrued expenses and long-term accrued expenses, respectively, in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

11. Exit and Disposal Activity

On June 12, 2018, our board of directors announced the closure of our upholstery fabrics manufacturing facility in Anderson, South Carolina. This closure was completed during the second quarter of fiscal 2019 and was due to a continued decline in demand for the products manufactured at this facility, reflecting a change in consumer style preferences.

The following summarizes our restructuring credit and related charges totaling \$1.6 million that were associated with the above exit and disposal activity:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended January 27, 2019 |
|---|--|
| Inventory markdowns | \$ 1,564 |
| Other operating costs associated with a closed facility | 824 |
| Employee termination benefits | 661 |
| Gain on sale of property, plant, and equipment | (1,486) |
| | \$ 1,563 |

Of this total net charge, a charge of \$2.3 million, a charge of \$40,000 and a credit of \$825,000 were recorded in cost of sales, selling, general, and administrative expenses, and restructuring credit, respectively in the Consolidated Statement of Net Income for the nine-month period ending January 27, 2019.

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The following summarizes the activity in the restructuring accrual:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended January 27, 2019 | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|
| Accrual established in fiscal 2019 | \$ | 451 |
| Paid in fiscal 2019 | | (434) |
| Adjustments in fiscal 2019 | | 211 |
| | \$ | 228 |

The above restructuring accrual pertains to employee termination benefits that were associated with the above exit and disposal activity.

Note 12. Assets Held for Sale

In connection with our exit and disposal activity noted above, property, plant, and equipment with a carrying value totaling \$393,000 were classified as held for sale during our second quarter of fiscal 2019. We determined that the fair value of the property, plant, and equipment exceeded its carrying value and therefore, no impairment was recorded.

During the second and third quarters of fiscal 2019, we received cash proceeds totaling \$1.9 million for all of the property, plant, and equipment that were classified as held for sale and recorded a corresponding gain on sale totaling \$1.5 million.

As of January 27, 2019, we had no assets held for sale associated with the exit and disposal activity noted above.

13. Lines of Credit

Revolving Credit Agreement – United States

At April 29, 2018, our Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (“Wells Fargo”) provided for a revolving loan commitment of \$30 million. Effective August 13, 2018, we entered into a Fifth Amendment to our Credit Agreement which reduced the amount of our line of credit from \$30 million to \$25 million, reduced the amount of the Unencumbered Liquid Assets maintenance covenant from \$20 million to \$15 million, and set the expiration date to August 15, 2020. Additionally, this amendment reduced the limit of outstanding letters of credit to \$1.0 million, which includes the \$250,000 workers compensation letter of credit noted below.

Interest was charged at a rate (applicable interest rate of 3.95%, 3.02%, and 3.36% at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively) as a variable spread over LIBOR based on our ratio of debt to EBITDA.

Outstanding borrowings are secured by a pledge of 65% of the common stock of Culp International Holdings Ltd. (our subsidiary located in the Cayman Islands), as required by the Credit Agreement. There were no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively.

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At January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, there were \$250,000 in outstanding letters of credit (all of which related to workers compensation) provided by the Credit Agreement.

Effective August 1, 2016, we entered into a Third Amendment to our Credit Agreement which allowed us to issue letters of credit not to exceed \$7.5 million. On August 3, 2016, we issued a \$5.0 million letter of credit, in addition to the \$250,000 letter of credit noted above, for the construction of a new building associated with our mattress fabrics segment (see Note 22 for further details). The terms of this \$5.0 million letter credit expired on May 15, 2018.

Revolving Credit Agreement – China

At January 27, 2019, we had an unsecured credit agreement associated with our operations in China that provides for a line of credit up to 40 million RMB (\$6.0 million USD at January 27, 2019) and was set to expire on March 2, 2019. This agreement has an interest rate determined by the Chinese government and there were no outstanding borrowings as of January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018. On January 31, 2019, we renewed this unsecured credit agreement to extend the expiration date to January 31, 2020.

Overall

Our loan agreements require, among other things, that we maintain compliance with certain financial covenants. As of January 27, 2019, we were in compliance with these financial covenants.

14. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

ASC Topic 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and the company's assumptions (unobservable inputs). Determining where an asset or liability falls within that hierarchy depends on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole. An adjustment to the pricing method used within either level 1 or level 2 inputs could generate a fair value measurement that effectively falls in a lower level in the hierarchy. The hierarchy consists of three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 – Inputs other than level 1 inputs that are either directly or indirectly observable, and

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs developed using the company's estimates and assumptions, which reflect those that market participants would use.

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Recurring Basis

The following table presents information about assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Fair value measurements at January 27, 2019 using:

| <i>(amounts in thousands)</i> | Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets Level 1 | Significant other observable inputs Level 2 | Significant unobservable inputs Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|----------|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Premier Money Market Fund | \$ 6,433 | N/A | N/A | \$ 6,433 |
| Growth Allocation Fund | 184 | N/A | N/A | 184 |
| Moderate Allocation Fund | 119 | N/A | N/A | 119 |
| Other | 98 | N/A | N/A | 98 |

Fair value measurements at January 28, 2018 using:

| <i>(amounts in thousands)</i> | Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets Level 1 | Significant other observable inputs Level 2 | Significant unobservable inputs Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|----------|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Premier Money Market Fund | \$ 6,287 | N/A | N/A | \$ 6,287 |
| Low Duration Bond Fund | 1,085 | N/A | N/A | 1,085 |
| Intermediate Term Bond Fund | 759 | N/A | N/A | 759 |
| Strategic Income Fund | 628 | N/A | N/A | 628 |
| Large Blend Fund | 431 | N/A | N/A | 431 |
| Growth Allocation Fund | 171 | N/A | N/A | 171 |
| Moderate Allocation Fund | 114 | N/A | N/A | 114 |
| Other | 173 | N/A | N/A | 173 |

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Fair value measurements at April 29, 2018 using:

| <i>(amounts in thousands)</i> | Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets | Significant other observable inputs | Significant unobservable inputs | Total |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|----------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Premier Money Market Fund | \$ 6,492 | N/A | N/A | \$ 6,492 |
| Low Duration Bond Fund | 1,085 | N/A | N/A | 1,085 |
| Intermediate Term Bond Fund | 747 | N/A | N/A | 747 |
| Strategic Income Fund | 619 | N/A | N/A | 619 |
| Large Blend Fund | 402 | N/A | N/A | 402 |
| Growth Allocation Fund | 169 | N/A | N/A | 169 |
| Moderate Allocation Fund | 113 | N/A | N/A | 113 |
| Other | 150 | N/A | N/A | 150 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| EURO Foreign Currency | | | | |
| Cash Flow Hedge | N/A | \$ 55 | N/A | \$ 55 |

Our EURO foreign exchange contract was recorded at a fair value provided by our bank and is classified within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Most derivative contracts are not listed on an exchange and require the use of valuation models. In accordance with ASC Topic 820, we attempted to maximize the use of observable inputs used in the valuation models used to determine the fair value of this contract. Derivative contracts valued based on valuation models with significant unobservable inputs and that are not actively traded, are classified within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The determination of where an asset or liability falls in the hierarchy requires significant judgment. We evaluate our hierarchy disclosures each quarter based on various factors and it is possible that an asset or liability may be classified differently from quarter to quarter. However, we expect that changes in classifications between different levels will be rare.

Short-Term Investments – Available for Sale

There were no short-term investments classified as available for sale held at January 27, 2019. At January 28, 2018 and April 29, 2018, our short-term investments classified as available for sale totaled \$2.5 million and consisted of short-term bond funds. Since these short-term bond funds were classified as available for sale, these investments were recorded at their fair market value and their unrealized gains or losses are included in other comprehensive income (loss). Our short-term bond investments had an accumulated unrealized loss totaling \$57,000 and \$91,000 at January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively. At January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, the fair value of our short-term bond funds approximated its cost basis.

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Short-Term and Long-Term Investments - Held-To-Maturity

Our investments classified as held-to-maturity consist of investment grade U.S. Corporate bonds with maturities that ranged from 2 to 2.5 years. The purpose of these investments was to earn a higher rate of return on our excess cash located in the Cayman Islands. These investments are classified as held-to-maturity as we have the positive intent and ability to hold these investments until maturity. Our held-to-maturity investments are recorded as either current or noncurrent on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, based on contractual maturity date in relation to the respective reporting period and recorded at amortized cost.

At January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, our held-to-maturity investments recorded at amortized cost totaled \$13.5 million, \$30.8 million, and \$30.8 million, respectively. The fair value of our held-to-maturity investments at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018 and April 29, 2018 totaled \$13.5 million, \$30.7 million, and \$30.6 million, respectively.

Our U.S. corporate bonds are classified as level 2 as they are traded over the counter within a broker network and not on an active market. The fair value of our U.S. corporate bonds is determined based on a published source that provides an average bid price. The average bid price is based on various broker prices that are determined based on market conditions, interest rates, and the rating of the respective U.S. corporate bond.

Long-Term Investments - Rabbi Trust

We have a Rabbi Trust to set aside funds for participants of our deferred compensation plan (the "Plan") which enables the participants to credit their contributions to various investment options of the Plan. The investments associated with the Rabbi Trust consist of a money market fund and various mutual funds that are classified as available for sale.

These long-term investments are recorded at their fair values of \$6.8 million, \$7.2 million, and \$7.3 million at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively. Our long-term investments had an accumulated unrealized gain of \$9,000, \$113,000, and \$61,000 at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively. The fair value of our long-term investments associated with our Rabbi Trust approximates its cost basis.

Other

The carrying amount of our cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other current assets, accounts payable, and accrued expenses approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these financial instruments.

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Nonrecurring Basis

At January 27, 2019, we had no assets that were required to be measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis other than the assets acquired from eLuxury (see note 3) that were acquired at fair value:

Fair value measurements at January 27, 2019 using:

| (amounts in thousands) | Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets | | | Significant other observable inputs | Significant unobservable inputs | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|--------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | | | |
| Assets: | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | N/A | N/A | \$ 13,653 | \$ | | 13,653 |
| Tradename | N/A | N/A | 6,549 | | | 6,549 |
| Equipment | N/A | N/A | 2,179 | | | 2,179 |
| Inventory | N/A | N/A | 1,804 | | | 1,804 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Contingent Consideration – | | | | | | |
| Earn-Out Obligation | N/A | N/A | \$ 5,781 | \$ | | 5,781 |

The tradename was recorded at fair market value using the royalty from relief method that used significant unobservable inputs and were classified as level 3. The contingent consideration – earn-out obligation was recorded at fair market value using Black Sholes pricing model.

Additionally, we acquired certain current assets such as accounts receivable and prepaid expenses and assumed certain liabilities such as accounts payable and accrued expenses. Based on the nature of these items and their short maturity, the carrying amount of these items approximated their fair values. See note 3 for the final allocation of the acquisition cost to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values.

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At April 29, 2018, we had no assets that were required to be measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis other than the assets acquired from Read (see note 3) that were acquired at fair value:

Fair value measurements at April 29, 2018 using:

| (amounts in thousands) | Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets | Significant other observable inputs | Significant unobservable inputs | Total |
|------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|----------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Customer Relationships | N/A | N/A | \$ 2,247 | \$ 2,247 |
| Goodwill | N/A | N/A | 2,107 | 2,107 |
| Inventory | N/A | N/A | 1,128 | 1,128 |
| Tradenname | N/A | N/A | 683 | 683 |
| Equipment | N/A | N/A | 379 | 379 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| None | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

These customer relationships were recorded at fair market value using a multi-period excess earnings valuation model that used significant unobservable inputs and were classified as level 3. The tradenname was recorded at fair market value using the royalty from relief method that used significant unobservable inputs and were classified as level 3.

Additionally, we acquired certain current assets such as accounts receivable and other assets and assumed certain liabilities such as deferred revenue, accounts payable and accrued expenses. Based on the nature of these items and their short maturity, the carrying amount of these items approximated their fair values. See note 3 for the allocation of the acquisition cost to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values.

15. Derivatives

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, we entered into a EURO foreign exchange contract to mitigate the risk of foreign exchange rate fluctuations associated with certain capital expenditures. The contract effectively converts our EURO capital expenditures at a fixed EURO foreign exchange rate compared with the United States dollar of 1.263. The contract expired in August 2018.

In accordance with the provisions of ASC Topic 815, Derivatives and Hedging, our EURO foreign exchange contract was designated as a cash flow hedge, with the fair value of these financial instruments recorded in accrued expenses and changes in fair value recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). ASC Topic 815 requires disclosure of gains and losses on derivative instruments in the following tabular format.

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(Amounts in Thousands)
Fair Values of Derivative Instruments

| | January 27, 2019 | | April 29, 2018 | |
|--|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value |
| Derivatives designated as hedging instruments under ASC Topic 815 | | | | |
| Euro Foreign Exchange Contract | Accrued Expenses | \$ - | Accrued Expenses | \$ 55 |

At January 28, 2018, we did not have any derivatives designated as hedging instruments under ASC Topic 815.

| Derivatives in ASC Topic 815 Net Investment Hedging Relationships | Amt of Gain (Loss) (net of tax) Recognized in OCI on Derivative (Effective Portion) and recorded in Accrued Expenses at Fair Value | | Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion) | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion) | | Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing) | Amount of Gain (loss) (net of tax) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing) | |
|---|--|------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Nine Months Ended January 27, 2019 | Nine Months Ended January 28, 2018 | | Nine Months Ended January 27, 2019 | Nine Months Ended January 28, 2018 |
| EURO Foreign Exchange Contract | \$ 56 | \$ - | Other Expense | \$ (64) | \$ - | Other Expense | \$ - | \$ - |

16. Cash Flow Information

Interest and income taxes paid are as follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Interest | \$ 54 | \$ 181 |
| Income taxes | 6,226 | 3,426 |

Interest costs charged to operations were \$38,000 and \$168,000 for the nine months ended January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2018, respectively.

No interest costs for the construction of qualifying fixed assets were capitalized for the nine-months ended January 27, 2019. Interest costs totaling \$99,000 for the construction of qualifying fixed assets were capitalized for the nine-months ended January 28, 2018. As a result, these interest costs will be amortized over the related assets' useful lives.

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17. Net Income (Loss) Per Share

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed using the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per share uses the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period plus the dilutive effect of stock-based compensation calculated using the treasury stock method. Weighted average shares used in the computation of basic and diluted net income (loss) per share follows:

| <i>(amounts in thousands)</i> | Three months ended | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic | 12,438 | 12,436 |
| Dilutive effect of stock-based compensation | 27 | - |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted | 12,465 | 12,436 |

At January 27, 2019 and April 29, 2018, there were no options to purchase shares of our common stock outstanding. Therefore, options to purchase shares of our common stock were not included in the computation of diluted net income for the three-months ending January 27, 2019. Stock-based compensation awards totaling 160,743 shares of common stock were not included in the computation of diluted net loss per share for the three-months ending January 28, 2018, as we incurred a net loss for that reporting period.

| <i>(amounts in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic | 12,488 | 12,425 |
| Dilutive effect of stock-based compensation | 105 | 201 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted | 12,593 | 12,626 |

At January 27, 2019 and April 29, 2018, there were no options to purchase shares of our common stock outstanding. Therefore, options to purchase shares of our common stock were not included in the computation of diluted net income for the nine-months ending January 27, 2019. All options to purchase shares of common stock were included in the computation of diluted net income for the nine-months ending January 28, 2018, as the exercise price of the options was less than the average market price of the common shares.

18. Segment Information

Our operations are classified into three business segments: mattress fabrics, upholstery fabrics, and home accessories. The mattress fabrics segment manufactures, sources, and sells fabrics and mattress covers primarily to bedding manufacturers. The upholstery fabrics segment manufactures, sources, develops, and sells fabrics primarily to residential and commercial furniture manufacturers. The home accessories segment is our new finished products business that manufactures, sources and sells bedding accessories and home goods directly to consumers and businesses through global e-commerce and business-to-business sales channels.

Effective April 1, 2018, we acquired Read (see Note 3 for further details), a turn key provider of window treatments that offer the sourcing of upholstery fabrics and other products, measuring, and installation services of their own products for the hospitality and commercial industries. Read's financial information is aggregated with our upholstery fabric segment.

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Effective June 22, 2018, we acquired an initial 80% ownership interest in eLuxury (see Note 3 for further details), a company that offers bedding accessories and home goods directly to consumers and businesses through its e-commerce platform. eLuxury's financial information is included in our home accessories segment.

We evaluate the operating performance of our segments based upon income from operations before certain unallocated corporate expenses, restructuring expense (credit) and related charges, and other non-recurring items. Cost of sales in all of our segments include costs to manufacture, develop, or source our products, including costs such as raw material and finished goods purchases, direct and indirect labor, overhead and incoming freight charges. Unallocated corporate expenses primarily represent compensation and benefits for certain executive officers, all costs associated with being a public company, and other miscellaneous expenses. Segment assets include assets used in the operations of each segment and primarily consist of accounts receivable, inventories, and property, plant and equipment. The mattress fabrics segment also includes in segment assets their investment in an unconsolidated joint venture. During fiscal 2019, we elected to no longer include goodwill and intangible assets in segment assets, as these assets are not used by the Chief Operating Decision Maker to evaluate the respective segment's operating performance, to allocate resources to the individual segments, or determine executive compensation.

Financial information for the company's operating segments follows:

| | Three months ended | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net sales: | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 35,732 | \$ 49,042 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 37,104 | 36,268 |
| Home Accessories | 4,390 | - |
| | \$ 77,226 | \$ 85,310 |
| Gross profit: | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 5,963 | \$ 10,146 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 7,624 | 7,457 |
| Home Accessories | 1,050 | - |
| Total segment gross profit | \$ 14,637 | \$ 17,603 |
| Restructuring related charges (1) | (514) | - |
| | \$ 14,123 | \$ 17,603 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 2,755 | \$ 3,309 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 3,825 | 3,947 |
| Home Accessories | 1,361 | - |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | 1,628 | 2,703 |
| Total segment selling, general, and administrative expenses | 9,569 | 9,959 |
| Other non-recurring charges (2) | 429 | - |
| Restructuring related charges (2) | 40 | - |
| | \$ 10,038 | \$ 9,959 |
| Income (loss) from operations: | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 3,208 | \$ 6,837 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 3,799 | 3,510 |
| Home Accessories | (311) | - |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | (1,628) | (2,703) |
| Total segment income from operations | 5,068 | 7,644 |
| Other non-recurring charges (2) | (429) | - |
| Restructuring credit and related charges (2) (3) | (340) | - |
| Total income from operations | 4,299 | 7,644 |
| Interest expense | - | (31) |
| Interest income | 251 | 132 |
| Other expense | (288) | (229) |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 4,262 | \$ 7,516 |

(1) The \$514 represents a restructuring related charge for other operating costs associated with our closed upholstery fabrics plant facility located in Anderson, SC.

(2) Amounts represent non-recurring charges associated with accelerated vesting of certain stock-based compensation agreements. The \$429 and \$40 pertain to unallocated corporate expenses and a restructuring related charge associated with our closed Anderson, SC upholstery fabrics plant facility.

(3) The \$340 represents restructuring related charges totaling \$554 noted in notes 1 and 2 above, partially offset by a restructuring credit of \$214. The \$214 restructuring credit represents a \$362 gain on the sale of the building and land associated with our Anderson, SC upholstery fabrics plant facility, partially offset by a charge of \$148 for employee termination benefits.

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| | Nine months ended | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net sales: | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 107,335 | \$ 146,072 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 106,611 | 99,469 |
| Home Accessories | 11,759 | - |
| | \$ 225,705 | \$ 245,541 |
| Gross profit: | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 17,050 | \$ 29,641 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 20,031 | 20,232 |
| Home Accessories | 3,435 | - |
| Total segment gross profit | \$ 40,516 | \$ 49,873 |
| Other non-recurring charges (4) | (159) | - |
| Restructuring related charges (5) | (2,349) | - |
| | \$ 38,008 | \$ 49,873 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 8,141 | \$ 9,868 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 10,985 | 11,458 |
| Home Accessories | 3,690 | - |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | 4,800 | 7,550 |
| Total segment selling, general, and administrative expenses | 27,616 | 28,876 |
| Other non-recurring charges (6) | 518 | - |
| Restructuring related charges (2) | 40 | - |
| | \$ 28,174 | \$ 28,876 |
| Income (loss) from operations: | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 8,910 | \$ 19,774 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 9,044 | 8,773 |
| Home Accessories | (254) | - |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | (4,800) | (7,550) |
| Total segment income from operations | 12,900 | 20,997 |
| Other non-recurring charges (4) (6) | (678) | - |
| Restructuring credit and related charges (7) | (1,563) | - |
| Total income from operations | 10,659 | 20,997 |
| Interest expense | (38) | (69) |
| Interest income | 552 | 391 |
| Other expense | (688) | (903) |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 10,485 | \$ 20,416 |

(4) The \$159 represents a non-recurring charge regarding employee termination benefits and other operational reorganization costs associated with our mattress fabrics segment.

(5) The \$2.4 million consists of a restructuring related charges of \$1.6 million for inventory markdowns and \$784 for other operating costs associated with our closed upholstery fabrics plant facility located in Anderson, SC.

(6) The \$518 represents non-recurring charges of \$429 for accelerated vesting of certain stock-based compensation agreements associated with unallocated corporate expenses and \$89 for employee termination benefits and operational reorganization costs associated with our mattress fabrics segment.

(7) The \$1.6 million represents restructuring related charges totaling \$2.4 million noted in notes 2 and 5 above, partially offset by a restructuring credit of \$825. The \$825 restructuring credit represents a \$1.5 million gain on the sale of property, plant, and equipment associated with our Anderson, SC upholstery fabrics plant facility, partially offset by a charge of \$661 for employee termination benefits.

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Balance sheet information for the company's operating segments follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | April 29, 2018 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Segment assets: | | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | | | |
| Accounts receivable | \$ 12,373 | \$ 12,840 | \$ 15,195 |
| Inventory | 26,243 | 29,355 | 28,740 |
| Property, plant and equipment (1) | 45,845 | 49,289 | 48,797 |
| Investment in unconsolidated joint venture | 1,512 | 1,518 | 1,501 |
| Total mattress fabrics assets | 85,973 | 93,002 | 94,233 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 13,367 | 13,257 | 11,112 |
| Inventory | 26,067 | 26,296 | 24,714 |
| Property, plant and equipment (2) | 1,957 | 2,101 | 2,445 |
| Total upholstery fabrics assets | 41,391 | 41,654 | 38,271 |
| Home Accessories | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 402 | - | - |
| Inventory | 3,105 | - | - |
| Property, plant and equipment (3) | 1,985 | - | - |
| Total home accessories assets | 5,492 | - | - |
| Total segment assets | 132,856 | 134,656 | 132,504 |
| Non-segment assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 26,418 | 22,428 | 21,228 |
| Short-term investments (Available for Sale) | - | 2,472 | 2,451 |
| Short-term investments (Held-to-Maturity) | 13,544 | 17,206 | 25,759 |
| Other current assets | 2,954 | 3,114 | 2,870 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,224 | 1,942 | 1,458 |
| Property, plant and equipment (4) | 342 | 448 | 552 |
| Goodwill | 27,222 | 11,462 | 13,569 |
| Intangible assets | 10,542 | 1,397 | 4,275 |
| Long-term investments (Held-to-Maturity) | - | 13,625 | 5,035 |
| Long-term investments (Rabbi Trust) | 6,834 | 7,176 | 7,326 |
| Other assets | 972 | 918 | 957 |
| Total assets | \$ 224,908 | \$ 216,844 | \$ 217,984 |

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| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine months ended | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Capital expenditures (5): | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 2,342 | \$ 5,445 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 294 | 379 |
| Home Accessories | 33 | - |
| Unallocated Corporate | 11 | 47 |
| Total capital expenditures | \$ 2,680 | \$ 5,871 |
| Depreciation expense: | | |
| Mattress Fabrics | \$ 5,265 | \$ 5,068 |
| Upholstery Fabrics | 595 | 611 |
| Home Accessories | 227 | - |
| Total depreciation expense | \$ 6,087 | \$ 5,679 |

- (1) The \$45.8 million at January 27, 2019, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$33.5 million and \$12.3 million located in the U.S. and Canada, respectively. The \$49.3 million at January 28, 2018, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$35.6 million and \$13.7 million located in the U.S. and Canada, respectively. The \$48.8 million at April 29, 2018, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$35.4 million and \$13.4 million located in the U.S. and Canada, respectively.
- (2) The \$2.0 million at January 27, 2019, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$1.3 million and \$615 located in the U.S. and China, respectively. The \$2.1 million at January 28, 2018, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$1.4 million and \$711 located in the U.S. and China, respectively. The \$2.4 million at April 29, 2018, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$1.8 million and \$661 located in the U.S. and China, respectively.
- (3) The \$2.0 million at January 27, 2019, represents property, plant and equipment located in the U.S.
- (4) The \$342, \$448, and \$552 at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively, represent property, plant, and equipment associated with unallocated corporate departments and corporate departments shared by our mattress fabrics, upholstery fabrics, and home accessories segments. Property, plant, and equipment associated with corporate are located in the U.S.
- (5) Capital expenditure amounts are stated on the accrual basis. See Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for capital expenditure amounts on a cash basis.

19. Income Taxes

Effective Income Tax Rate

We recorded income tax expense of \$3.4 million, or 32.5% of income before income taxes, for the nine-month period ended January 27, 2019, compared to income tax expense of \$12.0 million or 58.6% of income before income taxes, for the nine-month period ended January 28, 2018. Our effective income tax rates for these nine-month periods were based upon the estimated effective income tax rate applicable for the full year after giving effect to any significant items related specifically to interim periods. The effective income tax rate can be affected over the fiscal year by the mix and timing of actual earnings from our U.S. operations and foreign subsidiaries located in China and Canada versus annual projections, as well as changes in foreign currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. dollar.

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The following schedule summarizes the factors that contributed to the difference between income tax expense at the federal income tax rate and the effective income tax rate reflected in the consolidated financial statements for the nine months of each fiscal year

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|-------|-------|
| Federal income tax rate | 21.0% | 30.4% |
| Tax effects of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act | (5.7) | 28.4 |
| Foreign income tax rate differential | 10.1 | 3.9 |
| Global Intangible Low Taxed Income Tax (GILTI) | 2.6 | - |
| Tax effects of Chinese foreign exchange gains (losses) | 1.4 | (2.9) |
| Excess income tax deficiency (benefits) related to stock-based compensation | 0.7 | (2.3) |
| Other | 2.4 | 1.1 |
| | 32.5% | 58.6% |

2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

On December 22, 2017 (the Enactment Date), the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R.1) (the Tax Act) was signed into law. The key effects of the Tax Act on our financial statements during fiscal 2019 will include the reduction of our U.S federal statutory income tax rate to 21% compared with the blended statutory income tax rate of 30.4% during fiscal 2018 and the creation of the Global Intangible Low Taxed Income Tax (GILTI).

In order to calculate GILTI on an interim basis, estimates were required based on (i) projections and estimates associated with U.S. and foreign pre-tax earnings and income tax expense for fiscal 2019, (ii) projections and estimates regarding certain assets that will be held in our domestic operations or foreign subsidiaries, and (iii) projections and estimates associated with our net sales with foreign jurisdictions. Our estimates may change based on actual versus projected results. Our policy to account for GILTI will be to expense this tax in the period incurred.

During our third quarter of fiscal 2019, we completed our assessment of the effects of the Tax Act in connection with our fiscal 2018 U.S. Federal income tax return filing. In accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118, we recorded our final provisional adjustments within the one-year time period from the Enactment Date. Our final provisional adjustments recorded during the third quarter of fiscal 2019 totaled to an income tax benefit of \$593,000, and represented a discrete event for which the full income tax effects were recorded in the three-month and nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019. The \$593,000 final provisional adjustment represents \$310,000 for the re-measurement of our U.S. deferred income taxes and \$283,000 for the one-time mandatory repatriation tax on our undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2018, we recorded a provisional income tax charge of \$5.9 million, which represented a discrete event for which the full income tax effects were recorded during the three-month and nine-month periods ending January 28, 2018. The \$5.9 million provisional income tax charge represents \$1.1 million for the re-measurement of our U.S. deferred income taxes and \$4.8 million for the one-time mandatory repatriation tax on our undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries.

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Deferred Income Taxes

Valuation Allowance

In accordance with ASC Topic 740, we evaluate our deferred income taxes to determine if a valuation allowance is required. ASC Topic 740 requires that companies assess whether a valuation allowance should be established based on the consideration of all available evidence using a “more-likely-than-not” standard, with significant weight being given to evidence that can be objectively verified. Since the company operates in multiple jurisdictions, we assess the need for a valuation allowance on a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction basis, taking into account the effects of local tax law.

Based on our assessments at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, valuation allowances against our deferred income taxes pertain to the following jurisdictions:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | April 29, 2018 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| U.S. foreign income tax credits | \$ 4,550 | 2,277 | 4,550 |
| U.S. state loss carryforwards and credits | 903 | 495 | 578 |
| Polish loss carryforwards | - | 73 | 76 |
| | \$ 5,453 | 2,845 | 5,204 |

Undistributed Earnings

In accordance with ASC Topic 740, we assess whether the undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries will be reinvested indefinitely or eventually distributed to our U.S. parent company. ASC Topic 740 requires that a deferred tax liability should be recorded for undistributed earnings from foreign subsidiaries that will not be reinvested indefinitely. Based on our assessment as of January 27, 2019, it is our intention not to permanently invest our undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries. Also, we assess the recognition of U.S. foreign income tax credits associated with foreign withholding and income tax payments and whether it is more-likely-than-not that our foreign income tax credits will not be realized. If it is determined that any foreign income tax credits need to be recognized or it is more-likely-than-not our foreign income tax credits will not be realized, an adjustment to our provision for income taxes will be recognized at that time.

For fiscal 2019 and beyond, the Tax Act allows a U.S. corporation a 100% dividend received deduction for earnings and profits received from a 10% owned foreign corporation. Therefore, a deferred tax liability will be required for withholding taxes that are incurred by our foreign subsidiaries at the time earnings and profits are distributed. As a result, at January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, we recorded a deferred income tax liability of \$3.4 million, \$3.1 million, and \$4.3 million for withholding taxes on undistributed earnings and profits from our foreign subsidiaries.

Uncertainty In Income Taxes

In accordance with ASC Topic 740, an unrecognized income tax benefit for an uncertain income tax position can be recognized in the first interim period if the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is met by the reporting period, or is effectively settled through examination, negotiation, or litigation, or the statute of limitations for the relevant taxing authority to examine and challenge the tax position has expired. If it is determined that any of the above conditions occur regarding our uncertain income tax positions, an adjustment to our unrecognized income tax benefits will be recorded at that time.

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At January 27, 2019, we had a \$880,000 total gross unrecognized income tax benefit, of which \$500,000 and \$380,000 were classified as income taxes payable- long-term and non-current deferred income taxes, respectively, in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. At January 28, 2018, we had a \$12.4 million total gross unrecognized income tax benefit, of which \$9.9 million and \$2.5 million were classified as income taxes payable – long term and non-current deferred income taxes respectively, in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. At April 29, 2018, we had a \$844,000 total gross unrecognized income tax benefit, of which \$464,000 and \$380,000 were classified as income taxes payable – long-term and non-current deferred income taxes respectively, in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

At January 27, 2019, our \$880,000 total gross unrecognized income tax benefit included \$500,000 that, if recognized, would favorably affect the income tax rate in future periods. At January 28, 2018, our \$12.4 million total gross unrecognized income tax benefit, included \$9.9 million that, if recognized, would favorably affect the income tax rate in future periods. At April 29, 2018, our \$844,000 total gross unrecognized income tax benefit included \$464,000 that, if recognized, would favorably affect the income tax rate in future periods.

Our gross unrecognized income tax benefit of \$880,000, relates to income tax positions for which significant change is currently not expected within the next year. This amount primarily relates to double taxation under applicable income tax treaties with foreign tax jurisdictions.

20. Stock-Based Compensation

Equity Incentive Plan Description

On September 16, 2015, our shareholders approved an equity incentive plan entitled the Culp, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2015 Plan”). The 2015 Plan updated and replaced our 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2007 Plan”) as the vehicle for granting new equity-based awards substantially similar to those authorized under the 2007 Plan. In general, the 2015 Plan authorizes the grant of stock options intended to qualify as incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance units, and other equity and cash related awards as determined by our Compensation Committee. An aggregate of 1,200,000 shares of common stock were authorized for issuance under the 2015 Plan, with certain sub-limits that would apply with respect to specific types of awards that may be issued as defined in the 2015 Plan. In connection with the approval of the 2015 Plan, no further awards will be granted under the 2007 Plan, but outstanding awards under the 2007 Plan will be settled in accordance with their terms.

At January 27, 2019, there were 969,406 shares available for future equity-based grants under our 2015 plan.

Performance Based Restricted Stock Units

Executive Management (NEOs)

Fiscal 2019 and 2018

On August 2, 2018 (Fiscal 2019), and July 13, 2017 (Fiscal 2018), we granted performance-based restricted stock units to NEOs which could earn up to a certain number of shares of common stock if certain performance targets are met over a three-fiscal year performance period as defined in the related restricted stock unit agreements. The number of shares of common stock that are earned based on the performance targets that have been achieved will be adjusted based on a market-based total shareholder return component as defined in the related restricted stock unit agreements.

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Compensation cost was measured based at the fair market value on the date of grant (August 2, 2018 and July 13, 2017). The fair market value per share was determined using the Monte Carlo simulation model for the market-based total shareholder return component and the closing price of our common stock for the performance-based component.

The following table provides assumptions used to determine the fair market value of the market-based shareholder return component using the Monte Carlo simulation model on the date of grants noted above:

| | Fiscal 2019 | Fiscal 2018 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Closing price of our common stock | \$ 24.35 | \$ 32.50 |
| Expected volatility of our common stock | 33.5% | 31.0% |
| Expected volatility of peer companies | 16.0% | 16.5% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 2.74% | 1.56% |
| Dividend yield | 1.35% | 1.66% |
| Correlation coefficient of peer companies | 0.47 | 0.46 |

Fiscal 2017

On July 14, 2016 we granted performance-based restricted stock units to NEOs which could earn up to a certain number of shares of common stock if certain performance targets were met over a three-fiscal year performance period as defined in the related restricted stock unit agreements. These awards were measured based on the fair market value (closing price of our common stock) on the date of grant. No market-based total shareholder return component was included in this award.

Key Employees and a Non-Employee

Fiscal 2019, 2018, and 2017

We granted performance-based restricted stock units which could earn up to a certain number of shares of common stock if certain performance targets are met over a three-fiscal year performance period as defined in the related restricted stock unit agreements. Our performance based restricted stock units granted to key employees were measured based on the fair market value (the closing price of our common stock) on the date of grant. Our performance based restricted stock units granted to a non-employee (fiscal 2017 only) were measured based on the fair market value (the closing price of our common stock) at the earlier date of when the performance criteria are met or the end of the reporting period. No market-based total shareholder return component was included in these awards.

The following table summarizes information related to our grants of performance based restricted stock units associated with NEOs and key employees that are currently unvested:

| Date of Grant | (3) Restricted Stock Units Awarded | Price Per Share | Vesting Period |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| August 2, 2018 (1) | 86,599 | \$ 18.51 (4) | 3 years |
| August 2, 2018 (2) | 47,800 | \$ 24.35 (6) | 3 years |
| July 13, 2017 (1) | 78,195 | \$ 31.85 (5) | 3 years |
| July 13, 2017 (2) | 44,000 | \$ 32.50 (6) | 3 years |
| July 14, 2016 (1) (2) | 107,880 | \$ 28.00 (6) | 3 years |

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(1) Performance-based restricted stock units awarded to NEOs.

(2) Performance-based restricted stock units awarded to key employees.

(3) Amounts represent the maximum number of common stock shares that could be earned if certain performance targets are met as defined in the related restricted stock unit agreements.

(4) Price per share represents the fair market value per share (\$0.76 per \$1 or a reduction of \$5.84 to the closing price of the our common stock) determined using the Monte Carlo simulation model for the market-based total shareholder return component and the closing price of our common stock (\$24.35) for the performance-based components of the performance-based restricted stock units granted to our NEOs on August 2, 2018.

(5) Price per share represents the fair market value per share (\$0.98 per \$1 or a reduction of \$0.65 to the closing price of the our common stock) determined using the Monte Carlo simulation model for the market-based total shareholder return component and the closing price of our common stock (\$32.50) for the performance-based components of the performance-based restricted stock units granted to our NEOs on July 13, 2017.

(6) Price per share represents the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant.

The following table summarizes information related to our grants of performance-based restricted stock units associated with a non-employee that are currently unvested:

| Date of Grant | (1) Restricted Stock Units Awarded | Price Per Share | Vesting Period |
|---------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| July 14, 2016 | 11,549 | \$18.47 (2) | 3 years |

(1) Amounts represent the maximum number of common stock shares that could be earned if certain performance targets are met as defined in the related restricted stock unit agreements.

(2) The respective grant was unvested at the end of our reporting period. Accordingly, the price per share represents the closing price of our common stock on January 27, 2019, the end of our reporting period.

The following table summarizes information related to our performance based restricted stock units that vested during the nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2018:

| Fiscal Year | Restricted Stock Units Vested | (3) Fair Value | Weighted Average Price Per Share |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Fiscal 2019 (1) | 126,232 | \$ 3,707 | \$ 29.37(4) |
| Fiscal 2019 (2) | 10,364 | \$ 320 | \$ 30.90(4) |
| Fiscal 2018 (1) | 102,845 | \$ 3,342 | \$ 32.50(4) |
| Fiscal 2018 (2) | 16,000 | \$ 520 | \$ 32.50(4) |

(1) NEOs and key employees.

(2) Non-employee

(3) Dollar amounts are in thousands.

(4) The weighted average price per share is derived from the closing prices of our common stock on the dates the respective performance based restricted stock units vested.

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Overall

We recorded compensation expense of \$259,000 and \$2.2 million within selling, general, and administrative expenses for the nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2018, respectively. Compensation cost is recorded based on an assessment each reporting period of the probability that certain performance goals will be met during the vesting period. If performance goals are not probable of occurrence, compensation cost will not be recognized and any recognized compensation cost would be reversed.

At January 27, 2019, the remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to our performance based restricted stock units was \$760,000, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average vesting period of 2.0 years. At January 27, 2019, the performance based restricted stock units that were expected to vest had a fair value totaling \$1.2 million.

Time Based Restricted Stock Units

Fiscal 2019

On August 2, 2018, we granted 10,000 shares of time-based restricted stock units to certain key employees. These awards will vest over a period of 59 months and were measured at their fair market value, which was \$24.35 per share, and represents the closing price of our common stock at the date of grant.

Fiscal 2018 Grant

On July 13, 2017, an employee was granted 1,200 shares of time vested restricted stock units which vested over the requisite service period of 11 months. This award was measured at its fair market value, which was \$32.50 per share, and represented the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2019, 1,200 shares of common stock associated with this grant vested and had a weighted average grant date fair value of \$39,000 or \$32.50 per share.

Fiscal 2017 Grant

On July 14, 2016, an employee was granted 1,200 shares of time vested restricted stock units which vested over the requisite service period of 11 months. This award was measured at its fair market value, which was \$28 per share, and represented the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2018, 1,200 shares of common stock associated with this grant vested and had a weighted average grant date fair value of \$34,000 or \$28 per share.

Overall

We recorded compensation expense of \$30,000 and \$28,000 within selling, general, and administrative expense associated with our time vested restricted stock unit awards for the nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2018, respectively.

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At January 27, 2019, the remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to our time vested restricted stock units was \$219,000, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average vesting period of 4.4 years. At January 27, 2019, the time vested restricted stock awards that were expected to vest had a fair value totaling \$185,000.

Common Stock Awards

We granted a total of 3,600 and 4,800 shares of common stock to our outside directors on October 1, 2018, and October 2, 2017, respectively. These shares of common stock vested immediately and were valued based on the fair market value on the date of grant. The fair value of these awards were \$23.45 and \$33.20 per share, on October 1, 2018, and October 2, 2017, which represents the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant.

We recorded \$84,000 and \$159,000 of compensation expense within selling, general, and administrative expense for these common stock awards for the nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019 and January 28, 2018, respectively.

21. Statutory Reserves

Our subsidiaries located in China are required to transfer 10% of their net income, as determined in accordance with the People's Republic of China (PRC) accounting rules and regulations, to a statutory surplus reserve fund until such reserve balance reaches 50% of the company's registered capital.

The transfer to this reserve must be made before distributions of any dividend to shareholders. As of January 27, 2019, the company's statutory surplus reserve was \$4.3 million, representing 10% of accumulated earnings and profits determined in accordance with PRC accounting rules and regulations. The surplus reserve fund is non-distributable other than during liquidation and can be used to fund previous years' losses, if any, and may be utilized for business expansion or converted into share capital by issuing new shares to existing shareholders in proportion to their shareholding or by increasing the par value of the shares currently held by them provided that the remaining reserve balance after such issue is not less than 25% of the registered capital.

Our subsidiaries located in China can transfer funds to the parent company with the exception of the statutory surplus reserve of \$4.3 million to assist with debt repayment, capital expenditures, and other expenses of the company's business.

22. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

The company is involved in legal proceedings and claims which have arisen in the ordinary course of business. Management has determined that it is not reasonably possible that these actions, when ultimately concluded and settled, will have a material adverse effect upon the financial position, results of operations, or cash flows of the company.

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Accounts Payable – Capital Expenditures

At January 27, 2019, we had total amounts due regarding capital expenditures totaling \$91,000, which pertained to outstanding vendor invoices, none of which were financed. The total outstanding amount of \$91,000 is required to be paid based on normal credit terms.

At January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, we had total amounts due regarding capital expenditures totaling \$1.6 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, of which \$1.4 million was financed and pertained to completed work for the construction of a new building (see below).

Purchase Commitments – Capital Expenditures

At January 27, 2019, we had open purchase commitments to acquire equipment for our mattress fabrics segment totaling \$632,000.

Mattress Fabrics Building

Effective May 16, 2016, we entered into an agreement with a contractor to construct a new building located in North Carolina to expand our distribution capabilities and office space at a cost of \$11.3 million. This agreement required an installment payment of \$1.9 million that was made in April 2016, with additional installment payments of \$4.3 million that were made in fiscal 2017, \$3.7 million that were made in fiscal 2018, and a final installment payment of \$1.4 million made in May 2018 (first quarter of fiscal 2019). Interest was charged on the required outstanding installment payments for services that were previously rendered at a rate of 2.25% plus the current 30-day LIBOR rate.

Also, we were required to issue a letter of a credit totaling \$5.0 million with the contractor's bank being the beneficiary. In addition to the interest charged on the outstanding installment payments noted above, there was a 0.1% unused fee calculated on the balance of the \$5.0 million letter of credit less the amount outstanding per month (see Note 13 for further details).

This new building was placed into service in July 2017 (first quarter of fiscal 2018).

23. Common Stock Repurchase Program

On June 15, 2016, we announced that our board of directors approved an authorization for us to acquire up to \$5.0 million of our common stock. Under the common stock repurchase program, shares may be purchased from time to time in open market transactions, block trades, through plans established under the Securities Exchange Act Rule 10b5-1, or otherwise. The amount of shares purchased and the timing of such purchases will be based on working capital requirements, market and general business conditions, and other factors, including alternative investment opportunities.

During the nine-month period ended January 27, 2019, we purchased 160,423 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$3.3 million. During the nine-month period ended January 28, 2018, we did not purchase any shares of our common stock.

At January 27, 2019, we had \$1.7 million available for repurchases of our common stock.

24. Dividend Program

On February 27, 2019, we announced that our board of directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share. This payment will be made on April 15, 2019, to shareholders of record as of April 1, 2019.

During the nine months ended January 27, 2019, dividend payments totaled \$3.5 million, which represented quarterly dividend payments ranging from \$0.09 per share to \$0.10 per share. During the nine months ended January 28, 2018, dividend payments totaled \$5.7 million, of which \$2.6 million represented a special cash dividend payment of \$0.21 per share, and \$3.1 million represented quarterly dividend payments ranging from \$0.08 per share to \$0.09 per share.

Future dividend payments are subject to board approval and may be adjusted at the board's discretion as business needs or market conditions change.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This report and the exhibits attached hereto contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934). Such statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual events and results to differ materially from such statements. Further, forward looking statements are intended to speak only as of the date on which they are made, and we disclaim any duty to update or alter such statements to reflect any changes in management’s expectations or any change in the assumptions or circumstances on which such statements are based, whether due to new information, future events, or otherwise. Forward-looking statements are statements that include projections, expectations or beliefs about future events or results or otherwise are not statements of historical fact. Such statements are often but not always characterized by qualifying words such as “expect,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “plan,” and “project,” and their derivatives, and include but are not limited to statements about expectations for our future operations, production levels, new product launches, sales, profit margins, profitability, operating income, capital expenditures, working capital levels, income taxes, SG&A or other expenses, pre-tax income, earnings, cash flow, and other performance or liquidity measures, as well as any statements regarding potential acquisitions, future economic or industry trends or future developments. There can be no assurance that the company will realize these expectations, meet its guidance, or that these beliefs will prove correct.

Factors that could influence the matters discussed in such statements include the level of housing starts and sales of existing homes, consumer confidence, trends in disposable income, and general economic conditions. Decreases in these economic indicators could have a negative effect on our business and prospects. Likewise, increases in interest rates, particularly home mortgage rates, and increases in consumer debt or the general rate of inflation, could affect us adversely. The future performance of our business depends in part on our success in conducting and finalizing acquisition negotiations and integrating acquired businesses into our existing operations. Changes in consumer tastes or preferences toward products not produced by us could erode demand for our products. Changes in tariffs or trade policy, or changes in the value of the U.S. dollar versus other currencies, could affect our financial results because a significant portion of our operations are located outside the United States. Strengthening of the U.S. dollar against other currencies could make our products less competitive on the basis of price in markets outside the United States, and strengthening of currencies in Canada and China can have a negative impact on our sales of products produced in those places. Also, economic and political instability in international areas could affect our operations or sources of goods in those areas, as well as demand for our products in international markets. Finally, increases in market prices for petrochemical products can significantly affect the prices we pay for raw materials, and in turn, increase our operating costs and decrease our profitability. Further information about these factors, as well as other factors that could affect our future operations or financial results and the matters discussed in forward-looking statements, are included in Item 1A “Risk Factors” section in our Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 13, 2018, for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2018, and our subsequent periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements and Notes and other exhibits included elsewhere in this report.

General

Our fiscal year is the 52 or 53-week period ending on the Sunday closest to April 30. The nine-months ended January 27, 2019, and January 28, 2018, each represent 39-week periods. Our operations are classified into three business segments: mattress fabrics, upholstery fabrics, and home accessories. The mattress fabrics segment manufactures, sources and sells fabrics and mattress covers primarily to bedding manufacturers. We have wholly owned mattress fabric operations located in Stokesdale, NC, High Point, NC, and Quebec, Canada, and a fifty-percent owned cut and sew mattress cover operation located in Haiti. The upholstery fabrics segment develops, manufactures, and sells fabrics primarily to residential and commercial furniture manufacturers. We have wholly owned upholstery fabric operations located in Shanghai, China, and Burlington, NC. With the recent acquisition of Read Window Products, LLC (Read), we now have a wholly owned company located in Knoxville, TN, that provides window treatments and sourcing of upholstery fabrics and other products, measuring, as well as installation services of Read's products to customers in the hospitality and commercial industries. The company operated an upholstery fabrics plant facility in Anderson, SC during the first quarter of fiscal 2019, which has since been closed during the second quarter of fiscal 2019. The home accessories segment is the company's new finished products business that manufactures, sources and sells bedding accessories and home goods directly to consumers and businesses through global e-commerce and business-to-business sales channels. Through our June 22, 2018, investment in eLuxury, LLC (eLuxury), we now have a majority owned company located in Evansville, IN, which operates the global e-commerce platform for the home accessories segment.

We evaluate the operating performance of our segments based upon income from operations before certain unallocated corporate expenses, restructuring expense (credit) and related charges, and other non-recurring items. Cost of sales in each segment includes costs to manufacture, develop, or source our products, including costs such as raw material costs and finished goods purchases, direct and indirect labor, overhead and incoming freight charges. Unallocated corporate expenses primarily represent compensation and benefits for certain executive officers, all costs associated with being a public company, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Results of Operations

| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | | Change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | |
| Net sales | \$ 77,226 | \$ 85,310 | (9.5)% |
| Gross profit | 14,123 | 17,603 | (19.8)% |
| Gross profit margin | 18.3% | 20.6% | (230)bp |
| SG&A expenses | 10,038 | 9,959 | 0.8% |
| Income from operations | 4,299 | 7,644 | (43.8)% |
| Operating margin | 5.6% | 9.0% | (340)bp |
| Income before income taxes | 4,262 | 7,516 | (43.3)% |
| Income taxes | 1,225 | 8,208 | (85.1)% |
| Net income (loss) | 3,060 | (748) | 509.1% |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Culp Inc common shareholders | 3,154 | (748) | 521.7% |

| (dollars in thousands) | Nine Months Ended | | Change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | |
| Net sales | \$ 225,705 | \$ 245,541 | (8.1)% |
| Gross profit | 38,008 | 49,873 | (23.8)% |
| Gross profit margin | 16.8% | 20.3% | (350)bp |
| SG&A expenses | 28,174 | 28,876 | (2.4)% |
| Income from operations | 10,659 | 20,997 | (49.2)% |
| Operating margin | 4.7% | 8.6% | (390)bp |
| Income before income taxes | 10,485 | 20,416 | (48.6)% |
| Income taxes | 3,407 | 11,956 | (71.5)% |
| Net income | 6,969 | 8,211 | (15.1)% |
| Net income attributable to Culp Inc common shareholders | 7,044 | 8,211 | (14.2)% |

Net Sales

Overall, our net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 decreased by 9.5% compared with the same period a year ago, with mattress fabric sales declining 27.1% and upholstery fabrics increasing 2.3%. Net sales from our new home accessories segment were \$4.4 million, with no comparable prior-year sales.

Our overall net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2019 decreased by 8.1% compared with the same period a year ago, with mattress fabrics decreasing 26.5% and upholstery fabrics increasing 7.2%. Net sales from our new home accessories segment were \$11.8 million since the June 22, 2018, investment date in eLuxury, with no comparable prior-year sales.

The decrease in mattress fabrics sales reflects the ongoing significant challenges facing the bedding industry, primarily related to the continued high volume of low-priced imported mattresses from China. Delays resulting from the recent U.S. government shutdown affected the timing of expected punitive measures against Chinese importers, with a preliminary ruling now expected in May 2019. As a result, we continued to experience reduced demand for mattress fabric and sewn covers from our major customers. Additionally, third quarter sales were unfavorably affected by weather disruptions and the usual seasonal slowdown for the holidays, compounded by a weak retail and e-commerce sales environment. Although import activity appears to have slowed in anticipation of upcoming anti-dumping measures, we believe there remains a large excess of inventory of late 2018 imports that will likely take at least through the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019 to sell off, which will negatively affect our mattress fabrics sales.

The increase in upholstery fabric net sales for fiscal 2019 primarily relates to the net sales contribution from Read, acquired on April 1, 2018, partially offset by a decrease in sales associated with our closed facility located in Anderson, SC, and the timing of the Chinese New Year holiday.

The third quarter and year-to-date financial results for our new home accessories business segment, which includes our June 2018 majority investment in eLuxury, reflect typical product roll-out, sampling and marketing challenges in connection with the start-up and integration of a newly combined platform. These challenges, along with a weak retail and e-commerce sales environment, unfavorably affected our financial results for the third quarter and nine-month year-to-date period.

See the Segment Analysis section below for further details.

Income Before Income Taxes

Overall, our income before income taxes decreased for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2019, due primarily to the decrease in sales of mattress fabrics noted above.

Additionally, our income before income taxes was affected by a non-recurring charge of \$769,000 in the third quarter and a non-recurring charge of \$2.2 million in the first nine-months of fiscal 2019, related to the closure of our upholstery fabrics operation located in Anderson, SC, and other non-recurring charges.

See the Segment Analysis section below for further details.

Income Taxes

The decreases in our income tax expense and effective income tax rate for the third quarter and the nine-month year-to-date period of fiscal 2019 are mostly due to a provisional income tax charge of \$5.9 million, related to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act") that was recorded during the third quarter and the nine-month year-to-date period of fiscal 2018. The \$5.9 million provisional charge consists of \$4.8 million for the one-time mandatory repatriation tax on our undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries and \$1.1 million for the revaluation of our U.S. deferred income taxes and reduction in the U.S. Federal corporate income tax rate pursuant to the Tax Act.

During the third quarter and the year-to-date period of fiscal 2019, we completed our assessment of the effects of the Tax Act in connection with our fiscal 2018 U.S. Federal income tax return filing. In accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118, we recorded our final provisional adjustments within the one-year time period from the December 22, 2017, enactment date. Our final provisional adjustments totaled to an income tax benefit of \$593,000. The \$593,000 income tax benefit represents \$310,000 for the re-measurement of our U.S. deferred income taxes and \$283,000 for the one-time mandatory repatriation tax on our undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries.

Refer to Note 19 located in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for further details regarding our provision for income taxes.

Liquidity

At January 27, 2019, our cash and investments (which comprise cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments (available for sale), and short-term and long-term investments (held-to-maturity)), totaled \$40.0 million compared with \$54.5 million at April 29, 2018. Additionally, we did not have any outstanding borrowings on our lines of credits as of January 27, 2019.

The decrease in our cash and investments from the end of fiscal 2018 was primarily due to cash payments of \$12.1 million for acquisitions, capital expenditures totaling \$4.4 million (of which \$1.4 million was vendor-financed) that were mostly associated with our mattress fabrics segment, \$6.8 million returned to our shareholders primarily in the form of our regular quarterly cash dividend payments and common stock share repurchases, and \$1.3 million in employee withholding tax payments associated with the vesting of certain stock-based compensation awards, partially offset by net cash provided by operating activities totaling \$8.1 million and proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment of \$1.9 million associated with our closed upholstery fabrics facility located in Anderson, SC.

Our net cash provided by operating activities of \$8.1 million through the third quarter of fiscal 2019 decreased from \$21.5 million during the same period a year ago. This trend is primarily due to the decrease in cash flow from earnings as a result of the lower mattress fabrics sales noted above.

See the Liquidity section below for further details.

Dividend and Common Stock Repurchase Programs

On February 27, 2019, we announced that our board of directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share. This payment will be made on April 15, 2019, to shareholders of record as of April 1, 2019.

During the nine months ended January 27, 2019, dividend payments totaled \$3.5 million, which represented quarterly dividend payments ranging from \$0.09 per share to \$0.10 per share. During the nine months ended January 28, 2018, dividend payments totaled \$5.7 million, of which \$2.6 million represented a special cash dividend payment of \$0.21 per share, and \$3.1 million represented quarterly dividend payments ranging from \$0.08 per share to \$0.09 per share.

During the nine-month period ended January 27, 2019, we purchased 160,423 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$3.3 million. During the nine-month period ended January 28, 2018, we did not purchase any shares of our common stock.

Segment Analysis

Mattress Fabrics Segment

| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | | Change |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | |
| Net sales | \$ 35,732 | \$ 49,042 | (27.1)% |
| Gross profit | 5,963 | 10,146 | (41.2)% |
| Gross profit margin | 16.7% | 20.7% | (400)bp |
| SG&A expenses | 2,755 | 3,309 | (16.7)% |
| Income from operations | 3,208 | 6,837 | (53.1)% |
| Operating margin | 9.0% | 13.9% | (490)bp |

| (dollars in thousands) | Nine Months Ended | | Change |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | |
| Net sales | \$ 107,335 | \$ 146,072 | (26.5)% |
| Gross profit | 17,050 | 29,641 | (42.5)% |
| Gross profit margin | 15.9% | 20.3% | (440)bp |
| SG&A expenses | 8,141 | 9,868 | (17.5)% |
| Non-recurring charges | 248 | - | 100.0% |
| Income from operations | 8,910 | 19,774 | (54.9)% |
| Operating margin | 8.3% | 13.5% | (520)bp |

Net Sales

The decreases in mattress fabrics sales for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2019 reflect the continued challenges facing the bedding industry related to the high volume of low-priced imported mattresses from China. Delays resulting from the recent U.S. government shutdown affected the timing of expected punitive measures against Chinese importers, with a preliminary ruling now expected in late May 2019. Additionally, the increased influx of these low-priced imports during late 2018 created excess inventory in the third quarter. As a result, we continued to experience reduced demand for mattress fabric and sewn covers from our major customers. Third quarter sales were also affected by weather disruptions and the usual seasonal slowdown for the holidays, compounded by a weak retail and e-commerce sales environment.

Currently, we expect the ongoing challenges in the mattress industry will continue to affect short-term demand trends and operating performance. Although import activity appears to be slowing, and some customers are beginning to alter supply chains away from China, there remains a large excess of inventory that will likely take at least through the fourth quarter of fiscal 2019 to sell off. We believe expected anti-dumping measures from the U.S. government will ultimately benefit our customers and our business. We are beginning to see some positive developments and improvement in sequential demand trends as our design strengths and efficient manufacturing platform are providing market share gain and improved operating results. Nevertheless, it remains uncertain as to when demand trends will return to normal levels.

Gross Profit and Operating Income

Our operating profits declined in the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2019 compared with the same periods a year ago, due primarily to the decrease in net sales noted above. In addition, we had a non-recurring charge of \$248,000 relating to employee termination benefits and other operational reorganization costs that were recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2019.

Over the past several years, we have invested substantially in creating a sustainable and efficient platform with enhanced production and distribution capabilities. As a result, we have improved our operating efficiencies with the ability to control both variable and fixed costs. Additionally, these capabilities allow us to provide a full complement of mattress fabrics and sewn covers and maintain flexibility to adapt to evolving customer needs. We continue to focus on maximizing the efficiency of our operations and aligning our costs with current and expected demand trends. In addition, due to the lower demand, we have reduced our capital expenditure budget and deferred certain capital projects that were originally expected to be completed in fiscal 2019.

Segment assets

Segment assets consist of accounts receivable, inventory, property, plant and equipment, and our investment in an unconsolidated joint venture.

| (dollars in thousands) | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | April 29, 2018 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts receivable | \$ 12,373 | \$ 12,840 | \$ 15,195 |
| Inventory | 26,243 | 29,355 | 28,740 |
| Property, plant & equipment | 45,845 | 49,289 | 48,797 |
| Investment in unconsolidated joint venture | 1,512 | 1,518 | 1,501 |

Refer to Note 18 located in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for disclosures regarding determination of our segment assets.

Accounts Receivable

As of January 27, 2019, accounts receivable decreased by 3.6% compared with January 28, 2018. This decrease reflects the decrease in net sales of 27.1% for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2018 as noted above, mostly offset by higher days' sales outstanding of 32 days for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with 24 days for the third quarter of fiscal 2018. The increase in days' sales outstanding is primarily due to a significant increase in net sales at the end of third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2018. Net sales in January 2019 increased 27.1% compared with December 2018, as opposed to net sales in January 2018 decreasing 8.3% compared with December 2017.

As of January 27, 2019, accounts receivable decreased by \$2.8 million, or 18.6%, compared with April 29, 2018. The decrease primarily reflects a decrease in net sales of 23.2% for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, partially offset by higher days' sales outstanding of 32 days for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with 29 days for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018.

Inventory

As of January 27, 2019, inventory decreased compared with January 28, 2018, and April 28, 2018, respectively. This trend primarily represents the decrease in net sales noted above during the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with the third quarter of 2018 and fourth quarter of 2018, respectively.

Property, Plant & Equipment

As of January 27, 2019, property plant, and equipment, decreased in comparison to January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018. This trend represents a decrease in capital expenditure requirements and a progression toward a more maintenance level of spending for our machinery and equipment. Through the third quarter of fiscal 2019, our mattress fabrics segment reported \$2.3 million of capital expenditures compared with \$6.7 million during fiscal 2018 and \$17.7 million during fiscal 2017, respectively.

The \$45.8 million at January 27, 2019, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$33.5 million and \$12.3 million located in the U.S. and Canada, respectively. The \$49.3 million at January 28, 2018, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$35.6 million and \$13.7 million located in the U.S. and Canada, respectively. The \$48.8 million at April 29, 2018, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$35.4 million and \$13.4 million located in the U.S. and Canada, respectively.

Investment in Unconsolidated Joint Venture

Our investment in unconsolidated joint venture represents our fifty percent ownership of Class International Holdings Ltd. (See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for further details).

Upholstery Fabrics Segment

Net Sales

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Three Months Ended | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|--|----------|
| | January 27, 2019 | | January 28, 2018 | | | % Change |
| Non U.S. Produced | \$ 34,450 | 93% | \$ 34,282 | 95% | | 0.5% |
| U.S. Produced | 2,654 | 7% | 1,986 | 5% | | 33.6% |
| Total | \$ 37,104 | 100% | \$ 36,268 | 100% | | 2.3% |

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine Months Ended | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|--|----------|
| | January 27, 2019 | | January 28, 2018 | | | % Change |
| Non U.S. Produced | \$ 95,361 | 89% | \$ 93,806 | 94% | | 1.7% |
| U.S. Produced | 11,250 | 11% | 5,663 | 6% | | 98.7% |
| Total | \$ 106,611 | 100% | \$ 99,469 | 100% | | 7.2% |

Net sales in this segment increased in the third quarter and the first nine months of fiscal 2019. These increases include the contribution from Read, acquired on April 1, 2018, partially offset by the decline in net sales associated with the closure of our Anderson, SC, facility during the second quarter and the timing of the Chinese New Year holiday.

Additionally, these results reflect our product-driven strategy and various growth initiatives. Our ability to provide a diverse product offering and creative designs has allowed us to reach new market segments and expand our customer base in both the residential and hospitality markets. Our results reflect the continued success of this strategy, highlighted by expanded sales of LiveSmart®, our “performance” line of highly durable, stain-resistant fabric.

Gross Profit, Selling, General & Administrative Expenses, and Operating Income

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Three Months Ended | | Change |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2019 | |
| Gross profit | \$ 7,624 | \$ 7,457 | 2.2% |
| Gross profit margin | 20.5% | 20.6% | (10)bp |
| SG&A expenses | 3,825 | 3,947 | (3.1)% |
| Income from operations | 3,799 | 3,510 | 8.2% |
| Operating margin | 10.2% | 9.7% | 50bp |
| Restructuring related charges | 554 | - | 100% |

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine Months Ended | | Change |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | |
| Gross profit | \$ 20,031 | \$ 20,232 | (1.0)% |
| Gross profit margin | 18.8% | 20.3% | (150)bp |
| SG&A expenses | 10,985 | 11,458 | (4.1)% |
| Income from operations | 9,044 | 8,773 | 3.1% |
| Operating margin | 8.5% | 8.8% | (30)bp |
| Restructuring related charges | 2,388 | - | 100% |

Our gross profit and operating income both improved during the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with the same period a year ago. However, gross profit was lower and operating income was higher for the first nine months of fiscal 2019 compared to the same period last year. Our gross profit and operating income reflected the increase in net sales noted above and operating margins reflect lower operating costs associated with fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates in China. Additionally, with the closure of our Anderson, SC, production facility, we incurred restructuring and related charges of \$554,000 and \$2.3 million during the third quarter and year-to-date period of fiscal 2019.

Exit and Disposal Activity

On June 12, 2018, our board of directors announced the closure of our upholstery fabrics manufacturing facility in Anderson, South Carolina. This closure was completed during the second quarter of fiscal 2019 and was due to a continued decline in demand for the products manufactured at this facility, reflecting a change in consumer style preferences.

The following summarizes our restructuring credit and related charges totaling \$340,000 during the third quarter that were associated with the above exit and disposal activity:

| | Three months ended January 27, 2019 | |
|---|---|-------|
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | |
| Other operating costs associated with a closed facility | \$ | 554 |
| Employee termination benefits | | 148 |
| Gain on sale of building and land | | (362) |
| | \$ | 340 |

Of this total net charge, a charge of \$514,000, a charge of \$40,000, and a credit of \$214,000 were recorded in cost of sales, selling, general, and administrative expenses, and restructuring credit, respectively in the Consolidated Statement of Net Income for the three-month period ending January 27, 2019.

The following summarizes our restructuring credit and related charges totaling \$1.6 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2019 that were associated with the above exit and disposal activity:

| | Nine months ended January 27, 2019 | |
|---|--|---------|
| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | | |
| Inventory markdowns | \$ | 1,564 |
| Other operating costs associated with a closed facility | | 824 |
| Employee termination benefits | | 661 |
| Gain on sale of property, plant, and equipment | | (1,486) |
| | \$ | 1,563 |

Of this total net charge, a charge of \$2.3 million, a charge of \$40,000, and a credit of \$825,000 were recorded in cost of sales, selling, general, and administrative expenses, and restructuring credit, respectively, in the Consolidated Statement of Net Income for the nine-month period ending January 27, 2019.

Segment Assets

Segment assets consist of accounts receivable, inventory, and property, plant, and equipment.

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 27, 2019 | | January 28, 2018 | | April 29, 2018 | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Accounts receivable | \$ | 13,367 | \$ | 13,257 | \$ | 11,112 |
| Inventory | | 26,067 | | 26,296 | | 24,714 |
| Property, plant & equipment | | 1,957 | | 2,101 | | 2,445 |

Refer to Note 18 located in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for disclosures regarding determination of our segment assets.

Accounts Receivable

As of January 27, 2019, accounts receivable increased slightly compared with January 28, 2018, as net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 were modestly higher compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2018, as noted above.

As of January 27, 2019, accounts receivable increased by \$2.3 million or 20.3%, compared with April 29, 2018. This increase reflects an increase in net sales during the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with fourth quarter of fiscal 2018. Net sales were \$37.1 million during the third quarter of fiscal 2019, an increase of \$5.4 million or 17.2 percent, compared with \$31.7 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018. This increase in net sales was due to the timing of the Chinese New Year Holiday. As a result, many of our customers shifted more of their purchases into January 2018, in advance of holiday plant shutdowns in order meet anticipated demand.

Inventory

As of January 27, 2019, inventory was comparable with January 28, 2018, as net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 were comparable with the third quarter of fiscal 2018, as noted above.

As of January 27, 2019, inventory increased by \$1.4 million or 5.5%, compared with April 29, 2018. This increase was due to the increase in net sales related to the timing of the Chinese New Year.

Property, Plant & Equipment

The \$2.0 million at January 27, 2019, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$1.3 million and \$615,000 located in the U.S. and China, respectively. The \$2.1 million at January 28, 2018, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$1.4 million and \$711,000 located in the U.S. and China, respectively. The \$2.4 million at April 29, 2018, represents property, plant, and equipment of \$1.8 million and \$661,000 located in the U.S. and China, respectively.

Home Accessories Segment

| (dollars in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net sales | \$ 4,390 | \$ - |
| Gross profit | 1,050 | - |
| Gross profit margin | 23.9% | - |
| SG&A expenses | 1,361 | - |
| Loss from operations | (311) | - |
| Operating margin | (7.1)% | - |

| (dollars in thousands) | Nine Months Ended | |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 |
| Net sales | \$ 11,759 | \$ - |
| Gross profit | 3,435 | - |
| Gross profit margin | 29.2% | - |
| SG&A expenses | 3,690 | - |
| Loss from operations | (254) | - |
| Operating margin | (2.2)% | - |

Net Sales, Gross Profit, and Operating Income

This segment, which includes our June 2018 majority investment in eLuxury, represents our e-commerce and finished products business offering bedding accessories and home goods. The combined platform for this new segment supports sales of finished products to both consumers and businesses through global e-commerce and business-to-business sales channels.

Net sales for our home accessories segment were \$4.4 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2019, with no comparable prior-year sales, and \$11.8 million since the June 2018 investment date in eLuxury, with no comparable prior-year sales.

The third quarter and year-to-date financial results reflect typical product roll-out, sampling and marketing challenges in connection with the start-up and integration of a newly combined platform. These challenges, along with a weak retail and e-commerce sales environment, unfavorably affected our financial results for the third quarter and year-to-date period.

Our strategic focus for the segment is to develop innovative bedding products and other home accessory items through our global manufacturing platform and in coordination with all of Culp's other divisions. We have an array of new products featuring Culp mattress fabrics and upholstery fabrics in inventory that we plan to market through this new sales channel.

eLuxury

Overview

Effective June 22, 2018, we entered an Equity Purchase Agreement (Equity Agreement) pursuant to which we acquired an initial 80% ownership interest in eLuxury, a company that offers bedding accessories and home goods directly to consumers. eLuxury's primary products include a line of mattress pads manufactured at eLuxury's facility located in Evansville, Indiana. eLuxury also offers handmade platform beds, cotton bed sheets, as well as other bedding items. Their products are available on eLuxury's own branded website, eLuxury.com, Amazon, and other leading online retailers for specialty home goods.

This acquisition brings together eLuxury's experience in e-commerce, online brand building and direct to consumer shopping and fulfillment with our global production, sourcing and distribution capabilities.

The estimated consideration given for the initial 80% ownership interest in eLuxury totaled \$18.1 million, of which \$12.5 million represents the estimated purchase price and \$5.6 million represents the fair value for contingent consideration associated with an earn-out obligation (see below for further details). Of the \$12.5 million estimated purchase price, \$11.6 million was paid at closing on June 22, 2018, \$185,000 was paid in August 2018, and \$749,000 is to be paid in September 2019, subject to certain conditions as defined in the Equity Agreement.

Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed

The following table presents the final allocation of the acquisition cost to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values.

| (dollars in thousands) | Fair Value |
|--|------------|
| Goodwill | \$ 13,653 |
| Tradenname | 6,549 |
| Equipment | 2,179 |
| Inventory | 1,804 |
| Accounts receivable and other current assets | 108 |
| Accounts payable | (1,336) |
| Accrued expenses | (295) |
| Non-controlling interest in eLuxury | (4,532) |
| | \$ 18,130 |

As mentioned above, the Equity Agreement contains a contingent consideration arrangement that requires us to pay the seller, who is also the owner of the noncontrolling interest, an earn-out payment based on a multiple of adjusted EBITDA, as defined in the Equity Agreement, for the twelve-month period ending August 31, 2021, less \$12.0 million. We recorded a contingent liability at the acquisition date for this earn-out obligation at its fair value totaling \$5.6 million based on the Black Scholes pricing model.

Consolidation and Non-Controlling Interest

As result of the acquisition of our 80% controlling interest, we included all the accounts of eLuxury in our consolidated financial statements and have eliminated all significant intercompany balances and transactions. Net income (loss) attributable to the minority interest in eLuxury is excluded from total consolidated net income (loss) to arrive at net income (loss) attributable to Culp Inc. common shareholders.

Other

Acquisitions costs totaling \$270,000 were included in selling, general, and administrative expenses in our Consolidated Statement of Net Income for the nine-month period ending January 27, 2019.

Segment Assets

Segment assets consist of accounts receivable, inventory, and property, plant, and equipment.

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 29, 2017 | January 28, 2018 | April 29, 2018 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Accounts receivable | \$ 402 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Inventory | 3,105 | - | - |
| Property, plant & equipment | 1,985 | - | - |

Refer to Note 18 located in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for disclosures regarding determination of our segment assets.

Property, Plant & Equipment

The \$2.0 million at January 27, 2019, represents property, plant, and equipment located in the U.S.

Other Income Statement Categories

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Three Months Ended | | % Change |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | |
| SG&A expenses | \$ 10,038 | \$ 9,959 | 0.8% |
| Interest expense | - | 31 | (100.0)% |
| Interest income | 251 | 132 | 90.2% |
| Other expense | 288 | 229 | 25.8% |

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | Nine Months Ended | | % Change |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | January 27, 2019 | January 28, 2018 | |
| SG&A expenses | \$ 28,174 | \$ 28,876 | (2.4)% |
| Interest expense | 38 | 69 | (44.9)% |
| Interest income | 552 | 391 | 41.2% |
| Other expense | 688 | 903 | (23.8)% |

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

SG&A expenses during the third quarter and year-to-date period of fiscal 2019 were comparable with the same periods a year ago. This trend is primarily due to increased selling expenses associated with our majority investment in eLuxury, offset by lower incentive compensation expense reflecting weaker financial results for the company in relation to pre-established targets, as well as lower professional fees.

Interest Expense

Interest costs charged to operations through our third quarter of fiscal 2019, were lower compared with the same period a year ago.

No interest costs for the construction of qualifying fixed assets were capitalized for the nine-months ended January 27, 2019. Interest costs totaling \$99,000 for the construction of qualifying fixed assets were capitalized for the nine-months ended January 28, 2018. These interest costs will be amortized over the related assets' useful lives.

Interest Income

During fiscal 2019 and 2018, our interest income was mostly associated with our investment grade U.S. corporate bonds located in the Cayman Islands. The increase in interest income for the third quarter and nine-month year-to-date period of fiscal 2019, compared with the same periods a year ago, is primarily due to repatriated earnings and profits from our foreign subsidiaries that have been invested in U.S. money market funds at higher interest rates. Additionally, the increase is due to higher participant account balances held in our Rabbi Trust, that is associated with our deferred compensation plan, during fiscal 2019 compared with fiscal 2018.

Other Expense

Other expense increased for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 was comparable with the third quarter of fiscal 2018. This increase is due to less favorable foreign currency exchange rates associated with our operations located in China, partially offset by a decrease in our deferred compensation obligation resulting from unrealized losses incurred on our Rabbi Trust investments during the third quarter of fiscal 2019.

Other expense decreased for the nine-month year-to-date period of fiscal 2019, compared with the same period a year ago. This decrease was mostly due to more favorable foreign currency exchange rates associated with our operations located in China.

Income Taxes

Effective Income Tax Rate

We recorded income tax expense of \$3.4 million, or 32.5% of income before income taxes, for the nine-month period ended January 27, 2019, compared with income tax expense of \$12.0 million, or 58.6% of income before income taxes, for the nine-month period ended January 28, 2018. Our effective income tax rates for these nine-month periods were based upon the estimated effective income tax rate applicable for the full year after giving effect to any significant items related specifically to interim periods. The effective income tax rate can be affected over the fiscal year by the mix and timing of actual earnings from our U.S. operations and foreign subsidiaries located in China and Canada versus annual projections, as well as changes in foreign currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. dollar.

The following schedule summarizes the factors that contributed to the difference between income tax expense at the federal income tax rate and the effective income tax rate reflected in the consolidated financial statements for the first nine months each fiscal year:

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|-------|-------|
| Federal income tax rate | 21.0% | 30.4% |
| Tax effects of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act | (5.7) | 28.4 |
| Foreign income tax rate differential | 10.1 | 3.9 |
| Global Intangible Low Taxed Income Tax (GILTI) | 2.6 | - |
| Tax effects of Chinese foreign exchange gains (losses) | 1.4 | (2.9) |
| Excess income tax deficiency (benefits) related to stock-based compensation | 0.7 | (2.3) |
| Other | 2.4 | 1.1 |
| | 32.5% | 58.6% |

2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

On December 22, 2017 (the Enactment Date), the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R.1) (the Tax Act) was signed into law. The key effects of the Tax Act on our financial statements during fiscal 2019 include the reduction of our U.S federal statutory income tax rate to 21% compared with the blended statutory income tax rate of 30.4% during fiscal 2018 and the creation of the Global Intangible Low Taxed Income Tax (GILTI).

In order to calculate GILTI on an interim basis, estimates were required based on (i) projections and estimates associated with U.S. and foreign pre-tax earnings and income tax expense for fiscal 2019, (ii) projections and estimates regarding certain assets that will be held in our domestic operations or foreign subsidiaries, and (iii) projections and estimates associated with our net sales with foreign jurisdictions. Our estimates may change based on actual versus projected results. Our policy to account for GILTI will be to expense this tax in the period incurred.

During our third quarter of fiscal 2019, we completed our assessment of the effects of the Tax Act in connection with our fiscal 2018 U.S. Federal income tax return filing. In accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118, we recorded our final provisional adjustments within the one-year time period from the Enactment Date. Our final provisional adjustments recorded during the third quarter of fiscal 2019, totaled to an income tax benefit of \$593,000, and represented a discrete event for which the full income tax effects were recorded in the three-month and nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019. The \$593,000 final provision adjustment represents \$310,000 for the re-measurement of our U.S. deferred income taxes and \$283,000 for the one-time mandatory repatriation tax on our undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2018, we recorded a provisional income tax charge of \$5.9 million, which represented a discrete event for which the full income tax effects were recorded during the three-month and nine-month periods ending January 28, 2018. The \$5.9 million provisional income tax charge represents \$1.1 million for the re-measurement of our U.S. deferred income taxes and \$4.8 million for the one-time mandatory repatriation tax on our undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries.

Valuation Allowance

In accordance with ASC Topic 740, we evaluate our deferred income taxes to determine if a valuation allowance is required. ASC Topic 740 requires that companies assess whether a valuation allowance should be established based on the consideration of all available evidence using a “more-likely-than-not” standard, with significant weight being given to evidence that can be objectively verified. Since the company operates in multiple jurisdictions, we assess the need for a valuation allowance on a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction basis, taking into account the effects of local tax law.

Refer to Note 19 located in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for disclosures regarding our assessments of our recorded valuation allowance as of January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively.

Undistributed Earnings

In accordance with ASC Topic 740, we assess whether the undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries will be reinvested indefinitely or eventually distributed to our U.S. parent company. ASC Topic 740 requires that a deferred tax liability should be recorded for undistributed earnings from foreign subsidiaries that will not be reinvested indefinitely. Also, we assess the recognition of U.S. foreign income tax credits associated with foreign withholding and income tax payments and whether it is more-likely-than-not that our foreign income tax credits will not be realized. If it is determined that any foreign income tax credits need to be recognized or it is more-likely-than-not our foreign income tax credits will not be realized, an adjustment to our provision for income taxes will be recognized at that time.

Refer to Note 19 located in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for disclosures regarding our assessments of our recorded deferred income tax liability balances associated with undistributed earnings from our foreign subsidiaries as of January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively

Uncertain Income Tax Positions

In accordance with ASC Topic 740, an unrecognized income tax benefit for an uncertain income tax position can be recognized in the first interim period if the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is met by the reporting period, or is effectively settled through examination, negotiation, or litigation, or the statute of limitations for the relevant taxing authority to examine and challenge the tax position has expired. If it is determined that any of the above conditions occur regarding our uncertain income tax positions, an adjustment to our unrecognized income tax benefits will be recorded at that time.

Refer to Note 19 located in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for disclosures regarding our assessments of our uncertain income tax positions as of January 27, 2019, January 28, 2018, and April 29, 2018, respectively.

Income Taxes Paid

We reported income tax expense of \$3.4 million and \$12.0 million for the nine-month periods ending January 27, 2019, and January 28, 2018, respectively. In addition, our income tax payments totaled \$6.2 million and \$3.4 million for the same respective periods. Our income tax payments were mostly associated with our foreign subsidiaries located in Canada and China. These payments increased during fiscal 2019 as compared with the same period a year ago, primarily due to a withholding tax payment of \$862,000 associated with an earnings and profit distribution from our Canadian subsidiary and the first installment of our mandatory repatriation tax payment of \$500,000 made in our second quarter, and higher installment payments associated with our Canadian subsidiary during fiscal 2019 compared with fiscal 2018.

As a result of the Tax Act noted above, we were required to calculate a one-time mandatory repatriation tax (the Transition Tax) for fiscal 2018 related to the transition of U.S. international tax from a worldwide tax system to a territorial tax system. Consequently, we started making income tax payments associated with the Transition Tax in the second quarter fiscal 2019, which we elected to pay over a period of eight years. Additionally, we have approximately \$7.0 million of U.S. Federal net loss operating and AMT credit carryforwards to apply against fiscal 2019 U.S. taxable income. This fact, combined with the lower U.S. corporate income tax rate and the immediate expensing of U.S. capital expenditures next year, is currently expected to result in minimal U.S. cash income taxes paid in fiscal 2019 (excluding the Transition Tax).

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity

Overall

Currently, our sources of liquidity include cash and cash equivalents, cash flow from operations, and amounts available under our revolving credit lines. These sources have been adequate for day-to-day operations, capital expenditures, debt payments, common stock repurchases, and dividend payments. We believe our present cash and cash equivalents of \$26.4 million as of January 27, 2019, cash flow from operations, and the current availability (\$31.0 million) under our revolving credit lines will be sufficient to fund our foreseeable business needs, contractual obligations, and potential acquisitions.

At January 27, 2019 our cash and investments (which comprise cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments (available for sale), and short-term and long-term investments (held-to-maturity)), totaled \$40.0 million compared with \$54.5 million at April 29, 2018. Additionally, we did not have any outstanding borrowings on our lines of credit as of January 27, 2019.

The decrease in our cash and investments from the end of fiscal 2018 was primarily due to cash payments of \$12.1 million for acquisitions, capital expenditures totaling \$4.4 million (of which \$1.4 million was vendor-financed) that were mostly associated with our mattress fabrics segment, \$6.8 million returned to our shareholders primarily in the form of our regular quarterly cash dividend payments and common stock share repurchases, and \$1.3 million in employee withholding tax payments associated with the vesting of certain stock-based compensation awards, partially offset by net cash provided by operating activities totaling \$8.1 million and proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment of \$1.9 million associated with our closed upholstery fabrics facility located in Anderson, SC.

Our net cash provided by operating activities of \$8.1 million through the third quarter of fiscal 2019 decreased from \$21.5 million during the same period a year ago. This trend is primarily due to the decrease in cash flow from earnings as a result of the lower business volume noted above.

Our cash and cash equivalents and short-term investment (available for sale) balance may be adversely affected by factors beyond our control, such as lower net sales due to weakening industry demand and delays in receipt of payment on accounts receivable.

By Geographic Area

A summary of our cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments (available for sale), and short-term and long-term investments (held-to-maturity) by geographic area follows:

| <i>(dollars in thousands)</i> | January 27, 2019 | | January 29, 2018 | | April 2018 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|---------------|
| United States | \$ | 16,478 | \$ | 5,707 | \$ 9,221 |
| Cayman Islands | | 13,616 | | 38,918 | 31,000 |
| China | | 8,412 | | 7,228 | 10,537 |
| Canada | | 1,456 | | 3,878 | 3,715 |
| | \$ | 39,962 | \$ | 55,731 | \$ 54,473 |

During the third quarter of fiscal 2019, we had a significant increase in our cash and investments held in the U.S. This trend was primarily due to our strategy to take advantage of the Tax Act, which allows a U.S. corporation a 100% dividend received income tax deduction on earnings and profits repatriated to the U.S. from 10% owned foreign corporations.

As of April 29, 2018, of the \$31.0 million in cash and investments held in the Cayman Islands, almost all pertained to investment grade U.S. corporate bonds. As our U.S. corporate bonds mature, we have been repatriating most or all of earnings and profits residing in the Cayman Islands to the U.S. parent company. During fiscal 2019, we received cash proceeds from the sale of our U.S. corporate bonds totaling \$17.2 million, of which \$13.2 million was received in the third quarter. In turn, we repatriated earnings and profits to our U.S. parent company totaling \$17.6 million during fiscal 2019, of which \$14.3 million pertained to the third quarter.

As of January 27, 2019, we held U.S. corporate bonds residing in the Cayman Islands totaling \$13.5 million, of which \$8.5 million will mature during our fourth quarter, and \$5.0 million will mature in May 2019 (our first quarter of fiscal 2020). Currently, we expect to repatriate the sales proceeds from the sale of our U.S. corporate bonds held as of January 27, 2019, to the U.S. parent company as those investments mature.

Common Stock Repurchase Program

On June 15, 2016, we announced that our board of directors approved an authorization for us to acquire up to \$5.0 million of our common stock. Under the common stock repurchase program, shares may be purchased from time to time in open market transactions, block trades, through plans established under the Securities Exchange Act Rule 10b5-1, or otherwise. The amount of shares purchased and the timing of such purchases will be based on working capital requirements, market and general business conditions, and other factors, including alternative investment opportunities.

During the nine-month period ended January 27, 2019, we purchased 160,423 shares of our common stock at a cost of \$3.3 million. During the nine-month period ended January 28, 2018, we did not purchase any shares of our common stock.

At January 27, 2019, we had \$1.7 million available for repurchases of our common stock.

Dividend Program

On February 27, 2019, we announced that our board of directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share. This payment will be made on April 15, 2019, to shareholders of record as of April 1, 2019.

During the nine months ended January 27, 2019, dividend payments totaled \$3.5 million, which represented quarterly dividend payments ranging from \$0.09 per share to \$0.10 per share. During the nine months ended January 28, 2018, dividend payments totaled \$5.7 million, of which \$2.6 million represented a special cash dividend payment of \$0.21 per share, and \$3.1 million represented quarterly dividend payments ranging from \$0.08 per share to \$0.09 per share.

Future dividend payments are subject to board approval and may be adjusted at the board's discretion as business needs or market conditions change.

Working Capital

Accounts receivable at January 27, 2019, and January 28, 2018, were \$26.1 million. Our accounts receivable balance at January 27, 2019, was affected by the decrease in net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with the third quarter of fiscal 2018 that was associated with our mattress fabric segment, partially offset by higher days' sales outstanding, which were 30 days for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with 28 days for the third quarter of fiscal 2018.

Inventories as of January 27, 2019, totaling \$55.4 million, were comparable with \$55.7 million at January 28, 2018. Inventory turns were 4.6 for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with 5.2 for the third quarter of fiscal 2018.

Accounts payable-trade as of January 27, 2019, totaling \$28.4 million, decreased \$4.0 million or 12.3%, compared with with \$32.4 million at January 28, 2018. This decrease is mostly due to the timing of vendor payments associated with the Chinese New Year holiday experienced by our upholstery fabric operations.

Operating working capital (accounts receivable and inventories, less accounts payable-trade, accounts payable-capital expenditures, and deferred revenue) was \$52.6 million at January 27, 2019, compared with \$47.8 million at January 28, 2018. Operating working capital turnover was 6.0 during the third quarter of fiscal 2019 compared with 7.4 during the third quarter of fiscal 2018.

Financing Arrangements

Currently, we have revolving credit agreements with banks for our U.S parent company and our operations located in China. The purposes of our revolving lines of credit are to support potential short-term cash needs in different jurisdictions, mitigate our risk associated with foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, and ultimately repatriate earnings and profits from our foreign subsidiaries to the U.S. to take advantage of the Tax Act, which allows a U.S. corporation a 100% dividend received income tax deduction on earnings and profits repatriated to the U.S. from 10% owned foreign corporations.

Our revolving credit agreements require us to maintain compliance with certain financial covenants as defined in the respective agreements. At January 27, 2019, we were in compliance with all our financial covenants.

Refer to Note 13 located in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for further details of our revolving credit agreements.

Capital Expenditures and Depreciation

Overall

Capital expenditures on a cash basis were \$4.4 million (of which \$1.4 million were vendor- financed) for the nine-month period ending January 27, 2019, compared with \$10.4 million (of which \$3.8 million were vendor-financed) for the same period a year ago. Capital expenditures mostly related to our mattress fabrics segment for both periods.

Depreciation expense was \$6.1 million for the nine-month period ending January 27, 2019, compared with \$5.7 million for the same period a year ago. Depreciation expense mostly related to our mattress fabrics segment for both periods.

For fiscal 2019, we are projecting capital expenditures to be in the range of \$6.0 million to \$6.5 million. Depreciation expense is projected to be approximately \$8.0 million in fiscal 2019. The estimated capital expenditures and depreciation expense for fiscal 2019 mostly relates to the mattress fabrics segment. These are management's current expectations only, and changes in our business could cause changes in plans for capital expenditures and expectations related to depreciation expense.

Accounts Payable – Capital Expenditures

At January 27, 2019, we had total amounts due regarding capital expenditures totaling \$91,000, pertaining to outstanding vendor invoices, none of which were financed. The total amount outstanding of \$91,000 is required to be paid based on normal credit terms.

Purchase Commitments – Capital Expenditures

At January 27, 2019, we had open purchase commitments to acquire equipment for our mattress fabrics segment totaling \$632,000.

Mattress Fabrics Building

Effective May 16, 2016, we entered into an agreement with a contractor to construct a new building located in North Carolina to expand our distribution capabilities and office space at a cost of \$11.3 million. This agreement required an installment payment of \$1.9 million that was made in April 2016, with additional installment payments of \$4.3 million that were made in fiscal 2017, \$3.7 million that were made in fiscal 2018, and a final installment payment of \$1.4 million made in May 2018 (first quarter of fiscal 2019). Interest was charged on the required outstanding installment payments for services that were previously rendered at a rate of \$2.25% plus the current 30-day LIBOR rate.

Also, we were required to issue a letter of a credit totaling \$5.0 million with the contractor's bank being the beneficiary. In addition to the interest charged on the outstanding installment payments noted above, there was a 0.1% unused fee calculated on the balance of the \$5.0 million letter of credit less the amount outstanding per month (see Note 13 for further details).

This new building was placed into service in July 2017 (first quarter of fiscal 2018).

Critical Accounting Policies and Recent Accounting Developments

At January 27, 2019, there were no changes in the nature of our significant accounting policies or the application of those policies from those reported in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 29, 2018.

Refer to Notes 2 and 5 located in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for recently adopted and issued accounting pronouncements since the filing of our Form 10-K for the year ended April 29, 2018.

Contractual Obligations

As of January 27, 2019, there were no significant or new contractual obligations from those reported in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 29, 2018.

Inflation

Any significant increase in our raw material costs, utility/energy costs and general economic inflation could have a material adverse impact on the company, because competitive conditions have limited our ability to pass significant operating cost increases on to customers.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates on our revolving credit lines.

At January 27, 2019, our U.S. revolving credit agreement requires interest to be charged at a rate (applicable interest rate of 3.95% at January 27, 2019) as a variable spread over LIBOR based on our ratio of debt to EBITDA as defined in the agreement. Our revolving credit line associated with our China subsidiaries bears interest at a rate determined by the Chinese government. There were no borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit lines at January 27, 2019.

We are exposed to market risk from changes in the value of foreign currencies for our subsidiaries domiciled in Canada and China. We try to maintain a natural hedge by keeping a balance of our assets and liabilities denominated in the local currency of our subsidiaries domiciled in Canada and China, although there is no assurance that we will be able to continually maintain this natural hedge. Our foreign subsidiaries use the United States dollar as their functional currency. A substantial portion of the company's imports purchased outside the United States are denominated in U.S. dollars. A 10% change in the above exchange rates at January 27, 2019, would not have had a significant impact on our results of operations or financial position.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We have conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of January 27, 2019, the end of the period covered by this report. This evaluation was conducted under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based upon that evaluation, we have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports filed by us and submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported as and when required. Further, we concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed by us under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, in a manner to allow timely decisions regarding the required disclosures.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended January 27, 2019, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II – Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There have not been any material changes to our legal proceedings during the three months ended January 27, 2019. Our legal proceedings are disclosed in the company's annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 13, 2018 for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2018.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

A detailed discussion of our risk factors is included in Item 1A "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed July 13, 2018 for the year ended April 29, 2018. The information presented below updates and should be read in conjunction with the risk factors and information disclosed in that Form 10-K.

Our business may be adversely affected by increased tariffs or other changes in U.S. policy related to imported products.

Many of our products are manufactured or sourced outside of the United States. The U.S. government has recently compiled a list of products under consideration for potential tariffs on imports from many countries, including China, where a significant amount of our products is produced. Certain tariffs have been imposed, and negotiations continue regarding possible additional tariffs. Any tariffs that result in increased costs of imported products and materials could require us to increase prices to our domestic customers or, if we are unable to do so, result in lowering our gross margins on products sold. As a result, the tariffs could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition to recent announcements about tariffs, the U.S. government is considering other proposals for substantial changes to its trade and tax policies, which could include import restrictions, increased import tariffs, changes to or withdrawal from existing trade agreements, and border-adjustment taxes, among other possible measures. Material changes in these policies could increase our tax obligations or require us to increase prices to customers, which could adversely affect sales. Any significant change in U.S. policy related to imported products could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares Purchased | (b) Average Price Paid per Share | (c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1) |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| October 29, 2018 to December 2, 2018 | 24,929 | 21.57 | 24,929 | \$ 3,618,954 |
| December 3, 2018 to December 30, 2018 | 67,588 | 20.06 | 67,588 | \$ 2,262,961 |
| December 31, 2018 to January 27, 2019 | 31,026 | 18.65 | 31,026 | \$ 1,684,362 |
| Total | 123,543 | 20.01 | 123,543 | \$ 1,684,362 |

(1) On June 15, 2016, we announced that our board of directors increased the authorization for us to acquire up to \$5.0 million of our common stock.

ITEM 5. Other Information

On March 6, 2019, the Company's board of directors took action to amend the compensation arrangement for non-employee directors. The new compensation arrangement provides that non-employee directors will be paid a cash retainer of \$55,000 (\$60,000 for the Lead Director) and stock grants valued at \$55,000 (\$60,000 for the Lead Director) during each year. Partial payments of the cash retainer and stock grants will be made on a quarterly basis on the first business day of October, January, April and July of each year. To the extent payments have been made during the current fiscal year in advance, appropriate adjustments will be made for the payments and stock grants to current directors. The director compensation arrangement is described further in Exhibit 10.2 to this Form 10-Q.

Also on March 6, 2019, the company's board of directors took action to name Robert G. Culp, IV, currently the company's Chief Operating Officer, as President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Culp, 48, has been employed by the company since 1998, and has served in various capacities since that time, including as President of Culp Home Fashions since 2004 and as Chief Operating Officer since 2018.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are submitted as part of this report.

