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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-36347



A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

11-2464169
(IRS Employer I.D. No.)

2121 Rosecrans Ave. Suite 6300
El Segundo, CA 90245
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)
(310) 587-1477
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Securities registered under Section 12 (g) of the Exchange Act: None

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes. No.

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

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

As of November 9, 2017, the registrant had 7,031,450 shares of common stock outstanding, par value \$0.01 per share.

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.
QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q
For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2017

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A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(amounts in thousands, except for share data) (unaudited)

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 8,357	\$ 13,059
Receivables, net	42,133	39,295
Derivative assets	20,326	17,587
Secured loans receivable	88,871	91,238
Inventories:		
Inventories	186,720	149,316
Restricted inventories	124,864	135,343
	311,584	284,659
Income taxes receivable	5,881	—
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,627	1,183
Total current assets	479,779	447,021
Plant, property and equipment, net	8,320	6,607
Goodwill	10,331	8,881
Intangibles, net	8,910	4,065
Long-term investments	8,024	7,967
Deferred tax assets - non-current	1,176	3,959
Total assets	\$ 516,540	\$ 478,500
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Lines of credit	\$ 219,000	\$ 180,000
Liability on borrowed metals	15,010	5,625
Product financing arrangements	124,864	135,343
Accounts payable	45,660	41,947
Derivative liabilities	23,989	34,582
Note payable - related party	—	500
Accrued liabilities	4,831	4,945
Income taxes payable	—	1,418
Total current liabilities	433,354	404,360
Deferred tax liabilities - non-current	1,904	—
Debt obligation (related party)	6,818	—
Other long-term liabilities (related party)	1,123	1,117
Total liabilities	443,199	405,477
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 10,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: none as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017	—	—
Common Stock, par value \$0.01; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 7,031,450 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017	71	71
Additional paid-in capital	23,962	23,526
Retained earnings	45,910	45,994
Total A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc. stockholders' equity	69,943	69,591
Non-controlling interest	3,398	3,432
Total stockholders' equity	73,341	73,023
Total liabilities, non-controlling interest and stockholders' equity	\$ 516,540	\$ 478,500

See accompanying [Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements](#)

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(in thousands, except for share and per share data)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Revenues		\$ 2,163,790	\$ 1,805,653
Cost of sales		2,156,484	1,797,589
Gross profit		7,306	8,064
Selling, general and administrative expenses		(6,976)	(5,664)
Interest income		3,161	2,884
Interest expense		(2,733)	(2,241)
Other income (expense)		61	(39)
Unrealized loss on foreign exchange		(101)	(6)
Net income before provision for income taxes		718	2,998
Provision for income taxes		(274)	(1,059)
Net income		444	1,939
Add: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest		(34)	(11)
Net income attributable to the Company		\$ 478	\$ 1,950
Basic and diluted income per share attributable to A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc.:			
Basic		\$ 0.07	\$ 0.28
Diluted		\$ 0.07	\$ 0.27
Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic		7,031,400	7,023,300
Diluted		7,122,400	7,108,500

See accompanying [Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements](#)

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(in thousands, except for share data)

(unaudited)

	Common Stock (Shares)	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Total A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc. Stockholders' Equity	Non- Controlling Interest	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance, June 30, 2017	7,031,450	\$ 71	\$ 23,526	\$ 45,994	\$ 69,591	\$ 3,432	\$ 73,023
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	478	478	(34)	444
Share-based compensation	—	—	436	—	436	—	436
Dividends declared	—	—	—	(562)	(562)	—	(562)
Balance, September 30, 2017	7,031,450	\$ 71	\$ 23,962	\$ 45,910	\$ 69,943	\$ 3,398	\$ 73,341

See accompanying [Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements](#)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(amounts in thousands)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$	444	\$ 1,939
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		529	321
Amortization of loan cost		233	204
Deferred income taxes		4,687	1,868
Interest added to principal of secured loans		(15)	(17)
Share-based compensation		436	191
Earnings from equity method investment		(57)	14
Receivables		(1,792)	22,556
Secured loans		(77)	(3,262)
Secured loans to Former Parent		(2,215)	1,369
Derivative assets		(1,914)	4,957
Income tax receivable		(5,881)	(1,023)
Inventories		(14,384)	(52,558)
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(802)	(357)
Accounts payable		1,417	14,606
Derivative liabilities		(10,593)	(22,935)
Liabilities on borrowed metals		436	(156)
Accrued liabilities		(3,147)	(3,787)
Earn-out payments for related party contingent consideration in excess of acquisition-date fair value		(208)	—
Receivable from/payables to Former Parent		—	203
Income taxes payable		(1,418)	—
Net cash used in operating activities		(34,321)	(35,867)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Capital expenditures for property and equipment		(318)	(336)
Secured loans, net		4,674	(10,368)
Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash		(9,548)	(3,421)
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,192)	(14,125)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Product financing arrangements, net		(10,478)	58,431
Dividends		(562)	—
Borrowings (repayments) under lines of credit, net		39,000	(9,000)
Proceeds from issuance of debt obligation payable to related party		7,500	—
Repayments on notes payable to related party		(500)	—
Stock award grant		—	172
Debt funding fees		(149)	—
Net cash provided by financing activities		34,811	49,603

Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(4,702)	(389)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, beginning of period	13,059	17,142
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, end of period	<u>\$ 8,357</u>	<u>\$ 16,753</u>

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(amounts in thousands)
(unaudited)

Three Months Ended

September 30, 2017

September 30, 2016

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Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for:

Interest expense	\$	1,856	\$	1,456
Income taxes	\$	2,869	\$	307

Non-cash investing and financing activities:

Interest added to principal of secured loans	\$	15	\$	17
Debt funding fee	\$	534	\$	—
Contribution of assets from minority interest	\$	—	\$	3,454
Payable to minority interest partner for acquired business	\$	—	\$	500
Earn out obligation payable to minority interest partner	\$	—	\$	1,523

See accompanying [Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements](#)

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc. and its wholly- and majority-owned subsidiaries ("A-Mark" or the "Company"). Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Business Segments

The Company conducts its operations in two reportable segments: (1) Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services, and (2) Direct Sales. Each of these reportable segments represents an aggregation of operating segments that meet the aggregation criteria set forth in the Segment Reporting Topic 280 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") (See [Note 18](#)).

Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

The Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment operates as a full-service precious metals trading company. Its products include gold, silver, platinum and palladium for storage and delivery primarily in the form of coins, bars, wafers and grain. The Company's trading-related services include financing, consignment, logistics, hedging and various customized financial programs.

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, Collateral Finance Corporation ("CFC"), a licensed California Finance Lender, the Company offers loans on precious metals, rare coins and other collectibles to coin dealers, collectors and investors. Through its wholly owned subsidiary, A-Mark Trading AG ("AMTAG"), the Company promotes A-Mark bullion products throughout the European continent. Transcontinental Depository Services ("TDS"), also a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, offers worldwide storage solutions to institutions, dealers and consumers.

The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, A-M Global Logistics, LLC ("Logistics"), operates the Company's logistics fulfillment center based in Las Vegas, Nevada. Logistics provides customers an array of complementary services, including packaging, shipping, handling, receiving, processing, and inventorying of precious metals and custom coins on a secure basis.

In August 2016, the Company formed AM&ST Associates, LLC ("AMST"), a joint venture with SilverTowne, L.P., referred to as SilverTowne, an Indiana-based producer of minted silver. The Company and SilverTowne, L.P. own 55% and 45%, respectively, of AMST. AMST acquired the entire minting operations (referred to as SilverTowne Mint) of SilverTowne, L.P., with the goal of providing greater product selection to our customers and greater pricing stability within the supply chain, as well as to gain increased access to silver during volatile market environments.

Direct Sales (Recent Acquisition)

The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Goldline, Inc. ("Goldline"), is a direct retailer of precious metals to the investor community. Goldline markets its precious metal products primarily on radio, the internet and television. Goldline sells gold and silver bullion in the form of coins, and bars, as well as numismatic coins.

The Company entered into the direct sales segment through its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Goldline, LLC ("Goldline, LLC" or the "Seller"), pursuant to the terms of an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), dated August 14, 2017, between Goldline (then known as Goldline Acquisition Corp.) and the Seller. The transaction closed on August 28, 2017 (the "Closing Date"). On the Closing Date, the estimated purchase price for the net assets was approximately \$10.0 million (the "Initial Provisional Purchase Price"), which was based on the Seller's preliminary balance sheet dated as of July 31, 2017. The net assets acquired consisted of both intangible assets, which the parties agreed had an aggregate fair value of \$6.4 million, and specified net tangible assets of the Seller, which the parties initially agreed had an estimated aggregate fair value of \$3.6 million, subject to post-closing adjustment as described below. In connection with the closing, Goldline paid to the Seller an amount equal to the Initial Provisional Purchase Price less \$1.5 million (the "Holdback Amount"), which amount was held back and deposited into escrow to serve as security for the Seller's indemnification obligations under the Purchase Agreement. As of September 30, 2017, none of the Holdback Amount had been released.

Based on the post-Closing Date net tangible asset value adjustment procedures conducted to date pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Company has adjusted the estimated total purchase price for the net assets from \$10.0 million to \$9.5 million (the "Revised Provisional Purchase Price"). The fair value of the acquired net tangible assets as of the Closing Date is still being reviewed by the Company and the Seller and therefore the total purchase price is subject to further adjustment. Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, any amounts due back to the Company from the Seller as a result of the final determination of the fair value of the acquired net tangible assets is to be paid within three business days following such determination.

The difference between the Initial Provisional Purchase Price and the Revised Provisional Purchase Price of \$0.5 million (\$10.0 million less \$9.5 million) has been recorded in receivables in the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2017.

Acquisition costs of \$0.7 million were expensed as incurred as selling, general and administrative expenses, of which \$0.5 million was recorded by the Company during the three months ended September 30, 2017 .

Purchase Price Allocation

The Revised Provisional Purchase Price of \$9.5 million has been allocated to the acquired net assets purchased based on their fair values as follows (shown in thousands, and liability balances shown as negative amounts):

Working capital net assets:			
Receivables, net		\$	1,046
Derivative assets			825
Inventory			12,541
Prepaid expenses and other assets			856
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities			(2,616)
Liability on borrowed metals			(8,949)
Deferred income			(2,374)
	Subtotal		\$ 1,329
Property and equipment			1,769
Intangible assets (identifiable):			
Trade names			2,200
Existing customer relationships			1,300
Customer lead list			1,100
Other			400
	Subtotal		5,000
Goodwill:			
Excess of cost over fair value of assets acquired			1,450
		\$	<u>9,548</u>

The purchase price allocation is subject to completion of the Company's analysis of the fair value of the assets acquired. The final valuation is expected to be completed as soon as practicable, but no later than one year from the closing date of the transaction. The estimates of the fair value of the contingent consideration, and the allocation of the tangible and identifiable intangible assets requires extensive use of accounting estimates and management judgment. These estimates could be material. The fair values assigned to the assets acquired are based on estimates and assumption from data currently available.

Pro Forma Information

The following unaudited pro forma information for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 assumes the acquisition of the net assets of Goldline, LLC occurred on July 1, 2016, that is, the first day of fiscal year 2016:

in thousands, except for EPS

	Three Months Ended September 30,	Unaudited	
		2017	2016
Pro forma revenue	\$	2,166,054	\$ 1,842,528
Pro forma net income	\$	216	\$ 2,290
Pro from basic earnings per share	\$	0.03	\$ 0.33
Pro from dilutive earnings per share	\$	0.03	\$ 0.32

The above pro forma supplemental information does not purport to be indicative of what the Company's operations would have been had these transactions occurred on July 1, 2016 and should not be considered indicative of future operating results. The Company believes the assumptions used provide a reasonable basis for reflecting the significant pro forma effects directly attributable to the acquisition of Goldline. The unaudited pro forma information accounts for amortization of acquired intangible assets (based on the preliminary purchase price allocation and an estimate of their useful lives), incremental financing costs resulting from the acquisition, elimination of prior sales and purchases between the entities, elimination of acquisition costs and an application of the Company's tax rate. The unaudited pro forma results do not include any anticipated cost savings or other effects of the planned integration of Goldline.

Related Agreements

In connection with the closing of the acquisition, Goldline entered into a privately placed credit facility in the amount of \$7.5 million (the "Goldline Credit Facility") with various lenders (the "Goldline Lenders"), which include some directors from the Company's Board, effective August 28, 2017 (see [Note 14](#)). Borrowings under the Goldline Credit Facility were used to finance a portion of the consideration payable under the Purchase Agreement.

On the Closing Date, the Seller and Goldline entered into a transition services agreement, pursuant to which Goldline will provide reasonable assistance to the Seller (including access to records and services of transferring employees) for a period of two years following the closing date in connection with assisting the Seller with its continuing obligations for its retained liabilities that were not assumed by Goldline.

Also on the Closing Date, the Seller and the former CEO of the Seller also agreed that, for the period commencing on the closing date until the third anniversary thereof, neither they nor any of their affiliates will, directly or indirectly own, manage, operate, join, control, participate in, invest in or otherwise provide assistance to, in any manner, any "competing business" (as defined in the Purchase Agreement).

Spinoff from Spectrum Group International, Inc.

On March 14, 2014, the Company's former parent, Spectrum Group International, Inc. ("SGI" or the "Former Parent"), effected a spinoff (the "spinoff" or the "Distribution") of the Company from SGI. As a result of the Distribution, the Company became a publicly traded company independent from SGI. On March 17, 2014, A-Mark's shares of common stock commenced trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "AMRK."

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation

The condensed consolidated financial statements reflect the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows of the Company, and were prepared using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). These condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of A-Mark, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, CFC, AMTAG, TDS, Logistics, Goldline and its majority owned affiliate AMST (collectively the "Company"). All inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Unaudited Interim Financial Information

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for interim financial reporting. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments and accruals) necessary to present fairly the condensed consolidated balance sheets, condensed consolidated statements of income, condensed consolidated statement of stockholders' equity, and condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the periods presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending June 30, 2018 or for any other interim period during such fiscal year. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 (the "2017 Annual Report"), as filed with the SEC. Amounts related to disclosure of June 30, 2017 balances within these interim condensed consolidated financial statements were derived from the aforementioned audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the 2017 Annual Report.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. These estimates include, among others, determination of fair value, allowances for doubtful accounts, impairment assessments of plant, property and equipment and intangible assets, valuation allowance determination on deferred tax assets, contingent earn-out liabilities, and revenue recognition judgments. Significant estimates also include the Company's fair value determination with respect to its financial instruments and precious metals inventory. Actual results could materially differ from these estimates.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Cash is maintained at financial institutions and, at times, balances may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses related to these balances.

Assets that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of receivables, loans of inventory to customers, and inventory hedging transactions. Concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables is limited due to the large number of customers composing the Company's customer base, the geographic dispersion of the customers, and the collateralization of substantially all receivable balances. Based on an assessment of credit risk, the Company typically grants collateralized credit to its customers. The Company enters into inventory hedging transactions, principally utilizing metals commodity futures contracts traded on national futures exchanges or forward contracts with credit worthy financial institutions. Credit risk with respect to loans of inventory to customers is minimal. All of our commodity derivative contracts are under master netting arrangements and include both asset and liability positions. Substantially all of these transactions are secured by the underlying metals positions.

Foreign Currency

The functional currency of the Company is the United States dollar ("USD"). Also, the functional currency of the Company's wholly-owned foreign subsidiary, AMTAG, is USD, but it maintains its books of record in Euros. The Company remeasures the financial statements of AMTAG into USD. The remeasurement of local currency amounts into USD creates remeasurement gains and losses, which are included in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

To manage the effect of foreign currency exchange fluctuations, the Company utilizes foreign currency forward contracts. These derivatives generate gains and losses when they are settled and/or when they are marked to market. The change in the value in the derivative instruments is shown on the face of the condensed consolidated statements of income as unrealized net gains (losses) on foreign exchange.

Business Combinations

The Company evaluates each purchase transaction to determine whether the acquired assets meet the definition of a business. The Company accounts for business combinations by applying the acquisition method in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 805, *Business Combinations*. Transaction costs related to the acquisition of a business are expensed as incurred and excluded from the fair value of consideration transferred. The identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests, if any, in an acquired entity are recognized and measured at their estimated fair values. The excess of the fair value of consideration transferred over the fair values of identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests, if any, in an acquired entity, net of fair value of any previously held interest in the acquired entity, is recorded as goodwill. Such valuations require management to make significant estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets and liabilities.

Contingent consideration is classified as a liability or equity, as applicable. Contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of a business is measured at fair value on acquisition date, and unless classified as equity, is remeasured at fair value each reporting period thereafter until the consideration is settled, with changes in fair value included in net income.

Net cash paid to acquire a business is classified as investing activities on the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of cash flow.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, when purchased, to be cash equivalents. The Company does not have any cash equivalents as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

As of September 30, 2017, the Company has \$0.5 million in a bank account that is restricted and serves as collateral against a standby letter of credit issued by the bank in favor of the landlord for our office space in Los Angeles, California (see [Note 15](#)).

Inventories

Inventories principally include bullion and bullion coins that are acquired and initially recorded at fair market value. The fair market value of the bullion and bullion coins is comprised of two components: (1) published market values attributable to the costs of the raw precious metal, and (2) a published premium paid at acquisition of the metal. The premium is attributable to the additional value of the product in its finished goods form and the market value attributable solely to the premium may be readily determined, as it is published by multiple reputable sources.

The Company's inventories, except for certain lower of cost or market basis products (as discussed below), are subsequently recorded at their fair market values, that is, "marked-to-market". The daily changes in the fair market value of our inventory are offset by daily changes in the fair market value of hedging derivatives that are taken with respect to our inventory positions; both the change in the fair market value of the inventory and the change in the fair market value of these derivative instruments are recorded in cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

While the premium component included in inventories is marked-to-market, our commemorative coin inventory, including its premium component, is held at the lower of cost or market, because the value of commemorative coins is influenced more by supply and demand determinants than on the underlying spot price of the precious metal content of the commemorative coins. Unlike our bullion coins, the value of commemorative coins is not subject to the same level of volatility as bullion coins because our commemorative coins typically carry a substantially higher premium over the spot metal price than bullion coins. Neither the commemorative coin inventory nor the premium component of our inventory is hedged (see [Note 6.](#))

Plant, Property and Equipment

Plant, property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using a straight line method based on the estimated useful lives of the related assets, ranging from three years to twenty-five years. Depreciation commences when the related assets are placed into service. Internal-use software development costs are capitalized during the application development stage. Internal-use software costs incurred during the preliminary project stage are expensed as incurred. Land is recorded at historical cost, and is not depreciated. Repair and maintenance costs are recognized as incurred. We have no major planned maintenance activities related to our plant assets associated with our minting operations.

The Company reviews the carrying value of these assets for impairment whenever events and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable. In evaluating for impairment, the carrying value of each asset is compared to the undiscounted estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. An impairment loss is recognized for the difference when the carrying value exceeds the undiscounted estimated future cash flows. The factors considered by the Company in performing this assessment include current and projected operating results, trends and prospects, the manner in which these assets are used, and the effects of obsolescence, demand and competition, as well as other economic factors.

Definite-lived Intangible Assets

Definite-lived intangible assets consists primarily of customer relationships, non-compete agreements and employment contracts which are amortized on a straight-line basis over their economic useful lives ranging from three years to fifteen years. We review our definite-lived intangible assets for impairment under the same policy described above for plant, property, and equipment; that is, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

Goodwill and Indefinite-lived Intangible Assets

Goodwill is recorded when the purchase price paid for an acquisition exceeds the estimated fair value of the net identified tangible and intangible assets acquired. Goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles (such as trade names) are not subject to amortization, but are evaluated for impairment at least annually. However, for tax purposes, goodwill acquired in connection with a taxable asset acquisition is generally deductible.

The Company evaluates its goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles for impairment in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year (or more frequently if indicators of potential impairment exist) in accordance with the *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other* Topic 350 of the ASC. The Company may first qualitatively assess whether relevant events and circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is less than its carrying value. A qualitative assessment includes analyzing current economic indicators associated with a particular reporting unit such as changes in economic, market and industry conditions, business strategy, cost factors, and financial performance, among others, to determine if there would be a significant decline to the fair value of a particular reporting unit. If the qualitative assessment indicates a stable or improved fair value, no further testing is required.

If, based on this qualitative assessment, management determines that goodwill is more likely than not to be impaired, a two-step impairment test is performed. The first step in this test includes comparing the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step in the test is performed, which is measurement of the impairment loss. The impairment loss is calculated by comparing the implied fair value of goodwill, as if the reporting unit has been acquired in a business combination, to its carrying amount.

Long-Term Investments

Investments in privately-held entities that are at least 20% but less than 50% owned by the Company are accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, the carrying value of the investment is adjusted for the Company's proportionate share of the investee's earnings or losses, with the corresponding share of earnings or losses reported in other income (expense). The carrying value of the investment is reduced by the amount of the dividends received from the equity-method investee, as they are considered a return of capital.

Investments in privately-held entities that are less than 20% owned by the Company are accounted for using the cost method, unless the Company can exercise significant influence or the investee is economically dependent upon the Company, in which case the equity method is used. Under the cost method, investments are carried at cost and other income is recorded when dividends are received from the cost-method investee.

We evaluate our long-term investments for impairment quarterly or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the Company did not identify any impairments.

Fair Value Measurement

The *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* Topic 820 of the ASC ("ASC 820"), creates a single definition of fair value for financial reporting. The rules associated with ASC 820 state that valuation techniques consistent with the market approach, income approach and/or cost approach should be used to estimate fair value. Selection of a valuation technique, or multiple valuation techniques, depends on the nature of the asset or liability being valued, as well as the availability of data (see [Note 3](#).)

Contingent Earn-out Liability

We record an estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration related to the earn-out obligation to SilverTowne LP related to the SilverTowne Mint acquisition. On a quarterly basis, we revalue the liability and record increases or decreases in the fair value as an adjustment to earnings. Changes to the contingent consideration liability can result from adjustments to the discount rate, or from changes to the estimates of future throughput activity of AMST, which are considered Level 3 inputs (see [Note 3](#)). Consequentially, the assumptions used in estimating fair value require significant judgment. The use of different assumptions and judgments could result in a materially different estimate of fair value. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017 the balance of contingent liability was \$1.1 million and \$1.3 million respectively, and current portion of this liability is shown as a component of accrued liabilities and the non-current portion is shown in other long-term liabilities. Below is a reconciliation of the contingent earn out liability for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

in thousands

Liabilities at fair value, based on Level 3 inputs:	Contingent Consideration
Balance at June 30, 2017	\$ 1,325
Amount paid to SilverTowne	(208)
Balance at September 30, 2017	\$ 1,117

Revenue Recognition

The Company accounts for its metals and sales contracts using settlement date accounting. Pursuant to such accounting, the Company recognizes the sale or purchase of the metals at settlement date. During the period between the trade and settlement dates, the Company has entered into a forward contract that meets the definition of a derivative in accordance with the *Derivatives and Hedging* Topic 815 of the ASC ("ASC 815"). The Company records the derivative at the trade date with any corresponding unrealized gain (loss), shown as component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income. The Company adjusts the derivatives to fair value on a daily basis until the transactions are settled. Upon settlement, the sales which are physically settled are recognized at the gross amount in the condensed consolidated statements of income. Realized gains and losses on derivative contracts, which are not physically settled are recognized at the net amount as a component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

Interest Income

The Company uses the effective interest method to recognize interest income on its secured loans transactions. For these arrangements, the Company maintains a security interest in the precious metals and records interest income over the terms of the secured loan receivable. Recognition of interest income is suspended and the loan is placed on non-accrual status when management determines that collection of future interest income is not probable. The interest income accrual is resumed, and previously suspended interest income is recognized, when the loan becomes contractually current and/or collection doubts are removed. Cash receipts on impaired loans are recorded first against the principal and then to any unrecognized interest income (see [Note 5](#)).

The Company also enters into financing arrangements whereby the Company purchases precious metals from a customer, and the customer is granted the option to reacquire the metal at a later date. The Company earns a fee (classified as interest income) over the open reacquisition period. Other sources of interest income include fees earned under other financing arrangements over the period in which customers have opted to defer the payments, deliveries and/or the pricing out of the metals being purchased.

Interest Expense

The Company incurs interest expense based on usage under its lines of credit and its debt obligations (related party), recording interest expense using the effective interest method.

The Company also incurs financing fees (classified as interest expense) as a result of its product financing arrangements with third party finance companies for the transfer and subsequent option to reacquire its precious metal inventory at a later date. During the term of this type of agreement, the third party charges a monthly fee as a percentage of the market value of the designated inventory, which the Company intends to reacquire in the future. Other sources of interest expense can include fees incurred over the period in which the Company has opted to defer the receipt of metals being purchased.

Other Income

The Company's other income is derived from the Company's proportional interest in the investee's reported net income or net loss for its equity method investment, and the gains or losses associated with revaluation adjustments to the contingent earn-out liability.

Derivative Instruments

The value of our inventory and our purchase and sale commitments are linked to the prevailing price of the underlying precious metal commodity. The Company seeks to minimize the effect of price changes of the underlying commodity and enters into inventory hedging transactions, principally utilizing metals commodity futures contracts traded on national futures exchanges or forward contracts with only credit worthy financial institutions. All of our commodity derivative contracts are under master netting arrangements and include both asset and liability positions. Substantially all of these transactions are secured by the underlying metals positions. Notional balances of the Company's derivative instruments, consisting of contractual metal quantities, are expressed at current spot prices of the underlying precious metal commodity.

Commodity futures, forward and option contracts are recorded at fair value on the trade date. The difference between the original contract value and the market value of the open futures, forward and option contracts are reflected in derivative assets or derivative liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets at fair value, with the corresponding unrealized gain or losses included as a component of cost of sales on the condensed consolidated statements of income. Realized gains or losses resulting from the termination of commodity contracts are also reported as a component of cost of sales on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The Company enters into futures, forward and option contracts solely for the purpose of hedging our inventory holding risk and our liability on price protection programs, and not for speculative market purposes. The Company's gains (losses) on derivative instruments are substantially offset by the changes in the fair market value of the underlying precious metals inventory, which is also recorded in cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income (see [Note 11](#).)

Advertising

Advertising expense was \$517,000 and \$167,000, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Shipping and Handling Costs

Shipping and handling costs represent costs associated with shipping product to customers, and receiving product from vendors and are included in cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income. Shipping and handling costs incurred totaled \$1,100,000 and \$1,120,000, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for equity awards under the provisions of the *Compensation - Stock Compensation* Topic 718 of the ASC ("ASC 718"), which establishes fair value-based accounting requirements for share-based compensation to employees. ASC 718 requires the Company to recognize the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees as expense over the service period in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. The expense is adjusted for actual forfeitures of unvested awards as they occur.

Income Taxes

As part of the process of preparing its condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to estimate its provision for income taxes in each of the tax jurisdictions in which it conducts business, in accordance with the *Income Taxes* Topic 740 of the ASC ("ASC 740"). The Company computes its annual tax rate based on the statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available to it in the various jurisdictions in which it earns income. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's annual tax rate and in evaluating uncertainty in its tax positions. The Company recognizes a benefit for tax positions that it believes will more likely than not be sustained upon examination. The amount of benefit recognized is the largest amount of benefit that the Company believes has more than a 50% probability of being realized upon settlement. The Company regularly monitors its tax positions and adjusts the amount of recognized tax benefit based on its evaluation of information that has become available since the end of its last financial reporting period. The annual tax rate includes the impact of these changes in recognized tax benefits. When adjusting the amount of recognized tax benefits, the Company does not consider information that has become available after the balance sheet date, but does disclose the effects of new information whenever those effects would be material to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. The difference between the amount of benefit taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and the amount of benefit recognized for financial reporting represents unrecognized tax benefits. These unrecognized tax benefits are presented in the condensed consolidated balance sheets principally within accrued liabilities.

The Company accounts for uncertainty in income taxes under the provisions of ASC 740. These provisions clarify the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements, and prescribe a recognition threshold and measurement criteria for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The provisions also provide guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest, and penalties, accounting in interim

periods, disclosure, and transition. The potential interest and/or penalties associated with an uncertain tax position are recorded in provision for income taxes on the condensed consolidated statements of income. Please refer to [Note 12](#) for further discussion regarding these provisions.

Income taxes are accounted for using an asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the net deferred tax assets will not be realized. The factors used to assess the likelihood of realization include the Company's forecast of the reversal of temporary differences, future taxable income and available tax planning strategies that could be implemented to realize the net deferred tax assets. Failure to achieve forecasted taxable income in applicable tax jurisdictions could affect the ultimate realization of deferred tax assets and could result in an increase in the Company's effective tax rate on future earnings.

The Company records valuation allowances to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. Significant judgment is applied when assessing the need for valuation allowances. Areas of estimation include the Company's consideration of future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. Should a change in circumstances lead to a change in judgment about the utilization of deferred tax assets in future years, the Company would adjust related valuation allowances in the period that the change in circumstances occurs, along with a corresponding increase or charge to income. Changes in recognized tax benefits and changes in valuation allowances could be material to the Company's results of operations for any period, but is not expected to be material to the Company's condensed consolidated financial position.

Based on our assessment it appears more likely than not that most of the net deferred tax assets will be realized through future taxable income. Management has established a valuation allowance against the deferred taxes related to certain state net operating loss carryovers. Management believes the utilization of these losses may be limited. We will continue to assess the need for a valuation allowance for our remaining deferred tax assets in the future.

The Company's condensed consolidated financial statements recognized the current and deferred income tax consequences that result from the Company's activities during the current and preceding periods, as if the Company were a separate taxpayer prior to the date of the Distribution of the company when it was a member of the consolidated income tax return group of its Former Parent, Spectrum Group International, Inc. Following its spin-off, the Company files federal and state income tax filings that are separate from the Former Parent's tax filings. The Company recognizes current and deferred income taxes as a separate taxpayer for periods ending after the date of Distribution.

Earnings per Share ("EPS")

The Company computes and reports both basic EPS and diluted EPS. Basic EPS is computed by dividing net earnings by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net earnings by the sum of the weighted average number of common shares and dilutive common stock equivalents outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS reflects the total potential dilution that could occur from outstanding equity awards, including unexercised stock options, utilizing the treasury stock method.

A reconciliation of shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per common shares for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, is presented below.

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Basic weighted average shares outstanding		7,031	7,023
Effect of common stock equivalents — stock issuable under outstanding equity awards		91	86
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding		7,122	7,109

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

From time to time, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") or other standards setting bodies issue new accounting pronouncements. Updates to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") are communicated through issuance of an Accounting Standards Update ("ASU").

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*, ("ASU 2017-04"). The amendments of this ASU eliminate step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. The annual, or interim test is performed by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. The amendments of this ASU also eliminate the requirements for any reporting unit with a zero or negative carrying amount to perform a qualitative assessment and, if it fails that qualitative test, to perform step 2 of the goodwill impairment test. This update is effective for the

Company, on July 1, 2020 (for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years). Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment test performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. We continue to evaluate the impact of our upcoming adoption of ASU 2017-04 and do not believe that its adoption will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows and related disclosures.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, *Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business*, (“ASU 2017-01”). The objective of ASU 2017-01 is to clarify the definition of a business in order to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. The definition of a business affects many areas of accounting including acquisitions, disposals, goodwill and consolidation. ASU 2017-01 is effective for the Company for annual and interim reporting periods beginning July 1, 2018. We continue to evaluate the impact of our upcoming adoption of ASU 2017-01 and do not believe that its adoption will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows and related disclosures.

