GREENBRIER COMPANIES INC
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

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

for the quarterly period ended February 28, 2018

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

for the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File No. 1-13146

THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Oregon	**93-0816972**
(State of Incorporation)	**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

One Centerpointe Drive, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, OR 97035

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(503) 684-7000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulations S-T 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, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See definition of large accelerated filer , accelerated filer , smaller reporting company and emerging growth company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer	Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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

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

The number of shares of the registrant s common stock, without par value, outstanding on April 2, 2018 was 32,153,485 shares.

Forward-Looking Statements

From time to time, The Greenbrier Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries (Greenbrier or the Company) or their representatives have made or may make forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including, without limitation, statements as to expectations, beliefs and strategies regarding the future. Such forward-looking statements may be included in, but not limited to, press releases, oral statements made with the approval of an authorized executive officer or in various filings made by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made and are not guarantees of future performance. We undertake no obligations to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

These forward-looking statements rely on a number of assumptions concerning future events and include statements relating to:

- availability of financing sources and borrowing base and loan covenant flexibility for working capital, other business development activities, capital spending and leased railcars for syndication (sale of railcars with lease attached);
- ability to renew, maintain or obtain sufficient credit facilities and financial guarantees on acceptable terms including loan covenants;
- ability to utilize beneficial tax strategies;
- ability to grow our businesses;
- ability to obtain lease and sales contracts which provide adequate protection against attempted modifications or cancellations, changes in interest rates and increased costs of materials and components;
- ability to obtain adequate insurance coverage at acceptable rates;
- ability to convert backlog of railcar orders and obtain and execute lease syndication commitments;
- ability to obtain adequate certification and licensing of products; and
- short-term and long-term revenue and earnings effects of the above items.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from the forward-looking statements:

- fluctuations in demand for newly manufactured railcars or marine barges and for wheels, repair services and parts;
- delays in receipt of orders, risks that contracts may be canceled or modified during their term, not renewed, unenforceable or breached by the customer and that customers may not purchase the amount of products or services under the contracts as anticipated;
- our ability to maintain sufficient availability of credit facilities and to maintain compliance with or to obtain appropriate amendments to covenants under various credit agreements;
- domestic and international economic conditions including such matters as embargoes, quotas, tariffs, or modifications to existing trade agreements;

domestic and international political and security conditions in the United States (U.S.), Europe, Latin America, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and other areas including such matters as terrorism, war, civil disruption and crime;

the policies and priorities of the U.S. or other governments including those concerning international trade, infrastructure and corporate taxation;

sovereign risk related to international governments that includes, but is not limited to, governments stopping payments, repudiating their contracts, nationalizing private businesses and assets or altering foreign exchange regulations;

growth or reduction in the surface transportation industry, the enactment of policies favoring other types of surface transportation over rail transportation or the impact from technological advances;
our ability to maintain good relationships with our labor force, third party labor providers and collective bargaining units representing our direct and indirect labor force;
our ability to maintain good relationships with our customers and suppliers;
our ability to renew or replace expiring customer contracts on satisfactory terms;
our ability to obtain and execute suitable lease contracts for leased railcars for syndication;
steel and specialty component price fluctuations and availability, scrap surcharges, steel scrap prices and other commodity price fluctuations and availability and their impact on product demand and margin;
the delay or failure of acquired businesses or joint ventures, assets, start-up operations, or new products or services to compete successfully;
changes in product mix and the mix of revenue levels among reporting segments;
labor disputes, energy shortages or operating difficulties that might disrupt operations or the flow of cargo;
production difficulties and product delivery delays as a result of, among other matters, costs or inefficiencies associated with expansion, start-up, or changing of production lines or changes in production rates, equipment failures, changing technologies, transfer of production between facilities or non-performance of alliance partners, subcontractors or suppliers;
lower than anticipated lease renewal rates, earnings on utilization-based leases or residual values for owned or managed leased equipment;
discovery of defects in railcars or services resulting in increased warranty costs or litigation;
physical damage, business interruption or product or service liability claims that exceed our insurance coverage;
commencement of and ultimate resolution or outcome of pending or future litigation and investigations;
natural disasters or severe or unusual weather patterns that may affect either us, our suppliers or our customers;
loss of business from, or a decline in the financial condition of, any of the principal customers that represent a significant portion of our total revenues;
competitive factors, including introduction of competitive products, new entrants into certain of our markets, price pressures, limited customer base, and competitiveness of our manufacturing facilities and products;
industry overcapacity and our manufacturing capacity utilization;
decreases or write-downs in carrying value of inventory, goodwill, intangibles or other assets due to impairment;
severance or other costs or charges associated with layoffs, shutdowns, or reducing the size and scope of operations;
changes in future maintenance or warranty requirements;
our ability to adjust to the cyclical nature of the industries in which we operate;
changes in interest rates and financial impacts from interest rates;
our ability and cost to maintain and renew operating permits;
actions or failures to act by various regulatory agencies including changing tank car or other rail car regulations;
potential environmental remediation obligations;
changes in commodity prices, including oil and gas;
risks associated with our intellectual property rights or those of third parties, including infringement, maintenance, protection, validity, enforcement and continued use of such rights;
expansion of warranty and product support terms beyond those which have traditionally prevailed in the rail supply industry;

availability of a trained work force at a reasonable cost and with reasonable terms of employment;
availability and/or price of essential raw materials, specialties or components, including steel castings, to permit manufacture of units on order;
our failure to successfully integrate joint ventures or acquired businesses or complete previously announced transactions;
discovery of previously unknown liabilities associated with acquired businesses;

- the failure of, or our delay in implementing and using, new software or other technologies;
- the impact of cybersecurity risks and the costs of mitigating and responding to a data security breach;
- our ability to replace maturing lease and management services revenue and earnings from equipment sold from our lease fleet with revenue and earnings from new commercial transactions, including new railcar leases, additions to the lease fleet and new management services contracts;
- credit limitations upon our ability to maintain effective hedging programs;
- financial impacts from currency fluctuations and currency hedging activities in our worldwide operations;
- increased costs or other impacts on us or our customers due to changes in legislation, taxes, regulations or accounting pronouncements;
- our ability to effectively execute our business and operating strategies if we become the target of shareholder activism; and
- fraud, misconduct by employees and potential exposure to liabilities under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other anti-corruption laws and regulations.

Any forward-looking statements should be considered in light of these factors. Words such as anticipates, believes, forecast, potential, goal, contemplates, expects, intends, plans, projects, hopes, seeks, estimates, would, should, likely, will, may, can, designed to, future, foreseeable future and similar expressions forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Many of the important factors that will determine these results and values are beyond our ability to control or predict. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which reflect management s opinions only as of the date hereof. Except as otherwise required by law, we do not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

All references to years refer to the fiscal years ended August 31st unless otherwise noted.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Financial Statements
Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, unaudited)

	February 28, 2018	August 31, 2017
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 586,008	$ 611,466
Restricted cash	8,875	8,892
Accounts receivable, net	321,795	279,964
Inventories	408,419	400,127
Leased railcars for syndication	168,748	91,272
Equipment on operating leases, net	258,417	315,941
Property, plant and equipment, net	429,465	428,021
Investment in unconsolidated affiliates	98,009	108,255
Intangibles and other assets, net	83,308	85,177
Goodwill	69,011	68,590
	$ 2,432,055	$ 2,397,705
Liabilities and Equity		
Revolving notes	$ 7,990	$ 4,324
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	461,088	415,061
Deferred income taxes	41,257	75,791
Deferred revenue	85,886	129,260
Notes payable, net	559,755	558,228
Commitments and contingencies (Note 14)		
Contingently redeemable noncontrolling interest	33,046	36,148
Equity:		
Greenbrier		
Preferred stock - without par value; 25,000 shares authorized; none outstanding		
Common stock - without par value; 50,000 shares authorized; 28,732 and 28,503 shares outstanding at February 28, 2018 and August 31, 2017		
Additional paid-in capital	316,073	315,306
Retained earnings	783,495	709,103
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4,121)	(6,279)

Total equity Greenbrier	1,095,447	1,018,130
Noncontrolling interest	147,586	160,763
Total equity	1,243,033	1,178,893
	$ 2,432,055	$ 2,397,705

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Income

(In thousands, except per share amounts, unaudited)

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Revenue				
Manufacturing	$ 511,827	$ 445,504	$ 963,312	$ 899,537
Wheels & Parts	88,710	82,714	166,721	152,349
Leasing & Services	28,799	38,064	58,838	66,710
	629,336	566,282	1,188,871	1,118,596
Cost of revenue				
Manufacturing	429,165	346,653	810,015	703,208
Wheels & Parts	80,708	75,497	153,214	140,475
Leasing & Services	14,116	25,207	30,981	43,237
	523,989	447,357	994,210	886,920
Margin	105,347	118,925	194,661	231,676
Selling and administrative expense	50,294	39,495	97,337	80,708
Net gain on disposition of equipment	(5,817)	(2,090)	(24,988)	(3,212)
Earnings from operations	60,870	81,520	122,312	154,180
Other costs				
Interest and foreign exchange	7,029	5,673	14,049	7,397
Earnings before income taxes and earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates	53,841	75,847	108,263	146,783
Income tax benefit (expense)	11,301	(24,858)	(6,834)	(45,244)
Earnings before earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates	65,142	50,989	101,429	101,539
Earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates	147	(1,988)	(2,763)	(4,572)
Net earnings	65,289	49,001	98,666	96,967
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest	(3,647)	(14,465)	(10,771)	(37,469)
Net earnings attributable to Greenbrier	$ 61,642	$ 34,536	$ 87,895	$ 59,498
Basic earnings per common share	$ 2.10	$ 1.19	$ 3.00	$ 2.04
Diluted earnings per common share	$ 1.91	$ 1.09	$ 2.74	$ 1.88
Weighted average common shares:				
Basic	29,355	29,130	29,343	29,113

Diluted	32,711	32,427	32,703	32,423
Dividends declared per common share	$ 0.23	$ 0.21	$ 0.46	$ 0.42

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THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(In thousands, unaudited)

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net earnings	$ 65,289	$ 49,001	$ 98,666	$ 96,967
Other comprehensive income				
Translation adjustment	4,160	4,010	973	(2,710)
Reclassification of derivative financial instruments recognized in net earnings [1]	(337)	2,828	(665)	3,151
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments [2]	1,007	2,716	1,829	(2,188)
Other (net of tax effect)	44	(849)	25	(850)
	4,874	8,705	2,162	(2,597)
Comprehensive income	70,163	57,706	100,828	94,370
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(3,655)	(14,465)	(10,775)	(37,469)
Comprehensive income attributable to Greenbrier	$ 66,508	$ 43,241	$ 90,053	$ 56,901

1 Net of tax effect of $0.1 million and $0.8 million for the three months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017 and $0.1 million and $0.9 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017.

2 Net of tax effect of $0.4 million and $0.8 million for the three months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017 and $0.7 million and $0.2 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017.

