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(Mark One)
QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016
or
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to
Commission File Number: 1-5005

## INTRICON CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania 23-1069060

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

1260 Red Fox Road

Arden Hills, Minnesota 55112 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(651) 636-9770

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such 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, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

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

Yes No

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock, \$1.00 par value, on April 30, 2016 was 5,985,532.

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# **PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

# **ITEM 1. Financial Statements**

# INTRICON CORPORATION

**Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets** (In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	March 31,	December 31, 2015	
	2016 (Unaudited)		
Current assets:	A 770	<b></b>	
Cash	\$ 553	\$ 369	
Restricted cash	640	610	
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$136 at March 31, 2016 and	8,924	8,578	
\$135 at December 31, 2015	14556	14 470	
Inventories Other powerst assets	14,556 932	14,472	
Other current assets		860	
Total current assets	25,605	24,889	
Machinery and equipment	39,273	38,653	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	39,273	31,911	
Net machinery and equipment	6,906	6,742	
Net machinery and equipment	0,900	0,742	
Goodwill	9,551	9,551	
Investment in partnerships	188	224	
Other assets, net	1,052	480	
Total assets	\$ 43,302	\$41,886	
Current liabilities:			
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,941	1,908	
Accounts payable	8,275	7,785	
Accrued salaries, wages and commissions	1,918	2,559	
Deferred gain	28	55	
Other accrued liabilities	965	1,279	
Total current liabilities	13,127	13,586	
Long-term debt, less current maturities	9,603	7,929	
Other postretirement benefit obligations	530	542	
Accrued pension liabilities	824	812	
Other long-term liabilities	137	120	

Total liabilities	24,221		22,989	
Commitments and contingencies				
Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$1.00 par value per share; 20,000 shares authorized; 5,986 and 5,981 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively	5,986		5,981	
Additional paid-in capital	17,922		17,721	
Accumulated deficit	(4,031	)	(4,046	)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(723	)	(721	)
Total shareholders' equity	19,154		18,935	
Non-controlling interest	(73	)	(38	)
Total equity	19,081		18,897	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 43,302		\$41,886	

(See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements)

# INTRICON CORPORATION

Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations (In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		
	March 31,	March 31,	
	2016	2015 e(I) naudited)	
Sales, net	\$18,258	•	
Cost of sales Gross profit	13,144 5,114	12,274 4,328	
Operating expenses:	1.106	007	
Sales and marketing General and administrative	1,196 2,291	987 1,709	
Research and development	1,416	1,226	
Total operating expenses	4,903	3,922	
Operating income	211	406	
Interest expense	(126)		
Other income (expense)	(70)		
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	15	439	
Income tax expense	34	155	
Net income (loss)	(19)	284	
Less: Loss allocated to non-controlling interest	(34)		
Net income attributable to IntriCon shareholders	\$15	\$ 284	
Net income (loss) per share attributable to IntriCon shareholders:			
Basic	\$0.00	\$ 0.05	
Diluted	\$0.00	\$ 0.05	
Average shares outstanding:			
Basic	5,981	5,849	
Diluted	6,228	6,227	

(See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements)

# INTRICON CORPORATION

Consolidated Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) (In Thousands)

	Three Months Ended		
	Marcl	March 31,	
	2016	2015	
	(Unau	<b>(Alted</b> )udi	ted)
Net income (loss)	\$(19)	\$ 284	
Interest rate swap, net of taxes of \$0	(37)	(2	)
Pension and postretirement obligations, net of taxes of \$0	5	_	
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of taxes of \$0	30	(108	)
Comprehensive income	\$(21)	\$ 174	

(See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements)

# INTRICON CORPORATION

# **Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows** (In Thousands)

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>			ed
	March 31,		Iarch 31	,
	2016	20	015	
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Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$(19	) \$	284	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	494		423	
Stock-based compensation	181		169	
Change in deferred gain	(28	)	(28	)
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	1		7	
Equity in loss of partnerships	54		49	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	(629	)	92	
Inventories	(85	)	41	
Other assets	(454	)	297	
Accounts payable	492		(335	)
Accrued expenses	(913	)	(382	)
Non-controlling interest	34			
Other liabilities	(61	)	38	
Net cash provided (used in) by operating activities	(933	)	655	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(624	)	(711	)
Other	(18	)		
Net cash used in investing activities	(642	)	(711	)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	3,628		2,926	
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(1,951	)	(2,430	)
Proceeds from employee stock purchases and exercise of stock options	24		42	
Change in restricted cash	(42	)	79	
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,659		617	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	100		(196	)
Net increase in cash	184		365	
Cash, beginning of period	369		328	
Cash, end of period	\$553	\$	693	

(See accompanying notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements)

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# Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements (Unaudited) (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

#### 1. General

In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly IntriCon Corporation's ("IntriCon" or the "Company") consolidated financial position as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, and the consolidated results of its operations and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. Results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations expected for the full year or any other interim period.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events occurring after the date of the consolidated financial statements for events requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements.

## 2. New Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued its final standard on accounting for leases. This standard, issued as ASU 2016-02, requires that an entity that is a lessee recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. The core principle of this update is that a "lessee should recognize the assets and liabilities that arise from leases." This update is effective for financial statement periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with earlier application permitted. The Company has not yet determined the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In March 2016, the FASB issued its final standard on simplifying the accounting for share-based payment awards. This standard, issued as ASU 2016-09, simplifies several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification on the statement of cash flows, and accounting for forfeitures. This update is effective for financial statement periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. The Company has not yet determined the impact of this pronouncement on its financial statements and related disclosures.

# 3. Geographic Information

The geographical distribution of long-lived assets to geographical areas consisted of the following at:

	March	December 31,	
	31,		
	2016	2015	
United States	\$5,393	\$ 5,125	
Other – primarily Singapore and Indonesia	1,513	1,617	
Consolidated	\$6,906	\$ 6,742	

Long-lived assets consist of property and equipment and certain other assets that are difficult to move and relatively illiquid. Excluded from long-lived assets are investments in partnerships, patents, license agreements and goodwill. The Company capitalizes long-lived assets pertaining to the production of specialized parts. These assets are periodically reviewed to assure the net realizable value from the estimated future production based on forecasted cash flows exceeds the carrying value of the assets.

