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

For the quarter ended  
March 31, 2017

Commission File Number  
0-16093

CONMED CORPORATION

(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

525 French Road, Utica, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

16-0977505

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

13502

(Zip Code)

(315) 797-8375

(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 such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company  Emerging growth company

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock, as of April 25, 2017 is 27,871,783 shares.

**CONMED CORPORATION**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q**  
**FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2017**

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## PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1.

**CONMED CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
(Unaudited, in thousands except per share amounts)

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Net sales	\$ 186,567	\$ 181,201
Cost of sales	86,682	83,461
Gross profit	99,885	97,740
Selling and administrative expense	94,761	85,943
Research and development expense	7,618	8,258
Operating expenses	102,379	94,201
Income (loss) from operations	(2,494)	3,539
Other expense	—	2,942
Interest expense	4,119	3,830
Loss before income taxes	(6,613)	(3,233)
Benefit from income taxes	(2,068)	(968)
Net loss	\$ (4,545)	\$ (2,265)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (924)	\$ 787
<i>Per share data:</i>		
Net loss		
Basic	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.08)
Diluted	(0.16)	(0.08)
Dividends per share of common stock	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20
Weighted average common shares		
Basic	27,867	27,721
Diluted	27,867	27,721

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

**CONMED CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Unaudited, in thousands except share and per share amounts)

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,660	\$ 27,428
Accounts receivable, net	139,855	148,244
Inventories	140,083	135,869
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	18,905	18,971
Total current assets	333,503	330,512
Property, plant and equipment, net	119,742	122,029
Goodwill	398,154	397,664
Other intangible assets, net	414,766	419,549
Other assets	61,860	59,229
Total assets	\$ 1,328,025	\$ 1,328,983
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 11,296	\$ 10,202
Accounts payable	46,857	41,647
Accrued compensation and benefits	24,622	32,036
Other current liabilities	42,670	30,067
Total current liabilities	125,445	113,952
Long-term debt	487,045	488,288
Deferred income taxes	114,358	119,143
Other long-term liabilities	25,655	27,024
Total liabilities	752,503	748,407
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$ .01 per share; authorized 500,000 shares; none outstanding	—	—
Common stock, par value \$ .01 per share; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 31,299,194 shares issued in 2017 and 2016, respectively	313	313
Paid-in capital	329,691	329,276
Retained earnings	396,814	406,932
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(54,905)	(58,526)
Less: 3,434,513 and 3,471,121 shares of common stock in treasury, at cost in 2017 and 2016, respectively	(96,391)	(97,419)
Total shareholders' equity	575,522	580,576
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,328,025	\$ 1,328,983

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

**CONMED CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (4,545)	\$ (2,265)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,866	4,986
Amortization	9,058	8,272
Stock-based compensation	1,955	2,489
Deferred income taxes	(4,266)	(2,942)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	254
Increase (decrease) in cash flows from changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquired assets:		
Accounts receivable	10,242	11,428
Inventories	(3,374)	(1,239)
Accounts payable	5,202	(11,109)
Accrued compensation and benefits	(8,665)	(7,519)
Other assets	(8,157)	(17,143)
Other liabilities	12,982	(1,770)
	<u>19,843</u>	<u>(14,293)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>15,298</u>	<u>(16,558)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(2,584)	(2,789)
Payments related to business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	(256,424)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(2,584)</u>	<u>(259,213)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payments on term loan	(2,188)	(2,188)
Proceeds from term loan	—	175,000
Proceeds from revolving line of credit	38,000	137,000
Payments on revolving line of credit	(36,000)	(58,995)
Payments related to distribution agreement	—	(16,667)
Payments related to debt issuance costs	—	(5,556)
Dividends paid on common stock	(5,566)	(5,542)
Other, net	(512)	(612)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(6,266)</u>	<u>222,440</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<u>784</u>	<u>721</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,232	(52,610)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>27,428</u>	<u>72,504</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 34,660</u>	<u>\$ 19,894</u>
Non-cash financing activities:		
Dividends payable	\$ 5,573	\$ 5,546

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

**CONMED CORPORATION**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited, in thousands except per share amounts)**

**Note 1 – Operations**

CONMED Corporation (“CONMED”, the “Company”, “we” or “us”) is a medical technology company that provides surgical devices and equipment for minimally invasive procedures. The Company’s products are used by surgeons and physicians in a variety of specialties including orthopedics, general surgery, gynecology, neurosurgery and gastroenterology.

**Note 2 - Interim Financial Information**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for annual financial statements. Results for the period ended March 31, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2017.

The consolidated condensed financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Note 3 - Business Acquisition**

On January 4, 2016, we acquired all of the stock of SurgiQuest, Inc. (“SurgiQuest”) for \$257.7 million in cash (based on an aggregate purchase price of \$265 million as adjusted pursuant to the merger agreement governing the acquisition). SurgiQuest develops, manufactures and markets the AirSeal® System, the first integrated access management technology for use in laparoscopic and robotic procedures. This proprietary and differentiated access system is complementary to our current advanced surgical offering. The acquisition was funded through a combination of cash on hand and long-term borrowings.

The unaudited pro forma information for the three months ended March 31, 2016, assuming SurgiQuest occurred as of January 1, 2015 are presented below. This information has been prepared for comparative purposes only and does not purport to be indicative of the results of operations which actually would have resulted had the SurgiQuest acquisition occurred on the dates indicated, or which may result in the future.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	
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Net sales	\$	181,201
Net income		6,323

These pro forma results include certain adjustments, primarily due to increases in amortization expense due to fair value adjustments of intangible assets, increases in interest expense due to additional borrowings incurred to finance the acquisition, and acquisition related costs including transaction costs such as legal, accounting, valuation and other professional services as well as integration costs such as severance and retention.

Acquisition related costs excluded from the determination of pro forma net income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 totaled \$9.0 million.