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THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Equity

(In thousands, unaudited)

	Attributable to Greenbrier							
	Common Stock Shares	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Attributable to Greenbrier	Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity	Contingently Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest
Balance September 1, 2017	28,503	$ 315,306	$ 709,103	$ (6,279)	$ 1,018,130	$ 160,763	$ 1,178,893	$ 36,148
Net earnings			87,895		87,895	13,873	101,768	(3,102)
Other comprehensive income, net				2,158	2,158	4	2,162	
Noncontrolling interest adjustments						(2,561)	(2,561)	
Joint venture partner distribution declared						(30,993)	(30,993)	
Investment by joint venture partner						6,500	6,500	
Restricted stock awards (net of cancellations)	229	(4,250)			(4,250)		(4,250)	
Unamortized restricted stock		(950)			(950)		(950)	
Restricted stock amortization		5,967			5,967		5,967	
Cash dividends			(13,503)		(13,503)		(13,503)	
Balance February 28, 2018	28,732	$ 316,073	$ 783,495	$ (4,121)	$ 1,095,447	$ 147,586	$ 1,243,033	$ 33,046

	Attributable to Greenbrier						
	Common Stock Shares	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Attributable to Greenbrier	Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity
Balance September 1, 2016	28,205	$ 282,886	$ 618,178	$ (26,753)	$ 874,311	$ 142,516	$ 1,016,827
Net earnings			59,498		59,498	37,469	96,967

Other comprehensive loss, net				(2,597)	(2,597)		(2,597)
Noncontrolling interest adjustments						(3,255)	(3,255)
Joint venture partner distribution declared						(18,783)	(18,783)
Restricted stock awards (net of cancellations)	195	(1,876)			(1,876)		(1,876)
Unamortized restricted stock		(1,105)			(1,105)		(1,105)
Restricted stock amortization		8,437			8,437		8,437
Tax deficiency from restricted stock awards		(2,453)			(2,453)		(2,453)
Cash dividends			(12,234)		(12,234)		(12,234)
2024 Convertible Senior Notes equity component, net of tax		20,818			20,818		20,818
2024 Convertible Senior Notes issuance costs equity component, net of tax		(715)			(715)		(715)
Balance February 28, 2017	28,400	$ 305,992	$ 665,442	$ (29,350)	$ 942,084	$ 157,947	$ 1,100,031

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THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands, unaudited)

	Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net earnings	$ 98,666	$ 96,967
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Deferred income taxes	(35,080)	2,272
Depreciation and amortization	36,454	30,580
Net gain on disposition of equipment	(24,988)	(3,212)
Accretion of debt discount	2,060	330
Stock based compensation expense	12,574	10,854
Noncontrolling interest adjustments	(2,555)	(3,255)
Other	958	548
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Accounts receivable, net	(25,681)	(67,271)
Inventories	(10,211)	(17,673)
Leased railcars for syndication	(74,129)	37,903
Other	10,434	5,550
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	46,434	1,718
Deferred revenue	(42,589)	(10,468)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(7,653)	84,843
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sales of assets	105,142	19,898
Capital expenditures	(53,503)	(21,194)
Decrease in restricted cash	17	15,583
Investment in and advances to unconsolidated affiliates	(17,739)	(550)
Other	1,207	550
Net cash provided by investing activities	35,124	14,287
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net change in revolving notes with maturities of 90 days or less	3,666	
Proceeds from revolving notes with maturities longer than 90 days		
Repayments of revolving notes with maturities longer than 90 days		
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	13,929	275,000
Repayments of notes payable	(16,056)	(3,719)

Investment by joint venture partner	6,500	
Debt issuance costs		(9,450)
Dividends	(13,546)	(12,138)
Cash distribution to joint venture partner	(41,758)	(19,486)
Tax payments for net share settlement of restricted stock	(5,199)	(2,981)
Excess tax deficiency from restricted stock awards		(2,453)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(52,464)	224,773
Effect of exchange rate changes	(465)	(830)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(25,458)	323,073
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of period	611,466	222,679
End of period	$ 586,008	$ 545,752
Cash paid during the period for		
Interest	$ 9,234	$ 4,944
Income taxes, net	$ 20,789	$ 18,818
Non-cash activity		
Transfer from Leased railcars for syndication to Equipment on operating leases, net	$	$ 6,082
Capital expenditures accrued in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 12,748	$ 4,783
Change in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities associated with cash distributions to joint venture partner	$ 396	$ 703
Change in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities associated with dividends declared	$ 43	$ (96)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

Note 1 Interim Financial Statements

The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of The Greenbrier Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries (Greenbrier or the Company) as of February 28, 2018 and for the three and six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017 have been prepared without audit and reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, operating results and cash flows for the periods indicated. The results of operations for the three and six months ended February 28, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year ending August 31, 2018.

Certain notes and other information have been condensed or omitted from the interim financial statements presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Therefore, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Company s 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Management Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires judgment on the part of management to arrive at estimates and assumptions on matters that are inherently uncertain. These estimates may affect the amount of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities within the financial statements. Estimates and assumptions are periodically evaluated and may be adjusted in future periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Initial Adoption of Accounting Policies In the first quarter of 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting* (ASU 2016-09). This changes how companies account for certain aspects of share-based payments to employees. Excess tax benefits or deficiencies related to vested awards which were previously recognized in stockholders equity are now recognized in the income statement when awards vest. For the six months ended February 28, 2018, the impact of adopting this new guidance was immaterial. Additionally, all tax-related cash flows resulting from stock-based awards are reported as operating activities in the statement of cash flow. Prior to adopting the updated standard, excess tax benefits or deficiencies were reported as financing activities in the statement of cash flows.

Prospective Accounting Changes In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (ASU 2014-09), providing a common revenue recognition model under U.S. GAAP. Under ASU 2014-09, an entity recognizes revenue in a way that depicts the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for the goods or services. It also requires additional disclosures to sufficiently describe the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The new standard may be adopted using either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach. The FASB issued a one year deferral and the new standard is effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those years beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company plans to adopt ASU 2014-09 effective September 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective method. Under this method, the new standard will be applied only to the most current period presented in the financial statements and the cumulative effect of initially applying the standard will result in an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings as of the adoption date. The Company continues to evaluate the requirements of the standard and its impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements and disclosures. The

Company currently expects revenue recognition policies to remain substantially unchanged as a result of adopting ASU 2014-09, although this could change based on the Company s continued evaluation.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-02, *Leases* (ASU 2016-02). The new guidance supersedes existing guidance on accounting for leases in Topic 840 and is intended to increase the transparency and comparability of accounting for lease transactions. ASU 2016-02 requires most leases to be recognized on the balance sheet. Lessees will need to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for virtually all leases. The liability will be equal to the present value of lease payments. The asset will be based on the liability, subject to adjustment, such as for initial direct costs. For income statement purposes, the FASB retained a dual model, requiring leases to be classified as either operating or finance. Lessor accounting remains similar to the current model, but updated to align

with certain changes to the lessee model and the new revenue recognition standard. The ASU will require both quantitative and qualitative disclosures regarding key information about leasing arrangements. The standard is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The new standard must be adopted using a modified retrospective transition, and provides for certain practical expedients. Transition will require application of the new guidance at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. The Company plans to adopt this guidance beginning September 1, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In December 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-18, *Restricted Cash* (ASU 2016-18). This update requires additional disclosure and that the Statement of Cash Flow explain the change during the period in the total cash, cash equivalents and amounts generally described as restricted cash. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash should be included with cash & cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the Statement of Cash Flows. The new guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017 with early adoption permitted. The Company plans to adopt this guidance beginning September 1, 2018.

In August 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2017-12, *Derivatives and Hedging: Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities* (ASU 2017-12). This update improves the financial reporting of hedging relationships to better portray the economic results of an entity s risk management activities in its financial statements and make certain targeted improvements to simplify the application of the hedge accounting guidance. The guidance expands the ability to hedge non-financial and financial risk components, reduces complexity in fair value hedges of interest rate risk, eliminates the requirement to separately measure and report hedge ineffectiveness, as well as eases certain hedge effectiveness assessment requirements. The new guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company plans to adopt this guidance beginning September 1, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

Share Repurchase Program The Board of Directors has authorized the Company to repurchase in aggregate up to $225 million of the Company s common stock. The program may be modified, suspended or discontinued at any time without prior notice and currently has an expiration date of March 31, 2019. Under the share repurchase program, shares of common stock may be purchased on the open market or through privately negotiated transactions from time-to-time. The timing and amount of purchases will be based upon market conditions, securities law limitations and other factors. The share repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares in any period.

The Company did not repurchase any shares during the three and six months ended February 28, 2018. As of February 28, 2018, the Company had cumulatively repurchased 3,206,226 shares for approximately $137.0 million since October 2013 and had $88.0 million available under the share repurchase program.

Note 2 Acquisitions

On June 1, 2017, Greenbrier and Astra Holding GmbH (Astra) contributed their European operations to a newly formed company, Greenbrier-Astra Rail, a Europe-based freight railcar manufacturing, engineering and repair business. As consideration for an approximate 75% controlling interest, Greenbrier agreed to pay Astra 30 million at closing and 30 million 12 months after closing and issue an approximate 25% noncontrolling interest in the new company. The total net assets acquired of $115.8 million includes $38.3 million representing the fair value of the noncontrolling interest at the acquisition date.

Astra also received a put option to sell its entire noncontrolling interest to Greenbrier at an exercise price equal to the higher of fair value or a defined EBITDA multiple as measured on the exercise date. The option is exercisable 30 days prior to and up until June 1, 2022. Due to Astra s redemption right under the put option, the noncontrolling interest has been classified as a Contingently redeemable noncontrolling interest in the mezzanine section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The carrying value of the noncontrolling interest cannot be less than the maximum redemption amount, which is the amount Greenbrier will settle the put option for if exercised. Adjustments to reconcile the carrying value to the maximum redemption amount are recorded to retained earnings. There were no such adjustments during the period ended February 28, 2018.

For the six months ended February 28, 2018, the European operations contributed by Astra generated revenues of $76.9 million and an immaterial loss from operations, which are reported in the Company s consolidated financial statements as part of the Manufacturing segment. The impact of the acquisition was not material to the Company s consolidated results of operations, therefore pro forma financial information has not been included.

The purchase price of the net assets acquired from Astra is allocated as follows:

(in thousands)	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 6,562
Accounts receivable	10,984
Inventories	30,454
Property, plant and equipment	75,296
Intangibles and other assets	17,300
Goodwill	25,746
Total assets acquired	166,342
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	17,879
Deferred income taxes	7,292
Deferred revenue	964
Notes payable	24,382
Total liabilities assumed	50,517
Net assets acquired	$ 115,825

The valuation of certain assets and liabilities in the Astra acquisition is preliminary. Minor adjustments were made to the purchase price allocation during the six months ended February 28, 2018.

Note 3 Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market. Work-in-process includes material, labor and overhead. The following table summarizes the Company s inventory balance:

(In thousands)	February 28, 2018	August 31, 2017
Manufacturing supplies and raw materials	$ 250,495	$ 222,080
Work-in-process	86,442	86,794
Finished goods	76,581	95,389
Excess and obsolete adjustment	(5,099)	(4,136)
	$ 408,419	$ 400,127

Note 4 Intangibles and Other Assets, net

Intangible assets that are determined to have finite lives are amortized over their useful lives. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized and are periodically evaluated for impairment.

The following table summarizes the Company s identifiable intangible and other assets balance:

(In thousands)	February 28, 2018	August 31, 2017
Intangible assets subject to amortization:		
Customer relationships	$ 64,521	$ 64,521
Accumulated amortization	(41,847)	(40,153)
Other intangibles	17,155	20,207
Accumulated amortization	(6,020)	(4,866)
	33,809	39,709
Intangible assets not subject to amortization	4,254	912
Prepaid and other assets	14,676	16,914
Nonqualified savings plan investments	24,710	20,974
Revolving notes issuance costs, net	2,209	2,623
Assets held for sale	3,650	4,045
Total Intangible and other assets, net	$ 83,308	$ 85,177

Amortization expense for the three and six months ended February 28, 2018 was $1.4 million and $2.7 million and for the three and six months ended February 28, 2017 was $0.9 million and $2.6 million. Amortization expense for the years ending August 31, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 is expected to be $5.8 million, $5.4 million, $5.7 million, $5.4 million and $4.0 million.

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Note 5 Revolving Notes

Senior secured credit facilities, consisting of three components, aggregated to $634.1 million as of February 28, 2018.

As of February 28, 2018, a $550.0 million revolving line of credit, maturing October 2020, secured by substantially all the Company s assets in the U.S. not otherwise pledged as security for term loans, was available to provide working capital and interim financing of equipment, principally for the U.S. and Mexican operations. Advances under this facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 1.75% or Prime plus 0.75% depending on the type of borrowing. Available borrowings under the credit facility are generally based on defined levels of inventory, receivables, property, plant and equipment and leased equipment, as well as total debt to consolidated capitalization and fixed charges coverage ratios.