The geographical distribution of net sales to geographical areas for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		
Net Sales to Geographical Areas	March 31, 2016	11201 011	
United States	\$ 11,924	\$ 12,452	
Europe	3,297	1,840	
Asia	2,868	2,012	
All other countries	169	298	
Consolidated	\$ 18,258	\$ 16,602	

Geographic net sales are allocated based on the location of the customer. All other countries include net sales primarily to various countries in Europe and in the Asian Pacific. Customer concentrations greater than 10% of consolidated net sales and account receivable are disclosed below.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, one customer accounted for 39% of the Company's consolidated net sales. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, one customer accounted for 39% of the Company's consolidated net sales.

At March 31, 2016, two customers combined accounted for 25% of the Company's consolidated accounts receivable. At December 31, 2015, two customers accounted for a combined 27% of the Company's consolidated accounts receivable.

#### 4. Inventories

Inventories consisted of the following at:

	Raw materials	Work-in process	Finished products and components	Total
March 31, 2016			-	
Domestic	\$ 5,888	\$ 2,310	\$ 3,153	\$ 11,351

Foreign	2,135	572	498	3,205
Total	\$ 8,023	\$ 2,882	\$ 3,651	\$ 3 14,556
December 31, 2015 Domestic Foreign	\$ 6,514 2,472	\$ 1,706 636	\$ 2,801 343	\$ 3 11,021 3,451
Total	\$ 8,986	\$ 2,342	\$ 3,144	\$ 5 14,472

# 5. Short and Long-Term Debt

Short and long-term debt is summarized as follows:

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Domestic Asset-Based Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 6,600	\$ 4,674
Foreign Overdraft and Letter of Credit Facility	944	913
Domestic Term-Loan	4,000	4,250
Total Debt	11,544	9,837
Less: Current maturities	(1,941)	(1,908)
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 9,603	\$ 7,929

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Domestic Credit Facilities

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries are parties to a credit facility with The PrivateBank and Trust Company. The credit facility, as amended through March 31, 2016, provided for:

an \$8,000 revolving credit facility, with a \$200 sub facility for letters of credit. Under the revolving credit facility, the availability of funds depends on a borrowing base composed of stated percentages of the Company's eligible trade receivables and eligible inventory, and eligible equipment less a reserve; and

a term loan in the original amount of \$5,000.

In April 2016, the Company and its domestic subsidiaries entered into an Eighth Amendment to the Loan and Security Agreement with The PrivateBank and Trust Company. The amendment, among other things:

increased the Company's term loan to \$6,000 from its then current balance of \$4,000, as a result of which the Company borrowed an additional \$2,000 under the term loan facility;

increased the Company's revolving credit facility borrowing capacity to \$9,000 from its current capacity of \$8,000;

increased the inventory cap on the borrowing base from \$3,500 to \$4,000. Under the revolving credit facility as amended, the availability of funds depends on a borrowing base composed of stated percentages of the Company's eligible trade receivables and inventory, less a reserve; and

increased the maximum leverage ratio from 2.50 to 2.75 through December 31, 2016;

All of the borrowings under this agreement have been characterized as either a current or long-term liability on our balance sheet in accordance with the repayment terms described more fully below.

Loans under the credit facility are secured by a security interest in substantially all of the assets of the Company and its domestic subsidiaries including a pledge of the stock of its domestic subsidiaries. Loans under the credit facility bear interest at varying rates based on the Company's leverage ratio of funded debt / EBITDA, at the option of the Company, at:

the London InterBank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus 2.50% to 4.00%, or

the base rate, which is the higher of (a) the rate publicly announced from time to time by the lender as its "prime rate" and (b) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%, plus 0.00% to 1.25%; in each case, depending on the Company's leverage ratio.

Interest is payable monthly in arrears, except that interest on LIBOR based loans is payable at the end of the one, two or three month interest periods applicable to LIBOR based loans. IntriCon is also required to pay a non-use fee equal to 0.25% per year of the unused portion of the revolving line of credit facility, payable quarterly in arrears.

Weighted average interest on the revolving credit facility was 3.67% for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 3.68% for the year ended December 31, 2015. The outstanding balance of the revolving credit facility was \$6,600 and \$4,674 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The total availability on the revolving credit facility was approximately \$1,400 and \$3,326 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

The outstanding principal balance of the term loan, as amended, is payable in quarterly installments of \$250. Any remaining principal and accrued interest is payable on February 28, 2019. IntriCon is also required to use 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain asset sales (excluding inventory and certain other dispositions), sale of capital securities or issuance of debt to pay down the term loan.

The Company was in compliance with the financial covenants under the facility as of March 31, 2016.

## Foreign Credit Facility

In addition to its domestic credit facilities, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, IntriCon, PTE LTD., entered into an international senior secured credit agreement with Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd. that provides for an asset based line of credit. Borrowings bear interest at a rate of .75% to 2.5% over the lender's prevailing prime lending rate. Weighted average interest on the international credit facilities was 3.35% and 3.37% for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015, respectively. The outstanding balance was \$944 and \$913 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The total remaining availability on the international senior secured credit agreement was approximately \$786 and \$817 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

#### 6. Income Taxes

Income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$34 compared to \$155 for the same period in 2015. The expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, was primarily due to foreign operations. The Company has net operating loss carryforwards for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, consequently, minimal federal benefit or expense from the domestic operations was recognized as the deferred tax asset has a full valuation allowance.

The following was the income (loss) before income taxes for each jurisdiction in which the Company has operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

	Three Months Ended		
	March	March	
	31,	31,	
	2016	2015	
United States	\$ (332)	\$ (310)	
Singapore	204	541	
Indonesia	18	20	
United Kingdom	55	_	
Germany	70	188	
Income before income taxes	\$ 15	\$ 439	

# 7. Shareholders' Equity and Stock-based Compensation

The Company has a 2006 Equity Incentive Plan and a 2015 Equity Incentive Plan. The 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, which was approved by the shareholders on April 24, 2015, replaced the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. New grants may not be made under the 2006 plan; however certain option grants under the 2006 plan remain exercisable as of March 31, 2016. The aggregate number of shares of common stock for which awards could be granted under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan as of the date of adoption was 500 shares. Additionally, as outstanding options under the 2006 plan expire, the shares of the Company's common stock subject to the expired options will become available for issuance under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan.