Net sales associated with SurgiQuest of \$12.7 million have been recorded in the consolidated condensed statements of comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2016. It is impracticable to determine the earnings recorded in the consolidated condensed statements of comprehensive income associated with the SurgiQuest acquisition for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as these amounts are not separately measured.

**Note 4 – Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net loss	\$ (4,545)	\$ (2,265)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Pension liability, net of income tax (income tax expense of \$293 and \$257 for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively)	500	438
Cash flow hedging loss, net of income tax (income tax benefit of \$(496) and \$(1,299) for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively)	(847)	(2,217)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	3,968	4,831
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ (924)</u>	<u>\$ 787</u>

Accumulated other comprehensive loss consists of the following:

	Cash Flow Hedging Gain (Loss)	Pension Liability	Cumulative Translation Adjustments	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 1,546	\$ (26,458)	\$ (33,614)	\$ (58,526)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net of tax	(638)	—	3,968	3,330
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) before tax <sup>a</sup>	(331)	793	—	462
Income tax	122	(293)	—	(171)
Net current-period other comprehensive income (loss)	(847)	500	3,968	3,621
Balance, March 31, 2017	<u>\$ 699</u>	<u>\$ (25,958)</u>	<u>\$ (29,646)</u>	<u>\$ (54,905)</u>
	Cash Flow Hedging Gain (Loss)	Pension Liability	Cumulative Translation Adjustments	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 1,201	\$ (25,982)	\$ (29,113)	\$ (53,894)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net of tax	(1,891)	—	4,831	2,940
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income before tax <sup>a</sup>	(517)	695	—	178
Income tax	191	(257)	—	(66)
Net current-period other comprehensive income (loss)	(2,217)	438	4,831	3,052
Balance, March 31, 2016	<u>\$ (1,016)</u>	<u>\$ (25,544)</u>	<u>\$ (24,282)</u>	<u>\$ (50,842)</u>

(a) The cash flow hedging gain (loss) and pension liability accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) components are included in sales or cost of sales and as a component of net periodic pension cost, respectively. Refer to Note 5 and Note 10, respectively, for further details.

**Note 5 – Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

We enter into derivative instruments for risk management purposes only. We operate internationally and in the normal course of business are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and commodity prices. These fluctuations can increase the costs of financing, investing and operating the business. We use forward contracts, a type of derivative instrument, to manage certain foreign currency exposures.

By nature, all financial instruments involve market and credit risks. We enter into forward contracts with major investment grade financial institutions and have policies to monitor the credit risk of those counterparties. While there can be no assurance, we do not anticipate any material non-performance by any of these counterparties.

**Foreign Currency Forward Contracts.** We hedge forecasted intercompany sales denominated in foreign currencies through the use of forward contracts. We account for these forward contracts as cash flow hedges. To the extent these forward contracts meet hedge accounting criteria, changes in their fair value are not included in current earnings but are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss. These changes in fair value will be recognized into earnings as a component of sales or cost of sales when the forecasted transaction occurs. The notional contract amounts for forward contracts outstanding at March 31, 2017 which have been accounted for as cash flow hedges totaled \$106.0 million. Net realized gains recognized for forward contracts accounted for as cash flow hedges approximated \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Net unrealized gains on forward contracts outstanding, which have been accounted for as cash flow hedges and which have been included in accumulated other comprehensive income, totaled \$0.7 million at March 31, 2017. It is expected these unrealized gains will be recognized in the consolidated condensed statement of comprehensive income in 2017 and 2018.

We also enter into forward contracts to exchange foreign currencies for United States dollars in order to hedge our currency transaction exposures on intercompany receivables denominated in foreign currencies. These forward contracts settle each month at month-end, at which time we enter into new forward contracts. We have not designated these forward contracts as hedges and have not applied hedge accounting to them. The notional contract amounts for forward contracts outstanding at March 31, 2017 which have not been designated as hedges totaled \$30.7 million. Net realized losses recognized in connection with those forward contracts not accounted for as hedges approximated \$(0.2) million and \$(0.3) million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, offsetting gains on our intercompany receivables of \$0.0 million and \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These gains and losses have been recorded in selling and administrative expense in the consolidated condensed statements of comprehensive income.

We record these forward foreign exchange contracts at fair value. The following tables summarize the fair value for forward foreign exchange contracts outstanding at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

<b>March 31, 2017</b>	<b>Asset Fair Value</b>	<b>Liabilities Fair Value</b>	<b>Net Fair Value</b>
Derivatives designated as hedged instruments:			
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 2,528	\$ (1,419)	\$ 1,109
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:			
Foreign exchange contracts	21	(41)	(20)
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<b>\$ 2,549</b>	<b>\$ (1,460)</b>	<b>\$ 1,089</b>



December 31, 2016	<u>Asset Fair Value</u>	<u>Liabilities Fair Value</u>	<u>Net Fair Value</u>
Derivatives designated as hedged instruments:			
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 3,962	\$ (1,510)	\$ 2,452
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:			
Foreign exchange contracts	48	(54)	(6)
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<u>\$ 4,010</u>	<u>\$ (1,564)</u>	<u>\$ 2,446</u>

Our forward foreign exchange contracts are subject to a master netting agreement and qualify for netting in the consolidated balance sheets. Accordingly, at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we have recorded the net fair value of \$1.1 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, in prepaid expenses and other current assets.

**Fair Value Disclosure.** FASB guidance defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value and related disclosure requirements. This guidance applies when fair value measurements are required or permitted. The guidance indicates, among other things, that a fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell an asset or transfer a liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Fair value is defined based upon an exit price model.

**Valuation Hierarchy.** A valuation hierarchy was established for disclosure of the inputs to the valuations used to measure fair value. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, including interest rates, yield curves and credit risks or inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data through correlation. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on our own assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities at fair value. A financial asset or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. There have been no significant changes in the assumptions.