As of February 28, 2018, lines of credit totaling $34.1 million secured by certain of the Company s European assets, with variable rates that range from Warsaw Interbank Offered Rate (WIBOR) plus 1.2% to WIBOR plus 1.3% and Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR) plus 1.1%, were available for working capital needs of the European manufacturing operation. European credit facilities are continually being renewed. Currently these European credit facilities have maturities that range from December 2018 through June 2019.

As of February 28, 2018, the Company s Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture had two lines of credit totaling $50.0 million. The first line of credit provides up to $30.0 million and is fully guaranteed by the Company and its joint venture partner. Advances under this facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.0%. The Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture will be able to draw against this facility through January 2019. The second line of credit provides up to $20.0 million, of which the Company and its joint venture partner have each guaranteed 50%. Advances under this facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.0%. The Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture will be able to draw amounts available under this facility through July 2019.

As of February 28, 2018, outstanding commitments under the senior secured credit facilities consisted of $75.0 million in letters of credit under the North American credit facility and $8.0 million outstanding under the European credit facilities.

As of August 31, 2017, outstanding commitments under the senior secured credit facilities consisted of $77.6 million in letters of credit under the North American credit facility and $4.3 million outstanding under the European credit facilities.

Note 6 Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

(In thousands)	February 28, 2018	August 31, 2017
Trade payables	$ 215,491	$ 180,592
Other accrued liabilities	114,655	111,316
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	85,481	84,749
Accrued warranty	26,977	20,737
Accrued maintenance	18,484	17,667
	$ 461,088	$ 415,061

Note 7 Warranty Accruals

Warranty costs are estimated and charged to operations to cover a defined warranty period. The estimated warranty cost is based on the history of warranty claims for each particular product type. For new product types without a warranty history, preliminary estimates are based on historical information for similar product types. The warranty accruals, included in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, are reviewed periodically and updated based on warranty trends and expirations of warranty periods.

Warranty accrual activity:

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
(In thousands)	2018	2017	2018	2017
Balance at beginning of period	$ 21,952	$ 11,737	$ 20,737	$ 12,159
Charged to cost of revenue, net	5,646	3,288	7,599	3,645
Payments	(1,089)	(495)	(1,840)	(1,132)
Currency translation effect	468	52	481	(90)
Balance at end of period	$ 26,977	$ 14,582	$ 26,977	$ 14,582

Note 8 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax effect as appropriate, consisted of the following:

(In thousands)	Unrealized Gain (loss) on Derivative Financial Instruments	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Other	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
Balance, August 31, 2017	$ 181	$ (5,366)	$ (1,094)	$ (6,279)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	1,829	969	25	2,823
Amounts reclassified from Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(665)			(665)
Balance, February 28, 2018	$ 1,345	$ (4,397)	$ (1,069)	$ (4,121)

The amounts reclassified out of Accumulated other comprehensive loss into the Consolidated Statements of Income, with presentation location, were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Financial Statement Location
(Gain) loss on derivative financial instruments:			
Foreign exchange contracts	$ (546)	$ 3,299	Revenue and cost of revenue
Interest rate swap contracts	106	288	Interest and foreign exchange
	(440)	3,587	Total before tax
	103	(759)	Income tax benefit (expense)
	$ (337)	$ 2,828	Net of tax

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Financial Statement Location
(Gain) loss on derivative financial instruments:			
Foreign exchange contracts	$ (1,057)	$ 3,442	Revenue and cost of revenue
Interest rate swap contracts	273	626	Interest and foreign exchange
	(784)	4,068	Total before tax
	119	(917)	Income tax benefit (expense)

$	(665)	$ 3,151	Net of tax

Note 9 Earnings Per Share

The shares used in the computation of the Company s basic and diluted earnings per common share are reconciled as follows:

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
(In thousands)	2018	2017	2018	2017
Weighted average basic common shares outstanding [1]	29,355	29,130	29,343	29,113
Dilutive effect of 2018 Convertible notes [2]	3,349	3,287	3,340	3,276
Dilutive effect of 2024 Convertible notes [3]				
Dilutive effect of performance based restricted stock units [4]	7	10	20	34
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding	32,711	32,427	32,703	32,423

(1) Restricted stock grants and restricted stock units, including some grants subject to certain performance criteria, are included in weighted average basic common shares outstanding when the Company is in a net earnings position.

(2) The dilutive effect of the 2018 Convertible notes was included as they were considered dilutive under the if converted method as further discussed below.

(3) The 2024 Convertible notes were issued in February 2017. The dilutive effect of the 2024 Convertible notes was excluded for the three and six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017 as the average stock price was less than the applicable conversion price and therefore was considered anti-dilutive.

(4) Restricted stock units subject to performance criteria, for which actual levels of performance above target have been achieved, are included in weighted average diluted common shares outstanding when the Company is in a net earnings position.

Diluted EPS is calculated using the more dilutive of two approaches. The first approach includes the dilutive effect, using the treasury stock method, associated with shares underlying the 2024 Convertible notes and performance based restricted stock units subject to performance criteria, for which actual levels of performance above target have been achieved. The second approach supplements the first by including the if converted effect of the 2018 Convertible notes. Under the if converted method, debt issuance and interest costs, both net of tax, associated with the convertible notes are added back to net earnings and the share count is increased by the shares underlying the convertible notes. The 2024 Convertible notes are included in the calculation of both approaches using the treasury stock method when the average stock price is greater than the applicable conversion price.

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net earnings attributable to Greenbrier	$ 61,642	$ 34,536	$ 87,895	$ 59,498
Add back:				

Interest and debt issuance costs on the 2018 Convertible notes, net of tax	843	733	1,686	1,466
Earnings before interest and debt issuance costs on convertible notes	$ 62,485	$ 35,269	$ 89,581	$ 60,964
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding	32,711	32,427	32,703	32,423
Diluted earnings per share (1)	$ 1.91	$ 1.09	$ 2.74	$ 1.88

(1) Diluted earnings per share was calculated as follows:

Earnings before interest and debt issuance costs (net of tax) on convertible notes

Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding

Note 10 Stock Based Compensation

The value of stock based compensation awards is amortized as compensation expense from the grant date through the earlier of the vesting period or the recipient s eligible retirement date. Awards are expensed upon grant when the recipient s eligible retirement date precedes the grant date.

Stock based compensation expense was $6.6 million and $12.6 million for the three and six months ended February 28, 2018, respectively and $5.5 million and $10.9 million for the three and six months ended February 28, 2017, respectively. Compensation expense is recorded in Selling and administrative expense and Cost of revenue on the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Note 11 Derivative Instruments

Foreign operations give rise to market risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Foreign currency forward exchange contracts with established financial institutions are utilized to hedge a portion of that risk. Interest rate swap agreements are used to reduce the impact of changes in interest rates on certain debt. The Company s foreign currency forward exchange contracts and interest rate swap agreements are designated as cash flow hedges, and therefore the effective portion of unrealized gains and losses is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.

At February 28, 2018 exchange rates, forward exchange contracts for the purchase of Polish Zlotys and the sale of Euros and U.S. Dollars; the purchase of Mexican Pesos and the sale of U.S. Dollars; and for the purchase of U.S. Dollars and the sale of Saudi Riyals aggregated to $205.7 million. The fair value of the contracts is included on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as Accounts payable and accrued liabilities when there is a loss, or as Accounts receivable, net when there is a gain. As the contracts mature at various dates through December 2019, any such gain or loss remaining will be recognized in manufacturing revenue or cost of revenue along with the related transactions. In the event that the underlying transaction does not occur or does not occur in the period designated at the inception of the hedge, the amount classified in accumulated other comprehensive loss would be reclassified to the results of operations in Interest and foreign exchange at the time of occurrence. At February 28, 2018 exchange rates, approximately $0.7 million would be reclassified to revenue or cost of revenue in the next 12 months.

At February 28, 2018, an interest rate swap agreement maturing in March 2020 had a notional amount of $86.9 million. The fair value of the contract is included in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. As interest expense on the underlying debt is recognized, amounts corresponding to the interest rate swap are reclassified from Accumulated other comprehensive loss and charged or credited to interest expense. At February 28, 2018 interest rates, approximately $0.4 million would be reclassified to interest expense in the next 12 months.

Fair Values of Derivative Instruments

	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	February 28, 2018	August 31, 2017	February 28, 2018	August 31, 2017
(In thousands)	Balance sheet location		Balance sheet location	

		Fair Value	Fair Value		Fair Value	Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments						
Foreign forward exchange contracts	Accounts receivable, net	$ 2,158	$ 2,341	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 685	$ 1,761
Interest rate swap contracts	Accounts receivable, net	598		Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1	1,125
		$ 2,756	$ 2,341		$ 686	$ 2,886
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments						
Foreign forward exchange contracts	Accounts receivable, net	$ 1,722	$ 1,473	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 30	$

The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statements of Income

Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships	Location of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivatives	Gain (loss) recognized in income on derivatives six months ended February 28,	
		2018	2017
Foreign forward exchange contract	Interest and foreign exchange	$ 1,933	$ 520
Interest rate swap contracts	Interest and foreign exchange	(1)	23
		$ 1,932	$ 543

Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships	Gain (loss) recognized in OCI on derivatives (effective portion) six months ended February 28,		Location of gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income	Gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income (effective portion) six months ended February 28,		Location of gain (loss) on derivative (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing)	Gain (loss) recognized o derivative (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing) six months ended February 28,	
	2018	2017		2018	2017		2018	2017
Foreign forward exchange contracts	$ 1,222	$ (3,592)	Revenue	$ 1,430	$ (3,096)	Revenue	$ 282	$ (3,355)
Foreign forward exchange contracts	(223)	(435)	Cost of revenue	(373)	(346)	Cost of revenue	196	100
Interest rate swap contracts	1,473	1,464	Interest and foreign exchange	(273)	(626)	Interest and foreign exchange		
	$ 2,472	$ (2,563)		$ 784	$ (4,068)		$ 478	$ (3,255)

Note 12 Segment Information

Greenbrier operates in four reportable segments: Manufacturing; Wheels & Parts; Leasing & Services; and GBW Joint Venture.

The accounting policies of the segments are described in the summary of significant accounting policies in the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in the Company s 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Performance is

evaluated based on Earnings from operations. Corporate includes selling and administrative costs not directly related to goods and services and certain costs that are intertwined among segments due to our integrated business model. The Company does not allocate Interest and foreign exchange or Income tax expense for either external or internal reporting purposes. Intersegment sales and transfers are valued as if the sales or transfers were to third parties. Related revenue and margin are eliminated in consolidation and therefore are not included in consolidated results in the Company s Consolidated Financial Statements.

