## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 30, 2015

#### **GRIFFON CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-06620 11-1893410

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission (I.R.S. Employer File Number) Identification Number)

712 Fifth Avenue, 18th Floor

New York, New York 10019
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

#### (212) 957-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 30, 2015 Griffon Corporation (the "Registrant") issued a press release announcing the Registrant's financial results for the fiscal second quarter ended March 31, 2015. A copy of the Registrant's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release, dated April 30, 2015

The information filed as an exhibit to this Form 8-K is being furnished in accordance with Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

**GRIFFON CORPORATION** 

By: /s/ Douglas J. Wetmore

Douglas J. Wetmore

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 30, 2015

#### **Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press release, dated April 30, 2015



#### **Griffon Corporation Announces Second Quarter Results**

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, April 30, 2015 – Griffon Corporation ("Griffon" or the "Company") (NYSE: GFF) today reported results for the fiscal second quarter ended March 31, 2015.

Revenue totaled \$500.0 million, decreasing 2% from the prior year quarter; excluding the impact of foreign currency, revenue increased 2%, primarily due to the contribution from acquisitions. Home & Building Products ("HBP") revenue increased 5% over the prior year quarter, while Clopay Plastics ("Plastics") and Telephonics revenue decreased 9% and 5%, respectively.

Segment adjusted EBITDA totaled \$44.7 million, decreasing 3% from the prior year quarter; excluding the impact of foreign currency, segment adjusted EBITDA increased 3%, primarily due to the contribution from acquisitions. Segment adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income excluding interest income and expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, unallocated amounts (mainly corporate overhead), restructuring charges and acquisition-related expenses.

Net income totaled \$5.1 million, or \$0.11 per share, compared to a net loss of \$25.8 million, or \$0.53 per share, in the prior year quarter. Current quarter results included discrete tax provisions of \$0.2 million. The prior year quarter included a charge related to debt extinguishment of \$38.9 million (\$25.0 million, net of tax or \$0.51 per share), restructuring costs of \$0.7 million (\$0.4 million, net of tax, or \$0.01 per share), benefit of debt extinguishment on full year effective tax rate of \$5.8 million or \$0.12 per share and discrete tax provisions of \$0.6 million, or \$0.01 per share. Excluding these items from both periods, current quarter adjusted net income was \$5.3 million, or \$0.11 per share, compared to \$6.0 million, or \$0.12 per share, in the prior year quarter. Excluding the unfavorable impact of foreign currency, current quarter net income would have been \$6.6 million, a 10% increase over the prior year quarter, or \$0.14 per share.

Ronald J. Kramer, Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We are very pleased with our solid performance this quarter, despite the impact of foreign currency on our results, and are confident in our ability to meet our 2015 financial targets. Our businesses are poised for continued growth in earnings through the execution of our strategic initiatives. We are optimistic about our prospects to continue to generate attractive returns for our shareholders."

#### **Segment Operating Results**

#### **Home & Building Products**

Revenue totaled \$263.6 million, increasing 5% compared to the prior year quarter, reflecting a 6% contribution from the Cyclone acquisition, partially offset by a 1% unfavorable foreign currency impact. The AMES Companies, Inc. ("AMES") revenue decreased 1% due to reduced sales of snow tools, and reduced sales of lawn tools and North American pots and planters due to a late spring, partially offset by the inclusion of Cyclone results contributing 8%; foreign currency was 2% unfavorable. Clopay Building

Products ("CBP") revenue increased 15%, primarily due to increased volume contributing 10% with the balance primarily due to product mix; foreign currency was 1% unfavorable.

Segment adjusted EBITDA was \$17.3 million, increasing 1% compared to the prior year quarter, reflecting a 9% contribution from the Cyclone acquisition, favorable mix and increased volume at CBP, partially offset by the impact of reduced sales at AMES and a 5% unfavorable foreign currency impact.

HBP recognized \$0.7 million in restructuring and related exit costs for the quarter ended March 31, 2014; such charges primarily related to one-time termination benefits, facility and other personnel costs, and asset impairment charges related to the AMES U.S. plant consolidation initiative undertaken in January 2013 and completed at the end of the 2015 first quarter. There were no such charges in the current year. Management continues to estimate that AMES' initiative will result in annualized cash savings exceeding \$10.0 million; realization of expected savings began in the current quarter.

#### **Telephonics**

Revenue totaled \$98.7 million, decreasing 5% from the prior year quarter, primarily due to the timing of awards and work performed on Communications and Surveillance Systems, specifically Communication Open System Architecture and Secure Digital Intercommunications product sales, partially offset by the timing of work performed on the Multi-Mode ASW radar.

Segment adjusted EBITDA was \$11.6 million, decreasing 7% from the prior year quarter, primarily due to reduced revenue.

Contract backlog totaled \$482 million at March 31, 2015, compared to \$494 million at September 30, 2014, with approximately 73% expected to be fulfilled within the next twelve months.

#### **Plastic Products**

Revenue totaled \$137.7 million, decreasing 9% compared to the prior year quarter, reflecting an unfavorable foreign currency impact of 7% and a 4% unfavorable mix impact, partially offset by the benefit of increased volume contributing 2%. Resin had no material impact on revenue in the quarter. Plastics adjusts selling prices based on underlying resin costs on a delayed basis.

Segment adjusted EBITDA was \$15.8 million, decreasing 3% from the prior year quarter, with the impact of the revenue decrease and unfavorable mix more than offset by the change in the impact of resin pricing pass through of 27% and the benefit from improved operations. The unfavorable foreign currency impact was 12%.

#### **Taxes**

In both the quarter and six months ended March 31, 2015, the Company reported pretax income compared to losses in the prior year respective periods. The Company recognized tax provisions of 37.5% and 37.7% for the quarter and six months ended March 31, 2015, respectively, compared to benefits of 16.1% and 13.2%, respectively, in the comparable prior year periods.

The current quarter and six months include \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, of provisions for discrete items resulting primarily from the provision for taxes on repatriation of foreign earnings, partially offset by the benefit of the retroactive extension of the federal R&D credit signed into law December 19, 2014, and release of a valuation allowance. The comparable prior year periods included provisions of \$0.6 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, from discrete items resulting primarily from the conclusion of tax

audits in certain jurisdictions and the impact of enacted tax law changes. Excluding discrete items, the effective tax rates for the quarter and six months ended March 31, 2015 were 35.7% and 35.2%, respectively, compared to benefit rates of 18.1% and 14.4% in the comparable prior year periods, respectively.

#### **Balance Sheet and Capital Expenditures**

At March 31, 2015, the Company had cash and equivalents of \$42.6 million, total debt outstanding of \$867.5 million, net of discounts and deferred costs, and \$134 million available for borrowing under its revolving credit facility. Capital expenditures were \$21 million in the current quarter.

#### **Share Repurchases**

On May 1, 2014, Griffon's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$50 million of Griffon's outstanding common stock; on March 20, 2015, an additional \$50 million was authorized. Under these programs, the Company may purchase shares in the open market, including pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan, or in privately negotiated transactions. During the quarter ended March 31, 2015, Griffon purchased 1,581,200 shares of common stock under the May 1, 2014 program, for a total of \$24.2 million or \$15.31 per share. At March 31, 2015, \$52.4 million remains under existing Board authorizations.

From August 2011 to March 31, 2015, Griffon repurchased 14,045,547 shares of its common stock for a total of \$158.7 million or \$11.30 per share.

#### **Conference Call Information**

The Company will hold a conference call today, April 30, 2015, at 4:30 PM ET.

The call can be accessed by dialing 1-888-596-2569 (U.S. participants) or 1-913-312-0380 (International participants). Callers should ask to be connected to the Griffon Corporation teleconference or provide conference ID number 1672773.

A replay of the call will be available starting on April 30, 2015 at 7:30 PM ET by dialing 1-877-870-5176 (U.S.) or 1-858-384-5517 (International), and entering the conference ID number: 1672773. The replay will be available through May 14, 2015.

#### **Forward-looking Statements**

"Safe Harbor" Statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: All statements related to, among other things, income (loss), earnings, cash flows, revenue, changes in operations, operating improvements, industries in which Griffon operates and the United States and global economies that are not historical are hereby identified as "forward-looking statements" and may be indicated by words or phrases such as "anticipates," "supports," "plans," "projects," "expects," "believes," "should," "would," "could," "hope," "forecast," "management is of the opinion," "may," "will," "estimates," "intends," "explores," "opportunities," the negative of these expressions, use of the future tense and similar words or phrases. Such forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among others: current economic conditions and uncertainties in the housing, credit and capital markets; the Griffon's ability to achieve expected savings from cost control, integration and disposal initiatives; the ability to identify and successfully consummate and integrate value-adding acquisition opportunities; increasing competition and pricing pressures in the markets served by Griffon's operating companies; the ability of Griffon's operating companies to expand into new geographic and product markets, and to anticipate and meet customer demands for new products and product enhancements and innovations;

reduced military spending by the government on projects for which Griffon's Telephonics Corporation supplies products, including as a result of sequestration at such time as the budgetary cuts mandated by sequestration begin to take effect; the ability of the federal government to fund and conduct its operations; increases in the cost of raw materials such as resin, wood and steel; changes in customer demand or loss of a material customer at one of Griffon's operating companies; the potential impact of seasonal variations and uncertain weather patterns on certain of Griffon's businesses; political events that could impact the worldwide economy; a downgrade in the Griffon's credit ratings; changes in international economic conditions including interest rate and currency exchange fluctuations; the reliance by certain of Griffon's businesses on particular third party suppliers and manufacturers to meet customer demands; the relative mix of products and services offered by Griffon's businesses, which could impact margins and operating efficiencies; shortterm capacity constraints or prolonged excess capacity; unforeseen developments in contingencies, such as litigation and environmental matters; unfavorable results of government agency contract audits of Telephonics Corporation; Griffon's ability to adequately protect and maintain the validity of patent and other intellectual property rights; the cyclical nature of the businesses of certain Griffon's operating companies; and possible terrorist threats and actions and their impact on the global economy. Such statements reflect the views of the Company with respect to future events and are subject to these and other risks, as previously disclosed in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made. Griffon undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

#### **About Griffon Corporation**

Griffon Corporation is a diversified management and holding company that conducts business through wholly owned subsidiaries. Griffon oversees the operations of its subsidiaries, allocates resources among them and manages their capital structures. Griffon provides direction and assistance to its subsidiaries in connection with acquisition and growth opportunities as well as in connection with divestitures. In order to further diversify, Griffon also seeks out, evaluates and, when appropriate, will acquire additional businesses that offer potentially attractive returns on capital.

Griffon currently conducts its operations through three reportable segments:

- Home & Building Products consists of two companies, The AMES Companies, Inc. and Clopay Building Products Company, Inc.:
  - AMES is a global provider of non-powered landscaping products that make work easier for homeowners and professionals.
  - CBP is a leading manufacturer and marketer of residential, commercial and industrial garage doors to professional installing dealers and major home center retail chains.
- Telephonics Corporation designs, develops and manufactures high-technology integrated information, communication and sensor system solutions for use in military and commercial markets worldwide.
- Clopay Plastic Products Company, Inc. is an international leader in the development and production of embossed, laminated and printed specialty plastic films used in a variety of hygienic, health-care and industrial applications.

For more information on Griffon and its operating subsidiaries, please see the Company's website at www.griffoncorp.com.

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712 Fifth Avenue, 18th Floor New York, NY 10019 Griffon evaluates performance and allocates resources based on each segment's operating results before interest income and expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, unallocated amounts (mainly corporate overhead), restructuring charges and acquisition-related expenses, as applicable ("Segment adjusted EBITDA"). Griffon believes this information is useful to investors.

The following table provides a reconciliation of Segment adjusted EBITDA to Income (loss) before taxes:

### GRIFFON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS (in thousands)

(in thousands) (Unaudited)

	For	For the Three Months Ended March 31,					For the Six Months Ended March 31,			
REVENUE	2015			2014		2015		2014		
Home & Building Products:										
AMES	\$	159,092	\$	160,705	\$	292,202	\$	257,313		
CBP		104,513		90,838		243,113		212,680		
Home & Building Products		263,605		251,543		535,315		469,993		
Telephonics		98,687		104,185		189,345		200,210		
Plastics		137,728		151,959		277,520		290,942		
Total consolidated net sales	\$	500,020	\$	507,687	\$	1,002,180	\$	961,145		
Segment adjusted EBITDA:										
Home & Building Products	\$	17,330	\$	17,124	\$	41,800	\$	36,191		
Telephonics		11,616		12,535		21,648		24,931		
Plastics		15,764		16,216		30,315		28,959		
Total Segment adjusted EBITDA		44,710		45,875		93,763		90,081		
Net interest expense		(11,857)		(12,361)		(23,494)		(25,462)		
Segment depreciation and amortization		(17,078)		(16,336)		(34,225)		(33,032)		
Unallocated amounts		(7,580)		(8,391)		(15,844)		(16,374)		
Loss from debt extinguishment, net		_		(38,890)		_		(38,890)		
Restructuring charges		_		(692)		_		(1,534)		
Acquisition costs		_		_		_		(798)		
Income (loss) before taxes	\$	8,195	\$	(30,795)	\$	20,200	\$	(26,009)		

The following is a reconciliation of each segment's operating results to Segment adjusted EBITDA:

# GRIFFON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES BY REPORTABLE SEGMENT (in thousands)

(In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Months	Months Ended March 31,			Six Months E	nded March 31,		
	 2015		2014		2015		2014	
Home & Building Products		· · ·						
Segment operating profit	\$ 8,651	\$	8,818	\$	25,020	\$	18,211	
Depreciation and amortization	8,679		7,614		16,780		15,648	
Restructuring charges	_		692		_		1,534	
Acquisition costs	_		_		_		798	
Segment adjusted EBITDA	 17,330		17,124		41,800		36,191	
Telephonics								
Segment operating profit	9,114		10,677		16,631		21,329	
Depreciation and amortization	2,502		1,858		5,017		3,602	
Segment adjusted EBITDA	11,616		12,535		21,648		24,931	
Clopay Plastic Products								
Segment operating profit	9,867		9,352		17,887		15,177	
Depreciation and amortization	5,897		6,864		12,428		13,782	
Segment adjusted EBITDA	 15,764		16,216		30,315		28,959	
All segments:								
Income from operations - as reported	20,809		19,673		44,902		36,654	
Unallocated amounts	7,580		8,391		15,844		16,374	
Other, net	(757)		783		(1,208)		1,689	
Segment operating profit	27,632		28,847		59,538		54,717	
Depreciation and amortization	17,078		16,336		34,225		33,032	
Restructuring charges	_		692		_		1,534	
Acquisition costs	 						798	
Segment adjusted EBITDA	\$ 44,710	\$	45,875	\$	93,763	\$	90,081	

Unallocated amounts typically include general corporate expenses not attributable to any reportable segment.

# GRIFFON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	7	Three Months	Ended March 31,			Six Months Er		nded March 31,	
		2015		2014		2015		2014	
Revenue	\$	500,020	\$	507,687	\$	1,002,180	\$	961,145	
Cost of goods and services		385,645		397,700		769,816		745,655	
Gross profit		114,375		109,987		232,364		215,490	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		93,566		89,622		187,462		177,302	
Restructuring and other related charges		_		692		_		1,534	
Total operating expenses		93,566		90,314		187,462		178,836	
Income from operations		20,809		19,673		44,902		36,654	
Other income (expense)									
Interest expense		(12,012)		(12,389)		(23,766)		(25,523)	
Interest income		155		28		272		61	
Loss from debt extinguishment, net		_		(38,890)		_		(38,890)	
Other, net		(757)		783		(1,208)		1,689	
Total other expense, net		(12,614)		(50,468)		(24,702)		(62,663)	
Income (loss) before taxes		8,195		(30,795)		20,200		(26,009)	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		3,073		(4,970)		7,607		(3,420)	
Net income (loss)	\$	5,122	\$	(25,825)	\$	12,593	\$	(22,589)	
Basic income per common share	\$	0.11	\$	(0.53)	\$	0.27	\$	(0.44)	
Weighted-average shares outstanding	<u> </u>	45,349		48,990		45,829		50,872	
Diluted income per common share	\$	0.11	\$	(0.53)	\$	0.26	\$	(0.44)	
Weighted-average shares outstanding		47,669		48,990	_	47,682	_	50,872	
Net income (loss)	\$	5,122	\$	(25,825)	\$	12,593	\$	(22,589)	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes:									
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(30,384)		1,224		(45,884)		(1,913)	
Pension and other post retirement plans		353		1,099		706		1,415	
Loss on cash flow hedge		(80)		_		(154)		_	
Gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities		92				(870)			
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes		(30,019)		2,323		(46,202)		(498)	
Comprehensive income (loss), net	\$	(24,897)	\$	(23,502)	\$	(33,609)	\$	(23,087)	
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#### GRIFFON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)

	Unaudited) March 31, 2015	At September 30, 20			
CURRENT ASSETS		'			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 42,602	\$	92,405		
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$6,121 and \$7,336	286,452		258,436		
Contract costs and recognized income not yet billed, net of progress payments of \$14,592 and \$16,985 at March 31, 2015 and September 30, 2014, respectively.	94,844		109,930		
Inventories, net	320,297		290,135		
Prepaid and other current assets	44,525		62,569		
Assets of discontinued operations	1,638		1,624		
Total Current Assets	790,358		815,099		
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net	361,200		370,565		
GOODWILL	358,695		371,846		
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net	220,811		233,623		
OTHER ASSETS	13,943		13,302		
ASSETS OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	2,246		2,126		
Total Assets	\$ 1,747,253	\$	1,806,561		
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt	\$ 9,162	\$	7,886		
Accounts payable	182,369		218,703		
Accrued liabilities	84,494		101,292		
Liabilities of discontinued operations	2,528		3,282		
Total Current Liabilities	278,553		331,163		
LONG-TERM DEBT, net	858,315		791,301		
OTHER LIABILITIES	142,229		148,240		
LIABILITIES OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	3,524		3,830		
Total Liabilities	1,282,621		1,274,534		
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES					
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Total Shareholders' Equity	464,632		532,027		
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 1,747,253	\$	1,806,561		

## GRIFFON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

(in thousands) (Unaudited)

		Six Months Ended March 31				
		2015		2014		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:						
Net income (loss)	\$	12,593	\$	(22,589)		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		34,453		33,232		
Stock-based compensation		5,372		4,996		
Asset impairment charges - restructuring		_		169		
Provision for losses on accounts receivable		242		132		
Amortization of debt discounts and issuance costs		3,265		3,188		
Loss from debt extinguishment, net		_		38,890		
Deferred income taxes		1,282		(57)		
(Gain) loss on sale/disposal of assets and investments		(315)		180		
Change in assets and liabilities, net of assets and liabilities acquired:						
Increase in accounts receivable and contract costs and recognized income not yet billed		(23,424)		(46,834)		
Increase in inventories		(39,252)		(23,858)		
Decrease in prepaid and other assets		754		3,482		
Decrease in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and income taxes payable		(40,244)		(18,713)		
Other changes, net		2,223		1,206		
Net cash used in operating activities		(43,051)		(26,576)		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:						
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(39,713)		(34,845)		
Acquired businesses, net of cash acquired				(22,781)		
Proceeds from sale of assets		177		294		
Proceeds from sale of investments		8,891		_		
Net cash used in investing activities		(30,645)		(57,332)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		(==,===)		(= , ,= = =)		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		285		584		
Dividends paid		(3,911)		(3,290)		
Purchase of shares for treasury		(37,577)		(63,370)		
Proceeds from long-term debt		99,556		644,514		
Payments of long-term debt		(29,425)		(586,310)		
Change in short-term borrowings		(572)		4,908		
Financing costs		(590)		(10,687)		
Purchase of ESOP shares		(6,0)		(10,000)		
Tax benefit from exercise/vesting of equity awards, net		345		273		
Other, net		95		144		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u></u>	28,206		(23,234)		
CASH FLOWS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS:		20,200		(23,234)		
Net cash used in operating activities		(545)		(640)		
Net cash used in discontinued operations		(545)		(640)		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents		(3,768)		(415)		
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NET DECREASE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS  CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT DECIDINING OF DEDICE.		(49,803)		(108,197)		
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		92,405		178,130		
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$	42,602	\$	69,933		

Griffon evaluates performance based on Earnings per share and Net income excluding restructuring charges, acquisition-related expenses, and discrete tax items, as applicable. Griffon believes this information is useful to investors. The following table provides a reconciliation of Net income (loss) to adjusted net income and earnings per share to Adjusted earnings per share:

## GRIFFON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED NET INCOME (in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

For the Three Months Ended March

	For	For the Three Months Ended March 31,						
					For the Six Months Ended March 31			
Net income (loss)		2015		2014	2015			2014
	\$	5,122	\$	(25,825)	\$	12,593	\$	(22,589)
Adjusting items, net of tax:								
Loss from debt extinguishment, net				24,964		_		24,964
Restructuring charges		_		429		_		951
Acquisition costs		_		_		_		495
Extinguishment impact on period tax rate (a)		_		5,848		_		5,848
Discrete tax provisions		145		609		494		320
Adjusted net income	\$	5,267	\$	6,025	\$	13,087	\$	9,989
Diluted income (loss) per common share	<u> </u>	0.11	\$	(0.53)		0.26	\$	(0.44)
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Adjusting items, net of tax:								
Loss from debt extinguishment, net		_		0.51		_		0.49
Restructuring charges		_		0.01		_		0.02
Acquisition costs		_		_		_		0.01
Extinguishment impact on period tax rate (a)		_		0.12		_		0.12
Discrete tax provisions		_		0.01		0.01		0.01
Adjusted earnings per common share	\$	0.11	\$	0.12	_	0.27	\$	0.20
Weighted-average shares outstanding (in thousands)		47,669		48,990		47,682		50,872