**Valuation Techniques.** Assets and liabilities carried at fair value and measured on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2017 consist of forward foreign exchange contracts and contingent liabilities associated with a business acquisition. The Company values its forward foreign exchange contracts using quoted prices for similar assets. The most significant assumption is quoted currency rates. The value of the forward foreign exchange contract assets and liabilities were valued using Level 2 inputs and are listed in the table above.

Certain acquisitions involve the potential for the payment of future contingent consideration upon the achievement of certain product development milestones and revenue based payments. Contingent consideration is recorded at the estimated fair value of the contingent milestone and revenue based payments on the acquisition date. The fair value of the contingent consideration is remeasured at the estimated fair value at each reporting period with the change in fair value recognized as income or expense within selling and administrative expenses in the consolidated condensed statements of comprehensive income. We remeasure the liability on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs as defined under authoritative guidance for fair value measurements.

The carrying amounts reported in our consolidated condensed balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and long-term debt approximate fair value.

#### **Note 6 - Inventories**

Inventories consist of the following:

	<b>March 31, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>
Raw materials	\$ 51,215	\$ 42,821
Work-in-process	13,252	13,315
Finished goods	75,616	79,733
Total	<u>\$ 140,083</u>	<u>\$ 135,869</u>

**Note 7 – Earnings (Loss) Per Share**

Basic earnings per share (“basic EPS”) is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the reporting period. Diluted earnings per share (“diluted EPS”) gives effect to all dilutive potential shares outstanding resulting from employee stock options, restricted stock units, performance share units and stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) during the period. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Net loss	<u>\$ (4,545)</u>	<u>\$ (2,265)</u>
Basic – weighted average shares outstanding	27,867	27,721
Effect of dilutive potential securities	—	—
Diluted – weighted average shares outstanding	<u>27,867</u>	<u>27,721</u>
Net loss (per share)		
Basic	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.08)
Diluted	(0.16)	(0.08)

The shares used in the calculation of diluted EPS exclude options and SARs to purchase shares where the exercise price was greater than the average market price of common shares for the period and the effect of the inclusion would be anti-dilutive. As the Company was in a net loss position at March 31, 2017 and 2016, there were no anti-dilutive shares.

**Note 8 – Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

The changes in the net carrying amount of goodwill for the three months ended March 31, 2017 are as follows:

Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 397,664
Foreign currency translation	490
Balance as of March 31, 2017	<u>\$ 398,154</u>

Assets and liabilities of acquired businesses are recorded at their estimated fair values as of the date of acquisition. Goodwill represents costs in excess of fair values assigned to the underlying net assets of acquired businesses.

Other intangible assets consist of the following:

	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
<b>Amortized intangible assets:</b>				
Customer and distributor relationships	\$ 213,423	\$ (77,851)	\$ 213,259	\$ (75,164)
Promotional, marketing and distribution rights	149,376	(31,500)	149,376	(30,000)
Patents and other intangible assets	67,673	(40,825)	67,509	(40,335)
Developed technology	49,600	(1,674)	49,600	(1,240)
<b>Unamortized intangible assets:</b>				
Trademarks and tradenames	86,544	—	86,544	—
	<u>\$ 566,616</u>	<u>\$ (151,850)</u>	<u>\$ 566,288</u>	<u>\$ (146,739)</u>

Customer and distributor relationships, trademarks and tradenames, developed technology and patents and other intangible assets primarily represent allocations of purchase price to identifiable intangible assets of acquired businesses. Promotional, marketing and distribution rights represent intangible assets created under our Sports Medicine Joint Development and Distribution Agreement (the "JDDA") with Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation ("MTF").

Amortization expense related to intangible assets which are subject to amortization totaled \$5.2 million and \$5.0 million in the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and is included as a reduction of revenue (for amortization related to our promotional, marketing and distribution rights) and in selling and administrative expense (for all other intangible assets) in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income. The weighted average amortization period for intangible assets which are amortized is 25 years. Customer and distributor relationships are being amortized over a weighted average life of 29 years. Developed technology is being amortized over a weighted average life of 17 years. Promotional, marketing and distribution rights are being amortized over a weighted average life of 25 years. Patents and other intangible assets are being amortized over a weighted average life of 13 years. Included in patents and other intangible assets at March 31, 2017 is an in-process research and development asset that is not currently amortized.

The estimated intangible asset amortization expense remaining for the year ending December 31, 2017 and for each of the five succeeding years is as follows:

	Amortization included in expense	Amortization recorded as a reduction of revenue	Total
Remaining, 2017	\$ 10,905	\$ 4,500	\$ 15,405
2018	15,823	6,000	21,823
2019	15,678	6,000	21,678
2020	15,699	6,000	21,699
2021	14,307	6,000	20,307
2022	13,136	6,000	19,136

**Note 9 – Guarantees**

We provide warranties on certain of our products at the time of sale and sell extended warranties. The standard warranty period for our capital and reusable equipment is generally one year and our extended warranties can vary in length. Liability under

service and warranty policies is based upon a review of historical warranty and service claim experience. Adjustments are made to accruals as claim data and historical experience warrant.

Changes in the carrying amount of service and product warranties for the three months ended March 31, are as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balance as of January 1,	\$ 1,954	\$ 2,509
Provision for warranties	777	833
Claims made	(906)	(841)
Balance as of March 31,	<u>\$ 1,825</u>	<u>\$ 2,501</u>

**Note 10 – Pension Plan**

Net periodic pension cost consists of the following:

	<u>Three Months Ended March 31,</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Service cost	\$ 151	\$ 113
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	693	719
Expected return on plan assets	(1,325)	(1,297)
Net amortization and deferral	793	695
Net periodic pension cost	<u>\$ 312</u>	<u>\$ 230</u>

We do not expect to make any pension contributions during 2017.