The information in the following table is derived directly from the segments internal financial reports used for corporate management purposes. The results of operations for the GBW Joint Venture are not reflected in the tables below as the investment is accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

For the three months ended February 28, 2018:

	Revenue			Earnings (loss) from operations		
(In thousands)	External	Intersegment	Total	External	Intersegment	Total
Manufacturing	$ 511,827	$ 13,948	$ 525,775	$ 63,185	$ 3,415	$ 66,600
Wheels & Parts	88,710	8,951	97,661	5,119	780	5,899
Leasing & Services	28,799	4,365	33,164	16,114	3,794	19,908
Eliminations		(27,264)	(27,264)		(7,989)	(7,989)
Corporate				(23,548)		(23,548)
	$ 629,336	$	$ 629,336	$ 60,870	$	$ 60,870

For the six months ended
February 28, 2018:

	Revenue			Earnings (loss) from operations		
(In thousands)	External	Intersegment	Total	External	Intersegment	Total
Manufacturing	$ 963,312	$ 30,752	$ 994,064	$ 116,154	$ 7,601	$ 123,755
Wheels & Parts	166,721	16,683	183,404	7,537	1,528	9,065
Leasing & Services	58,838	5,970	64,808	44,304	5,166	49,470
Eliminations		(53,405)	(53,405)		(14,295)	(14,295)
Corporate				(45,683)		(45,683)
	$ 1,188,871	$	$ 1,188,871	$ 122,312	$	$ 122,312

For the three months ended
February 28, 2017:

	Revenue			Earnings (loss) from operations		
(In thousands)	External	Intersegment	Total	External	Intersegment	Total
Manufacturing	$ 445,504	$	$ 445,504	$ 85,369	$	$ 85,369
Wheels & Parts	82,714	7,233	89,947	5,569	512	6,081
Leasing & Services	38,064	2,112	40,176	9,889	1,924	11,813
Eliminations		(9,345)	(9,345)		(2,436)	(2,436)
Corporate				(19,307)		(19,307)
	$ 566,282	$	$ 566,282	$ 81,520	$	$ 81,520

For the six months ended
February 28, 2017:

	Revenue			Earnings (loss) from operations		
(In thousands)	External	Intersegment	Total	External	Intersegment	Total
Manufacturing	$ 899,537	$	$ 899,537	$ 168,710	$	$ 168,710
Wheels & Parts	152,349	14,434	166,783	8,463	1,124	9,587
Leasing & Services	66,710	7,446	74,156	17,279	7,174	24,453
Eliminations		(21,880)	(21,880)		(8,298)	(8,298)
Corporate				(40,272)		(40,272)
	$ 1,118,596	$	$ 1,118,596	$ 154,180	$	$ 154,180

	Total assets	
(In thousands)	February 28, 2018	August 31, 2017
Manufacturing	$ 911,505	$ 914,450
Wheels & Parts	260,077	236,315
Leasing & Services	565,626	535,323
Unallocated	694,847	711,617
	$ 2,432,055	$ 2,397,705

Reconciliation of Earnings from operations to Earnings before income tax and earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates:

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
(In thousands)	2018	2017	2018	2017
Earnings from operations	$ 60,870	$ 81,520	$ 122,312	$ 154,180
Interest and foreign exchange	7,029	5,673	14,049	7,397
Earnings before income tax and earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates	$ 53,841	$ 75,847	$ 108,263	$ 146,783

The Company has a 50% ownership interest in the GBW Joint Venture and accounts for its interest under the equity method of accounting. The Company s 50% share of the results of operations are included in Earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates in the Consolidated Statement of Income and its investment is included in Investments in unconsolidated affiliates in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The GBW Joint Venture is Greenbrier s fourth reportable segment. Information included in the tables below represent totals for GBW Railcar Services LLC (GBW) rather than Greenbrier s 50% share, as this is how performance and resource allocation is evaluated.

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Six Months Ended February 28,	
(In thousands)	2018	2017	2018	2017
Revenue	$ 62,685	$ 64,249	$ 120,685	$ 134,502
Loss from operations	$ (5,460)	$ (6,901)	$ (11,204)	$ (11,463)

	Total Assets	
	February 28, 2018	August 31, 2017
GBW [1]	$ 208,522	$ 206,009

[1] Includes goodwill and intangible assets of $77.5 million and $78.8 million as of February 28, 2018 and August 31, 2017.

Note 13 Income Taxes

The enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Tax Act) on December 22, 2017 significantly changed U.S. federal income tax law. The changes with the largest effects on the Company were the reduction of the statutory federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018 and the imposition of a transition tax on foreign earnings not previously subject to U.S. taxation. As a result of the Company s fiscal year, the Company s statutory federal corporate rate is a blended rate of 25.7% in 2018, which will be reduced to 21% in 2019 and thereafter.

Deferred income taxes were remeasured as a result of the new statutory rate, resulting in a tax benefit of $34.3 million for the three and six months ended February 28, 2018.

The Tax Act requires the Company to accrue a transition tax in its 2018 taxable income on foreign earnings not previously subject to U.S. taxation. The transition tax resulted in a tax expense of $11.5 million for the three and six months ended February 28, 2018. The Company intends to pay this transition tax over eight years as permitted by the Tax Act. Notwithstanding this deemed inclusion in taxable income, any actual repatriation of these foreign earnings would be accompanied by foreign withholding taxes. The Company does not intend to repatriate these foreign earnings and continues to assert that its foreign earnings are indefinitely reinvested.

The Tax Act also imposed a tax on global intangible low-taxed income (GILTI tax) for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, which is applicable to the Company beginning in 2019.

Staff Accounting Bulletin 118, issued by the SEC on the date of the Tax Act, allows registrants to record provisional amounts related to the Tax Act during a measurement period that will end at the earlier of one year from the date of the enactment of the Tax Act or whenever the registrant has obtained and analyzed the information necessary to finalize its accounting. The amounts that were recorded in the three and six months ended February 28, 2018 for the remeasurement of deferred income taxes and for the transition tax are provisional amounts. Both were recorded as discrete items of tax expense or benefit. These amounts may be revised in subsequent quarters as further information is obtained and analyzed.

The table below reconciles the effects of the Tax Act discussed above on the effective tax rate for the six months ended February 28, 2018:

Effective tax rate before the Tax Act	33.0%
Benefit from reduction in statutory federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 25.7%	(5.6)
Effective tax rate before discrete items	27.4
Discrete benefit from revaluation of deferred income taxes	(31.7)
Discrete expense from transition tax	10.6
Effective tax rate	6.3%

Note 14 Commitments and Contingencies

The Company s Portland, Oregon manufacturing facility is located adjacent to the Willamette River. In December 2000, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classified portions of the Willamette River bed known as the Portland Harbor, including the portion fronting the Company s manufacturing facility, as a federal National Priority List or Superfund site due to sediment contamination (the Portland Harbor Site). The Company and more than 140 other parties have received a General Notice of potential liability from the EPA relating to the Portland Harbor Site. The letter advised the Company that it may be liable for the costs of investigation and remediation (which liability may be joint and several with other potentially responsible parties) as well as for natural resource damages resulting from releases of hazardous substances to the site. Ten private and public entities, including the Company (the Lower Willamette Group or LWG), signed an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to perform a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) of the Portland Harbor Site under EPA oversight, and several additional entities have not signed such consent, but nevertheless contributed money to the effort. The EPA-mandated RI/FS was produced by the LWG and cost over $110 million during a 17-year period. The Company bore a percentage of the total costs incurred by the LWG in connection with the investigation. The Company s aggregate expenditure during the 17-year period was not material. Some or all of any such outlay may be recoverable from other responsible parties. The LWG requested on October 18, 2017 that the AOC be terminated since the EPA issued its Record of Decision (ROD) for the Portland Harbor Site on January 6, 2017. On October 26, 2017, the EPA project manager approved that request.

Separate from the process described above which focused on the type of remediation to be performed at the Portland Harbor Site and the schedule for such remediation, 83 parties, including the State of Oregon and the federal government, entered into a non-judicial mediation process to try to allocate costs associated with remediation of the

Portland Harbor site. Approximately 110 additional parties signed tolling agreements related to such allocations. On April 23, 2009, the Company and the other AOC signatories filed suit against 69 other parties due to a possible limitations period for some such claims; *Arkema Inc. et al v. A & C Foundry Products, Inc. et al*, U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, Case #3:09-cv-453-PK. All but 12 of these parties elected to sign tolling agreements and be dismissed without prejudice, and the case has been stayed by the court. The allocation process is continuing in parallel with the process to define the remediation steps.

The EPA s January 6, 2017 ROD identifies a clean-up remedy that the EPA estimates will take 13 years of active remediation, followed by 30 years of monitoring with an estimated undiscounted cost of $1.7 billion. The EPA typically expects its cost estimates to be accurate within a range of -30% to +50%, but this ROD states that changes in costs are likely to occur as a result of new data it wants to collect over a 2-year period prior to final remedy design. The ROD identifies 13 Sediment Decision Units. One of the units, RM9W, includes the nearshore area of the river sediments offshore of the Company s Portland, Oregon manufacturing facility as well as upstream and downstream of the facility. It also includes a portion of the Company s riverbank. The ROD does not break down total remediation costs by Sediment Decision Unit. The EPA s ROD concluded that more data was needed to better define clean-up

scope and cost. On December 8, 2017, the EPA announced that Portland Harbor is one of 21 Superfund sites targeted for greater attention. On December 19, 2017, the EPA announced that it had entered a new AOC with a group of four potentially responsible parties to conduct additional sampling during 2018 and 2019 to provide more certainty about clean-up costs and aid the mediation process to allocate those costs. The parties to the mediation, including the Company, have agreed to help fund the additional sampling.

The ROD does not address responsibility for the costs of clean-up, nor does it allocate such costs among the potentially responsible parties. Responsibility for funding and implementing the EPA s selected cleanup remedy will be determined at an unspecified later date. Based on the investigation to date, the Company believes that it did not contribute in any material way to contamination in the river sediments or the damage of natural resources in the Portland Harbor Site and that the damage in the area of the Portland Harbor Site adjacent to its property precedes its ownership of the Portland, Oregon manufacturing facility. Because these environmental investigations are still underway, including the collection of new pre-remedial design sampling data by EPA, sufficient information is currently not available to determine the Company s liability, if any, for the cost of any required remediation or restoration of the Portland Harbor Site or to estimate a range of potential loss. Based on the results of the pending investigations and future assessments of natural resource damages, the Company may be required to incur costs associated with additional phases of investigation or remedial action, and may be liable for damages to natural resources. In addition, the Company may be required to perform periodic maintenance dredging in order to continue to launch vessels from its launch ways in Portland, Oregon, on the Willamette River, and the river s classification as a Superfund site could result in some limitations on future dredging and launch activities. Any of these matters could adversely affect the Company s business and Consolidated Financial Statements, or the value of its Portland property.

On January 30, 2017 the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Yakama Nation sued 33 parties including the Company as well as the United States and the State of Oregon for costs it incurred in assessing alleged natural resource damages to the Columbia River from contaminants deposited in Portland Harbor. *Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation v. Air Liquide America Corp., et al.,* United States Court for the District of Oregon Case No. 3i17-CV-00164-SB. The Company, along with many of the other defendants, has moved to dismiss the case. That motion is pending. The complaint does not specify the amount of damages the Plaintiff will seek.

The Company has entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in which the Company agreed to conduct an investigation of whether, and to what extent, past or present operations at the Portland property may have released hazardous substances into the environment. The Company has also signed an Order on Consent with the DEQ to finalize the investigation of potential onsite sources of contamination that may have a release pathway to the Willamette River. Interim precautionary measures are also required in the order and the Company is discussing with the DEQ potential remedial actions which may be required. The Company s aggregate expenditure has not been material, however the Company could incur significant expenses for remediation. Some or all of any such outlay may be recoverable from other responsible parties.

In the quarter ended November 30, 2016, the Company received an adverse judgment of approximately $15 million on one matter related to commercial litigation in a foreign jurisdiction. The judgment was reversed on appeal and the case was remanded to the trial court. In June 2017 the court issued a new judgment against the Company of approximately $10 million. The judgment was affirmed on appeal. The Company has settled the litigation for less than the judgment and expects final dismissal of the case in the ordinary course.

From time to time, Greenbrier is involved as a defendant in litigation in the ordinary course of business, the outcomes of which cannot be predicted with certainty. While the ultimate outcome of such legal proceedings cannot be

determined at this time, the Company believes that the resolution of pending litigation will not have a material adverse effect on the Company s Consolidated Financial Statements.

As of February 28, 2018, the Company had outstanding letters of credit aggregating $75.0 million associated with performance guarantees, facility leases and workers compensation insurance.

As of February 28, 2018, the Company had a $42.5 million note receivable balance from GBW which is included on the Consolidated Balance Sheet in Accounts receivable, net. The Company may make additional capital contributions or loans to GBW, an unconsolidated 50/50 joint venture, in the future.