Under both plans, executives, employees and outside directors receive awards of options to purchase common stock. In addition, the Company may also grant stock awards, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units and other equity-based awards, although no such awards, other than awards under the director program and management purchase program described below, had been granted as of March 31, 2016. Under all awards, the terms are fixed on the grant date. Generally, the exercise price of stock options equals the market price of the Company's stock on the date of the grant. Options under the plans generally vest over three years, and have a maximum term of 10 years.

Additionally, the board has established the non-employee directors' stock fee election program, referred to as the director program, as an award under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan. The director program gives each non-employee director the right under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan to elect to have some or all of his quarterly director fees paid in common shares rather than cash. No shares were issued in lieu of cash for director fees under the director program for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

On July 23, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved the non-employee director and executive officer stock purchase program, referred to as the management purchase program, as an award under the 2015 Plan. The purpose of the management purchase program is to permit the Company's non-employee directors and executive officers to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock directly from the Company. Pursuant to the management purchase program, as amended, participants may elect to purchase shares of Common Stock from the Company not exceeding an aggregate of \$100 during any fiscal year. Participants may make such election one time during each twenty business day period following the public release of the Company's earnings announcement, referred to as a window period, and only if such participant is not in possession of material, non-public information concerning the Company and subject to the discretion of the Board to prohibit any transactions in Common Stock by directors and executive officers during a window period. There were no shares purchased under the management purchase program during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Stock option activity as of and during the three months ended March 31, 2016 was as follows:

	Number of Shares	eighted-average ercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	
Outstanding at December 31, 2015	1,324	\$ 6.36		
Options forfeited or cancelled	120	— 7.50		
Options granted	128	7.58		
Options exercised	(1)	3.16		
Outstanding at March 31, 2016	1,451	\$ 6.47	\$ 1,440	
Exercisable at March 31, 2016	1,101	\$ 6.35	\$ 1,323	
Available for future grant at December 31, 2015	490			
Available for future grant at March 31, 2016	363			

The number of shares available for future grants at March 31, 2016 does not include a total of up to 1,281 shares subject to options outstanding under the 2006 plan as of March 31, 2016, which will become available for grant under the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan in the event of the expiration, cancellation or surrender of such options.

The fair value of each stock option granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The Black-Scholes option-pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option-pricing models require the input of subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. Because the Company's options have

characteristics different from those of traded options, in the opinion of management, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its options. The weighted average fair value of options granted was \$7.58 for options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2016. The weighted average fair value of options granted was \$4.37 for options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

The Company calculates expected volatility for stock options and awards using the Company's historical volatility.

The Company currently estimates a zero percent forfeiture rate for stock options, but will continue to review this estimate in future periods.

The risk-free rates for the expected terms of the stock options and awards are based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant.

The weighted average remaining contractual life of options exercisable at March 31, 2016 was 4.29 years.

The Company recorded \$181 of non-cash stock option expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016. The Company recorded \$169 of non-cash stock option expense for the three months ended March 31, 2015. As of March 31, 2016, there was \$1,139 of total unrecognized compensation costs related to non-vested awards that are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.17 years.

The Company also has an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Purchase Plan"). The Purchase Plan, as amended, through March 31, 2016, provides that a maximum of 200 shares may be sold under the Purchase Plan. There were 4 shares purchased under the plan for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and a total of 3 shares purchased for the three months ended March 31, 2015. On April 28, 2016, the shareholders approved an amendment to this plan to increase the authorized shares by an additional 100 shares.

#### 8. Income Per Share

The following table presents a reconciliation between basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2016	March 31, 2015	
Numerator:			
Net income attributable to IntriCon shareholders	\$ 15	\$ 284	
Denominator:			
Basic – weighted shares outstanding	5,981	5,849	
Weighted shares assumed upon exercise of stock options	247	378	
Diluted – weighted shares outstanding	6,228	6,227	
Net income (loss) per share attributable to IntriCon shareholders:			
Basic	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.05	
Diluted	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.05	

The dilutive impact summarized above relates to the periods when the average market price of Company stock exceeded the exercise price of the potentially dilutive option securities granted. Earnings per common share was based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods when computing the basic earnings per share. When dilutive, stock options are included as equivalents using the treasury stock method when computing the diluted earnings per share. Individual components of basic and diluted income (loss) per share may not sum to the

total income (loss) per share due to rounding.

# 9. Legal Proceedings

The Company is a defendant along with a number of other parties in lawsuits alleging that plaintiffs have or may have contracted asbestos-related diseases as a result of exposure to asbestos products or equipment containing asbestos sold by one or more named defendants. These lawsuits relate to the discontinued heat technologies segment which was sold in March 2005. Due to the non-informative nature of the complaints, the Company does not know whether any of the complaints state valid claims against the Company. Certain insurance carriers have informed the Company that the primary policies for the period August 1, 1970-1978 have been exhausted and that the carriers will no longer provide defense and insurance coverage under those policies. However, the Company has other primary and excess insurance policies that the Company believes afford coverage for later years. Some of these other primary insurers have accepted defense and insurance coverage for these suits, and some of them have either ignored the Company's tender of defense of these cases, or have denied coverage, or have accepted the tenders but asserted a reservation of rights and/or advised the Company that they need to investigate further. Because settlement payments are applied to all years a litigant was deemed to have been exposed to asbestos, the Company believes that it will have funds available for defense and insurance coverage under the non-exhausted primary and excess insurance policies. However, unlike the older policies, the more recent policies have deductible amounts for defense and settlements costs that the Company will be required to pay; accordingly, the Company expects that its litigation costs will increase in the future. Further, many of the policies covering later years (approximately 1984 and thereafter) have exclusions for any asbestos products or operations, and thus do not provide insurance coverage for asbestos-related lawsuits. The Company does not believe that the asserted exhaustion of some of the primary insurance coverage for the 1970-1978 period will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, liquidity, or results of operations, Management believes that the number of insurance carriers involved in the defense of the suits, and the significant number of policy years and policy limits under which these insurance carriers are insuring the Company, make the ultimate disposition of these lawsuits not material to the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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The Company's former French subsidiary, Selas SAS, filed for insolvency in France. The Company may be subject to additional litigation or liabilities as a result of the French insolvency proceeding, including liabilities under guarantees aggregating approximately \$445.