**Note 11 – Acquisition, Restructuring and Other Expense**

Acquisition, restructuring and other expense consists of the following:

	<u>Three Months Ended March 31,</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Restructuring costs included in cost of sales	<u>\$ 1,169</u>	<u>\$ 864</u>
Restructuring costs	\$ 1,322	\$ 2,791
Business acquisition costs	1,488	9,045
SurgiQuest litigation verdict	12,200	—
Patent settlement costs and other	1,048	—
Acquisition, restructuring and other expense included in selling and administrative expense	<u>\$ 16,058</u>	<u>\$ 11,836</u>
Debt refinancing costs included in other expense	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,942</u>

During the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, we incurred \$1.5 million and \$9.0 million in costs associated with the January 4, 2016 acquisition of SurgiQuest, Inc. as further described in Note 3. The costs incurred in 2016 consist of investment banking fees, consulting fees, legal fees associated with the acquisition as well as legal fees associated with the Lexion case as further described in Note 13, costs associated with expensing of unvested options acquired and integration related costs. The costs incurred in 2017 consist of legal fees associated with the Lexion case, costs associated with expensing of unvested options acquired and integration related cost.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we incurred \$12.2 million in costs associated with the SurgiQuest, Inc. vs. Lexion Medical litigation verdict whereby SurgiQuest was found liable for \$2.2 million in compensatory damages with an additional \$10.0 million in punitive damages as further described in Note 13. We have recorded an accrual in other current liabilities at March 31, 2017.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we incurred \$1.0 million in costs associated with a patent settlement agreement as well as other legal costs.

During 2017 and 2016, we continued our operational restructuring plan. We incurred \$1.2 million and \$0.9 million in costs associated with the operational restructuring during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These costs were charged to cost of sales and include severance and other charges.

During 2017 and 2016, we restructured certain selling and administrative functions and incurred severance and other related costs in the amount of \$1.3 million and \$2.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

We have recorded an accrual in current and other long term liabilities of \$1.8 million at March 31, 2017 mainly related to severance costs associated with the restructuring. Below is a roll forward of the costs incurred and cash expenditures associated with these activities during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balance as of January 1,	\$ 2,643	\$ 7,175
Expenses incurred	2,515	3,655
Payments made	<u>(3,401)</u>	<u>(6,955)</u>
Balance at March 31,	<u>\$ 1,757</u>	<u>\$ 3,875</u>

#### **Note 12 — Business Segments**

We are accounting and reporting for our business as a single operating segment entity engaged in the development, manufacturing and sale on a global basis of surgical devices and related equipment. Our chief operating decision maker (the executive management team) evaluates the various global product portfolios on a net sales basis and evaluates profitability, investment and cash flow metrics on a consolidated worldwide basis due to shared infrastructure and resources.

We adjusted our product line disclosures to align with the way we review net sales beginning in fiscal year 2017. In doing so, we consolidated our surgical visualization line into our orthopedic surgery product line disclosure. Our product lines consist of orthopedic surgery and general surgery. Orthopedic surgery consists of sports medicine instrumentation and small bone, large bone and specialty powered surgical instruments as well as imaging systems for use in minimally invasive surgery procedures including 2DHD and 3DHD vision technologies and service fees related to the promotion and marketing of sports medicine allograft tissue. General surgery consists of a complete line of endo-mechanical instrumentation for minimally invasive laparoscopic and gastrointestinal procedures, a line of cardiac monitoring products as well as electrosurgical generators and related instruments. These product lines' net sales are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Orthopedic surgery	\$ 103,789	\$ 105,299
General surgery	82,778	75,902
Consolidated net sales	<u>\$ 186,567</u>	<u>\$ 181,201</u>

**Note 13 – Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, we are subject to claims alleging product liability, patent infringement or other claims incurred in the ordinary course of business. These may involve our United States or foreign operations, or sales by foreign distributors. Likewise, from time to time, the Company may receive an information request or subpoena from a government agency such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Justice, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Department of Labor, the Treasury Department or other federal and state agencies or foreign governments or government agencies. These information requests or subpoenas may or may not be routine inquiries, or may begin as routine inquiries and over time develop into enforcement actions of various types. Likewise, we receive reports of alleged misconduct from employees and third parties, which we investigate as appropriate.

Manufacturers of medical devices have been the subject of various enforcement actions relating to interactions with health care providers domestically or internationally whereby companies are claimed to have provided health care providers with inappropriate incentives to purchase their products. Similarly, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") imposes obligations on manufacturers with respect to interactions with health care providers who may be considered government officials based on their affiliation with public hospitals. The FCPA also requires publicly listed manufacturers to maintain accurate books and records, and maintain internal accounting controls sufficient to provide assurance that transactions are accurately recorded, lawful and in accordance with management's authorization. The FCPA poses unique challenges both because manufacturers operate in foreign cultures in which conduct illegal under the FCPA may not be illegal in local jurisdictions, and because, in some cases, a United States manufacturer may face risks under the FCPA based on the conduct of third parties over whom the manufacturer may not have complete control.

Manufacturers of medical products may face exposure to significant product liability claims. To date, we have not experienced any product liability claims that have been material to our financial statements or financial condition, but any such claims arising in the future could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or cash flows. We currently maintain commercial product liability insurance of \$25 million per incident and \$25 million in the aggregate annually, which we believe is adequate. This coverage is on a claims-made basis. There can be no assurance that claims will not exceed insurance coverage, that the carriers will be solvent or that such insurance will be available to us in the future at a reasonable cost.