As of February 28, 2018, the Company had a $10.0 million note receivable from Amsted-Maxion Cruzeiro, its unconsolidated Brazilian castings and components manufacturer and a $9.1 million note receivable balance from Greenbrier-Maxion, its unconsolidated Brazilian railcar manufacturer. These note receivables are included on the Consolidated Balance Sheet in Accounts receivable, net. In the future, the Company may make loans to or provide guarantees for Amsted-Maxion Cruzeiro or Greenbrier-Maxion.

Note 15 Fair Value Measures

Certain assets and liabilities are reported at fair value on either a recurring or nonrecurring basis. Fair value, for this disclosure, is defined as an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, under a three-tier fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1 - observable inputs such as unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments;

Level 2 - inputs, other than the quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments, which are observable, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 - unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data available, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of February 28, 2018 were:

(In thousands)	Total	Level 1	Level 2 [1]	Level 3
Assets:				
Derivative financial instruments	$ 4,478	$	$ 4,478	$
Nonqualified savings plan investments	24,710	24,710		
Cash equivalents	105,791	105,791		
	$ 134,979	$ 130,501	$ 4,478	$
Liabilities:				
Derivative financial instruments	$ 716	$	$ 716	$

(1) Level 2 assets and liabilities include derivative financial instruments that are valued based on observable inputs. See Note 11 Derivative Instruments for further discussion.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of August 31, 2017 were:

(In thousands)	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3

Assets:				
Derivative financial instruments	$ 3,814	$	$ 3,814	$
Nonqualified savings plan investments	20,974	20,974		
Cash equivalents	105,337	105,337		
	$ 130,125	$ 126,311	$ 3,814	$
Liabilities:				
Derivative financial instruments	$ 2,886	$	$ 2,886	$

Note 16 Related Party Transactions

In June 2017, the Company purchased a 40% interest in the common equity of an entity that buys and sells railcar assets that are leased to third parties. The railcars sold to this leasing warehouse are principally built by Greenbrier. The Company accounts for this leasing warehouse investment under the equity method of accounting. As of February 28, 2018, the carrying amount of the investment was $5.3 million which is classified in Investment in unconsolidated affiliates in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. Upon sale of railcars to this entity from Greenbrier, 60% of the related revenue and margin is recognized and 40% is deferred until the railcars are ultimately sold by the entity. During the six months ended February 28, 2018, the Company recognized $16 million in revenue associated with railcars sold into the leasing warehouse and an additional $41 million associated with railcars sold out of the leasing warehouse. The Company also provides administrative and remarketing services to this entity and earns management fees for these services which were minor for the six months ended February 28, 2018.

Note 17 Subsequent Event

The Company s 3.5% convertible senior notes due 2018 had a balance of $119.1 million at February 28, 2018. These notes matured on March 30, 2018 with a conversion price of $35.47. The conversion of these notes resulted in the issuance of an additional 3.4 million shares of the Company s common stock. These additional shares have historically been included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
Executive Summary

We operate in four reportable segments: Manufacturing; Wheels & Parts; Leasing & Services; and GBW Joint Venture. Our segments are operationally integrated. The Manufacturing segment, which currently operates from facilities in the U.S., Mexico, Poland and Romania, produces double-stack intermodal railcars, tank cars, conventional railcars, automotive railcar products and marine vessels. The Wheels & Parts segment performs wheel and axle servicing, as well as production of a variety of parts for the railroad industry in North America. The Leasing & Services segment owns approximately 8,400 railcars (5,900 railcars held as equipment on operating leases, 2,400 held as leased railcars for syndication and 100 held as finished goods inventory) and provides management services for approximately 359,000 railcars for railroads, shippers, carriers, institutional investors and other leasing and transportation companies in North America as of February 28, 2018. The GBW Joint Venture segment provides repair services across North America, including facilities certified by the AAR. The results of GBW s operations are included as part of Earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates as we account for our interest under the equity method of accounting. Through other unconsolidated affiliates we produce rail and industrial castings, tank heads and other components and have an ownership stake in a railcar manufacturer in Brazil and a leasing warehouse.

Our total manufacturing backlog of railcar units as of February 28, 2018 was approximately 24,100 units with an estimated value of $2.29 billion, of which 20,700 units are for direct sales and 3,400 units are for lease to third parties. Approximately 3% of backlog units and the estimated value as of February 28, 2018 was associated with our Brazilian manufacturing operations which is accounted for under the equity method. Backlog units for lease may be syndicated to third parties or held in our own fleet depending on a variety of factors. Multi-year supply agreements are a part of rail industry practice. A portion of the orders included in backlog reflects an assumed product mix. Under terms of the orders, the exact mix and pricing will be determined in the future, which may impact the dollar amount of backlog. Marine backlog as of February 28, 2018 was $9 million.

Our backlog of railcar units and marine vessels is not necessarily indicative of future results of operations. Certain orders in backlog are subject to customary documentation and completion of terms. Customers may attempt to cancel or modify orders in backlog. Historically, little variation has been experienced between the quantity ordered and the quantity actually delivered, though the timing of deliveries may be modified from time to time. We cannot guarantee that our reported backlog will convert to revenue in any particular period, if at all.

Three Months Ended February 28, 2018 Compared to Three Months Ended February 28, 2017

Overview

Revenue, cost of revenue, margin and operating profit presented below, include amounts from external parties and exclude intersegment activity that is eliminated in consolidation.

	Three Months Ended February 28,	
(In thousands)	2018	2017
Revenue:		
Manufacturing	$ 511,827	$ 445,504
Wheels & Parts	88,710	82,714
Leasing & Services	28,799	38,064
	629,336	566,282
Cost of revenue:		
Manufacturing	429,165	346,653
Wheels & Parts	80,708	75,497
Leasing & Services	14,116	25,207
	523,989	447,357
Margin:		
Manufacturing	82,662	98,851
Wheels & Parts	8,002	7,217
Leasing & Services	14,683	12,857
	105,347	118,925
Selling and administrative	50,294	39,495
Net gain on disposition of equipment	(5,817)	(2,090)
Earnings from operations	60,870	81,520
Interest and foreign exchange	7,029	5,673
Earnings before income taxes and earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates	53,841	75,847
Income tax benefit (expense)	11,301	(24,858)
Earnings before earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates	65,142	50,989
Earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates	147	(1,988)
Net earnings	65,289	49,001
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest	(3,647)	(14,465)

Net earnings attributable to Greenbrier	$ 61,642	$ 34,536
Diluted earnings per common share	$ 1.91	$ 1.09

Performance for our segments is evaluated based on operating profit. Corporate includes selling and administrative costs not directly related to goods and services and certain costs that are intertwined among segments due to our integrated business model. Management does not allocate Interest and foreign exchange or Income tax expense for either external or internal reporting purposes.

	Three Months Ended February 28,	
(In thousands)	2018	2017
Operating profit (loss):		
Manufacturing	$ 63,185	$ 85,369
Wheels & Parts	5,119	5,569
Leasing & Services	16,114	9,889
Corporate	(23,548)	(19,307)
	$ 60,870	$ 81,520

Consolidated Results

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	$ 629,336	$ 566,282	$ 63,054	11.1%
Cost of revenue	$ 523,989	$ 447,357	$ 76,632	17.1%
Margin (%)	16.7%	21.0%	(4.3%)	*
Net earnings attributable to Greenbrier	$ 61,642	$ 34,536	$ 27,106	78.5%

* Not meaningful

Through our integrated business model, we provide a broad range of custom products and services in each of our segments, which have various average selling prices and margins. The demand for and mix of products and services delivered changes from period to period, which causes fluctuations in our results of operations.

The 11.1% increase in revenue for the three months ended February 28, 2018 as compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017 was primarily due to a 14.9% increase in Manufacturing revenue. The increase in Manufacturing revenue was primarily due to a 10.3% increase in deliveries and a change in product mix. The increase was also attributed to a 7.2% increase in Wheels & Parts revenue as a result of higher wheel set and component volumes due to an increase in demand and an increase in scrap metal pricing. The overall increase in revenue was partially offset by a 24.3% decrease in Leasing & Services revenue primarily attributed to a decrease in the sale of railcars which we had purchased from third parties with the intent to resell them and a decline in leasing revenue due to fewer railcars on operating leases as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

The 17.1% increase in cost of revenue for the three months ended February 28, 2018 as compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017 was due to a 23.8% increase in Manufacturing cost of revenue. The increase in Manufacturing cost of revenue was primarily due to a 10.3% increase in the volume of railcar deliveries and a change in product mix. The increase was also attributed to a 6.9% increase in Wheels & Parts cost of revenue, primarily due to higher wheel set and component costs associated with increased volumes. The overall increase in cost of revenue was partially offset by a 44.0% decrease in Leasing & Services cost of revenue primarily due to a decrease in costs associated with a decline in the volume of railcars sold that we purchased from third parties and fewer railcars on operating leases as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

Margin as a percentage of revenue was 16.7% and 21.0% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The overall margin as a percentage of revenue was negatively impacted by a decrease in Manufacturing margin to 16.2% from 22.2% primarily attributed to a change in product mix. This was partially offset by an increase in Leasing & Services margin to 51.0% from 33.8% as a result of higher management services margin from lower maintenance costs and a higher average volume of rent-producing leased railcars for syndication.

The $27.1 million increase in net earnings for the three months ended February 28, 2018 as compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017 was primarily attributable to a reduction in the tax rate due to the Tax Act. See Note 13 Income Taxes for further discussion of the impact of the Tax Act.

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Manufacturing Segment

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	$ 511,827	$ 445,504	$ 66,323	14.9%
Cost of revenue	$ 429,165	$ 346,653	$ 82,512	23.8%
Margin (%)	16.2%	22.2%	(6.0%)	*
Operating profit ($)	$ 63,185	$ 85,369	$ (22,184)	(26.0%)
Operating profit (%)	12.3%	19.2%	(6.9%)	*
Deliveries	4,300	3,900	400	10.3%

* Not meaningful

As of June 1, 2017, the Manufacturing segment included the results of Greenbrier-Astra Rail which is consolidated for financial reporting purposes.

Manufacturing revenue increased $66.3 million or 14.9% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The increase in revenue was primarily attributed to a 10.3% increase in deliveries and a change in product mix.

Manufacturing cost of revenue increased $82.5 million or 23.8% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The increase in cost of revenue was primarily attributed to a 10.3% increase in the volume of railcar deliveries and a change in product mix.

Manufacturing margin as a percentage of revenue decreased 6.0% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily attributed to a change in product mix.

Manufacturing operating profit decreased $22.2 million or 26.0% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily attributed to lower margins and increased costs associated with expanded international operations. This was partially offset by an increase in the volume of railcar deliveries.

Wheels & Parts Segment

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	$ 88,710	$ 82,714	$ 5,996	7.2%
Cost of revenue	$ 80,708	$ 75,497	$ 5,211	6.9%
Margin (%)	9.0%	8.7%	0.3%	*
Operating profit ($)	$ 5,119	$ 5,569	$ (450)	(8.1%)
Operating profit (%)	5.8%	6.7%	(0.9%)	*

* Not meaningful

Wheels & Parts revenue increased $6.0 million or 7.2% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily as a result of higher wheel set and component volumes due to an increase in demand and an increase in scrap metal pricing. These were partially offset by a decrease in parts volume.

Wheels & Parts cost of revenue increased $5.2 million or 6.9% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily attributed to higher wheel set and component costs associated with increased volumes. This was partially offset by a decrease in parts volume.

Wheels & Parts margin as a percentage of revenue increased 0.3% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily attributed to higher wheel set and component volumes and an increase in scrap metal pricing. This was partially offset by a less favorable parts product mix.

Wheels & Parts operating profit decreased $0.5 million or 8.1% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily attributed to higher employee related costs partially offset by an increase in margin.

