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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

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 0-23702

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

13-3588231

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

52-16 Barnett Avenue, Long Island City, New York  
(Address of principal executive offices)

11104

(Zip Code)

(718) 446-1800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (do not check if smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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 May 8, 2013, the latest practicable date, there were 46,207,961 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$.0001 par value, outstanding.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

## STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

|   | March 31,<br>2013<br>(unaudited) | December 31,<br>2012 | March 31,<br>2012<br>(unaudited) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                                  |                      |                                  |
| Current assets:   |                                  |                      |                                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 154,697                       | \$ 168,777           | \$ 61,953                        |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$3,816, \$4,581 and \$4,989  | 94,868                           | 75,545               | 90,626                           |
| Due from factor, net of allowances of \$15,248, \$17,856 and \$10,359   | 75,228                           | 92,156               | 86,301                           |
| Inventories   | 58,586                           | 63,683               | 53,277                           |
| Marketable securities – available for sale  | 21,731                           | 16,285               | 4,629                            |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | 17,541                           | 13,404               | 14,612                           |
| Prepaid taxes   | —                                | 331                  | —                                |
| Deferred taxes  | 10,371                           | 11,073               | 9,693                            |
| Total current assets  | 433,022                          | 441,254              | 321,091                          |
| Notes receivable  | 3,085                            | 3,085                | 9,505                            |
| Note receivable – related party   | 3,600                            | 3,581                | 3,522                            |
| Property and equipment, net   | 46,190                           | 45,285               | 35,824                           |
| Deposits and other  | 2,302                            | 2,305                | 4,848                            |
| Marketable securities – available for sale  | 101,478                          | 81,202               | 98,410                           |
| Goodwill – net  | 96,631                           | 91,559               | 85,980                           |
| Intangibles – net   | 133,914                          | 135,768              | 138,110                          |
| Total Assets  | \$ 820,222                       | \$ 804,039           | \$ 697,290                       |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                                  |                      |                                  |
| Current liabilities:  |                                  |                      |                                  |
| Accounts payable  | \$ 69,380                        | \$ 83,427            | \$ 76,732                        |
| Accrued expenses  | 37,238                           | 31,782               | 33,061                           |
| Income taxes payable  | 7,203                            | —                    | 3,407                            |
| Contingent payment liability – current portion  | 14,409                           | 11,551               | 21,042                           |
| Accrued incentive compensation  | 1,699                            | 7,718                | 1,792                            |
| Total current liabilities   | 129,929                          | 134,478              | 136,034                          |
| Contingent payment liability  | 32,401                           | 30,409               | 43,763                           |
| Deferred rent   | 8,172                            | 7,521                | 6,210                            |
| Deferred taxes  | 4,941                            | 5,117                | 3,797                            |
| Other liabilities   | 114                              | 114                  | 137                              |
| Total Liabilities   | 175,557                          | 177,639              | 189,941                          |
| Commitments, contingencies and other  |                                  |                      |                                  |
| <b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                                  |                      |                                  |
| Preferred stock – \$.0001 par value, 5,000 shares authorized; none issued; Series A Junior Participating preferred stock – \$.0001 par value, 60 shares authorized; none issued | —                                | —                    | —                                |
| Common stock – \$.0001 par value, 60,000 shares authorized, 54,878,554,530 and 52,723 shares issued, 46,223, 46,127 and 44,320 shares   |                                  | 5                    | 5                                |

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|   |           |   |           |            |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|------------|
| outstanding   |           |   |           |            |
| Additional paid-in capital                              | 224,097   |   | 217,638   | 196,393    |
| Retained earnings                                       | 563,437   |   | 540,037   | 442,279    |
| Other comprehensive income                              | 857       |   | 1,443     | 1,274      |
| Treasury stock – 8,655, 8,403, and 8,403 shares at cost | (143,683  | ) | (132,543  | ) (132,543 |
| Total Steven Madden, Ltd. stockholders' equity          | 644,713   |   | 626,580   | 507,408    |
| Noncontrolling interests                                | (48       | ) | (180      | ) (59      |
| Total stockholders' equity                              | 644,665   |   | 626,400   | 507,349    |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity              | \$820,222 |   | \$804,039 | \$697,290  |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements - unaudited.

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## STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

|  | Three Months Ended |           |
|--|--------------------|-----------|
|  | March 31,          |           |
|  | 2013               | 2012      |
| Net sales  | \$278,916          | \$265,970 |
| Cost of sales  | 176,318            | 169,877   |
| Gross profit   | 102,598            | 96,093    |
| Commission and licensing fee income – net                | 4,366              | 4,473     |
| Operating expenses                                       | (70,525            | ) (65,207 |
| Income from operations                                   | 36,439             | 35,359    |
| Interest and other income – net                          | 913                | 470       |
| Income before provision for income taxes                 | 37,352             | 35,829    |
| Provision for income taxes                               | 13,820             | 13,902    |
| Net income   | 23,532             | 21,927    |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests        | 132                | 59        |
| Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd.           | \$23,400           | \$21,868  |
| Basic net income per share                               | \$0.54             | \$0.51    |
| Diluted net income per share                             | \$0.52             | \$0.50    |
| Basic weighted average common shares outstanding         | 43,485             | 42,694    |
| Effect of dilutive securities – options/restricted stock | 1,308              | 1,186     |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding       | 44,793             | 43,880    |

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STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income  
 (unaudited)  
 (in thousands)

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |          |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|
|   | 2013                            | 2012     |
| Net income  | \$23,532                        | \$21,927 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) (net of tax):               |                                 |          |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment                       | (1,430                          | ) (12    |
| Cash flow hedges:   |                                 |          |
| Gains on foreign currency cash flow hedging derivatives       | 1,072                           | —        |
| Unrealized (loss) gain on marketable securities               | (228                            | ) 608    |
| Total other comprehensive (loss) income (net of tax)          | (586                            | ) 596    |
| Comprehensive income  | 22,946                          | 22,523   |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | 132                             | 59       |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd.      | \$22,814                        | \$22,464 |

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STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(unaudited)  
(in thousands)

|   | Three Months Ended March<br>31, |             |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|
|   | 2013                            | 2012        |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |                                 |             |
| Net income  | \$23,532                        | \$21,927    |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                 |             |
| Tax benefit from the exercise of options  | (658                            | ) (2,513 )  |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 3,363                           | 2,960       |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets  | 920                             | —           |
| Stock-based compensation  | 5,151                           | 4,007       |
| Provision for doubtful accounts and chargebacks                                   | (3,373                          | ) (2,871 )  |
| Accrued interest on note receivable – related party                               | (19                             | ) 568       |
| Deferred rent expense   | 651                             | 281         |
| Realized gain on sale of marketable securities                                    | 89                              | 14          |
| Changes in:   |                                 |             |
| Accounts receivable   | (18,557                         | ) 4,180     |
| Due from factor   | 19,535                          | (22,318 )   |
| Inventories   | 5,097                           | 8,741       |
| Prepaid expenses, deposits and other assets                                       | 5,187                           | 914         |
| Accounts payable and other accrued expenses                                       | (14,568                         | ) (2,165 )  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 26,350                          | 13,725      |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |                                 |             |
| Purchases of property and equipment   | (4,226                          | ) (3,270 )  |
| Purchases of marketable securities  | (29,590                         | ) (26,841 ) |
| Advance to seller of SM Canada  | —                               | (3,085 )    |
| Payment of contingent liability   | —                               | (291 )      |
| Sale of marketable securities   | 3,218                           | 2,191       |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired  | —                               | (29,367 )   |
| Net cash used for investing activities  | (30,598                         | ) (60,663 ) |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |                                 |             |
| Common Stock Share repurchases for treasury                                       | (11,141                         | ) —         |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options   | 651                             | 3,548       |
| Tax benefit from the exercise of stock options                                    | 658                             | 2,513       |
| Net cash (used for)/provided by financing activities                              | (9,832                          | ) 6,061     |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents   | (14,080                         | ) (40,877 ) |
| Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period                                   | 168,777                         | 102,830     |
| Cash and cash equivalents – end of period   | \$154,697                       | \$61,953    |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements - unaudited.



STEVEN MADDEN, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements – Unaudited

March 31, 2013

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Note A – Basis of Reporting

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Steven Madden, Ltd. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) have been prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, such statements include all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring items) which are considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position of the Company and the results of its operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The results of its operations for the three month period ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year. It is suggested that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related disclosures for the year ended December 31, 2012 included in the Annual Report of Steven Madden, Ltd. on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2013.

Note B – Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

In July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued new accounting guidance that permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that an indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform a quantitative impairment test. An entity would continue to calculate the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset if the asset fails the qualitative assessment, while no further analysis would be required if it passes. The provisions of the new guidance were effective as of the beginning of our 2013 fiscal year. We do not expect the new guidance to have an impact on our 2013 impairment test results.

Note C – Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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 financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant areas involving management estimates include allowances for bad debts, returns and customer chargebacks, inventory valuation, valuation of intangible assets, litigation reserves and contingent payment liabilities. The Company provides reserves on trade accounts receivables and factor receivables for future customer chargebacks and markdown allowances, discounts, returns and other miscellaneous compliance related deductions that relate to the current period sales. The Company evaluates anticipated chargebacks by reviewing several performance indicators of its major customers. These performance indicators, which include retailers’ inventory levels, sell-through rates and gross margin levels, are analyzed by management to estimate the amount of the anticipated customer allowance.

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## Note D – Factor Receivable

The Company has a collection agency agreement with Rosenthal & Rosenthal, Inc. (“Rosenthal”) that became effective on September 15, 2009. The agreement can be terminated by the Company or Rosenthal at any time upon 60 days prior written notice. Under the agreement, the Company can request advances from Rosenthal of up to 85% of aggregate receivables submitted to Rosenthal. The agreement provides the Company with a \$30 million credit facility with a \$15 million sub-limit for letters of credit at an interest rate based, at the Company’s election, upon either the prime rate or LIBOR. The Company also pays a fee based on a percentage of the gross invoice amount submitted to Rosenthal. With respect to receivables related to our First Cost segment and private label business, the fee is 0.14% of the gross invoice amount, With respect to all other receivables, the fee is 0.25% of the gross invoice amount.

Rosenthal assumes the credit risk on a substantial portion of the receivables that the Company submits to it and, to the extent of any loans made to the Company, Rosenthal maintains a lien on all of the Company’s receivables to secure the Company’s obligations.

## Note E – Notes Receivable

As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, Notes Receivable were comprised of the following:

|   | March 31,<br>2013 | December 31,<br>2012 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Note receivable from seller of SM Canada (see Note Q) | \$3,085           | \$3,085              |

On August 26, 2010, the Company entered into a Debenture and Stock Purchase Agreement with Bakers Footwear Group, Inc. (“Bakers”) pursuant to which the Company paid \$5,000 to acquire a subordinated debenture in the principal amount of \$5,000 and 1,844,860 unregistered shares of Bakers common stock, which traded on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board. The Company allocated \$996 of the purchase price to the common stock and \$4,004 to the subordinated debenture based upon their relative fair values. Interest accrues on the debenture at the rate of 11% per annum and is payable quarterly in cash. The principal amount of the debenture was payable by Bakers in four equal installments of \$1,250 due on August 31, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The difference between the \$4,004 purchase price of the debenture and the \$5,000 principal amount of the debenture is considered original issue discount and is being amortized over the life of the debenture. On October 3, 2012, Bakers filed for Chapter 11 protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court. As a consequence of the bankruptcy, the debenture due from Bakers (as well as the Bakers common stock) was considered impaired and, therefore, was deemed to have no value. Accordingly, a charge of \$4,148 for the impairment of the debenture (as well as a charge of \$996 for the impairment of the Company’s investment in Bakers common stock) was recorded in the third quarter of 2012. In January 2013, Bakers announced it intends to liquidate or sell all of its remaining assets.

In April 2012, Betsey Johnson LLC filed for Chapter 11 protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court. Shortly thereafter, Betsey Johnson LLC announced that it would commence an orderly liquidation of all of its assets. As a consequence of the bankruptcy, the note receivable due from Betsey Johnson LLC of \$3,309 was considered impaired and, accordingly, an impairment charge was recorded and the value of the note was reduced to its anticipated recovery of \$500 in the second quarter of 2012. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company collected \$1,522 and recorded a \$1,022 benefit related to a greater-than-anticipated recovery of the note receivable.

## Note F – Note Receivable – Related Party

On June 25, 2007, the Company made a loan to Steve Madden, its Creative and Design Chief and a principal stockholder of the Company, in the amount of \$3,000 in order for Mr. Madden to satisfy a personal tax obligation resulting from the exercise of options that were due to expire and retain the underlying Company common stock, which he pledged to the Company as collateral to secure the loan. Mr. Madden executed a secured promissory note in favor of the Company bearing interest at an annual rate of 8%, which was due on the earlier of the date Mr. Madden ceases to be employed by the Company or December 31, 2007. The note was amended and restated as of December 19, 2007 to extend the maturity date to March 31, 2009, and amended and restated again as of April 1, 2009 to change

the interest rate to 6% and extend the maturity date to June 30, 2015 at which time all principal and accrued interest would become due. On January 3, 2012, in connection with an amendment of Mr. Madden's employment

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Note F – Note Receivable – Related Party (continued)

contract, the note was again amended and restated (the “Third Amended and Restated Note”) to extend the maturity date to December 31, 2023 and eliminate accrual of interest after December 31, 2011. In addition, the Third Amended and Restated Note provides that, commencing on December 31, 2014 and annually on each December 31 thereafter through the maturity date, one-tenth of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest, will be cancelled by the Company provided that Mr. Madden continues to be employed by the Company on each such December 31. As of December 31, 2011, \$1,090 of interest has accrued on the principal amount of the loan related to the period prior to the elimination of the accrual of interest and has been reflected on the Company’s Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Due to the three-for-two stock split effected on May 3, 2010, the number of shares securing the loan increased from 510,000 shares to 765,000 shares. Based upon the increase in the market value of the Company’s common stock since the inception of the loan, on July 12, 2010, the Company released from its security interest 555,000 shares of the Company’s common stock, retaining 210,000 shares with a total market value on that date of \$6,798, as collateral for the loan. Subsequently, pursuant to the three-for-two stock split effected on May 31, 2011, the number of shares securing the repayment of the loan has increased from 210,000 shares to 315,000 shares. On March 31, 2013, the total market value of these shares was \$13,617. Pursuant to the elimination of further interest accumulation under the Third Amended and

Restated Note, the outstanding principal and the accrued interest has been discounted to reflect imputed interest, which will be amortized over the remaining life of the loan.

Note G – Marketable Securities

Marketable securities consist primarily of corporate bonds and certificates of deposit with maturities greater than three months and up to ten years at the time of purchase as well as marketable equity securities. These securities, which are classified as available-for-sale, are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses, net of any tax effect, reported in stockholders’ equity as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). These securities are classified as current and non-current marketable securities based upon their maturities. Amortization of premiums and discounts is included in interest income. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, the amortization of bond premiums totals \$187 and \$250 respectively. The values of these securities may fluctuate as a result of changes in equity values, market interest rates and credit risk.

Note H – Fair Value Measurement

The accounting guidance under Accounting Standards Codification “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” (“ASC 820-10”) requires the Company to make disclosures about the fair value of certain of its assets and liabilities. ASC 820-10 clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. ASC 820-10 utilizes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. A brief description of those three levels is as follows:

- Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs.

The Company’s financial assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurements as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are as follows:

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## Note H – Fair Value Measurement (continued)

|  | Fair value | March 31, 2013<br>Fair Value Measurements<br>Using Fair Value Hierarchy |         |          |
|--|------------|---|---------|----------|
|  |            | Level 1   | Level 2 | Level 3  |
| Assets:  |            |   |         |          |
| Cash equivalents                                     | \$4,389    | \$4,389   | \$—     | \$—      |
| Current marketable securities – available for sale   | 21,731     | 21,731  | —       | —        |
| Note receivable – related party                      | 3,600      | —   | —       | 3,600    |
| Forward contracts                                    | 1,670      | —   | 1,670   | —        |
| Note receivable from seller of SM Canada             | 3,085      | —   | —       | 3,085    |
| Long-term marketable securities – available for sale | 101,478    | 101,478   | —       | —        |
| Total assets   | \$135,953  | \$127,598   | \$1,670 | \$6,685  |
| Liabilities:   |            |   |         |          |
| Contingent consideration                             | \$46,810   | —   | —       | \$46,810 |
| Total liabilities                                    | \$46,810   | —   | —       | \$46,810 |

|  | Fair value | December 31, 2012<br>Fair Value Measurements<br>Using Fair Value Hierarchy |         |          |
|--|------------|--|---------|----------|
|  |            | Level 1  | Level 2 | Level 3  |
| Assets:  |            |  |         |          |
| Cash equivalents                                     | \$5,707    | \$5,707  | \$—     | \$—      |
| Current marketable securities – available for sale   | 16,285     | 16,285   | —       | —        |
| Note receivable – related party                      | 3,581      | —  | —       | 3,581    |
| Forward contracts                                    | 161        | —  | 161     | —        |
| Note receivable from seller of SM Canada             | 3,085      | —  | —       | 3,085    |
| Long-term marketable securities – available for sale | 81,202     | 81,202   | —       | —        |
| Total assets   | \$110,021  | \$103,194  | \$161   | \$6,666  |
| Liabilities:   |            |  |         |          |
| Contingent consideration                             | \$41,960   | —  | —       | \$41,960 |
| Total liabilities                                    | \$41,960   | —  | —       | \$41,960 |

Forward contracts are entered into to manage the risk associated with the volatility of future cash flows denominated in Mexican pesos. Fair value of these instruments is based on observable market transactions of spot and forward rates.

For the notes receivable due from related party (see Note F) and from the seller of SM Canada (see Note Q), the carrying value was determined to be the fair value, based upon their imputed or actual interest rates, which approximate current market interest rates.

The Company has recorded a liability for potential contingent consideration in connection with the February 21, 2012 acquisition of SM Canada (see Note Q). Pursuant to the terms of an earn-out agreement between the Company and the seller of SM Canada, earn-out payments will be due annually to the seller of SM Canada based on the financial

performance of SM Canada for each of the twelve-month periods ending on March 31, 2013 through 2017, inclusive. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management's projections of the financial results of SM Canada during the earn-out period.

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Note H – Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The current portion of the earn-out due based on the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2013 approximates the recorded value.

The Company has recorded a liability for potential contingent consideration in connection with the May 25, 2011 acquisition of Cejon Inc., Cejon Accessories, Inc. and New East Designs, LLC (collectively "Cejon"). Pursuant to the terms of an earn-out agreement between the Company and the sellers of Cejon, earn-out payments will be made annually to the sellers of Cejon, based on the financial performance of Cejon for each of the twelve-month periods ending on June 30, 2012 through 2016, inclusive. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management's projections of the financial results of Cejon during the earn-out period.

The Company recorded a liability for contingent consideration as a result of the February 10, 2010 acquisition of Big Buddha, Inc. The final contingent consideration will be payable to the seller of Big Buddha based on the financial performance of Big Buddha for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2013. The contingent payment was calculated based on the financial results of Big Buddha through March 31, 2013. The final payment is expected to be made during the second quarter of 2013.

Accounting guidance permits entities to choose to measure financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. The accounting guidance also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between entities that chose different measurement attributes for similar assets and liabilities. The Company has elected not to measure any eligible items at fair value.

The carrying value of certain financial instruments such as accounts receivable, due from factor and accounts payable approximates their fair values due to the short-term nature of their underlying terms. The fair values of investment in marketable securities available for sale are determined by reference to market data and other valuation techniques, as appropriate. Fair value of the notes receivable held by the Company approximates their carrying value based upon their imputed or actual interest rate, which approximates current market interest rates.

Note I – Inventories

Inventories, which consist of finished goods on hand and in transit, are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.

Note J – Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue on wholesale sales when products are shipped pursuant to its standard terms, which are freight on board ("FOB") Company warehouse, or when products are delivered to the consolidators, or any other destination, as per the terms of the customers' purchase order, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the price is fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured. Sales reductions on wholesale sales for anticipated discounts, allowances and other deductions are recognized during the period when sales are recorded. Customers retain the right to replacement of the product for poor quality or improper or short shipments, which have historically been immaterial. Retail sales are recognized when the payment is received from customers and are recorded net of estimated returns. The Company also generates commission income acting as a buying agent by arranging to manufacture private label shoes to the specifications of its clients. The Company's commission revenue includes fees charged for its design, product and development services provided to certain suppliers in connection with the

Company's private label business. Commission revenue and product and development fees are recognized as earned when title to the product transfers from the manufacturer to the customer and collections are reasonably assured and are reported on a net basis after deducting related operating expenses.

The Company licenses its Steve Madden® and Steven by Steve Madden® trademarks for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of sunglasses, eyewear, outerwear, bedding, hosiery, women's fashion apparel, jewelry and luggage. In addition, the Company licenses the Betsey Johnson® and Betseyville® trademarks for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of apparel, jewelry, swimwear, eyewear, watches, fragrances and outerwear. The license agreements require the licensee to pay the Company a royalty and, in substantially all of the agreements, an advertising fee based on the higher of a minimum or a net sales percentage as defined in the various agreements. In addition, under the terms of retail selling agreements, most of the Company's international distributors are required to pay the Company a royalty based on a percentage of net sales, in addition to a commission and a design fee on the purchases of the Company's products. Licensing revenue is recognized on the basis of net



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Note J – Revenue Recognition (continued)

sales reported by the licensees, or the minimum guaranteed royalties, if higher. In substantially all of the Company's license agreements, the minimum guaranteed royalty is earned and payable on a quarterly basis.

Note K – Taxes Collected From Customers

The Company accounts for certain taxes collected from its customers in accordance with the accounting guidance which permits companies to adopt a policy of presenting taxes in the income statement on either a gross basis (included in revenues and costs) or a net basis (excluded from revenues). Taxes within the scope of this accounting guidance would include taxes that are imposed on a revenue transaction between a seller and a customer, for example, sales taxes, use taxes, value-added taxes and some types of excise taxes. The Company has consistently recorded all taxes on a net basis.

Note L – Sales Deductions

The Company supports retailers' initiatives to maximize sales of the Company's products on the retail floor by subsidizing the co-op advertising programs of such retailers, providing them with inventory markdown allowances and participating in various other marketing initiatives of its major customers. In addition, the Company accepts returns for damaged products for which the Company's costs are normally charged back to the responsible third-party factory. Such expenses are reflected in the financial statements as deductions to net sales.

Note M – Cost of Sales

All costs incurred to bring finished products to the Company's distribution center or, in our First Cost segment and certain private label business to the customers' freight forwarder and, in the Retail segment, the costs to bring products to the Company's stores, are included in the cost of sales line on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. These costs include the cost of finished products, purchase commissions, letter of credit fees, brokerage fees, sample expenses, custom duty, inbound freight, royalty payments on licensed products, labels and product packaging. All warehouse and distribution costs related to the Wholesale segments and freight to customers, if any, are included in the operating expenses line item of the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company's gross margins may not be comparable to those of other companies in the industry because some companies may include warehouse and distribution costs, as well as other costs excluded from cost of sales by the Company, as a component of cost of sales, while other companies report on the same basis as the Company and include them in operating expenses.

Note N – Share Repurchase Program

The Company's Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program (the "Share Repurchase Program"), effective as of January 1, 2004, originally providing for share repurchases in the aggregate amount of \$20 million. The Share Repurchase Program does not have a fixed expiration or termination date and may be modified or terminated by the Board of Directors at any time. On several occasions the Board of Directors has increased the amount authorized for repurchase which currently allows for share repurchases in the aggregate amount of \$125,000. The Share Repurchase Program permits the Company to effect repurchases from time to time through a combination of open market repurchases or in privately negotiated transactions at such prices and times as are determined to be in the best interest of the Company. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, an aggregate of 252,214 shares of the Company's common stock was repurchased under the program, at an average price per share of \$44.17, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$11,141. As of March 31, 2013, there remained approximately \$35,949 available for future

repurchases under the Share Repurchase Program.

Note O – Net Income Per Share of Common Stock

Basic net income per share is based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period, which does not include unvested restricted stock subject to forfeiture of 2,875,000 and 983,000 shares for the three months ended

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## Note O – Net Income Per Share of Common Stock (continued)

March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Diluted net income per share reflects: a) the potential dilution assuming shares of common stock were issued upon the exercise of outstanding in-the-money options and the proceeds thereof were used to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at the average market price during the period, and b) the vesting of granted nonvested restricted stock awards for which the assumed proceeds upon vesting are deemed to be the amount of compensation cost not yet recognized attributable to future services using the treasury stock method, to the extent dilutive. For both the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, options to purchase approximately 85,000 and 54,000 shares of common stock, respectively, have been excluded in the calculation of diluted income per share as the result would have been antidilutive. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, all unvested restricted stock awards were dilutive.

## Note P – Stock-Based Compensation

In March 2006, the Board of Directors approved the Steven Madden, Ltd. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") under which nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance shares, restricted stock, other stock-based awards and performance-based cash awards may be granted to employees, consultants and non-employee directors. The stockholders approved the Plan on May 26, 2006. On May 25, 2007, the stockholders approved an amendment to the Plan to increase the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the Plan from 2,700,000 to 3,487,500. On May 22, 2009, the stockholders approved a second amendment to the Plan that increased the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the Plan to 9,144,000. On May 25, 2012, the stockholders approved a third amendment to the Plan that increased the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the Plan to 15,644,000. The following table summarizes the number of shares of common stock authorized for use under the Plan, the number of stock-based awards granted (net of expired or cancelled awards) under the Plan and the number of shares of common stock available for the grant of stock-based awards under the Plan:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Common stock authorized   | 15,644,000    |
| Stock-based awards, including restricted stock and stock options granted, net of expired or cancelled | (11,824,000 ) |
| Common stock available for grant of stock-based awards as of March 31, 2013                           | 3,820,000     |

Total equity-based compensation for the three months ended March 31 is as follows:

|                  | Three Months Ended March 31, |         |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------|
|                  | 2013                         | 2012    |
| Restricted stock | \$3,615                      | \$2,451 |
| Stock options    | 1,536                        | 1,556   |
| Total            | \$5,151                      | \$4,007 |

Equity-based compensation is included in operating expenses on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

## Stock Options

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Cash proceeds and intrinsic values related to total stock options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |         |
|--|------------------------------|---------|
|  | 2013                         | 2012    |
| Proceeds from stock options exercised      | \$651                        | \$3,548 |
| Intrinsic value of stock options exercised | \$728                        | \$5,270 |

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## Note P – Stock-Based Compensation (continued)

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, options to purchase approximately 164,770 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$27.84 vested. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, options to purchase approximately 224,191 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$23.26 vested. As of March 31, 2013, there were unvested options relating to 1,185,500 shares of common stock outstanding with a total of \$8,579 of unrecognized compensation cost and an average vesting period of 2.53 years.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate the fair value of options granted, which requires several assumptions. The expected term of the options represents the estimated period of time until exercise and is based on the historical experience of similar awards. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock. The risk free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant. With the exception of special dividends paid in November of 2005 and 2006, the Company historically has not paid regular cash dividends and thus the expected dividend rate is assumed to be zero. The following weighted average assumptions were used for stock options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:

|                             | 2013           | 2012           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Volatility                  | 38.2% to 44.8% | 47.1% to 47.4% |
| Risk free interest rate     | 0.37% to 0.76% | 0.52% to 0.87% |
| Expected life in years      | 4.1 to 5.1     | 4.1 to 4.6     |
| Dividend yield              | 0.00%          | 0.00%          |
| Weighted average fair value | \$14.87        | \$16.84        |

Activity relating to stock options granted under the Company's plans and outside the plans during the three months ended March 31, 2013 is as follows:

|                                | Number of<br>Shares | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Term | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2013 | 2,269,000           | \$20.57                               |   |                                 |
| Granted                        | 208,500             | 43.55                                 |   |                                 |
| Exercised                      | (31,000)            | 21.07                                 |   |                                 |
| Cancelled/Forfeited            | (16,500)            | 25.01                                 |   |                                 |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2013  | 2,430,000           | \$22.57                               | 4.7 years   | \$50,357                        |
| Exercisable at March 31, 2013  | 1,244,500           | \$19.21                               | 4.2 years   | \$29,887                        |

## Restricted Stock

The following table summarizes restricted stock activity during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012:



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## Note P – Stock-Based Compensation (continued)

|                         | 2013                | Weighted<br>Average Fair<br>Value at<br>Grant Date | 2012                | Weighted<br>Average Fair<br>Value at<br>Grant Date |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|
|                         | Number of<br>Shares |  | Number of<br>Shares |  |
| Non-vested at January 1 | 2,889,000           | \$34.74  | 671,000             | \$25.44  |
| Granted                 | 250,000             | 42.85  | 1,050,000           | 41.12  |
| Vested                  | (141,500 )          | 35.91  | (103,000 )          | 12.08  |
| Forfeited               | (16,000 )           | 30.81  | —                   | —  |
| Non-vested at March 31  | 2,981,500           | \$36.74  | 1,618,000           | \$36.04  |

As of March 31, 2013, there was \$97,222 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock awards granted under the Plan. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average of 9.18 years. The Company determines the fair value of its restricted stock awards based on the market price of its common stock on the date of grant.

On January 3, 2012, the Company and its Creative and Design Chief, Steven Madden, entered into an amendment of Mr. Madden's existing employment agreement, pursuant to which, on February 8, 2012, Mr. Madden was granted 975,371 restricted shares of the Company's common stock at the then market price of \$41.01, which will vest in equal annual installments over a seven-year period commencing on December 31, 2017 and, thereafter, on each December 31 through December 31, 2023, subject to Mr. Madden's continued employment on each such vesting date. Pursuant to the contract, on June 30, 2012, Mr. Madden exercised his right to receive an additional restricted stock award, and on July 3, 2012 he was granted 1,262,228 restricted shares of the Company's common stock at the then market price of \$31.69, which will vest in the same manner as the aforementioned grant.

## Note Q – Acquisitions

## Steve Madden Canada

On February 21, 2012, the Company purchased all of the assets of Steve Madden Canada Inc., Steve Madden Retail Canada Inc., Pasa Agency Inc. and Gelati Imports Inc. (collectively, "SM Canada"), the Company's sole distributor in Canada since 1994, comprising SM Canada's footwear, handbags and accessories wholesale and retail businesses. The transaction was completed for consideration of approximately \$29,367 plus potential earn-out payments of up to a maximum of \$38,000 Canadian dollars (approximately \$37,327 U.S. dollars), in the aggregate, based on achievement of certain earnings targets for each of the twelve-month periods ending on March 31, 2013 through 2017, inclusive. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management's projections of the financial results of SM Canada during the earn-out period. As of March 31, 2013, the Company estimates the fair value of the contingent consideration to be \$25,294.

The transaction was accounted for using the acquisition method required by GAAP. Accordingly, the assets and liabilities of SM Canada were adjusted to their fair values, and the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the assets acquired, including identified intangible assets, was recorded as goodwill. The fair values assigned to tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed are based on management's estimates and assumptions, which are subject to change. The purchase price has been allocated as follows:



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## Note Q – Acquisitions (continued)

|                                     |          |   |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---|
| Accounts receivable                 | \$2,496  |   |
| Inventory                           | 2,220    |   |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | 147      |   |
| Fixed assets                        | 1,005    |   |
| Re-acquired right                   | 35,200   |   |
| Customer relationships              | 4,400    |   |
| Non-compete agreement               | 455      |   |
| Accounts payable                    | (2,645)  | ) |
| Accrued expenses                    | (802)    | ) |
| Total fair value excluding goodwill | 42,476   |   |
| Goodwill                            | 9,368    |   |
| Net assets acquired                 | \$51,844 |   |

At the date of acquisition, the Company and SM Canada had a non-contractual preexisting relationship under which SM Canada had the right to use the Steve Madden brand throughout Canada in connection with the sale and distribution of merchandise. The settlement of the preexisting relationship is considered a re-acquired right and was valued based on the present value of estimated future cash flows.

Contingent consideration classified as a liability will be remeasured at fair value at each reporting date, until the contingency is resolved, with changes recognized in earnings. The goodwill related to this transaction is expected to be deductible for tax purposes over 15 years.

The Company incurred approximately \$951 in acquisition related costs applicable to the SM Canada transaction, \$800 of which were incurred in 2012. These expenses are included in operating expenses in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

In connection with the acquisition, the Company provided an interest free loan to the seller of SM Canada in the principal amount of \$3,107 Canadian dollars (\$3,085 in U.S. dollars). The note will be paid in five annual installments which are due on the dates the five annual earn-out payments are paid. The note was recorded net of the imputed interest, which will be amortized to income over the term of the note. The results of operations of SM Canada have been included in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income from the date of the acquisition. Unaudited pro forma information related to this acquisition is not included, as the impact of the transaction is not material to the Company's consolidated results.

## Note R – Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The following is a summary of the carrying amount of goodwill by segment as of March 31, 2013:

|                                | Wholesale |             |        | Net Carrying |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------------|
|                                | Footwear  | Accessories | Retail | Amount       |
| Balance at January 1, 2013     | \$36,390  | \$49,324    | 5,845  | \$91,559     |
| Purchase accounting adjustment | 1,686     | —           | 3,496  | 5,182        |

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|                           |          |          |       |          |   |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-------|----------|---|
| Translation and Other     | (65      | ) —      | (45   | ) (110   | ) |
| Balance at March 31, 2013 | \$38,011 | \$49,324 | 9,296 | \$96,631 |   |

The following table details identifiable intangible assets as of March 31, 2013:

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## Note R – Goodwill and Intangible Assets (continued)

|                        | Estimated Lives | Cost Basis | Accumulated<br>Amortization (1) | Net Carrying<br>Amount |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Trade names            | 6–10 years      | \$4,590    | \$1,728                         | \$2,862                |
| Customer relationships | 10 years        | 27,339     | 8,325                           | 19,014                 |
| License agreements     | 3–6 years       | 5,600      | 5,600                           | —                      |
| Non-compete agreement  | 5 years         | 2,440      | 1,587                           | 853                    |
| Other                  | 3 years         | 14         | 14                              | —                      |
|                        |                 | 39,983     | 17,254                          | 22,729                 |
| Re-acquired right      | indefinite      | 35,200     | —                               | 34,297                 |
| Trade names            | indefinite      | 76,888     | —                               | 76,888                 |
|                        |                 | \$152,071  | \$17,254                        | \$133,914              |

(1) Includes the effect of foreign currency translation related primarily to the movements of the Canadian dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar.

The estimated future amortization expense of purchased intangibles as of March 31, 2013 is as follows:

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 2013 (remaining nine months) | \$2,513  |
| 2014                         | 3,284    |
| 2015                         | 3,101    |
| 2016                         | 2,795    |
| 2017                         | 2,554    |
| Thereafter                   | 8,482    |
|                              | \$22,729 |

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Note S – Derivative Instruments

The Company uses derivative instruments, specifically, forward foreign exchange contracts, to manage the risk associated with the volatility of future cash flows denominated in Mexican pesos. The foreign exchange contracts will be used to mitigate the impact of exchange rate fluctuations on forecasted purchases of inventory from Mexico and are designated as cash flow hedging instruments. As of March 31, 2013, the fair value of the Company's foreign currency derivatives, which is included on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets in prepaid expenses and other current assets, is \$1,670. As of March 31, 2013, \$1,159 of gains related to cash flow hedges are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of taxes and are expected to be recognized in earnings at the same time the hedged items affect earnings. As of March 31, 2013, none of the Company's hedging activities were considered ineffective and, thus, no gains or losses from hedging activities were recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Note T – Commitments, Contingencies and Other

Legal proceedings:

As previously disclosed, on July 19, 2011, an individual purporting to act on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals commenced a civil action in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Samantha Ellison, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals v. Steven Madden, Ltd., No. CV11-05935 (the "Ellison Action") asserting that the Company made unsolicited commercial text calls to wireless telephone numbers of the class members in violation of the Telephone Consumers Protection Act (the "TCPA") and seeking, on behalf of the class, an injunction requiring the Company to cease all wireless text messages without prior written consent as required by the TCPA, as well as the recovery of statutory damages to the class members together with costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. The Company responded by challenging the suit on several grounds. Settlement discussions resulted in a settlement being reached on July 30, 2012, subject to final court approval, for an aggregate gross settlement fund amount of \$10,000, including all settlement costs and administration fees, as well as fees recoverable by class counsel. On September 25, 2012, the court certified the class for settlement purposes only and approved the settlement on a preliminary basis. Following a fairness hearing, on May 7, 2013, the court entered an order granting final approval of the settlement and dismissing the Ellison Action on the merits and with prejudice. The court further authorized the claims administrator to pay from the \$10,000 settlement fund \$1,250 in attorneys' fees and \$140 in costs to class counsel, \$459 in fees to the claims administrator and \$10 as a class representative enhancement award to Samantha Ellison. As the final settlement calls for the reversion of all monies not paid to class claimants, it is possible that the actual settlement amount paid by the Company will be substantially less than \$10,000. In addition, the Company's insurance coverage will cover a portion of the settlement at the rate of 45% of the initial settlement payment of \$5,000 and 30% of amounts over and above the initial settlement payment. Based on the final settlement and applying the insurance coverage as applicable, the maximum exposure to the Company is approximately \$6,250; however, in light of historical "take rates" in cases of this type, the Company's counsel estimates that the actual liability to the Company will likely be \$2,500 or less. Accordingly, the Company recorded a liability in the amount of \$2,500 in the second quarter of 2012 and paid this amount in 2012 pursuant to the settlement agreement.

The Company has been named as a defendant in certain other lawsuits in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the liabilities, if any, resulting from these matters should not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. It is the policy of management to disclose the amount or range of reasonably possible losses in excess of recorded amounts.

Note U – Operating Segment Information

The Company operates the following business segments: Wholesale Footwear, Wholesale Accessories, Retail, First Cost and Licensing. The Wholesale Footwear segment, through sales to department stores, mid-tier retailers, mass-market merchants and specialty stores, derives revenue, both domestically and worldwide through our International business, from sales of branded and private label women's, men's, girls' and children's footwear. The Wholesale Accessories segment, which includes branded and private label handbags, belts and small leather goods as well as cold weather and selected other fashion accessories, derives revenue both domestically and worldwide through our International business, from sales to department stores, mid-tier retailers, mass-market merchants and specialty stores. Our Wholesale Footwear and Wholesale Accessories segments, through our International business, derive revenue from Canada and, under special distribution arrangements, from Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Mexico, Australia, India, South Africa and South America. The Retail segment, through the operation of Company-owned retail stores in the United States and Canada and the Company's websites, derives revenue from sales of branded women's, men's and children's footwear, accessories and licensed products to consumers. The First Cost segment represents activities of a subsidiary which earns commissions for serving as a buying agent of footwear products to mass-market merchandisers, mid-tier department stores and other retailers with respect to their purchase of footwear. The

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## Note U – Operating Segment Information (continued)

Company's Licensing segment generates revenue by licensing its Steve Madden® and Steven by Steve Madden® trademarks and other trademark rights for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of sunglasses, eyewear, outerwear, bedding, hosiery and women's fashion apparel, jewelry and luggage. In addition, this segment licenses the Betsey Johnson® and Betseyville® trademarks for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of apparel, jewelry, swimwear, eyewear, watches, fragrances and outerwear.

| As of and three months ended, March 31, 2013 | Wholesale Footwear | Wholesale Accessories | Total Wholesale | Retail    | First Cost | Licensing | Consolidated |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Net sales to external customers              | \$ 189,181         | \$ 44,681             | \$ 233,862      | \$ 45,054 |            |           | \$ 278,916   |
| Gross profit                                 | 57,862             | 17,569                | 75,431          | 27,167    |            |           | 102,598      |
| Commissions and licensing fees – net         | —                  | —                     | —               | —         | \$ 2,282   | \$ 2,084  | 4,366        |
| Income from operations                       | 22,582             | 7,492                 | 30,074          | 1,999     | 2,282      | 2,084     | 36,439       |
| Segment assets                               | \$ 523,109         | \$ 138,602            | 661,711         | 106,176   | 52,335     | —         | 820,222      |
| Capital expenditures                         |                    |                       | \$ 927          | \$ 3,299  | \$ —       | \$ —      | \$ 4,226     |
| March 31, 2012                               |                    |                       |                 |           |            |           |              |
| Net sales to external customers              | \$ 191,500         | \$ 37,443             | \$ 228,943      | \$ 37,027 |            |           | \$ 265,970   |
| Gross profit                                 | 58,728             | 15,130                | 73,858          | 22,235    |            |           | 96,093       |
| Commissions and licensing fees – net         | —                  | —                     | —               | —         | \$ 2,328   | \$ 2,145  | 4,473        |
| Income from operations                       | 23,488             | 5,267                 | 28,755          | 2,131     | 2,328      | 2,145     | 35,359       |
| Segment assets                               | \$ 441,232         | \$ 127,650            | 568,882         | 78,251    | 50,157     | —         | 697,290      |
| Capital expenditures                         |                    |                       | \$ 981          | \$ 2,289  | \$ —       | \$ —      | \$ 3,270     |

Revenues by geographic area for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

|               | Three Months Ended March 31, |            |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------|
|               | 2013                         | 2012       |
| Domestic      | \$ 252,437                   | \$ 252,365 |
| International | 26,479                       | 13,605     |
| Total         | \$ 278,916                   | \$ 265,970 |

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

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report.

This Quarterly Report contains certain "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the federal securities laws. The events described in forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report may not occur.

Generally, forward-looking statements relate to business plans or strategies, projected or anticipated benefits or other consequences of our plans or strategies, projected or anticipated benefits from acquisitions to be made by us, or projections involving anticipated revenues, earnings or other aspects of our operating results. The words "may", "will", "expect", "believe", "anticipate", "project", "plan", "intend", "estimate", and "continue", and their opposites and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We caution you that these statements are not guarantees of future performance or events and are subject to a number of uncertainties, risks and other influences, many of which are beyond our control, that may influence the accuracy of the statements and the projections upon which the statements are based. Factors that may affect our results include, but are not limited to, the risks and uncertainties discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. Any one or more of these uncertainties, risks and other influences could materially affect our results of operations and whether forward-looking statements made by us ultimately prove to be accurate. Our actual results, performance and achievements could differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether from new information, future events or otherwise.

### Overview:

(\$ in thousands, except retail sales data per square foot, earnings per share and per share data)

Steven Madden, Ltd. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") design, source, market and sell fashion-forward name brand and private label footwear for women, men and children and name brand and private label fashion handbags and accessories. We also license our trademarks for use in connection with the manufacture, marketing and sale of various products to our licensees. Our products are marketed through our retail stores and our e-commerce websites, as well as better department stores, major department stores, mid-tier department stores, specialty stores, luxury retailers, value priced retailers, national chains, mass market merchants and catalog retailers throughout the United States and Canada. In addition, we have special distribution arrangements for the marketing of our products in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Mexico, Australia, South Africa, South America and India. We offer a broad range of updated styles designed to establish or complement and capitalize on market trends. We have established a reputation for design creativity and our ability to offer quality products in popular styles at affordable prices, delivered in an efficient manner and time frame.

During the first quarter of 2013, we continued our trend of positive sales and earnings growth. Net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2013 increased 4.9% to \$278,916 from \$265,970 in the same period of last year. Net income attributable to Steven Madden, Ltd. increased 7.0% to \$23,400 in the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$21,868 in the same period of last year. The effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2013 decreased to 37.0% compared to 38.8% in the first quarter of last year due primarily to a tax benefit related to a portion of earnings from the Company's foreign operations that have been invested indefinitely. Diluted earnings per share increased to \$0.52 per share on 44,793,000 diluted weighted average shares outstanding compared to \$0.50 per share on 43,880,000 diluted weighted average shares outstanding in the first quarter of last year.

In our Retail segment, same store sales (sales of those stores, including the e-commerce websites, that were in operation throughout the first quarters of 2013 and 2012) increased 3.0% during the quarter, and sales per square foot increased to \$908 in 2013 compared to sales per square foot of \$868 in 2012. As of March 31, 2013, we had 110 stores in operation (including our e-commerce websites), compared to 89 stores as of March 31, 2012. We had one new store opening during the quarter.

Our inventory turnover (calculated on a trailing twelve month average) for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was 10.5 and 10.6 times, respectively. Our accounts receivable average collection days were 67 days in the

first quarter of 2013 compared to 66 days in the same period of 2012. The increase was primarily due to continued growth in our private label business and our International business, both of which have customers with longer payment terms. As of March 31, 2013, we had \$277,906 in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, no short or long-term debt and total stockholders' equity of \$644,665. Working capital increased to \$303,093 as of March 31, 2013, compared to \$185,057 on March 31, 2012.



The following tables set forth information on operations for the periods indicated:

Selected Financial Information

Three Months Ended

March 31,

(\$ in thousands)

|   | 2013      |       | 2012        |       |   |
|---|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|---|
| <b>CONSOLIDATED:</b>                      |           |       |             |       |   |
| Net sales                                 | \$278,916 | 100.0 | % \$265,970 | 100.0 | % |
| Cost of sales                             | 176,318   | 63.2  | % 169,877   | 63.9  | % |
| Gross profit                              | 102,598   | 36.8  | % 96,093    | 36.1  | % |
| Other operating income – net of expenses  | 4,366     | 1.6   | % 4,473     | 1.7   | % |
| Operating expenses                        | 70,525    | 25.3  | % 65,207    | 24.5  | % |
| Income from operations                    | 36,439    | 13.1  | % 35,359    | 13.3  | % |
| Interest and other income – net           | 913       | 0.3   | % 470       | 0.2   | % |
| Income before income taxes                | 37,352    | 13.4  | % 35,829    | 13.5  | % |
| Net income                                | 23,400    | 8.4   | % 21,868    | 8.2   | % |
| <b>By Segment:</b>                        |           |       |             |       |   |
| <b>WHOLESALE FOOTWEAR SEGMENT:</b>        |           |       |             |       |   |
| Net sales                                 | \$189,181 | 100.0 | % \$191,500 | 100.0 | % |
| Cost of sales                             | 131,319   | 69.4  | % 132,772   | 69.3  | % |
| Gross profit                              | 57,862    | 30.6  | % 58,728    | 30.7  | % |
| Operating expenses                        | 35,280    | 18.6  | % 35,240    | 18.4  | % |
| Income from operations                    | 22,582    | 11.9  | % 23,488    | 12.3  | % |
| <b>WHOLESALE ACCESSORIES SEGMENT:</b>     |           |       |             |       |   |
| Net sales                                 | \$44,681  | 100.0 | % \$37,443  | 100.0 | % |
| Cost of sales                             | 27,112    | 60.7  | % 22,313    | 59.6  | % |
| Gross profit                              | 17,569    | 39.3  | % 15,130    | 40.4  | % |
| Operating expenses                        | 10,077    | 22.6  | % 9,863     | 26.3  | % |
| Income from operations                    | 7,492     | 16.8  | % 5,267     | 14.1  | % |
| <b>RETAIL SEGMENT:</b>                    |           |       |             |       |   |
| Net sales                                 | \$45,054  | 100.0 | % \$37,027  | 100.0 | % |
| Cost of sales                             | 17,887    | 39.7  | % 14,792    | 39.9  | % |
| Gross profit                              | 27,167    | 60.3  | % 22,235    | 60.1  | % |
| Operating expenses                        | 25,168    | 55.9  | % 20,104    | 54.3  | % |
| Income from operations                    | 1,999     | 4.4   | % 2,131     | 5.8   | % |
| Number of stores                          | 110       |       | 89          |       |   |
| <b>FIRST COST SEGMENT:</b>                |           |       |             |       |   |
| Other commission income – net of expenses | \$2,282   | 100.0 | % \$2,328   | 100.0 | % |
| <b>LICENSING SEGMENT:</b>                 |           |       |             |       |   |
| Licensing income – net of expenses        | \$2,084   | 100.0 | % \$2,145   | 100.0 | % |



## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(\$ in thousands)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

### Consolidated:

Net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2013 increased 4.9% to \$278,916 compared to \$265,970 in the same period of last year. Gross margin improved to 36.8% from 36.1% primarily due to a higher percentage of our sales being derived from our Retail segment which typically has higher margins. Operating expenses increased in the first quarter of this year to \$70,525 from \$65,207 in the first quarter of last year, partially due to incremental expenses related to the acquisition of SM Canada and the higher percentage of sales derived from the Retail segment. As a percentage of sales, operating expenses for the first quarter of 2013 increased to 25.3% from 24.5% reflecting the shift in sales mix to the Retail segment. Our commission and licensing fee income for the first quarter of 2013 slightly decreased to \$4,366 compared to \$4,473 achieved in the first quarter of 2012. Net income for the first quarter of 2013 increased to \$23,400 compared to net income for the first quarter of 2012 of \$21,868.

### Wholesale Footwear Segment:

Net sales from the Wholesale Footwear segment accounted for \$189,181, or 68%, and \$191,500, or 72%, of our total net sales for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012, respectively, which represents a \$2,319, or 1.2%, decrease. This decrease in net sales was driven by a \$13,903, or 22.8%, decrease in our Topline business which was impacted by the loss of two significant customers, partially offset by growth in our Adesso Madden private label business, our International distributor business and by the SM Canada acquisition. Excluding net sales growth attributable to the acquisition of SM Canada, which was acquired in February 2012, organic net sales growth decreased 2.96%, for the first quarter 2013. In addition, our Superga® brand, which began shipping in the first quarter of 2012, and our new Betseyville® shoe brand, which began shipping in the third quarter of 2012, contributed incremental sales to the quarter.

Gross profit margin in the Wholesale Footwear segment was 30.6% for the first quarter of 2013 and 30.7% for the first quarter of 2012 reflecting our sales mix. The decrease in our lower margin Topline business was partially offset by our Adesso Madden private label and International business, which are also lower margin businesses. Operating expenses increased to \$35,280 in the first quarter of 2013 from \$35,240 in the same period of last year. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses were 18.6% in the first quarter of 2013 compared to 18.4% in the same period of 2012, which was due to lower sales. Income from operations for the Wholesale Footwear segment decreased to \$22,582 for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 compared to \$23,488 for the same period of last year.

### Wholesale Accessories Segment:

Net sales generated by the Wholesale Accessories segment accounted for \$44,681, or 16%, and 37,443, or 14%, of total net sales for the Company in the first quarters of 2013 and 2012, respectively. This 19.3% increase in net sales in the first quarter of 2013 was propelled by continued strong growth in Steve Madden® and Betsey Johnson® handbags, which are up 57.1% and 43.5%, respectively, compared to the comparable period in 2012.

Gross profit margin in the Wholesale Accessories segment decreased to 39.3% in the first quarter of this year from 40.4% in the same period last year, primarily due to a slightly higher percentage of sales from our mid-tier customers which have lower margins. In the first quarter of 2013, operating expenses increased to \$10,077 compared to \$9,863 in the same period of last year. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses improved to 22.6% in the first quarter of 2013 from 26.3% in the same period of 2012, reflecting leverage from increased sales. Income from operations for the Wholesale Accessories segment increased 42.2% to \$7,492 for the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$5,267 for the same period of last year.

### Retail Segment:

In the first quarter of 2013, net sales from the Retail segment accounted for \$45,054, or 16%, of our total net sales compared to \$37,027, or 14%, of our total net sales in the same period last year, which represents a \$8,027, or 21.7%, increase. This increase in net sales reflects the addition of retail stores since the first quarter of 2012, an increase in comparable store sales, and the acquisition of SM Canada. Excluding sales attributable to the acquisition of SM Canada, organic net sales growth in the first quarter of 2013 was 14.8%. We opened nineteen new stores and established Superga and Betsey Johnson online stores during the twelve months ended March 31, 2013. As a result, we had 110 retail stores as of March 31, 2013 compared to 89 stores as of March 31, 2012, in each case including our e-commerce stores. The 110 stores currently in operation include 92 Steve Madden® stores, eleven Steve Madden® outlet stores, two Steven® stores, one Report® store, one Superga store and three e-commerce

websites. Comparable store sales (sales of those stores, including the e-commerce websites, that were open throughout the first quarters of 2013 and 2012) increased 3.0% in the first quarter of this year. In the first quarter of 2013, gross margin increased to 60.3% from 60.1% in the same period of 2012, primarily due to the impact of the new stores in Canada acquired as part of the February 2012 acquisition of SM Canada (see Note Q to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements), which achieve slightly higher gross profit margins than stores located in the U.S. In the first quarter of 2013, operating expenses increased to \$25,168, or 55.9%, of net sales compared to \$20,104, or 54.3%, of net sales, in the first quarter of last year, primarily due to the write-off of fixed assets during the quarter. Income from operations for the Retail segment decreased to \$1,999 in the first quarter of this year from \$2,131 in the same period of last year.

**First Cost Segment:**

The First Cost segment generated relatively consistent net commission income and design fees of \$2,282 for the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$2,328 for the comparable period of 2012.

**Licensing Segment:**

Net licensing income was relatively consistent at \$2,084 and \$2,145 for the first quarter ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

(\$ in thousands)

The Company has a collection agency agreement with Rosenthal & Rosenthal, Inc. (“Rosenthal”) that became effective on September 15, 2009. The agreement can be terminated by the Company or Rosenthal at any time upon 60 days, prior written notice. Under the agreement the Company can request advances from Rosenthal of up to 85% of aggregate receivables submitted to Rosenthal. The agreement provides the Company with a \$30 million credit facility with a \$15 million sub-limit for letters of credit at an interest rate based, at the Company’s election, upon either the prime rate or LIBOR. The Company also pays a fee based on a percentage of the gross invoice amount submitted to Rosenthal. With respect to receivables related to our First Cost segment and private label business, the fee is 0.14% of the gross invoice amount, and with respect to all other receivables, the fee is 0.25% of the gross invoice amount. Rosenthal assumes the credit risk on a substantial portion of the receivables that the Company submits to it and, to the extent of any loans made to the Company, Rosenthal maintains a lien on all of the Company’s receivables to secure the Company’s obligations. As of March 31, 2013, we had no borrowing against the credit facility.

As of March 31, 2013, we had working capital of \$303,093. We had cash and cash equivalents of \$154,697, investments in marketable securities of \$123,209 and we did not have any long-term debt.

We believe that based upon our current financial position and available cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, we will meet all of our financial commitments and operating needs for at least the next twelve months.

## OPERATING ACTIVITIES

(\$ in thousands)

Cash provided by operations was \$26,350 for the first three months of 2013 compared to cash provided by operations of \$13,725 in the same period of last year. The primary sources of cash were net income of \$23,532, decreases in inventory, amounts due from factor and prepaid expenses, deposits and other assets. The primary uses of cash were increases in accounts receivable and decreases in accounts payable and other accrued expenses.

## INVESTING ACTIVITIES

(\$ in thousands)

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, we invested \$29,590 in marketable securities and received \$3,218 from the maturities and sales of securities. We also made capital expenditures of \$4,226, principally for improvements to existing stores, systems enhancements, store opening, and leasehold improvements to office space.

## FINANCING ACTIVITIES

(\$ in thousands)

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, net cash used for financing activities was \$9,832, which consisted of the repurchase of shares of common stock for \$11,141 (see Note N to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements), offset by proceeds from the exercise of stock options of \$651 and the tax benefit from the exercise of stock options of \$658.

## CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

(\$ in thousands)

Our contractual obligations as of March 31, 2013 were as follows:

| Contractual Obligations                                       | Payment due by period |                   |           |           |                |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
|   | Total                 | Remainder of 2013 | 2014-2015 | 2016-2017 | 2018 and after |
| Operating lease obligations                                   | \$196,989             | \$21,756          | \$55,243  | \$49,323  | \$70,667       |
| Purchase obligations  | 236,895               | 236,895           | —         | —         | —              |
| Contingent payment liabilities                                | 46,810                | 14,409            | 19,239    | 13,162    | —              |
| Other long-term liabilities (future minimum royalty payments) | 5,791                 | 2,889             | 2,602     | 300       | —              |
| Total   | \$486,485             | \$275,949         | \$77,084  | \$62,785  | \$70,667       |



At March 31, 2013, we had open letters of credit for the purchase of inventory of approximately \$1,872. As previously reported, on January 3, 2012, the employment agreement of the Company's Creative and Design Chief, Steven Madden, was amended to provide Mr. Madden with a base annual salary of \$4,000 in 2013, approximately \$6,125 in 2014, approximately \$8,250 in 2015 and approximately \$7,026 for the period between January 1, 2016 through the expiration of the employment agreement on December 31, 2023. As described in Note P to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, in 2012, Mr. Madden also received two restricted stock awards pursuant to his amended employment agreement. The employment agreement further entitles Mr. Madden to an annual life insurance premium payment, an annual stock option grant and the potential for an additional one-time stock option grant based on achievement of certain financial performance criteria, as well as the opportunity for discretionary cash bonuses. The terms of an outstanding loan in the original principal amount of \$3,000 made by the Company to Mr. Madden were amended in connection with the amendment of the employment agreement, as described in Note F to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The amended terms included the elimination of further interest accumulation on the loan. The outstanding principal and the accrued interest has been discounted to reflect imputed interest, which will be amortized over the remaining life of the loan.

The Company has employment agreements with certain executive officers, which provide for the payment of compensation aggregating approximately \$2,163 during the remaining nine months of 2013, \$1,887 in 2014 and \$638 in 2015. In addition, some of these employment agreements provide for discretionary bonuses and some provide for incentive compensation based on various performance criteria as well as other benefits including stock options.

In connection with our acquisition of SM Canada on February 21, 2012, we are subject to potential earn-out payments to the seller of SM Canada based on the annual performance of SM Canada for each of the twelve-month periods ending on March 31, 2013 through 2017, inclusive. In connection with our acquisition of Cejon on May 25, 2011, we are subject to potential earn-out payments to the seller of Cejon based on the annual performance of Cejon for each of the twelve-month periods ending on June 30, 2012 through 2016, inclusive. The first such payment was made in the third quarter of 2012. In connection with our acquisition of Big Buddha, Inc., which closed in the first fiscal quarter of 2010, we are subject to one final potential earn-out payment to the seller based on the performance of Big Buddha for the twelve month period ended on March 31, 2013, which is expected to be made in the second quarter of 2013. Virtually all of our products are manufactured at overseas locations, the majority of which are located in China, with a small and growing percentage located in Mexico in addition to smaller amounts produced in Brazil, The Philippines, The Netherlands and India. We have not entered into any long-term manufacturing or supply contracts with any of these foreign manufacturers. We believe that a sufficient number of alternative sources exist outside of the United States for the manufacture of our products. We currently make approximately 99% of our purchases in U.S. dollars.

#### INFLATION

We do not believe that the inflation experienced over the last few years in the United States, where we primarily compete, has had a significant effect on our sales or profitability. Historically, we have minimized the impact of product cost increases by increasing prices, changing suppliers and by improving operating efficiencies. However, no assurance can be given that we will be able to offset such inflationary cost increases in the future.

#### OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND THE USE OF ESTIMATES

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is based upon our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, sales and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Estimates by their nature are based on judgments and available information. Our estimates are made based upon historical factors, current circumstances and the experience and judgment of management. Assumptions and estimates are evaluated on an ongoing basis and we may employ outside experts to assist in evaluations. Therefore, actual results could



materially differ from those estimates under different assumptions and conditions. Management believes the following critical accounting estimates are more significantly affected by judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our

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Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements: allowance for bad debts, returns, and customer chargebacks; inventory valuation; valuation of intangible assets, litigation reserves, and contingent payment liabilities.

Allowances for bad debts, returns and customer chargebacks. We provide reserves against our trade accounts receivables for future customer chargebacks, co-op advertising allowances, discounts, returns and other miscellaneous deductions that relate to the current period. The reserve against our non-factored trade receivables also includes estimated losses that may result from customers' inability to pay. The amount of the reserve for bad debts, returns, discounts and compliance chargebacks are determined by analyzing aged receivables, current economic conditions, the prevailing retail environment and historical dilution levels for customers. We evaluate anticipated customer markdowns and advertising chargebacks by reviewing several performance indicators for our major customers. These performance indicators (which include inventory levels at the retail floors, sell through rates and gross margin levels) are analyzed by management to estimate the amount of the anticipated customer allowance. Failure to correctly estimate the amount of the reserve could materially impact our results of operations and financial position.

Inventory valuation. Inventories are stated at lower-of-cost or market, on a first-in, first-out basis. We review inventory on a regular basis for excess and slow moving inventory. The review is based on an analysis of inventory on hand, prior sales, and expected net realizable value through future sales. The analysis includes a review of inventory quantities on hand at period-end in relation to year-to-date sales and projections for sales in the foreseeable future as well as subsequent sales. We consider quantities on hand in excess of estimated future sales to be at risk for market impairment. The net realizable value, or market value, is determined based on the estimate of sales prices of such inventory through off-price or discount store channels. The likelihood of any material inventory write-down is dependent primarily on the expectation of future consumer demand for our product. A misinterpretation or misunderstanding of future consumer demand for our product, the economy, or other failure to estimate correctly, in addition to abnormal weather patterns, could result in inventory valuation changes, compared to the valuation determined to be appropriate as of the balance sheet date.

Valuation of intangible assets. Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 350, "Intangible - Goodwill and Other", requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives no longer be amortized, but rather be tested for impairment at least annually. This pronouncement also requires that intangible assets with finite lives be amortized over their respective lives to their estimated residual values, and reviewed for impairment in accordance with ASC Topic 360, "Property, Plant and Equipment" ("ASC Topic 360"). In accordance with ASC Topic 360, long-lived assets, such as property, equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset.

Litigation reserves. Estimated amounts for litigation claims that are probable and can be reasonably estimated are recorded as liabilities in our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The likelihood of a material change in these estimated reserves would be dependent on new claims as they may arise and the favorable or unfavorable events of a particular litigation. As additional information becomes available, management will assess the potential liability related to the pending litigation and revise its estimates. Such revisions in management's estimates of a contingent liability could materially impact our results of operation and financial position.

Contingent payment liabilities. Since February 2010, the Company has completed four acquisitions, three of which continue to require the Company to potentially make contingent payments to the sellers based on the future financial performance of the acquired businesses over a period of one to five years, as applicable. The fair value of the contingent payments was estimated using the present value of management's projections of the financial results of the acquired business. Failure to correctly project the financial results of the acquired businesses could materially impact our results of operations and financial position.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

(\$ in thousands)

We do not engage in the trading of market risk sensitive instruments in the normal course of business. Our financing arrangements are subject to variable interest rates, primarily based on the prime rate and LIBOR. The terms of our collection agency agreements with Rosenthal & Rosenthal, Inc. can be found in the Liquidity and Capital Resources section of Item 2 and in Note D to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report.

As of March 31, 2013, we held marketable securities valued at \$123,209, which consist primarily of corporate bonds and marketable equity securities. The values of these securities may fluctuate as a result of changes in equity values, market interest rates and

credit risk. We have the ability to hold these investments until maturity. In addition, any decline in interest rates would be expected to reduce our interest income.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As required by Rule 13a-15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) were, as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this quarterly report, effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As required by Rule 13a-15(d) under the Exchange Act, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated our internal controls over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the quarter covered by this Quarterly Report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, there has been no such change during the quarter covered by this Quarterly Report.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

##### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

(\$ in thousands)

Certain legal proceedings in which we are involved are discussed in Part I, Item 3 and in Note O to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, as well as in Note T to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The following discussion is limited to recent developments concerning certain of our legal proceedings and should be read in conjunction with our earlier SEC reports. Unless otherwise indicated, all proceedings discussed in earlier reports, which are not indicated therein as having been dismissed remain outstanding as of March 31, 2013.

As previously disclosed, on July 19, 2011, an individual purporting to act on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals commenced a civil action in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Samantha Ellison, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals v. Steven Madden, Ltd., No. CV11-05935 (the "Ellison Action") asserting that the Company made unsolicited commercial text calls to wireless telephone numbers of the class members in violation of the Telephone Consumers Protection Act (the "TCPA") and seeking, on behalf of the class, an injunction requiring the Company to cease all wireless text messages without prior written consent as required by the TCPA, as well as the recovery of statutory damages to the class members together with costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. The Company responded by challenging the suit on several grounds. Settlement discussions resulted in a settlement being reached on July 30, 2012, subject to final court approval, for an aggregate gross settlement fund amount of \$10,000, including all settlement costs and administration fees, as well as fees recoverable by class counsel. On September 25, 2012, the court certified the class for settlement purposes only and approved the settlement on a preliminary basis. Following a fairness hearing, on May 7, 2013, the court entered an order granting final approval of the settlement and dismissing the Ellison Action on the merits and with prejudice. The court further authorized the claims administrator to pay from the \$10,000 settlement fund \$1,250 in attorneys' fees and \$140 in costs to class counsel, \$459 in fees to the claims administrator and \$10 as a class representative enhancement award to Samantha Ellison. As the final settlement calls for the reversion of all monies not paid to class claimants, it is possible that the actual settlement amount paid by the Company will be substantially less than \$10,000. In addition, the Company's insurance coverage will cover a portion of the settlement at the rate of 45% of the initial settlement payment of \$5,000 and 30% of amounts over and above the initial settlement payment. Based on the final settlement and applying the insurance coverage as applicable, the maximum exposure to the Company is approximately \$6,250; however, in light of historical "take rates" in cases of this type, the Company's counsel estimates that the actual

liability to the Company will likely be \$2,500 or less. Accordingly, the Company recorded a liability in the amount of \$2,500 in the second quarter of 2012 and paid this amount in 2012 pursuant to the settlement agreement.

The Company has been named as a defendant in certain other lawsuits in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the liabilities, if any, resulting from these matters should not have a material

effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. It is the policy of management to disclose the amount or range of reasonably possible losses in excess of recorded amounts.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table presents the total number of shares of the Company's common stock, \$.0001 par value, purchased by the Company in the three months ended March 31, 2013, the average price paid per share and the approximate dollar value of shares that still could have been purchased at the end of the applicable fiscal period, pursuant to the Share Repurchase Program. See also Note N to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

| Period           | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Dollar Amount of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| 1/1/13 - 1/31/13 | —                                | \$—                          | —  | \$47,090  |
| 2/1/13 - 2/28/13 | —                                | —                            | —  | 47,090  |
| 3/1/13 - 3/31/13 | 252,214                          | \$44.17                      | 252,214  | \$35,949  |
| Total            | 252,214                          | 44.17                        | 252,214  | 35,949  |

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

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any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any filing, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report on Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DATE: May 10, 2013

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD.

/s/ EDWARD R. ROSENFELD  
Edward R. Rosenfeld  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ ARVIND DHARIA  
Arvind Dharia  
Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

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