We establish reserves sufficient to cover probable losses associated with any such pending claims. We do not expect that the resolution of any pending claims, investigations or reports of alleged misconduct will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. There can be no assurance, however, that future claims or investigations, or the costs associated with responding to such claims, investigations or reports of misconduct, especially claims and investigations not covered by insurance, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Our operations are subject, and in the past have been subject, to a number of environmental laws and regulations governing, among other things, air emissions; wastewater discharges; the use, handling and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes; soil and groundwater remediation and employee health and safety. In some jurisdictions, environmental requirements may be expected to become more stringent in the future. In the United States, certain environmental laws can impose liability for the entire cost of site restoration upon each of the parties that may have contributed to conditions at the site regardless of fault or the lawfulness of the party's activities. While we do not believe that the present costs of environmental compliance and remediation are material, there can be no assurance that future compliance or remedial obligations would not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In September 2013, Lexion Medical ("Lexion") filed suit against SurgiQuest in federal court in the District of Minnesota alleging false advertising under the Lanham Act, as well as various state law claims, including common law trade libel and unfair competition. In March 2014, SurgiQuest's motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction was granted and that same day, SurgiQuest filed suit against Lexion in federal court in the District of Delaware seeking, among other claims, a declaratory judgment that SurgiQuest's actions did not violate the Lanham Act. Lexion filed an answer generally denying SurgiQuest's claims, and asserted counterclaims that were substantially similar to the claims Lexion brought in the Minnesota action. The underlying claims

were that SurgiQuest had engaged in false advertising under the Lanham Act, and had engaged in violations of Delaware state laws, including deceptive trade practices and unfair competition. Lexion sought damages of \$22.0 million for alleged lost profits and \$18.7 million for costs related to alleged “corrective advertising” as well as an unspecified sum for disgorgement of SurgiQuest’s alleged profit. On January 4, 2016, SurgiQuest became a subsidiary of CONMED as further described in Note 3, and we assumed the costs and liabilities related to the Lexion lawsuit subject to the terms of the merger agreement referenced in Note 3. On April 11, 2017, a jury returned a verdict finding SurgiQuest liable for \$2.2 million in compensatory damages with an additional \$10.0 million in punitive damages. These costs are recorded in selling and administrative expense as of March 31, 2017. The Court entered judgment on April 13, 2017. We are currently evaluating our plans for an appeal. There can be no assurance an appeal will be successful, if we pursue one.

In 2014, the Company acquired EndoDynamix, Inc. The agreement governing the terms of the acquisition provide that, if various conditions are met, certain contingent payments relating to the first commercial sale of the products (the milestone payment), as well as royalties based on sales (the revenue based payments), are due to the seller. We have notified the seller that there is a need to redesign the product, and that as a consequence, the first commercial sale has been delayed. Consequently, the payment of contingent milestone and revenue-based payments have been delayed. On January 18, 2017, the seller provided notice (“the Notice”) seeking \$12.7 million, which essentially represents the sum of the projected contingent milestone and revenue-based payments on an accelerated basis. CONMED responded to the Notice denying that there was any basis for acceleration of the payments due under the acquisition agreement. On February 22, 2017, the representative of the former shareholders of EndoDynamix filed a complaint in Delaware Chancery Court claiming breach of contract and seeking the contingent payments on an accelerated basis. We do not believe that there is a legitimate basis for seeking the acceleration of the contingent payments, and expect to defend the claims asserted by the sellers of EndoDynamix in the Delaware Court.

#### **Note 14 – New Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. This ASU is a comprehensive new revenue recognition model that requires a company to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. In March, April and May 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08 related to principal versus agent considerations; ASU 2016-10 related to identifying performance obligations and licensing; and ASU 2016-12 clarifying the guidance on assessing collectability, presenting sales taxes, measuring noncash consideration, and certain transition matters, respectively. These additional ASUs provide supplemental adoption guidance and clarification to ASU 2014-09. The guidance in these ASUs is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is permitted as of January 1, 2017. The standard allows the option of either a full retrospective adoption, meaning the standard is applied to all periods presented, or a modified retrospective adoption, meaning the standard is applied only to the most current period. The Company will adopt the new standard on January 1, 2018. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new guidance on the consolidated financial statements, however we currently anticipate applying the modified retrospective approach.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory. An entity should measure inventory within the scope of this ASU at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation. This ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. We implemented this new guidance during the first quarter of 2017 and it did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (“ASU 2016-02”). This requires lessees to put most leases on their balance sheets but recognize the expenses on their income statements in a manner similar to current practice. ASU 2016-02 states that a lessee would recognize a lease liability for the obligation to make lease payments and a right-to-use asset for the right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. The new standard is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018 and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-02.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. We adopted this new guidance effective January 1, 2017. This ASU requires the following:

- All tax effects are now recorded in the statement of operations and are accounted for as an operating activity in the statement of cash flows on a prospective basis. Historically, tax benefits in excess of compensation cost were recorded in equity and were accounted for in the financing section of the cash flow. This ASU was not material during the three months ended March 31, 2017, however there can be no assurance it will not be material in future periods.

- All cash payments made to taxing authorities on the employee's behalf for withheld shares are to be presented as financing activities in the statement of cash flows on a retrospective basis. As a result, we reclassified a \$0.7 million cash outflow from operating activities to financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2016.
- In the diluted net earnings per share calculation, when applying the treasury stock method for shares that could be repurchased, the assumed proceeds no longer include the amount of excess tax benefit. This did not have a material impact on the Company's diluted net earnings per share calculation.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments (A Consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force). This ASU provides amendments to specific statement of cash flows classification issues. This new guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2017, however early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted this new guidance effective January 1, 2017 and it did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash. The amendments in this ASU require that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in total cash, cash equivalents and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. The ASU is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2017, however early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, Clarifying the Definition of a Business. This ASU states when substantially all of the fair value of gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single asset (or a group of similar assets), the assets acquired would not represent a business. In addition, this guidance states in order to be a business, an input and a substantive process must significantly contribute to the ability to produce outputs. This new guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2017, however early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Accounting for Goodwill Impairment. This ASU removes Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test, which requires hypothetical purchase price allocation. A goodwill impairment will now be the amount by which the reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value, not to exceed the carrying amount of goodwill. This new guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2019, however early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.