Leasing & Services Segment

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	$ 28,799	$ 38,064	$ (9,265)	(24.3%)
Cost of revenue	$ 14,116	$ 25,207	$ (11,091)	(44.0%)
Margin (%)	51.0%	33.8%	17.2%	*
Operating profit ($)	$ 16,114	$ 9,889	$ 6,225	62.9%
Operating profit (%)	56.0%	26.0%	30.0%	*

* Not meaningful

The Leasing & Services segment primarily generates revenue from leasing railcars from its lease fleet and providing various management services. We also earn revenue from rent-producing leased railcars for syndication, which are held short term and classified as Leased railcars for syndication on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. From time to time, railcars are purchased from third parties with the intent to resell them. The gross proceeds from the sale of these railcars are recorded in revenue and the cost of purchasing these railcars are recorded in cost of revenue.

Leasing & Services revenue decreased $9.3 million or 24.3% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily attributed to a decrease in the sale of railcars which we had purchased from third parties with the intent to resell them and a decline in leasing revenue due to fewer railcars on operating leases as we rebalance our lease portfolio. This was partially offset by higher management services revenue from new service agreements and a higher average volume of rent-producing leased railcars for syndication.

Leasing & Services cost of revenue decreased $11.1 million or 44.0% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in costs associated with a decline in the volume of railcars sold that we purchased from third parties and fewer railcars on operating leases as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

Leasing & Services margin as a percentage of revenue increased 17.2% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily attributed to higher management services margin from lower maintenance costs and a higher average volume of rent-producing leased railcars for syndication. This was partially offset by lower margins from railcars that we purchased from third parties with the intent to resell them.

Leasing & Services operating profit increased $6.2 million or 62.9% for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the three months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily attributed to a $4.2 million increase in net gain on disposition of equipment and a $1.8 million increase in margin. The increase in net gain on disposition of equipment for the three months ended February 28, 2018 was related to higher volumes of equipment sales as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

The percentage of owned units on lease was 92.2% at February 28, 2018 compared to 93.8% at February 28, 2017.

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GBW Joint Venture Segment

To reflect our 50% share of GBW s net results, we recorded losses of $1.9 million and $2.0 million for the three months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively in Earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates. The losses related to GBW were due to low volumes of repair work.

Selling and Administrative Expense

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Increase	%
(In thousands)	2018	2017	(Decrease)	Change
Selling and administrative expense	$ 50,294	$ 39,495	$ 10,799	27.3%

Selling and administrative expense was $50.3 million or 8.0% of revenue for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to $39.5 million or 7.0% of revenue for the prior comparable period. The $10.8 million increase was primarily attributed to $4.3 million in employee costs, $2.8 million in legal, consulting and related costs primarily associated with strategic business development, litigation and IT initiatives and $2.8 million from the addition of Astra Rail s selling and administrative costs.

Net Gain on Disposition of Equipment

Net gain on disposition of equipment was $5.8 million for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to $2.1 million for the prior comparable period.

Net gain on disposition of equipment includes the sale of assets from our lease fleet (Equipment on operating leases, net) that are periodically sold in the normal course of business in order to take advantage of market conditions and to manage risk and liquidity and disposition of property, plant and equipment. The net gain on disposition of equipment for the three months ended February 28, 2018 primarily relates to higher volumes of equipment sales as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

Other Costs

Interest and foreign exchange expense was composed of the following:

	Three Months Ended February 28,		Increase
(In thousands)	2018	2017	(Decrease)
Interest and foreign exchange:			
Interest and other expense	$ 7,895	$ 4,777	$ 3,118
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	(866)	896	(1,762)
	$ 7,029	$ 5,673	$ 1,356

The $1.4 million increase in interest and foreign exchange expense from the prior comparable period was primarily attributed to interest expense associated with the $275 million convertible senior notes due 2024 issued in February 2017 and additional interest expense due to the addition of Astra Rail. This was partially offset by a $0.9 million foreign exchange gain in the current year compared to a $0.9 million foreign exchange loss in the prior comparable period. The $1.8 million change in foreign exchange (gain) loss was primarily attributed to the change in the Mexican Peso relative to the U.S. Dollar.

Income Tax

The effective tax rate for the three months ended February 28, 2018 was a 21.0% benefit compared to a 32.8% expense for the three months ended February 28, 2017. The change in the tax rate was primarily due to the enactment of the Tax Act on December 22, 2017. Without the impact of the Tax Act, the tax rate for the three months ended February 28, 2018 would have been the same as the prior year.

The Tax Act made significant changes to the U.S. federal income tax laws, including, but not limited to, a reduction of the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% and a transition tax on foreign earnings not previously subject to U.S. taxation. As a result of our fiscal year end, our statutory rate is 25.7% for 2018. See Note 13 Income Taxes for further discussion of the impact of the Tax Act.

Earnings (Loss) From Unconsolidated Affiliates

Earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates primarily included our share of after-tax results from our GBW joint venture, our Brazil operations which includes a castings joint venture and a railcar manufacturing joint venture, our leasing warehouse investment, our North American castings joint venture and our tank head joint venture.

Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates was $0.1 million for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to a loss from unconsolidated affiliates of $2.0 million for the three months ended February 28, 2017. The $2.1 million increase in earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates was primarily attributed to an increase in earnings at our Brazilian railcar manufacturing joint venture, our tank head joint venture and our new leasing warehouse investment.

Noncontrolling Interest

Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest was $3.6 million for the three months ended February 28, 2018 compared to $14.5 million in the prior comparable period. These amounts primarily represent our Mexican partner s share of the results of operations of our Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture, adjusted for intercompany sales. The three months ended February 28, 2018 also included our European partner s share of the results of Greenbrier-Astra Rail. The decrease of $10.9 million from the prior year is primarily a result of lower margins at our Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture.

Six Months Ended February 28, 2018 Compared to Six Months Ended February 28, 2017

Overview

Revenue, cost of revenue, margin and operating profit presented below, include amounts from external parties and exclude intersegment activity that is eliminated in consolidation.

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017
Revenue:		
Manufacturing	$ 963,312	$ 899,537
Wheels & Parts	166,721	152,349
Leasing & Services	58,838	66,710
	1,188,871	1,118,596
Cost of revenue:		
Manufacturing	810,015	703,208
Wheels & Parts	153,214	140,475
Leasing & Services	30,981	43,237
	994,210	886,920
Margin:		
Manufacturing	153,297	196,329
Wheels & Parts	13,507	11,874
Leasing & Services	27,857	23,473
	194,661	231,676
Selling and administrative	97,337	80,708
Net gain on disposition of equipment	(24,988)	(3,212)
Earnings from operations	122,312	154,180
Interest and foreign exchange	14,049	7,397
Earnings before income taxes and loss from unconsolidated affiliates	108,263	146,783
Income tax expense	(6,834)	(45,244)
Earnings before loss from unconsolidated affiliates	101,429	101,539
Loss from unconsolidated affiliates	(2,763)	(4,572)
Net earnings	98,666	96,967
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest	(10,771)	(37,469)

Net earnings attributable to Greenbrier	$ 87,895	$ 59,498
Diluted earnings per common share	$ 2.74	$ 1.88

Performance for our segments is evaluated based on operating profit. Corporate includes selling and administrative costs not directly related to goods and services and certain costs that are intertwined among segments due to our integrated business model. Management does not allocate Interest and foreign exchange or Income tax expense for either external or internal reporting purposes.

	Six Months Ended February 28,	
(In thousands)	2018	2017
Operating profit (loss):		
Manufacturing	$ 116,154	$ 168,710
Wheels & Parts	7,537	8,463
Leasing & Services	44,304	17,279
Corporate	(45,683)	(40,272)
	$ 122,312	$ 154,180

Consolidated Results

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	$ 1,188,871	$ 1,118,596	$ 70,275	6.3%
Cost of revenue	$ 994,210	$ 886,920	$ 107,290	12.1%
Margin (%)	16.4%	20.7%	(4.3%)	*
Net earnings attributable to Greenbrier	$ 87,895	$ 59,498	$ 28,397	47.7%

* Not meaningful

Through our integrated business model, we provide a broad range of custom products and services in each of our segments, which have various average selling prices and margins. The demand for and mix of products and services delivered changes from period to period, which causes fluctuations in our results of operations.

The 6.3% increase in revenue for the six months ended February 28, 2018 as compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017 was primarily due to a 7.1% increase in Manufacturing revenue. The increase in Manufacturing revenue was primarily due to a 5.1% increase in deliveries and a change in product mix. The increase was also attributed to a 9.4% increase in Wheels & Parts revenue as a result of higher wheel set and component volumes due to an increase in demand and an increase in scrap metal pricing. The overall increase in revenue was partially offset by an 11.8% decrease in Leasing & Services revenue primarily attributed to a decrease in the sale of railcars which we had purchased from third parties with the intent to resell them and a decline in leasing revenue due to fewer railcars on operating leases as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

The 12.1% increase in cost of revenue for the six months ended February 28, 2018 as compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017 was due to a 15.2% increase in Manufacturing cost of revenue. The increase in Manufacturing cost of revenue was primarily due to a 5.1% increase in the volume of railcar deliveries and a change in product mix. The increase was also attributed to a 9.1% increase in Wheels & Parts cost of revenue, primarily due to higher wheel set and component costs associated with increased volumes. The overall increase in cost of revenue was partially offset by a 28.3% decrease in Leasing & Services cost of revenue primarily due to a decrease in costs associated with a decline in the volume of railcars sold that we purchased from third parties, lower transportation costs and fewer railcars on operating leases as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

Margin as a percentage of revenue was 16.4% and 20.7% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The overall margin as a percentage of revenue was negatively impacted by a decrease in Manufacturing margin to 15.9% from 21.8% primarily attributed to a change in product mix. This was partially offset by an increase in Leasing & Services margin to 47.3% from 35.2% as a result of higher management services margin from lower maintenance costs and a higher average volume of rent-producing leased railcars for syndication.

The $28.4 million increase in net earnings for the six months ended February 28, 2018 as compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017 was primarily attributable to a reduction in the tax rate due to the Tax Act. See Note 13 Income Taxes for further discussion of the impact of the Tax Act.

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Manufacturing Segment

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	$ 963,312	$ 899,537	$ 63,775	7.1%
Cost of revenue	$ 810,015	$ 703,208	$ 106,807	15.2%
Margin (%)	15.9%	21.8%	(5.9%)	*
Operating profit ($)	$ 116,154	$ 168,710	$ (52,556)	(31.2%)
Operating profit (%)	12.1%	18.8%	(6.7%)	*
Deliveries	8,300	7,900	400	5.1%

* Not meaningful

As of June 1, 2017, the Manufacturing segment included the results of Greenbrier-Astra Rail which is consolidated for financial reporting purposes.

Manufacturing revenue increased $63.8 million or 7.1% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The increase in revenue was primarily attributed to a 5.1% increase in deliveries and a change in product mix.

Manufacturing cost of revenue increased $106.8 million or 15.2% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The increase in cost of revenue was primarily attributed to a 5.1% increase in the volume of railcar deliveries and a change in product mix.

Manufacturing margin as a percentage of revenue decreased 5.9% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily attributed to a change in product mix.

Manufacturing operating profit decreased $52.6 million or 31.2% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily attributed to lower margins and increased costs associated with expanded international operations. This was partially offset by an increase in the volume of railcar deliveries.

Wheels & Parts Segment

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	$ 166,721	$ 152,349	$ 14,372	9.4%
Cost of revenue	$ 153,214	$ 140,475	$ 12,739	9.1%
Margin (%)	8.1%	7.8%	0.3%	*
Operating profit ($)	$ 7,537	$ 8,463	$ (926)	(10.9%)
Operating profit (%)	4.5%	5.6%	(1.1%)	*

* Not meaningful

Wheels & Parts revenue increased $14.4 million or 9.4% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily as a result of higher wheel set and component volumes due to an increase in demand and an increase in scrap metal pricing. These were partially offset by a decrease in parts volume.

Wheels & Parts cost of revenue increased $12.7 million or 9.1% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily attributed to higher wheel set and component costs associated with increased volumes. This was partially offset by a decrease in parts volume.