The Company is also involved in other lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. While it is not possible to predict with certainty the outcome of these matters, management is of the opinion that the disposition of these lawsuits and claims will not materially affect our consolidated financial position, liquidity or results of operations.

#### 10. Related-Party Transactions

One of the Company's subsidiaries leases office and factory space from a partnership consisting of three present or former officers of the subsidiary, including Mark Gorder, a member of the Company's Board of Directors and the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The subsidiary is required to pay all real estate taxes and operating expenses. The total base rent expense, real estate taxes and other charges incurred under the lease were approximately \$121 for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and approximately \$122 for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

The Company uses the law firm of Blank Rome LLP for legal services. A partner of that firm is the son-in-law of the Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors. For the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company paid that firm approximately \$67 for legal services and costs. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company paid that firm approximately \$48 for legal services and costs. The Chairman of our Board of Directors is considered independent under applicable Nasdaq and Securities Exchange Commission rules because (i) no payments were made to the Chairman or the partner directly in exchange for the services provided by the law firm and (ii) the amounts paid to the law firm did not exceed the thresholds contained in the Nasdaq standards. Furthermore, the aforementioned partner does not provide any legal services to the Company and is not involved in billing matters.

## 11. Revenue by Market

The following tables set forth, for the periods indicated, net revenue by market:

Three Months Ended

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	March 31, 2016	March 31, 2015	
Medical Hearing Health Professional Audio Communications	\$ 10,033 6,468 1,757	\$ 8,957 5,564 2,081	
Total Revenue	\$ 18,258	\$ 16,602	

# ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### **Business Overview**

Headquartered in Arden Hills, Minnesota, IntriCon Corporation (together with its subsidiaries referred to as the "Company", "IntriCon," "we", "us" or "our") is an international company engaged in designing, developing, engineering and manufacturing body-worn devices. In addition to its operations in Minnesota, the Company has facilities in California, Singapore, Indonesia, the United Kingdom and Germany.

Information contained in this section of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and expressed in U.S. dollars is presented in thousands (000s), except for per share data and as otherwise noted.

#### **Market Overview**

IntriCon serves the body-worn device market by designing, developing, engineering, manufacturing and distributing micro-miniature products, microelectronics, micro-mechanical assemblies, complete assemblies and software solutions, primarily for the emerging value hearing health market, the medical bio-telemetry market and the professional audio communication market. Revenue from the medical bio-telemetry and value hearing health markets is reported on the respective medical and hearing health lines in the discussion of our results of operations in "Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Note 11 "Revenue by Market" to the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements included herein.

## Value Hearing Health Market

The Company believes the value hearing health (VHH) market offers significant growth opportunities. In the United States alone, there are approximately 37.5 million adults that report some degree of hearing loss. In adults the most common cause of hearing loss is aging and noise. In fact, by the age of 65 year old, one out of three people have hearing loss. The hearing impaired population is expected to grow significantly over the next decade due to an aging population and more frequent exposure to loud sounds that can cause noise-induced hearing loss. It is estimated that hearing aids can help more than 90 percent of people with hearing loss, however the current market penetration into the U.S. hearing impaired population is approximately 20 percent, a percentage that has remained essentially unchanged for the last four decades. In early January, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) weighed in on low hearing aid penetration rates with an announcement that highlighted statistics from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. They found that 37.5 million U.S. adults aged 18 and older report

some form of hearing loss. However, only 30 percent of adults over 70, and 16 percent of those aged 20 to 69, who could benefit from wearing hearing aids, have ever used them. Based on these statistics, the FDA has reopened the public comment period on draft guidance related to the agency's premarket requirements for hearing aids and PSAPs. The FDA's intent is to consider ways in which regulation can support further penetration into the hearing market. In April 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hosted a public workshop to gather stakeholder and public input on draft guidance related to the agency's premarket requirements for hearing aids and PSAPs. The FDA's intent is to consider ways in which regulation can support further device penetration into the hearing market.

In October 2015, the President's Council of Advisors on Science & Technology (PCAST), the group that makes policy recommendations to the President, also addressed the low hearing health market penetration levels IntriCon has long pointed out. PCAST indicated that untreated hearing loss in the United States is a substantial national problem, and supported this assessment with references to the barriers to access. The group recommended revising FDA regulations and changing the current distribution channel, as well as creating new channels to increase the opportunities for consumer choice. A link to both the FDA announcement and the PCAST letter can be found on our website, www.Intricon.com.

We believe the U.S. market penetration is low primarily due to the high costs to purchase hearing aids, consolidation at the retail level and inconveniences in the distribution channel. These factors have created the opportunity for alternative care models, such as the value hearing aid (VHA) channel and personal sound amplifier (PSAP) channel. The VHA channel is outcome based focused and requires the best device and software technology, to provide the most efficient, lowest cost solution to the consumer. We believe IntriCon has positioned itself as a leader in these channels through significant, on-going investments in sales and marketing and research and development. The Company is aggressively pursuing prospective partnerships and customers who can benefit from our value proposition and the VHA and PSAP channels.

In the VHA channel, the Company entered into a manufacturing agreement with hi HealthInnovations, a UnitedHealth Group company, to become their supplier of hearing aids. At the beginning of 2012, hi HealthInnovations launched a suite of high-tech, lower-cost hearing devices for their Medicare and Part D participants and later in the year announced they were increasing this offering to the over 26 million people enrolled in their employer-sponsored and individual health benefit plans. In 2012, they expanded their offering to include a hearing aid discount program for health plans. This program is available nationwide to all health insurers, including employer-sponsored, individual and Medicare plans. The insurance model has been successfully demonstrated internationally, where several countries providing a full insurance program are serving 40 to 70 percent of the hearing impaired population. Further, research in the U.S. has shown a fully insured model will encourage an individual to seek treatment at an earlier stage of hearing loss, greatly increasing the market size and penetration. The Company also has various international VHA initiatives. On November 3, 2015, the Company acquired the assets of PC Werth to gain direct access to the NHS and to have greater control over its efforts to accelerate new market penetration into the United Kingdom. Our integration plan, which will include site relocation, reallocating resources and leveraging corporate infrastructure, is proceeding on schedule and we anticipate these efforts to be complete by the end of the 2016 third quarter. PC Werth, through its partnership with IntriCon, has been appointed as one of the main suppliers to the National Health Service (NHS) Supply Chain's National Framework. The NHS is widely seen as the most efficient hearing aid delivery system in the world, supplying an estimated 1.4 million hearing aids annually. We believe IntriCon is well positioned to serve their needs, and we're developing new technologies to further enhance delivery efficiencies and product standards in the future.

We also believe there are niches in the conventional hearing health channel that will embrace our VHA proposition in the United States and Europe. High costs of conventional devices and retail consolidation have constrained the growth potential of the independent audiologist and dispenser. We believe our software and product offering can provide independent audiologists and dispensers the ability to compete with larger retailers, such as Costco, and manufacturer owned retail distributors. In Europe, we recently secured a two-year supply agreement with AudioNova International, one of Europe's leading hearing aid providers, operating more than 1,300 retail stores in 11 countries. Through our new supply agreement, AudioNova will offer hearing devices manufactured by IntriCon. AudioNova's smartsound brand is based on IntriCon's Audion<sup>TM</sup> amplifier, and offers technically advanced features at value hearing health price points. AudioNova has begun rollout of the smartsound brand in the Netherlands and intends to expand the program to other targeted European countries in the future. In the third quarter of 2015, we announced a joint venture with The Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA) to provide hearing instruments and educational resources to audiologists and their patients. The joint venture operates as a limited liability company under the name "earVenture LLC". earVenture was officially launched in November 2015 at the ADA conference. We expect that this joint venture will capitalize on our established reputation as a leading provider of high quality, low-cost hearing aids and the ADA's respected position as the only national membership association focused on ownership of the audiology profession through autonomous practice and clinical excellence. To date, more than 400 of the 1,200 ADA members have registered to join the earVenture program and we have delivered initial units. In 2016, earVenture began rolling-out a comprehensive marketing and sales plan to convert those registered members to consistent customers, as well as solicit non-registered ADA members to join the program.

In the past few years the PSAP channel, which includes ear worn devices that provide cost effective sound amplification, has begun to emerge. These sound amplification devices are not regulated by the FDA, as they are not

hearing aids and make no claims of compensating for hearing loss. They can be purchased "off-the-shelf" and are not fit or prescribed to meet a specific individual's needs; rather these devices amplify sound and tend to be used in noisy or challenging environments. They have a significantly lower retail price to the consumer than traditional hearing aids.

Additionally, the Company believes there is great potential to market its situational listening devices (SLD's). Similar to the PSAP devices, the Company's SLD's are intended to help people hear in noisy environments, like restaurants and automobiles, and listen to television, music, and direct broadcasts by wireless connection. Such devices are intended to be supplements to conventional hearing aids, which do not handle those situations well. The product line consists of an earpiece, TV transmitter, companion microphone, iPod/iPhone transmitter, and USB transmitter.

# Medical Bio-Telemetry

In the medical bio-telemetry market, the Company is focused on sales of bio-telemetry devices for life-critical diagnostic monitoring. Using our nanoDSP and BodyNet<sup>TM</sup> technology platforms, the Company manufactures microelectronics, micro-mechanical assemblies, high-precision injection-molded plastic components and complete bio-telemetry devices for emerging and leading medical device manufacturers. The medical industry is faced with pressures to reduce the cost of healthcare. Driven by core technologies, such as the IntriCon Physiolink<sup>TM</sup> that wirelessly connects patients and care givers in non-traditional ways, IntriCon helps shift the point of care from expensive traditional settings, such as hospitals, to less expensive non-traditional settings like the home. IntriCon currently serves this market by offering medical manufacturers the capabilities to design, develop, manufacture and distribute medical devices that are easier to use, are more miniature, use less power, and are lighter. Increasingly, the medical industry is looking for wireless, low-power capabilities in their devices. We have a strategic relationship with Advanced Medical Electronics Corp. (AME) that allows us to develop new bio-telemetry devices that better connect patients and care givers, providing critical information and feedback. Through the further development of our ULP BodyNet family, we believe the bio-telemetry markets offer significant opportunity.

IntriCon currently has a strong presence in both the diabetes and cardiac diagnostic monitoring bio-telemetry markets. For diabetes, IntriCon has partnered with Medtronic to manufacture their wireless continuous glucose monitors, sensors, and related accessories that measure glucose levels and deliver real-time blood glucose trend information. Our Medtronic business posted record revenue in 2015, led by the MiniLink REAL-Time Transmitter and related accessories sales, which are incorporated in Medtronic's MiniMed 530G insulin pump and continuous glucose monitoring, or CGM, system. We also manufacture various accessories associated with Medtronic's CGM system, including the recently announced MiniMed Connect, which links the MiniMed pump and CGM to certain smart devices providing users with a discrete and real-time view of their blood sugar information. In addition to the MiniMed 530G system, the products we manufacture also support Medtronic's international insulin pump system offerings, such as the recently unveiled MiniMed 640G system. Further, we believe there are opportunities to expand our diabetes product offering with Medtronic, as well as move into new markets outside of the diabetes market.

In the cardiac diagnostic monitoring market, we provide solutions for ambulatory cardiac monitoring. Our first two product platforms, Sirona and Centauri, received FDA 510(k) approval in late 2011. The Sirona platform, which incorporates the PhysioLink technology, is essentially two products in one design: it can be used as an event recorder, a holter monitor or both. This platform is very small, rechargeable, and water spray proof. IntriCon is receiving feedback from its customers about the treatment flexibility and economic benefits of remote patient monitoring. The Company has contracts in place with lead customers for the Sirona platform and anticipates expanding that customer base during 2016.

IntriCon has a suite of medical coils and micro coils that it offers to various original equipment manufacturing (OEM) customers. These products are currently used in pacemaker programming and interventional catheter positioning applications.

IntriCon manufactures bubble sensors and flow restrictors that monitor and control the flow of fluid in an intravenous infusion system as well as a family of safety needle products for an OEM customer that utilizes IntriCon's insert and straight molding capabilities. These products are assembled using full automation, including built-in quality checks within the production lines.

Lastly, IntriCon is targeting other emerging biotelemetry and home care markets, such as sleep apnea, that could benefit from its capabilities to develop devices that are more technologically advanced, smaller and lightweight. To do so, IntriCon is focusing more capital and resources in sales and marketing and research and development to expand its reach to other large medical device and health care companies.

## Professional Audio Communications

IntriCon entered the high-quality audio communication device market in 2001, and now has a line of miniature, professional audio headset products used by customers focusing on emergency response needs. The line includes several communication devices that are extremely portable and perform well in noisy or hazardous environments. These products are well suited for applications in the fire, law enforcement, safety, aviation and military markets. In addition, the Company has a line of miniature ear- and head-worn devices used by performers and support staff in the music and stage performance markets. We believe performance in difficult listening environments and wireless operations will continue to improve as these products increasingly include our proprietary nanoDSP, wireless nanoLink and PhysioLink technologies.

#### Core Technologies Overview

Our core technologies expertise is focused on three main markets: medical bio-telemetry, value hearing health and professional audio communications. Over the past several years, the Company has increased investments in the continued development of four critical core technologies: Ultra-Low-Power (ULP) Digital Signal Processing (DSP), ULP Wireless, Microminiaturization, and Miniature Transducers. These four core technologies serve as the foundation of current and future product platform development, designed to meet the rising demand for smaller, portable, more advanced devices and the need for greater efficiencies in the delivery models. The continued advancements in this area have allowed the Company to further enhance the mobility and effectiveness of miniature body-worn devices.

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#### ULP DSP

DSP converts real-world analog signals into a digital format. Through our nanoDSP<sup>TM</sup> technology, IntriCon offers an extensive range of ULP DSP amplifiers for hearing, medical and professional audio applications. Our proprietary nanoDSP incorporates advanced ultra-miniature hardware with sophisticated signal processing algorithms to produce devices that are smaller and more effective.

The Company further expanded its DSP portfolio including improvements to its Reliant CLEAR™ feedback canceller, offering increased added stable gain and faster reaction time. Additionally, the newly developed DSP technologies are utilized in our recently unveiled Audion8™ and Audion16™, our new eight-channel and wide dynamic range compression sixteen-channel hearing aid amplifiers. The amplifiers are feature-rich and are designed to fit a wide array of applications. In addition to multiple compression channels, the amplifiers have a complete set of proven adaptive features which greatly improve the user experience.

#### **ULP** Wireless

Wireless connectivity is fast becoming a required technology, and wireless capabilities are especially critical in new body-worn devices. IntriCon's BodyNet<sup>TM</sup> ULP technology, including the nanoLink<sup>TM</sup> and PhysioLink<sup>TM</sup> wireless systems, offers solutions for transmitting the body's activities to caregivers, and wireless audio links for professional communications and surveillance products. Potential BodyNet applications include electrocardiogram (ECG) diagnostics and monitoring, diabetes monitoring, sleep apnea studies and audio streaming for hearing devices.

IntriCon is in the final stages of commercializing its PhysioLink wireless technology, which will be incorporated into product platforms serving the medical, hearing health and professional audio communication markets. This system is based on 2.4GHz proprietary digital radio protocol in the industrial-scientific-medical (ISM) frequency band and enables audio and data streaming to ear-worn and body-worn applications over distances of up to five meters.

## Microminiaturization

IntriCon excels at miniaturizing body-worn devices. We began honing our microminiaturization skills over 30 years ago, supplying components to the hearing health industry. Our core miniaturization technology allows us to make devices for our markets that are one cubic inch and smaller. We also are specialists in devices that run on very low power, as evidenced by our ULP wireless and DSP. Less power means a smaller battery, which enables us to reduce size even further, and develop devices that fit into the palm of one's hand.

#### Miniature Transducers

IntriCon's advanced transducer technology has been pushing the limits of size and performance for over a decade. Included in our transducer line are our miniature medical coils and micro coils used in pacemaker programming and interventional catheter positioning applications. We believe with the increase of greater interventional care that our coil technology harbors significant value.

#### Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements

Certain statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or documents the Company files with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are not historical facts, or that include forward-looking terminology such as "may", "will", "believe", "anticipate", "expect", "should", "optimistic" "continue", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "would", " "potential", "opportunity", "project", "forecast", "confident", "projections", "schedule", "designed", "future", "discussion", "if negative thereof or other variations thereof, are forward-looking statements (as such term is defined in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, and the regulations thereunder), which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created thereby. These statements may include, but are not limited to statements in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Notes to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements" such as net operating loss carryforwards, the ability to meet cash requirements for operating needs, the ability to meet liquidity needs, assumptions used to calculate future level of funding of employee benefit plans, the adequacy of insurance coverage and the impact of new accounting pronouncements and litigation. Forward-looking statements also include, without limitation, statements as to the Company's expected future results of operations and growth, strategic alliances and their benefits, government regulation, potential increases in demand for the Company's products, the Company's ability to meet working capital requirements, the Company's business strategy, the expected increases in operating efficiencies, anticipated trends in the Company's markets, estimates of goodwill impairments and amortization expense of other intangible assets, the effects of changes in accounting pronouncements, the effects of litigation and the amount of insurance coverage, and statements as to trends or the Company's or management's beliefs, expectations and opinions.

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Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and may be affected by various factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. In addition to the factors discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, certain risks, uncertainties and other factors can cause actual results and developments to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, the following:

our ability to successfully implement our business and growth strategy;

risks arising in connection with the insolvency of our former subsidiary, Selas SAS, and potential liabilities and actions arising in connection with the insolvency;

the volume and timing of orders received by the Company, particularly from Medtronic and hi HealthInnovations;

changes in estimated future cash flows;

our ability to collect our accounts receivable;

foreign currency movements in markets that we serve;

changes in the global economy and financial markets;

weakening demand for our products due to general economic conditions;

changes in the mix of products sold;

our ability to meet demand;

changes in customer requirements;

timing and extent of research and development expenses;

FDA approval, timely release and acceptance of our products;

competitive pricing pressures;

pending and potential future litigation;

cost and availability of electronic components and commodities for our products;

our ability to create and market products in a timely manner and develop products that are inexpensive to manufacture;

our ability to comply with covenants in our debt agreements or to obtain waivers if we do not comply;

our ability to repay debt when it comes due;

ability to obtain extensions of our current credit facility or a new credit facility;

the loss of one or more of our major customers;

our ability to identify, complete and integrate acquisitions;

effects of legislation;

effects of foreign operations;

our ability to develop new products;

our ability to recruit and retain engineering and technical personnel;

the costs and risks associated with research and development investments;

the recent recessions in Europe and the debt crisis in certain countries in the European Union;

our ability and the ability of our customers to protect intellectual property;

cybersecurity threats;

loss of members of our senior management team; and

other risk factors set forth in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K or any prior Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which are incorporated by reference into this Report.

For a description of these and other risks, see Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, and other risks described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, or in other filings the Company makes from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.

## <u>Critical Accounting Policies</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period.

Certain accounting estimates and assumptions are particularly sensitive because their significance to the consolidated condensed financial statements and the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly. The accounting policies of the Company with significant estimates and assumptions include the Company's revenue recognition, accounts receivable reserves, inventory valuation, goodwill, long-lived assets, deferred taxes policies and

employee benefit obligations. These and other significant accounting policies are described in and incorporated by reference from "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and Note 1 to the financial statements contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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# Results of Operations

#### Sales, net

Our net sales are comprised of three main markets: medical, hearing health, and professional audio communications. Below is a summary of our sales by main markets for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015:

			Change			
<b>Three Months Ended March 31</b>	2016	2015	<b>Dollars</b>		Percen	ıt
Medical	\$10,033	\$8,957	\$1,076		12.0	%
Hearing Health	6,468	5,564	904		16.2	%
Professional Audio Communications	1,757	2,081	(324	)	-15.6	%
Consolidated Net Sales	\$18,258	\$16,602	\$1,656		10.0	%

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, we experienced an increase of 12.0% in net sales in the medical market compared to the same period in 2015. Medtronic revenues were up year-over-year and we continue to anticipate Medtronic revenue growth throughout 2016 driven by market share growth for legacy products and the introduction of new products. IntriCon currently serves this market by offering medical manufacturers the capabilities to design, develop and manufacture medical devices that are easier to use, are more miniature, use less power, and are lighter. IntriCon has a strong presence in both the diabetes market, with its Medtronic partnership, and cardiac diagnostic monitoring bio-telemetry market. The Company believes there are growth opportunities in these markets as well other emerging biotelemetry and home care markets, such as sleep apnea, that could benefit from its capabilities to develop devices that are more technologically advanced, smaller and lightweight.

Net sales in our hearing health business for the three months ended March 31, 2016 increased 16.2% compared to the same period in 2015. The increase for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was primarily due to increases in the value hearing health market. The Company remains very optimistic about the progress that has been made and the long term prospects of the value hearing health market. Market dynamics, such as low penetration rates, an aging population, and the need for reduced cost and convenience, have resulted in the emergence of alternative care models, such the insurance channel and PSAP channel. IntriCon believes it is very well positioned to serve these value hearing health market channels. The Company will be aggressively pursuing larger customers who can benefit from our value proposition. Over the past several years, the Company has invested heavily in core technologies, product platforms and its global manufacturing capabilities geared to provide high-tech, lower-cost hearing devices.

Net sales to the professional audio device sector decreased 15.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. IntriCon will continue to leverage its core technology in professional audio to

support existing customers, as well as pursue related hearing health and medical product opportunities.

# **Gross profit**

Gross profit, both in dollars and as a percent of sales, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, was as follows:

	2016		2015		Change		
		Percent		Percent			
<b>Three Months Ended March 31</b>	<b>Dollars</b>	of Sales	<b>Dollars</b>	of Sales	<b>Dollars</b>	Percen	ıt
Gross Profit	\$5,114	28.0	% \$4,328	26.1 %	\$786	18.2	%

The 2016 gross profit increase over the comparable prior year period was primarily due to higher overall sales volumes.

# Sales and Marketing, General and Administrative and Research and Development Expenses

Sales and marketing, general and administrative and research and development expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	2016		2015		Change		
		Percent		Percent			
<b>Three Months Ended March 31</b>	<b>Dollars</b>	of Sales	<b>Dollars</b>	of Sales	<b>Dollars</b>	Percen	ıt
Sales and Marketing	\$1,196	6.6	§ \$987	5.9 %	\$209	21.2	%
General and Administrative	2,291	12.5	6 1,709	10.3 %	582	34.1	%
Research and Development	1,416	7.8	b 1,226	7.4 %	190	15.5	%

Sales and marketing increased over the prior year due to increased costs at IntriCon UK. General and administrative expenses were greater than the prior year period primarily due to increased support costs along with costs at IntriCon UK. Research and development increased over the prior year three month period primarily due to increased outside service and support costs.

#### **Interest expense**

Net interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$126 compared to \$103 for the comparable three month period in 2015. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to higher average debt balances compared to the prior year period.

#### Other income (expense)

Other income (expense) for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$(70) compared to other income of \$136 for the same period in 2015. The change in other income (expense) primarily related to a royalty earned in the 2015 first quarter which did not reoccur in 2016.

#### **Income tax expense**

Income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$34 compared to \$155 for the same period in 2015. The expense decrease for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was primarily due to lower taxable income generated by foreign operations.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of March 31, 2016, we had \$553 of cash on hand. Sources of our cash for the three months ended March 31, 2016 have been from our financing activities, as described below. The Company's cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities, as reflected in the statement of cash flows, are summarized as follows:

	Three Months Ended		
	March	March	
	31, 2016	31, 2015	
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$(933)	\$1,171	
Investing activities	(642)	(711)	
Financing activities	1,659	617	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	100	(196)	
Increase in cash	\$184	\$881	

The most significant items that contributed to the \$(933) of cash used in operating activities were increases in accounts receivable and other assets and a decrease in accounts payable and add backs for non-cash depreciation and stock compensation.

Net cash used in investing activities of \$(642) consisted of purchases of property, plant and equipment.

Net cash provided by financing activities of \$1,659 was comprised primarily of proceeds from long-term borrowings partially offset by repayments of borrowings under our credit facilities.

The effect of exchange rate changes on cash fluctuated largely due to the dollar strengthening in comparison to the euro.

The Company had the following bank arrangements:

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Total borrowing capacity under existing facilities	\$13,730	\$ 13,980
Facility Borrowings:		
Domestic revolving credit facility	6,600	4,674
Domestic term loan	4,000	4,250
Foreign overdraft and letter of credit facility	944	913
Total borrowings and commitments	11,544	9,837
Remaining availability under existing facilities	\$2,186	\$ 4,143

Domestic Credit Facilities

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries are parties to a credit facility with The PrivateBank and Trust Company. The credit facility, as amended through March 31, 2016, provided for:

an \$8,000 revolving credit facility, with a \$200 sub facility for letters of credit. Under the revolving credit facility, the availability of funds depends on a borrowing base composed of stated percentages of the Company's eligible trade receivables and eligible inventory, and eligible equipment less a reserve; and

a term loan in the original amount of \$5,000.

In April 2016, the Company and its domestic subsidiaries entered into an Eighth Amendment to the Loan and Security Agreement with The PrivateBank and Trust Company. The amendment, among other things:

increased the Company's term loan to \$6,000 from its then current balance of \$4,000, as a result of which the Company borrowed an additional \$2,000 under the term loan facility;

increased the Company's revolving credit facility borrowing capacity to \$9,000 from its then current capacity of \$8,000;

increased the inventory cap on the borrowing base from \$3,500 to \$4,000. Under the revolving credit facility as amended, the availability of funds depends on a borrowing base composed of stated percentages of the Company's eligible trade receivables and inventory, less a reserve; and

increased the maximum leverage ratio from 2.50 to 2.75 through December 31, 2016;

All of the borrowings under this agreement have been characterized as either a current or long-term liability on our balance sheet in accordance with the repayment terms described more fully below.

Loans under the credit facility are secured by a security interest in substantially all of the assets of the Company and its domestic subsidiaries including a pledge of the stock of its domestic subsidiaries. Loans under the credit facility bear interest at varying rates based on the Company's leverage ratio of funded debt / EBITDA, at the option of the Company, at:

the London InterBank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus 2.50% to 4.00%, or

the base rate, which is the higher of (a) the rate publicly announced from time to time by the lender as its "prime rate" and (b) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%, plus 0.00% to 1.25%; in each case, depending on the Company's leverage ratio.

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Interest is payable monthly in arrears, except that interest on LIBOR based loans is payable at the end of the one, two or three month interest periods applicable to LIBOR based loans. IntriCon is also required to pay a non-use fee equal to 0.25% per year of the unused portion of the revolving line of credit facility, payable quarterly in arrears.

Weighted average interest on the revolving credit facility was 3.67% for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 3.68% for the year ended December 31, 2015. The outstanding balance of the revolving credit facility was \$6,600 and \$4,674 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The total availability on the revolving credit facility was approximately \$1,400 and \$3,326 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

The outstanding principal balance of the term loan, as amended, is payable in quarterly installments of \$250. Any remaining principal and accrued interest is payable on February 28, 2019. IntriCon is also required to use 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain asset sales (excluding inventory and certain other dispositions), sale of capital securities or issuance of debt to pay down the term loan.

The Company was in compliance with the financial covenants under the facility as of March 31, 2016.

#### Foreign Credit Facility

In addition to its domestic credit facilities, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, IntriCon, PTE LTD., entered into an international senior secured credit agreement with Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd. that provides for an asset based line of credit. Borrowings bear interest at a rate of .75% to 2.5% over the lender's prevailing prime lending rate. Weighted average interest on the international credit facilities was 3.35% and 3.37% for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015, respectively. The outstanding balance was \$944 and \$913 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The total remaining availability on the international senior secured credit agreement was approximately \$786 and \$817 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

#### Capital Adequacy

We believe that funds expected to be generated from operations, the available borrowing capacity through our revolving credit loan facilities and the control of capital spending will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash requirements for operating needs and for repayment of maturing debt for at least the next 12 months. If, however, we do not generate sufficient cash from operations, or if we incur additional unanticipated liabilities, we may be required

to seek additional financing or sell equity or debt on terms which may not be as favorable as we could have otherwise obtained. No assurance can be given that any refinancing, additional borrowing or sale of equity or debt will be possible when needed or that we will be able to negotiate acceptable terms. In addition, our access to capital is affected by prevailing conditions in the financial and equity capital markets, as well as our own financial condition. Furthermore, if we fail to meet our financial and other covenants under our loan agreements, absent waiver, we will be in default of the loan agreements and our lenders could take action that would adversely affect our business. There can be no assurance that our lenders will provide a waiver of any default in our loan covenants. While management believes that we will be able to meet our liquidity needs for at least the next 12 months, no assurance can be given that we will be able to do so.

#### ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

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#### **ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures**

The Company's management, with the participation of its chief executive officer and chief financial officer, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), as of March 31, 2016 (the "Disclosure Controls Evaluation"). Based on the Disclosure Controls Evaluation, the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide a reasonable level of assurance that: (i) information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and (ii) information required to be disclosed in the reports the Company files or submits under Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, all in accordance with Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e).

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f), during the quarter ended March 31, 2016, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION
ITEM 1. <u>Legal Proceedings</u>
The information contained in note 9 to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements in Part I of this quarterly report is incorporated by reference herein.
ITEM 1A. Risk Factors
In addition to the foregoing and the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which could materially affect the Company's business, financial condition or future results. The risk factors in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K have not materially changed. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.
ITEM 2. <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>
None.
ITEM 3. <u>Defaults upon Senior Securities</u>
None.
ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

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Not applicable.

# ITEM 5. Other Information

None.

## ITEM 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

- 10.1\* Eighth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement among the Company, IntriCon, Inc., IntriCon Tibbetts Corporation and The PrivateBank and Trust Company, dated as of April 15, 2016.
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\*Filed herewith.

+Denotes management contract, compensatory plan or arrangement.

#### **SIGNATURES**

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

# INTRICON CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: May 12, 2016 By:/s/ Mark S. Gorder

Mark S. Gorder

President and Chief Executive

Officer

(principal executive officer)

Date: May 12, 2016 By:/s/ Scott Longval

Scott Longval

Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

(principal financial officer)

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