**Item 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**Forward-Looking Statements**

In this Report on Form 10-Q, we make forward-looking statements about our financial condition, results of operations and business. Forward-looking statements are statements made by us concerning events that may or may not occur in the future. These statements may be made directly in this document or may be “incorporated by reference” from other documents. Such statements may be identified by the use of words such as “anticipates”, “expects”, “estimates”, “intends” and “believes” and variations thereof and other terms of similar meaning.

**Forward-Looking Statements are not Guarantees of Future Performance**

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include those identified under “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2016 and the following, among others:

- general economic and business conditions;
- changes in foreign exchange and interest rates;
- cyclical customer purchasing patterns due to budgetary and other constraints;
- changes in customer preferences;
- competition;
- changes in technology;
- the introduction and acceptance of new products;
- the ability to evaluate, finance and integrate acquired businesses, products and companies;
- changes in business strategy;
- the availability and cost of materials;
- the possibility that United States or foreign regulatory and/or administrative agencies may initiate enforcement actions against us or our distributors;
- future levels of indebtedness and capital spending;
- quality of our management and business abilities and the judgment of our personnel;
- the availability, terms and deployment of capital;
- the risk of litigation, especially patent litigation, as well as the cost associated with patent and other litigation;
- the risk of a lack of allograft tissue due to reduced donations of such tissues or due to tissues not meeting the appropriate high standards for screening and/or processing of such tissues; and
- compliance with and changes in regulatory requirements.

See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” below and “Risk Factors” and “Business” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2016 for a further discussion of these factors. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

**Overview**

CONMED Corporation (“CONMED”, the “Company”, “we” or “us”) is a medical technology company that provides surgical devices and equipment for minimally invasive procedures. The Company’s products are used by surgeons and physicians in a variety of specialties including orthopedics, general surgery, gynecology, neurosurgery and gastroenterology.

We adjusted our product line disclosures to align with the way we review net sales beginning in fiscal year 2017. In doing so, we consolidated our surgical visualization line into our orthopedic surgery product line disclosure. Our product lines

consist of orthopedic surgery and general surgery. Orthopedic surgery consists of sports medicine instrumentation and small bone, large bone and specialty powered surgical instruments as well as, imaging systems for use in minimally invasive surgery procedures including 2DHD and 3DHD vision technologies and service fees related to the promotion and marketing of sports medicine allograft tissue. General surgery consists of a complete line of endo-mechanical instrumentation for minimally invasive laparoscopic and gastrointestinal procedures, a line of cardiac monitoring products as well as electrosurgical generators and related instruments. These product lines as a percentage of consolidated net sales are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Orthopedic surgery	55.6%	58.1%
General surgery	44.4%	41.9%
Consolidated net sales	100.0%	100.0%

A significant amount of our products are used in surgical procedures with approximately 80% of our revenues derived from the sale of single-use products. Our capital equipment offerings also facilitate the ongoing sale of related disposable products and accessories, thus providing us with a recurring revenue stream. We manufacture substantially all of our products in facilities located in the United States and Mexico. We market our products both domestically and internationally directly to customers and through distributors. International sales approximated 47% during both the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

### Business Environment

On January 4, 2016, we acquired SurgiQuest, Inc. ("SurgiQuest") for \$265 million in cash (on a cash-free, debt-free basis). SurgiQuest develops, manufactures and markets the AirSeal® System, the first integrated access management technology for use in laparoscopic and robotic procedures. This proprietary and differentiated access system is complementary to our current general surgery offering. In connection with the SurgiQuest acquisition, we assumed a lawsuit filed in 2013 by Lexion Medical ("Lexion") against SurgiQuest. On April 11, 2017 the trial for this lawsuit concluded with the jury awarding \$2.2 million in compensatory damages with an additional \$10.0 million in punitive damages to Lexion. Refer to Note 3 to the consolidated condensed financial statements for further details on this acquisition and Note 13 to the consolidated condensed financial statements for further details on the lawsuit.

We plan to continue to restructure both operations and administrative functions as necessary throughout the organization. We have successfully executed our restructuring plans over the past few years, however, we cannot be certain future activities will be completed in the estimated time period or that planned cost savings will be achieved.

### Critical Accounting Policies

Preparation of our financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2016 describes the significant accounting policies used in preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate the critical accounting policies used to prepare our consolidated financial statements, including, but not limited to, those related to:

- revenue recognition;
- inventory valuation;
- goodwill and intangible assets;
- pension plan;
- stock-based compensation costs; and
- income taxes.

There have been no material changes in these aforementioned critical accounting policies.

## Consolidated Results of Operations

The following table presents, as a percentage of net sales, certain categories included in our consolidated condensed statements of income for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net sales	100.0 %	100.0 %
Cost of sales	46.5	46.1
Gross profit	53.5	53.9
Selling and administrative expense	50.8	47.4
Research and development expense	4.1	4.6
Income (loss) from operations	(1.3)	2.0
Other expense	—	1.6
Interest expense	2.2	2.1
Loss before income taxes	(3.5)	(1.8)
Benefit from income taxes	(1.1)	(0.5)
Net loss	(2.4)%	(1.2)%

## Sales

The following table presents net sales by product line for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended			
	2017	2016	% Change	
			As Reported	Constant Currency
Orthopedic surgery	\$ 103.8	\$ 105.3	-1.4 %	-0.7 %
General surgery	82.8	75.9	9.1 %	9.7 %
Net sales	\$ 186.6	\$ 181.2	3.0 %	3.7 %
Single-use products	\$ 149.8	\$ 144.9	3.3 %	4.0 %
Capital products	36.8	36.3	1.5 %	2.4 %
Net sales	\$ 186.6	\$ 181.2	3.0 %	3.7 %

Net sales increased in the three months ended March 31, 2017 mainly due to growth in our advanced surgical and endoscopic technologies product lines. Sales of capital equipment increased 1.5% in the three months ended March 31, 2017 driven by the continued growth in our AirSeal products as well as growth in generators offset by weaker sales in our powered instrument handpieces and video systems. Sales of single-use products increased 3.3% in the three months ended March 31, 2017 driven by continued growth in our AirSeal, endoscopic technologies and sports medicine products offset by weaker sales in our powered instrument single-use and critical care offerings.