Wheels & Parts margin as a percentage of revenue increased 0.3% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily attributed to higher wheel set and component volumes and an increase in scrap metal pricing. This was partially offset by a less favorable parts product mix.

Wheels & Parts operating profit decreased $0.9 million or 10.9% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily attributed to higher employee related costs partially offset by an increase in margin.

Leasing & Services Segment

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended February 28, 2018	2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue	$ 58,838	$ 66,710	$ (7,872)	(11.8%)
Cost of revenue	$ 30,981	$ 43,237	$ (12,256)	(28.3%)
Margin (%)	47.3%	35.2%	12.1%	*
Operating profit ($)	$ 44,304	$ 17,279	$ 27,025	156.4%
Operating profit (%)	75.3%	25.9%	49.4%	*

* Not meaningful

The Leasing & Services segment primarily generates revenue from leasing railcars from its lease fleet and providing various management services. We also earn revenue from rent-producing leased railcars for syndication, which are held short term and classified as Leased railcars for syndication on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. From time to time, railcars are purchased from third parties with the intent to resell them. The gross proceeds from the sale of these railcars are recorded in revenue and the cost of purchasing these railcars are recorded in cost of revenue.

Leasing & Services revenue decreased $7.9 million or 11.8% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily attributed to a decrease in the sale of railcars which we had purchased from third parties with the intent to resell them and a decline in leasing revenue due to fewer railcars on operating leases as we rebalance our lease portfolio. This was partially offset by higher management services revenue from new service agreements and a higher average volume of rent-producing leased railcars for syndication.

Leasing & Services cost of revenue decreased $12.3 million or 28.3% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in costs associated with a decline in the volume of railcars sold that we purchased from third parties, lower transportation costs and fewer railcars on operating leases as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

Leasing & Services margin as a percentage of revenue increased 12.1% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily attributed to higher management services margin from lower maintenance costs and a higher average volume of rent-producing leased railcars for syndication.

Leasing & Services operating profit increased $27.0 million or 156.4% for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017. The increase was primarily attributed to a $23.0 million increase in net gain on disposition of equipment and a $4.4 million increase in margin. The net gain on disposition of equipment for the six months ended February 28, 2018 relates to higher volumes of equipment sales as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

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GBW Joint Venture Segment

To reflect our 50% share of GBW s net results, we recorded losses of $3.5 million and $3.4 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively in Earnings (loss) from unconsolidated affiliates. The losses related to GBW were due to low volumes of repair work.

Selling and Administrative Expense

	Six Months Ended February 28,		Increase	%
(In thousands)	2018	2017	(Decrease)	Change
Selling and administrative expense	$ 97,337	$ 80,708	$ 16,629	20.6%

Selling and administrative expense was $97.3 million or 8.2% of revenue for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to $80.7 million or 7.2% of revenue for the prior comparable period. The $16.6 million increase was primarily attributed to a $5.7 million increase in consulting and related costs associated with strategic business development, litigation and IT initiatives, $5.3 million from the addition of Astra Rail s selling and administrative costs and a $4.1 million increase in employee costs.

Net Gain on Disposition of Equipment

Net gain on disposition of equipment was $25.0 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to $3.2 million for the prior comparable period.

Net gain on disposition of equipment includes the sale of assets from our lease fleet (Equipment on operating leases, net) that are periodically sold in the normal course of business in order to take advantage of market conditions and to manage risk and liquidity and disposition of property, plant and equipment. The net gain on disposition of equipment for the six months ended February 28, 2018 primarily relates to higher volumes of equipment sales as we rebalance our lease portfolio.

Other Costs

Interest and foreign exchange expense was composed of the following:

	Six Months Ended February 28,		Increase
(In thousands)	2018	2017	(Decrease)
Interest and foreign exchange:			
Interest and other expense	$ 15,859	$ 8,639	$ 7,220
Foreign exchange gain	(1,810)	(1,242)	(568)
	$ 14,049	$ 7,397	$ 6,652

The $6.7 million increase in interest and foreign exchange expense from the prior comparable period was primarily attributed to interest expense associated with the $275 million convertible senior notes due 2024 issued in February 2017 and additional interest expense due to the addition of Astra Rail. This was partially offset by a $0.6 million higher foreign exchange gain in the current year which was primarily attributed to the change in the Mexican Peso relative to the U.S. Dollar.

Income Tax

The effective tax rate for the six months ended February 28, 2018 was 6.3% compared to 30.8% for the six months ended February 28, 2017. The change in the tax rate was primarily due to the enactment of the Tax Act on December 22, 2017. Without the impact of the Tax Act, the tax rate for the six months ended February 28, 2018 would have been 33.0%, comparable to the 30.8% from the prior year.

The Tax Act made significant changes to the U.S. federal income tax laws, including, but not limited to, a reduction of the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% and a transition tax on foreign earnings not previously subject to U.S. taxation. As a result of our fiscal year end, our statutory rate is 25.7% for 2018. See Note 13 Income Taxes for further discussion of the impact of the Tax Act.

Loss From Unconsolidated Affiliates

Loss from unconsolidated affiliates primarily included our share of after-tax results from our GBW joint venture, our Brazil operations which include a castings joint venture and a railcar manufacturing joint venture, our leasing warehouse investment, our North American castings joint venture and our tank head joint venture.

Loss from unconsolidated affiliates was $2.8 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to $4.6 million for the six months ended February 28, 2017. The $1.8 million decrease in loss from unconsolidated affiliates was primarily attributed to improved results at our castings joint ventures and our new leasing warehouse investment.

Noncontrolling Interest

Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest was $10.8 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to $37.5 million in the prior comparable period. These amounts primarily represent our Mexican partner s share of the results of operations of our Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture, adjusted for intercompany sales. The six months ended February 28, 2018 also included our European partner s share of the results of Greenbrier-Astra Rail. The decrease of $26.7 million from the prior year is primarily a result of lower margins at our Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

	Six Months Ended February 28,	
(In thousands)	2018	2017
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	$ (7,653)	$ 84,843
Net cash provided by investing activities	35,124	14,287
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(52,464)	224,773
Effect of exchange rate changes	(465)	(830)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	$ (25,458)	$ 323,073

We have been financed through cash generated from operations and borrowings. At February 28, 2018, cash and cash equivalents were $586.0 million, a decrease of $25.5 million from $611.5 million at August 31, 2017.

The change in cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017 was primarily due to a change in cash flows associated with leased railcars for syndication, a net change in working capital, a change in deferred income taxes as a result of the Tax Act and an increase in net gain on disposition of equipment.

Cash used in investing activities primarily related to capital expenditures net of proceeds from the sale of assets. The change in cash used in investing activities for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017 was primarily attributable to higher proceeds from the sale of assets partially offset by an increase in capital expenditures.

Capital expenditures totaled $53.5 million and $21.2 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Manufacturing capital expenditures were approximately $21.0 million and $15.2 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Capital expenditures for Manufacturing are expected to be approximately $70 million in 2018 and primarily relate to enhancements of our existing manufacturing facilities. Wheels & Parts capital expenditures were approximately $1.1 million and $1.9 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Capital expenditures for Wheels & Parts are expected to be approximately $5 million in 2018 for maintenance and enhancements of our existing facilities. Leasing & Services and corporate capital expenditures were approximately $31.4 million and $4.1 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Leasing & Services and corporate capital expenditures for 2018 are expected to be approximately $120 million. Proceeds from sales of leased railcar equipment are expected to be $150 million for 2018. The asset additions and dispositions for Leasing & Services in 2018 primarily relate to higher volumes of equipment purchases and sales as we rebalance our lease portfolio. Assets from our lease fleet are periodically sold in the normal course of business in order to take advantage of market conditions and to manage risk and liquidity.

Proceeds from the sale of assets, which primarily related to sales of railcars from our lease fleet within Leasing & Services, were approximately $105.1 million and $19.9 million for the six months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Proceeds from the sale of assets for the six months ended February 28, 2017 included approximately $7.7 million of equipment sold pursuant to sale leaseback transactions. The gain resulting from the sale leaseback transactions was deferred and is being recognized over the lease term in Net gain on disposition of equipment.

The change in cash provided by (used in) financing activities for the six months ended February 28, 2018 compared to the six months ended February 28, 2017 was primarily attributed to a decrease in the proceeds of debt, net of repayments and a change in the net activities with joint venture partners.

A quarterly dividend of $0.25 per share was declared on April 3, 2018.

The Board of Directors has authorized our company to repurchase in aggregate up to $225 million of our common stock. We did not repurchase any shares during the six months ended February 28, 2018. As of February 28, 2018, we had cumulatively repurchased 3,206,226 shares for approximately $137.0 million since October 2013 and had $88.0 million available under the share repurchase program with an expiration date of March 31, 2019.

Our 3.5% convertible senior notes due 2018 had a balance of $119.1 million at February 28, 2018. These notes matured on March 30, 2018 with a conversion price of $35.47. The conversion of these notes resulted in the issuance of an additional 3.4 million shares of our common stock. These additional shares have historically been included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

Senior secured credit facilities, consisting of three components, aggregated to $634.1 million as of February 28, 2018. We had an aggregate of $392.9 million available to draw down under committed credit facilities as of February 28, 2018. This amount consists of $316.8 million available on the North American credit facility, $26.1 million on the European credit facilities and $50.0 million on the Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture credit facilities.

As of February 28, 2018, a $550.0 million revolving line of credit, maturing October 2020, secured by substantially all our assets in the U.S. not otherwise pledged as security for term loans, was available to provide working capital and interim financing of equipment, principally for the U.S. and Mexican operations. Advances under this facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 1.75% or Prime plus 0.75% depending on the type of borrowing. Available borrowings under the credit facility are generally based on defined levels of inventory, receivables, property, plant and equipment and leased equipment, as well as total debt to consolidated capitalization and fixed charges coverage ratios.

As of February 28, 2018, lines of credit totaling $34.1 million secured by certain of our European assets, with variable rates that range from Warsaw Interbank Offered Rate (WIBOR) plus 1.2% to WIBOR plus 1.3% and Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR) plus 1.1%, were available for working capital needs of the European manufacturing operation. European credit facilities are continually being renewed. Currently these European credit facilities have maturities that range from December 2018 through June 2019.

As of February 28, 2018, our Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture had two lines of credit totaling $50.0 million. The first line of credit provides up to $30.0 million and is fully guaranteed by us and our joint venture partner. Advances under this facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.0%. The Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture will be able to draw against this facility through January 2019. The second line of credit provides up to $20.0 million, of which we and our joint venture partner have each guaranteed 50%. Advances under this facility bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.0%. The Mexican railcar manufacturing joint venture will be able to draw amounts available under this facility through July 2019.

As of February 28, 2018, outstanding commitments under the senior secured credit facilities consisted of $75.0 million in letters of credit under the North American credit facility and $8.0 million outstanding under the European credit facilities.

The revolving and operating lines of credit, along with notes payable, contain covenants with respect to us and our various subsidiaries, the most restrictive of which, among other things, limit our ability to: incur additional indebtedness or guarantees; pay dividends or repurchase stock; enter into capital leases; create liens; sell assets; engage in transactions with affiliates, including joint ventures and non U.S. subsidiaries, including but not limited to loans, advances, equity investments and guarantees; enter into mergers, consolidations or sales of substantially all our assets; and enter into new lines of business. The covenants also require certain maximum ratios of debt to total

capitalization and minimum levels of fixed charges (interest plus rent) coverage. As of February 28, 2018, we were in compliance with all such restrictive covenants.

From time to time, we may seek to repurchase or otherwise retire or exchange securities, including outstanding notes, borrowings and equity securities, and take other steps to reduce our debt or otherwise improve our balance sheet. These actions may include open market repurchases, unsolicited or solicited privately negotiated transactions or other retirements, repurchases or exchanges. Such retirements, repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, prevailing market conditions, trading levels of our debt, our liquidity requirements and contractual restrictions, if applicable. The amounts involved in any such transactions may, individually or in the aggregate, be material and may involve all or a portion of a particular series of notes or other indebtedness which may reduce the float and impact the trading market of notes or other indebtedness which remain outstanding.

We have global operations that conduct business in their local currencies as well as other currencies. To mitigate the exposure to transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency, we enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts with established financial institutions to protect the margin on a portion of foreign currency sales in firm backlog. Given the strong credit standing of the counterparties, no provision has been made for credit loss due to counterparty non-performance.

As of February 28, 2018, we had a $42.5 million note receivable balance from GBW which is included on the Consolidated Balance Sheet in Accounts receivable, net. We may make additional capital contributions or loans to GBW, an unconsolidated 50/50 joint venture, in the future.

As of February 28, 2018, we had a $10.0 million note receivable from Amsted-Maxion Cruzeiro, our unconsolidated Brazilian castings and components manufacturer and a $9.1 million note receivable balance from Greenbrier-Maxion, our unconsolidated Brazilian railcar manufacturer. These note receivables are included on the Consolidated Balance Sheet in Accounts receivable, net. In the future, we may make loans to or provide guarantees for Amsted-Maxion Cruzeiro or Greenbrier-Maxion.

We expect existing funds and cash generated from operations, together with proceeds from financing activities including borrowings under existing credit facilities and long-term financings, to be sufficient to fund expected debt repayments, working capital needs, planned capital expenditures, a 30 million payment in June 2018 as consideration for the Greenbrier-Astra Rail transaction, additional investments in our unconsolidated affiliates and dividends during the next twelve months.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not currently have off balance sheet arrangements that have or are likely to have a material current or future effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires judgment on the part of management to arrive at estimates and assumptions on matters that are inherently uncertain. These estimates may affect the amount of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities within the financial statements. Estimates and assumptions are periodically evaluated and may be adjusted in future periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income taxes **-** For financial reporting purposes, income tax expense is estimated based on amounts anticipated to be reported on tax return filings. Those anticipated amounts may change from when the financial statements are prepared to when the tax returns are filed. Further, because tax filings are subject to review by taxing authorities, there is risk that a position taken in preparation of a tax return may be challenged by a taxing authority. If a challenge is successful, differences in tax expense or between current and deferred tax items may arise in future periods. Any material effect of such differences would be reflected in the financial statements when management considers the effect more likely than not of occurring and the amount reasonably estimable. Valuation allowances reduce deferred tax assets to amounts more likely than not that will be realized based on information available when the financial statements are prepared. This information may include estimates of future income and other assumptions that are inherently uncertain.

Maintenance obligations - We are responsible for maintenance on a portion of the managed and owned lease fleet under the terms of maintenance obligations defined in the underlying lease or management agreement. The estimated maintenance liability is based on maintenance histories for each type and age of railcar. These estimates involve judgment as to the future costs of repairs and the types and timing of repairs required over the lease term. As we cannot predict with certainty the prices, timing and volume of maintenance needed in the future on railcars under long-term leases, this estimate is uncertain and could be materially different from maintenance requirements. The liability is periodically reviewed and updated based on maintenance trends and known future repair or refurbishment requirements. These adjustments could be material due to the inherent uncertainty in predicting future maintenance requirements.

Warranty accruals - Warranty costs to cover a defined warranty period are estimated and charged to operations. The estimated warranty cost is based on historical warranty claims for each particular product type. For new product types without a warranty history, preliminary estimates are based on historical information for similar product types. These estimates are inherently uncertain as they are based on historical data for existing products and judgment for new products. If warranty claims are made in the current period for issues that have not historically been the subject of warranty claims and were not taken into consideration in establishing the accrual or if claims for issues already considered in establishing the accrual exceed expectations, warranty expense may exceed the accrual for that particular product. Conversely, there is the possibility that claims may be lower than estimates. The warranty accrual is periodically reviewed and updated based on warranty trends. However, as we cannot predict future claims, the potential exists for the difference in any one reporting period to be material.

Environmental costs - At times we may be involved in various proceedings related to environmental matters. We estimate future costs for known environmental remediation requirements and accrue for them when it is probable that we have incurred a liability and the related costs can be reasonably estimated based on currently available information. If further developments in or resolution of an environmental matter result in facts and circumstances that are significantly different than the assumptions used to develop these reserves, the accrual for environmental remediation

could be materially understated or overstated. Adjustments to these liabilities are made when additional information becomes available that affects the estimated costs to study or remediate any environmental issues or when expenditures for which reserves are established are made. Due to the uncertain nature of environmental matters, there can be no assurance that we will not become involved in future litigation or other proceedings or, if we were found to be responsible or liable in any litigation or proceeding, that such costs would not be material to us.

Revenue recognition - Revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the price is fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured.

Railcars are generally manufactured, repaired or refurbished and wheels and parts produced under firm orders from third parties. Revenue is recognized when these products or services are completed, accepted by an unaffiliated customer and contractual contingencies removed. Certain leases are operated under car hire arrangements whereby revenue is earned based on utilization, car hire rates and terms specified in the lease agreement. Car hire revenue is reported from a third party source two months in arrears; however, such revenue is accrued in the month earned based on estimates of use from historical activity and is adjusted to actual when reported to us. These estimates are inherently uncertain as they involve judgment as to the estimated use of each railcar. Adjustments to actual have historically not been significant. Revenue from the construction of marine barges is either recognized on the percentage of completion method during the construction period or on the completed contract method based on the terms of the contract. Under the percentage of completion method, judgment is used to determine a definitive threshold against which progress towards completion can be measured to determine timing of revenue recognition. Under the percentage of completion method, revenue is recognized based on the progress toward contract completion measured by actual costs incurred to date in relation to the estimate of total expected costs. Under the completed contract method, revenue is not recognized until the project has been fully completed.

We will periodically sell railcars with leases attached to financial investors. Revenue and cost of revenue associated with railcars that the Company has manufactured are recognized in Manufacturing once sold. Revenue and cost of revenue associated with railcars which were obtained from a third party with the intent to resell them which are subsequently sold are recognized in Leasing & Services. In addition we will often perform management or maintenance services at market rates for these railcars. Pursuant to the guidance in Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 840-20-40, we evaluate the terms of any remarketing agreements and any contractual provisions that represent retained risk and the level of retained risk based on those provisions. We determine whether the level of retained risk exceeds 10% of the individual fair value of the railcars with leases attached that are delivered. If retained risk exceeded 10%, the transaction would not be recognized as a sale until such time as the retained risk declined to 10% or less. For any contracts with multiple elements (i.e. railcars, maintenance, management services, etc.) we allocate revenue among the deliverables primarily based upon objective and reliable evidence of the fair value of each element in the arrangement. If objective and reliable evidence of fair value of any element is not available, we will use the element s estimated selling price for purposes of allocating the total arrangement consideration among the elements.

Impairment of long-lived assets - When changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of certain long-lived assets may not be recoverable, the assets are evaluated for impairment. If the forecast of undiscounted future cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the assets, an impairment charge to reduce the carrying value of the assets to fair value would be recognized in the current period. These estimates are based on the best information available at the time of the impairment and could be materially different if circumstances change. If the forecast of undiscounted future cash flows exceeds the carrying amount of the assets it would indicate that the assets were not impaired.

Goodwill and acquired intangible assets - We periodically acquire businesses in purchase transactions in which the allocation of the purchase price may result in the recognition of goodwill and other intangible assets. The determination of the value of such intangible assets requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates affect the amount of future period amortization and possible impairment charges.

Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested for impairment annually during the third quarter. Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are also tested more frequently if changes in circumstances or the occurrence of

events indicates that a potential impairment exists. When changes in circumstances, such as a decline in the market price of our common stock, changes in demand or in the numerous variables associated with the judgments, assumptions and estimates made in assessing the appropriate valuation of goodwill indicate the carrying amount of certain indefinite lived assets may not be recoverable, the assets are evaluated for impairment. Among other things, our assumptions used in the valuation of goodwill include growth of revenue and margins, market multiples, discount rates and increased cash flows over time. If actual operating results were to differ from these assumptions, it may result in an impairment of our goodwill.

The provisions of ASC 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*, require that we perform an impairment test on goodwill. We compare the fair value of each reporting unit with its carrying value. We determine the fair value of our reporting units based on a weighting of income and market approaches. Under the income approach, we calculate the fair value of a reporting unit based on the present value of estimated future cash flows. Under the market approach, we estimate the fair value based on observed market multiples for comparable businesses. An impairment loss is recorded to the extent that the reporting unit s carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit s fair value. An impairment loss cannot exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. Our goodwill balance was $69.0 million as of February 28, 2018 of which $43.3 million related to our Wheels & Parts segment and $25.7 million related to our Manufacturing segment.

GBW, an unconsolidated 50/50 joint venture, also separately tests its goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment consistent with the methodology described above. As of February 28, 2018, GBW had a goodwill balance of $41.5 million.

Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

We have global operations that conduct business in their local currencies as well as other currencies. To mitigate the exposure to transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of each entity, we enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to protect revenue or margin on a portion of forecast foreign currency sales and expenses. At February 28, 2018 exchange rates, forward exchange contracts for the purchase of Polish Zlotys and the sale of Euros and U.S. Dollars; the purchase of Mexican Pesos and the sale of U.S. Dollars; and for the purchase of U.S. Dollars and the sale of Saudi Riyals aggregated to $205.7 million. Because of the variety of currencies in which purchases and sales are transacted and the interaction between currency rates, it is not possible to predict the impact a movement in a single foreign currency exchange rate would have on future operating results.

In addition to exposure to transaction gains or losses, we are also exposed to foreign currency exchange risk related to the net asset position of our foreign subsidiaries where the functional currency is not U.S. Dollars. At February 28, 2018, net assets of foreign subsidiaries aggregated to $194.0 million and a 10% strengthening of the U.S. Dollar relative to the foreign currencies would result in a decrease in equity of $19.4 million, or 1.6% of Total equity - Greenbrier. This calculation assumes that each exchange rate would change in the same adverse direction relative to the U.S. Dollar.

Interest Rate Risk

We have managed a portion of our variable rate debt with interest rate swap agreements, effectively converting $86.9 million of variable rate debt to fixed rate debt. As a result, we are exposed to interest rate risk relating to our revolving debt and a portion of term debt, which are at variable rates. At February 28, 2018, 81% of our outstanding debt had fixed rates and 19% had variable rates. At February 28, 2018, a uniform 10% increase in variable interest rates would have resulted in approximately $0.3 million of additional annual interest expense.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management has evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely manner, and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended February 28, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There is hereby incorporated by reference the information disclosed in Note 14 to Consolidated Financial Statements, Part I of this quarterly report.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

This Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the risk factors and information disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2017. There have been no material changes in the risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2017.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Since October 2013, the Board of Directors has authorized the Company to repurchase in aggregate up to $225 million of the Company s common stock. The program may be modified, suspended or discontinued at any time without prior notice and currently has an expiration date of March 31, 2019. Under the share repurchase program, shares of common stock may be purchased on the open market or through privately negotiated transactions from time-to-time. The timing and amount of purchases will be based upon market conditions, securities law limitations and other factors. The share repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares in any period.

There were no shares repurchased under the share repurchase program during the three months ended February 28, 2018.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share (Including Commissions)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publically Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
December 1, 2017 December 31, 2017				$ 87,989,491
January 1, 2018 January 31, 2018				$ 87,989,491
February 1, 2018 February 28, 2018				$ 87,989,491

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Item 6. Exhibits

(a) List of Exhibits:

10.1	Form of Director Restricted Share Agreement.
31.1	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a 14 (a).
31.2	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a 14 (a).
32.1	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101	The following financial information from the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended February 28, 2018 formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) and furnished electronically herewith: (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Income; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Equity; (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (vi) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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.

THE GREENBRIER COMPANIES, INC.

Date: April 6, 2018

By: /s/ Lorie L. Tekorius
Lorie L. Tekorius
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: April 6, 2018

By: /s/ Adrian J. Downes
Adrian J. Downes
Senior Vice President and
Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)