- 10.1 Form of Annual Incentive Award Agreement
- 10.2 Written Description of Non-Employee Director Compensation
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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SIGNATURES

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

**CULP, INC.
(Registrant)**

Date: March 8, 2019

By: /s/ Kenneth R. Bowling

Kenneth R. Bowling
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Authorized to sign on behalf of the registrant
and also signing as principal financial officer)

By: /s/ Thomas B. Gallagher, Jr.

Thomas B. Gallagher, Jr.
Corporate Controller
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ANNUAL INCENTIVE AWARD AGREEMENT

THIS ANNUAL INCENTIVE AWARD AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”), dated as of _____, is between **CULP, INC.**, a North Carolina corporation (the “**Corporation**”), and _____ (“**Recipient**”).

Background Statement

The Corporation desires to grant to Recipient an Annual Incentive Award (the “**Award**”) pursuant to the Culp, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the “**Plan**”). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Plan.

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. **Grant of Award.** The Corporation hereby grants to Recipient the Award described below.

The Award will pay an incentive bonus for the Performance Period stated below to Recipient upon determination by the Compensation Committee (the “**Committee**”) of the Corporation’s board of directors that a bonus payment is due pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Plan.

The bonus payment due hereunder is calculated with reference to the Bonus Percentage for the Reporting Unit in which the Recipient participates. The bonus due to Recipient is the Bonus Percentage for Recipient’s Reporting Unit multiplied by Recipient’s Bonus Opportunity.

Performance Period: The Corporation’s fiscal year ending _____.

Reporting Unit: _____ [or the _____ Division (the “**Division**”)]

Bonus Opportunity: Recipient’s Bonus Opportunity is ____% of Recipient’s base salary during the Performance Period

Bonus Percentage for a Reporting Unit is the amount derived from Schedule A attached hereto, based upon the Total EVA results for Recipient’s Reporting Unit during the Performance Period, with straight line interpolation being used to determine Bonus Percentage amounts between the amounts shown on Schedule A. The maximum Bonus Percentage for this award is ____%.

Economic Value Added (“**EVA**”) for a Reporting Unit is the amount, if any, by which Adjusted Operating Income earned by the Reporting Unit for each month during the Performance Period exceeds (or if lower, a negative number) the Total Capital Charge related to each category of Capital Employed for the Reporting Unit in the relevant month. **Total EVA** for the Performance Period is the sum of the total amounts of EVA for each month of the Performance Period.

The total of the various Cost of Capital amounts calculated as set forth below is the “**Total Capital Charge.**”

The **Cost of Capital** percentage amounts applicable to this Award (stated on an annualized basis) are as follows:

- Operating Capital Employed ____%
- Real Estate Capital Employed ____%
- Property, Plant and Equipment Construction in Progress ____%
- Goodwill and Intangibles Associated with Acquisitions ____%
- [Other categories of capital ____%]

“**Adjusted Operating Income**” is defined as operating income for a Reporting Unit as recorded on the Reporting Unit’s financial statements, but excluding (prior to) the payment of bonus payments related to the EVA-based annual incentive plan, and excluding extraordinary and non-recurring items including restructuring and related charges, goodwill or fixed asset impairment charges, prepayment fees on debt, other extraordinary charges or credits, and the effects of acquisitions.

“**Operating Capital Employed**” for a Reporting Unit is the sum of all capital items allocated to the Reporting Unit on the Corporation’s financial records, [but excluding such items, if any, which may include real estate, property, plant and equipment construction in progress, goodwill and other intangibles related to acquisitions, newly acquired assets or operations, etc., that the Committee deems appropriate for exclusion].

Section 2. **Vesting.** The bonus amount to be paid hereunder will vest and become payable upon final determination of the amount to be paid by the Corporation and the Committee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all unvested Awards (and a bonus payment at Recipient’s Bonus Opportunity) shall immediately vest and become payable upon the occurrence of the following:

- (a) the termination by the Corporation of the employment of Recipient without Cause or by reason of the death or Disability of Recipient; or
- (b) Recipient’s employment is terminated by the Corporation in anticipation of a Change of Control, or
- (c) Recipient is employed by the Corporation or an affiliate thereof at the time a Change of Control occurs, and at any time during the 18-month period following such Change of Control (provided that the bonus payment provided for hereunder shall have not already become due and been paid),
 - (i) Recipient’s employment is terminated by the Corporation or an affiliate thereof for any reason other than for death, Disability or Cause, or
 - (ii) Recipient terminates his employment for Good Reason within one year following the initial existence of the conditions giving rise to such Good Reason.

Section 3. Additional Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

“**Cause**” shall mean (i) the commission by Recipient of a felony (or crime involving moral turpitude); (ii) theft, conversion, embezzlement or misappropriation by Recipient of funds or other assets of the Corporation or its Subsidiaries or any other act of fraud with respect to the Corporation or its Subsidiaries (including without limitation the acceptance of bribes or kickbacks or other acts of self-dealing); (iii) intentional, grossly negligent or unlawful misconduct by Recipient that causes significant harm to the Corporation or its Subsidiaries; or (iv) repeated instances of intoxication with alcohol or drugs while conducting business during regular business hours.

“**Change of Control**” shall have the meaning given to such term in the Plan. In addition, for an award that vests according to Total EVA of a Division, “**Change of Control**” shall be deemed to have occurred upon consummation of a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of such Division by the Corporation to an unaffiliated third party.

“**Disability**” shall have the meaning given to such term in the primary disability benefit plan of the Corporation in which Recipient participates. In the absence of any such plan, “**Disability**” shall mean any physical or mental impairment that renders Recipient unable to perform the essential functions of his job with the Corporation and its Subsidiaries for a period of at least 120 days, either with or without reasonable accommodation. At the Corporation’s request, Recipient shall submit to an examination by a duly licensed physician who is mutually acceptable to the Corporation and Recipient for the purpose of ascertaining the existence of a Disability, and shall authorize the physician to release the results of Recipient’s examination to the Corporation.

“**Good Reason**” shall mean, without Recipient’s express written consent, the existence of any of the following conditions unless such conditions are fully corrected within thirty days after Recipient notifies the Corporation of the existence of such conditions as hereinafter provided:

- (a) a material diminution in Recipient’s authority, duties or responsibilities;
- (b) a material diminution in the authority, duties or responsibilities of the supervisor to whom Recipient is required to report;
- (c) a material diminution in Recipient’s base salary, other than as a result of across-the-board salary reductions similarly affecting all management personnel of the Corporation; or
- (d) a material change in the geographic location at which Employee must regularly perform services for the Corporation.

Recipient shall notify the Corporation that he believes that one or more of the conditions described above exists, and of his intention to terminate employment for Good Reason as a result thereof, within sixty days after the time that he gains knowledge of such conditions. Recipient shall not deliver a notice of termination of employment for Good Reason until thirty days after he delivers the notice described in the preceding sentence, and Recipient may do so only if the conditions described in such notice have not been fully corrected by the Corporation.

Section 4. Settlement.

As soon as reasonably practicable following a determination by the Corporation that a bonus payment is due hereunder, the bonus will be paid in cash, or will be paid in accordance with any proper and valid election under the Culp, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Key Employees, but only if such election has been made in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Corporation pursuant to such plan.

Section 5. Forfeiture. All bonus amounts that do not vest pursuant to **Section 2** shall automatically be cancelled and forfeited by Recipient effective as of the earlier to occur of (a) the first day after the end of the Performance Period (to the extent that Total EVA for the relevant Reporting Unit is not sufficient to cause any bonus payment to vest pursuant to the terms of this Agreement), (b) the termination by Recipient of his employment with the Corporation or its Subsidiaries for any reason or (c) the termination by the Corporation of Recipient's employment with the Corporation or its Subsidiaries for Cause (each such event being referred to herein as a "**Forfeiture Event**"). Upon the occurrence of a Forfeiture Event, all unvested bonus amounts shall automatically, without further action by the Corporation or Recipient, be cancelled and forfeited.

Section 6. Tax Matters.

(a) Recipient shall promptly pay to the Corporation all federal, state and local income, social security and payroll taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to the vesting or payment of a bonus hereunder, and the Corporation, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct from any payment of any kind otherwise due to Recipient all federal, state and local income, social security and payroll taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to the vesting or payment of a bonus earned hereunder.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if a Change of Control occurs and if Recipient is entitled under any agreement or arrangement (including, without limitation, this Agreement) to receive compensation that would constitute a parachute payment (including, without limitation, the vesting of any rights) within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**") but for the operation of this sentence, then the amount of all such payments shall be reduced, as determined by the Corporation, to the extent necessary to cause the aggregate present value of all payments in the nature of compensation to Recipient that are contingent on a change in the ownership or effective control of the Corporation, or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Corporation, not to exceed 2.99 times Recipient's "**base amount**," all within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The parties intend for the immediately preceding sentence to be interpreted and applied so as to prevent Recipient from receiving, with respect to a Change of Control, an excess parachute payment within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code.

Section 7. Clawback. If the Corporation's reported financial or operating results become subject to a material negative restatement, the Committee may require the Recipient to pay to the Corporation an amount corresponding to the amount that the Committee determines would not have been vested or paid if the Corporation's results as originally published had been equal to the Corporation's results as subsequently restated; provided that any requirement or claim under this Section must be made, if at all, within five years after the date the amount claimed was originally vested or paid, whichever is later.

In the alternative, the Committee may require Recipient to repay or return compensation awarded hereunder pursuant to such rules as may be adopted from time to time pursuant to Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, to the extent applicable. By acceptance of any Award or bonus payment hereunder, Recipient expressly acknowledges and agrees that any and all amounts paid to Recipient hereunder are and will be fully subject to the terms of any policy regarding repayment, recoupment or clawback of compensation now or hereafter adopted by the Corporation in response to the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, rulemaking of the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that any such policy will apply to any and all bonus amounts paid hereunder in accordance with its terms, whether retroactively or prospectively, and agrees to cooperate fully with the Corporation to facilitate the recovery of any that the Committee determines in its sole discretion is required to be recovered pursuant to the terms of such policy.

The obligations of Recipient to make payments or return bonus amounts paid hereunder under this Section are independent of any involvement by such Recipient in events that led to the restatement. The provisions of this Section are in addition to, not in lieu of, any remedies that the Corporation may have against any persons whose misconduct caused or contributed to a need to restate the Corporation's reported results.

Section 8. Miscellaneous.

(a) **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be construed, administered and governed in all respects under and by the applicable internal laws of the State of North Carolina, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof.

(b) **Entire Agreement; Amendment and Waiver.** This Agreement and the Award granted hereunder shall be subject to the terms of the Plan, which hereby is incorporated into this Agreement as though set forth in full herein. Recipient hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan. This Agreement and the Plan reflect the entire agreement between the parties hereto and supersede any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement regarding the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may not be modified, amended, supplemented or waived except by a writing signed by the parties hereto, and such writing must refer specifically to this Agreement.

(c) **Assignment; Binding Effect.** Except as permitted by the Plan, this Agreement and the Award granted hereunder may not be assigned, pledged, hypothecated or transferred by Recipient in any manner. This Agreement, as amended from time to time, shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto; provided, however, that this provision shall not permit any assignment in contravention of the terms contained elsewhere herein.

(d) **No Right to Employment.** Nothing in this Agreement shall confer on Recipient any right to continue in the employ of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries.

(e) **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic device shall be equally as effective as delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic device shall also deliver an original executed counterpart of this Agreement, but the failure to deliver an original executed counterpart of this Agreement shall not affect the validity, enforceability and binding effect of this Agreement.

(f) **Notices.** Any notice hereunder to the Corporation shall be addressed to the Corporation's principal executive office, Attention: Compensation Committee, and any notice hereunder to Recipient shall be addressed to Recipient at his last address in the records of the Corporation, subject to the right of either party to designate at any time hereafter in writing a different address. Any notice shall be deemed to have been given when delivered personally, one (1) day after dispatch if sent by reputable overnight courier, fees prepaid, or three (3) days following mailing if sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed as set forth above.

[Signature page is the next page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed as of the date first written above.

CULP, INC.,
a North Carolina corporation

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

RECIPIENT

SCHEDULE A

Bonus Percentage

0%
X
X
X
100%
X
X
X
____%

Total EVA Results

X
X
X
Target Level
X
X
X
[Maximum]

Written Description of Non-Employee Director Compensation

Each non-employee director is paid during each year a cash retainer of \$55,000 (except the Lead Director, who receives a \$60,000 retainer), plus grants of shares of the company's common stock valued at \$55,000 (\$60,000 for the Lead Director). The stock is granted under the company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan and is immediately vested when granted. The cash retainer and stock grants are paid on a quarterly basis on the first business day of October, January, April and July of each year during the director's service on the board of directors. The amount of cash paid each quarter is 25% of the yearly cash retainer, and the number of shares granted each quarter is the number of shares valued at 25% of the yearly stock grant amount, to be determined with reference to the closing price of the company's common stock on the quarterly grant date, with partial shares rounded to the nearest whole number of shares.

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Franklin N. Saxon, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Form 10-Q of Culp, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Franklin N. Saxon

Franklin N. Saxon
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: March 8, 2019

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Kenneth R. Bowling, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Form 10-Q of Culp, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Kenneth R. Bowling

Kenneth R. Bowling

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: March 8, 2019

Certification Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
as Adopted Pursuant to
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Culp, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 27, 2019 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Franklin N. Saxon, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Franklin N. Saxon

Franklin N. Saxon

President and Chief Executive Officer

March 8, 2019

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Culp, Inc. and will be retained by Culp, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Certification Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
as Adopted Pursuant to
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Culp, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 27, 2019 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Kenneth R. Bowling, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Kenneth R. Bowling
Kenneth R. Bowling
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

March 8, 2019

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Culp, Inc. and will be retained by Culp, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.