- Orthopedic surgery sales decreased 1.4% in the three months ended March 31, 2017 primarily due to weaker powered instrument and video system sales offset by increased sales in our sports medicine product offering.
- General surgery sales increased 9.1% in the three months ended March 31, 2017 mainly due to growth of our AirSeal products, generators and endoscopic technologies product offerings offset by lower sales in our critical care product offering.

## Cost of Sales

Cost of sales increased to \$86.7 million in the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to \$83.5 million in the three months ended March 31, 2016. Gross profit margins decreased 0.4 percentage points to 53.5% in the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to 53.9% in the three months ended March 31, 2016. The decrease in gross profit margins of 0.4 percentage points was mainly a result of the impact of unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates on sales (0.3 percentage points) and the operational restructuring (0.1 percentage points) compared to the same period a year ago.

### **Selling and Administrative Expense**

Selling and administrative expense increased to \$94.8 million in the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to \$85.9 million in the three months ended March 31, 2016. Selling and administrative expense as a percentage of net sales increased to 50.8% in the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to 47.4% in the three months ended March 31, 2016. The significant factors affecting the \$8.9 million increase in selling and administrative expenses in the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same periods a year ago included (1) \$12.2 million in costs associated with the the SurgiQuest, Inc. vs. Lexion Medical litigation verdict as further described in Notes 11 and 13 in the consolidated condensed financial statements (2) \$1.0 million in costs associated with a patent settlement agreement as well as other legal costs as further described in Note 11 and (3) higher selling and administrative expense to support the growth of the Company offset by (1) lower costs associated with the SurgiQuest acquisition in 2016 as further described in Notes 3 and 11 to the consolidated condensed financial statements and (2) a \$1.5 million decrease in severance and other related costs from the restructuring of certain of our sales, marketing and administrative functions as further described in Note 11.

### **Research and Development Expense**

Research and development expense decreased to \$7.6 million in the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to \$8.3 million in the three months ended March 31, 2016. As a percentage of net sales, research and development expense decreased 0.5 percentage points to 4.1% in the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to 4.6% in the three months ended March 31, 2016 due to the timing of our projects.

### **Other Expense**

Other expense in the three months ended March 31, 2016 related to costs associated with our fifth amended and restated senior credit agreement entered into on January 4, 2016. These costs include a \$2.7 million charge related to commitment fees paid to certain of our lenders that provided a financing commitment for the SurgiQuest acquisition and a loss on the early extinguishment of debt of \$0.3 million.

### **Interest Expense**

Interest expense increased to \$4.1 million in the three months ended March 31, 2017 from \$3.8 million in the three months ended March 31, 2016 due to higher interest rates compared to the same period a year ago. The weighted average interest rates on our borrowings increased to 3.21% in the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to 2.91% in the three months ended March 31, 2016.

### **Benefit from Income Taxes**

Income tax benefit has been recorded at an effective tax rate of 31.3% for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to an income tax benefit recorded at an effective tax rate of 29.9% in the three months ended March 31, 2016. The increased benefit in the effective rate was mainly the result of state tax benefits recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2017. The recording of the tax effects from the implementation of ASU 2016-09, Improvement of Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting, did not have a material impact during the three months ended March 31, 2017, however there can be no assurance it will not impact future periods. Refer to Note 14 in the consolidated condensed financial statements for further details on this new ASU. A reconciliation of the United States statutory income tax rate to our effective tax rate is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, under Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements.

### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

Net sales “on a constant currency basis” is a non-GAAP measure. The Company analyzes net sales on a constant currency basis to better measure the comparability of results between periods. To measure percentage sales growth in constant currency, the Company removes the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates that affect the comparability and trend of net sales.

Because non-GAAP financial measures are not standardized, it may not be possible to compare this financial measure with other companies' non-GAAP financial measures having the same or similar names. This adjusted financial measure should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for reported net sales growth, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. This non-GAAP financial measure is an additional way of viewing net sales that, when viewed with our GAAP results, provides a more complete understanding of our business. The Company strongly encourages investors and shareholders to review our financial statements and publicly-filed reports in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our liquidity needs arise primarily from capital investments, working capital requirements and payments on indebtedness under the fifth amended and restated senior credit agreement, described below. We have historically met these liquidity requirements with funds generated from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. In addition, we have historically used term borrowings, including borrowings under the amended and restated senior credit agreement, and borrowings under separate loan facilities, in the case of real property purchases, to finance our acquisitions. We also have the ability to raise funds through the sale of stock or we may issue debt through a private placement or public offering. Management believes that cash flow from operations, including cash and cash equivalents on hand and available borrowing capacity under our fifth amended and restated senior credit agreement, will be adequate to meet our anticipated operating working capital requirements, debt service, funding of capital expenditures and common stock repurchases in the foreseeable future.

### **Operating cash flows**

Our net working capital position was \$208.1 million at March 31, 2017. Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities was \$15.3 million and \$(16.6) million in the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, generated on net losses of \$4.5 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The increase in cash flows from operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to March 31, 2016 is mainly related to the prior year having significant cash outflows resulting from the SurgiQuest, Inc. acquisition whereby 2017 has a \$12.2 million accrual related to the Lexion trial verdict.

### **Investing cash flows**

Net cash used in investing activities in the three months ended March 31, 2017 consisted of capital expenditures. Capital expenditures were \$2.6 million and \$2.8 million in the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and are expected to approximate \$15.0 million in 2017. The decrease in cash used in investing activities compared to the same period a year ago is the result of \$256.4 million in payments during the three months ended March 31, 2016 associated with the SurgiQuest acquisition.