In August 2016 the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments* (“ASU 2016-15”). This new standard will make eight targeted changes to how cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. This update is effective for the Company on July 1, 2018 (for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years). The new standard will require adoption on a retrospective basis unless it is impracticable to apply, in which case we would be required to apply the amendments prospectively as of the earliest date practicable. We are currently evaluating the impact of our upcoming adoption of ASU 2016-15 on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows and related disclosures.

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, (“ASU 2016-02”), *Leases (Topic 842)*. The amendments in this update require lessees to recognize a lease liability measured on a discounted basis and a right-of-use asset for all leases at the commencement date. This update is effective for the Company, on July 1, 2019 (for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years), and is to be applied using a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. We are evaluating the new guidelines, but believe that adoption will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows and related disclosures, as the Company has minimal lease commitments.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)* (“ASU 2014-09”), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle of ASU No. 2014-09 is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled for those goods or services. ASU No. 2014-09 defines a five step process to achieve this core principle and, in doing so, more judgment and estimates may be required within the revenue recognition process than are required under existing U.S. GAAP. In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)* (“ASU 2016-08”). The amendments in ASU 2016-08 clarify the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations. In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-10, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing* (“ASU 2016-10”). The amendments in ASU 2016-10 clarify aspects relating to the identification of performance obligations and improve the operability and understandability of the licensing implementation guidance. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12 (“ASU 2016-12”), *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients*. The amendments in ASU 2016-12 address certain issues identified on assessing collectability, presentation of sales taxes, non-cash consideration, and completed contracts and contract modifications at transition. For all of the ASUs noted above (“ASC 606”), the effective date for the Company is July 1, 2018 (for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years). Either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method is permitted. The Company has been evaluating the impact of this new pronouncement and does not believe the implementation of ASC 606 will have a significant effect on the financial results of the Company for fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2018. This is because the major portion of the Company's revenues fall under the authoritative guidance of ASC 815, which are outside the scope of ASC 606.

3. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, AT FAIR VALUE

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

in thousands

	September 30, 2017		June 30, 2017	
	Carrying Amount	Fair value	Carrying Amount	Fair value
Financial assets:				
Cash	\$ 8,357	\$ 8,357	\$ 13,059	\$ 13,059
Receivables, net	42,133	42,133	39,295	39,295
Secured loans receivable	88,871	88,871	91,238	91,238
Derivative asset on open sale and purchase commitments, net	2,745	2,745	931	931
Derivative asset on option contracts	214	214	—	—
Derivative asset on futures contracts	7,263	7,263	1,273	1,273
Derivative asset on forward contracts	10,104	10,104	15,383	15,383
Income taxes receivable	5,881	5,881	—	—
Financial liabilities:				
Lines of credit	\$ 219,000	\$ 219,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000
Debt obligation (related party)	6,818	6,818	—	—
Liability on borrowed metals	15,010	15,010	5,625	5,625
Product financing arrangements	124,864	124,864	135,343	135,343
Derivative liability on margin accounts	3,577	3,577	4,797	4,797
Derivative liability on price protection programs	198	198	—	—
Derivative liability on open sale and purchase commitments, net	20,214	20,214	29,785	29,785
Accounts payable	45,660	45,660	41,947	41,947
Accrued liabilities	4,831	4,831	4,945	4,945
Other long-term liabilities (related party) ⁽¹⁾	1,123	1,123	1,117	1,117
Income taxes payable	—	—	1,418	1,418
Note payable - related party	—	—	500	500

(1) Includes estimated contingent amounts due to SilverTowne and Goldline Lenders.

The fair values of the financial instruments shown in the above table as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017 represent the amounts that would be received to sell those assets or that would be paid to transfer those liabilities in an orderly transaction between market participants at that date. Those fair value measurements maximize the use of observable inputs. However, in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date, the fair value measurement reflects the Company's own judgments about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Those judgments are developed by the Company based on the best information available in the circumstances, including expected cash flows and appropriately risk adjusted discount rates, and available observable and unobservable inputs.

The carrying amounts of cash, secured loans receivable, accounts receivable, income taxes receivable, accounts payable, income taxes payable, note payable, and accrued liabilities approximate fair value due to their short-term nature. The carrying amounts of derivative assets and derivative liabilities, liability on borrowed metals and product financing arrangements are marked-to-market on a daily basis to fair value. The carrying amounts of lines of credit and debt obligation approximate fair value based on the borrowing rates currently available to the Company for bank loans with similar terms and average maturities. The carrying value of other long-term liabilities represents the long-term portion of a contingent earn-out liability that is remeasured on a quarterly basis.

Valuation Hierarchy

Topic 820 of the ASC established a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1 - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

- Level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The significant assumptions used to determine the carrying value and the related fair value of the financial instruments are described below:

Inventory. Inventories, principally include bullion and bullion coins, are acquired and initially recorded at fair market value. The fair market value of the bullion and bullion coins are comprised of two components: 1) published market values attributable to the costs of the raw precious metal, and 2) a published premium paid at acquisition of the metal. The premium is attributable to the additional value of the product in its finished goods form and the market value attributable solely to the premium is readily determined, as it is published by multiple reputable sources. Except for commemorative coin inventory, which are included in inventory at the lower of cost or market, the Company's inventories are subsequently recorded at their fair market values on a daily basis. The fair value for commodities inventory (i.e., inventory excluding commemorative coins) is determined using pricing data derived from the markets on which the underlying commodities are traded. Precious metals commodities inventory are classified in Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Derivatives. Futures contracts, forward contracts, option contracts and open sale and purchase commitments are valued at their fair values, based on the difference between the quoted market price and the contractual price (i.e., intrinsic value,) and are included within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Margin and Borrowed Metals Liabilities. Margin and borrowed metals liabilities consist of the Company's commodity obligations to margin customers and suppliers, respectively. Margin liabilities and borrowed metals liabilities are carried at fair value, which is determined using quoted market pricing and data derived from the markets on which the underlying commodities are traded. Margin and borrowed metals liabilities are classified in Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Product Financing Arrangements. Product financing arrangements consist of financing agreements for the transfer and subsequent re-acquisition of the sale of gold and silver at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price with a third party. Such transactions allow the Company to repurchase this inventory on the termination (repurchase) date. The third party charges monthly interest as a percentage of the market value of the outstanding obligation, which is carried at fair value. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Fair value is determined using quoted market pricing and data derived from the markets on which the underlying commodities are traded. Product financing arrangements are classified in Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Liability on Price Protection Programs. The Company records an estimate of the fair value of the liability on price protection programs based on the difference between the contractual price at trade date and the quoted market price at the remeasurement date (i.e., quarter-end) based on the expected redemption rate of each program. The use of a throughput rate of each program ignores the future price volatility that would affect the timing and rate of redemption under these programs, and, as a result, the liability on price protection programs is classified in Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

Contingent Earn-out Liability. The Company records an estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration related to the earn-out obligation to SilverTowne LP related to the SilverTowne Mint transaction. On a quarterly basis, the liability is remeasured and increases or decreases in the fair value is recorded as an adjustment to other income on the condensed consolidated statements of income. Changes to the contingent consideration liability can result from adjustments to the discount rate, or from changes to the estimates of future throughput activity of AMST. The assumptions used in estimating fair value require significant judgment. The use of different assumptions and judgments could result in a materially different estimate of fair value. The key inputs in determining fair value of our contingent consideration obligations include the changes in the assumed timing and amounts of future throughputs (i.e., operating income, operating cost per unit, and production volume) which affects the timing and amount of future earn-out payments. Contingent earn-out liability is classified in Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

The following tables present information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, aggregated by the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the measurements fall:

	September 30, 2017			
<i>in thousands</i>	Quoted Price in Active Markets for Identical Instruments (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets:				
Inventory ⁽¹⁾	\$ 311,369	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 311,369
Derivative assets — open sale and purchase commitments, net	2,745	—	—	2,745
Derivative assets — option contracts	214	—	—	214
Derivative assets — futures contracts	7,263	—	—	7,263
Derivative assets — forward contracts	10,104	—	—	10,104
Total assets, valued at fair value	\$ 331,695	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 331,695
Liabilities:				
Liability on borrowed metals	\$ 15,010	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,010
Product financing arrangements	124,864	—	—	124,864
Liability on price protection programs	—	—	198	198
Derivative liabilities — liability on margin accounts	3,577	—	—	3,577
Derivative liabilities — open sale and purchase commitments, net	20,214	—	—	20,214
Derivative liabilities — future contracts	—	—	—	—
Derivative liabilities — forward contracts	—	—	—	—
Contingent earn-out liability	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,117
Total liabilities, valued at fair value	\$ 163,665	\$ —	\$ 1,315	\$ 164,980

⁽¹⁾ Commemorative coin inventory totaling \$215,000 is held at lower of cost or market and is thus excluded from this table.

June 30, 2017

<i>in thousands</i>	Quoted Price in Active Markets for Identical Instruments (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets:				
Inventory ⁽¹⁾	\$ 284,619	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 284,619
Derivative assets — open sale and purchase commitments, net	931	—	—	931
Derivative assets — futures contracts	1,273	—	—	1,273
Derivative assets — forward contracts	15,383	—	—	15,383
Total assets, valued at fair value	<u>\$ 302,206</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 302,206</u>
Liabilities:				
Liability on borrowed metals	\$ 5,625	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5,625
Product financing arrangements	135,343	—	—	135,343
Derivative liabilities — liability on margin accounts	4,797	—	—	4,797
Derivative liabilities — open sale and purchase commitments, net	29,785	—	—	29,785
Derivative liabilities — forward contracts	—	—	1,325	1,325
Total liabilities, valued at fair value	<u>\$ 175,550</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,325</u>	<u>\$ 176,875</u>

⁽¹⁾ Commemorative coin inventory totaling \$40,000 is held at lower of cost or market and is thus excluded from this table.

There were no transfers in or out of Level 2 or 3 from other levels within the fair value hierarchy during the reported periods.

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. These assets are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments only under certain circumstances. These include cost method and equity method investments that are written down to fair value when a decline in the fair value is determined to be other-than-temporary, and plant, property and equipment or goodwill that are written down to fair value when they are held for sale or determined to be impaired.

The Company uses Level 3 inputs to measure the fair value of its investments on a non-recurring basis. The Company's two investments in noncontrolled entities do not have readily determinable fair values. Quoted prices of the investments are not available, and the cost of obtaining an independent valuation appears excessive considering the carrying value of the instruments to the Company. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the carrying value of the Company's investments totaled \$8.0 million and \$8.0 million, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company did not record any impairments related to these investments.

The Company also uses Level 3 inputs to measure the fair value of goodwill and other intangibles on a non-recurring basis. These assets are measured at cost and are written down to fair value on the annual measurement dates or on the date of a triggering event, if impaired. As of September 30, 2017, there were no indications present that the Company's goodwill or other purchased intangibles were impaired, and therefore were not measured at fair value.

4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables consist of the following as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Customer trade receivables	\$ 25,044	\$ 31,949
Wholesale trade advances	12,697	2,457
Due from brokers	4,422	4,919
Subtotal	42,163	39,325
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(30)	(30)
Receivables, net	\$ 42,133	\$ 39,295

Customer Trade Receivables. Customer trade receivables represent short-term, non-interest bearing amounts due from precious metal sales, advances related to financing products, and other secured interests in assets of the customer.

Wholesale Trade Advances. Wholesale trade advances represent advances of various bullion products and cash advances for purchase commitments of precious metal inventory. Typically, these advances are unsecured, short-term, and non-interest bearing, and are made to wholesale metals dealers and government mints.

Due from Brokers. Due from brokers principally consists of the margin requirements held at brokers related to open futures contracts (see [Note 11](#)).

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded based on specifically identified receivables, which the Company has identified as potentially uncollectible. A summary of the activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows:

in thousands

Period ended:	Beginning Balance	Provision	Charge-off	Ending Balance
Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	\$ 30	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 30
Year Ended June 30, 2017	\$ 30	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 30

5. SECURED LOANS RECEIVABLE

Below is a summary of the carrying value of our secured loans as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Secured loans originated	\$ 30,072	\$ 30,864
Secured loans originated - with a related party	2,215	—
	32,287	30,864
Secured loans acquired	56,584 ⁽¹⁾	60,374 ⁽²⁾
Secured loans (current and long-term)	\$ 88,871	\$ 91,238

(1) Includes \$65,000 of loan premium as of September 30, 2017.

(2) Includes \$72,000 of loan premium as of June 30, 2017.

Secured Loans - Originated: Secured loans include short-term loans, which include a combination of on-demand lines and short term facilities, and long-term loans that are made to our customers. These loans are fully secured by the customers' assets that include bullion, numismatic and semi-numismatic material, which are typically held in safekeeping by the Company. (See [Note 13](#), for further information regarding our secured loans made to related parties.)

Secured Loans - Acquired: Secured loans also include short-term loans, which include a combination of on-demand lines and short term facilities that are purchased from our customer. The Company acquires a portfolio of their loan receivables at a price that approximates the aggregate carrying value of each loan in the portfolio, as determined on the effective transaction date.

Each loan in the portfolio is fully secured by the borrowers' assets, which include bullion, numismatic and semi-numismatic material that are held in safekeeping by the Company. Typically, the seller of the loan portfolio retains the responsibility for the servicing and administration of the loans.

As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, our secured loans carried weighted-average effective interest rates of 9.3% and 9.2%, respectively, and mature in periods generally ranging typically from on-demand to one year.

The secured loans that the Company generates with active customers of A-Mark are reflected as an operating activity on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. The secured loans that the Company generates with borrowers who are not active customers of A-Mark are reflected as an investing activity on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows as secured loans, net. For the secured loans that are reflected as an investing activity and have terms that allow the borrower to increase their loan balance (at the discretion of the Company) based on the excess value of their collateral compared to their aggregate principal balance of loan and are repayable on demand or in the short-term, the borrowings and repayments are netted on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Credit Quality of Secured Loans Receivables and Allowance for Credit Losses

The Company applies a systematic methodology to determine the allowance for credit losses for secured loan receivables. The secured loan receivables portfolio is comprised solely of secured loans with similar risk profiles. This similarity allows the Company to apply a standard methodology to determine the credit quality for each loan. The credit quality of each loan is generally determined by the secured material, the initial and ongoing collateral value determination and the assessment of loan to value determination. Typically, the Company's secured loan receivables within its portfolio have similar credit risk profiles and methods for assessing and monitoring credit risk.

The Company evaluates its loan portfolio in one of two classes of secured loan receivables: those loans secured by: 1) bullion and 2) numismatic and semi-numismatic items. The Company's secured loans by portfolio class, which align with management reporting, are as follows:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017		June 30, 2017	
Bullion	\$ 57,964	65.2%	\$ 61,767	67.7%
Numismatic and semi-numismatic	30,907	34.8	29,471	32.3
	<u>\$ 88,871</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 91,238</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Each of the two classes of receivables have the same initial measurement attribute and a similar method for assessing and monitoring credit risk. The methodology of assessing the credit quality of the secured loans acquired by the Company is similar to the secured loans originated by the Company; they are administered using the same internal reporting system, collateralized by precious metals or other pledged assets, for which a loan to value determination procedures are applied.

Credit Quality of Loans and Non Performing Status

Generally, interest is due and payable within 30 days. A loan is considered past due if interest is not paid in 30 days or collateral calls are not met timely. Typically, loans do not achieve the threshold of non performing status due to the fact that customers are generally put into default for any interest past due over 30 days and for unsatisfied collateral calls. When this occurs the loan collateral is typically liquidated within 90 days.

For certain secured loans, interest is billed monthly and, if not paid, is added to the outstanding loan balance. These secured loans are considered past due if their current loan-to-value ratio fails to meet established minimum equity levels, and the borrower fails to meet the collateral call required to reestablish the appropriate loan to value ratio.

Non-performing loans have the highest probability for credit loss. The allowance for credit losses attributable to non-performing loans is based on the most probable source of repayment, which is normally the liquidation of collateral. In determining collateral value, the Company estimates the current market value of the collateral and considers credit enhancements such as additional collateral and third-party guarantees. Due to the accelerated liquidation terms of the Company's loan portfolio, all past due loans are generally liquidated within 90 days of default.

Further information about the Company's credit quality indicators includes differentiating by categories of current loan-to-value ratios. The Company disaggregates its secured loans that are collateralized by precious metal products, as follows:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017		June 30, 2017	
Loan-to-value of 75% or more	\$ 65,909	74.2%	\$ 60,432	66.2%
Loan-to-value of less than 75%	22,962	25.8	30,806	33.8
Secured loans collateralized by precious metal products	<u>\$ 88,871</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 91,238</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

The Company had no loans with a loan-to-value ratio in excess of 100% at September 30, 2017. At June 30, 2017, the Company had no loans with a loan-to-value ratio in excess of 100%.

Impaired loans

A loan is considered impaired if it is probable, based on current information and events, that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan. Customer loans are reviewed for impairment and include loans that are past due, non-performing or in bankruptcy. Recognition of interest income is suspended and the loan is placed on non-accrual status when management determines that collection of future interest income is not probable. Accrual is resumed, and previously suspended interest income is recognized, when the loan becomes contractually current and/or collection doubts are removed. Cash receipts on impaired loans are recorded first against the receivable and then to any unrecognized interest income.

All loans are contractually subject to margin call. As a result, loans typically do not become impaired due to the fact the Company has the ability to require margin calls which are due upon receipt. Per the terms of the loan agreement, the Company has the right to liquidate the loan collateral in the event of a default. The material is highly liquid and easily sold to pay off the loan. Such circumstances would result in a short term impairment that would typically result in full repayment of the loan and fees due to the Company.

For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company incurred no loan impairment costs.

6. INVENTORIES

Our inventory consists of the precious metals that the Company has physically received, and inventory held by third-parties, which, at the Company's option, it may or may not receive. Below, our inventory is summarized by classification at September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017		June 30, 2017	
Inventory held for sale	\$ 58,746		\$ 43,787	
Repurchase arrangements with customers	104,986		92,496	
Consignment arrangements with customers	7,763		7,368	
Commemorative coins, held at lower of cost or market	215		40	
Borrowed precious metals from suppliers	15,010		5,625	
Product financing arrangement, restricted	124,864		135,343	
	<u>\$ 311,584</u>		<u>\$ 284,659</u>	

Inventory Held for Sale. Inventory held for sale represents precious metals, excluding commemorative coin inventory, that have been received by the Company that is not subject to repurchase or consignment arrangements with third parties. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the inventory held for sale totaled \$58.7 million and \$43.8 million, respectively.

Repurchase Arrangements with Customers. The Company enters into arrangements with certain customers under which A-Mark purchases precious metals products that are subject to repurchase by the customer at the fair value of the product on the repurchase date, whereby the Company retains legal title to the metals. The Company or the counterparty may typically terminate any such arrangement with 14 days' notice. Upon termination the customer's rights to repurchase any remaining inventory is forfeited. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, included within inventory is \$105.0 million and \$92.5 million, respectively, of precious metals products subject to repurchase.

Consignment Arrangements with Customers. The Company periodically loans metals to customers on a short-term consignment basis. Inventories loaned under consignment arrangements to customers as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017 totaled \$7.8 million and \$7.4 million, respectively. Such transactions are recorded as sales and are removed from the Company's inventory at the time the customer elects to price and purchase the precious metals.

Commemorative Coins. Our commemorative coin inventory, including its premium component, is held at the lower of cost or market, because the value of commemorative coins is influenced more by supply and demand determinants than on the underlying spot price of the precious metal content of the commemorative coins. Unlike our bullion coins, the value of commemorative coins is not subject to the same level of volatility as bullion coins because our commemorative coins typically carry a substantially higher premium over the spot metal price than bullion coins. Our commemorative coins are not hedged, and are included in inventory at the lower of cost or market and totaled \$215,000 and \$40,000 as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

Borrowed Precious Metals from Suppliers. Inventories include amounts borrowed from suppliers that arise from various arrangements including unallocated metal positions held by customers in the Company's inventory, as well as amounts due to suppliers for the use of consigned inventory, and shortages in unallocated metal positions held by the Company in the supplier's inventory. Unallocated or pool metal represents an unsegregated inventory position that is due on demand, in a specified physical form, based on the total ounces of metal held in the position. Amounts under these arrangements require delivery either in the form of precious metals or cash. Corresponding obligations related to liabilities on borrowed metals are reflected on the condensed consolidated balance sheets and totaled \$15.0 million and \$5.6 million as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

Product Financing Arrangements. Inventories include amounts for obligations under product financing arrangements. The Company enters into a product financing agreement for the transfer and subsequent re-acquisition of gold and silver at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price with a third party finance company. This inventory is restricted and is held at a custodial storage facility in exchange for a financing fee, by the third party finance company. During the term of the financing, the third party finance company holds the inventory as collateral, and both parties intend for the inventory to be returned to the Company at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the finance arrangement termination date. These transactions do not qualify as sales and have been accounted for as financing arrangements in accordance with ASC 470-40 *Product Financing Arrangements*. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Both the product financing and the underlying inventory are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value included in cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income. Such obligations totaled \$124.9 million and \$135.3 million as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

The Company mitigates market risk of its physical inventories and open commitments through commodity hedge transactions (see [Note 11](#).) As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the unrealized gains (losses) resulting from the difference between market value and cost of physical inventories were \$(3.0) million and \$(4.5) million, respectively.

Premium component of inventory

The Company's inventories primarily include bullion and bullion coins and are acquired and initially recorded at fair market value. The fair market value of the bullion and bullion coins is comprised of two components: (1) published market values attributable to the cost of the raw precious metal, and (2) a published premium paid at acquisition of the metal. The premium is attributable to the additional value of the product in its finished goods form and the market value attributable solely to the premium is readily determined, as it is published by multiple reputable sources. The premium is included in the cost of the inventory, paid at acquisition, and is a component of the total fair market value of the inventory. The precious metal component of the inventory may be hedged through the use of precious metal commodity positions, while the premium component of our inventory is not a commodity that may be hedged.

The Company's inventories are subsequently recorded at their fair market values, that is, "marked-to-market", except for our commemorative coin inventory. The daily changes in the fair market value of our inventory are offset by daily changes in fair market value of hedging derivatives that are taken with respects to our inventory positions; both the change in the fair market value of the inventory and the change in the fair market value of these derivative instruments are recorded in cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The premium component, at market value, included in the inventories as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017 totaled \$4.1 million and \$4.1 million, respectively.

7. PLANT, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Plant, property and equipment consists of the following at September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Office furniture, and fixtures	\$ 1,984	\$ 1,638
Computer equipment	712	462
Computer software	3,521	2,386
Plant equipment	2,034	1,979
Building	315	315
Leasehold improvements	2,789	2,571
Total depreciable assets	11,355	9,351
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,258)	(3,885)
Property and equipment not placed in service	1,187	1,105
Land	36	36
Plant, property and equipment, net	\$ 8,320	\$ 6,607

Depreciation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$374,000 and \$225,000, respectively.

Pursuant to the Company's acquisition of Goldline (see [Note 1](#)) the Company recorded approximately \$1.8 million of additional property and equipment, which represents the approximate fair value of these assets.

8. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

In connection with the acquisition of A-Mark by Former Parent on July 1, 2005, the accounts of the Company were adjusted using the push down basis of accounting to recognize the allocation of the consideration paid to the respective net assets acquired. In accordance with the push down basis of accounting, the Company's net assets were adjusted to their fair values as of the date of the acquisition based upon an independent appraisal.

Due to the Company's business combination with AMST that closed on August 31, 2016 the Company recorded an additional \$2.5 million and \$4.3 million of identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, respectively; these values were based upon an independent appraisal. The Company's investment in AMST has resulted in synergies between the acquired minting operation and the Company's established distribution network by providing a more steady and reliable fabricated source of silver during times of market volatility. The Company considers that much of the acquired goodwill relates to the "ready state" of AMST's established minting operation with existing quality processes, procedures and ability to scale production to meet market needs.

Due to the Company's acquisition of Goldline (see [Note 1](#)), the Company recorded \$5.0 million and \$1.5 million of additional identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, respectively; these values were based upon an independent appraisal and represents their fair values at the acquisition date. The Company's investment in Goldline is expected to create synergies between Goldline's direct marketing operation and the Company's established distribution network, secured storage and lending operations that is expected to lead to increased product margin spreads, lower distribution and storage costs for Goldline, and a larger customer base for the Company's secured lending operations.

The carrying value of goodwill and other purchased intangibles as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017 is as described below:

dollar amounts in thousands

	Estimated Useful Lives (Years)	September 30, 2017			June 30, 2017		
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Identifiable intangible Assets:							
Existing customer relationships	5 - 15	8,849	(4,784)	4,065	6,447	(4,636)	1,811
Non-compete and other	3 - 5	2,300	(2,006)	294	2,000	(2,000)	—
Employment agreement	3	295	(198)	97	195	(195)	—
Intangibles subject to amortization		11,444	(6,988)	4,456	8,642	(6,831)	1,811
Trade Name	Indefinite	\$ 4,454	\$ —	\$ 4,454	\$ 2,254	\$ —	\$ 2,254
		\$ 15,898	\$ (6,988)	\$ 8,910	\$ 10,896	\$ (6,831)	\$ 4,065
Goodwill	Indefinite	\$ 10,331	\$ —	\$ 10,331	\$ 8,881	\$ —	\$ 8,881

The Company's intangible assets are subject to amortization except for trade-names, which have an indefinite life. Intangible assets subject to amortization are amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives, which are estimated to be three to fifteen years. Amortization expense related to the Company's intangible assets for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$157,000 and \$96,000, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company did not identify any impairments related to the Company's goodwill or intangible assets.

Estimated amortization expense on an annual basis for the succeeding five years is as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2018 (9 months remaining)	\$ 759
2019	1,012
2020	1,012
2021	621
2022	571
Thereafter	481
Total	\$ 4,456

9. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

The Company has two investments in privately-held entities, both of which are online precious metals retailers and customers of the Company. The Company has exclusive supplier agreements with each entity, for which these customers have agreed to purchase all bullion products required for their businesses exclusively from A-Mark, subject to certain limitations. The Company also provides fulfillment services to both of these customers. The following table shows the carrying value of the Company's investments in the privately held companies, categorized by type of investment:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Equity method investment	\$ 7,524	\$ 7,467
Cost method investment	500	500
	\$ 8,024	\$ 7,967

Equity Method Investment

The Company applies the equity method of accounting for its investment in which it has aggregate ownership interest of 20.2%. Under the equity method of accounting, the carrying value of the investment is adjusted for the Company's proportional share of the investee's reported earnings or losses with the corresponding share of earnings or losses reported in other income (expense) on the condensed consolidated statements of income. The Company's proportionate share of the investee's net income totaled \$57,000 and \$(14,000) for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Cost Method Investment

The Company applies the cost method to its investment in which its ownership percentage, based on the number of fully dilutive common shares outstanding, was 2.5% as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the aggregate carrying balance of this investment was \$0.5 million.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consists of the following:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Trade payables to customers	\$ 7,711	\$ 277
Advances from customers	31,441	36,382
Liability on deferred revenue	4,805	3,777
Other accounts payable	1,703	1,511
	<u>\$ 45,660</u>	<u>\$ 41,947</u>

11. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING TRANSACTIONS

The Company is exposed to market risk, such as changes in commodity prices, and foreign exchange rates. To manage the volatility relating to these exposures, the Company enters into various derivative products, such as forwards and futures contracts. By policy, the Company historically has entered into derivative financial instruments for the purpose of hedging substantially all of Company's market exposure to precious metals prices, and not for speculative purposes.

Commodity Price Management

The Company manages the value of certain assets and liabilities of its trading business, including trading inventories, by employing a variety of hedging strategies. These strategies include the management of exposure to changes in the market values of the Company's trading inventories through the purchase and sale of a variety of derivative instruments, such as, forwards and futures contracts.

The Company enters into derivative transactions solely for the purpose of hedging its inventory subject to price risk, and not for speculative market purposes. Due to the nature of the Company's global hedging strategy, the Company is not using hedge accounting as defined under Topic 815 of the ASC, whereby the gains or losses would be deferred and included as a component of other comprehensive income. Instead, gains or losses resulting from the Company's futures and forward contracts and open sale and purchase commitments are reported as unrealized gains or losses on commodity contracts (a component of cost of sales) with the related unrealized amounts due from or to counterparties reflected as a derivative asset or liability on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The Company's trading inventories and purchase and sale transactions consist primarily of precious metal products. The value of these assets and liabilities are marked-to-market daily to the prevailing closing price of the underlying precious metals. The Company's precious metals inventories are subject to market value changes, created by changes in the underlying commodity market prices. Inventories purchased or borrowed by the Company are subject to price changes. Inventories borrowed are considered natural hedges, since changes in value of the metal held are offset by the obligation to return the metal to the supplier.

The Company's open sale and purchase commitments typically settle within 2 business days, and for those commitments that do not have stated settlement dates, the Company has the right to settle the positions upon demand. Futures and forwards contracts open at end of any period typically settle within 30 days. Open sale and purchase commitments are subject to changes in value between the date the purchase or sale price is fixed (the trade date) and the date the metal is received or delivered (the settlement date). The Company seeks to minimize the effect of price changes of the underlying commodity through the use of forward and futures contracts.

The Company's policy is to substantially hedge its inventory position, net of open sale and purchase commitments that are subject to price risk. The Company regularly enters into precious metals commodity forward and futures contracts with financial institutions to hedge price changes that would cause changes in the value of its physical metals positions and purchase commitments and sale commitments. The Company has access to all of the precious metals markets, allowing it to place hedges. The Company also maintains relationships with major market makers in every major precious metals dealing center.

The Company's management sets credit and position risk limits. These limits include gross position limits for counterparties engaged in sales and purchase transactions with the Company. They also include collateral limits for different types of sale and purchase transactions that counterparties may engage in from time to time.

Derivative Assets and Liabilities

The Company's derivative assets and liabilities represent the net fair value of the difference (or intrinsic value) between market values and trade values at the trade date for open precious metals sale and purchase contracts, as adjusted on a daily basis for changes in market values of the underlying metals, until settled. The Company's derivative assets and liabilities represent the net fair value of open precious metals forwards and futures contracts. The precious metals forwards and futures contracts are settled at the contract settlement date.

All of our commodity derivative contracts are under master netting arrangements and include both asset and liability positions (i.e., offsetting derivative instruments). Substantially all of these transactions are secured by the underlying metals positions. As such, the Company's derivative contracts with the same counterparty, the receivables and payables have been netted on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Such derivative contracts include open sale and purchase commitments, futures, forwards and margin accounts. In the table below, the aggregate gross and net derivative receivables and payables balances are presented by contract type and type of hedge, as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

<i>in thousands</i>	September 30, 2017				June 30, 2017			
	Gross Derivative	Amounts Netted	Cash Collateral Pledge	Net Derivative	Gross Derivative	Amounts Netted	Cash Collateral Pledge	Net Derivative
Nettable derivative assets:								
Open sale and purchase commitments	\$ 3,259	\$ (514)	\$ —	\$ 2,745	\$ 1,625	\$ (694)	\$ —	\$ 931
Option contracts	214	—	—	214	—	—	—	—
Future contracts	7,263	—	—	7,263	1,273	—	—	1,273
Forward contracts	10,104	—	—	10,104	15,754	(371)	—	15,383
	<u>\$ 20,840</u>	<u>\$ (514)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 20,326</u>	<u>\$ 18,652</u>	<u>\$ (1,065)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 17,587</u>
Nettable derivative liabilities:								
Open sale and purchase commitments	\$ 23,213	\$ (2,999)	\$ —	\$ 20,214	\$ 31,568	\$ (1,783)	\$ —	\$ 29,785
Margin accounts	7,206	—	(3,629)	3,577	7,936	—	(3,139)	4,797
Liability of price protection programs	198	—	—	198				
	<u>\$ 30,617</u>	<u>\$ (2,999)</u>	<u>\$ (3,629)</u>	<u>\$ 23,989</u>	<u>\$ 39,504</u>	<u>\$ (1,783)</u>	<u>\$ (3,139)</u>	<u>\$ 34,582</u>

Gains or Losses on Derivative Instruments

The Company records the derivative at the trade date with a corresponding unrealized gain (loss), shown as a component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income. The Company adjusts the derivatives to fair value on a daily basis until the transactions are settled. Upon settlement, the sales which are physically settled, are recognized at the gross amount in the consolidated statements of income. Realized gains and losses on contracts which are not physically settled are recognized at the net amount as component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

Below is a summary of the net gains (losses) on derivative instruments for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

<i>in thousands</i>	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Gains (losses) on derivative instruments:		
Unrealized losses on open future commodity and forward contracts and open sale and purchase commitments, net	\$ (12,257)	\$ (18,150)
Realized (losses) gains on future commodity contracts, net	(2,387)	14,259
	<u>\$ (14,644)</u>	<u>\$ (3,891)</u>

Summary of Hedging Activity

In a hedging relationship, the change in the value of the derivative financial instrument is offset to a great extent by the change in the value of the underlying hedged item. The following table summarizes the results of our hedging activities, which shows the precious metal commodity inventory position, net of open sale and purchase commitments, that is subject to price risk as of September 30, 2017 and at June 30, 2017.

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Inventory	\$ 311,584	\$ 284,659
Less unhedgable inventory:		
Commemorative coin inventory, held at lower of cost or market	(215)	(40)
Premium on metals position	(4,129)	(4,088)
Inventory value not hedged	(4,344)	(4,128)
Subtotal	307,240	280,531
Commitments at market:		
Open inventory purchase commitments	567,595	587,687
Open inventory sales commitments	(97,564)	(121,602)
Margin sale commitments	(7,206)	(7,936)
In-transit inventory no longer subject to market risk	(3,085)	(3,931)
Unhedgable premiums on open commitment positions	500	495
Inventory borrowed from suppliers	(15,010)	(5,625)
Product financing arrangements	(124,864)	(135,343)
Advances on industrial metals	786	1,580
Inventory subject to price risk	628,392	595,856
Inventory subject to derivative financial instruments:		
Precious metals forward contracts at market values	465,861	462,231
Precious metals futures contracts at market values	161,819	133,450
Total market value of derivative financial instruments	627,680	595,681
Net inventory subject to commodity price risk	\$ 712	\$ 175

Notional Balances of Derivatives

The notional balances of the Company's derivative instruments, consisting of contractual metal quantities, are expressed at current spot prices of the underlying precious metal commodity. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the Company had the following outstanding commitments and open forward and future contracts:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Purchase commitments	\$ 567,595	\$ 587,687
Sales commitments	(97,564)	(121,602)
Margin sales commitments	(7,206)	(7,936)
Open forward contracts	465,861	462,231
Open futures contracts	161,819	133,450

The contract amounts (i.e., notional balances) of the Company's forward and futures contracts and the open sales and purchase commitments are properly not reflected in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. The Company records the difference between the market price of the underlying metal or contract and the trade amount at fair value.

The Company is exposed to the risk of failure of the counterparties to its derivative contracts. Significant judgment is applied by the Company when evaluating the fair value implications. The Company regularly reviews the creditworthiness of its

major counterparties and monitors its exposure to concentrations. At September 30, 2017, the Company believes its risk of counterparty default is mitigated as a result of such evaluation and the short-term duration of these arrangements.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Management

The Company utilizes foreign currency forward contracts to manage the effect of foreign currency exchange fluctuations on its sale and purchase transactions. These contracts generally have maturities of less than one week. The accounting treatment of our foreign currency exchange derivative instruments is similar to the accounting treatment of our commodity derivative instruments, that is, the change in the value in the financial instrument is immediately recognized as a component of cost of sales. Unrealized losses on foreign exchange derivative instruments shown on the face of the condensed consolidated statements of income totaled \$(101,000) and \$(6,000) for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The market values (fair values) of the Company's foreign exchange forward contracts and the net open sale and purchase commitment transactions, denominated in foreign currencies, outstanding at September 30, 2017 was \$3.0 million and \$6.2 million, respectively. The market values (fair values) of the Company's foreign exchange forward contracts and the net open sale and purchase commitment transactions, denominated in foreign currencies, outstanding at June 30, 2017 was \$2.2 million and \$2.2 million, respectively.

12. INCOME TAXES

Income from operations before provision for income taxes is shown below:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
U.S.	\$	684	\$ 2,984
Foreign		34	14
Income before provision for income taxes	\$	<u>718</u>	<u>\$ 2,998</u>

The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return based on a June 30 tax year end. The provision for (benefit from) income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 consists of the following:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Federal	\$	252	\$ 986
State and local		21	73
Foreign		1	—
Provision for income taxes	\$	<u>274</u>	<u>\$ 1,059</u>

The effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 are set forth below:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Effective tax rate		38.2%	35.5%

Tax Balances and Activity

Income Taxes Receivable and Payable

As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, income taxes receivable totaled \$5.9 million and \$0.0 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, income taxes payable totaled \$0.0 million and \$1.4 million, respectively.

Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized by evaluating both positive and negative evidence. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, management concluded that with the exception of certain state net operating losses, it was more likely than not that the Company would be able to realize the benefit of the U.S. federal and state deferred tax assets. We based this conclusion on historical and projected operating performance, as well as our expectation that our operations will generate sufficient taxable income in future periods to realize the tax benefits associated with the deferred tax assets.

As of September 30, 2017, the consolidated balance sheet reflects the deferred tax items for each tax-paying component (i.e., federal and state), resulting in a state deferred tax asset of \$1.2 million and a federal deferred tax liability of \$1.9 million. As

of June 30, 2017, the consolidated balance sheet reflects the deferred tax items for each tax-paying component (i.e., federal and state), resulting in a state deferred tax asset of \$1.4 million and a federal deferred tax asset of \$2.5 million.

Net Operating Loss Carryforwards and Valuation Allowances

As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the Company's state and city net operating loss carryforwards totaled approximately \$12.5 million and \$12.5 million, respectively. The Company's tax-effected net operating loss carryforwards totaled, as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, \$0.7 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. These net operating loss carryforwards start to expire in the year ending June 30, 2028. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the Company had \$56,000 and \$56,000, respectively, of valuation allowance for certain state and city net operating loss carryforwards, based on the Company's annual assessment of the realizability of its deferred tax assets.

Unrecognized Tax Benefits

The Company has taken or expects to take certain tax benefits on its income tax return filings that it has not recognized a tax benefit (i.e., an unrecognized tax benefit) on its consolidated statements of income. The Company's measurement of its uncertain tax positions is based on management's assessment of all relevant information, including, but not limited to prior audit experience, audit settlement, or lapse of the applicable statute of limitations. Below is a reconciliation of the net unrecognized tax benefits for the three months ended September 30, 2017:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017
Beginning balance	\$	197
Reductions due to lapse of statute of limitations		—
Additions as a result of tax positions taken during current period		—
Ending balance	\$	197

In addition to the \$197,000 of accrued tax expense related to unrecognized tax positions, as shown in the table above, the Company accrued \$103,000 of interest and \$53,000 of penalties related to its uncertain tax positions. As of September 30, 2017, the amount of this accrued liability (inclusive of the uncertain tax deductions and the associated interest and penalty accrual) totaled \$353,000, and, if recognized, would reduce the Company's effective tax rate. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company recognized approximately \$5,000 and \$6,000 of interest expense, respectively.

Tax Examinations

Refer to Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the 2017 Annual Report for information relating to open tax examinations; there have been no significant changes.

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Sales and Purchases Made to Affiliated Companies

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company made sales and purchases to various companies, which have been deemed to be related parties, as follows:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,		2017		2016	
	Sales	Purchases	Sales	Purchases	Sales	Purchases
Former Parent	\$ 4,432	\$ 2,389	\$ 6,668	\$ 11,199		
Equity method investee	81,971	358	129,076	89		
SilverTowne	3,150	99	6,789	2,612		
	<u>\$ 89,553</u>	<u>\$ 2,846</u>	<u>\$ 142,533</u>	<u>\$ 13,900</u>		

Balances with Affiliated Companies or Persons

As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the Company had related party receivables and payables balances as set forth below:

in thousands

	September 30, 2017		June 30, 2017	
	Receivables	Payables	Receivables	Payables
Former Parent	\$ 2,854 ⁽¹⁾	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 27
Equity method investee	2,373 ⁽²⁾	—	—	558
SilverTowne	—	851 ⁽³⁾	—	1,768
Goldline Lenders	—	8,092 ⁽⁴⁾	—	—
	<u>\$ 5,227</u>	<u>\$ 8,943</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ 2,353</u>

1) Balance includes a secured line of credit with a balance of \$2.2 million.

2) Balance represents mostly open trade receivables.

3) Balance includes: (a) a short-term earn-out liability of \$0.5 million (included as a component of the accrued liabilities balance), (b) a trade receivables of \$0.3 million (shown as a component of receivables), and (c) a contingent earn-out liability of \$0.5 million (shown as a component of other long-term liabilities).

4) Balance includes: the face value the Goldline Credit Facility (\$7.5 million), the associated estimated debt funding fees payable (\$0.5 million) and accrued interest (\$0.1 million). The Goldline Credit facility and the debt funding fee is payable in August 2020.

Secured Loans Made to an Affiliated Company

On September 29, 2017, CFC entered into a loan agreement with Former Parent providing a secured line of credit, bearing interest at a competitive rate per annum. The loan is secured by numismatic and semi-numismatic products. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the aggregate carrying value of this loan was \$2.2 million and \$0.0 million, respectively, and is shown on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as a component of secured loans receivable (see [Note 5](#)).

Note payable to SilverTowne

On August 31, 2016, the Company signed a \$500,000 promissory note with SilverTowne that was payable in one year related to our acquisition of AMST. This note was paid in full in August 2017.

Long Term Debt Obligations with Goldline Lenders

As of September 30, 2017, the carrying value of the long term debt obligation payable to Goldline Lenders totaled \$6,818,000, and is shown in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as debt obligations (related party). The face value of this debt obligation is \$7,500,000 and the related unamortized loan funding fee, a contra-liability, totaled \$682,000 as of September 30, 2017 (see [Note 14](#)). The estimated loan funding fee payable to Goldline Lenders as of September 30, 2017 totaled \$534,000 and is shown on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as component of other long-term liabilities.

Activity with Affiliated Companies or Persons

Interest Income Earned from Affiliated Companies

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company earned interest income related to loans made to Former Parent and related to financing products sold to affiliated companies, as set forth below:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Interest income from secured loan receivables	\$ 2	\$ 10
Interest income from finance products	544	668
	<u>\$ 546</u>	<u>\$ 678</u>

Interest Expense Incurred Related to Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt Obligation

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company incurred interest related to notes payable due to SilverTowne and a long-term debt payable to the Goldline Lenders, as set forth below:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Interest expense incurred related to notes payable	\$	2	\$ 10
Interest expense incurred related to long-term debt obligation		73	—
	\$	75	\$ 10

Other Income Earned from Equity Method Investee

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company recorded its proportional share of its equity method investee's net income (loss) as other income (expense) that total \$57,000 and \$(14,000), respectively. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the carrying balance of the equity method investment was \$7.5 million and \$7.5 million, respectively.

14. FINANCING AGREEMENTS

Lines of Credit

The Company has an uncommitted demand revolving credit facility ("Trading Credit Facility") provided to the Company by a syndicate of financial institutions, with Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. ("Rabobank") acting as lead lender and administrative agent and Natixis, New York Branch acting as syndication agent. The Trading Credit Facility is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets on a first priority basis. Currently, the Trading Credit Facility provides the Company with access up to \$275.0 million, featuring a \$225.0 million base with a \$50.0 million accordion option, and is scheduled to mature on March 31, 2018. As of September 30, 2017, the Company incurred \$1.9 million of loan costs in connection with the Trading Credit Facility, which was capitalized and is being amortized over the term of the Trading Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the remaining unamortized balance was approximately \$0.6 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

The Company routinely uses the Trading Credit Facility to purchase precious metals from suppliers and for operating cash flow purposes. Amounts under the Trading Credit Facility bear interest based on London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a 2.50% margin for revolving credit line loans and a 4.50% margin for bridge loans (that is, for loans that exceed the available revolving credit line). The one-month LIBOR rate was approximately 1.23% and 1.17% as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, respectively. Borrowings are due on demand and totaled \$219.0 million and \$180.0 million at September 30, 2017 and at June 30, 2017, respectively. The amounts available under the respective borrowing facilities are determined at the end of each week following a specified borrowing base formula. The Company is able to access additional credit as needed to finance operations, subject to the overall limits of the borrowing facilities and lender approval of the revised borrowing base calculation. Based on the latest approved borrowing bases in effect, the amounts available under the Trading Credit Facility after taking into account current borrowings, totaled \$30.0 million and \$45.6 million as determined on the Friday before September 30, 2017 and on Friday, June 30, 2017, respectively.

The Trading Credit Facility has certain restrictive financial covenants, including one requiring the Company to maintain a minimum tangible net worth. As of September 30, 2017 the minimum tangible net worth financial covenant under the Trading Credit Facility was \$47.5 million, as retroactively adjusted per a Trading Credit Facility amendment (see [Note 19](#)). The Company is in compliance with all restrictive financial covenants as of September 30, 2017.

Interest expense related to the Company's lines of credit totaled \$1.7 million and \$1.5 million, which represents 63.5% and 65.0% of the total interest expense recognized, for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Our lines of credit carried a daily weighted average effective interest rate of 3.75% and 2.98%, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Debt Obligation

On August 28, 2017, in connection with the closing of the Goldline acquisition (see [Note 1](#)), Goldline, then known as Goldline Acquisition Corp., entered into a privately placed credit facility in the amount of \$7.5 million (the "Goldline Credit Facility") with various lenders (the "Goldline Lenders"). Borrowings under the Goldline Credit Facility were used to finance a portion of the consideration payable pursuant to the Goldline acquisition.

The Goldline Credit Facility is secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of Goldline, and is guaranteed by the Company. Interest on the Goldline Credit Facility is payable quarterly in arrears at the rate of 8.5% per annum, and the Goldline Lenders under the Goldline Credit Facility are entitled to an additional funding fee payment at maturity equal to the greater of 3% of the principal amount of the Goldline Credit Facility and 10% of cumulative EBITDA (for the periods ending June 30, 2018, 2019 and 2020) of Goldline in excess of \$10 million, on a pro rata basis. The Goldline Credit Facility has a three-year maturity, and all outstanding principal and unpaid interest is due upon maturity (August 28, 2020).

In connection with the Goldline Credit Facility, the Company incurred \$0.2 million of loan funding costs and accrued \$0.5 million of loan funding fees that are due to the Goldline Lenders at maturity date. These loan funding fee were capitalized and are being amortized over the term of the Goldline Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2017, the carrying balance of the Goldline Credit facility was \$6.8 million, and the remaining unamortized loan cost balance was approximately \$0.7 million, which is amortized ratably through the maturity date. As of September 30, 2017, the balance of the loan fee payable was \$0.5 million, of which \$0.3 million was estimated based on discounted cash flow model of Goldline's projected results.

Interest expense related to the Goldline Credit Facility (including the amortization of debt loan costs) totaled \$79,000 which represents 2.9% of the total interest expense recognized, for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The Goldline Credit Facility's weighted average effective interest rate was 9.38% for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

The obligations of Goldline and the Company pursuant to the documentation governing the Goldline Credit Facility are subordinated to the Company's obligations under the Uncommitted Credit Agreement, dated as of March 31, 2016, as amended (see Lines of Credit, above in [Note 14](#)), among the Company, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. New York Branch, as administrative agent, and the Goldline Lenders named therein (the "Uncommitted Credit Agreement") including, among other subordination terms, that the Goldline Lenders will be permitted to collect regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest, provided that no event of default is continuing under the Uncommitted Credit Agreement and the Company is in pro forma compliance with the financial covenants pursuant to the Uncommitted Credit Agreement.

Goldline Lenders

The following table shows the directors, executive officer and principal stockholder that participated in the Goldline Credit Facility transaction, and provides related information:

Goldline Lenders	Position/Relationship	Amount of Company Indebtedness Acquired ⁽¹⁾
Gregory N. Roberts	Chief Executive Officer, Director and principal stockholder ⁽²⁾	\$ 587,500 ⁽²⁾
William D. Richardson	Principal stockholder ⁽³⁾	587,500 ⁽³⁾
Jeffrey D. Benjamin	Chairman of the Board and Director	1,000,000
Ellis Landau	Director	375,000
William Montgomery	Director	1,500,000
Jess Ravich	Director	500,000 ⁽⁴⁾
		<hr/> 4,550,000
7 other persons	Non-affiliated members	2,950,000
		<hr/> \$ 7,500,000 <hr/>

- (1) The amount shown is expected to remain outstanding throughout the term of the Goldline Credit Facility, with repayment due in August 2020.
- (2) Silver Bow Ventures LLC ("Silver Bow") is the Lender. Mr. Roberts holds 50% of the ownership interests in and controls Silver Bow. Accordingly, the amount of indebtedness shown, and the interest amounts potentially payable on such indebtedness shown, represent 50% of the aggregate amounts of indebtedness held by and potential interest payable to Silver Bow.
- (3) Silver Bow Ventures LLC ("Silver Bow") is the Lender. Mr. Richardson holds 50% of the ownership interests in and controls Silver Bow. Accordingly, the amount of indebtedness shown, and the interest amounts potentially payable on such indebtedness shown, represent 50% of the aggregate amounts of indebtedness held by and potential interest payable to Silver Bow.
- (4) Libra Securities Holdings, LLC is the Lender. Mr. Ravich and a trust for his family members holds 100% of the ownership interests and controls Libra Securities Holdings, LLC.

Liability on Borrowed Metals

The Company borrows precious metals from its suppliers under short-term agreements with our suppliers. Amounts under these arrangements require delivery either in the form of precious metals or cash. The Company's inventories included borrowed metals with market values totaling \$15.0 million and \$5.6 million as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, respectively, with the corresponding liability on borrowed metals reflected on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Product Financing Arrangements

The Company has agreements with financial institutions (third parties) that allows the Company to transfer its gold and silver inventory at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price with these third parties. Such agreements allow the Company to repurchase this inventory at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the repurchase date. The third party charges a monthly

fee as percentage of the market value of the outstanding obligation; such monthly charges are classified in interest expense. These transactions do not qualify as sales, and therefore have been accounted for as financing arrangements and reflected in the condensed consolidated balance sheet as product financing arrangements. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Both the product financing obligation and the underlying inventory (which is entirely restricted) are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value recorded as a component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income. Such obligation totaled \$124.9 million and \$135.3 million as of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Refer to Note 15 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the 2017 Annual Report for information relating to minimum rental payments under operating and capital leases, consulting and employment contracts, and other commitments. Other than the following items, the Company is not aware of any material changes to commitments as summarized in the 2017 Annual Report. In connection with the Goldline acquisition (see [Note 1](#)):

- the Company has guaranteed all of the obligations of Goldline under the Goldline Credit Facility (this guarantee is unconditional and constitutes a guarantee of payment and not merely of collection) (see [Note 14](#));
- the Company leases approximately 19,700 square feet of office space in Los Angeles, California at a cost of \$2.45 per square foot per month. The term of the lease is 7.0 years with annual base rent increases of 3%. The term of this lease expires on February 28, 2022 and the Company has the option to renew the lease term for an additional five years at the then current market rate. The lease requires the payment of related property taxes, insurance, maintenance and other cost related to the leased property;
- the Company provided the landlord of the office space in Los Angeles, California a standby letter of credit for \$500,000 in value in lieu of a security deposit. This letter of credit is renewed annually and reduces each lease anniversary date as provided in the lease agreement; and
- approximately 80 employees of Goldline were eligible to roll over funds from Goldline's 401(k) plan into A-Mark's 401(k) plan at the Closing Date. Goldline employees are eligible to make payroll contributions in A-Mark's 401(k) plan beginning on November 1, 2017. Employees' contributions are discretionary to a maximum of 90% of compensation. For all plan members, the Company contributes 30% of the eligible employees' contributions to the IRS maximum annual contribution.

16. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Payment of Dividends

In fiscal 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company initiated a cash dividend policy that calls for the payment of quarterly dividends. The table below summarizes the eight most recent quarterly dividends declared pursuant to this policy:

Dividend Declaration Date	Record Date (at close of Business)	Type of Dividend	Basis of Payment	Payment Date
October 30, 2015	November 13, 2015	Cash	\$ 0.05 per common share	November 25, 2015
February 2, 2016	February 15, 2016	Cash	\$ 0.07 per common share	February 29, 2016
April 29, 2016	May 13, 2016	Cash	\$ 0.07 per common share	May 27, 2016
September 7, 2016	September 19, 2016	Cash	\$ 0.07 per common share	October 7, 2016
November 1, 2016	November 14, 2016	Cash	\$ 0.07 per common share	December 1, 2016
January 26, 2017	February 8, 2017	Cash	\$ 0.08 per common share	February 24, 2017
May 2, 2017	May 15, 2017	Cash	\$ 0.08 per common share	May 25, 2017
August 30, 2017	September 18, 2017	Cash	\$ 0.08 per common share	September 27, 2017

Effective November 13, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per common share to stockholders of record at the close of business on November 24, 2017, which is scheduled to be paid on or about December 13, 2017.

2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan

Prior to the Distribution, the Company's Board of Directors ("Board") adopted and the Company's then sole stockholder approved the 2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan, which was approved by the Company's stockholders in February 2015. On November 2, 2017, the Company's stockholders approved the amended and restated 2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan"), to (i) increase the available shares authorized for issuance under the plan by 525,000 shares, (ii) extend the term of the 2014 Plan until 2027, an additional five years, and (iii) eliminate provisions that add back to the share reserve shares surrendered or withheld to pay the exercise price of an option or withheld to cover tax withholding obligations for any type of award, and shares as to which a stock appreciation right is exercised that exceed the number of shares actually delivered.

Under the 2014 Plan, the Company may grant options and other equity awards as a means of attracting and retaining officers, employees, non-employee directors and consultants, to provide incentives to such persons, and to align the interests of such persons with the interests of stockholders by providing compensation based on the value of the Company's stock. Awards under the 2014 Plan may be granted in the form of incentive or non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalent rights and other stock-based awards (which may include outright grants of shares). The 2014 Plan also authorizes grants of performance-based cash incentive awards, including awards qualifying under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m). The 2014 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, which, in its discretion, may select officers and other employees, directors (including non-employee directors) and consultants to the Company and its subsidiaries to receive grants of awards. The Board of Directors itself may perform any of the functions of the Compensation Committee under the 2014 Plan.

Under the 2014 Plan, the exercise price of options and base price of SARs, as set by the Compensation Committee, generally may not be less than the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant, and the maximum term of stock options and SARs is 10 years. The 2014 Plan limits the number of share-denominated awards that may be granted to any one eligible person to 250,000 shares in any fiscal year. Also, in the case of non-employee directors, the 2014 Plan limits the maximum grant-date fair value at \$300,000 of stock-denominated awards granted to a director in a given fiscal year, except for a non-employee Chairman of the Board whose grant-date fair value maximum is \$600,000 per fiscal year. The 2014 Plan will terminate when no shares remain available for issuance and no awards remain outstanding; however, the authority to grant new awards will terminate on December 13, 2022.

As of September 30, 2017, 79,345 shares were available for grant under the 2014 Plan.

Valuation and Significant Assumptions of Equity Awards Issued

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which uses various inputs such as the estimated common share price, the risk-free interest rate, volatility, expected life and dividend yield, all of which are estimates.

Stock Options

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company incurred \$436,407 and \$191,460 of compensation expense related to stock options, respectively. As of September 30, 2017, there was total remaining compensation expense of \$2.2 million related to employee stock options, which will be recorded over a weighted average period of approximately 2.3 years.

The following table summarizes the stock option activity for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Award
Outstanding at June 30, 2017	741,327	\$ 17.89	\$ 1,514	\$ 6.19
Granted	85,705	\$ 17.49		
Cancellations, expirations and forfeitures	(1,250)	\$ 20.48		
Outstanding at September 30, 2017	<u>825,782</u>	\$ 17.85	\$ 1,543	\$ 6.08
Exercisable at September 30, 2017	<u>372,376</u>	\$ 14.87	\$ 1,340	\$ 6.03

Following is a summary of the status of stock options outstanding at September 30, 2017:

Exercise Price Ranges		Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
		Number of Shares Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price
From	To						
\$ —	\$ 10.00	134,239	5.10	\$ 8.39	110,267	5.11	\$ 8.40
10.01	15.00	98,888	5.03	\$ 11.94	97,888	5.01	\$ 11.96
15.01	25.00	492,655	8.91	\$ 20.06	139,221	8.84	20.13
25.01	60.00	100,000	8.39	\$ 25.50	25,000	8.39	25.50
		825,782	7.76	\$ 17.85	372,376	6.70	\$ 14.87

Certain Anti-Takeover Provisions

The Company's certificate of incorporation and by-laws contain certain anti-takeover provisions that could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from attempting to acquire, control of the Company without negotiating with its Board. Such provisions could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for the Company's securities. Certain of such provisions provide for a Board with staggered terms, allow the Company to issue preferred stock with rights senior to those of the common stock, or impose various procedural and other requirements which could make it more difficult for stockholders to effect certain corporate actions.

17. CUSTOMER AND SUPPLIER CONCENTRATIONS

Customer Concentration

Customers providing 10 percent or more of the Company's revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 are presented on a comparative basis in the table below:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,		2017		2016	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total revenue	\$ 2,163,790	100.0%	\$ 1,805,653	100.0%		
<i>Customer concentrations</i>						
HSBC Bank USA	\$ 511,264	23.6%	\$ 506,787	28.1%		
Morgan Stanley, LLC	260,786	12.1	16,645	0.9		
Mitsubishi Intl. Corp.	537,113	24.8	203,893	11.3		
	\$ 1,309,163	60.5%	\$ 727,325	40.3%		

The loss of any of the above listed customers could have a material adverse effect on the operations of the Company.

Supplier Concentration

The Company buys precious metals from a variety of sources, including through brokers and dealers, from sovereign and private mints, from refiners and directly from customers. The Company believes that no one or small group of suppliers is critical to its business, since other sources of supply are available that provide similar products on comparable terms.

18. SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The Company evaluates segment reporting in accordance with FASB ASC 280, Segment Reporting, each reporting period, including evaluating the organizational structure the reporting package reviewed by the Chief Operation Decision Maker ("CODM"). The Company has concluded the Chief Executive Officer and the President collectively act as the CODM. The Company's operations are organized under two business segments — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services and Direct Sales.

Our Direct Sales segment was created on August 28, 2017 as a result of our recent acquisition (see [Note 1](#)), and thus comparative prior period data is not available ("N/A").

Revenue

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Revenue by segment			
Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services		\$ 2,153,420	\$ 1,805,653
Direct Sales		10,370 ⁽¹⁾	N/A
Total revenue		\$ 2,163,790	\$ 1,805,653

(1) Includes \$6.9 million of inter-company sales from the direct sales segment to the wholesale & ancillary services segment.

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Revenue by geographic region (as determined by the shipping address or where the services were preformed):			
United States		\$ 2,051,921	\$ 1,710,079
Europe		54,358	47,020
North America, excluding United States		54,878	44,803
Asia Pacific		1,352	2,535
Australia		1,281	1,216
Total revenue		\$ 2,163,790	\$ 1,805,653

Gross Profit and Gross Margin Percentage

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Gross profit by segment			
Wholesale trading & ancillary services		\$ 5,645	\$ 8,064
Direct sales		1,661	N/A
Total gross profit		\$ 7,306	\$ 8,064
Gross margin percentage by segment			
Wholesale trading & ancillary services		0.262%	0.447%
Direct sales		16.017%	N/A
Weighted average gross margin percentage		0.338%	0.447%

Operating Expenses and Income

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Operating income and expenses by segment			
Wholesale trading & ancillary services			
General and administrative expenses		\$ (5,793)	\$ (5,664)
Interest income		\$ 3,161	\$ 2,884
Interest expense		\$ (2,654)	\$ (2,241)
Other expense		\$ (40)	\$ (45)
Direct sales			
General and administrative expenses		\$ (1,183)	N/A
Interest expense		\$ (79)	N/A

Depreciation and Amortization

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Depreciation and amortization by segment			
Wholesale trading & ancillary services	\$	(391)	\$ (321)
Direct sales		(138)	N/A
Total depreciation and amortization	\$	(529)	\$ (321)

Advertising expense

in thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,	2017	2016
Advertising expense by segment			
Wholesale trading & ancillary services	\$	(112)	\$ (167)
Direct sales		(405)	N/A
Total advertising expense	\$	(517)	\$ (167)

Inventory

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Inventories by segment		
Wholesale trading & ancillary services	\$ 305,782	\$ 284,659
Direct sales	5,802	N/A
Total inventories	\$ 311,584	\$ 284,659

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Inventories by geographic region		
United States	\$ 300,863	\$ 276,809
Europe	2,943	3,154
North America, excluding United States	7,262	4,310
Asia	516	386
Total inventories	\$ 311,584	\$ 284,659

Assets

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Assets by segment		
Wholesale trading & ancillary services	\$ 492,205	\$ 478,500
Direct sales	24,335	N/A
Total assets	\$ 516,540	\$ 478,500

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Assets by geographic region		
United States	\$ 503,246	\$ 469,114
Europe	5,516	4,690
North America, excluding United States	7,262	4,310
Asia	516	386
Total assets	\$ 516,540	\$ 478,500

Long-term Assets

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Long-term assets by segment		
Wholesale trading & ancillary services	\$ 28,556	\$ 31,479
Direct sales	8,205	N/A
Total long-term assets	\$ 36,761	\$ 31,479

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Long-term assets by geographic region		
United States	\$ 36,706	\$ 31,423
Europe	55	56
Total long-term assets	\$ 36,761	\$ 31,479

Goodwill

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Goodwill by segment		
Wholesale trading & ancillary services	\$ 8,881	\$ 8,881
Direct sales	1,450	N/A
Total goodwill	\$ 10,331	\$ 8,881

19. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Dividend Declaration

Effective November 13, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per common share to stockholders of record at the close of business on November 24, 2017, which is scheduled to be paid on or about December 13, 2017.

Amendment to Trading Credit Facility

Effective November 13, 2017, the Company entered into an amendment to its Trading Credit Facility (the "Eighth Amendment"). The Eighth Amendment had the effect of, among other things, (a) eliminating the restrictive covenant that limited annual dividend payments to 35% of consolidated net income, and (b) increasing the minimum tangible net worth requirement from \$38.9 million to \$47.5 million. The new minimum tangible net worth requirement is effective retroactive to September 30, 2017.

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

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Form 10-Q") contains statements that are considered forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements give the Company's current expectations and forecasts of future events. All statements other than statements of current or historical fact contained in this Quarterly Report, including statements regarding the Company's future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the Company's current plans, and the Company's actual future activities and results of operations may be materially different from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the statements made. Any or all of the forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report may turn out to be inaccurate. The Company has based these forward-looking statements largely on its current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that it believes may affect its financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs. The forward-looking statements can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events occurring after the date hereof. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in this Form 10-Q.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes contained elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those factors discussed below and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, particularly in "[Risk Factors](#)."

INTRODUCTION

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is provided as a supplement to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes to help provide an understanding of our results of operations and financial condition. Our discussion is organized as follows:

- [Executive overview](#). This section provides a general description of our business, as well as significant transactions and events that we believe are important in understanding the results of operations.
- [Results of operations](#). This section provides an analysis of our results of operations presented in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income by comparing the results for the respective years. Included in our analysis is a discussion of five performance metrics: (i) ounces of gold sold, (ii) ounces of silver sold, (iii) wholesale trading ticket volume, (iv) direct sales ticket volume, (v) inventory turnover ratio and (vi) number of secured loans at period-end.
- [Financial condition and liquidity and capital resources](#). This section provides an analysis of our cash flows, as well as a discussion of our outstanding debt as of September 30, 2017. Included in the discussion of outstanding debt is a discussion of the amount of financial capacity available to fund our future commitments, as well as a discussion of other financing arrangements.
- [Critical accounting estimates](#). This section discusses those accounting policies that both are considered important to our financial condition and results, and require significant judgment and estimates on the part of management in their application. In addition, all of our policies, including critical accounting policies, are summarized in [Note 2](#) to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.
- [Recent accounting pronouncements](#). This section discusses new accounting pronouncements, dates of implementation and impact on our accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Our Business

We conduct our operations in two reportable segments: (1) Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services, and (2) Direct Sales.

Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services Segment

The Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment operates as a full-service precious metals trading company. We offer gold, silver, platinum and palladium in the form of bars, plates, powder, wafers, grain, ingots and coins. Our Industrial unit services manufacturers and fabricators of products utilizing or incorporating precious metals. Our Coin and Bar unit deals in over 200 coin and bar products in a variety of weights, shapes and sizes for distribution to dealers and other qualified purchasers. We have trading centers in El Segundo, California and Vienna, Austria for buying and selling precious metals. In addition to wholesale trading activity, A-Mark offers its customers a variety of services, including financing, storage, consignment, logistics and various customized financial programs. As a U.S. Mint-authorized purchaser of gold, silver and platinum coins, A-Mark purchases product directly from the U.S. Mint and other sovereign mints for sale to its customers.

Through our wholly-owned subsidiary Collateral Finance Corporation, referred to as CFC, a licensed California Finance Lender, we offer loans collateralized by numismatic and semi-numismatic coins and bullion to coin and precious metal dealers, investors and collectors. Through our wholly-owned subsidiary Transcontinental Depository Services, referred to as TDS, we offer a variety of managed storage options for precious metals products to financial institutions, dealers, investors and collectors around the world. TDS started doing business in 2012. Our financing business generates interest income that is not classified as revenues. If interest income generated by the financing business were classified as revenues, it would represent less than 1% of our total revenues for each of the periods presented. Our storage business generated less than 1% of total revenues for each of the periods presented.

The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, A-M Global Logistics, LLC, referred to as Logistics, commenced operations as a logistics fulfillment center in July 2015. Logistics, based in Las Vegas, Nevada, provides our customers an array of complementary services, including receiving, handling, inventorying, processing, packing, and shipping of precious metals and custom coins on a secure basis. Our logistics business generated less than 1% of the total revenues for each of the periods presented.

In August 2016, the Company formed AMST, a joint venture with SilverTowne, L.P., referred to as SilverTowne, an Indiana-based producer of minted silver. The Company and SilverTowne, L.P. own 55% and 45%, respectively, of AMST. AMST acquired the entire minting operations (referred to as SilverTowne Mint) of SilverTowne, L.P., with the goal of providing greater product selection to our customers and greater pricing stability within the supply chain, as well as to gain increased access to silver during volatile market environments, which have historically resulted in higher demand for precious metals products.

Direct Sales Segment

The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Goldline, Inc. ("Goldline"), is a direct retailer of precious metals to the investor community. Goldline markets its precious metal products primarily on radio, internet and television. Goldline sells gold and silver bullion in the form of coins, and bars, as well as numismatic coins. We entered into the Direct Sales segment through our acquisition of substantially all of the net assets of Goldline, LLC ("Goldline, LLC" or the "Seller"), effective August 28, 2017. (See [Note 1](#).)

Goldline, LLC has been a leading direct retailer of precious metals to the metals community and has experienced a history of profitability that goes back 20 years. Its direct-to-customer model places a strong emphasis on providing exemplary customer service, allowing that company the ability to achieve higher margins and a broader array of service options than many of its competitors.

In recent years, Goldline, LLC's revenues and gross profits declined, and the Seller experienced losses after December 31, 2016. The Company believes that this decline in performance was attributable to a number of factors, including the entrance of new competition (e.g., internet retailers), shifting behaviors of its key customer base in light of the change in political environment, and capital resource limitations. As a result, during the eight months prior to the acquisition by the Company, the Seller scaled back its business significantly, including by effecting a reduction in force.

The decline in performance and other conditions allowed A-Mark the opportunity to acquire the net assets of Goldline, LLC at a favorable price as compared to the assets reflected on the balance sheet of the Seller at December 31, 2016.

Going forward, the Company intends to leverage Goldline's depth of experience in the industry, and to vertically integrate its wholesale operations with Goldline's retail business. Among the synergies the Company hopes to realize include the integration and cross-selling of our financing, fulfillment and storage operations between the two segments.

Our Strategy

The Company has grown from a small numismatics firm in 1965 to a significant participant in the bullion and coin markets, with approximately \$7.0 billion and \$6.8 billion in revenues for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Our strategy continues to focus on growth, including the volume of our business, our geographic presence, particularly in Europe, and the scope of complementary products and services that we offer to our customers. We intend to promote our growth by leveraging off of the strengths of our existing integrated operations: the depth of our customer relations; our access to market makers, suppliers and government mints and other mints; our trading offices in the U.S. and Europe, which are open 21 hours a day 5 days a week; our expansive precious metals dealer network; our depository relationships around the world; our knowledge of secured lending; our logistics capabilities; our trading expertise; and the quality and experience of our management team.

Our Customers

Our customers include financial institutions, bullion retailers, industrial manufacturers and fabricators, sovereign mints, refiners, coin and metal dealers, investors and collectors. The Company makes a two way market, which results in many customers also operating as our suppliers. This diverse base of customers purchases a variety of products from the Company in a multitude of grades, primarily in the form of coins and bars.

Factors Affecting Revenues, Gross Profits, Interest Income and Interest Expense

Revenues. The Company enters into transactions to sell and deliver gold, silver, platinum and palladium to industrial and commercial users, coin and bullion dealers, mints, and financial institutions. The metals are investment or industrial grade and are sold in a variety of shapes and sizes.

The Company also sells precious metals on forward contracts at a fixed price based on current prevailing precious metal spot prices with a certain delivery date in the future (up to six months from date of the forward contract.) Typically, these forward contracts are net settled against our other positions or are settled in cash, whereby no physical product is delivered. Sales on forward contracts can be a substantial portion of revenues in any given period. We enter into these forward contracts as part of our hedging strategy to mitigate our price risk of holding inventory; they are not entered into for speculative purposes.

The Company also engages in lending transactions of precious metal products and other customized financial transactions related to precious metal products with or on behalf of our customers and other counterparties, whereby the Company earns a fee based on the underlying value of the precious metal.

In addition, the Company earns revenue by providing storage solutions for precious metals and numismatic coins for financial institutions, dealers, investors and collectors worldwide and by providing storage and order-fulfillment services to our retail customers. These revenue streams are complementary to our trading activity, and represents less than 1% of our revenues.

The Company operates in a high volume/low margin industry. Revenues are impacted by three primary factors: product volume, market prices and market volatility. A material change in any one or more of these factors may result in a significant change in the Company's revenues. A significant increase or decrease in revenues can occur simply based on changes in the underlying commodity prices and may not be reflective of an increase or decrease in the volume of products sold.

Gross Profits. Gross profit is the difference between our revenues and the cost of our products. Since we quote prices based on the current commodity market prices for precious metals, we enter into a combination of forward and futures contracts to effect a hedge position equal to the underlying precious metal commodity value, which substantially represents inventory subject to price risk. We enter into these derivative transactions solely for the purpose of hedging our inventory, and not for speculative purposes. Our gross profit includes the gains and losses resulting from these derivative instruments. However, the gains and losses on the derivative instruments are substantially offset by the gains and losses on the corresponding changes in the market value of our precious metals inventory. As a result, our results of operations generally are not materially impacted solely by changes in commodity prices.

Volatility also affects our gross profits. Greater volatility typically causes the trading spreads to widen resulting in an increase in the gross profit. Product supply constraints during extended periods of higher volatility has historically resulted in a heightening of wider trading spreads resulting in further improvement in the gross profit.

Interest Income. The Company enters into secured loans and secured financing structures with its customers under which it charges interest. Through its wholly owned subsidiary, CFC, the Company also enters into loans secured by precious metals and numismatic material owned by the borrowers and held by the Company for the term of the loan. The Company offers a number of secured financing options to its customers to finance their precious metals purchases including consignments and other structured inventory finance products.

Interest Expense. The Company incurs interest expense as a result of usage under its lines of credit. The Company also incurs interest expense as a result of its product financing agreements for the transfer and subsequent re-acquisition of gold and silver at a fixed price with a third-party finance company, and may incur interest expense when we borrow precious metals from our suppliers under short-term arrangements, which can bear interest at a designated rate.

Performance Metrics

In addition to financial statement indicators, management also utilizes certain key operational metrics to assess the performance of our business.

We look at the number of ounces of gold and silver sold and delivered to our customers (excluding ounces recorded on forward contracts). These metrics reflect our business volume without regard to changes in commodity pricing, which also impacts revenue and can mask actual business trends.

Another measure of our business volume, unaffected by changes in commodity pricing, is wholesale trading ticket volume and direct sales ticket volume, which is the total number orders processed by our trading desks in El Segundo, California and Vienna, Austria. In periods of higher volatility, there is generally increased trading in the commodity markets, and increased demand for our products, which translates into higher business volume.

Inventory turnover is another performance measure on which we are focused. We define inventory turnover as the cost of sales during the relevant period divided by the average inventory during the period. Inventory turnover is a measure of how quickly inventory has moved during the period. A higher inventory turnover ratio, which we typically experience during periods of higher volatility when trading is more robust, reflects a more efficient use of our capital.

Finally, as a measure of the size of our lending business, we look at the number of outstanding secured loans to customers at the end of the fiscal quarter.

Fiscal Year

Our fiscal year end is June 30 each year. Unless otherwise stated, references to years in this report relate to fiscal years rather than to calendar years.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview of Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

Condensed Consolidated Results of Operations

The operating results of our business for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

in thousands, except per share data and performance metrics

Three Months Ended September 30,	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue		
Revenues	\$ 2,163,790	100.000 %	\$ 1,805,653	100.000 %	\$ 358,137	19.8 %
Gross profit	7,306	0.338 %	8,064	0.447 %	\$ (758)	(9.4)%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(6,976)	(0.322)%	(5,664)	(0.314)%	\$ 1,312	23.2 %
Interest income	3,161	0.146 %	2,884	0.160 %	\$ 277	9.6 %
Interest expense	(2,733)	(0.126)%	(2,241)	(0.124)%	\$ 492	22.0 %
Other income (expense)	61	0.003 %	(39)	(0.002)%	\$ 100	(256.4)%
Unrealized gain on foreign exchange	(101)	(0.005)%	(6)	— %	\$ (95)	NM
Net income before provision for income taxes	718	0.033 %	2,998	0.166 %	\$ (2,280)	(76.1)%
Provision for income taxes	(274)	(0.013)%	(1,059)	(0.059)%	\$ (785)	(74.1)%
Net income	444	0.021 %	1,939	0.107 %	\$ (1,495)	(77.1)%
Add: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest	(34)	(0.002)%	(11)	(0.001)%	\$ 23	NM
Net income attributable to the Company	\$ 478	0.022 %	\$ 1,950	0.108 %	\$ (1,472)	(75.5)%

Basic and diluted income per share attributable to A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc.:

Per Share Data:

Basic	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.21)	(75.0)%
Diluted	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.27	\$ (0.20)	(74.1)%

Performance Metrics:

Gold ounces sold ⁽¹⁾	332,000	530,000	(198,000)	(37.4)%
Silver ounces sold ⁽²⁾	14,531,000	21,775,000	(7,244,000)	(33.3)%
Inventory turnover ratio ⁽³⁾	7.2	6.6	0.6	9.1 %
Number of secured loans at period end ⁽⁴⁾	2,454	1,667	787	47.2 %

NM Not meaningful.

- (1) Gold ounces sold represents the ounces of gold product sold and delivered to the customer during the three-month period, excluding ounces of gold recorded on forward contracts.
- (2) Silver ounces sold represents the ounces of silver product sold and delivered to the customer during the three-month period, excluding ounces of silver recorded on forward contracts.
- (3) Inventory turnover ratio is the cost of sales divided by average inventory.
- (4) Number of outstanding secured loans to customers at the end of the period.

Revenues

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands, except performance metrics</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Revenues	\$ 2,163,790	100.000%	\$ 1,805,653	100.000%	\$ 358,137	19.8 %
Performance Metrics						
Gold ounces sold	332,000		530,000		(198,000)	(37.4)%
Silver ounces sold	14,531,000		21,775,000		(7,244,000)	(33.3)%

Revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$358.1 million, or 19.8%, to \$2.164 billion from \$1.806 billion in 2016. Our revenues increased primarily due to higher forward sales, partially offset by a decrease in the total amount of gold and silver prices and ounces sold. Forward sales were up significantly in this quarter as the Company closed out its forward contracts and shifted more hedging activities into future contracts.

Gold ounces sold for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 198,000 ounces, or 37.4%, to 332,000 ounces from 530,000 ounces in 2016. Silver ounces sold for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 7,244,000 ounces, or 33.3%, to 14,531,000 ounces from 21,775,000 ounces in 2016. On average, the prices for gold decreased by 4.5% and prices for silver decreased by 12.8% during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to 2016.

Gross Profit

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands, except performance metric</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Gross profit	\$ 7,306	0.338%	\$ 8,064	0.447%	\$ (758)	(9.4)%
Performance Metric						
Inventory turnover ratio	7.2		6.6		0.6	9.1 %

Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased by \$0.8 million, or 9.4%, to \$7.3 million from \$8.1 million in 2016. The Company's profit margin percentage decreased by 24.4% to 0.338% from 0.447% in 2016. The Company's profit margin decrease was primarily due to subdued market conditions that continued into this quarter and was primarily driven by lower volumes and trading profits, offset by gross profits of our new acquired Goldline subsidiary. The drop in gross profit percentage was predominately the results of higher forward contracts, which increase revenues but have negligible impact on the gross margin. The Company enters into forward contracts to hedge its precious metals price risk exposure and not for speculative purposes.

Our inventory turnover rate for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased by 9.1%, to 7.2 from 6.6 in 2016. The increase in our inventory turnover rate was primarily due to a lower volume of activity in our product financing arrangements and repurchase arrangements with customers (under these arrangements the Company carries inventory on its balance sheet for longer periods than inventory currently available for sale).

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ (6,976)	(0.322)%	\$ (5,664)	(0.314)%	\$ 1,312	23.2%

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$1.3 million, or 23.2%, to \$7.0 million from \$5.7 million in 2016. The change was primarily due to new selling, general and administrative expense of the new Goldline subsidiary of \$1.1 million, \$0.3 million related to our SilverTowne minting operation, \$0.3 million of stock compensation expense, partially offset by \$0.6 of reduced incentive compensation.

Interest Income

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands, except performance metric</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Interest income	\$ 3,161	0.146%	\$ 2,884	0.160%	\$ 277	9.6%
Performance Metric						
Number of secured loans at period-end	2,454		1,667		787	47.2%

Interest income for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$0.3 million, or 9.6%, to \$3.2 million from \$2.9 million in 2016. Interest income from our secured loan portfolio increased by \$0.4 million or by 21.2% in comparison to the same year-ago period. This increase was primarily due to increases in interest rate and aggregate value of the secured loan portfolio. The number of secured loans outstanding increased by 47.2% to 2,454 from 1,667 in 2016. The aggregate increase in interest income was offset by finance products, which was primarily driven by repurchase agreement with customers. Our finance fees earned related to repurchase arrangements with customers decreased by 7.2% or by \$0.1 million in comparison to the same year-ago period.

Interest Expense

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Interest expense	\$ (2,733)	(0.126)%	\$ (2,241)	(0.124)%	\$ 492	22.0%

Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$0.5 million, or 22.0% to \$2.7 million from \$2.2 million in 2016. The increase was related primarily to a significantly greater usage of our lines of credit, as a result from continued growth in the business, new related-party debt financing agreement associated with our acquisition of Goldline, holding higher average inventory levels primarily related to product financing arrangements, amortization costs related to loan fees related to extension of the line of credit and debt agreement, and higher LIBOR interest rates that went in to effect subsequent to the Federal Reserve rate increases. In comparison to the same year-ago period, interest expense increased by \$0.3 million or by 19.3% related to our Trading Credit Facility, by \$0.1 million related to our Goldline Credit Facility, and by \$0.1 million or 57.9% related to product financing agreements (or "reverse-repurchase arrangements").

We believe the interest rates charged on borrowings under our Trading Credit Facility (LIBOR plus a 2.5% margin) are consistent with current market interest rates for first lien demand loans secured by inventory and receivables. We believe the interest rates charged (8.5%) on borrowings under our Goldline Credit Facility are consistent with current market interest rates for first lien demand loans that are secured by Goldline's assets that are subordinated to the Company's obligations under Trading Credit Facility.

Provision for Income Taxes

Our effective rate could be adversely affected by the relative proportions of revenue and income before taxes in the various domestic and international jurisdictions in which the Company operates. The Company is also subject to changing tax laws, regulations and interpretations in multiple jurisdictions in which we operate. The Company's effective rate can also be influenced by the tax effects of purchase accounting for acquisitions and non-recurring charges, which may cause fluctuations between reporting periods.

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Provision for income taxes	\$ (274)	(0.013)%	\$ (1,059)	(0.059)%	\$ (785)	(74.1)%

Our provision for income taxes was \$0.3 million and \$1.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Our effective tax rate was approximately 38.2% and 35.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Our effective tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate primarily due to state taxes (net of the federal benefit) and the exclusion of profits related to the Company's minority interest in the SilverTowne Mint.

Segment Results of Operations

Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services Segment Results of Operations

Overview of Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

The operating results of our wholesale trading & ancillary services segment for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

in thousands, except performance metrics

Three Months Ended September 30,	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue		
Revenues	\$ 2,153,420	100.000 %	\$ 1,805,653	100.000 %	\$ 347,767	19.3 %
Gross profit	5,645	0.262 %	8,064	0.447 %	\$ (2,419)	(30.0)%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(5,793)	(0.269)%	(5,664)	(0.314)%	\$ 129	2.3 %
Interest income	3,161	0.147 %	2,884	0.160 %	\$ 277	9.6 %
Interest expense	(2,654)	(0.123)%	(2,241)	(0.124)%	\$ 413	18.4 %
Other income	61	0.003 %	(39)	(0.002)%	\$ 100	(256.4)%
Unrealized gain on foreign exchange	(101)	(0.005)%	(6)	— %	\$ (95)	NM
Net income before provision for income taxes	\$ 319	0.015 %	\$ 2,998	0.166 %	\$ (2,679)	(89.4)%

Performance Metrics:

Gold ounces sold ⁽¹⁾	330,000	530,000	(200,000)	(37.7)%
Silver ounces sold ⁽²⁾	14,511,000	21,775,000	(7,264,000)	(33.4)%
Wholesale Trading ticket volume ⁽³⁾	29,883	22,031	7,852	35.6 %
Number of secured loans at period end ⁽⁴⁾	2,454	1,667	787	47.2 %

NM Not meaningful.

- (1) Gold ounces sold represents the ounces of gold product sold and delivered to the customer during the three-month period, excluding ounces of gold recorded on forward contracts.
- (2) Silver ounces sold represents the ounces of silver product sold and delivered to the customer during the three-month period, excluding ounces of silver recorded on forward contracts.
- (3) Trading ticket volume represents the total number of product orders processed by our trading desks in El Segundo, California and Vienna, Austria, for the wholesale trading & ancillary services segment.

Revenues — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

Three Months Ended September 30,	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue		
<i>in thousands, except performance metrics</i>						
Revenues	\$ 2,153,420	100.000%	\$ 1,805,653	100.000%	\$ 347,767	19.3 %
Performance Metrics						
Gold ounces sold	330,000		530,000		(200,000)	(37.7)%
Silver ounces sold	14,511,000		21,775,000		(7,264,000)	(33.4)%

Revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$347.8 million, or 19.3%, to \$2,153.4 million from \$1,805.7 million in 2016. Our revenues increased primarily due to higher forward sales, partially offset by a decrease in the total amount of gold and silver prices and ounces sold. Forward sales were up significantly in this quarter as the Company closed out its forward contacts and shifted more hedging activities into future contracts.

Gold ounces sold for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 200,000 ounces, or 37.7%, to 330,000 ounces from 530,000 ounces in 2016. Silver ounces sold for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 7,264,000 ounces, or 33.4%, to 14,511,000 ounces from 21,775,000 ounces in 2016. On average, the prices for gold decreased by 4.5% and prices for silver decreased by 12.8% during the three months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to 2016.

Gross Profit — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands, except performance metric</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Gross profit	\$ 5,645	0.262%	\$ 8,064	0.447%	\$ (2,419)	(30.0)%
Performance Metric						
Wholesale trading ticket volume	29,883		22,031		7,852	35.6%

Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased by \$2.4 million, or 30.0%, to \$5.6 million from \$8,064,000 in 2016. The Company's profit margin percentage decreased by 41.3% to 0.262% from 0.447% in 2016. The Company's profit margin decrease was primarily due to subdued market conditions that continued into this quarter and was primarily driven by lower volumes and trading profits. The drop in gross profit percentage was predominately the results of higher forward contracts, which increase revenues but have negligible impact on the gross margin. The Company enters into forward contracts to hedge its precious metals price risk exposure and not for speculative purposes.

The wholesale trading ticket volume for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased by 7,852 tickets, or 35.6%, to 29,883 tickets from 22,031 tickets in 2016. The increase in our trading ticket volume was primarily the result of an increase in customer usage of our online portal. Generally, the quantity-size (i.e., ounces) of customer orders placed through the portal is less than the quantity size of orders processed through our trading desk.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ (5,793)	(0.269)%	\$ (5,664)	(0.314)%	\$ 129	2.3%

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$0.1 million, or 2.3%, to \$5.8 million from \$5.7 million in 2016. The change was primarily due \$0.3 million related to our SilverTowne minting operation, \$0.3 million of stock compensation expense, partially offset by \$0.6 million of reduced incentive compensation.

Interest Income — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

Three Months Ended September 30, <i>in thousands, except performance metrics</i>	2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Interest income	\$ 3,161	0.147%	\$ 2,884	0.160%	\$ 277	9.6%
Performance Metric						
Number of secured loans at period-end	2,454		1,667		787	47.2%

Interest income for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$0.3 million, or 9.6%, to \$3.2 million from \$2.9 million in 2016. Interest income from our secured loan portfolio increased by \$0.4 million or by 21.2% in comparison to the same year-ago period. This increase was primarily due to increases in interest rate and aggregate value of the secured loan portfolio. The number of secured loans outstanding increased by 47.2% to 2,454 from 1,667 in 2016. The aggregate increase in interest income was offset by finance products, which was primarily driven by repurchase agreement with customers. Our finance fees earned related to repurchase arrangements with customers decreased by 7.2% or by \$0.1 million in comparison to the same year-ago period.

Interest Expense — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

<i>in thousands</i>	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017		2016		\$	%
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue	Increase/(decrease)	Increase/(decrease)
Interest expense	\$ (2,654)	(0.123)%	\$ (2,241)	(0.124)%	\$ 413	18.4%

Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$0.4 million, or 18.4% to \$2.7 million from \$2.2 million in 2016. The increase was related primarily to a significantly greater usage of our lines of credit, as a result from continued growth in the business, new related-party debt financing agreement associated with our acquisition of Goldline, holding higher average inventory levels primarily related to product financing arrangements, amortization costs related to loan fees related to extension of the line of credit and debt agreement, and higher LIBOR interest rates that went in to effect subsequent to the Federal Reserve rate increases. In comparison to the same year-ago period, interest expense increased by \$0.3 million or by 19.3% related to our Trading Credit Facility, and by \$0.1 million or 57.9% related to product financing agreements (or "reverse-repurchase arrangements").

We believe the interest rates charged on borrowings under our Trading Credit Facility (LIBOR plus a 2.5% margin) are consistent with current market interest rates for first lien demand loans secured by inventory and receivables.

Direct Sales Segment Results of Operations

Overview of Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

The direct sales segment was created on August 28, 2017 as a result of the Goldline acquisition, thus comparative prior period data is not available. The operating results of our direct sales segment for the three months ended September 30, 2017 are as follows:

in thousands, except performance metrics

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	
	\$	% of revenue
Revenues	\$ 10,370 ^(a)	100.000 %
Gross profit	1,661	16.017 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(1,183)	(11.408)%
Interest expense	(79)	(0.762)%
Net income before provision for income taxes	399	3.848 %

Performance Metrics:

Gold ounces sold ⁽¹⁾	2,000
Silver ounces sold ⁽²⁾	20,000
Direct sales ticket volume ⁽³⁾	2,911

(a) Includes \$6.9 million of inter-company sales from the direct sales segment to the wholesale & ancillary services segment.

(1) Gold ounces sold represents the ounces of gold product sold to third-party customers during the three-month period.

(2) Silver ounces sold represents the ounces of silver product sold to third-party customer during the three-month period.

(3) Direct Sales trading ticket volume represents the total number of product orders processed.

Segment Results — Direct Sales

Revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 were \$10.4 million. The total amount of gold and silver sold was 2,000 ounces and 20,000 ounces, respectively; and the average prices for gold and silver sold was \$1,291.65 and \$17.44, respectively. Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2017 was \$1.7 million or a gross margin of 16.0%, which includes \$1.1 million unrealized gain on open sales commitments. Selling, general and administration expenses and for the three months ended September 30, 2017 was \$1.2 million.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Primary Sources and Uses of Cash

Overview

Liquidity is defined as our ability to generate sufficient amounts of cash to meet all of our cash needs. Liquidity is of critical importance to us and imperative to maintain our operations on a daily basis.

A substantial portion of our assets are liquid. As of September 30, 2017, approximately 91% of our assets consisted of cash, customer receivables, derivative assets, secured loans receivables, and precious metals inventory, measured at fair value. Cash generated from the sales of our precious metals products is our primary source of operating liquidity.

Typically, the Company acquires its inventory by: (1) purchasing inventory from our suppliers by utilizing our own capital and lines of credit; (2) borrowing precious metals from our suppliers under short-term arrangements which may bear interest at a designated rate, and (3) repurchasing inventory at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the specified repurchase date.

In addition to selling inventory, the Company generates cash from earned interest income. Through CFC, the Company enters into secured loans and secured financing structures with its customers under which it charges interest. The Company offers a number of secured financing options to its customers to finance their precious metals purchases including consignments and other structured inventory finance products. The loans are secured by precious metals and numismatic material owned by the borrowers and held by the Company as security for the term of the loan. Furthermore, our customers may enter into purchase agreements whereby the customer agrees to purchase our inventory at the prevailing spot price for delivery of the product at a specific point in time in the future; interest income is earned from contract date until the material is delivered and paid for in full.

We continually review our overall credit and capital needs to ensure that our capital base, both stockholders' equity and available credit facilities, can appropriately support our anticipated financing needs. The Company also continually monitors its current and forecasted cash requirements, and draws upon and pays down its lines of credit so as to minimize interest expense.

Lines of Credit

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	September 30, 2017 Compared to June 30, 2017
Lines of credit	\$ 219,000	\$ 212,000	\$ 7,000

A-Mark has a borrowing facility ("Trading Credit Facility") with a syndicate of banks, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. ("Rabobank") acting as lead lender and administrative agent for the syndicate. The Trading Credit Facility provides the Company with access up to \$275.0 million, featuring a \$225.0 million base with a \$50.0 million accordion option. The Trading Credit Facility is scheduled to mature on March 31, 2018. The Company believes that the Trading Credit Facility provides adequate means to capital for its operations (see [Note 14](#)). Effective November 13, 2017, the Trading Credit Facility was amended (see [Note 19](#)).

Debt Obligation (Related Party)

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	September 30, 2017 Compared to June 30, 2017
Debt Obligation - related party	\$ 6,818	\$ —	\$ 6,818

The Company entered into a privately placed credit facility in the amount of \$7.5 million (the "Goldline Credit Facility") with various lenders (see [Note 14](#)). Borrowings under the Goldline Credit Facility were used to finance a portion of the consideration payable pursuant to the Goldline acquisition (see [Note 1](#)).

Liability on Borrowed Metals

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	September 30, 2017 Compared to June 30, 2017
Liability on borrowed metals	\$ 15,010	\$ 5,625	\$ 9,385

We borrow precious metals from our suppliers under short-term arrangements. Amounts under these arrangements are due at maturity and require repayment either in the form of precious metals or cash.

Product Financing Arrangements

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	September 30, 2017 Compared to June 30, 2017
Product financing arrangements	\$ 124,864	\$ 135,343	\$ (10,479)

The Company has agreements with financial institutions (third parties) that allows the Company to transfer its gold and silver inventory to the third party at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price, which provides alternative sources of liquidity. During the term of the agreement both parties intend for inventory to be returned at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the termination (repurchase) date. The third parties charge monthly interest as a percentage of the market value of the outstanding obligation; such monthly charges are classified in interest expense. These transactions do not qualify as sales and therefore have been accounted for as financing arrangements and reflected in the condensed consolidated balance sheet as product financing arrangements. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Both the product financing arrangements and the underlying inventory (which is entirely restricted) are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value included as a component of cost of sales.

Secured Loans

in thousands

	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	September 30, 2017 Compared to June 30, 2017
Secured loans	\$ 88,871	\$ 91,238	\$ (2,367)

The Company is a California license finance lender that makes and acquires commercial loans secured by numismatic and semi-numismatic coins and bullion that affords our customers a convenient means of financing their inventory or collections (see [Note 5](#)). Predominantly, most of the Company's secured loans are short-term in nature and the renewal of these instruments is at the discretion of the Company and, as such, provides us with some flexibility in regards to our capital deployment strategies.

Dividends

In fiscal 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company initiated a cash dividend policy that calls for the payment of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per common share. In fiscal 2016, the Board of Directors modified the policy by increasing the quarterly cash dividend to \$0.07 per common share, and in fiscal 2017 the quarterly cash dividend was increased to \$0.08 per common share (see [Note 16](#)).

Cash Flows

The majority of the Company's trading activities involve two day value trades under which payment is made in advance of delivery or product is received in advance of payment. The high volume, rapid rate of inventory turnover, and high average value per trade can cause material changes in the sources of cash used in or provided by operating activities on a daily basis. The Company manages these variances through its liquidity forecasts and counterparty limits by maintaining a liquidity reserve to meet the Company's cash needs. The Company uses various short-term financial instruments to manage the rapid cycle of our trading activities from customer purchase order to cash collections and product delivery, which can cause material changes in the amount of cash used in or provided by financing activities on a daily basis.

The following summarizes components of our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

in thousands

	Three Months Ended	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2017 Compared to September 30, 2016
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(34,321)	\$ (35,867)	1,546
Net cash used in investing activities	\$	(5,192)	\$ (14,125)	8,933
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$	34,811	\$ 49,603	(14,792)

Our principal capital requirements have been to fund (i) working capital and (ii) capital expenditures. Our working capital requirements fluctuate with market conditions, the availability of precious metals and the volatility of precious metals commodity pricing.

Net cash used in operating activities

Operating activities used \$34.3 million and used \$35.9 million in cash for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, representing a \$1.5 million decrease in the use of cash compared to the three months ended September 30, 2016. This period over period decrease in the use of funds (i.e., used less funds) in operating activities was primarily due to changes in the balances of receivables, secured loans to Former Parent, derivative assets, income taxes receivables, income taxes payable, and accounts payable, offset by changes in the balances of secured loans, inventory, and derivative liabilities.

Net cash used in investing activities

Investing activities used \$5.2 million and used \$14.1 million in cash for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, representing a \$8.9 million decrease in the use of cash compared to the three months ended September 30, 2016. This period over period decrease is the result of the change in balance of secured loans of \$15.0 million, offset by an increase in the use of cash for corporate acquisition activity of \$6.1 million compared to the comparable prior period.

Net cash provided by financing activities

Financing activities provided \$34.8 million and provided \$49.6 million in cash for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, representing a decrease of \$14.8 million in funds provided by financing activities compared to the three months ended September 30, 2016. This period over period decrease in funds provided by financing activities was primarily due to changes in the balance of product financing arrangements of \$68.9 million, and partially offset by the change in the balance of the Trading Credit Facility of \$48.0 million and a new related party debt obligation of \$7.5 million in the current period.

CAPITAL RESOURCES

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, availability under the Trading Credit Facility and product financing arrangements, and cash we anticipate to generate from operating activities will provide us with sufficient liquidity to satisfy our working capital needs, capital expenditures, investment requirements and commitments through at least the next twelve months.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

Counterparty Risk

We manage our counterparty risk by setting credit and position risk limits with our trading counterparties. These limits include gross position limits for counterparties engaged in sales and purchase transactions and inventory consignment transactions with us. They also include collateral limits for different types of sale and purchase transactions that counterparties may engage in from time to time.

Commodities Risk and Derivatives

We use a variety of strategies to manage our risk including fluctuations in commodity prices for precious metals. Our inventories consist of, and our trading activities involve, precious metals and precious metal products, whose prices are linked to the corresponding precious metal commodity prices. Inventories purchased or borrowed by us are subject to price changes. Inventories borrowed are considered natural hedges, since changes in value of the metal held are offset by the obligation to return the metal to the supplier.

Open sale and purchase commitments in our trading activities are subject to changes in value between the date the purchase or sale price is fixed (the trade date) and the date the metal is received or delivered (the settlement date). We seek to minimize the effect of price changes of the underlying commodity through the use of forward and futures contracts. Our open sale and purchase commitments generally settle within 2 business days, and for those commitments that do not have stated settlement dates, we have the right to settle the positions upon demand.

Our policy is to substantially hedge our underlying precious metal commodity inventory position. We regularly enter into metals commodity forward and futures contracts with financial institutions to hedge price changes that would cause changes in the value of our physical metals positions and purchase commitments and sale commitments. We have access to all of the precious metals markets, allowing us to place hedges. However, we also maintain relationships with major market makers in every major precious metals dealing center, which allows us to enter into contracts with market makers. Futures and forwards contracts open at September 30, 2017 are scheduled to settle within 30 days.

The Company enters into these derivative transactions solely for the purpose of hedging our inventory holding risk, and not for speculative market purposes. Due to the nature of our hedging strategy, we are not using hedge accounting as defined under, *Derivatives and Hedging* Topic 815 of the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC".) Gains or losses resulting from our futures and forward contracts are reported as cost of sales with the related amounts due from or to counterparties reflected as a derivative asset or liability. Gains or losses resulting from the termination of hedge contracts are reported as cost of sales. The Company's

gains (losses) on derivative instruments are substantially offset by the changes in fair market value of the underlying precious metals inventory and open sale and purchase commitments, which is also recorded in cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income. For the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the net gains (losses) on derivative instruments in the condensed consolidated statements of income totaled \$(14.6) million and \$(3.9) million, respectively.

The purpose of the Company's hedging policy is to substantially match the change in the value of the derivative financial instrument to the change in the value of the underlying hedged item. The following table summarizes the results of our hedging activities, showing the precious metal commodity inventory position, net of open sale and purchase commitments, which is subject to price risk, compared to change in the value of the derivative instruments as of September 30, 2017 and at June 30, 2017:

<i>in thousands</i>	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017
Inventory	\$ 311,584	\$ 284,659
Less unhedgable inventory:		
Commemorative coin inventory, held at lower of cost or market	(215)	(40)
Premium on metals position	(4,129)	(4,088)
Inventory value not hedged	(4,344)	(4,128)
Subtotal	307,240	280,531
Commitments at market:		
Open inventory purchase commitments	567,595	587,687
Open inventory sales commitments	(97,564)	(121,602)
Margin sale commitments	(7,206)	(7,936)
In-transit inventory no longer subject to market risk	(3,085)	(3,931)
Unhedgable premiums on open commitment positions	500	495
Inventory borrowed from suppliers	(15,010)	(5,625)
Product financing arrangements	(124,864)	(135,343)
Advances on industrial metals	786	1,580
Inventory subject to price risk	628,392	595,856
Inventory subject to derivative financial instruments:		
Precious metals forward contracts at market values	465,861	462,231
Precious metals futures contracts at market values	161,819	133,450
Total market value of derivative financial instruments	627,680	595,681
Net inventory subject to commodity price risk	\$ 712	\$ 175

We are exposed to the risk of default of the counterparties to our derivative contracts. Significant judgment is applied by us when evaluating the fair value implications. We regularly review the creditworthiness of our major counterparties and monitor our exposure to concentrations. At September 30, 2017, we believe our risk of counterparty default is mitigated based on our evaluation of the creditworthiness of our major counterparties, the strong financial condition of our counterparties, and the short-term duration of these arrangements.

Commitments and Contingencies

Refer to [Note 15](#) for information relating Company's commitments and contingencies.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

As of September 30, 2017 and June 30, 2017, we had the following outstanding sale and purchase commitments and open forward and future contracts, which are normal and recurring, in nature:

<i>in thousands</i>	September 30, 2017		June 30, 2017	
Purchase commitments	\$	567,595	\$	587,687
Sales commitments	\$	(97,564)	\$	(121,602)
Margin sale commitments	\$	(7,206)	\$	(7,936)
Open forward contracts	\$	465,861	\$	462,231
Open futures contracts	\$	161,819	\$	133,450
Foreign exchange forward contracts	\$	2,957	\$	2,213

The notional amounts of the commodity forward and futures contracts and the open sales and purchase orders, as shown in the table above, are not reflected at the notional amounts in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The Company records commodity forward and futures contracts at the fair value, which is the difference between the market price of the underlying metal or contract measured on the reporting date and the trade amount measured on the date the contract was transacted. The fair value of the open derivative contracts are shown as a component of derivative assets or derivative liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The Company enters into the derivative forward and future transactions solely for the purpose of hedging its inventory holding risk, and not for speculative market purposes. The Company's gains (losses) on derivative instruments are substantially offset by the changes in fair market value of the underlying precious metals inventory position, including our open sale and purchase commitments. The Company records the derivatives at the trade date, and any corresponding unrealized gains or losses are shown as a component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income. We adjust the carrying value of the derivatives to fair value on a daily basis until the transactions are physically settled (see [Note 11](#).)

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Our condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). In connection with the preparation of our financial statements, we are required to make estimates and assumptions about future events and apply judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses and related disclosures. We base our assumptions, estimates and judgments on historical experience, current trends and other factors that we believe to be relevant at the time our condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared. On a regular basis, we review our accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments to ensure that our condensed consolidated financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, because future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could materially differ from our estimates.

Our significant accounting policies are discussed in [Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies](#) of the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. We believe that the following accounting policies are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our reported financial results, and they require our most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, resulting from the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. We have reviewed these critical accounting estimates and related disclosures with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

Revenue Recognition

The Company accounts for its metals and sales contracts using settlement date accounting. Pursuant to such accounting, the Company recognizes the sale or purchase of the metals at settlement date. During the period between the trade and settlement dates, the Company has essentially entered into a forward contract that meets the definition of a derivative in accordance with the *Derivatives and Hedging* Topic 815 of the ASC. The Company records the derivative at the trade date with any corresponding unrealized gain (loss), shown as component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income. The Company adjusts the derivatives to fair value on a daily basis until the transactions are settled. Upon settlement, the sales which are physically settled are recognized at the gross amount in the condensed consolidated statements of income. Realized gains and losses on derivative contracts, which are not physically settled are recognized at the net amount as a component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

Inventories

The Company's inventories primarily include bullion and bullion coins, which are initially recorded at fair market value. The fair market value of the bullion and bullion coins is comprised of two components: (1) published market values attributable to the cost of the raw precious metal, and (2) a published premium paid at acquisition of the metal. The premium is attributable to the additional value of the product in its finished goods form and the market value attributable solely to the premium may be readily determined, as it is published by multiple reputable sources. The premium is included in the cost of the inventory, paid at acquisition, and is a component of the total fair market value of the inventory. The precious metal component of the inventory may be hedged through the use of precious metal commodity positions, while the premium component of our inventory is not a commodity that may be hedged.

The Company's inventories, except for certain lower of cost or market basis products (as described below), are subsequently recorded at their fair market values. The daily changes in the fair market value of our inventory are offset by daily changes in the fair market value of hedging derivatives that are taken with respect to our inventory positions; both the change in the fair market value of the inventory and the change in the fair market value of these derivative instruments are recorded in cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

While the premium component included in inventories is marked-to-market, our commemorative coin inventory, including its premium component, is held at the lower of cost or market, because the value of commemorative coins is influenced more by supply and demand determinants than on the underlying spot price of the precious metal content of the commemorative coins. Unlike our bullion coins, the value of commemorative coins is not subject to the same level of volatility as bullion coins because our commemorative coins typically carry a substantially higher premium over the spot metal price than bullion coins. Additionally, neither the commemorative coin inventory nor the premium component of our inventory is hedged.

Inventories include amounts borrowed from suppliers arising from various arrangements including unallocated metal positions held by customers in the Company's inventory, amounts due to suppliers for the use of consigned inventory, as well as shortages in unallocated metal positions held by the Company in the supplier's inventory. Unallocated or pool metal represents an unsegregated inventory position that is due on demand, in a specified physical form, based on the total ounces of metal held in the position. Amounts under these arrangements require delivery either in the form of precious metals or cash. The Company mitigates market risk of its physical inventories and open commitments through commodity hedge transactions (see [Note 11](#).)

The Company enters into product financing agreements for the transfer and subsequent option to reacquire its gold and silver inventory at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price with a third party finance company. This inventory is restricted and is held at a custodial storage facility in exchange for a financing fee, charged by the third party finance company. During the term of the financing agreement, the third party company holds the inventory as collateral, and both parties intend for the inventory to be returned to the Company at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the termination (repurchase) date. The third party charges a monthly fee as percentage of the market value of the outstanding obligation; such monthly charge is classified as interest expense. These transactions do not qualify as sales and have been accounted for as financing arrangements in accordance with ASC 470-40 *Product Financing Arrangements*, and are reflected in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as product financing arrangements. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Both the product financing and the underlying inventory (which is restricted) are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value included in cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The Company periodically loans metals to customers on a short-term consignment basis. Such inventories are removed at the time the customer elects to price and purchase the metals, and the Company records a corresponding sale and receivable.

The Company enters into financing arrangements with certain customers under which A-Mark purchases precious metals products that are subject to repurchase by the customer at the fair value of the product on the repurchase date. The Company or the counterparty may typically terminate any such arrangement with 14 days' notice. Upon termination the customer's rights to repurchase any remaining inventory is forfeited.

Goodwill and Other Purchased Intangible Assets

We evaluate goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles for impairment annually in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year (or more frequently if indicators of potential impairment exist) in accordance with the *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other* Topic 350 of the ASC. Other definite-lived intangible assets are evaluated for impairment when events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. We may first qualitatively assess whether relevant events and circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is less than its carrying value. If, based on this qualitative assessment, we determine that goodwill is more likely than not to be impaired, a two-step impairment test is performed. The first step in this test involves comparing the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step in the test is performed, which is measurement of the impairment loss. The impairment loss is calculated by comparing the implied fair value of goodwill, as if the reporting unit has been acquired in a business combination, to its carrying amount.

Estimates critical to these calculations include projected future cash flows, discount rates, royalty rates, customer attrition rates and foreign exchange rates. Imprecision in estimating unobservable market inputs can impact the carrying amount of assets on the balance sheet. Furthermore, while we believe our valuation methods are appropriate, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain assets could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

Income Taxes

As part of the process of preparing our financial statements, we are required to estimate our provision for income taxes in each of the tax jurisdictions in which we conduct business, in accordance with the *Income Taxes* Topic 740 of the ASC. We compute our annual tax rate based on the statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available to us in the various jurisdictions in which we earn income. Significant judgment is required in determining our annual tax rate and in evaluating uncertainty in its tax positions. We recognize a benefit for tax positions that we believe will more likely than not be sustained upon examination. The amount of benefit recognized is the largest amount of benefit that we believe has more than a 50% probability of being realized upon settlement. We regularly monitor our tax positions and adjust the amount of recognized tax benefit based on our evaluation of information that has become available since the end of our last financial reporting period. The annual tax rate includes the impact of these changes in recognized tax benefits. The difference between the amount of benefit taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and the amount of benefit recognized for financial reporting represents unrecognized tax benefits. These unrecognized tax benefits are presented in the condensed consolidated balance sheet principally within accrued liabilities. We record valuation allowances to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. Significant judgment is applied when assessing the need for valuation allowances. Areas of estimation include our consideration of future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies.

Should a change in circumstances lead to a change in judgment about the utilization of deferred tax assets in future years, we would adjust related valuation allowances in the period that the change in circumstances occurs, along with a corresponding increase or charge to income. Changes in recognized tax benefits and changes in valuation allowances could be material to our results of operations for any period, but is not expected to be material to our condensed consolidated financial position.

We account for uncertainty in income taxes under the provisions of Topic 740 of the ASC. These provisions clarify the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements, and prescribe a recognition threshold and measurement criteria for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The provisions also provide guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest, and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The potential interest and/or penalties associated with an uncertain tax position are recorded in provision for income taxes on the condensed consolidated statements of income. Please refer to [Note 12](#) to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion regarding these provisions.

Income taxes are accounted for using an asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the net deferred tax assets will not be realized. The factors used to assess the likelihood of realization include our forecast of the reversal of temporary differences, future taxable income and available tax planning strategies that could be implemented to realize the net deferred tax assets. Failure to achieve forecasted taxable income in applicable tax jurisdictions could affect the ultimate realization of deferred tax assets and could result in an increase in our effective tax rate on future earnings.

Based on our assessment it appears more likely than not that most of the net deferred tax assets will be realized through future taxable income. Management has established a valuation allowance against the deferred taxes related to certain net operating loss carryovers. Management believes the utilization of these losses may be limited. We will continue to assess the need for a valuation allowance for our remaining deferred tax assets in the future.

The Company's condensed consolidated financial statements recognized the current and deferred income tax consequences that result from the Company's activities during the current and preceding periods, as if the Company were a separate taxpayer prior to the date of the Distribution of the Company when it was a member of the Former Parent's condensed consolidated income tax return group. Current tax receivable reflects balances due from the Former Parent for the Company's share of the income tax assets of the group.

Following the Distribution, the Company files federal and state income tax filings that are separate from the Former Parent's tax filings. The Company recognizes current and deferred income taxes as a separate taxpayer for periods ending after the date of Distribution.

Business Combinations

The Company evaluates each purchase transaction to determine whether the acquired assets meet the definition of a business. The Company accounts for business combinations by applying the acquisition method in accordance with "ASC 805,

Business Combinations. Transaction costs related to acquisition of a business are expensed as incurred and excluded from the fair value of consideration transferred. The identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests, if any, in an acquired entity are recognized and measured at their estimated fair values. The excess of the fair value of consideration transferred over the fair values of identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests, if any, in an acquired entity, net of fair value of any previously held interest in the acquired entity, is recorded as goodwill. Such valuations require management to make significant estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets and liabilities.

Contingent Earn-out Liability

Contingent consideration is classified as a liability or equity, as applicable. Contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of a business is measured at fair value on acquisition date, and unless classified as equity, is remeasured at fair value each reporting period thereafter until the consideration is settled, with changes in fair value included in net income.

We record an estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration, related to the earn-out obligations to SilverTowne LP related to SilverTowne Mint transaction (see [Note 1](#)). On a quarterly basis, we revalue the liability and record increases or decreases in the fair value as an adjustment to earnings. Changes to the contingent consideration liability can result from adjustments to the discount rate, or from changes to the estimates of future throughput activity of AMST, which are considered Level 3 inputs (see [Note 3](#)). Consequentially, the assumptions used in estimating fair value require significant judgment. The use of different assumptions and judgments could result in a materially different estimate of fair value.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

For a description of accounting changes and recent accounting standards, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects, if any, on our consolidated financial statements, see [Note 2](#).

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Not applicable to smaller reporting companies.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Based on the foregoing, our Certifying Officers concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report.

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Certifying Officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The financial statements were prepared by management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity and for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- i. pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- ii. provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- iii. provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective internal controls can provide only reasonable assurances with respect to financial statement preparation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal controls may vary over time.

Management assessed the design and effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2017. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* ("2013 framework"). Based on this evaluation, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of September 30, 2017 based on criteria in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the COSO.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are not currently a party to any material legal proceedings.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Risks Relating to Our Business Generally

Our business is heavily dependent on our credit facility.

Our business depends substantially on our ability to obtain financing for our operations. The Trading Credit Facility (as further described and defined below) provides the Company with the liquidity to buy and sell billions of dollars of precious metals annually. The Trading Credit Facility is an uncommitted demand facility provided by a syndicate of financial institutions (the "Trading Credit Lenders"), and is currently scheduled to mature on March 31, 2018. A-Mark routinely uses funds drawn under the Trading Credit Facility to purchase metals from its suppliers and for operating cash flow purposes. Our CFC subsidiary also uses the funds drawn under the Trading Credit Facility to finance its lending activities.

Pursuant to the terms of the Trading Credit Facility, each Trading Credit Lender may, at any time in its sole discretion (subject to certain notice requirements), decline to make loans to us. If we are unable to access funds under the Trading Credit Facility, we may be limited in the manner in which we conduct our business and we may be unable to engage in favorable business activities or finance future operations or capital needs.

The Trading Credit Facility requires us to maintain certain financial ratios and to comply with various operational and other covenants. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Trading Credit Facility that was not cured or waived pursuant to the terms of the Trading Credit Facility, the Trading Credit Lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the Trading Credit Facility to be due and payable immediately. Further, Trading Credit Lenders holding 50% or more of the indebtedness under the Trading Credit Facility may require us to repay all outstanding indebtedness under the Trading Credit Facility at any time, even if we are in compliance with the financial and other covenants under the Trading Credit Facility.

We cannot assure you that our assets or cash flow would be sufficient to fully repay borrowings under our outstanding debt instruments, including the Trading Credit Facility, upon demand or acceleration, or at maturity, or that we would be able to refinance or restructure the payments under the Trading Credit Facility. The failure of A-Mark to renew or replace the Trading Credit Facility under such circumstances would reduce the financing available to us and could limit our ability to conduct our business, including the lending activity of our CFC subsidiary. There can be no assurance that we could procure replacement financing on commercially acceptable terms on a timely basis, or at all. We have pledged a significant portion of our assets as collateral under the Trading Credit Facility, and if we were unable to repay the amounts outstanding thereunder, the administrative agent under the Trading Credit Facility could proceed against the collateral granted to secure such indebtedness.

We are subject to fluctuations in interest rates based on the variable interest under the Trading Credit Facility and we may not be able to pass along to our customers and borrowers some or any part of an increase in the interest that we are required to pay under the Trading Credit Facility. Amounts under the Trading Credit Facility bear interest based on one month LIBOR plus (i) 2.50% for revolving credit line loans and (ii) 4.50% for loans extended in excess of the then-available revolving credit line. The LIBOR was approximately 1.23% as of September 30, 2017.

In addition to the Trading Credit Facility, we have incurred the Goldline Credit Facility to finance the Goldline acquisition (as described above under "Liquidity and Financial Condition"). The obligations of the Company and Goldline pursuant to the Goldline Credit Facility are subordinated to the obligations of the Company pursuant to the Trading Credit Facility as set forth in certain subordination agreements executed in connection with the Goldline Credit Facility (the "Goldline Subordination Agreements"), and the Goldline Credit Facility requires us to comply with various operational and other covenants. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Goldline Credit Facility that is not cured or waived pursuant to the terms of the Goldline Credit Facility, the lenders holding a majority of the loans under the Goldline Credit Facility then outstanding could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the Goldline Credit Facility to be due and payable immediately, subject to the requirements of the Goldline Subordination Agreements, as applicable. We have pledged substantially all of the assets of Goldline as collateral under

the Goldline Credit Facility, and if we were unable to repay the amounts outstanding thereunder, the lenders under the Goldline Credit Facility could proceed against the collateral granted to secure such indebtedness, subject to the Goldline Subordination Agreements, as applicable. We cannot assure you that the assets or cash flow available to Goldline would be sufficient to fully repay the borrowings under the Goldline Credit Facility, upon demand or acceleration, or at maturity, or that we would be able to refinance or restructure the payments under the Goldline Credit Facility. Further, the incurrence of the Goldline Credit Facility increases the risks as a result of our leverage.

We could suffer losses with our financing operations.

We engage in a variety of financing activities with our customers:

- Receivables from our customers with whom we trade in precious metal products are effectively short-term, non-interest bearing extensions of credit that are, in most cases, secured by the related products maintained in the Company's possession or by a letter of credit issued on behalf of the customer. On average, these receivables are outstanding for periods of between 8 and 9 days.
- The Company operates a financing business through CFC that makes secured loans at loan to value ratios—principal loan amount divided by the liquidation value, as conservatively estimated by management, of the collateral—of, in most cases, 50% to 85%. These loans are both variable and fixed interest rate loans, with maturities from three to twelve months.
- We make advances to our customers on unrefined metals secured by materials received from the customer. These advances are limited to a portion of the materials received.
- The Company makes unsecured, short-term, non-interest bearing advances to wholesale metals dealers and government mints.
- The Company periodically extends short-term credit through the issuance of notes receivable to approved customers at interest rates determined on a customer-by-customer basis.

Our ability to minimize losses on the credit that we extend to our customers depends on a variety of factors, including:

- our loan underwriting and other credit policies and controls designed to assure repayment, which may prove inadequate to prevent losses;
- our ability to sell collateral upon customer defaults for amounts sufficient to offset credit losses, which can be affected by a number of factors outside of our control, including (i) changes in economic conditions, (ii) increases in market rates of interest and (iii) changes in the condition or value of the collateral; and
- the reserves we establish for loan losses, which may prove inadequate.

Our business is dependent on a concentrated customer base.

One of A-Mark's key assets is its customer base. This customer base provides deep distribution of product and makes A-Mark a desirable trading partner for precious metals product manufacturers, including sovereign mints seeking to distribute precious metals coinage or large refiners seeking to sell large volumes of physical precious metals. Two customers represented 60.5% of A-Mark's revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017. Those same two customers represented 40.3% of A-Mark's revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2016. If our relationship with these customers deteriorated, or if we were to lose these customers, our business would be materially adversely affected.

The loss of a government purchaser/distributorship arrangement could materially adversely affect our business.

A-Mark's business is heavily dependent on its purchaser/distributorship arrangements with various governmental mints. Our ability to offer numismatic coins and bars to our customers on a competitive basis is based on the ability to purchase products directly from a government source. The arrangements with the governmental mints may be discontinued by them at any time. The loss of an authorized purchaser/distributor relationship, including with the U.S. Mint could have a material adverse effect on our business.

The materials held by A-Mark are subject to loss, damage, theft or restriction on access.

A-Mark has significant quantities of high-value precious metals on site, at third-party depositories and in transit. There is a risk that part or all of the gold and other precious metals held by A-Mark, whether on its own behalf or on behalf of its customers, could be lost, damaged or stolen. In addition, access to A-Mark's precious metals could be restricted by natural events (such as an

earthquake) or human actions (such as a terrorist attack). Although we maintain insurance on terms and conditions that we consider appropriate, we may not have adequate sources of recovery if our precious metals inventory is lost, damaged, stolen or destroyed, and recovery may be limited. Among other things, our insurance policies exclude coverage in the event of loss as a result of terrorist attacks or civil unrest.

In addition, with the establishment of our Logistics facility and the transfer of our wholesale storage operations from third party depositories to that facility, we are assuming greater potential liability for any loss suffered in connection with the stored inventory. Among other things, our insurance, rather than the third-party depository's, is now the primary risk policy. While we believe we have adequate insurance coverage covering these operations, in the event of any loss in excess of our coverage, we may be held liable for that excess.

Our business is subject to the risk of fraud and counterfeiting.

The precious metals (particularly bullion) business is exposed to the risk of loss as a result of "materials fraud" in its various forms. We seek to minimize our exposure to this type of fraud through a number of means, including third-party authentication and verification, reliance on our internal experts and the establishment of procedures designed to detect fraud. However, there can be no assurance that we will be successful in preventing or identifying this type of fraud, or in obtaining redress in the event such fraud is detected.

Our business is influenced by political conditions and world events.

The precious metals business is especially subject to global political conditions and world events. Precious metals are viewed by some as a secure financial investment in times of political upheaval or unrest, particularly in developing economies, which may drive up pricing. The volatility of the commodity prices for precious metals is also likely to increase in politically uncertain times. Conversely, during periods of relative international calm precious metal volatility is likely to decrease, along with demand, and the prices of precious metals may retreat. Because our business is dependent on the volatility and pricing of precious metals, we are likely to be influenced by world events more than businesses in other economic sectors.

We have significant operations outside the United States.

We derive about 5% to 10% of our revenues from business outside the United States, including from customers in developing countries. Business operations outside the U.S. are subject to political, economic and other risks inherent in operating in foreign countries. These include risks of general applicability, such as the need to comply with multiple regulatory regimes; trade protection measures and import or export licensing requirements; and fluctuations in equity, revenues and profits due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Currently, we do not conduct substantial business with customers in developing countries. However, if our business in these areas of the world were to increase, we would also face risks that are particular to developing countries, including the difficulty of enforcing agreements, collecting receivables, protecting inventory and other assets through foreign legal systems, limitations on the repatriation of earnings, currency devaluation and manipulation of exchange rates, and high levels of inflation.

We try to manage these risks by monitoring current and anticipated political, economic, legal and regulatory developments in the countries outside the United States in which we operate or have customers and adjusting operations as appropriate, but there can be no assurance that the measures we adopt will be successful in protecting the Company's business interests.

We are dependent on our key management personnel and our trading experts.

Our performance is dependent on our senior management and certain other key employees. We have employment agreements with Greg Roberts, our CEO, and Thor Gjerdrum, our President, which expire on June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. These and other employees have expertise in the trading markets, have industry-wide reputations, and perform critical functions for our business. We cannot offer assurance that we will be able to negotiate acceptable terms for the renewal of the employment agreements or otherwise retain our key employees. Also, there is significant competition for skilled precious metals traders and other industry professionals. The loss of our current key officers and employees, without the ability to replace them, would have a materially adverse effect on our business.

We are focused on growing our business, but there is no assurance that we will be successful.

We expect to grow both organically and through opportunistic acquisitions. We have devoted considerable time, resources and efforts over the past few years to our growth strategy. We may not be successful in implementing our growth initiatives, which could adversely affect our business.

Liquidity constraints may limit our ability to grow our business.

To accomplish our growth strategy, we will require adequate sources of liquidity to fund both our existing business and our expansion activity. Currently, our sources of liquidity are the cash that we generate from operations and our borrowing availability under the Trading Credit Facility. There can be no assurance that these sources will be adequate to support the growth

that we are hoping to achieve or that additional sources of financing for this purpose, in the form of additional debt or equity financing, will be available to us, on satisfactory terms or at all. Also, the Trading Credit Facility contains, and any future debt financing is likely to contain, various financial and other restrictive covenants. The need to comply with these covenants may limit our ability to implement our growth initiatives.

We expect to grow in part through acquisitions, but an acquisition strategy entails risks.

We expect to grow in part through acquisitions. We will consider potential acquisitions of varying sizes and may, on a selective basis, pursue acquisitions or consolidation opportunities involving other public companies or privately held companies. However, it is possible that we will not realize the expected benefits from our acquisitions or that our existing operations will be adversely affected as a result of acquisitions. Acquisitions entail certain risks, including: unrecorded liabilities of acquired companies that we fail to discover during our due diligence investigations; difficulty in assimilating the operations and personnel of the acquired company within our existing operations or in maintaining uniform standards; loss of key employees of the acquired company; and strains on management and other personnel time and resources both to research and integrate acquisitions.

We expect to pay for future acquisitions using cash, capital stock, notes and/or assumption of indebtedness. To the extent that our existing sources of cash are not sufficient to fund future acquisitions, we will require additional debt or equity financing and, consequently, our indebtedness may increase or shareholders may be diluted as we implement our growth strategy.

Our Logistics' depository is subject to authorization.

Our Trading Credit Lenders have approved our Logistics facility as an authorized depository. If that approval were to be withdrawn for any reason, we would no longer be able to keep inventory at that location, which would substantially limit our ability to conduct business from that facility.

We are subject to laws and regulations.

We are subject to various laws, litigation, regulatory matters and ethical standards, and our failure to comply with or adequately address developments as they arise could adversely affect our reputation and operations. Our policies, procedures and practices and the technology we implement are designed to comply with federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules and regulations, including those imposed by the SEC and other regulatory agencies, the marketplace, the banking industry and foreign countries, as well as responsible business, social and environmental practices, all of which may change from time to time. Significant legislative changes, including those that relate to employment matters and health care reform, could impact our relationship with our workforce, which could increase our expenses and adversely affect our operations. In addition, if we fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations or implement responsible business, social and environmental practices, we could be subject to damage to our reputation, class action lawsuits, legal and settlement costs, civil and criminal liability, increased cost of regulatory compliance, restatements of our financial statements, disruption of our business and loss of customers. Any required changes to our employment practices could result in the loss of employees, reduced sales, increased employment costs, low employee morale and harm to our business and results of operations. In addition, political and economic factors could lead to unfavorable changes in federal and state tax laws, which may increase our tax liabilities. An increase in our tax liabilities could adversely affect our results of operations. We are also regularly involved in various litigation matters that arise in the ordinary course of business. Litigation or regulatory developments could adversely affect our business and financial condition.

There are various federal, state, local and foreign laws, ordinances and regulations that affect our trading business. For example, we are required to comply with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and a variety of anti-money laundering and know-your-customer rules in response to the USA Patriot Act.

The SEC has promulgated final rules mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act regarding disclosure, on an annual basis, of the use of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold, known as conflict minerals, in products manufactured by public companies. These new rules require due diligence to determine whether such minerals originated from the Democratic Republic of Congo (the "DRC") or an adjoining country and whether such minerals helped finance the armed conflict in the DRC.

The Company has concluded that it is not currently subject to the conflict minerals rules because it is not a manufacturer of conflict minerals under the definitions set forth in the rules. Depending on developments in the Company's business, it could become subject to the rules at some point in the future. In that event, there will be costs associated with complying with these disclosure requirements, including costs to determine the origin of gold used in our products. In addition, the implementation of these rules could adversely affect the sourcing, supply and pricing of gold used in our products. Also, we may face disqualification as a supplier for customers and reputational challenges if the due diligence procedures we implement do not enable us to verify the origins for the gold used in our products or to determine that the gold is conflict free.

CFC operates under a California Finance Lenders License issued by the California Department of Corporations. CFC is required to submit a finance lender law annual report to the state which summarizes certain loan portfolio and financial information

regarding CFC. The Department of Corporations may audit the books and records of CFC to determine whether CFC is in compliance with the terms of its lending license.

There can be no assurance that the regulation of our trading and lending businesses will not increase or that compliance with the applicable regulations will not become more costly or require us to modify our business practices.

We operate in a highly competitive industry.

The business of buying and selling precious metals is global and highly competitive. The Company competes with precious metals trading firms and banks throughout North America, Europe and elsewhere in the world, some of whom have greater financial and other resources, and greater name recognition, than the Company. We believe that, as a full service firm devoted exclusively to precious metals trading, we offer pricing, product availability, execution, financing alternatives and storage options that are attractive to our customers and allow us to compete effectively. We also believe that our purchaser/distributorship arrangements with various governmental mints give us a competitive advantage in our coin distribution business. However, given the global reach of the precious metals trading business, the absence of intellectual property protections and the availability of numerous, evolving platforms for trading in precious metals, we cannot assure you that A-Mark will be able to continue to compete successfully or that future developments in the industry will not create additional competitive challenges.

We rely extensively on computer systems to execute trades and process transactions, and we could suffer substantial damages if the operation of these systems were interrupted.

We rely on our computer and communications hardware and software systems to execute a large volume of trading transactions each year. It is therefore critical that we maintain uninterrupted operation of these systems, and we have invested considerable resources to protect our systems from physical compromise and security breaches and to maintain backup and redundancy. Nevertheless, our systems are subject to damage or interruption from power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, security breaches, including breaches of our transaction processing or other systems, catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes and hurricanes, and usage errors by our employees. If our systems are breached, damaged or cease to function properly, we may have to make a significant investment to fix or replace them, we may suffer interruptions in our ability to provide quotations or trading services in the interim, and we may face costly litigation.

Our implementation of a new enterprise resource planning (“ERP”) system may adversely affect our business and results of operations or the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting.

We are currently implementing a new ERP system. ERP implementations are complex and time-consuming projects that involve substantial expenditures on system software and implementation activities over a significant period of time. If we do not effectively implement the ERP system or if the system does not operate as intended, it could adversely affect our financial reporting systems and our ability to produce financial reports, the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, and our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

If our customer data were breached, we could suffer damages and loss of reputation.

By the nature of our business, we maintain significant amounts of customer data on our systems. Moreover, certain third party providers have access to confidential data concerning the Company in the ordinary course of their business relationships with the Company. In recent years, various companies, including companies that are significantly larger than us, have reported breaches of their computer systems that have resulted in the compromise of customer data. Any significant compromise or breach of customer or company data held or maintained by either the Company or our third party providers could significantly damage our reputation and result in costs, lost trades, fines and lawsuits. The regulatory environment related to information security and privacy is increasingly rigorous, with new and constantly changing requirements applicable to our business, and compliance with those requirements could result in additional costs. There is no guarantee that the procedures that we have implemented to protect against unauthorized access to secured data are adequate to safeguard against all data security breaches.

Risks Related to Our Acquisition of the Goldline Assets

We expect that our recent acquisition of the assets of Goldline, LLC will grow our business and create opportunities from cross-selling, but there is no assurance that this will be the case.

On August 28, 2017, we consummated the acquisition of the assets of Goldline, LLC, a leading direct retailer of precious metals to the investor community. We believe that the acquisition represents an attractive opportunity to expand our suite of integrated precious metals businesses into the direct-to-client space. We also believe that the acquisition will provide an opportunity to cross-sell our products and services to Goldline’s broad, high-end customer base, for example utilization of our precious coin and metal storage services at our secured Las Vegas, Nevada facility. Nevertheless, there is no assurance that we will be successful in conducting a retail bullion business. For example, the success of this business will require that we continue to maintain the loyalty of a large, widely disseminated customer base, and could depend on our ability to anticipate and appropriately respond to changing attitudes of consumers to investment in precious metals. There also can be no assurance that we will be successful in

our efforts to cross-sell other products and services to the Goldline client base. If the Goldline business does not succeed as we anticipate, or if we are required to make significant additional investment in the Goldline business in order to maintain or expand the business, our results of operation and liquidity could be adversely affected, which could in turn cause us to be in violation of one or more covenants under the Trading Credit Facility.

The Company may incur unanticipated costs integrating the Goldline business into our operations.

In order to fully achieve the anticipated benefits and synergies of our acquisition of the assets of Goldline, LLC, we will need to successfully integrate the Goldline business, which will be conducted through a separate subsidiary of the Company, with our existing operations. Brian Crumbaker, the chief executive officer of Goldline, and Blair Harris, the executive vice president of Goldline, have joined our Company, and we expect that with their experience and expertise, we will be able to align the Goldline business with our existing operations with a minimum amount of delay and disruption. We cannot assure you that this will be the case, however, and the integration process may take longer, may be more costly, and may require more time and attention of senior management than we anticipate. If that were the case, the benefits that we hope to achieve from the acquisition may not be realized in the time frame we anticipate or at all.

Goldline's prior marketing practices could generate adverse publicity for the Company.

In 2011, Goldline and a number of its executives were the subject to a criminal complaint in Santa Monica, California regarding the company's marketing practices and in February 2012, Goldline settled the action against it by agreeing to refund \$4.5 million to its customers. Key members of management were replaced at about the time of the settlement, and, as required by the terms of a related injunction, Goldline eliminated the offending aspects of its sales operations that were the subject of the legal action against it. The injunction expired in early 2017. We believe that in the five years since the criminal action was settled, Goldline has reestablished its reputation as a trusted, premier retailer of precious metals. Nonetheless, it is possible that Goldline's past businesses issues may continue to have reputational consequences for the Goldline business, and following our acquisition of Goldline, could generate adverse publicity for the Company.

Risks Relating to Commodities

A-Mark's business is heavily influenced by volatility in commodities prices.

A primary driver of A-Mark's profitability is volatility in commodities prices, which leads to wider bid and ask spreads. Among the factors that can impact the price of precious metals are supply and demand of precious metals; political, economic, and global financial events; movement of the U.S. dollar versus other currencies; and the activity of large speculators such as hedge funds. If commodity prices were to stagnate, there would likely be a reduction in trading activity, resulting in less demand for the services A-Mark provides, which could materially adversely affect our business, liquidity and results of operations.

This volatility may drive fluctuation of our revenues, as a consequence of which our results for any one period may not be indicative of the results to be expected for any other period. See "[Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.](#)"

Our business is exposed to commodity price risks, and our hedging activity to protect our inventory is subject to risks of default by our counterparties.

A-Mark's precious metals inventories are subject to market value changes created by change in the underlying commodity price, as well as supply and demand of the individual products the Company trades. In addition, open sale and purchase commitments are subject to changes in value between the date the purchase or sale is fixed (the trade date) and the date metal is delivered or received (the settlement date). A-Mark seeks to minimize the effect of price changes of the underlying commodity through the use of financial derivative instruments, such as forward and futures contracts. A-Mark's policy is to remain substantially hedged as to its inventory position and its individual sale and purchase commitments. A-Mark's management monitors its hedged exposure daily. However, there can be no assurance that these hedging activities will be adequate to protect the Company against commodity price risks associated with A-Mark's business activities.

Furthermore, even if we are fully hedged as to any given position, there is the risk of default by our counterparties to the hedge. Any such default could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

Increased commodity pricing could limit the inventory that we are able to carry.

We maintain a large and varied inventory of precious metal products, including bullion and coins, in order to support our trading activities and provide our customers with superior service. The amount of inventory that we are able to carry is constrained by the borrowing limitations and working capital covenants under the Trading Credit Facility. If commodity prices were to rise substantially, and we were unable to modify the terms of the Trading Credit Facility to compensate for the increase, the quantity of product that we could finance, and hence maintain in our inventory, would fall. This would likely have a material adverse effect on our operations.

The Dodd-Frank Act could adversely impact our use of derivative instruments to hedge precious metal prices and may have other adverse effects on our business.

On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which requires the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to promulgate rules and regulations implementing the new legislation, including with respect to derivative contracts on commodities. This legislation and any implementing regulations could significantly increase the cost of some commodity derivative contracts (including through requirements to post collateral, which could adversely affect our available liquidity), materially alter the terms of some commodity derivative contracts, reduce the availability of some derivatives to protect against risks, reduce our ability to monetize or restructure our existing commodity derivative contracts and potentially increase our exposure to less creditworthy counterparties. If we reduce our use of derivatives as a result of the Dodd-Frank legislation and regulations, we would be exposed to inventory and other risks associated with fluctuations in commodity prices. Also, if the Dodd-Frank legislation and regulations reduces volatility in commodity prices, our revenues could be adversely affected.

We rely on the efficient functioning of commodity exchanges around the world, and disruptions on these exchanges could adversely affect our business.

The Company buys and sells precious metals contracts on commodity exchanges around the world, both in support of its customer operations and to hedge its inventory and transactional exposure against fluctuations in commodity prices. The Company's ability to engage in these activities would be compromised if the exchanges on which the Company trades or any of their clearinghouses were to discontinue operations or to experience disruptions in trading, due to computer problems, unsettled markets or other factors. The Company may also experience risk of loss if futures commission merchants or commodity brokers with whom the Company deals were to become insolvent or bankrupt.

Risks Relating to Our Common Stock

Public company costs have increased our expenses and administrative burden, in particular in order to bring our Company into compliance with certain provisions of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.

As a public company, we are incurring significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. These increased costs and expenses may arise from various factors, including financial reporting costs associated with complying with federal securities laws (including compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).

Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and related regulations implemented by the SEC and NASDAQ have created uncertainty for public companies, increasing legal and financial compliance costs and making some activities more time consuming. We are currently evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to new and proposed rules and cannot predict or estimate the amount of the additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs. Applicable laws, regulations and standards are subject to varying interpretations, in many cases due to their lack of specificity, and, as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies. This could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices. We intend to invest resources to comply with evolving laws, regulations and standards, and this investment may result in increased selling, general and administrative expenses and a diversion of management's time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities. If our efforts to comply with new laws, regulations and standards differ from the activities intended by regulatory or governing bodies due to ambiguities related to practice, regulatory authorities may initiate legal proceedings against us and our business may be harmed.

Failure to achieve and maintain effective internal controls in accordance with Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley could have a material adverse effect on our business.

As a public company, we are required to document and test our internal control over financial reporting in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley, which requires annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting.

We are required to implement standalone policies and procedures to comply with the requirements of Section 404. During the course of our testing of our internal controls and procedures, we may identify deficiencies which we may not be able to remediate in time to meet our deadline for compliance with Section 404. Testing and maintaining internal controls can divert our management's attention from other matters that are also important to the operation of our business. We also expect that the imposition of these regulations will increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more difficult, time consuming and costly. We may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404. If we are unable to conclude that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting, then investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information, which would likely have a negative effect on the trading price of our common stock. In addition, if we do not maintain effective internal controls, we may not be able to accurately report our financial information on a timely basis, which could harm the trading price of our common stock, impair our ability to raise additional capital, or jeopardize our continued listing on the NASDAQ Global Select Market or any other stock exchange on which common stock may be listed.

We may not be able to continue to pay dividends.

Effective March 2, 2015, the Board of Directors approved a cash dividend policy calling for the payment of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per common share. The policy was amended on February 2, 2016 to provide for a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.07 per common share, and then on January 26, 2017 to provide for a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per common share. The declaration of cash dividends in the future is subject to the determination each quarter by the Board of Directors, based on a number of factors, including the Company's financial performance, available cash resources, cash requirements, bank covenants, and alternative uses of cash that the Board of Directors may conclude would represent an opportunity to generate a greater return on investment for the Company. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Company will continue to pay dividends on a regular basis. If the Board of Directors were to determine not to pay dividends in the future, shareholders would not receive any further return on an investment in our capital stock in the form of dividends, and may only obtain an economic benefit from the common stock only after an increase in its trading price and only by selling the common stock.

Provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and of Delaware law may prevent or delay an acquisition of the Company, which could decrease the trading price of our common stock.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and Delaware law contain certain anti-takeover provisions that could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from attempting to acquire, control of the Company without negotiating with our board of directors. Such provisions could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for the Company's securities. Certain of such provisions allow the Company to issue preferred stock with rights senior to those of the common stock, impose various procedural and other requirements which could make it more difficult for Shareholders to effect certain corporate actions and set forth rules regarding how shareholders may present proposals or nominate directors for election at shareholder meetings.

We believe these provisions protect our shareholders from coercive or otherwise unfair takeover tactics by requiring potential acquirers to negotiate with our Board of Directors and by providing our Board of Directors with more time to assess any acquisition proposal. However, these provisions apply even if an acquisition offer may be considered beneficial by some shareholders and could delay or prevent an acquisition that our Board of Directors determines is not in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders. Accordingly, in the event that our board determines that a potential business combination transaction is not in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders, but certain shareholders believe that such a transaction would be beneficial to the Company and its Shareholders, such Shareholders may elect to sell their shares in the Company and the trading price of our common stock could decrease.

Your percentage ownership in the Company could be diluted in the future.

Your percentage ownership in A-Mark potentially will be diluted in the future because of additional equity awards that we expect will be granted to our directors, officers and employees. We have established an equity incentive plan that provides for the grant of common stock-based equity awards to our directors, officers and other employees. In addition, we may issue equity in order to raise capital or in connection with future acquisitions and strategic investments, which could dilute your percentage ownership.

Our board and management beneficially own a sizeable percentage of our common stock and therefore have the ability to exert substantial influence as shareholders.

Members of our board and management beneficially own approximately 40% of our outstanding common stock. Acting together in their capacity as shareholders, the board members and management could exert substantial influence over matters on which a shareholder vote is required, such as the approval of business combination transactions. Also because of the size of their beneficial ownership, the board members and management may be in a position effectively to determine the outcome of the election of directors and the vote on shareholder proposals. The concentration of beneficial ownership in the hands of our board and management may therefore limit the ability of our public shareholders to influence the affairs of the Company.

If the Company's spinoff from SGI is determined to be taxable for U.S. federal income tax purposes, our shareholders could incur significant U.S. federal income tax liabilities.

In connection with the spinoff, SGI received the written opinion of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP ("Kramer Levin") to the effect that the spinoff qualified as a tax-free transaction under Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that for U.S. federal income tax purposes (i) no gain or loss was recognized by SGI upon the distribution of our common stock in the spinoff, and (ii) no gain or loss was recognized by, and no amount was included in the income of, holders of SGI common stock upon the receipt of shares of our common stock in the spinoff. The opinion of tax counsel is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts, and there is no assurance that the IRS or a court will not take a contrary position. In addition, the opinion of Kramer Levin relied on certain representations and covenants delivered by SGI and us. If, notwithstanding the conclusions included in the opinion, it is ultimately determined that the distribution does not qualify as tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes, each SGI shareholder that is subject to U.S. federal income tax and that received shares of our common stock in the distribution could be treated as receiving a taxable distribution in an amount equal to the fair market value of such shares. In addition, if the distribution were not to qualify as tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes, then SGI would recognize a gain in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of our common stock distributed to SGI shareholders on the date of the distribution over SGI's tax basis in such shares. Also, we could have an indemnification obligation to SGI related to its tax liability.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AN USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

None.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**Regulation S-K
Exhibit Table
Item No.****Description of Exhibit**

10	.1	*	Eighth Amendment to Uncommitted Credit Agreement, dated as of November 13, 2017, among A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc., Natixis, New York Branch, as Syndication Agent, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders named therein.
10	.2	*	Amended and Restated 2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan.
31	.1	*	Certification Under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31	.2	*	Certification Under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32	.1	*	Certification Under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32	.2	*	Certification Under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101	.INS	*	XBRL Instance Document.
101	.SCH	*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Schema Document.
101	.CAL	*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101	.DEF	*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101	.LAB	*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101	.PRE	*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

* Filed herewith

SIGNATURES

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

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.

Date: November 14, 2017

By: /s/ Gregory N. Roberts

Name: Gregory N. Roberts

Title: Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.

Date: November 14, 2017

By: /s/ Cary Dickson

Name: Cary Dickson

Title: Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signatures	Title(s)	Date
<u>/s/ Gregory N. Roberts</u> Gregory N. Roberts	Chief Executive Officer and Director <i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i>	November 14, 2017
<u>/s/ Cary Dickson</u> Cary Dickson	Chief Financial Officer <i>(Principal Financial Officer)</i>	November 14, 2017

**EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO
UNCOMMITTED CREDIT AGREEMENT**

This **EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO UNCOMMITTED CREDIT AGREEMENT** (this “Eighth Amendment”) dated as of November 13, 2017 is among **A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.**, a Delaware corporation (the “Borrower”), the undersigned Lenders, **NATIXIS, NEW YORK BRANCH**, as Syndication Agent and **COÖPERATIEVE RABOBANK U.A., NEW YORK BRANCH**, as Administrative Agent (the “Administrative Agent”). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement (as defined below).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent are parties to the Uncommitted Credit Agreement dated as of March 31, 2016 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested certain amendments to the Credit Agreement, and the parties hereto have agreed to amend the Credit Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments.

Effective upon the occurrence of the Effective Date (as defined in Section 2 below), the Credit Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) Section 1.1 is amended by inserting the following definition in its appropriate alphabetical place:

“*Swiss Security Agreement*” means a pledge agreement governed by Swiss law, among the Borrower as “Pledgor”, the Administrative Agent as “Collateral Agent” and the Secured Parties as “Pledgees”, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.
- (b) Section 6.6(c) is deleted and replaced with the following:

“(c) dividends paid after the end of each Fiscal Quarter based on procedures consistent with past practice.”
- (c) Section 7.2 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“7.2 Consolidated Tangible Net Worth. The Borrower shall maintain Consolidated Tangible Net Worth of not less than \$47,500,000 (subject to increase from time to time as set forth in the proviso below) as at the last day of each month

commencing September 30, 2017, provided, that the minimum required Consolidated Tangible Net Worth under this Section 7.2 shall automatically increase on each date of delivery of financial statements pursuant to Section 5.1(a), by an amount equal to 25% of consolidated net income (to the extent positive) of the Borrower (calculated in accordance with GAAP) as reported in such financial statements.”

(c) New Section 9.14 is inserted after Section 9.13 as follows:

“9.14 **Appointment of the Administrative Agent for the Swiss Security Agreement.** Notwithstanding Sections 9.1 through 9.13, in relation to the Swiss Security Agreement, each present and future Secured Party hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent:

(a) to (i) accept and execute in its name and for its account as its direct representative (*direkter Stellvertreter*) the Swiss law pledge created or evidenced or expressed to be created or evidenced under or pursuant to the Swiss Security Agreement for the benefit of such Secured Party and (ii) hold, administer and, if necessary, enforce any such security on behalf of each relevant Secured Party which has the benefit of such security;

(b) to agree as its direct representative (*direkter Stellvertreter*) to amendments and alterations to the Swiss Security Agreement in accordance with this Agreement;

(c) to effect as its direct representative (*direkter Stellvertreter*) any release of a security created or evidenced or expressed to be created or evidenced under the Swiss Security Agreement in accordance with this Agreement; and

(d) to exercise as its direct representative (*direkter Stellvertreter*) such other rights granted to the Administrative Agent hereunder or under the Swiss Security Agreement.”

SECTION 2. Effectiveness of Amendment.

This Eighth Amendment shall become effective on the date (the “Effective Date”) on which:

(a) the Administrative Agent shall have received this Eighth Amendment duly executed by each of the Borrower, the Required Lenders and the Administrative Agent;

(b) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender which shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent not later than 5:00 p.m. (NYC time) on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, its executed signature page to this Eighth Amendment, a fully-earned, non-refundable amendment fee in an amount equal to 0.02% of such Lender’s Revolving Line Portion, in immediately available funds; and

(c) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent all costs and expenses of the Administrative Agent incurred in connection with this Eighth Amendment (including, without limitation, the reasonable legal fees and disbursements of counsel to the Administrative Agent for which an invoice shall have been delivered to the Borrower).

SECTION 3. Effect of Amendment; Ratification; Representations; etc.

(a) On and after the Effective Date, this Eighth Amendment shall be a part of the Credit Agreement, all references to the Credit Agreement in the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be deemed to refer to the Credit Agreement as amended by this Eighth Amendment, and the term “this Agreement”, and the words “hereof”, “herein”, “hereunder” and words of similar import, as used in the Credit Agreement, shall mean the Credit Agreement as amended hereby.

(b) Except as expressly set forth herein, this Eighth Amendment shall not constitute an amendment, waiver or consent with respect to any provision of the Credit Agreement and the Credit Agreement is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed in all respects and remains in full force and effect.

(c) In order to induce the Administrative Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Eighth Amendment, the Borrower represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders that before and after giving effect to the execution and delivery of this Eighth Amendment:

(i) the representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in the Credit Agreement and in the other Loan Documents are true and correct in all material respects as if made on and as of the date hereof, except for those representations and warranties that by their terms were made as of a specified date which were true and correct on and as of such date; and

(ii) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

(d) The Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that after giving effect to this Eighth Amendment, (i) the Security Agreement, the Canadian Security Agreement, the German Security Agreement and the liens and security interests granted thereunder shall remain in full force and effect, shall continue without interruption as security for the Obligations and shall not be impaired or limited hereby and (ii) the other Security Documents executed by it shall remain in full force and effect, shall continue without interruption and shall not be impaired or limited hereby.

(e) This Eighth Amendment shall be a Loan Document.

SECTION 4. Counterparts.

This Eighth Amendment may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Eighth Amendment on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or email transmission)

of signature pages hereto), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement. A set of the copies of this Eighth Amendment signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 5. Severability.

Any provision of this Eighth Amendment which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 6. GOVERNING LAW.

THIS EIGHTH AMENDMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 7. WAIVERS OF JURY TRIAL.

EACH OF THE BORROWER, THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND THE LENDERS PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS EIGHTH AMENDMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

[Signatures begin on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Eighth Amendment to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

BORROWER

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.

By:/s/

Name:

Title:

SIGNATURE PAGE TO EIGHTH AMENDMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND LENDERS

COÖPERATIEVE RABOBANK U.A., NEW YORK BRANCH, as Administrative Agent and as a Lender

By: /s/ Xander Willemsen

Name: Xander Willemsen

Title: Executive Director

By: /s/ Sabrina Vasconcelos

Name: Sabrina Vasconcelos

Title: Vice President

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BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO., as a Lender

By: _____ Name:
Title:

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NATIXIS, NEW YORK BRANCH, as a Lender

By: _____ Name:
Title:

By: _____ Name:
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BANK HAPOALIM B.M., as a Lender

By: _____ Name:
Title:

By: _____ Name:
Title:

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MACQUARIE BANK LIMITED, as a Lender

By: _____ Name:
Title:

By: _____ Name:
Title:

(Signed in London, POA Ref: #2468 dated 7 June 2017)

SIGNATURE PAGE TO EIGHTH AMENDMENT

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.**2014 Stock Award And Incentive Plan
As Amended and Restated November 2, 2017****1. Purpose of the Plan.**

The purpose of this 2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan (the "Plan") is to aid A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in attracting, retaining, motivating and rewarding employees, non-employee directors and other persons who provide substantial services to the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates, to provide for equitable and competitive compensation opportunities, to authorize incentive awards that appropriately reward achievement of Company and business-unit goals and recognize individual contributions without promoting excessive risk, and to promote the creation of long-term value for stockholders by closely aligning the interests of Participants with those of stockholders. The Plan authorizes stock-based and cash-based incentives for Participants.

2. Definitions.

In addition to the terms defined in Section 1 above and elsewhere in the Plan, the following capitalized terms used in the Plan have the respective meanings set forth in this Section:

(a) "Annual Incentive Award" means a Performance Award granted under Section 7(c).

(b) "Annual Limit" has the meaning as defined in Section 5(b).

(c) "Award" means any Option, SAR, Restricted Stock, Deferred Stock, Stock granted as a bonus or in lieu of another award, Dividend Equivalent, Other Stock-Based Award, or Performance Award, together with any related right or interest, granted to a Participant under the Plan.

(d) "Beneficiary" shall mean any person or trust which has been designated by a Participant in his or her most recent written beneficiary designation filed with the Committee to receive the benefits specified under this Plan upon such Participant's death or, if there is no designated Beneficiary or surviving designated Beneficiary, then any person or trust entitled by will or the laws of descent and distribution to receive such benefits in the event of a Participant's death.

(e) "Board" means the Company's Board of Directors.

(f) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. References to any provision of the Code or regulation (including a proposed regulation) thereunder shall include any successor provisions and regulations.

(g) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board, the composition and governance of which is established in the Committee's Charter as approved from time to time by the Board and other corporate governance documents of the Company. No action of the Committee shall be void or deemed to be without authority due to the failure of any member, at the time the action was taken, to meet any qualification standard set forth in the Committee Charter or this Plan. The full Board

may perform any function of the Committee hereunder, in which case the term "Committee" shall refer to the Board.

(h) "Covered Employee" means an Eligible Person who is a Covered Employee as specified in Section 10(j).

(i) "Deferred Stock" means a right, granted to a Participant under Section 6(e), to receive Stock or other Awards or a combination thereof at the end of a specified deferral period. Deferred Stock may be denominated as "stock units," "restricted stock units," "phantom shares," "performance shares," or other appellations.

(j) "Dividend Equivalent" means a right, granted to a Participant under Section 6(g), to receive cash, Stock, other Awards or other property equal in value to all or a specified portion of the dividends paid with respect to a specified number of shares of Stock.

(k) "Effective Date" means the effective date specified in Section 10(p).

(l) "Eligible Person" has the meaning specified in Section 5.

(m) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. References to any provision of the Exchange Act or rule (including a proposed rule) thereunder shall include any successor provisions and rules.

(n) "Fair Market Value" means the fair market value of Stock, Awards or other property as determined in good faith by the Committee or under the following procedure or a substitute procedure as may be approved from time to time by the Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Fair Market Value of Stock as of any given date means the closing sale price of a share reported on the principal trading market for Stock (or, if shares are then principally traded on a national securities exchange, in the reported "composite transactions" for such exchange) for such date, or, if no shares were traded on that date, on the next preceding day on which there was such a trade. Fair Market Value relating to the exercise price of any Non-409A Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall conform to requirements under Code Section 409A.

(o) "409A Award" means an Award that constitutes a deferral of compensation subject to Code Section 409A and regulations thereunder. "Non-409A Award" means an Award other than a 409A Award (including an Award exempt under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(b)(4) and any successor regulation). Although the Committee retains authority under the Plan to grant Options and Stock Appreciation Rights and Restricted Stock on terms that will qualify those Awards as 409A Awards, Options and Stock Appreciation Rights and Restricted Stock are intended to be Non-409A Awards (referred to herein as "Non-409A Options" and "Non-409A Stock Appreciation Rights") unless otherwise expressly specified by the Committee.

(p) "Incentive Stock Option" or "ISO" means any Option designated as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Code Section 422 or any successor provision thereto and qualifying thereunder.

(q) "Option" means a right, granted to a Participant under Section 6(b), to purchase Stock or other Awards at a specified price during specified time periods.

(r) "Other Stock-Based Awards" means Awards granted to a Participant under Section 6(h).

(s) "Participant" means a person who has been granted an Award under the Plan which remains outstanding, including a person who is no longer an Eligible Person.

(t) "Performance Award" means a conditional right, granted to a Participant under Sections 6(i) and 7, to receive cash, Stock or other Awards or payments, as determined by the Committee, based upon performance criteria specified by the Committee.

(u) "Qualified Member" means a member of the Committee who is a "Non-Employee Director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3(b) (3), an "outside director" within the meaning of Regulation § 1.162-27 under Code Section 162(m), and "independent" within the meaning of applicable rules of any stock exchange or other trading market on which Stock is then listed or quoted and applicable corporate governance documents of the Company.

(v) "Restricted Stock" means Stock granted to a Participant under Section 6(d) which is subject to certain restrictions and to a risk of forfeiture.

(w) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3, as from time to time in effect and applicable to Participants, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

(x) "Stock" means the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and any other equity securities of the Company that may be substituted or resubstituted for Stock pursuant to Section 10(c).

(y) "Stock Appreciation Rights" or "SAR" means a right granted to a Participant under Section 6(c).

3. Administration.

(a) *Authority of the Committee.* The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall have full and final authority, in each case subject to and consistent with the provisions of the Plan, to select Eligible Persons to become Participants; to grant Awards; to determine the type and number of Awards, the dates on which Awards may be granted or exercised and on which the risk of forfeiture or deferral period relating to Awards shall lapse or terminate, the acceleration of any such dates, the expiration date of any Award, whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances an Award may be settled, or the exercise price of an Award may be paid, in cash, Stock (including Stock deliverable in connection with the Award), other Awards, or other property, and other terms and conditions of, and all other matters relating to, Awards (including authority to specify terms of Awards applicable in the event of a change in control); to prescribe documents evidencing or setting terms of Awards (such Award documents need not be identical for each Participant), amendments thereto, and rules and regulations for the administration of the Plan and amendments thereto; to construe and interpret the Plan and Award documents and correct defects, supply omissions or reconcile inconsistencies therein; and to make all other decisions and determinations as the Committee may deem necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. Decisions of the Committee with respect to the administration and interpretation of the Plan shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon all persons interested in the Plan, including Participants, Beneficiaries, transferees under Section 10(b) and other persons claiming rights from or through a Participant, and stockholders.

(b) *Manner of Exercise of Committee Authority.* At any time that a member of the Committee is not a Qualified Member, any action of the Committee relating to an Award intended by the Committee to qualify as "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m) and regulations thereunder or intended to be covered by an exemption under Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act may be taken by a subcommittee, designated by the Committee or the Board, composed solely of two or more Qualified Members or may be taken by the Committee but with each such member who is not a Qualified Member abstaining or recusing himself or herself from such action, provided that, upon such abstention or recusal, the Committee remains composed of two or more Qualified Members. The Committee otherwise may act through a subcommittee or with members of the Committee

abstaining or recusing themselves to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements or to promote effective governance as determined by the Committee. Such action, authorized by such a subcommittee or by the Committee upon the abstention or recusal of any Member(s), shall be the action of the Committee for purposes of the Plan. The express grant of any specific power to the Committee, and the taking of any action by the Committee, shall not be construed as limiting any power or authority of the Committee. To the fullest extent authorized under applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Committee may delegate to officers or managers of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate, or committees thereof, the authority, subject to such terms as the Committee shall determine, to perform such functions, including administrative functions, as the Committee may determine, to the extent that such delegation (i) will not result in the loss of an exemption under Rule 16b-3(d) for Awards granted to Participants subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act in respect of the Company, (ii) will not cause Awards intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Code Section 162(m) to fail to so qualify, (iii) will not result in a related-person transaction with an executive officer required to be disclosed under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K (in accordance with Instruction 5.a.ii thereunder) under the Exchange Act, and (iv) is permitted under applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and other applicable laws and regulations.

(c) *Limitation of Liability.* The Committee and each member thereof, and any person acting pursuant to authority delegated by the Committee, shall be entitled, in good faith, to rely or act upon any report or other information furnished to him or her by any officer or other employee of the Company or any subsidiary, the Company's independent certified public accountants, or any executive compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other professional retained by the Company to assist in the administration of the Plan. Members of the Committee, any person acting pursuant to authority delegated by the Committee, and any officer or employee of the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate acting at the direction or on behalf of the Committee or a delegee shall not be personally liable for any action, determination, or interpretation taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan, and any such person shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Company with respect to any such action, determination, or interpretation.

4. Stock Subject to Plan and Related Limitations.

(a) *Overall Number of Shares Available for Delivery.* Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 10(c), the total number of shares of Stock reserved and available for delivery in connection with Awards under the Plan shall be 1,150,000 for all types of Awards (the "General Reserve") plus 60,000 available only for "inducement awards" granted to a newly hired employee in accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(c)(4) (the "Inducement Reserve"). Any shares of Stock delivered under the Plan shall consist of authorized and unissued shares or treasury shares.

(b) *Share Counting Rules.* The Committee may adopt reasonable counting procedures to ensure appropriate counting, avoid double counting (as, for example, in the case of tandem or substitute awards) and make adjustments in accordance with this Section 4(b). Shares shall be counted against those reserved to the extent such shares have been delivered and are no longer subject to a risk of forfeiture. Accordingly, to the extent that an Award under the Plan, in whole or in part, is canceled, expired, forfeited, settled in cash, or otherwise terminated without delivery of shares to the Participant, the shares retained by or returned to the Company will not be deemed to have been delivered under the Plan and will be deemed to remain or to become available under this Plan. However, from and after November 2, 2017, shares that are withheld from an Award or separately surrendered by the Participant in payment of the exercise price or taxes relating to such an Award, and the full number of shares as to which a stock appreciation right is exercised, shall be deemed to constitute shares delivered and will not be deemed to remain or to become available again under the Plan. Any shares recaptured under this Section 4(b) that were General Reserve shares will be deemed to be available as General Reserve shares, and recaptured shares that were Inducement Reserve shares will be deemed to be available as Inducement Reserve shares. The Committee may determine that Awards may be outstanding that relate to more shares than the aggregate remaining available under the Plan so long as Awards will not in fact

result in delivery and vesting of shares in excess of the number then available under the Plan. In addition, in the case of any Award granted in assumption of or substitution for an award of a company or business acquired by the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate, shares delivered or deliverable in connection with such assumed or substitute Award shall not be counted against the number of shares reserved under the Plan (such assumed or substitute Awards may be administered under the Plan, however). This Section 4(b) shall apply to the share limit imposed to conform to the Treasury regulations governing ISOs only to the extent consistent with applicable regulations relating to ISOs under the Code.

5. Eligibility and Certain Award Limitations.

(a) *Eligibility.* Awards may be granted under the Plan only to Eligible Persons. For purposes of the Plan, an "Eligible Person" means an employee of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate, including any executive officer, non-employee director of the Company, or consultant or other person who provides substantial services to the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate, and any person who has been offered employment by the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate, provided that such prospective employee may not receive any payment or exercise any right relating to an Award until such person has commenced employment with the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate. An employee on leave of absence may be considered as still in the employ of the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate for purposes of eligibility for participation in the Plan. For purposes of the Plan, a joint venture in which the Company or a subsidiary has a substantial direct or indirect equity investment shall be deemed an affiliate, if so determined by the Committee. Holders of awards granted by a company or business acquired by the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate (including a business combination) are eligible for Awards granted in assumption of or in substitution for such outstanding awards.

(b) *Per-Person Award Limitations.* In each fiscal year during any part of which the Plan is in effect, an Eligible Person may be granted Awards in the aggregate relating to up to his or her Annual Limit. A Participant's Annual Limit, in any fiscal year during any part of which the Participant is then eligible under the Plan, shall equal 250,000 shares plus the amount of the Participant's unused Annual Limit relating to Stock-denominated Awards as of the close of the previous fiscal year, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 10(c). In the case of a cash-denominated Award for which the limitation set forth in the preceding sentence would not operate as an effective limitation satisfying Treasury Regulation § 1.162-27(e)(4) (including a cash Performance Award under Section 7), an Eligible Person may not be granted Awards authorizing the earning during any fiscal year of an amount that exceeds the Participant's Annual Limit, which for this purpose shall equal the greater of 20% of the Company's GAAP pre-tax income for that fiscal year or \$4 million plus the amount of the Participant's unused cash Annual Limit as of the close of the previous year (this limitation is separate and not affected by the number of Awards granted during such calendar year subject to the limitation in the preceding sentence). For this purpose, (i) "earning" means satisfying performance conditions so that an amount becomes payable, without regard to whether it is to be paid currently or on a deferred basis or continues to be subject to any service requirement or other non-performance condition, (ii) a Participant's Annual Limit is used to the extent a number of shares or cash amount may be potentially earned or paid under an Award, regardless of whether such shares or amount in fact are earned or paid, and (iii) the Annual Limit applies to Dividend Equivalents under Section 6(g) only if such Dividend Equivalents are granted separately from and not as a feature of another Award. In the case of a non-employee director of the Company, additional limits shall apply such that the maximum grant-date fair value of Stock-denominated Awards granted in any fiscal year during any part of which the director is then eligible under the Plan shall be \$300,000, except that such limit for a non-employee Chairman of the Board shall be \$600,000.

6. Specific Terms of Awards.

(a) *General.* Awards may be granted on the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 6. In addition, the Committee may impose on any Award or the exercise thereof, at the date of grant or

thereafter (subject to Section 10(e)), such additional terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, as the Committee shall determine, including terms requiring forfeiture of Awards in the event of termination of employment or service by the Participant and terms permitting a Participant to make elections relating to his or her Award. The Committee shall retain full power and discretion with respect to any term or condition of an Award that is not mandatory under the Plan. The Committee may require payment of consideration for an Award except as limited by the Plan.

(b) *Options.* The Committee is authorized to grant Options to Participants on the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Exercise Price.* The exercise price per share of Stock purchasable under an Option (including both ISOs and non-qualified Options) shall be determined by the Committee, provided that such exercise price shall be not less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of grant of such Option, subject to Sections 6(f), 6(h) and 8(a). Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Award resulting from an assumption or granted in substitution for an outstanding award granted by a company or business acquired by the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate (including a business combination) shall satisfy this Section 6(b)(i) if the assumption or substitution preserves without enlarging the in-the-money value of the original award at the date of the acquisition. No adjustment will be made for a dividend or other right for which the record date is prior to the date on which the stock is issued, except as provided in Section 10(c) of the Plan.

(ii) *Option Term; Time and Method of Exercise.* The Committee shall determine the term of each Option, provided that in no event shall the term of any Option exceed a period of ten years from the date of grant. The Committee shall determine the time or times at which or the circumstances under which an Option may be exercised in whole or in part (including based on achievement of performance goals and/or future service requirements), the methods by which such exercise price may be paid or deemed to be paid and the form of such payment (subject to Section 10(k)), including, without limitation, cash, Stock (including through withholding of Stock deliverable upon exercise, except that any such withholding transaction that will result in additional accounting expense to the Company must be expressly authorized by the Committee), other Awards or awards granted under other plans of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate, or other property (including through "cashless exercise" arrangements, to the extent permitted by applicable law), and the methods by or forms in which Stock will be delivered or deemed to be delivered in satisfaction of Options to Participants.

(iii) *ISOs.* The terms of any ISO granted under the Plan shall comply in all respects with the provisions of Code Section 422, including but not limited to the requirement that no ISO shall be granted more than ten years after the Effective Date.

(c) *Stock Appreciation Rights.* The Committee is authorized to grant SARs to Participants on the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Right to Payment.* A SAR shall confer on the Participant to whom it is granted a right to receive, upon exercise thereof, the excess of (A) the Fair Market Value of one share of Stock on the date of exercise over (B) the grant price of the SAR as determined by the Committee, which grant price shall be not less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of grant of such SAR.

(ii) *Other Terms.* The Committee shall determine at the date of grant or thereafter, the time or times at which and the circumstances under which a SAR may be exercised in whole or in part (including based on achievement of performance goals and/or future service requirements), the method of exercise, method of settlement, form of consideration payable in settlement, method by or forms in which Stock will be delivered or deemed to be delivered to

Participants, whether or not a SAR shall be free-standing or in tandem or combination with any other Award, and the maximum term of an SAR, which in no event shall exceed a period of ten years from the date of grant.

(d) *Restricted Stock.* The Committee is authorized to grant Restricted Stock to Participants on the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Grant and Restrictions.* Restricted Stock shall be subject to such restrictions on transferability, risk of forfeiture and other restrictions, if any, as the Committee may impose, which restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such times, under such circumstances (including based on achievement of performance goals and/or future service requirements), in such installments or otherwise and under such other circumstances as the Committee may determine at the date of grant or thereafter. Except to the extent restricted under the terms of the Plan and any Award document relating to the Restricted Stock, a Participant granted Restricted Stock shall have all of the rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote the Restricted Stock and the right to receive dividends thereon (subject to Section 6(d)(iv) below).

(ii) *Forfeiture.* Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, upon termination of employment or service during the applicable restriction period, Restricted Stock that is at that time subject to restrictions shall be forfeited and reacquired by the Company; provided that the Committee may provide, by rule or regulation or in any Award document, or may determine in any individual case, that restrictions or forfeiture conditions relating to Restricted Stock will lapse in whole or in part, including in the event of terminations resulting from specified causes.

(iii) *Certificates for Stock.* Restricted Stock granted under the Plan may be evidenced in such manner as the Committee shall determine. If certificates representing Restricted Stock are registered in the name of the Participant, the Committee may require that such certificates bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock, that the Company retain physical possession of the certificates, and that the Participant deliver a stock power to the Company, endorsed in blank, relating to the Restricted Stock.

(iv) *Dividends and Splits.* As a condition to the grant of an Award of Restricted Stock, the Committee may require that any dividends paid on a share of Restricted Stock shall be either (A) paid with respect to such Restricted Stock at the dividend payment date in cash, in kind, or in a number of shares of unrestricted Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends, or (B) automatically reinvested in additional Restricted Stock or held in kind, which shall be subject to the same terms (including any restrictions and risk of forfeiture) as applied to the original Restricted Stock to which it relates, or (C) deferred as to payment, either as a cash deferral or with the amount or value thereof automatically deemed reinvested in shares of Deferred Stock, other Awards or other investment vehicles, subject to such terms as the Committee shall determine or permit a Participant to elect; provided, however, that dividends on Restricted Stock subject to a risk of forfeiture based on performance conditions shall be subject to the same risk of forfeiture based on performance conditions. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, Stock distributed in connection with a Stock split or Stock dividend, and other property distributed as a dividend, shall be subject to restrictions and a risk of forfeiture to the same extent as the Restricted Stock with respect to which such Stock or other property has been distributed.

(e) *Deferred Stock (Including Restricted Stock Units).* The Committee is authorized to grant Deferred Stock to Participants, which are rights to receive Stock, other Awards, or a combination thereof at the end of a specified period of time, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Award and Restrictions.* Issuance of Stock will occur upon expiration of the period of time specified for an Award of Deferred Stock by the Committee (or, if permitted by the Committee, as elected by the Participant). In addition, Deferred Stock shall be subject to such restrictions on transferability, risk of forfeiture and other restrictions, if any, as the Committee may impose, which restrictions may lapse at the expiration of the deferral period or at earlier specified times (including based on achievement of performance goals and/or future service requirements), separately or in combination, in installments or otherwise, and under such other circumstances as the Committee may determine at the date of grant or thereafter. Forfeitable Deferred Stock may be designated as "Restricted Stock Units" or otherwise designated by the Committee. Deferred Stock may be settled by delivery of Stock, other Awards, or a combination thereof (subject to Section 10(k)), as determined by the Committee at the date of grant or thereafter.

(ii) *Forfeiture.* Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, upon termination of employment or service during the applicable period or portion thereof to which forfeiture conditions apply (as provided in the Award document evidencing the Deferred Stock), all Deferred Stock that is at that time subject to such forfeiture conditions shall be forfeited; provided that the Committee may provide, by rule or regulation or in any Award document, or may determine in any individual case, that restrictions or forfeiture conditions relating to Deferred Stock will lapse in whole or in part, including in the event of terminations resulting from specified causes.

(iii) *Dividend Equivalents.* Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, Dividend Equivalents on the specified number of shares of Stock covered by an Award of Deferred Stock shall be either (A) paid with respect to such Deferred Stock at the dividend payment date in cash or in shares of unrestricted Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends, or (B) deferred with respect to such Deferred Stock, either as a cash deferral or with the amount or value thereof automatically deemed reinvested in additional Deferred Stock, other Awards or other investment vehicles having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends, as the Committee shall determine or permit a Participant to elect. Such Dividend Equivalents shall be subject to Section 6(g), including restrictions applicable in the case of performance-based awards.

(f) *Bonus Stock and Awards in Lieu of Obligations.* The Committee is authorized to grant Stock as a bonus, or to grant Stock or other Awards in lieu of obligations of the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate to pay cash or deliver other property under the Plan or under other plans or compensatory arrangements, subject to such terms as shall be determined by the Committee.

(g) *Dividend Equivalents.* The Committee is authorized to grant Dividend Equivalents to a Participant, entitling the Participant to receive cash, Stock, other Awards, or other property equivalent to all or a portion of the dividends paid with respect to a specified number of shares of Stock. Dividend Equivalents may be awarded on a free-standing basis or in connection with another Award. The Committee may provide that Dividend Equivalents shall be paid or distributed when accrued or shall be deemed to have been reinvested in additional Stock, Awards, or other investment vehicles, and subject to restrictions on transferability, risks of forfeiture and such other terms as the Committee may specify; provided, however, that dividend equivalents relating to a performance-based award shall be earnable only upon the achievement of the specified performance goals applicable to the performance-based award.

(h) *Other Stock-Based Awards.* The Committee is authorized, subject to limitations under applicable law, to grant to Participants such other Awards that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Stock or factors that may influence the value of Stock, including, without limitation, convertible or exchangeable debt securities, other rights convertible or exchangeable into Stock, purchase rights for Stock, Awards with value and

payment contingent upon performance of the Company or business units thereof or any other factors designated by the Committee, and Awards valued by reference to the book value of Stock or the value of securities of or the performance of specified subsidiaries or affiliates or other business units. The Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of such Awards. Stock delivered pursuant to an Award in the nature of a purchase right granted under this Section 6(h) shall be purchased for such consideration, paid for at such times, by such methods, and in such forms, including, without limitation, cash, Stock, other Awards, or other property, as the Committee shall determine. Cash awards, as an element of or supplement to any other Award under the Plan, may also be granted pursuant to this Section 6(h).

(i) *Performance Awards.* Performance Awards, denominated in cash or in Stock or other Awards, may be granted by the Committee in accordance with Section 7.

7. Performance Awards.

(a) *Performance Awards Generally.* The Committee is authorized to grant Performance Awards on the terms and conditions specified in this Section 7. Performance Awards may be denominated as a cash amount, number of shares of Stock, or specified number of other Awards (or a combination) which may be earned upon achievement or satisfaction of performance conditions specified by the Committee. In addition, the Committee may specify that any other Award shall constitute a Performance Award by conditioning the right of a Participant to exercise the Award or have it settled, and/or the timing thereof, upon achievement or satisfaction of such performance conditions as may be specified by the Committee. The Committee may use such business criteria and other measures of performance as it may deem appropriate in establishing any performance conditions, and may reserve the right to exercise its discretion to reduce or increase the amounts payable under any Award subject to performance conditions; provided, however, that (i) the reservation of discretion shall be limited as specified under Sections 7(b) and 7(c) in the case of a Performance Award intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Code Section 162(m); and (ii), in the case of any Performance Award denominated in shares at the grant date (i.e., an Award which constitutes share-based equity under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification 718 ("FASB ASC Topic 718")), no discretion to reduce or increase the amounts payable (except as provided under Section 10(c)) shall be reserved unless such reservation of discretion is expressly stated by the Committee at the time it acts to authorize or approve the grant of such Performance Award.

(b) *Performance Awards Granted to Covered Employees.* If the Committee determines that a Performance Award to be granted to an Eligible Person who is designated by the Committee as likely to be a Covered Employee should qualify as "performance-based compensation" for purposes of Code Section 162(m), the grant, exercise and/or settlement of such Performance Award shall be contingent upon achievement of a pre-established performance goal and other terms set forth in this Section 7(b).

(i) *Performance Goal Generally.* The performance goal for such Performance Awards shall consist of one or more business criteria and a targeted level or levels of performance with respect to each of such criteria, as specified by the Committee consistent with this Section 7(b). The performance goal shall be objective and shall otherwise meet the requirements of Code Section 162(m) and regulations thereunder (including Treasury Regulation § 1.162-27 and successor regulations thereto), including the requirement that the level or levels of performance targeted by the Committee result in the achievement of performance goals being "substantially uncertain." The Committee may determine that such Performance Awards shall be granted, exercised and/or settled upon achievement of any one performance goal or that two or more of the performance goals must be achieved as a condition to grant, exercise and/or settlement of such Performance Awards. Performance goals may differ for Performance Awards granted to any one Participant or to different Participants.

(ii) *Business Criteria.* One or more of the following business criteria for the Company, on a consolidated basis, and/or for specified subsidiaries or affiliates or other business units of the Company, shall be used by the Committee in establishing performance goals for such Performance Awards: (1) net sales or revenues; (2) earnings measures, including earnings from operations, earnings before or after taxes, earnings before or after interest, depreciation, amortization, or extraordinary or special items; (3) pre-tax income, net income or net income per common share (basic or diluted); (4) return measures, including return on assets (gross or net), return on investment, return on capital, or return on equity; (5) cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on investment (discounted or otherwise), net cash provided by operations, or cash flow in excess of cost of capital; (6) interest expense after taxes; (7) net economic profit (operating earnings minus a charge for capital) or economic value created; (8) operating margin or profit margin; (9) stockholder value creation measures, including stock price or total stockholder return; (10) dividend payout levels, including as a percentage of net income; (11) expense targets, working capital targets, or operating efficiency; and (12) strategic business criteria, consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specified market penetration, geographic business expansion goals, cost targets, total market capitalization, agency ratings of financial strength, completion of capital and borrowing transactions, business retention, new product development, customer satisfaction, employee satisfaction, management of employment practices and employee benefits, supervision of information technology, litigation-related milestones, goals related to capital structure, goals relating to relisting of our stock on a specified stock exchange or trading market, and goals relating to acquisitions or divestitures of subsidiaries, affiliates or joint ventures. The targeted level or levels of performance with respect to such business criteria may be established at such levels and in such terms as the Committee may determine, in its discretion, including in absolute terms, as a goal relative to performance in prior periods, or as a goal compared to the performance of one or more comparable companies or an index covering multiple companies. The Committee may specify that performance will be determined before payment of bonuses, capital charges, non-recurring or extraordinary income or expense, or other financial and general and administrative expenses for the performance period. Provided that the Committee has specified at least one performance goal under this Section 7(b)(ii) qualifying the Award as performance-based under Section 162(m), the Committee may specify other performance goals or criteria (whether or not listed in this Section 7(b)(ii)) as a basis for its exercise of negative discretion with respect to the Award.

(iii) *Performance Period; Timing for Establishing Performance Goals.* Achievement of performance goals in respect of such Performance Awards shall be measured over a performance period of up to one year or more than one year, as specified by the Committee. A performance goal under Section 7(b)(ii) shall be established not later than the earlier of (A) 90 days after the beginning of any performance period applicable to such Performance Award or (B) the time 25% of such performance period has elapsed.

(iv) *Performance Award Pool.* The Committee may establish a Performance Award pool, which shall be an unfunded pool, for purposes of measuring performance of the Company in connection with Performance Awards. The amount of such Performance Award pool shall be based upon the achievement of a performance goal or goals based on one or more of the business criteria set forth in Section 7(b)(ii) during the given performance period, as specified by the Committee in accordance with Section 7(b)(iv). The Committee may specify the amount of the Performance Award pool as a percentage of any of such business criteria, a percentage thereof in excess of a threshold amount, or as another amount which need not bear a strictly mathematical relationship to such business criteria.

(v) *Settlement of Performance Awards; Other Terms.* Settlement of such Performance Awards shall be in cash, Stock, other Awards or other property, in the discretion of the Committee. Subject to Section 7(a), the Committee may, in its discretion, increase or reduce the amount of a settlement otherwise to be made in connection with such Performance Awards,

but may not exercise discretion to increase any such amount payable to a Covered Employee in respect of a Performance Award subject to this Section 7(b) to the extent that such discretion would increase the amount payable above that amount designated as potentially payable upon achievement of the performance goal intended to qualify the Award as "performance-based compensation" under Code Section 162(m). Any settlement which changes the form of payment from that originally specified shall be implemented in a manner such that the Performance Award and other related Awards do not, solely for that reason, fail to qualify as "performance-based compensation" for purposes of Code Section 162(m). The Committee shall specify the circumstances (if any) in which such Performance Awards shall be paid or forfeited in the event of termination of employment by the Participant or other event (including a change in control) prior to the end of a performance period or settlement of such Performance Awards.

(c) *Annual Incentive Awards Granted to Covered Employees.* The Committee may grant an Annual Incentive Award to an Eligible Person who is designated by the Committee as likely to be a Covered Employee. Such Annual Incentive Award will be intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" for purposes of Code Section 162(m), and therefore its grant, exercise and/or settlement shall be contingent upon achievement of a pre-established performance goal or goals and other terms set forth in Section 7(b) and this Section 7(c). Not later than the applicable deadline specified in Section 7(b)(iii), the Committee shall determine the Covered Employees who will potentially receive Annual Incentive Awards, the amount(s) potentially payable thereunder, and the performance period in which such amount(s) may be earned. The amount(s) potentially payable as Annual Incentive Awards shall be based upon the achievement of a performance goal or goals based on one or more of the business criteria set forth in Section 7(b)(ii) in the given performance period, as specified by the Committee. The Committee may designate an Annual Incentive Award pool as the means by which Annual Incentive Awards will be measured, which pool shall conform to the provisions of Section 7(b)(iv). In such case, the portion of the Annual Incentive Award pool potentially payable to each Covered Employee shall be pre-established by the Committee. The foregoing notwithstanding, if any portion of the Annual Incentive pool for a given fiscal year is not allocated and paid out for that year, the Committee, at any time after such fiscal year, may allocate and pay out from such then-unallocated amounts of hypothetical funding remaining an Award to any Eligible Person other than a Covered Employee, but such allocations may not affect the allocations or payouts to any Covered Employee. In all cases, the maximum Annual Incentive Award of any Participant shall be subject to the limitation set forth in Section 5(b). After the end of the performance period, the Committee shall determine the amount, if any, of the Annual Incentive Award for that performance period payable to each Participant. Other provisions of Section 7(b) shall apply to an Annual Incentive Award under this Section 7(c).

(d) *Written Determinations.* Determinations by the Committee as to the establishment of performance goals, the amount potentially payable in respect of Performance Awards, the level of actual achievement of the specified performance goals relating to Performance Awards, and the amount of any final Performance Award shall be recorded in writing in the case of Performance Awards intended to qualify under Section 162(m). Specifically, the Committee shall certify in writing, in a manner conforming to applicable regulations under Section 162(m), prior to settlement of each such Award granted to a Covered Employee, that the performance objective relating to the Performance Award and other material terms of the Award upon which settlement of the Award was conditioned have been satisfied.

8. Certain Provisions Applicable to Awards.

(a) *Stand-Alone, Additional, Tandem, and Substitute Awards.* Awards granted under the Plan may, in the discretion of the Committee, be granted either alone or in addition to, in tandem with, or in substitution or exchange for, any other Award or any award granted under another plan of the Company, any subsidiary or affiliate, or any business entity to be acquired by the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate, or any other right of a Participant to receive payment from the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate. Awards granted in addition to or in tandem with other Awards or awards may be granted either as of the same time as or a different time from the grant of such other Awards or awards.

Subject to Sections 10(e) and 10(k), the Committee may determine that, in granting a new Award, the in-the-money value or fair value of any surrendered Award or award may be applied to reduce the exercise price of any Option, grant price of any SAR, or purchase price of any other Award, and, subject to Sections 10(e) and 10(k), that the fair value of any surrendered Award or award may be used to reduce the fair-value purchase price of any other Award.

(b) *Term of Awards.* The term of each Award shall be for such period as may be determined by the Committee, subject to the express limitations set forth in Section 6(b)(ii) and 6(c)(ii) (ten-year limit on Option and SAR terms, which limit will apply to any other Award in the nature of a stock right that provides the Participant with a right to exercise over a period of more than one year).

(c) *Form and Timing of Payment under Awards; Deferrals.* Subject to the terms of the Plan (including Section 10(k) and Appendix A) and any applicable Award document, payments to be made by the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate upon the exercise of an Option or other Award or settlement of an Award may be made in such forms as the Committee shall determine, including, without limitation, cash, Stock, other Awards or other property and may be made in it single payment or transfer, in installments, or on a deferred basis. The settlement of any Award may be accelerated, and cash paid in lieu of Stock in connection with such settlement, in the discretion of the Committee or upon occurrence of one or more specified events (subject to Section 10(k) and Appendix A)). Installment or deferred payments may be required by the Committee (subject to Section 10(e) and Appendix A) or permitted at the election of the Participant on terms and conditions established by the Committee. Payments may include, without limitation, provisions for the payment or crediting of reasonable interest on installment or deferred payments or the grant or crediting of Dividend Equivalents or other amounts in respect of installment or deferred payments denominated in Stock. In the case of any 409A Award that is vested and no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (within the meaning of Code Section 409A), such Award will be distributed to the Participant, upon application of the Participant, if the Participant has had an unforeseeable emergency within the meaning of Code Sections 409A(a)(2)(A)(vi) and 409A(a)(2)(B)(ii), in accordance with Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(ii) and subject to Appendix A.

(d) *No Personal Loans or Reloads.* No term of an Award shall provide for a personal loan to a Participant, including for payment of the exercise price of an Option or withholding taxes relating to any Award. No term of an Award shall provide for automatic "reload" grants of additional Awards upon exercise of an Option or SAR or otherwise as a term of an Award.

(e) *Exemptions from Section 16(b) Liability.* With respect to a Participant who is then subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act in respect of the Company, the Committee shall implement transactions under the Plan and administer the Plan in a manner that will ensure that each transaction with respect to such a Participant is exempt from liability under Rule 16b-3 or otherwise not subject to liability under Section 16(b)), except that this provision shall not apply to sales by such a Participant, and such a Participant may engage in other non-exempt transactions under the Plan. The Committee may authorize the Company to repurchase any Award or shares of Stock deliverable or delivered in connection with any Award (subject to Sections 10(k) and 10(l)) in order that a Participant who is subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act will avoid incurring liability under Section 16(b). Unless otherwise specified by the Participant, equity securities or derivative securities acquired under the Plan which are disposed of by a Participant shall be deemed to be disposed of in the order acquired by the Participant.

(f) *Change in Control.* The Committee may specify that an Award will become automatically earned, vested and/or payable, in whole or part, upon a Change in Control, in its discretion, by so specifying in an Award Agreement or other governing document (in the absence of such a specification, the Plan does not confer the right to such acceleration). For purposes of the Plan, unless otherwise specified by the Committee in an Award Agreement or other governing document, a "Change in Control" shall be deemed to have occurred if, after the grant date of an Award, there shall have occurred any of the following:

(i) Any "person," as such term is used in Section 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act (other than the Company, any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company, or any company owned, directly or indirectly, by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company), acquires voting securities of the Company and immediately thereafter is the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then-outstanding voting securities;

(ii) Individuals who on the grant date of the Award constitute the Board of Directors, and any new director (other than a director whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest, including but not limited to a consent solicitation, relating to the election of directors of the Company) whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors on the Grant Date or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved or recommended, cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof;

(iii) There is consummated a merger, consolidation, recapitalization, or reorganization of the Company, or a reverse stock split of any class of voting securities of the Company, if, immediately following consummation of any of the foregoing, either (A) individuals who, immediately prior to such consummation, constitute the Board do not constitute at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the Company or the surviving or parent entity, as the case may be, or (B) the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such event do not represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of a surviving or parent entity) at least 50% or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of the Company or such surviving or parent entity; or

(iv) The stockholders of the Company have approved a plan of complete liquidation of the Company and there occurs a distribution or other substantive step pursuant to such plan of complete liquidation, or there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets (or any transaction have a similar effect), and in each case all material contingencies to the completion of the transaction have been satisfied or waived.

9. Additional Award Forfeiture Provisions.

The Committee may condition a Participant's right to receive a grant of an Award, to exercise the Award, to retain cash, Stock, other Awards or other property acquired in connection with an Award, or to retain the profit or gain realized by a Participant in connection with an Award, including cash or other proceeds received upon sale of Stock acquired in connection with an Award, upon (i) compliance by the Participant with specified conditions relating to adherence to standards of conduct in the preparation of financial statements and reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, non-competition, confidentiality of information relating to or possessed by the Company, non-solicitation of customers, suppliers, and employees of the Company, cooperation in litigation, non-disparagement of the Company and its officers, directors and affiliates, and other restrictions upon or covenants of the Participant, including during specified periods following termination of employment or service to the Company; and (ii), in the case of performance-based compensation, the absence of material inaccuracies in the financial or other information upon which achievement of performance goals was assessed.

10. General Provisions.

(a) *Compliance with Legal and Other Requirements.* The Company may, to the extent deemed necessary or advisable by the Committee and subject to Appendix A, postpone the issuance or

delivery of Stock or payment of other benefits under any Award until completion of such registration or qualification of such Stock or other required action under any federal or state law, rule or regulation, listing or other required action with respect to any stock exchange or automated quotation system upon which the Stock or other securities of the Company are listed or quoted, or compliance with any other obligation of the Company, as the Committee may consider appropriate, and may require any Participant to make such representations, furnish such information and comply with or be subject to such other conditions as it may consider appropriate in connection with the issuance or delivery of Stock or payment of other benefits in compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, listing requirements, or other obligations.

(b) *Limits on Transferability; Beneficiaries.* No Award or other right or interest of a Participant under the Plan shall be pledged, hypothecated or otherwise encumbered or subject to any lien, obligation or liability of such Participant to any party (other than the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof), or assigned or transferred by such Participant, and such Awards or rights that may be exercisable shall be exercised during the lifetime of the Participant only by the Participant or his or her guardian or legal representative, except that (i) Awards and related rights shall be transferred to a Participant's Beneficiary or Beneficiaries upon the death of the Participant, and (ii), subject to Section 1(a)(viii) of Appendix A, Awards and other rights (other than ISOs and SARs in tandem therewith) may be transferred to one or more transferees during the lifetime of the Participant, and may be exercised by such transferees in accordance with the terms of such Award, but only if and to the extent such transfers are permitted by the Committee and the Committee has determined that there will be no transfer of the Award to a third party for value, and subject to any terms and conditions which the Committee may impose thereon (including limitations the Committee may deem appropriate in order that offers and sales under the Plan will meet applicable requirements of registration forms under the Securities Act of 1933 specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission). A Beneficiary, transferee, or other person claiming any rights under the Plan from or through any Participant shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the Plan and any Award document applicable to such Participant, except as otherwise determined by the Committee, and to any additional terms and conditions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee.

(c) *Adjustments.* In the event that any large, special and non-recurring dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash or property other than Stock), recapitalization, forward or reverse split, Stock dividend, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, repurchase, share exchange, liquidation, dissolution or other similar corporate transaction or event affects the Stock such that an adjustment is determined by the Committee to be appropriate under the Plan, then the Committee may, in such manner as it may deem equitable, adjust any or all of (i) the number and kind of shares of Stock which may be delivered in connection with Awards granted thereafter, including the aggregate share limitation and full-value share limitation then applicable under the Plan, (ii) the number and kind of shares of Stock by which annual per-person Award limitations are measured under Section 5(b), (iii) the number and kind of shares of Stock subject to or deliverable in respect of outstanding Awards and (iv) the exercise price, grant price or purchase price relating to any Award or, if deemed appropriate, the Committee may make provision for a payment of cash or property to the holder of an outstanding Award in settlement of such Award (subject to Section 10(k)). The Committee shall provide for such equitable adjustments of outstanding awards in order to preserve the positive intrinsic value of such awards, unless in the circumstances the Participant would be able to realize such intrinsic value in the absence of an adjustment. In furtherance of the foregoing, a Participant shall have a legal right to an adjustment to an outstanding Award which constitutes "share-based payment arrangement" in the event of an "equity restructuring," as such terms are defined under FASB ASC Topic 718, which adjustment shall preserve without enlarging the value of the Award to the Participant. In addition, the Committee is authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Awards (including Performance Awards and performance goals and any hypothetical funding pool relating thereto) in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, events described in the preceding sentence, as well as acquisitions and dispositions of businesses and assets) affecting the Company, any subsidiary or affiliate or other business unit, or the financial statements of the

Company or any subsidiary or affiliate, or in response to changes in applicable laws, regulations, accounting principles, tax rates and regulations or business conditions or in view of the Committee's assessment of the business strategy of the Company, any subsidiary or affiliate or business unit thereof, performance of comparable organizations, economic and business conditions, personal performance of a Participant, and any other circumstances deemed relevant; provided that no such adjustment shall be authorized or made if and to the extent that the existence of such authority or the making of a particular adjustment would cause Options, SARs, or Performance Awards granted under Section 8 to Participants designated by the Committee as Covered Employees and intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Code Section 162(m) and regulations thereunder to otherwise fail to so qualify.

(d) *Tax Provisions.*

(i) *Withholding.* The Company and any subsidiary or affiliate is authorized to withhold from any Award granted, any payment relating to an Award under the Plan, including from a distribution of Stock, or any payroll or other payment to a Participant, amounts of withholding and other taxes due or potentially payable in connection with any transaction involving an Award, and to take such other action as the Committee may deem advisable to enable the Company and Participants to satisfy obligations for the payment of withholding taxes and other tax obligations relating to any Award. This authority shall include authority to withhold or receive Stock or other property and to make cash payments in respect thereof in satisfaction of a Participant's withholding obligations, either on a mandatory or elective basis in the discretion of the Committee. Other provisions of the Plan notwithstanding, only the minimum amount of Stock deliverable in connection with an Award necessary to satisfy statutory withholding requirements will be withheld, except a greater amount of Stock may be withheld provided that any such withholding transaction that will result in additional accounting expense to the Company must be expressly authorized by the Committee.

(ii) *Required Consent to and Notification of Code Section 83(b) Election.* No election under Section 83(b) of the Code (to include in gross income in the year of transfer the amounts specified in Code Section 83(b)) or under a similar provision of the laws of a jurisdiction outside the United States may be made unless expressly permitted by the terms of the Award document or by action of the Committee in writing prior to the effectiveness of such election. In any case in which a Participant is permitted to make such an election in connection with an Award, the Participant shall notify the Company of such election within ten days of filing notice of the election with the Internal Revenue Service or other governmental authority, in addition to any filing and notification required pursuant to regulations issued under Code Section 83(b) or other applicable provision.

(iii) *Requirement of Notification Upon Disqualifying Disposition Under Code Section 421(b).* If any Participant shall make any disposition of shares of Stock delivered pursuant to the exercise of ISOs under the circumstances described in Code Section 421(b) (relating to certain disqualifying dispositions), such Participant shall notify the Company of such disposition within ten days thereof.

(e) *Changes to the Plan and Awards.* The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan or the Committee's authority to grant Awards under the Plan without the consent of stockholders or Participants; provided, however, that any amendment to the Plan shall be submitted to the Company's stockholders for approval not later than the earliest annual meeting for which the record date is after the date of such Board action if such stockholder approval is required by any federal or state law or regulation or the rules of any stock exchange or trading system on which the Stock may then be listed or quoted, and the Board may otherwise, in its discretion, determine to submit other amendments to the Plan to stockholders for approval. The Committee is authorized to amend the Plan if its actions are within the scope of the Committee's authority under its charter, and subject to all other requirements that would apply if the amendment were approved by the Board. The Committee is authorized to amend

outstanding Awards, except as limited by the Plan. The Board and Committee may not, however, amend outstanding Awards (including by means of an amendment to the Plan), without the consent of an affected Participant, if such amendment would materially and adversely affect the legal rights of such Participant under any outstanding Award (for this purpose, actions that alter the timing of federal income taxation of a Participant will not be deemed material unless such action results in an income tax penalty materially adverse to the Participant, and any discretion reserved by the Board or Committee with respect to an Award is not limited by this provision). Without the approval of stockholders, the Committee will not amend or replace previously granted Options or SARs in a transaction that constitutes a "repricing." For this purpose, a "repricing" means: (1) amending the terms of an Option or SAR after it is granted to lower its exercise price or base price; (2) any other action that is treated as a repricing under generally accepted accounting principles; and (3) canceling an Option or SAR at a time when its strike price is equal to or greater than the fair market value of the underlying Stock, in exchange or substitution for another Option, SAR, Restricted Stock, other equity, or cash or other property, unless the cancellation and exchange or substitution occurs in connection with a merger, acquisition, spin-off or other similar corporate transaction. A cancellation and exchange or substitution described in clause (3) of the preceding sentence will be considered a repricing regardless of whether the Option, Restricted Stock or other equity is delivered simultaneously with the cancellation, regardless of whether it is treated as a repricing under generally accepted accounting principles, and regardless of whether it is voluntary on the part of the Participant. Adjustments to awards under Section 10(c) will not be deemed "repricings," however. The Committee shall have no authority to waive or modify any Award term after the Award has been granted to the extent that the waived or modified term would be then mandatory for a new Award of the same type under the Plan.

(f) *Right of Setoff.* The Company or any subsidiary or affiliate may, to the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to Appendix A, deduct from and set off against any amounts the Company or its subsidiary or affiliate may owe to the Participant from time to time, including amounts payable in connection with any Award, owed as wages, fringe benefits, or other compensation owed to the Participant. Such amounts as may be owed by the Participant to the Company, although the Participant shall remain liable for any part of the Participant's payment obligation not satisfied through such deduction and setoff. By accepting any Award granted hereunder, the Participant agrees to any deduction or setoff under this Section 10(f).

(g) *Unfunded Status of Awards; Creation of Trusts.* The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation (excluding awards of Restricted Stock). With respect to any payments not yet made to a Participant or obligation to deliver Stock pursuant to an Award, nothing contained in the Plan or any Award shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general creditor of the Company; provided that the Committee may authorize the creation of trusts and deposit therein cash, Stock, other Awards or other property, or make other arrangements to meet the Company's obligations under the Plan. Such trusts or other arrangements shall be consistent with the "unfunded" status of the Plan unless the Committee otherwise determines with the consent of each affected Participant.

(h) *Nonexclusivity of the Plan.* Neither the adoption of the Plan by the Board nor its submission to the stockholders of the Company for approval shall be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board or a committee thereof to adopt such other incentive arrangements, apart from the Plan, as it may deem desirable, including incentive arrangements and awards which do not qualify under Code Section 162(m), and such other arrangements may be either applicable generally or only in specific cases.

(i) *Payments in the Event of Forfeitures; Fractional Shares.* Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in the event of a forfeiture of an Award with respect to which a Participant paid cash consideration, the Participant shall be repaid the amount of such cash consideration. No fractional shares of Stock shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award. The Committee shall determine whether and when cash, other Awards or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of such

fractional shares, or whether such fractional shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

(j) *Compliance with Code Section 162(m)*. It is the intent of the Company that Options and SARs granted to Covered Employees and other Awards designated as Awards to Covered Employees subject to Section 7 shall constitute qualified "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m) and regulations thereunder, unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of authorization or grant of an Award. Accordingly, the terms of Sections 7(b), (c), and (d), including the definitions of Covered Employee and other terms used therein, shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with Code Section 162(m) and regulations thereunder. The foregoing notwithstanding, because the Committee cannot determine with certainty whether a given Participant will be a Covered Employee with respect to a fiscal year that has not yet been completed, the term Covered Employee as used herein shall mean only a person designated by the Committee as likely to be a Covered Employee with respect to a specified fiscal year. If any provision of the Plan or any Award document relating to a Performance Award that is designated as intended to comply with Code Section 162(m) does not comply or is inconsistent with the requirements of Code Section 162(m) or regulations thereunder, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to the extent necessary to conform to such requirements, and no provision shall be deemed to confer upon the Committee or any other person discretion to increase the amount of compensation otherwise payable in connection with any such Award upon attainment of the applicable performance objectives.

(k) *Certain Limitations Relating to Accounting Treatment of Awards*. Other provisions of the Plan notwithstanding, the Committee's authority under the Plan (including under Sections 8, 10(c) and 10(e)) is limited to the extent necessary to ensure that any Award of a type that the Committee has intended to be "share-based equity" (and not a "share-based liability") subject to fixed accounting with a measurement date at the date of grant under FASB ASC Topic 718 shall not be deemed a share-based liability (subject to "variable" accounting) solely due to the existence of such authority, unless the Committee specifically determines that the Award shall remain outstanding as a share-based liability (i.e., subject to such "variable" accounting).

(l) *Governing Law*. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan, any rules and regulations under the Plan, and any agreement under the Plan shall be determined in accordance with the Delaware General Corporation Law, to the extent applicable, other laws (including those governing contracts) of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to principles of conflicts of laws, and applicable federal law.

(m) *Awards to Participants Outside the United States*. The Committee may modify the terms of any Award under the Plan made to or held by a Participant who is then resident or primarily employed outside of the United States or is subject to taxation by a non-U.S. jurisdiction in any manner deemed by the Committee to be necessary or appropriate in order that such Award shall conform to laws, regulations, sound business practices and customs of the country in which the Participant is then resident or primarily employed, or so that the value and other benefits of the Award to the Participant, as affected by foreign tax laws and other restrictions applicable as a result of the Participant's residence or employment abroad shall be comparable to the value of such an Award to a Participant who is resident or primarily employed in the United States. An Award may be modified under this Section 10(m) in a manner that is inconsistent with the express terms of the Plan, so long as such modifications will not contravene any applicable law or regulation or result in actual liability under Section 16(b) for the Participant whose Award is modified.

(n) *Limitation on Rights Conferred under Plan*. No Participant shall have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder of the Company under the Plan, including as a result of the grant of an Award or the creation of any trust and deposit of shares therein, except at such time as an Option or SAR may have been duly exercised or shares may be actually delivered in settlement of an Award; provided, however, that a Participant granted Restricted Stock shall have rights of a stockholder except to the

extent that those rights are limited by the terms of the Plan and the agreement relating to the Restricted Stock. Neither the Plan nor any action taken hereunder shall be construed as (i) giving any Eligible Person or Participant the right to continue as an Eligible Person or Participant or in the employ or service of the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate or in any particular office or position, (ii) interfering in any way with the right of the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate to terminate any Eligible Person's or Participant's employment or service at any time, or (iii) giving an Eligible Person or Participant any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan or to be treated uniformly with other Participants and employees. Except as expressly provided in the Plan and an Award document, neither the Plan nor any Award document shall confer on any person other than the Company and the Participant any rights or remedies thereunder. An Award shall not be deemed compensation for purposes of computing benefits under any retirement plan of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate and shall not affect any benefits under any other benefit plan at any time in effect under which the availability or amount of benefits is related to the level of compensation (unless required by such other plan or arrangement with specific reference to Awards under this Plan, provided that cash Annual Incentive Awards will generally be deemed to be annual bonuses or annual incentives under such other plans or arrangements).

(o) *Severability.* If any of the provisions of this Plan or any Award document is finally held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable (whether in whole or in part), such provision shall be deemed modified to the extent, but only to the extent, of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, and the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby; provided, that, if any of such provisions is finally held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable because it exceeds the maximum scope determined to be acceptable to permit such provision to be enforceable, such provision shall be deemed to be modified to the minimum extent necessary to modify such scope in order to make such provision enforceable hereunder.

(p) *Plan Effective Date and Termination.* The Plan shall become effective on March 14, 2014, at the time that Spectrum Group International, Inc. ("SGI") completed the distribution of all of the outstanding Stock to SGI's stockholders. Unless earlier terminated by action of the Board of Directors, the authority to make new grants under this Plan shall terminate on November 2, 2027 or, if later, the date that is ten years after the latest date upon which stockholders of the Company have approved the Plan (after the SGI distribution), with the Plan otherwise to remain in effect until such time as no Stock remains available for delivery under the Plan and the Company has no further rights or obligations under the Plan with respect to outstanding Awards under the Plan.

Appendix A – Compliance Rules Under Code Section 409A

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1. General Rules for Section 409A Compliance.

The following rules will apply to the 2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Capitalized terms used herein have the definitions as set forth in the Plan.

(a) *409A Awards and Deferrals.* Other provisions of the Plan notwithstanding, the terms of any 409A Award, including any authority of the Company and rights of the Participant with respect to the 409A Award, shall be limited to those terms permitted under Section 409A, and any terms not permitted under Section 409A shall be automatically modified and limited to the extent necessary to conform with Section 409A but only to the extent that such modification or limitation is permitted under Code Section 409A and the regulations and guidance issued thereunder. The following rules will apply to 409A Awards:

- (i) *Elections.* If a Participant is permitted to elect to defer compensation and in lieu thereof receive an Award, or is permitted to elect to defer any payment under an Award, such election will be permitted only at times and otherwise in compliance with Section 409A. Such election shall be made in accordance with Exhibit A to the 2004 Stock Award and Incentive Plan;
- (ii) *Changes in Distribution Terms.* The Committee may, in its discretion, require or permit on an elective basis a change in the distribution terms applicable to 409A Awards (and Non-409A Awards that qualify for the short-term deferral exemption under Section 409A) in accordance with, and to the fullest extent permitted by, applicable guidance of the Internal Revenue Service under Code Section 409A.
- (iii) *Exercise and Distribution.* Except as provided in Section 1(a)(iv) hereof, no 409A Award shall be exercisable (if the exercise would result in a distribution) or otherwise distributable to a Participant (or his or her beneficiary) except upon the occurrence of one of the following (or a date related to the occurrence of one of the following), which must be specified in a written document governing such 409A Award and otherwise meet the requirements of Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-3:
 - (A) *Specified Time.* A specified time or a fixed schedule;
 - (B) *Separation from Service.* The Participant's separation from service (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(h) and other applicable rules under Code Section 409A); provided, however, that if the Participant is a "specified employee" under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(i), settlement under this Section 1(a)(iii)(B) shall instead occur at the expiration of the six-month period following separation from service under Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i). During such six-month delay period, no acceleration of settlement may occur, except (1) acceleration shall occur in the event of death of the Participant, (2), if the distribution date was specified as the earlier of separation from service or a fixed date and the fixed date falls within the delay period, the distribution shall be triggered by the fixed date, and (3) acceleration may be permitted otherwise if and to the extent permitted under Section 409A. In the case of installments, this delay shall not affect the timing of any installment otherwise payable after the six-month delay period. With respect to any 409A Award, a reference in any agreement or other governing document to a "termination of employment" which triggers a distribution shall be deemed to mean a "separation from service" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(h);

- (C)Death. The death of the Participant. Unless a specific time otherwise is stated for payment of a 409A Award upon death, such payment shall occur in the calendar year in which falls the 30th day after death;
- (D)Disability. The date the Participant has experienced a 409A Disability (as defined below); and
- (E)409A Change in Control. The occurrence of a 409A Change in Control (as defined below).
- (iv) No Acceleration. The exercise or distribution of a 409A Award may not be accelerated prior to the time specified in accordance with Section 1(a)(iii) hereof, except in the case of one of the following events:
- (A)Unforeseeable Emergency. The occurrence of an Unforeseeable Emergency, as defined below, but only if the net amount payable upon such settlement does not exceed the amounts necessary to relieve such emergency plus amounts necessary to pay taxes reasonably anticipated as a result of the settlement, after taking into account the extent to which the emergency is or may be relieved through reimbursement or compensation from insurance or otherwise or by liquidation of the Participant's other assets (to the extent such liquidation would not itself cause severe financial hardship), or by cessation of deferrals under the Plan. Upon a finding that an Unforeseeable Emergency has occurred with respect to a Participant, any election of the Participant to defer compensation that will be earned in whole or part by services in the year in which the emergency occurred or is found to continue will be immediately cancelled.
- (B)Domestic Relations Order. The 409A Award may permit the acceleration of the exercise or distribution time or schedule to an individual other than the Participant as may be necessary to comply with the terms of a domestic relations order (as defined in Section 414(p)(1)(B) of the Code).
- (C)Conflicts of Interest. Such 409A Award may permit the acceleration of the settlement time or schedule as may be necessary to comply with an ethics agreement with the Federal government or to comply with a Federal, state, local or foreign ethics law or conflict of interest law in compliance with Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-3(j)(4)(iii).
- (D)Change. The Committee may exercise the discretionary right to accelerate the lapse of the substantial risk of forfeiture of any unvested compensation deemed to be a 409A Award upon a 409A Change in Control or to terminate the Plan upon or within 12 months after a 409A Change in Control, or otherwise to the extent permitted under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-3(j)(4)(ix), or accelerate settlement of such 409A Award in any other circumstance permitted under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-3(j)(4).
- (v) Definitions. For purposes of this Section 1, the following terms shall be defined as set forth below:
- (A) "409A Change in Control" shall be deemed to have occurred if, in connection with any event defined as a change in control relating to a 409A Award under any applicable Company document, there occurs a change in the ownership of the Company, a change in effective control of the Company, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company, as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-3(i)(5).
- (B)"409A Disability" means an event which results in the Participant being (i) unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, or (ii), by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, receiving income replacement benefits for a period of not less than three months under an accident and health plan covering employees of the Company or its subsidiaries.
- (C)"Unforeseeable Emergency" means a severe financial hardship to the Participant resulting from an illness or accident of the Participant, the Participant's spouse, or a dependent (as defined in Code Section 152, without regard to Code Sections 152(b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B)) of the Participant, loss of the Participant's property due to casualty, or similar extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising as a result of events beyond the control of the Participant, and otherwise meeting the definition set forth in Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-3(i)(3).
- (vi)Time of Distribution. In the case of any distribution of a 409A Award, if the timing of such distribution is not otherwise specified in the Plan or an Award agreement or other governing document, the distribution shall be made within 60 days after the date at which the settlement of the Award is specified to occur. In the case of any distribution of a 409A Award during a specified period following a settlement date, the maximum period shall be 90 days, and the Participant shall have no influence (other than permitted deferral elections) on any determination as to the tax year in which the distribution will be made during any period in which a distribution may be made;
- (vii) Determination of "Specified Employee." For purposes of a distributions under Section 1(a)(iii)(B), status of a Participant as a "specified employee" shall be determined annually under the Company's administrative procedure for such determination for purposes of all plans subject to Code Section 409A.
- (viii)Non-Transferability. The provisions of the Plan notwithstanding, no 409A Award or right relating thereto shall be subject to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, attachment, or garnishment by creditors of the Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary.
- (ix)Limitation on Setoffs. If the Company has a right of setoff that could apply to a 409A Award, such right may only be exercised at the time the 409A Award would have been distributed to the Participant or his or her Beneficiary, and may be exercised only as a setoff against an obligation that arose not more than 30 days before and within the same year as the distribution date if application of such setoff right against an earlier obligation would not be permitted under Code Section 409A.
- (x)409A Rules Do Not Constitute Waiver of Other Restrictions. The rules applicable to 409A Awards under this Section 1(a)

constitute further restrictions on terms of Awards set forth elsewhere in this Plan.

(b) *Separate Payments.* Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Award agreement, each vesting tranche of an Award shall be deemed to be a separate payment for purposes of Code Section 409A, and any portion of a vesting tranche that would vest on a pro rata basis in the event of a separation from service on December 31 of a given year and the portion that would or would not vest pro rata for the period from the beginning of a calendar year to the end of the Company's fiscal year, and the remaining portion of such vesting tranche that would not so vest, each shall be deemed to be a separate payment for purposes of Code Section 409A.

(c) *Distributions Upon Vesting.* In the case of any Non-409A Award providing for a distribution upon the lapse of a substantial risk of forfeiture, if the timing of such distribution is not otherwise specified in the Plan or an Award agreement or other governing document, the distribution shall be made not later than the 15th day of the third month after the end of the fiscal year in which the substantial risk of forfeiture lapsed, and if a determination is to be made promptly following the end of a performance year (as in the case of performance shares) then the determination of the level of achievement of performance and the distribution shall be made between the start of the subsequent fiscal year and the 15th day of the third month of such subsequent fiscal year. In all cases, the Participant shall have no influence (aside from any permitted deferral election) on any determination as to the tax year in which the distribution will be made.

(d) *Limitation on Adjustments.* Any adjustment under the Plan shall be implemented in a way that complies with applicable requirements under Section 409A so that Non-409A Option/SARs do not, due to the adjustment, become 409A Awards, and otherwise so that no adverse consequences under Section 409A result to Participants.

(e) *Release or Other Termination Agreement.* If the Company requires a Participant to execute a release, non-competition, or other agreement as a condition to receipt of a payment upon or following a termination of employment, the Company will supply to the Participant a form of such release or other document not later than the date of the Participant's termination of employment, which must be returned within the minimum time period required by law (or 21 days if no minimum period is so prescribed) and must not be revoked by the Participant within the applicable time period for revocation (if any) in order for the Participant to satisfy any such condition. If any amount constituting a deferral of compensation under Section 409A payable during a fixed period following termination of employment is subject to such a requirement and the fixed period would begin in one Participant tax year and end in the next tax year, the Company, in determining the time of payment of any such amount, will not be influenced by the timing of any action of the Participant including execution of such a release or other document and expiration of any revocation period. In such cases, the Company will pay any such amount in the subsequent tax year within the fixed period.

(f) *Special Disability Provision.* Unless otherwise provided in an applicable Award agreement or other governing document, in case of a disability of a Participant, (i) for any Award or portion thereof that constitutes a short-term deferral for purposes of Section 409A, the Company shall determine whether the Participant's circumstances are such that the Participant will not return to service, in which case such disability will be treated as a termination of employment for purposes of determining the time of payment of such Award or portion thereof then subject only to service-based vesting, and (ii) for any Award or portion thereof that constitutes a 409A Award, the Company shall determine whether there has occurred a "separation from service" as defined under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(h) based on Participant's circumstances, in which case such disability will be treated as a separation from service for purposes of determining the time of payment of such Award or portion thereof then subject only to service-based vesting. In each case, the Participant shall be accorded the benefit of vesting that would result in the case of disability in the absence of this provision, so that the operation of this provision, intended to comply with Section 409A, will not disadvantage the Participant. The Company's determinations hereunder will be made within 30 days after the disability arises or there occurs a material change in the Participant's condition that constitutes the disability. In the case of any short-term deferral, if (i) circumstances arise constituting a disability but not constituting a termination of employment, (ii) the Award would provide for vesting upon a termination due to disability, and (iii) the Award would not qualify as a short-term deferral if the Participant were then permitted to elect the time at which to terminate employment due to the disability, then only the Company will be entitled to act to terminate Participant's employment due to disability.

(g) *Limit on Authority to Amend.* The authority to adopt amendments under Section 10(e) does not include authority to take action by amendment that would have the effect of causing Awards to fail to meet applicable requirements of Section 409A.

(h) *Scope and Application of this Provision.* For purposes of this Section 1, references to a term or event (including any authority or right of the Company or a Participant) being "permitted" under Section 409A mean that the term or event will not cause the Participant to be deemed to be in constructive receipt of compensation relating to the 409A Award prior to the distribution of cash, shares or other property or to be liable for payment of interest or a tax penalty under Section 409A.

2. Deferral Election Rules.

If a participant in the Plan or any other plan, program or other compensatory arrangement (a "plan") of the Company" is permitted to elect to defer awards or other compensation, any such election relating to compensation deferred under the applicable plan must be received by the Company prior to the date specified by or at the direction of the administrator of such plan (the "Administrator," which in most instances will be the head of Human Resources for the Company). For purposes of compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), any such election to defer shall be subject to the rules set forth below, subject to any additional restrictions as may be specified by the Administrator. Under no circumstances may a participant elect to defer compensation to which he or she has attained, at the time of deferral, a legally enforceable right to current receipt of such compensation.

(a) *Initial Deferral Elections.* Any initial election to defer compensation (including the election as to the type and amount of compensation to be deferred and the time and manner of settlement of the deferral) must be made (and shall be irrevocable) no later than December 31 of the year before the participant's services are performed which will result in the earning of the compensation, except as follows:

- Initial deferral elections with respect to compensation that, absent the election, constitutes a short-term deferral may be made in accordance with Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(a)(4) and (b);
- Initial deferral elections with respect to compensation that remains subject to a requirement that the participant provide services for at least 12 months (a "forfeitable right" under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(a)(5)) may be made on or before the 30th day after the participant obtains the legally binding right to the compensation, provided that the election is made at least 12 months before the earliest date at which the forfeiture condition could lapse and otherwise in compliance with Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(a)(5);
- Initial deferral elections by a participant in his or her first year of eligibility may be made within 30 days after the date the participant becomes eligible to participate in the applicable plan, with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed

after the election and in compliance with Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(a)((7));

- Initial deferral elections by a participant with respect to performance-based compensation (as defined under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(e)) may be made on or before the date that is six months before the end of the performance period, provided that (i) the participant was employed continuously from either the beginning of the performance period or the later date on which the performance goal was established, (ii) the election to defer is made before such compensation has become readily ascertainable (i.e., substantially certain to be paid), (iii) the performance period is at least 12 months in length and the performance goal was established no later than 90 days after the commencement of the service period to which the performance goal relates, (iv) the performance-based compensation is not payable in the absence of performance except due to death, disability, a 409A Ownership/Control Change (as defined in Section 10(d) of the Plan) or as otherwise permitted under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(e), and (v) this initial deferral election must in any event comply with Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(a)(8);
- Initial deferral elections resulting in Company matching contributions may be made in compliance with Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(a)(9); and
- Initial deferral elections may be made to the fullest permitted under other applicable provisions of Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(a).

(b) *Further Deferral Elections.* The foregoing notwithstanding, for any election to further defer an amount that is deemed to be a deferral of compensation subject to Code Section 409A (to the extent permitted under Company plans, programs and arrangements), any further deferral election made under the Plan shall be subject to the following, provided that deferral elections in 2007 and 2008 may be made under applicable transition rules under Section 409A:

- The further deferral election will not take effect until at least 12 months after the date on which the election is made;
- If the election relates to a distribution event other than a Disability (as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-3(i)(4)), death, or Unforeseeable Emergency (as defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-3(i)(3)), the payment with respect to which such election is made must be deferred for a period of not less than five years from the date such payment would otherwise have been paid (or in the case of a life annuity or installment payments treated as a single payment, five years from the date the first amount was scheduled to be paid), to the extent required under Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(b);
- The requirement that the further deferral election be made at least 12 months before the original deferral amount would be first payable may not be waived by the Administrator, and shall apply to a payment at a specified time or pursuant to a fixed schedule (and in the case of a life annuity or installment payments treated as a single payment, 12 months before the date that the first amount was scheduled to be paid);
- The further deferral election shall be irrevocable when filed with the Company; and
- The further deferral election otherwise shall comply with the applicable requirements of Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-2(b).

Exhibit 31.1

CERTIFICATION

I, Gregory N. Roberts, certify that:

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

Date: November 14, 2017

/s/ Gregory N. Roberts

Name: Gregory N. Roberts

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 31.2
CERTIFICATION

I, Cary Dickson, certify that:

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

Date: November 14, 2017 /s/ Cary Dickson

Name: Cary Dickson
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 32.1

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc.'s (the "Company") Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter-ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certifies pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

Date: November 14, 2017

/s/ Gregory N. Roberts

Name: Gregory N. Roberts

Title: Chief Executive Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

Exhibit 32.2

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc.'s (the "Company") Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter-ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned Chief Accounting Officer of the Company, hereby certifies pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

Date: November 14, 2017

/s/ Cary Dickson

Name: Cary Dickson

Title: Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.