### **Financing cash flows**

Financing activities in the first three months of 2017 resulted in a use of cash of \$6.3 million compared to cash provided of \$222.4 million in the same period a year ago. Below is a summary of the significant financing activities:

- During 2016, we had borrowings of \$175.0 million on our term loan under our fifth amended and restated credit agreement as further described below. During 2017 and 2016, we repaid \$2.2 million on our term loan in accordance with the agreement. During 2017, we had net borrowings on our revolving line of credit of \$2.0 million compared to \$78.0 million in borrowings in 2016.
- During 2016, we had debt issuance costs of \$5.6 million in conjunction with our fifth amended and restated credit agreement.
- During 2016, we made our final payment of \$16.7 million associated with the distribution and development agreement with Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation.
- Dividend payments were \$5.6 million during 2017 compared to \$5.5 million in 2016.

On January 4, 2016, we entered into a fifth amended and restated senior credit agreement consisting of: (a) a \$175.0 million term loan facility and (b) a \$525.0 million revolving credit facility both expiring on January 4, 2021. The term loan is payable in quarterly installments increasing over the term of the facility. Proceeds from the term loan facility and borrowings under the revolving credit facility were used to repay the then existing senior credit agreement and to finance the acquisition of SurgiQuest. Interest rates are at LIBOR plus a base rate or a Eurocurrency rate plus an applicable margin (2.99% at March 31, 2017). The applicable margin for base rate loans is 1.00% and for Eurocurrency rate loans is 2.00%.

There were \$164.1 million in borrowings outstanding on the term loan as of March 31, 2017. There were \$331.0 million in borrowings outstanding under the revolving credit facility as of March 31, 2017. Our available borrowings on the revolving credit facility at March 31, 2017 were \$189.2 million with approximately \$4.8 million of the facility set aside for outstanding letters of credit.

The fifth amended and restated senior credit agreement is collateralized by substantially all of our personal property and assets. The amended and restated senior credit agreement contains covenants and restrictions which, among other things, require the maintenance of certain financial ratios and restrict dividend payments and the incurrence of certain indebtedness and other activities, including acquisitions and dispositions. We were in full compliance with these covenants and restrictions as of March 31, 2017. We are also required, under certain circumstances, to make mandatory prepayments from net cash proceeds from any issuance of equity and asset sales.

We have a mortgage note outstanding in connection with the Largo, Florida property and facilities bearing interest at 8.25% per annum with semiannual payments of principal and interest through June 2019. The principal balance outstanding on the mortgage note aggregated \$3.9 million at March 31, 2017. The mortgage note is collateralized by the Largo, Florida property and facilities.

Our Board of Directors has authorized a \$200.0 million share repurchase program. Through March 31, 2017, we have repurchased a total of 6.1 million shares of common stock aggregating \$162.6 million under this authorization and have \$37.4 million remaining available for share repurchases. The repurchase program calls for shares to be purchased in the open market or in private transactions from time to time. We may suspend or discontinue the share repurchase program at any time. We have not purchased any shares of common stock under the share repurchase program during 2017. We have financed the repurchases and may finance additional repurchases through operating cash flow and from available borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

Management believes that cash flow from operations, including cash and cash equivalents on hand and available borrowing capacity under our fifth amended and restated senior credit agreement, will be adequate to meet our anticipated operating working capital requirements, debt service, funding of capital expenditures and common stock repurchases in the foreseeable future.

### **Restructuring**

During 2017 and 2016, we continued our operational restructuring plan. We incurred \$1.2 million and \$0.9 million in costs associated with the operational restructuring during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These costs were charged to cost of sales and include severance and other charges.

During 2017 and 2016, we restructured certain sales, marketing and administrative functions and incurred severance and other related costs in the amount of \$1.3 million and \$2.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These costs were charged to selling and administrative expense.

We have recorded an accrual in current and other long term liabilities of \$1.8 million at March 31, 2017 mainly related to severance associated with the restructuring.

During recent years we had a number of initiatives to consolidate manufacturing facilities and restructure our sales and administrative functions. Although much of this is complete, we will continue to review our operations and sales and administrative functions to reduce costs and headcount, as necessary. Such cost reductions will likely result in additional charges, including employee termination costs and other exit costs that will be charged to cost of sales and selling and administrative expense, as applicable.

See Note 11 to the consolidated condensed financial statements for further discussions regarding restructuring.

### **New accounting pronouncements**

See Note 14 to the consolidated condensed financial statements for a discussion of new accounting pronouncements.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

There have been no significant changes in our primary market risk exposures or in how these exposures are managed during the three months ended March 31, 2017. Reference is made to Item 7A. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 for a description of Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, an evaluation was carried out by CONMED Corporation's management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report. In addition, no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2017 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**

Reference is made to Item 3 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2016 and to Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements included in Part I of this Report for a description of certain legal matters.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
31.1	Certification of Curt R. Hartman pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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32.1	Certifications of Curt R. Hartman and Luke A. Pomilio pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101	The following materials from CONMED Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2017 formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, (ii) the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, (iii) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, and (iv) Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements for the three months ended March 31, 2017. In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL related information in Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be part of any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.



**SIGNATURES**

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

CONMED CORPORATION

By: /s/ Luke A. Pomilio

Luke A. Pomilio

Executive Vice President, Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date:

April 27, 2017

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Curt R. Hartman, certify that:

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

April 27, 2017

/s/ Curt R. Hartman

Curt R. Hartman

President & Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Luke A. Pomilio, certify that:

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

April 27, 2017

/s/ Luke A. Pomilio

Luke A. Pomilio

Executive Vice President, Finance and

Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATIONS**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**  
**(SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (b) OF SECTION 1350, CHAPTER 63 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE)**

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code), each of the undersigned officers of CONMED Corporation, a New York corporation (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that:

The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 (the "Form 10-Q") of the Corporation fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation.

Date: April 27, 2017

/s/ Curt R. Hartman

Curt R. Hartman

President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 27, 2017

/s/ Luke A. Pomilio

Luke A. Pomilio

Executive Vice President, Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer