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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020

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: 0-18953

AAON, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Nevada | 87-0448736 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 2425 South Yukon Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma | 74107 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) | |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (918) 583-2266

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock | AAON | NASDAQ |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.

Yes No

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 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 (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

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| Large accelerated filer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smaller reporting company | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Emerging growth company | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

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

The aggregate market value of the common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the closing price of registrant's common stock on the last business day of registrant's most recently completed second quarter June 30, 2020 was \$2,213.5 million based upon the closing price reported for such date on the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

As of February 22, 2021, registrant had outstanding a total of 52,287,036 shares of its \$.004 par value Common Stock.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of registrant's definitive Proxy Statement to be filed in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 11, 2021, incorporated herein by reference in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K to the extent stated herein.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “expects”, “anticipates”, “intends”, “plans”, “believes”, “seeks”, “estimates”, “should”, “will”, and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, which are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. We undertake no obligations to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Important factors that could cause results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include (1) the timing and extent of changes in raw material and component prices, (2) the effects of fluctuations in the commercial/industrial new construction market, (3) the timing and extent of changes in interest rates, as well as other competitive factors during the year, (4) general economic, market or business conditions, and (5) the correction of certain of our previously issued consolidated financial statements, which may affect investor confidence and raise reputational issues.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

Overview

AAON, Inc., a Nevada corporation, (“AAON Nevada”) was incorporated on August 18, 1987. Our operating subsidiaries include AAON, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, and AAON Coil Products, Inc., a Texas corporation. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this Annual Report to “AAON”, the “Company”, “we”, “us”, “our”, or “ours” refer to AAON Nevada and our subsidiaries.

We are engaged in the engineering, manufacturing, marketing, and sale of premium air conditioning and heating equipment consisting of standard, semi-custom, and custom rooftop units, chillers, packaged outdoor mechanical rooms, air handling units, makeup air units, energy recovery units, condensing units, geothermal/water-source heat pumps, and coils.

Business and Marketing Strategy

Our products serve the commercial and industrial new construction and replacement markets within the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (“HVAC”) equipment industry. Our business strategy involves mass customization that uses flexible computer-aided manufacturing systems to produce standard, semi-custom, and custom outputs and combines the low unit costs of mass production processes with the flexibility of individual customization. Through a collaborative effort with our independent representative sales offices, we design and manufacture the precise semi-custom product offering that best serves the customer's needs.

Our marketing strategy focuses upon underserved market niches including establishing manufacturing methodologies to support market niche products. We further focus on developing a company culture focused upon customer satisfaction, reducing product delivery channel time and cost, and continuing with the goal of product and manufacturing technology leadership. Our product mix, with a heavy investment in research and development, has an emphasis on energy efficiency, environment, and indoor air quality.

Products

Our rooftop and condensing unit markets primarily consist of units installed on commercial or industrial structures of generally less than ten stories in height. Our air handling units, self-contained units, geothermal/water-source heat pumps, chillers, packaged outdoor mechanical rooms, and coils are suitable for all sizes of commercial and industrial buildings.

The size of these markets is determined primarily by the number of commercial and industrial building completions and replacement demand from existing buildings. The replacement market consists of products installed to replace existing units/components that are worn or damaged and products to upgrade certain components, such as low leakage dampers, high efficiency heat exchangers and modern controls components. Currently, over half of the industry's market consists of replacement units.

The commercial and industrial new construction market is subject to cyclical fluctuations in that it is generally tied to housing starts and the general economy, but has a lag factor of six to 18 months. Housing starts, in turn, are affected by such factors as interest rates, the state of the economy, population growth and the relative age of the population. When new construction is down, we emphasize the replacement market.

Based on our 2020 sales of \$514.6 million, we estimate that we have approximately a 13% share of the greater than five ton rooftop market and a 2% share of the less than five ton market. During 2020, approximately 50% of our sales were generated from the renovation and replacement markets and 50% from new construction. The ratio of sales for new construction vs. replacement to particular customers is related to various factors. Generally, the cyclicity of the new construction market fluctuates this ratio the most over an economic cycle.

To date, our sales have been primarily to the domestic market. Foreign sales accounted for approximately \$11.7 million, \$14.8 million, and \$14.7 million of our sales in 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively. As a percentage of sales, foreign sales accounted for approximately 2%, 3%, and 3% of our net sales in each of those years, respectively.

We purchase certain components, fabricate sheet metal and tubing and then assemble and test the finished products. Our primary finished products consist of a single unit system containing heating and cooling in a self-contained cabinet, referred to in the industry as "unitary products". Our other finished products are chillers, packaged outdoor mechanical rooms, coils, air handling units, condensing units, makeup air units, energy recovery units, rooftop units, geothermal/water-source heat pumps, and controls.

We offer three groups of rooftop units: the RQ Series, consisting of five cooling sizes ranging from two to six tons; the RN Series, offered in 28 cooling sizes ranging from six to 140 tons; and the RZ Series, which is offered in 15 cooling sizes ranging from 45 to 240 tons.

We also offer the SA, SB and M2 Series as indoor packaged, water-cooled or geothermal/water-source heat pump self-contained units with cooling capacities of three to 70 tons.

Our small packaged geothermal/water-source heat pump units consist of the WH Series horizontal configuration and WV Series vertical configuration, from one-half to 30 tons.

We manufacture a LF Series air-cooled chiller, a LN Series air-cooled chiller, and a LZ Series chiller and packaged outdoor mechanical room, which are available in both air-cooled condensing and evaporative-condensed configurations, covering a range of four to 540 tons.

We offer two groups of condensing units: the CB Series, two to five tons and the CF Series, two to 70 tons.

Our air handling units consist of the indoor F1, H3, and V3 Series and the modular M2 Series, as well as air handling unit configurations of the RQ, RN, RZ, and SA Series units.

Our energy recovery option applicable to our RQ, RN, RZ, and SB units, as well as our H3, V3, and M2 Series air handling units, responds to the U.S. Clean Air Act mandate to increase fresh air in commercial structures. Our products are designed to compete on the higher quality end of standardized products.

Our air-cooled chillers (LF, LN, and LZ Series) are certified with the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute ("AHRI") in accordance with AHRI Standard 550/590. Our RN, RQ, M2, and SB Series, including our water-source heat pump products (WH, and WV Series), are AHRI certified in accordance with ANSI/AHRI/ASHRAE/ISO 13256.

Our unitary products (RQ, RN, and CB Series) are certified with the AHRI in accordance with AHRI Standard AHRI 210/240 up to 5 tons capacity and AHRI Standard AHRI 340/360 up to 63 tons capacity.

Performance characteristics of our products range in cooling capacity from one-half to 540 tons and in heating capacity from 7,200 to 9,000,000 British Thermal Units ("BTUs"). Many of our units far exceed these minimum standards and are among the highest efficiency units currently available.

A typical commercial building installation requires one ton of air conditioning for every 300-400 square feet or, for a 100,000 square foot building, 250 tons of air conditioning, which can involve multiple units.

AAON is committed to designing and manufacturing innovative HVAC products of the highest quality, efficiency, and performance. Our water-source heat pump products recover otherwise wasted energy and employ it to cool, heat, and provide dehumidification to a building, making it one of the most efficient and environmentally friendly systems. AAON packaged rooftop units with two stage compressors are optimized with high efficiency evaporator and condenser coils and variable speed fans, leading to an AHRI Certified performance up to 19.15 SEER and 20.2 IEER. AAON H3/V3 Series energy recovery wheel air handling units provide energy efficient 100% outside air ventilation by recovering energy that would otherwise be exhausted from a building. LZ Series packaged outdoor mechanical rooms are engineered to maximize the efficiency of the complete hydronic system - compressors, condenser, and evaporator. Factory installed 98% efficiency boilers with pumping packages are available for applications that require hot water. Energy saving waterside economizers are available for chilled water systems that require cooling at low ambient conditions.

AAON designs and produces controls solutions for all of our HVAC units including rooftop units, air handlers, chillers, and water-source heat pumps. In addition, we provide controls for variable air volume systems associated with those units, as well as controls products for other HVAC related equipment. Our controls are easily configurable to provide a wide variety of HVAC unit application options, and we are able to customize our controls, where necessary, to meet unique customers' requirements. Most of our controls are Underwriters Laboratories category ZPVI2 complaint and BACnet Testing Laboratories certified. In addition our economizer function is California Title 24 certified. All of these factors allow us to provide AAON controls with factory developed, approved and tested sequences of operation to optimize the performance of the AAON units.

Other AAON controls options include providing terminal blocks for field-installed controls and factory installed customer provided controls. With all these controls options available to us, we are able to use controls to help sell more AAON equipment. We also offer six control options: the Pioneer Silver, Pioneer Gold, Touchscreen Controller, Orion Controller, and terminal block for field installed controls, and factory installed customer provided controls.

Air Quality Products

The coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic has fueled a great deal of concern over best practices in the design and operation of building HVAC systems. In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, influenza, and other similar type respiratory diseases, we have done a great deal of research on what affects the transmission of these diseases and how AAON HVAC systems can be best designed. The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers ("ASHRAE"), a professional association with a goal of advancing HVAC systems designs and construction, put together an Epidemic Task Force in 2020 and determined several recommendations to mitigate the spread of the virus, including humidity control, air filtration, increased outdoor air ventilation, and air disinfection.

Humidity control - AAON continues to lead the market in developing energy efficient humidity control with the use of variable capacity compressors and modulating hot gas reheat. Designing HVAC systems with superior humidity control allows building management to maintain ASHRAE's recommended ambient relative humidity levels of 40%-60%, the ideal level to inactivate viruses in the air and on surfaces.

Air Filtration - AAON standardizes a design that uses a backward curved fan wheel, which can accommodate higher airflow required for the ASHRAE recommended MERV 13 filtration, the minimum filter level for viruses, with very little reconfiguration. Prior to 2020, a vast majority of commercial buildings use filtration levels of MERV 4 to MERV 8, which has always been acceptable for filtering out typical particulates in the air stream.

Outdoor Air Ventilation - AAON's innovative use of energy recovery wheels and energy recovery plates combined with its superior humidity control design can help building management follow outdoor ventilation air recommendations while limiting an increase of energy usage and maintaining recommended humidity levels.

Air Disinfection - AAON has basic design characteristics that allow for an easy installation of ultraviolet lighting and bipolar ionization equipment. In addition to this equipment offered as options in new AAON units sold, AAON has basic design characteristics that allow for easy installation in AAON units already used in the field.

Overall, AAON is well positioned to accommodate the heightened demand for features that can help mitigate virus transmission and improve air quality. The features that ASHRAE recommends requires premium designs and configurations that are standard in AAON units. As a result, we are able to incorporate air quality features into our units, at a minimal price premium and with no delivery delay.

Representatives

As of December 31, 2020, we employ a sales staff of 46 individuals and utilize approximately 63 independent manufacturer representatives' organizations ("Representatives") having 125 offices to market our products in the United States and Canada. We also have one international sales organization, which utilizes 28 distributors in other countries. Sales are made directly to the contractor or end user, with shipments being made from our Tulsa, Oklahoma, Longview, Texas, or our Parkville, Missouri, facilities to the job site.

Our products and sales strategy focuses on niche markets. The targeted markets for our equipment are customers seeking products of better quality than those offered, and/or options not offered, by standardized manufacturers.

To support and service our customers and the ultimate consumer, we provide parts availability through our Representatives' sales offices, as well as our two Tulsa, Oklahoma AAON operated retail parts stores, to serve the local markets. We also have factory service organizations at each of our plants. Additionally, a number of the Representatives we utilize have their own service organizations, which, in connection with us, provide the necessary warranty work and/or normal service to customers.

Warranties

Our product warranty policy is the earlier of one year from the date of first use or 18 months from date of shipment for parts only, including controls; an additional four years for compressors (if applicable); 15 years on aluminized steel gas-fired heat exchangers (if applicable); 25 years on stainless steel heat exchangers (if applicable); and ten years on gas-fired heat exchangers in our historical RL products (if applicable). Our warranty policy for the RQ series covers parts for two years from date of unit shipment. Our warranty policy for the WH and WV Series geothermal/water-source heat pumps covers parts for five years from the date of installation.

The Company also sells extended warranties on parts for various lengths of time ranging from six months to ten years. Revenue for these separately priced warranties is deferred and recognized on a straight-line basis over the separately priced warranty period.

Major Customers

One customer, Texas AirSystems, accounted for 10% or more of our sales during 2020, 2019, and 2018. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of our sales during 2020, 2019, and 2018.

Backlog

Our backlog as of February 1, 2021 was approximately \$103.8 million, compared to approximately \$129.2 million as of February 1, 2020. The current backlog consists of orders considered by management to be firm and our goal is to fill orders within approximately 60 to 90 days after an order is deemed to become firm; however, the orders are subject to cancellation by the customers in which case, cancellation charges apply up to the full price of the equipment.

Competition

In the standardized market, we compete primarily with Lennox (Lennox International, Inc.), Trane (Trane Technologies plc), York International (Johnson Controls International plc), Carrier (Carrier Global Corporation), and Daikin (Daikin Industries). All of these competitors are substantially larger and have greater resources than we do. Our products compete on the basis of total value, quality, function, serviceability, efficiency, availability of

product, reliability, product line recognition, and acceptability of sales outlets. However, in new construction where the contractor is the purchasing decision maker, we are often at a competitive disadvantage because of the emphasis placed on initial cost. In the replacement market and other owner-controlled purchases, we have a better chance of getting business since quality and long-term cost are generally taken into account.

Resources

Sources and Availability of Raw Materials

The most important materials we purchase are steel, copper, and aluminum. We also purchase from other manufacturers certain components, including compressors, electric motors, and electrical controls used in our products. We attempt to obtain the lowest possible cost in our purchases of raw materials and components, consistent with meeting specified quality standards. We are not dependent upon any one source for raw materials or the major components of our manufactured products. By having multiple suppliers, we believe that we will have adequate sources of supplies to meet our manufacturing requirements for the foreseeable future.

We attempt to limit the impact of price fluctuations on these materials by entering into cancellable and non-cancellable fixed price contracts with our major suppliers for periods of six to 18 months. We expect to receive delivery of raw materials from our fixed price contracts for use in our manufacturing operations.

We have not been significantly impacted by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") that contains provisions to improve transparency and accountability concerning the supply of certain minerals, known as "conflict minerals", originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries.

Working Capital Practices

Working capital practices in the industry center on inventories and accounts receivable. Our management regularly reviews our working capital with a view of maintaining the lowest level consistent with requirements of anticipated levels of operation. Our greatest needs arise during the months of July - November, the peak season for inventory (primarily purchased material) and accounts receivable. Our working capital requirements are generally met by cash flow from operations and a bank revolving credit facility, which currently permits borrowings up to \$30 million and had no balance outstanding at December 31, 2020. We believe that we will have sufficient funds available to meet our working capital needs for the foreseeable future.

Research and Development

Our products are engineered for performance, flexibility, and serviceability. This has become a critical factor in competing in the HVAC equipment industry. We must continually develop new and improved products in order to compete effectively and to meet evolving regulatory standards in all of our major product lines.

AAON is fortunate enough to be able to self-sponsor our Research and Development ("R&D") activities, rather than needing to be customer-sponsored. R&D activities have involved the RQ, RN, and RZ (rooftop units), F1, H3, SA, V3, and M2 (air handling units), LF, LN, and LZ (chillers), CB and CF (condensing units), SA and SB (self-contained units), and WH and WV (water-source heat pumps), as well as component evaluation and refinement, development of control systems and new product development. R&D expenses incurred were approximately \$17.4 million, \$14.8 million, and \$13.5 million in 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

Our Norman Asbjornson Innovation Center ("NAIC") research and development laboratory facility that opened in 2019, includes many unique capabilities, which to our knowledge exist nowhere else in the world. A few features of the NAIC include supply, return, and outside sound testing at actual load conditions, testing of up to a 300 ton air conditioning system, up to a 540 ton chiller system, and 80 million BTU/hr of gas heating test capacity. Environmental application testing capabilities include -20 to 140°F testing conditions, up to 8 inches per hour rain testing, up to 2 inches per hour snow testing, and up to 50 mph wind testing. We believe we have the largest sound-testing chamber in the world for testing heating and air conditioning equipment and are not aware of any similar labs that can conduct this testing while putting the equipment under full environmental load. The unique capabilities of the NAIC will enable AAON to lead the industry in the development of quiet, energy efficient commercial and industrial heating and air conditioning equipment.

The NAIC currently houses ten testing chambers, with two new additional chambers scheduled to come online in early 2021. These testing chambers allow AAON to meet and maintain AHRI and U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") certification and solidify the Company's industry position as a technological leader in the manufacturing of HVAC equipment. Current voluntary industry certification programs and government regulations only go up to 63 tons of air conditioning as that is the largest environmental chamber currently available for testing outside of our facility. The NAIC contains both a 100 ton and a 540 ton chamber, allowing us to uniquely prove to customers our capacity and efficiency on these larger units.

The NAIC was designed to test units well beyond the standard AHRI rating points and allows us to offer testing services on AAON equipment throughout our range of product application. This capability is vital for critical facilities where the units must perform properly and allows our customers to verify the performance of our units in advance, rather than after installation. These same capabilities will enable AAON to develop a new extended range of operation equipment and prove its capabilities.

Patents, Trademarks, Licenses, and Concessions

We do not consider any patents, trademarks, licenses, or concessions to be material to our business operations, other than patents issued regarding our energy recovery wheel option, blower, gas-fired heat exchanger, evaporative-cooled condenser de-superheater, and low leakage damper which have terms of 20 years with expiration dates ranging from 2020 to 2033.

Seasonality

Sales of our products are moderately seasonal with the peak period being May-October of each year due to timing of construction projects being directly related to warmer weather.

Environmental & Regulatory Matters

Laws concerning the environment that affect or could affect our operations include, among others, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, regulations promulgated under these Acts and any other federal, state or local laws or regulations governing environmental matters. We believe that we are in compliance with these laws and that future compliance will not materially affect our earnings or competitive position.

Since our founding in 1988, AAON has maintained a commitment to design, develop, manufacture and deliver heating and cooling products to perform beyond all expectations and to demonstrate AAON's quality and value to our customers. AAON equipment is designed with energy efficiency in mind, without sacrificing premium features and options. In addition to our high standard of product performance, is a commitment to sustainability for our employees, our stockholders, and our customers. At AAON, we strive to conduct our business in a socially responsible and ethical manner with a focus on environmental stewardship, team member safety and community engagement. We comply with industry regulations and requirements while pursuing responsible economic growth and profitability.

AAON participates in a sustainability benchmarking initiative (Sustainable Tulsa Scor3card) through which we set goals, monitor and report in the areas of energy, material management, water, community stewardship, transportation, communication and health. AAON achieved Platinum level in this program in 2020 and was recognized with the Henry Bellmon Sustainability Award. We have an active internal sustainability committee that provides education opportunities, communications and recommendations to the company on a regular basis.

Two leading focus areas for AAON are energy efficiency and material management. In the area of energy efficiency and conservation, AAON has transitioned to over 90% LED lighting leading to considerable cost savings and reduced energy consumption. The company participates in an energy demand response program and saved over \$32,000 by reducing energy loads during peak periods in 2020. Twenty-seven percent of AAON's energy portfolio is currently derived from renewable sources, and the company's carbon footprint has been calculated as part of the Scor3card sustainability benchmarking initiative. Energy efficiency has been a priority in ongoing capital investments which include the acquisition of new, energy efficient equipment for the production floor, new high-

speed overhead facility doors, the installation of new HVAC equipment, building control systems, the application of heat and light reflective material to production facilities along with other behavioral –based energy efficiency changes. We are tracking our energy usage intensity before and after these updates.

In the area of material management, there is a focus on recycling, reducing, reusing and sourcing more environmentally-friendly materials into our processes. AAON recycled over 11,741 tons of metal in 2020. Our facilities also recycle paper, wood and cardboard where available. Through our partnership with a waste to energy facility, we successfully diverted over 556 tons of waste from landfills. We continue to innovate ways to reduce and reuse shipping packaging between facilities and identify new opportunities to reduce or reuse items in our production and administrative areas.

Human Capital Resources

As of February 23, 2021, we employed 2,268 direct employees and contract personnel, a 2.8% decrease when compared to the same period 2020 and a 2.1% increase when compared to 2019. Our employees are not represented by unions or other collective bargaining agreements. Management considers its relations with our employees to be good.

We believe our employees are key to achieving our business objectives. In the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, we put COVID-19 prevention protocols in place to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our workplaces. These protocols, which remain in place, meet or exceed the Centers for Disease Control guidelines and where applicable, state and local mandates.

Our key human capital measures include employee safety, turnover, absenteeism, and production. We frequently benchmark our compensation practices and benefits programs against those of comparable industries and in the geographic areas where our facilities are located. We believe that our compensation and employee benefits are competitive and allow us to attract and retain skilled and unskilled labor throughout our organization. Some of our notable health, welfare, and retirement benefits include:

- Employee medical plan (with 175% employer health saving plan match)
- 401(k) Plan (with 175% employer match)
- Profit sharing bonus plan
- Tuition assistance program
- Paid time off

Available Information

Our Internet website address is <http://www.aaon.com>. Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, will be available free of charge through our Internet website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. The information on our website is not a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this annual report on Form 10-K.

Copies of any materials we file with the SEC can also be obtained free of charge through the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>, at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, or by calling the SEC at 1-800-732-0330.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

The following risks and uncertainties may affect our performance and results of operations. The discussion below contains “forward-looking statements” as outlined in the Forward-Looking Statements section above. Our ability to mitigate risks may cause our future results to materially differ from what we currently anticipate. Additionally, the ability of our competitors to react to material risks will affect our future results.

Risks Related to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows, and stock price can be adversely affected by pandemics, epidemics, or other public health emergencies, such as COVID-19.

Our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows, and stock price can be adversely affected by pandemics, epidemics, or other public health emergencies, such as COVID-19. In March 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. The outbreak has resulted in governments around the world implementing increasingly stringent measures to help control the spread of the virus, including quarantines, “shelter in place” and “stay at home” orders, travel restrictions, business curtailments, school closures, and other measures. In addition, governments and central banks in several parts of the world have enacted fiscal and monetary stimulus measures to counteract the impacts of COVID-19.

We are considered a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Although we have continued to operate our facilities to date consistent with federal guidelines and state and local orders, the outbreak of COVID-19 and any preventive or protective actions taken by governmental authorities may have a material adverse effect on our operations, supply chain, customers, and transportation networks, including business shutdowns or disruptions. The extent to which COVID-19 may adversely impact our business depends on future developments, which are highly uncertain and unpredictable, depending upon the severity and duration of the outbreak and the effectiveness of actions taken globally to contain or mitigate its effects. Any resulting financial impact cannot be estimated reasonably at this time, but may materially adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows. Even after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, we may experience materially adverse impacts to our business due to any resulting economic recession or depression. Additionally, concerns over the economic impact of COVID-19 have caused extreme volatility in financial and other capital markets which may adversely impact our stock price and our ability to access capital markets. To the extent the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affects our business and financial results, it may also have the effect of heightening many of the other risks described in this Annual Report, such as those relating to our products and financial performance.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our business can be hurt by economic conditions.

Our business is affected by a number of economic factors, including the level of economic activity in the markets in which we operate. Sales in the commercial and industrial new construction markets correlate to the number of new homes and buildings that are built, which in turn is influenced by cyclical factors such as interest rates, inflation, consumer spending habits, employment rates, and other macroeconomic factors over which we have no control. In the HVAC business, a decline in economic activity as a result of these cyclical or other factors typically results in a decline in new construction and replacement purchases which could impact our sales volume and profitability.

Our results of operations and financial condition could be negatively impacted by the loss of a major customer.

From time to time in the past we derived a significant portion of our sales from a limited number of customers, and such concentration may continue in the future. In 2020, 2019, and 2018, one customer, Texas AirSystems, accounted for more than 10% of our sales. The loss of, or significant reduction in sales to, a major customer could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flow. Further, the addition of new major customers in the future could increase our customer concentration risks as described above.

We may incur material costs as a result of warranty and product liability claims that would negatively affect our profitability.

The development, manufacture, sale and use of our products involve a risk of warranty and product liability claims. Our product liability insurance policies have limits that, if exceeded, may result in material costs that would have an adverse effect on our future profitability. In addition, warranty claims are not covered by our product liability insurance and there may be types of product liability claims that are also not covered by our product liability insurance.

We depend on our senior leadership team and the loss of our chief executive officer or one or more key employees or an inability to attract and retain highly skilled employees could adversely affect our business.

Our success depends largely upon the continued services of our officers and senior leadership team. In particular, our chief executive officer, Gary D. Fields, is critical to our vision, strategic direction, culture, and overall business success. Furthermore, Mr. Fields' extensive industry knowledge and sales-channel experience would be difficult to replace. We also rely on our senior leadership team in the areas of research and development, marketing, production, sales, and general and administrative functions. From time to time, there may be changes in our senior leadership team resulting from the hiring or departure of senior leadership team members, which could disrupt our business. While we have have a robust succession plan in place for each one of our officers and senior leadership team members, the loss of one or more could have a serious adverse effect on our business.

We do not maintain key-man insurance for Gary D. Fields or any other member of our senior leadership team. We do not have employment agreements with our officers or senior leadership team members that require them to continue to work for us for any specified period and, therefore, they could terminate their employment with us at any time.

Operations may be affected by natural disasters, especially since most of our operations are performed at a single location.

Natural disasters such as tornadoes and ice storms, as well as accidents, acts of terror, infection, and other factors beyond our control could adversely affect our operations. Especially, as our facilities are in areas where tornadoes are likely to occur, and the majority of our operations are at our Tulsa facilities, the effects of natural disasters and other events could damage our facilities and equipment and force a temporary halt to manufacturing and other operations, and such events could consequently cause severe damage to our business. We maintain insurance against these sorts of events (\$100 million of total coverage with a per occurrence deductible of \$7.5 million); however, this is not guaranteed to cover all the losses and damages incurred. Furthermore, we may experience increases in our insurance premium costs in relation to these matters that may have a material adverse effect upon our business, liquidity, financial condition, or results of operations.

If we are unable to hire, develop or retain employees, it could have an adverse effect on our business.

We compete to hire new employees and then seek to train them to develop their skills. We may not be able to successfully recruit, develop, and retain the personnel we need. Unplanned turnover or failure to hire and retain a diverse, skilled workforce, could increase our operating costs and adversely affect our results of operations.

Variability in self-insurance liability estimates could impact our results of operations.

We self-insure for employee health insurance and workers' compensation insurance coverage up to a predetermined level, beyond which we maintain stop-loss insurance from a third-party insurer for claims over \$225,000 and \$750,000 for employee health insurance claims and workers' compensation insurance claims, respectively. Our aggregate exposure varies from year to year based upon the number of participants in our insurance plans. We estimate our self-insurance liabilities using an analysis provided by our claims administrator and our historical claims experience. Our accruals for insurance reserves reflect these estimates and other management judgments, which are subject to a high degree of variability. If the number or severity of claims for which we self-insure increases, it could cause a material and adverse change to our reserves for self-insurance liabilities, as well as to our earnings.

Risks Related to Our Brand and Product Offerings

We may not be able to compete favorably in the highly competitive HVAC business.

Competition in our various markets could cause us to reduce our prices or lose market share, which could have an adverse effect on our future financial results. Substantially all of the markets in which we participate are highly competitive. The most significant competitive factors we face are product reliability, product performance, service, and price, with the relative importance of these factors varying among our product line. Other factors that affect competition in the HVAC market include the development and application of new technologies and an increasing emphasis on the development of more efficient HVAC products. Moreover, new product introductions are an important factor in the market categories in which our products compete. Several of our competitors have greater financial and other resources than we have, allowing them to invest in more extensive research and development. We may not be able to compete successfully against current and future competition and current and future competitive pressures faced by us may materially adversely affect our business and results of operations.

We may not be able to successfully develop and market new products.

Our future success will depend upon our continued investment in research and new product development and our ability to continue to achieve new technological advances in the HVAC industry. Our inability to continue to successfully develop and market new products or our inability to implement technological advances on a pace consistent with that of our competitors could lead to a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Furthermore, our continued investment in new product development may render certain legacy products and components obsolete resulting in increased inventory obsolescence expense that may have a material adverse effect upon our financial condition or results of operations.

Risks Related to Material Sourcing and Supply

We may be adversely affected by problems in the availability, or increases in the prices, of raw materials and components.

Problems in the availability, or increases in the prices, of raw materials or components could depress our sales or increase the costs of our products. We are dependent upon components purchased from third parties, as well as raw materials such as steel, copper and aluminum. Occasionally, we enter into cancellable and non-cancellable contracts on terms from six to 18 months for raw materials and components at fixed prices. However, if a key supplier is unable or unwilling to meet our supply requirements, we could experience supply interruptions or cost increases, either of which could have an adverse effect on our gross profit.

We risk having losses resulting from the use of non-cancellable fixed price contracts.

Historically, we have attempted to limit the impact of price fluctuations on commodities by entering into non-cancellable fixed price contracts with our major suppliers for periods of six to 18 months. We expect to receive delivery of raw materials from our fixed price contracts for use in our manufacturing operations. These fixed price contracts are not accounted for using hedge accounting since they meet the normal purchases and sales exemption.

Risks Related to Electronic Data Processing and Digital Information

Our business is subject to the risks of interruptions by cybersecurity attacks.

We depend upon information technology infrastructure, including network, hardware and software systems to conduct our business. Despite our implementation of network and other cybersecurity measures, our information technology system and networks could be disrupted due to technological problems, a cyber-attack, acts of terrorism, severe weather, a solar event, an electromagnetic event, a natural disaster, the age and condition of information technology assets, human error, or other reasons. To date, we have not experienced a material impact to our business or operations resulting from cyber-security or other similar information attacks, but due to the ever-evolving attack methods, as well as the increased amount and level of sophistication of these attacks, our security measures may not be adequate to protect against highly targeted sophisticated cyber-attacks, or other improper disclosures of confidential and/or sensitive information. Additionally, we may have access to confidential or other sensitive information of our customers, which, despite our efforts to protect, may be vulnerable to security breaches, theft, or other improper disclosure. Any cyber-related attack or other improper disclosure of confidential information could have a material adverse effect on our business, as well as other negative consequences, including significant damage to our reputation, litigation, regulatory actions, and increased cost. The Company maintains cyber-security insurance, however, the coverage may not be sufficient to cover all financial losses.

Risks Related to Governmental Regulation and Policies

Exposure to environmental liabilities could adversely affect our results of operations.

Our future profitability could be adversely affected by current or future environmental laws. We are subject to extensive and changing federal, state and local laws and regulations designed to protect the environment in the United States and in other parts of the world. These laws and regulations could impose liability for remediation costs and result in civil or criminal penalties in case of non-compliance. Compliance with environmental laws increases our costs of doing business. Because these laws are subject to frequent change, we are unable to predict the future costs resulting from environmental compliance.

We are subject to potentially extreme governmental regulations and policies.

We always face the possibility of new governmental regulations, policies and trade agreements which could have a substantial or even extreme negative effect on our operations and profitability. Several intrusive component part governmental regulations are in process. If these proposals become final rules, the effect would be the regulation of compressors and fans in products for which the Department of Energy does not have current authority. This could affect equipment we currently manufacture and could have an impact on our product design, operations, and profitability.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act contains provisions to improve transparency and accountability concerning the supply of certain minerals, known as “conflict minerals”, originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries. As a result, in August 2012, the SEC adopted annual disclosure and reporting requirements for those companies who use conflict minerals in their products. Accordingly, we began our reasonable country of origin inquiries in fiscal year 2013, with initial disclosure requirements beginning in May 2014. There are costs associated with complying with these disclosure requirements, including for due diligence to determine the sources of conflict minerals used in our products and other potential changes to products, processes or sources of supply as a consequence of such verification activities. The implementation of these rules could adversely affect the sourcing, supply, and pricing of materials used in our products. As there may be only a limited number of suppliers offering “conflict free” conflict minerals, we cannot be sure that we will be able to obtain necessary conflict minerals from such suppliers in sufficient quantities or at competitive prices. Also, we may face reputational challenges if we determine that certain of our products contain minerals not determined to be conflict free or if we are unable to sufficiently verify the origins for all conflict minerals used in our products through the procedures we may implement.

Our operations could be negatively impacted by new legislation as well as changes in regulations and trade agreements, including tariffs and taxes. Unfavorable conditions resulting from such changes could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to adverse changes in tax laws.

Our tax expense or benefits could be adversely affected by changes in tax provisions, unfavorable findings in tax examinations, or differing interpretations by tax authorities. We are unable to estimate the impact that current and future tax proposals and tax laws could have on our results of operations. We are currently subject to state and local tax examinations for which we do not expect any major assessments.

We are subject to international regulations that could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Due to our use of representatives in foreign markets, we are subject to many laws governing international relations, including those that prohibit improper payments to government officials and commercial customers, and restrict where we can do business, what information or products we can supply to certain countries and what information we can provide to a non-U.S. government, including but not limited to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, U.K. Bribery Act and the U.S. Export Administration Act. Violations of these laws, which are complex, may result in criminal penalties or sanctions that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Inherent to an Investment in AON, Inc.

In the fourth quarter of 2019, we identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting. Our failure to establish and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could result in material misstatements in our financial statements and cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which in turn could cause the trading price of our outstanding stock to decline.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, we identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting related to the appropriate policies and procedures in place to properly recognize share-based compensation for retirement eligible participants in our Long-Term Incentive Plans. For further information regarding this matter, please refer to Item 9A. *Controls and Procedures* in the 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information and Item 4b. *Controls and Procedures* in the March 31, 2020 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for remediation efforts in 2020. We concluded that this material weakness was remediated as of March 31, 2020.

Management's ongoing assessment of internal control over financial reporting may in the future identify additional weaknesses and conditions that need to be addressed. Any failure to improve our internal control over financial reporting to address identified weaknesses in the future, if they were to occur, could prevent us from maintaining accurate accounting records and discovering material accounting errors, which in turn, could adversely affect our business and the value of our outstanding stock.

We corrected certain of our previously issued consolidated financial statements, which may affect investor confidence and raise reputational issues.

As discussed in the *Explanatory Note* preceding Item 1, *Business*, in Note 2, *Error Correction*, and in Note 25, *Quarterly Results (Unaudited)*, in the 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K, we reached a determination to correct our consolidated financial statements at December 31, 2018 and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, selected financial data at and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and each of the unaudited quarterly periods September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019, March 31, 2019, December 31, 2018, September 31, 2018, June 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018. These corrections were presented in the 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K. As a result, we have become subject to a number of additional risks and uncertainties, which may affect investor confidence in the accuracy of our financial disclosures and may raise reputational issues for our business.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

As of December 31, 2020, we own all of our Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Longview, Texas, facilities, consisting of approximately two million square feet of space for office, manufacturing, research and development, warehouse, assembly operations, and parts sales. We believe that our facilities are well maintained and are in good condition and suitable for the conduct of our business.

Our plant and office facilities in Tulsa, Oklahoma, consist of a 342,000 sq. ft. building (327,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing/warehouse space and 15,000 sq. ft. of office space) located on a 12-acre tract of land at 2425 South Yukon Avenue, and a 940,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/warehouse building and a 70,000 sq. ft. office building located on an approximately 79-acre tract of land across the street from the original facility (2440 South Yukon Avenue) (collectively, the “Tulsa facilities”).

Our plant and office facilities in Longview, Texas, consist of a 263,000 sq. ft. building (256,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing/warehouse space and 7,000 sq. ft. of office space) located on a 13-acre tract of land at 203-207 Gum Springs Road. In August 2019, construction began, adjacent to our current Longview, Texas facilities, on a 224,000 sq. ft. building expansion (210,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing/warehouse space and 12,000 sq. ft. of office space) located on an approximately 22-acre tract of land. The new building was completed and became operational in early 2021 and will be used for both equipment manufacturing operations and coil warehouse storage.

Our manufacturing areas are heavy industrial type buildings, with some coverage by overhead cranes, containing manufacturing equipment designed for sheet metal fabrication and metal stamping. The manufacturing equipment contained in the facilities consists primarily of automated sheet metal fabrication equipment, supplemented by presses. Assembly lines consist of cart-type and roller-type conveyor lines with variable line speed adjustment, which are motor driven. Subassembly areas and production line manning are based upon line speed.

Our operations in Parkville, Missouri, are conducted in a leased plant/office at 8500 NW River Park Drive, containing 51,000 sq. ft. We believe that the leased facility is well maintained and in good condition and suitable for the conduct of our business.

In addition to a retail parts store location at our Tulsa facilities, we also own a 13,500 sq. ft. stand alone building (7,500 sq. ft. warehouse and 6,000 sq. ft. office) which is utilized as an additional retail parts store to provide our customers more accessibly to our products. The building is on approximately one acre and is located at 9528 E 51st St in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In 2019, we opened our new engineering research and development laboratory at the Tulsa facilities, since named the Norman Asbjornson Innovation Center. The three-story 134,000 square foot stand alone facility is both an acoustical and a performance measuring laboratory. This facility currently consists of ten test chambers, two more test chambers to be completed in first quarter 2021, allowing AAON to meet and maintain industry certifications. This facility is located West of the 940,000 sq. ft. manufacturing/warehouse building at 2425 South Yukon Avenue.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

We are not a party to any pending legal proceeding which management believes is likely to result in a material liability and no such action has been threatened against us, or, to the best of our knowledge, is contemplated.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosure.

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Our common stock is quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “AAON”. The table below summarizes the intraday high and low reported sale prices for our common stock for the past two fiscal years. As of the close of business on February 22, 2021, there were 964 holders of record of our common stock.

| <u>Quarter Ended</u> | <u>High</u> | <u>Low</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|
| March 31, 2019 | \$46.69 | \$33.52 |
| June 30, 2019 | \$52.50 | \$44.36 |
| September 30, 2019 | \$53.27 | \$43.34 |
| December 31, 2019 | \$51.07 | \$42.57 |
| March 31, 2020 | \$60.00 | \$40.48 |
| June 30, 2020 | \$59.35 | \$43.84 |
| September 30, 2020 | \$61.24 | \$52.56 |
| December 31, 2020 | \$69.41 | \$56.27 |

Dividends - At the discretion of the Board of Directors, we pay semi-annual cash dividends. Board approval is required to determine the date of declaration and amount for each semi-annual dividend payment.

Our recent dividends are as follows:

| <u>Declaration Date</u> | <u>Record Date</u> | <u>Payment Date</u> | <u>Dividend per Share</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| May 18, 2018 | June 8, 2018 | July 6, 2018 | \$0.16 |
| November 8, 2018 | November 29, 2018 | December 20, 2018 | \$0.16 |
| May 20, 2019 | June 3, 2019 | July 1, 2019 | \$0.16 |
| November 6, 2019 | November 27, 2019 | December 18, 2019 | \$0.16 |
| May 15, 2020 | June 3, 2020 | July 1, 2020 | \$0.19 |
| November 10, 2020 | November 27, 2020 | December 18, 2020 | \$0.19 |

The following is a summary of our share-based compensation plans as of December 31, 2020:

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

| Plan category | (a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights | (b) Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights | (c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| The 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan | 214,780 | \$ 18.80 | — |
| The 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan | 525,281 | \$ 37.18 | 4,228,769 |

Repurchases during the fourth quarter of 2020, which include repurchases from our open market, 401(k) and employee repurchase programs, were as follows:

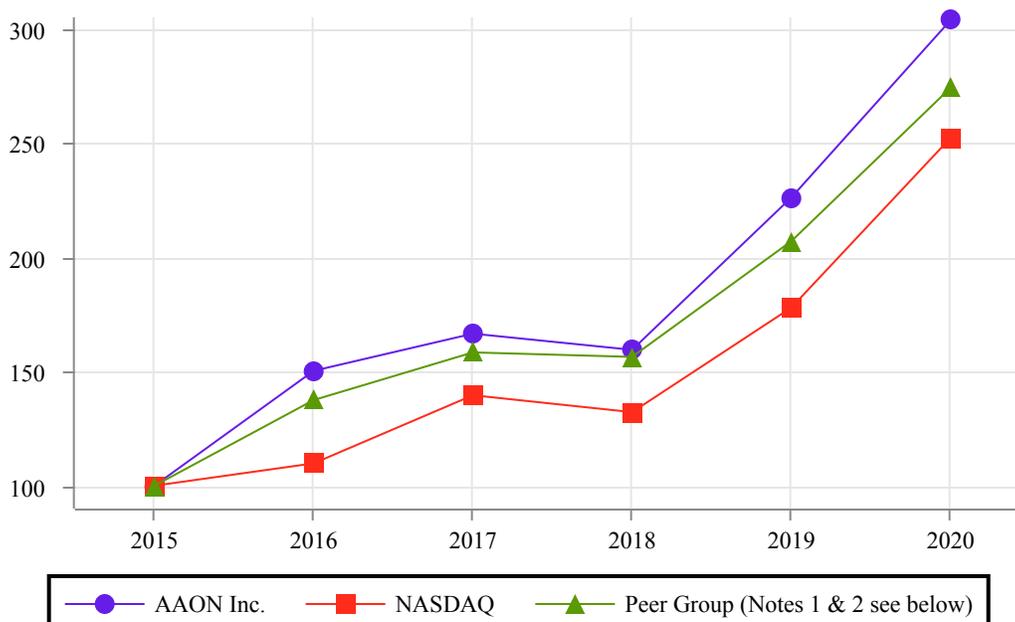
ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares (or Units Purchased) | (b) Average Price Paid (Per Share or Unit) | (c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that may yet be Purchased under the Plans or Programs |
|---------------|--|---|---|---|
| October 2020 | 48,353 | \$ 62.73 | 48,353 | — |
| November 2020 | 50,651 | 64.42 | 50,651 | — |
| December 2020 | 37,423 | 64.48 | 37,423 | — |
| Total | 136,427 | \$ 63.84 | 136,427 | — |

Comparative Stock Performance Graph

The following performance graph compares our cumulative total shareholder return, the NASDAQ Composite and a peer group of publically traded U.S. industrial manufacturing companies in the air conditioning, ventilation, and heating exchange equipment markets from December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2020. Our peer group includes Lennox International, Inc., Trane Technologies plc (formerly Ingersoll-Rand plc), Johnson Controls International plc, and Carrier Global Corporation (formerly United Technologies Corporation). The graph assumes that \$100 was invested at the close of trading December 31, 2015, with reinvestment of dividends. This table is not intended to forecast future performance of our Common Stock.

Comparison of Five Year Cumulative Total Return Assumes Initial Investment of \$100 December 31, 2020



¹On March 2, 2020, Trane Technologies PLC (formerly known as Ingersoll-Rand plc) spun off its industrial assets, which made up over 50% of the company’s sales. Thus, historical stock performance prior to the divestiture is not fully representative of the current company’s assets.

²On April 3, 2020, Carrier Global Corporation was spun off from its parent company, United Technologies Corporation. We have included Carrier's cumulative total shareholder return from April 3, 2020 through December 31, 2020 assuming \$100 was invested at the close of trading on April 3, 2020.

This stock performance graph is not deemed to be “soliciting material” or otherwise be considered to be “filed” with the SEC or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and should not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into such a filing.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data* thereto included under Item 8 of this report and *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* contained in Item 7.

| Results of Operations: | Years Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | <i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i> | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 514,551 | \$ 469,333 | \$ 433,947 | \$ 405,232 | \$ 383,977 |
| Net income | \$ 79,009 | \$ 53,711 | \$ 42,329 | \$ 53,830 | \$ 53,020 |
| Earnings per share: | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.51 | \$ 1.03 | \$ 0.81 | \$ 1.02 | \$ 1.00 |
| Diluted | \$ 1.49 | \$ 1.02 | \$ 0.80 | \$ 1.01 | \$ 0.99 |
| Cash dividends declared per common share: | \$ 0.38 | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.24 |

| Financial Position at End of Fiscal Year: | December 31, | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | | |
| Working capital | \$ 161,218 | \$ 131,521 | \$ 93,167 | \$ 104,002 | \$ 102,287 |
| Total assets | 449,008 | 371,424 | 307,994 | 296,590 | 256,335 |
| Revolving credit facility | — | — | — | — | — |
| New market tax credit obligation | 6,363 | 6,320 | — | — | — |
| Total stockholders' equity | 350,865 | 290,140 | 249,443 | 238,925 | 208,410 |

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Overview

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the other sections of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in Item 8, *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*.

Description of the Company

We engineer, manufacture, market, and sell air conditioning and heating equipment consisting of standard, semi-custom, and custom rooftop units, chillers, packaged outdoor mechanical rooms, air handling units, makeup air units, energy recovery units, condensing units, geothermal/water-source heat pump, coils, and controls. These products are marketed and sold to retail, manufacturing, educational, lodging, supermarket, medical, and other commercial industries. We market our products to all 50 states in the United States and certain provinces in Canada.

Our business can be affected by a number of economic factors, including the level of economic activity in the markets in which we operate. The recent uncertainty of the economy has negatively impacted the commercial and industrial new construction markets. A further decline in economic activity could result in a decrease in our sales volume and profitability. Sales in the commercial and industrial new construction markets correlate closely to the number of new homes and buildings that are built, which in turn is influenced by cyclical factors such as interest rates, inflation, consumer spending habits, employment rates, and other macroeconomic factors over which we have no control.

We sell our products to property owners and contractors through a network of independent manufacturers' representatives and our internal sales force. The demand for our products is influenced by national and regional economic and demographic factors. The commercial and industrial new construction market is subject to cyclical fluctuations in that it is generally tied to housing starts, but has a lag factor of six to 18 months. Housing starts, in turn, are affected by such factors as interest rates, the state of the economy, population growth, and the relative age of the population. When new construction is down, we emphasize the replacement market. The new construction market in 2020 continued to be unpredictable and uneven. Thus, throughout the year, we emphasized promotion of the benefits of AAON equipment to property owners in the replacement market.

The principal components of cost of sales are labor, raw materials, component costs, factory overhead, freight out, and engineering expense. The principal high volume raw materials used in our manufacturing processes are steel, copper, and aluminum. We also purchase from other manufacturers certain components, including compressors, motors, and electrical controls.

The price levels of our raw materials fluctuate given that the market continues to be volatile and unpredictable as a result of the uncertainty related to the U.S. economy and global economy. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the prices for copper, galvanized steel, stainless steel and aluminum increased approximately 0.6%, 12.2%, 8.5%, and 12.8%, respectively, from 2019. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the prices for copper, galvanized steel and stainless steel decreased approximately 3.2%, 5.8%, 2.3%, and 1.6%, respectively, from 2018.

We attempt to limit the impact of price fluctuations on these materials by entering into cancellable and non-cancellable fixed price contracts with our major suppliers for periods of six to 18 months. We expect to receive delivery of raw materials from our fixed price contracts for use in our manufacturing operations.

The following are highlights of our results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition:

- In 2020, we fully realized the price increases put in place during 2019.
- We continued to become more efficient. Our gross profit percentage improved from 25.4% during the year ended in 2019 to 30.3% in 2020 despite employee absenteeism, mostly in June, related to COVID-19.
- Our warranty expense has continued to improve from 2018 through 2020.
- We honored our founder and Executive Chairman, Norman Asbjornson, with a donation to Winifred Public Schools of \$1.25 million.
- With a record year, were able to reward our employees with increased profit sharing and bonuses.
- We spent \$67.8 million in capital expenditures in 2020, over half of which was for our new building in Longview, Texas.
- We recognized a gain of \$6.4 million from the receipt of insurance proceeds related to our roof on our Tulsa facility that sustained hail damage in the spring.
- Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash was \$82.3 million at December 31, 2020.

Results of Operations

Units sold for years ended December 31:

| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rooftop Units | 15,713 | 14,448 | 15,273 |
| Condensing Units | 1,920 | 1,738 | 2,007 |
| Air Handlers | 2,073 | 2,372 | 2,500 |
| Outdoor Mechanical Rooms | 33 | 33 | 38 |
| Water-Source Heat Pumps | 6,492 | 7,716 | 5,334 |
| Total Units | 26,231 | 26,307 | 25,152 |

Year Ended December 31, 2020 vs. Year Ended December 31, 2019

Net Sales

| | Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|-------------|---|------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | \$ Change | % Change |
| | <i>(in thousands, except unit data)</i> | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 514,551 | \$ 469,333 | \$ 45,218 | 9.6 % |
| Total units | 26,231 | 26,307 | (76) | (0.3)% |

Our sales increased 9.6%, or \$45.2 million mostly due to the increase in rooftop sales which increased by \$51.5 million (increase of 15%). The increase in rooftop units sales was due in part to our increased sheet metal production from the additional Salvagnini machines that were placed into operation allowing increased production (1,265 units or 9% unit increase over 2019) and from price increases put in place over the last year.

Cost of Sales

| | Years Ended December 31, | | Percent of Sales | |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Cost of sales | \$ 358,702 | \$ 349,908 | 69.7 % | 74.6 % |
| Gross Profit | \$ 155,849 | \$ 119,425 | 30.3 % | 25.4 % |

The principal components of cost of sales are labor, raw materials, component costs, factory overhead, freight out, and engineering expense. The principal high volume raw materials used in our manufacturing processes are steel, copper, and aluminum. As shown below, our average raw material prices increased during the year. However, the Company had increased its inventory levels in 2019 and early 2020 at lower prices and was able to benefit from these lower priced raw materials as the stock was consumed in 2020. The Company continues to closely monitor its raw materials prices to try and purchase quantities when there are dips in the market. The Company improved its labor and overhead efficiencies with our new sheet metal machines that were placed into service in the last quarter of 2019 and early 2020, eliminating any bottlenecks in our sheet metal production. The Company's headcount was also down compared to 2019, resulting in a higher production output per employee.

Twelve month average raw material cost per pound as of December 31:

| | 2020 | 2019 | % Change |
|------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Copper | \$ 3.65 | \$ 3.63 | 0.6 % |
| Galvanized Steel | \$ 0.55 | \$ 0.49 | 12.2 % |
| Stainless Steel | \$ 1.41 | \$ 1.30 | 8.5 % |
| Aluminum | \$ 2.02 | \$ 1.79 | 12.8 % |

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

| | Years Ended December 31, | | Percent of Sales | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Warranty | \$ 6,621 | \$ 8,047 | 1.3 % | 1.7 % |
| Profit Sharing | 11,593 | 7,448 | 2.3 % | 1.6 % |
| Salaries & Benefits | 20,159 | 13,394 | 3.9 % | 2.9 % |
| Stock Compensation | 5,341 | 6,690 | 1.0 % | 1.4 % |
| Advertising | 823 | 818 | 0.2 % | 0.2 % |
| Depreciation | 1,999 | 1,524 | 0.4 % | 0.3 % |
| Insurance | 1,066 | 805 | 0.2 % | 0.2 % |
| Professional Fees | 2,514 | 2,738 | 0.5 % | 0.6 % |
| Donations | 2,115 | 1,137 | 0.4 % | 0.2 % |
| Bad Debt Expense | 153 | 91 | — % | — % |
| Other | 8,107 | 9,385 | 1.6 % | 2.0 % |
| Total SG&A | <u>\$ 60,491</u> | <u>\$ 52,077</u> | <u>11.8 %</u> | <u>11.1 %</u> |

The Company experienced a decrease in warranty claims paid of 15.6% in 2020. Our profit sharing expenses are up due to higher earnings. Salaries & benefits increased due to additional bonuses and employee incentives. Stock compensation was lower because the valuation of the Company-wide equity grant awarded in March 2020 was less than the grant awarded in March 2019. Donations increased due to the contribution of approximately \$1.3 million to Winifred, Montana Public Schools in recognition of Norman H. Asbjornson's transition from CEO to Executive Chairman.

Income Taxes

| | Years Ended December 31, | | Effective Tax Rate | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Income tax provision | \$ 22,966 | \$ 13,320 | 22.5 % | 19.9 % |

Upon completion of the Company's 2018 tax return in 2019, the Company recorded additional benefit due to higher than expected research and development credit of \$0.6 million. Additionally in 2019, the Company determined it could take advantage of an additional 1% tax credit in Oklahoma for years in which the Company's location was deemed to be within an enterprise zone. The additional Oklahoma Credit for being in an enterprise zone, or otherwise allowable under Oklahoma law, resulted in a benefit of \$1.2 million.

Year Ended December 31, 2019 vs. Year Ended December 31, 2018

Net Sales

| | Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|-------------|---|------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | \$ Change | % Change |
| | <i>(in thousands, except unit data)</i> | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 469,333 | \$ 433,947 | \$ 35,386 | 8.2 % |
| Total units | 26,307 | 25,152 | 1,155 | 4.6 % |

Most of the increase in revenues was due to our price increases in 2018 which were realized during 2019. Additionally, our parts sales and water-source heat pumps sales grew with increases of \$7.0 million and \$10.8 million, respectively.

Cost of Sales

| | Years Ended December 31, | | Percent of Sales | |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------|--------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Cost of sales | \$ 349,908 | \$ 330,414 | 74.6 % | 76.1 % |
| Gross Profit | \$ 119,425 | \$ 103,533 | 25.4 % | 23.9 % |

The principal components of cost of sales are labor, raw materials, component costs, factory overhead, freight out, and engineering expense. The principal high volume raw materials used in our manufacturing processes are steel, copper, and aluminum. As shown below, our average raw material prices decreased from 2018 to 2019. The Company also maintained a steady level of workforce throughout 2019.

Twelve month average raw material cost per pound as of December 31:

| | 2019 | 2018 | % Change |
|------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Copper | \$ 3.63 | \$ 3.75 | (3.2)% |
| Galvanized Steel | \$ 0.49 | \$ 0.52 | (5.8)% |
| Stainless Steel | \$ 1.30 | \$ 1.33 | (2.3)% |
| Aluminum | \$ 1.79 | \$ 1.82 | (1.6)% |

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

| | Years Ended December 31, | | Percent of Sales | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Warranty | \$ 8,047 | \$ 8,807 | 1.7 % | 2.0 % |
| Profit Sharing | 7,448 | 6,165 | 1.6 % | 1.4 % |
| Salaries & Benefits | 13,394 | 12,638 | 2.9 % | 2.9 % |
| Stock Compensation | 6,690 | 4,733 | 1.4 % | 1.1 % |
| Advertising | 818 | 762 | 0.2 % | 0.2 % |
| Depreciation | 1,524 | 950 | 0.3 % | 0.2 % |
| Insurance | 805 | 1,235 | 0.2 % | 0.3 % |
| Professional Fees | 2,738 | 2,441 | 0.6 % | 0.6 % |
| Donations | 1,137 | 933 | 0.2 % | 0.2 % |
| Bad Debt Expense | 91 | 174 | — % | — % |
| Other | 9,385 | 9,356 | 2.0 % | 2.2 % |
| Total SG&A | <u>\$ 52,077</u> | <u>\$ 48,194</u> | <u>11.1 %</u> | <u>11.1 %</u> |

The Company experienced a decrease in warranty claims paid of 13.4% in 2019. Our profit sharing expenses increased due to higher earnings. Depreciation increased due to the continued expansion of our facilities. The Company makes company wide equity grants each year that caused our increase in stock compensation. We raised our minimum wage twice during 2019 to keep our salaries consistent with market rates to help retain employees.

Income Taxes

| | Years Ended December 31, | | Effective Tax Rate | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | |
| Income tax provision | \$ 13,320 | \$ 13,171 | 19.9 % | 23.7 % |

Upon completion of the Company's 2018 tax return in 2019, the Company recorded additional benefit due to higher than expected research and development credit of \$0.6 million. Additionally in 2019, the Company determined it could take advantage of an additional 1% tax credit in Oklahoma for years in which the Company's location was deemed to be within an enterprise zone. The additional Oklahoma Credit for being in an enterprise zone, or otherwise allowable under Oklahoma law, resulted in a benefit of \$1.2 million.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our working capital and capital expenditure requirements are generally met through net cash provided by operations and the occasional use of the revolving bank line of credit based on our current liquidity at the time.

Working Capital - Our unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and increased \$52.2 million from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2020. As of December 31, 2020, we had \$82.3 million in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash.

Revolving Line of Credit - On July 26, 2018 we renewed our \$30.0 million line of credit (“BOK Revolver”) with BOKF, NA dba Bank of Oklahoma (“Bank of Oklahoma”). Under the line of credit, there was one standby letter of credit of \$1.8 million as of December 31, 2020. At December 31, 2020 we have \$28.2 million of borrowings available under the revolving credit facility. No fees are associated with the unused portion of the committed amount.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no outstanding balances under the revolving credit facility. Interest on borrowings is payable monthly at LIBOR plus 2.0%. The weighted average interest rate was 2.6% and 4.3% for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

At December 31, 2020, we were in compliance with all of the covenants under the BOK Revolver. We are obligated to comply with certain financial covenants under the BOK Revolver. These covenants require that we meet certain parameters related to our tangible net worth and total liabilities to tangible net worth ratio. At December 31, 2020, our tangible net worth was \$350.9 million, which meets the requirement of being at or above \$175.0 million. Our total liabilities to tangible net worth ratio was 0.3 to 1.0 which meets the requirement of not being above 2 to 1.

New Market Tax Credit Obligation - On October 24, 2019, the Company entered into a transaction with a subsidiary of an unrelated third-party financial institution (the “Investor”) and a certified Community Development Entity under a qualified New Markets Tax Credit (“NMTC”) program pursuant to Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, related to an investment in plant and equipment to facilitate the expansion of our Longview, Texas manufacturing operations (the “Project”). In connection with the NMTC transaction, the Company received a \$23.0 million NMTC allocation for the Project and secured low interest financing and the potential for future debt forgiveness related to the expansion of its Longview, Texas facilities.

Upon closing of the NMTC transaction, the Company provided an aggregate of approximately \$15.9 million to the Investor, in the form of a loan receivable, with a term of twenty-five years, bearing an interest rate of 1.0%. This \$15.9 million in proceeds plus capital contributed from the Investor was used to make an aggregate \$22.5 million loan to a subsidiary of the Company. This financing arrangement is secured by equipment at the Company's Longview, Texas facilities, and a guarantee from the Company, including an unconditional guarantee of NMTCs.

Stock Repurchase - The Board has authorized three stock repurchase programs for the Company.

The Company may purchase shares on the open market from time to time, up to a total of 5.7 million shares. The Board must authorize the timing and amount of these purchases and all repurchases are in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC allowing the Company to repurchase shares from the open market.

Our open market repurchase programs are as follows:

| Agreement Execution Date | Authorized Repurchase \$ | Expiration Date |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| May 16, 2018 ¹ | \$15 million | March 1, 2019 |
| March 5, 2019 ¹ | \$20 million | March 4, 2020 |
| March 13, 2020 | \$20 million | ** ² |

¹ The 2018 and 2019 purchase authorizations were executed under 10b5-1 programs.

² Expiration Date is at Board's discretion. The Company is authorized to effectuate repurchases of the Company's common stock on terms and conditions approved in advance by the Board.

The Company also has a stock repurchase arrangement by which employee-participants in our 401(k) savings and investment plan are entitled to have shares in AAON, Inc. stock in their accounts sold to the Company. The maximum number of shares to be repurchased is contingent upon the number of shares sold by employee-participants.

Lastly, the Company repurchases shares of AAON, Inc. stock from certain of its directors and employees for payment of statutory tax withholdings on stock transactions. All other repurchases from directors or employees are contingent upon Board approval. All repurchases are done at current market prices.

Our repurchase activity is as follows:

| Program | 2020 | | | 2019 | | | 2018 | | |
|--|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| | Shares | Total \$ | \$ per share | Shares | Total \$ | \$ per share | Shares | Total \$ | \$ per share |
| <i>(in thousands, except share and per share data)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Open market | 103,689 | \$ 4,987 | \$ 48.10 | 5,799 | \$ 200 | \$ 34.46 | 252,272 | \$ 8,374 | \$ 33.19 |
| 401(k) | 438,921 | 25,073 | 57.12 | 419,963 | 19,386 | 46.16 | 497,753 | 18,472 | 37.11 |
| Directors and employees | 23,272 | 1,169 | 50.23 | 28,668 | 1,207 | 42.11 | 33,751 | 1,097 | 32.49 |
| Total | 565,882 | \$ 31,229 | \$ 55.19 | 454,430 | \$ 20,793 | \$ 45.76 | 783,776 | \$ 27,943 | \$ 35.65 |

| Program | Inception to Date | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Shares | Total \$ | \$ per share |
| <i>(in thousands, except share and per share data)</i> | | | |
| Open market | 4,205,255 | \$ 74,793 | \$ 17.79 |
| 401(k) | 7,906,660 | 145,000 | 18.34 |
| Directors and employees | 2,005,201 | 20,751 | 10.35 |
| Total | 14,117,116 | \$ 240,544 | \$ 17.04 |

Dividends - At the discretion of the Board of Directors, we pay semi-annual cash dividends. Board approval is required to determine the date of declaration and amount for each semi-annual dividend payment.

Our recent dividends are as follows:

| Declaration Date | Record Date | Payment Date | Dividend per Share |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| May 18, 2018 | June 8, 2018 | July 6, 2018 | \$0.16 |
| November 8, 2018 | November 29, 2018 | December 20, 2018 | \$0.16 |
| May 20, 2019 | June 3, 2019 | July 1, 2019 | \$0.16 |
| November 6, 2019 | November 27, 2019 | December 18, 2019 | \$0.16 |
| May 15, 2020 | June 3, 2020 | July 1, 2020 | \$0.19 |
| November 10, 2020 | November 27, 2020 | December 18, 2020 | \$0.19 |

Based on historical performance and current expectations, we believe our cash and cash equivalents balance, the projected cash flows generated from our operations, our existing committed revolving credit facility (or comparable financing), and our expected ability to access capital markets will satisfy our working capital needs, capital expenditures and other liquidity requirements associated with our operations in 2021 and the foreseeable future.

Statement of Cash Flows

The table below reflects a summary of our net cash flows provided by operating activities, net cash flows used in investing activities, and net cash flows used in financing activities for the years indicated.

| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Operating Activities | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 79,009 | \$ 53,711 | \$ 42,329 |
| Income statement adjustments, net | 44,793 | 42,440 | 28,513 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 19,859 | (13,412) | (2,832) |
| Income tax receivable | (3,815) | 5,129 | (4,448) |
| Inventories | (9,726) | 2,557 | (5,598) |
| Prepaid expenses and other | (2,364) | (329) | (528) |
| Accounts payable | (2,155) | 280 | (1,176) |
| Deferred revenue | 1,010 | 425 | 412 |
| Accrued liabilities | 2,203 | 7,124 | (1,816) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>128,814</u> | <u>97,925</u> | <u>54,856</u> |
| Investing Activities | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (67,802) | (37,166) | (37,268) |
| Insurance proceeds | 6,417 | — | — |
| Cash paid for business combination | — | — | (6,377) |
| Purchases of investments | — | (6,000) | (16,201) |
| Maturities of investments and proceeds from called investments | — | 6,000 | 25,145 |
| Other | 112 | 120 | 66 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(61,273)</u> | <u>(37,046)</u> | <u>(34,635)</u> |
| Financing Activities | | | |
| Proceeds from financing obligation, net of issuance costs | — | 6,614 | — |
| Payment related to financing costs | — | (301) | — |
| Stock options exercised | 21,418 | 12,625 | 4,987 |
| Repurchase of stock | (30,060) | (19,586) | (26,846) |
| Employee taxes paid by withholding shares | (1,169) | (1,207) | (1,097) |
| Cash dividends paid to stockholders | (19,815) | (16,645) | (16,728) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>\$ (29,626)</u> | <u>\$ (18,500)</u> | <u>\$ (39,684)</u> |

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash flows from operating activities increased in 2020 mainly as a result of our continuing operations which capitalized on our reduced lead times and second full year of benefiting from price increases enacted during 2018 and 2019, combined with an overall decrease in the average cost of inventory raw materials purchased in 2019. For 2019, the Company saw an increase in customer prepayments and lower warranty claims that decreased our liability payments. The positive warranty downward trend continued in 2020. In 2018, the Company's cash flows were tighter due to our capital expenditures and business combination that was completed during the year.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Cash flows from investing activities increased in 2020 as compared to 2019 and 2018. Cash flows from investing activities are primarily affected by the timing of our capital expenditures. In November 2020, we received approximately \$6.4 million from insurance proceeds which will be utilized to extend the useful life of our facility's roof in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Additionally, we paid approximately \$6.4 million in 2018 related to our February 2018 business combination.

The capital expenditures for 2020 relate to the completion of our Longview facility expansion as well as the addition to and replacement of sheet metal manufacturing equipment. The capital expenditures for 2019 relate to the completion of our R&D lab and water-source heat pump lines, along with the expansion of our Longview facility. Our capital expenditure program for 2021 is estimated to be approximately \$70.7 million. Many of these projects are subject to review and cancellation at the discretion of our CEO and Board of Directors without incurring substantial charges.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Cash flows from financing activities is primarily affected by the timing of stock options exercised by our employees. Cash flows from stock options exercised increased to the increase in our publically traded stock price. Additionally, we received approximately \$6.6 million in net proceeds in 2019 related to the New Markets Tax Credit transaction (Note 18). We also increased our dividend per share in 2020 from \$0.16 to \$0.19.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We are not party to any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues, expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, or capital resources.

Commitments and Contractual Agreements

We had no material contractual purchase agreements as of December 31, 2020.

Contingencies

We are subject to various claims and legal actions that arise in the ordinary course of business. We closely monitor these claims and legal actions and frequently consult with our legal counsel to determine whether they may, when resolved, have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows and we accrue and/or disclose loss contingencies as appropriate. We have concluded that the likelihood is remote that the ultimate resolution of any pending litigation or claims will be material or have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events, and apply judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenses in our consolidated financial statements and related notes. We base our estimates, assumptions, and judgments on historical experience, current trends and other factors believed to be relevant at the time our consolidated financial statements are prepared. However, because future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could differ from our estimates and assumptions, and such differences could be material. We believe the following critical accounting policies affect our more significant estimates, assumptions and judgments used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

Inventory Reserves – We establish a reserve for inventories based on the change in inventory requirements due to product line changes, the feasibility of using obsolete parts for upgraded part substitutions, the required parts needed for part supply sales and replacement parts, and for estimated shrinkage.

Warranty – A provision is made for estimated warranty costs at the time the product is shipped and revenue is recognized. Our product warranty policy is the earlier of one year from the date of first use or 18 months from date of shipment for parts only; an additional four years for compressors (if applicable); 15 years on aluminized steel gas-fired heat exchangers (if applicable); 25 years on stainless steel heat exchangers (if applicable); and ten years on gas-fired heat exchangers in our historical RL products (if applicable). Our warranty policy for the RQ series covers parts for two years from date of unit shipment. Our warranty policy for the WH and WV Series geothermal/water-source heat pumps covers parts for five years from the date of installation. Warranty expense is estimated based on the warranty period, historical warranty trends and associated costs, and any known identifiable warranty issue.

Due to the absence of warranty history on new products, an additional provision may be made for such products. Our estimated future warranty cost is subject to adjustment from time to time depending on changes in actual warranty trends and cost experience. Should actual claim rates differ from our estimates, revisions to the estimated product warranty liability would be required.

Share-Based Compensation – We measure and recognize compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to our employees and directors, including stock options and restricted stock awards, based on their fair values at the time of grant. Compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period of the related share-based compensation award. Forfeitures are accounted for as they occur. The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model. The use of the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model requires the input of subjective assumptions such as: the expected volatility, the expected term of the options granted, expected dividend yield and the risk-free rate. The fair value of restricted stock awards is based on the fair market value of AAON common stock on the respective grant dates, reduced for the present value of dividends.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Changes to U.S. GAAP are established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) in the form of accounting standards updates (“ASUs”) to the FASB’s Accounting Standards Codification.

We consider the applicability and impact of all ASUs. ASUs not listed below were assessed and determined to be either not applicable or are expected to have minimal impact on our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, *Income Taxes: Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes (Topic 740)*. The ASU includes simplification of accounting for income taxes for franchise taxes, step up in tax basis for goodwill as part of a business combination and interim reporting of enacted changes in tax laws. The ASU is effective for the Company beginning after December 15, 2020. We do not expect ASU 2019-12 will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Commodity Price Risk

We are exposed to volatility in the prices of commodities used in some of our products and, occasionally, we use fixed price cancellable and non-cancellable contracts with our major suppliers for periods of six to 18 months to manage this exposure.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholders
AAON, Inc.

Opinion on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of AAON, Inc. (a Nevada corporation) and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria established in the 2013 *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”), and our report dated February 25, 2021 expressed an unqualified opinion.

Basis for opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical audit matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Inventory – manual inventory adjustments

As described in Note 2 to the Company’s financial statements, the Company reports inventory using the first in, first out (“FIFO”) method, which involves manual adjustments recorded to the general ledger such as inventory variance, inventory allowance and labor and overhead adjustments, which had the potential to be larger or require more judgement during the year ended December 31, 2020, where the Company experienced changes in the prices of certain raw materials due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These manual adjustments have been identified as a critical audit matter.

The principal consideration for our determination such manual inventory adjustments as a critical audit matter is these manual adjustments require substantial use of management estimates and requires the Company to have effective inventory valuation processes. Significant management judgments and estimates utilized to determine manual inventory adjustments are subject to estimation uncertainty and require significant auditor subjectivity in evaluating the reasonableness of those judgments and estimates.

Our audit procedures related to the manual inventory adjustments included the following, among others.

- We tested the design and operating effectiveness of controls over inventory valuation, including the standard cost updates in the accounting system and the completeness and accuracy of the inputs to the inventory variance calculation and any related adjustments.
- We verified the Company's standard costing of inventory approximated FIFO by obtaining FIFO buildups and inspected underlying documents for a sample of raw materials.
- We assessed the reasonableness of management's inventory reserve by recalculating the reserve using management's inputs, and evaluated those inputs for reasonableness.
- We tested labor and overhead rate changes by recalculating the rates used and tested any adjustments recorded to the general ledger.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2004.

Tulsa, Oklahoma
February 25, 2021

AAON, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets

| | December 31, | |
|---|--|------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | <i>(in thousands, except share and per share data)</i> | |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 79,025 | \$ 26,797 |
| Restricted cash | 3,263 | 17,576 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for credit losses of \$506 and \$353, respectively | 47,387 | 67,399 |
| Income tax receivable | 4,587 | 772 |
| Note receivable | 31 | 29 |
| Inventories, net | 82,219 | 73,601 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 3,739 | 1,375 |
| Total current assets | 220,251 | 187,549 |
| Property, plant and equipment: | | |
| Land | 4,072 | 3,274 |
| Buildings | 122,171 | 101,113 |
| Machinery and equipment | 281,266 | 236,087 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 18,956 | 16,862 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 426,465 | 357,336 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | 203,125 | 179,242 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 223,340 | 178,094 |
| Intangible assets, net | 38 | 272 |
| Goodwill | 3,229 | 3,229 |
| Right of use assets | 1,571 | 1,683 |
| Note receivable, long-term | 579 | 597 |
| Total assets | \$ 449,008 | \$ 371,424 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Revolving credit facility | \$ — | \$ — |
| Accounts payable | 12,447 | 11,759 |
| Accrued liabilities | 46,586 | 44,269 |
| Total current liabilities | 59,033 | 56,028 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 28,324 | 15,297 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 4,423 | 3,639 |
| New market tax credit obligation (a) | 6,363 | 6,320 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock, \$.001 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued | — | — |
| Common stock, \$.004 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 52,224,767 and 52,078,515 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively | 209 | 208 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 5,161 | 3,631 |
| Retained earnings | 345,495 | 286,301 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 350,865 | 290,140 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 449,008 | \$ 371,424 |

(a) Held by variable interest entities (Note 18)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

AAON, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Income

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands, except share and per share data)</i> | | |
| Net sales | \$ 514,551 | \$ 469,333 | \$ 433,947 |
| Cost of sales | 358,702 | 349,908 | 330,414 |
| Gross profit | 155,849 | 119,425 | 103,533 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 60,491 | 52,077 | 48,194 |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of assets and insurance recoveries | (6,478) | 337 | (12) |
| Income from operations | 101,836 | 67,011 | 55,351 |
| Interest income, net | 88 | 66 | 196 |
| Other (expense) income, net | 51 | (46) | (47) |
| Income before taxes | 101,975 | 67,031 | 55,500 |
| Income tax provision | 22,966 | 13,320 | 13,171 |
| Net income | <u>\$ 79,009</u> | <u>\$ 53,711</u> | <u>\$ 42,329</u> |
| Earnings per share: | | | |
| Basic | <u>\$ 1.51</u> | <u>\$ 1.03</u> | <u>\$ 0.81</u> |
| Diluted | <u>\$ 1.49</u> | <u>\$ 1.02</u> | <u>\$ 0.80</u> |
| Cash dividends declared per common share: | <u>\$ 0.38</u> | <u>\$ 0.32</u> | <u>\$ 0.32</u> |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: | | | |
| Basic | <u>52,168,679</u> | <u>52,079,865</u> | <u>52,284,616</u> |
| Diluted | <u>53,061,169</u> | <u>52,635,415</u> | <u>52,667,939</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

AAON, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

| | Common Stock | | Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Total |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | | | |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | | |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | 52,422 | \$ 210 | \$ — | \$ 238,715 | \$ 238,925 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 42,329 | 42,329 |
| Stock options exercised and restricted stock awards granted | 353 | 1 | 4,986 | — | 4,987 |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 7,862 | — | 7,862 |
| Stock repurchased and retired | (784) | (3) | (12,848) | (15,092) | (27,943) |
| Dividends | — | — | — | (16,717) | (16,717) |
| Balance at December 31, 2018 | 51,991 | 208 | — | 249,235 | 249,443 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 53,711 | 53,711 |
| Stock options exercised and restricted stock awards granted | 542 | 2 | 12,623 | — | 12,625 |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 11,799 | — | 11,799 |
| Stock repurchased and retired | (454) | (2) | (20,791) | — | (20,793) |
| Dividends | — | — | — | (16,645) | (16,645) |
| Balance at December 31, 2019 | 52,079 | 208 | 3,631 | 286,301 | 290,140 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 79,009 | 79,009 |
| Stock options exercised and restricted stock awards granted | 712 | 3 | 21,415 | — | 21,418 |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 11,342 | — | 11,342 |
| Stock repurchased and retired | (566) | (2) | (31,227) | — | (31,229) |
| Dividends | — | — | — | (19,815) | (19,815) |
| Balance at December 31, 2020 | <u>52,225</u> | <u>\$ 209</u> | <u>\$ 5,161</u> | <u>\$ 345,495</u> | <u>\$ 350,865</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

AAON, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Operating Activities | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Net income | \$ 79,009 | \$ 53,711 | \$ 42,329 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 25,634 | 22,766 | 17,655 |
| Amortization of bond premiums | — | — | 13 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs | 43 | 7 | — |
| Provision for credit losses on accounts receivable, net of adjustments | 153 | 91 | 174 |
| Provision for excess and obsolete inventories | 1,108 | 1,454 | 152 |
| Share-based compensation | 11,342 | 11,799 | 7,862 |
| (Gain) loss on disposition of assets | (6,478) | 337 | (12) |
| Foreign currency transaction (gain) loss | (12) | (27) | 55 |
| Interest income on note receivable | (24) | (25) | (27) |
| Deferred income taxes | 13,027 | 6,038 | 2,641 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 19,859 | (13,412) | (2,832) |
| Income tax receivable | (3,815) | 5,129 | (4,448) |
| Inventories | (9,726) | 2,557 | (5,598) |
| Prepaid expenses and other | (2,364) | (329) | (528) |
| Accounts payable | (2,155) | 280 | (1,176) |
| Deferred revenue | 1,010 | 425 | 412 |
| Accrued liabilities and donations | 2,203 | 7,124 | (1,816) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>128,814</u> | <u>97,925</u> | <u>54,856</u> |
| Investing Activities | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (67,802) | (37,166) | (37,268) |
| Cash paid in business combination | — | — | (6,377) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 60 | 69 | 13 |
| Insurance proceeds | 6,417 | — | — |
| Investment in certificates of deposits | — | (6,000) | (7,200) |
| Maturities of certificates of deposits | — | 6,000 | 10,080 |
| Purchases of investments held to maturity | — | — | (9,001) |
| Maturities of investments held to maturity | — | — | 14,570 |
| Proceeds from called investments | — | — | 495 |
| Principal payments from note receivable | 52 | 51 | 53 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(61,273)</u> | <u>(37,046)</u> | <u>(34,635)</u> |
| Financing Activities | | | |
| Proceeds from financing obligation, net of issuance costs | — | 6,614 | — |
| Payment related to financing costs | — | (301) | — |
| Stock options exercised | 21,418 | 12,625 | 4,987 |
| Repurchase of stock | (30,060) | (19,586) | (26,846) |
| Employee taxes paid by withholding shares | (1,169) | (1,207) | (1,097) |
| Dividends paid to stockholders | (19,815) | (16,645) | (16,728) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(29,626)</u> | <u>(18,500)</u> | <u>(39,684)</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | <u>37,915</u> | <u>42,379</u> | <u>(19,463)</u> |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of year | <u>44,373</u> | <u>1,994</u> | <u>21,457</u> |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of year | <u>\$ 82,288</u> | <u>\$ 44,373</u> | <u>\$ 1,994</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

AAON, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2020

1. Business Description

AAON, Inc. is a Nevada corporation which was incorporated on August 18, 1987. Our operating subsidiaries include AAON, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation and AAON Coil Products, Inc., a Texas corporation (collectively, the “Company”). The Consolidated Financial Statements include our accounts and the accounts of our subsidiaries.

We are engaged in the engineering, manufacturing, marketing and sale of air conditioning and heating equipment consisting of standard, semi-custom, and custom rooftop units, chillers, packaged outdoor mechanical rooms, air handling units, makeup air units, energy recovery units, condensing units, geothermal/water-source heat pumps, coils, and controls.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Our financial statements consolidate all of our affiliated entities in which we have a controlling financial interest. Because we hold certain rights that give us the power to direct the activities of two variable interest entities (“VIEs”) (Note 18) that most significantly impact the VIEs economic performance, combined with a variable interest that gives us the right to receive potentially significant benefits or the obligation to absorb potentially significant losses, we have a controlling financial interest in those VIEs.

Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the coronavirus (“COVID-19”) a pandemic, and the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. The rapid spread of the pandemic and the continuously evolving responses to combat it have had an increasingly negative impact on the global economy.

Our manufacturing operations are considered a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as such, the decrees issued by national, state, and local governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have had minimal impact on our operations except for higher employee absenteeism in our manufacturing facilities. We had continuous operations during the year ended December 31, 2020 except for a planned (unrelated to COVID-19) shut down at our Tulsa, OK facility during the last week of December 2020. For the most part, our workers are able to socially distance themselves during the manufacturing process. Additional precautions have been taken to social distance workers that work in close environments. The Company utilizes sanitation stations, requires the use of a facial covering when unable to socially distance, performs daily temperature scanning, and performs additional cleaning and sanitation throughout the day and deep cleaning overnight. The Company did see significant employee absenteeism in the latter part of June 2020. These unexpected employee absences resulted in reduced shipments and longer lead times in the second quarter 2020. During the third quarter and fourth quarter 2020, employee attendance levels were stronger than previously anticipated. Additionally, our work force has adapted well to school and childcare related issues. Furthermore, COVID-19 has had no significant impact on our planned cash outflow for raw materials, dividend payments, or capital expenditure including our Longview, Texas expansion project.

The magnitude of the impact of COVID-19 remains unpredictable and we, therefore, continue to anticipate potential supply chain disruptions, increased employee absenteeism and additional health and safety costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic that could unfavorably impact our business.

Although these disruptions and costs are expected to be temporary, there is significant uncertainty around the duration and overall impact to our business operations. We are continually monitoring the progression of the pandemic and its potential effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider all highly liquid temporary investments with original maturity dates of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of bank deposits and highly liquid, interest-bearing money market funds.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents are held in a few financial institutions in amounts that exceed the insurance limits of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. However, management believes that the Company's counterparty risks are minimal based on the reputation and history of the institutions selected.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash held at December 31, 2020 consist of bank deposits and highly liquid, interest-bearing money market funds held for the purpose of the Company's qualified New Markets Tax Credit program (Note 18) to benefit an investment in plant and equipment to facilitate the expansion of our Longview, Texas manufacturing operations.

The Company's restricted cash is held in a financial institutions in amounts that exceed the insurance limits of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. However, management believes that the Company's counterparty risks are minimal based on the reputation and history of the institutions selected.

Certificates of Deposit

We held no certificates of deposit at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Investments Held to Maturity

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, we held no investments. We record the amortized cost basis and accrued interest of the corporate notes and bonds in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. We record the interest and amortization of bond premium to interest income in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Accounts and Note Receivable

We adopted ASU No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326)*, as amended, as of January 1, 2020. The ASU requires a financial asset (or a group of financial assets) measured at amortized cost to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected, which would include accounts receivable. The measurement of expected credit losses is based on relevant information about past events, including historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the collectibility of the reported amount. The adoption of this ASU did not have a material effect on our financial statements.

Accounts and note receivable are stated at amounts due from customers, net of an allowance for credit losses. We generally do not require that our customers provide collateral. The Company determines its allowance for credit losses by considering a number of factors, including the credit risk of specific customers, the customer's ability to pay current obligations, historical trends, economic and market conditions, and the age of the receivable. Accounts are considered past due when the balance has been outstanding for ninety days past negotiated credit terms. Past due accounts are generally written-off against the allowance for credit losses only after all collection attempts have been exhausted.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Our customers are concentrated primarily in the domestic commercial and industrial new construction and replacement markets. To date, our sales have been primarily to the domestic market, with foreign sales accounting for approximately 2%, 3%, and 3% of revenues for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

One customer, Texas AirSystems LLC, accounted for more than 10% of our sales during 2020, 2019, and 2018. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of our sales during 2020, 2019, and 2018. Two customers, Texas AirSystems LLC and Johnson Borrow Inc., accounted for more than 10% of our accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2020. One customer, Texas AirSystems LLC, accounted for more than 10% of our accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2019. No single customer accounted for more than 15% of our sales during 2020, 2019, and 2018 or more than 15% of our accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value using the first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) method. Cost in inventory includes purchased parts and materials, direct labor and applied manufacturing overhead. We establish an allowance for excess and obsolete inventories based on product line changes, the feasibility of substituting parts and the need for supply and replacement parts.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment, including significant improvements, are recorded at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Repairs and maintenance and any gains or losses on disposition are included in operations.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Buildings | 3 - 40 years |
| Machinery and equipment | 3 - 15 years |
| Furniture and fixtures | 3 - 7 years |

On April 22, 2020, our plant and office facilities in Tulsa, Oklahoma experienced hail related weather damage and we filed a property insurance claim which carried a \$500,000 deductible. We did not experience any significant structural damage or any operational interruption as a result of this weather event. In November 2020, we reached a final settlement with our insurance carrier, resulting in a net cumulative gain of \$6.4 million, which is included in the Consolidated Statements of Income. The received proceeds will be used in future periods to make improvements to the current roof at our plant and office facilities in Tulsa, Oklahoma to extend the overall useful life.

Business Combinations

We record the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination at their acquisition date fair values.

Fair Value Financial Instruments and Measurements

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities approximate fair value because of the short-term maturity of the items. The carrying amount of the Company’s revolving line of credit, and other payables, approximate their fair values either due to their short term nature, the variable rates associated with the debt or based on current rates offered to the Company for debt with similar characteristics.

We adopted ASU No. 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurements* (Topic 820), as amended, as of January 1, 2020. The ASU includes additional disclosure requirements for unrealized gains and losses for Level 3 fair value measurements and significant observable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements. There was not a material impact to financial statements upon adoption. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is based upon assumptions that market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability. We use the following fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes valuation technique inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that we have the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability, including (i) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active

markets, (ii) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, (iii) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and (iv) inputs that are derived from observable market data by correlation or other means.

- Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability including situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. Items categorized in Level 3 include the estimated fair values of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill acquired in a business combination.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). In some cases, the inputs used to measure fair value might fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level input that is significant to a fair value measurement determines the applicable level in the fair value hierarchy. Assessing the significance of a particular input to a fair value measurement requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

Intangible Assets

Our intangible assets include various trademarks, service marks, and technical knowledge acquired in our February 2018 business combination (Note 4). We amortize our intangible assets on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. We evaluate the carrying value of our amortizable intangible assets for potential impairment when events and circumstances warrant such a review.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the consideration paid for the acquired businesses over the fair value of the individual assets acquired, net of liabilities assumed. Goodwill at December 31, 2020 is deductible for income tax purposes.

Goodwill is not amortized, but instead is evaluated for impairment at least annually. We perform our annual assessment of impairment during the fourth quarter of our fiscal year, and more frequently if circumstances warrant.

To perform this assessment, we first consider qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount. If we conclude that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit does not exceed its carrying amount, we calculate the fair value for the reporting unit and compare the amount to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is not considered impaired. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, goodwill is considered to be impaired and the goodwill balance is reduced by the difference between the fair value and carrying amount of the reporting unit.

We performed a qualitative assessment as of December 31, 2020 to determine whether it was more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit was greater than the carrying value of the reporting unit. Based on these qualitative assessments, we determined that the fair value of the reporting unit was more likely than not greater than the carrying value of the reporting unit.

Estimates and assumptions used to perform the impairment evaluation are inherently uncertain and can significantly affect the outcome of the analysis. The estimates and assumptions we use in the annual goodwill impairment assessment included market participant considerations and future forecasted operating results. Changes in operating results and other assumptions could materially affect these estimates.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

We review long-lived assets for possible impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate, in management's judgment, that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset or asset group to its estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset or asset group. If the undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset or asset group, an impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset or asset group exceeds its fair value.

Research and Development

The costs associated with research and development for the purpose of developing and improving new products are expensed as incurred. For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 research and development costs amounted to approximately \$17.4 million, \$14.8 million, and \$13.5 million, respectively.

Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 was approximately \$0.8 million, \$0.8 million, and \$0.8 million, respectively.

Shipping and Handling

We incur shipping and handling costs in the distribution of products sold that are recorded in cost of sales. Shipping charges that are billed to the customer are recorded in revenues and as an expense in cost of sales. For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 shipping and handling fees amounted to approximately \$14.3 million, \$14.4 million, and \$12.6 million, respectively.

Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. The Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the book carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities. Excess tax benefits and deficiencies are reported as an income tax benefit or expense on the statement of income and are treated as discrete items to the income tax provision in the reporting period in which they occur. We establish accruals for unrecognized tax positions when it is more likely than not that our tax return positions may not be fully sustained. The Company records a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company recognizes expense for its share-based compensation based on the fair value of the awards that are granted. The Company's share-based compensation plans provide for the granting of stock options and restricted stock. The fair values of stock options are estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model. The use of the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model requires the input of subjective assumptions. The fair value of restricted stock awards is based on the fair market value of AAON common stock on the respective grant dates, reduced for the present value of dividends.

Compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period of the related share-based compensation award. Stock options and restricted stock awards, granted to employees, vest at a rate of 20% per year. Restricted stock awards granted to directors historically vest one-third each year or, if granted on or after May 2019, vest over the shorter of directors' remaining elected term or one-third each year. Historically, if the employee or director is retirement eligible (as defined by the Long Term Incentive Plans) or becomes retirement eligible during service period of the related share-based compensation award, the service period is the lesser of 1) the grant date, if retirement eligible on grant date, or 2) the period between grant date and retirement eligible date. All share-based compensation awards granted on or after March 1, 2020 to retirement eligible employees or directors contain a one-year employment requirement (minimum service period) or the entire award is forfeited. Forfeitures are accounted for as they occur.

Derivative Instruments

In the course of normal operations, the Company occasionally enters into contracts such as forward priced physical contracts for the purchase of raw materials that qualify for and are designated as normal purchase or normal sale contracts. Such contracts are exempted from the fair value accounting requirements and are accounted for at the time product is purchased or sold under the related contract. The Company does not engage in speculative transactions, nor does the Company hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes.

Revenue Recognition

On January 1, 2018, we adopted the new accounting standard FASB ASC Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, and all the related amendments to all contracts using the retrospective method. The impact at adoption was not material to the consolidated financial statements. The new accounting policy provides results substantially consistent with prior revenue recognition policies.

The Company recognizes revenue, presented net of sales tax, when it satisfies the performance obligation in its contracts. The primary performance obligation in our contract is delivery of the requested manufactured equipment. Most of the Company's products are highly customized, cannot be resold to other customers and the cost of rework to be resold is not economical. The Company has a formal cancellation policy and generally does not accept returns on these units. As a result, many of the Company's products do not have an alternative use and therefore, for these products we recognize revenue over the time it takes to produce the unit. For all other products that are part sales or standardized units, we satisfy the performance obligation when the control is passed to the customer, generally at time of shipment. Final sales prices are fixed based on purchase orders. Sales allowances and customer incentives are treated as reductions to sales and are provided for based on historical experiences and current estimates. Sales of our products are moderately seasonal with the peak period being May-October of each year.

We are responsible for billings and collections resulting from all sales transactions, including those initiated by our independent manufacturer representatives ("Representatives"). Representatives are national companies that are in the business of providing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning ("HVAC") units and other related products and services to customers. The end user customer orders a bundled group of products and services from the Representative and expects the Representative to fulfill the order. These additional products and services may include controls purchased from another manufacturer to operate the unit, start-up services, and curbs for supporting the unit ("Third Party Products"). All are associated with the purchase of a HVAC unit but may be provided by the Representative or another third party. Only after the specifications are agreed to by the Representative and the customer, and the decision is made to use an AAON HVAC unit, will we receive notice of the order. We establish the amount we must receive for our HVAC unit ("minimum sales price"), but do not control the total order price that is negotiated by the Representative with the end user customer. The Representatives submit the total order price to us for invoicing and collection. The total order price includes our minimum sales price and an additional amount which may include both the Representatives' fee and amounts due for additional products and services required by the customer. The Company is considered the principal for the equipment we design and manufacture and records that revenue gross. The Company has no control over the Third Party Products to the end customer and the Company is under no obligation related to the Third Party Products. Amounts related to Third Party Products are not recognized as revenue but are recorded as a liability and are included in accrued liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

The Representatives' fee and Third Party Products amounts ("Due to Representatives") are paid only after all amounts associated with the order are collected from the customer. The amount of payments to our representatives was \$50.0 million, \$46.1 million, and \$47.8 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

The Company also sells extended warranties on parts for various lengths of time ranging from six months to 10 years. Revenue for these separately priced warranties is deferred and recognized on a straight-line basis over the separately priced warranty period.

Insurance Reserves

Under the Company's insurance programs, coverage is obtained for significant liability limits as well as those risks required to be insured by law or contract. It is the policy of the Company to self-insure a portion of certain expected losses related primarily to workers' compensation and medical liability. Provisions for losses expected under these programs are recorded based on the Company's estimates of the aggregate liabilities for the claims incurred.

Product Warranties

A provision is made for the estimated cost of maintaining product warranties to customers at the time the product is sold based upon historical claims experience by product line. The Company records a liability and an expense for estimated future warranty claims based upon historical experience and management's estimate of the level of future claims. Changes in the estimated amounts recognized in prior years are recorded as an adjustment to the liability and expense in the current year.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Because these estimates and assumptions require significant judgment, actual results could differ from those estimates and could have a significant impact on our results of operations, financial position, and cash flows. We reevaluate our estimates and assumptions as needed, but at a minimum on a quarterly basis. The most significant estimates include, but are not limited to, the allowance for credit losses, inventory reserves, warranty accrual, workers compensation accrual, medical insurance accrual, share-based compensation, and income taxes. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

3. Revenue Recognition

Disaggregated net sales by major source:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | | (in thousands) | |
| Rooftop Units | \$ 400,946 | \$ 349,427 | \$ 333,105 |
| Condensing Units | 21,149 | 18,475 | 18,282 |
| Air Handlers | 23,931 | 24,265 | 21,905 |
| Outdoor Mechanical Rooms | 2,842 | 1,643 | 2,408 |
| Water-Source Heat Pumps | 19,053 | 25,447 | 14,660 |
| Part Sales | 32,561 | 33,331 | 26,732 |
| Other | 14,069 | 16,745 | 16,855 |
| Net Sales | <u>\$ 514,551</u> | <u>\$ 469,333</u> | <u>\$ 433,947</u> |

Other sales include freight, extended warranties and miscellaneous revenue.

Disaggregated units sold by major source:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Rooftop Units | 15,713 | 14,448 | 15,273 |
| Condensing Units | 1,920 | 1,738 | 2,007 |
| Air Handlers | 2,073 | 2,372 | 2,500 |
| Outdoor Mechanical Rooms | 33 | 33 | 38 |
| Water-Source Heat Pumps | 6,492 | 7,716 | 5,334 |
| Total Units | <u>26,231</u> | <u>26,307</u> | <u>25,152</u> |

4. Business Combination

On February 28, 2018, we closed on the purchase of substantially all of the assets of WattMaster Controls, Inc. (“WattMaster”). The assets acquired consisted primarily of intellectual property, receivables, inventory, and fixed assets. The Company also hired substantially all of the WattMaster employees. These assets and workforce will allow us to accelerate the development of our own electronic controllers for air distribution systems. We funded the business combination with available cash of \$6.0 million. In May 2018, we paid the final working capital settlement of \$0.4 million with available cash. We have included the results of WattMaster’s operations in our consolidated financial statements beginning March 1, 2018.

The following table presents the allocation of the consideration paid to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, based on their fair values, in the acquisition of WattMaster described above:

| | <i>(in thousands)</i> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Accounts receivable | \$ 1,082 |
| Inventories | 1,380 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 340 |
| Intellectual property | 700 |
| Goodwill | 3,229 |
| Assumed current liabilities | (354) |
| Consideration paid | <u>\$ 6,377</u> |

Goodwill represents the excess of the consideration paid for the acquired businesses over the fair value of the individual assets acquired, net of liabilities assumed. Goodwill represents a premium paid to acquire the skilled workforce of the business acquired and is deductible for federal income tax purposes.

5. Leases

We adopted ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, as amended, as of January 1, 2019, using the transition method, which becomes effective upon the date of adoption. The transition method allows entities to initially apply the new leases standard at the adoption date (January 1, 2019) and recognizes a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. In addition, we elected the package of practical expedients permitted under the transition guidance within the new standard, which among other things, allowed us to carry forward the historical lease classification. We have also elected the short-term lease measurement and recognition exemption which does not require balance sheet presentation for short-term leases. The Company historically does not enter into numerous or material lease agreements to support its manufacturing operations. Furthermore, any lease agreements entered into are usually less than a year and for leases on non material assets such as warehouse vehicles and office equipment.

Adoption of the new standard resulted in the recording of additional lease right of use assets and lease liabilities of approximately \$1.8 million as of January 1, 2019, which mostly relates to the multi-year facility lease assumed in the 2018 WattMaster acquisition (Note 4). The cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance was immaterial to the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The standard did not materially impact our consolidated net earnings or cash flows. As of December 31, 2020, our right of use assets and lease liabilities are approximately \$1.6 million.

6. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable and the related allowance for credit losses are as follows:

| | December 31, | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
| Accounts receivable | \$ 47,893 | \$ 67,752 |
| Less: Allowance for credit losses | (506) | (353) |
| Total, net | <u>\$ 47,387</u> | <u>\$ 67,399</u> |

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Allowance for credit losses: | | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 353 | \$ 264 | \$ 119 |
| Provisions (recoveries) for expected credit losses, net of adjustments | 153 | 91 | 174 |
| Accounts receivable written off, net of recoveries | — | (2) | (29) |
| Balance, end of period | <u>\$ 506</u> | <u>\$ 353</u> | <u>\$ 264</u> |

7. Inventories

The components of inventories and the related changes in the allowance for excess and obsolete inventories are as follows:

| | December 31, | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
| Raw materials | \$ 76,238 | \$ 68,842 |
| Work in process | 2,088 | 1,825 |
| Finished goods | 7,154 | 5,578 |
| | 85,480 | 76,245 |
| Less: Allowance for excess and obsolete inventories | (3,261) | (2,644) |
| Total, net | <u>\$ 82,219</u> | <u>\$ 73,601</u> |

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Allowance for excess and obsolete inventories: | | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 2,644 | \$ 1,210 | \$ 1,118 |
| Provisions for excess and obsolete inventories | 1,108 | 1,454 | 152 |
| Inventories written off | (491) | (20) | (60) |
| Balance, end of period | <u>\$ 3,261</u> | <u>\$ 2,644</u> | <u>\$ 1,210</u> |

8. Intangible Assets

Our intangible assets consist of the following:

| | December 31, | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
| Intellectual property | \$ 700 | \$ 700 |
| Less: Accumulated amortization | (662) | (428) |
| Total, net | <u>\$ 38</u> | <u>\$ 272</u> |

Amortization expense recorded in cost of sales is as follows:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Amortization expense | \$ 234 | \$ 234 | \$ 194 |

9. Note Receivable

In connection with the closure of our Canadian facility on May 18, 2009, we sold land and a building in September 2010 and assumed a note receivable from the borrower secured by the property. The C\$1.1 million, 15 year note has an interest rate of 4.0% and is payable to us monthly, and has a C\$0.6 million balloon payment due in October 2025. Interest payments are recognized in interest income.

We evaluate the note for impairment on a quarterly basis. We determine the note receivable to be impaired if we are uncertain of its collectability based on the contractual terms. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, there was no impairment.

10. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Supplemental disclosures: | | | |
| Interest paid | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 6 |
| Income taxes paid, net | 13,754 | 2,172 | 14,979 |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities: | | | |
| Non-cash capital expenditures | 2,843 | 863 | 481 |

11. Warranties

The Company has warranties with various terms from 18 months for parts to 25 years for certain heat exchangers. The Company has an obligation to replace parts if conditions under the warranty are met. A provision is made for estimated warranty costs at the time the related products are sold based upon the warranty period, historical trends, new products, and any known identifiable warranty issues.

Changes in the warranty accrual are as follows:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Warranty accrual: | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 12,652 | \$ 11,421 | \$ 10,483 |
| Payments made | (5,751) | (6,816) | (7,869) |
| Provisions | 6,621 | 8,047 | 9,669 |
| Change in estimate | — | — | (862) |
| Balance, end of period | <u>\$ 13,522</u> | <u>\$ 12,652</u> | <u>\$ 11,421</u> |
| Warranty expense: | \$ 6,621 | \$ 8,047 | \$ 8,807 |

The change in estimate relates to the Company's failure rate calculation. During 2018, in reviewing claims data, the Company noted specific claims that were the result of an isolated incident and not representative of the Company's historical performance or representative of expected future claims. As such, these claims were accounted for as a specific accrual for warranty liability and excluded from our failure rate that the Company utilizes in estimating future claims.

12. Accrued Liabilities

At December 31, accrued liabilities were comprised of the following:

| | December 31, | |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| Warranty | \$ 13,522 | \$ 12,652 |
| Due to representatives | 8,296 | 11,538 |
| Payroll | 8,155 | 5,058 |
| Profit sharing | 2,902 | 1,721 |
| Workers' compensation | 594 | 522 |
| Medical self-insurance | 1,546 | 707 |
| Customer prepayments | 5,067 | 4,627 |
| Donations | 570 | 354 |
| Employee vacation time | 3,321 | 3,804 |
| Other | 2,613 | 3,286 |
| Total | <u>\$ 46,586</u> | <u>\$ 44,269</u> |

13. Revolving Credit Facility

Our revolving credit facility ("BOK Revolver"), as amended, provides for maximum borrowings of \$30.0 million which is provided by BOKF, NA dba Bank of Oklahoma ("Bank of Oklahoma"). Under the line of credit, there was one standby letter of credit totaling \$1.8 million as of December 31, 2020. Borrowings available under the revolving credit facility at December 31, 2020, were \$28.2 million. Interest on borrowings is payable monthly at LIBOR plus 2.0%. No fees are associated with the unused portion of the committed amount. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, we had no balance outstanding under our revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility expires on July 26, 2021. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the weighted average interest rate of our revolving credit facility was 2.6% and 4.3%, respectively.

At December 31, 2020, we were in compliance with our financial covenants. These covenants require that we meet certain parameters related to our tangible net worth and total liabilities to tangible net worth ratio. At December 31, 2020 our tangible net worth was \$350.9 million, which meets the requirement of being at or above \$175.0 million. Our total liabilities to tangible net worth ratio was 0.3 to 1.0, which meets the requirement of not being above 2 to 1.

14. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes consists of the following:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Current | \$ 9,939 | \$ 7,282 | \$ 10,530 |
| Deferred | 13,027 | 6,038 | 2,641 |
| Total | <u>\$ 22,966</u> | <u>\$ 13,320</u> | <u>\$ 13,171</u> |

The provision for income taxes differs from the amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate before the provision for income taxes.

The reconciliation of the federal statutory income tax rate to the effective income tax rate is as follows:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Federal statutory rate | 21.0 % | 21.0 % | 21.0 % |
| State income taxes, net of federal benefit | 5.3 % | 5.2 % | 6.0 % |
| Excess tax benefits | (3.2)% | (2.6)% | (2.0)% |
| Return to provision | 0.1 % | (1.4)% | — % |
| Oklahoma amended tax returns | — % | (1.3)% | — % |
| Other | (0.7)% | (0.9)% | (1.0)% |
| | <u>22.5 %</u> | <u>20.0 %</u> | <u>24.0 %</u> |

Upon completion of the Company's 2018 tax return in 2019, the Company recorded additional benefit due to higher than expected research and development credit of \$0.6 million. Additionally in 2019, the Company determined it could take advantage of an additional 1% tax credit in Oklahoma for years in which the Company's location was deemed to be within an enterprise zone. The additional Oklahoma credit for being in an enterprise zone, or otherwise allowable under Oklahoma law, resulted in a benefit of \$1.2 million.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amount used for income tax purposes.

The significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

| | December 31, | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | |
| Deferred income tax assets (liabilities): | | |
| Accounts receivable and inventory reserves | \$ 1,052 | \$ 835 |
| Warranty accrual | 3,776 | 3,523 |
| Other accruals | 747 | 1,919 |
| Share-based compensation | 4,102 | 3,906 |
| Donations | 297 | 194 |
| Other, net | 2,457 | 2,140 |
| Total deferred income tax assets | <u>12,431</u> | <u>12,517</u> |
| Property & equipment | <u>(40,755)</u> | <u>(27,814)</u> |
| Total deferred income tax liabilities | <u>\$ (40,755)</u> | <u>\$ (27,814)</u> |
| Net deferred income tax liabilities | <u>\$ (28,324)</u> | <u>\$ (15,297)</u> |

We file income tax returns in the U.S., state and foreign income tax returns jurisdictions. We are subject to U.S. examinations for tax years 2017 to present, and to non-U.S. income tax examinations for the tax years 2016 to present. In addition, we are subject to state and local income tax examinations for tax years 2016 to present. The Company continues to evaluate its need to file returns in various state jurisdictions. Any interest or penalties would be recognized as a component of income tax expense.

15. Share-Based Compensation

On May 22, 2007, our stockholders adopted a Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended, "LTIP") which provided an additional 3.3 million shares that could be granted in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, performance units and performance awards, in addition to the shares from the previous plan, the 1992 Plan. Since inception of the LTIP, non-qualified stock options and restricted stock awards have been granted with a five year vesting schedule. Under the LTIP, the exercise price of shares granted may not be less than 100% of the fair market value at the date of the grant.

On May 24, 2016, our stockholders adopted the 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended, "2016 Plan") which provides for approximately 8.9 million shares, comprised of 3.4 million new shares provided for under the 2016 Plan, approximately 0.4 million shares that were available for issuance under the previous LTIP that are now authorized for issuance under the 2016 Plan, approximately 2.6 million shares that were approved by the stockholders on May 15, 2018, and an additional 2.5 million shares that were approved by the stockholders on May 12, 2020.

Under the 2016 Plan, shares can be granted in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, performance awards, dividend equivalent rights, and other awards. Under the 2016 Plan, the exercise price of shares granted may not be less than 100% of the fair market value at the date of the grant. The 2016 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors or such other committee of the Board of Directors as is designated by the Board of Directors (the "Committee"). Membership on the Committee is limited to independent directors. The Committee may delegate certain duties to one or more officers of the Company as provided in the 2016 Plan. The Committee determines the persons to whom awards are to be made, determines the type, size and terms of awards, interprets the 2016 Plan, establishes and revises rules and regulations relating to the 2016 Plan and makes any other determinations that it believes necessary for the administration of the 2016 Plan.

The following weighted average assumptions were used to determine the fair value of the stock options granted on the original grant date for expense recognition purposes for options granted during December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 using a Black Scholes-Merton Model:

| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Director and Officers: | | | |
| Expected dividend yield | \$ 0.33 | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.26 |
| Expected volatility | 31.63 % | 29.54 % | 29.73 % |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.64 % | 2.40 % | 2.20 % |
| Expected life (in years) | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Employees: | | | |
| Expected dividend yield | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.26 |
| Expected volatility | 31.39 % | 29.54 % | 29.82 % |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.67 % | 2.38 % | 2.51 % |
| Expected life (in years) | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |

The expected term of the options is based on evaluations of historical and expected future employee exercise behavior. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury rates at the date of grant with maturity dates approximately equal to the expected life at the grant date. Volatility is based on historical volatility of our stock over time periods equal to the expected life at grant date.

The following is a summary of stock options vested and exercisable as of December 31, 2020:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Intrinsic Value |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | | |
| \$7.18 - 36.95 | 543,646 | 5.33 | \$ 28.33 | \$ 20,820 |
| \$37.00 - 40.87 | 1,978 | 7.09 | 38.50 | 56 |
| \$41.37 - 66.98 | 194,697 | 7.87 | 41.59 | 4,875 |
| Total | <u>740,321</u> | <u>6.00</u> | <u>\$ 31.85</u> | <u>\$ 25,751</u> |

The following is a summary of stock options vested and exercisable as of December 31, 2019:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Intrinsic Value |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| <i>(in thousands)</i> | | | | |
| \$7.18 - 34.10 | 451,077 | 5.44 | \$ 23.47 | \$ 11,702 |
| \$34.15 - 40.87 | 86,122 | 7.82 | 36.33 | 1,126 |
| \$41.37 - 50.68 | 1,750 | 1.81 | 41.59 | 14 |
| Total | <u>538,949</u> | <u>5.81</u> | <u>\$ 21.58</u> | <u>\$ 12,842</u> |

The following is a summary of stock options vested and exercisable as of December 31, 2018:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Intrinsic Value |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | <i>(in thousands)</i> |
| \$5.67 - 32.80 | 456,223 | 5.72 | \$ 20.25 | \$ 6,757 |
| \$32.85 - 34.10 | 42,552 | 7.47 | 33.95 | 47 |
| \$34.15 - 42.94 | 17,202 | 8.30 | 35.19 | 7 |
| Total | 515,977 | 5.95 | \$ 21.88 | \$ 6,811 |

A summary of option activity under the plans is as follows:

| Options | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2019 | 3,627,047 | \$ 36.32 |
| Granted | 1,053,302 | 45.13 |
| Exercised | (644,850) | 33.21 |
| Forfeited or Expired | (282,554) | 40.64 |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2020 | 3,752,945 | \$ 39.00 |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2020 | 740,321 | \$ 31.85 |

The total pre-tax compensation cost related to unvested stock options not yet recognized as of December 31, 2020 is \$20.8 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.96 years.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 was \$15.5 million, \$8.1 million, and \$5.4 million, respectively. The cash received from options exercised during the year ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 was \$21.4 million, \$12.6 million, and \$5.0 million, respectively. The impact of these cash receipts is included in financing activities in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

A summary of the unvested restricted stock awards is as follows:

| Restricted stock | Shares | Weighted Average Grant date Fair Value |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Unvested at December 31, 2019 | 267,484 | \$ 34.42 |
| Granted | 76,148 | 43.54 |
| Vested | (110,075) | 32.55 |
| Forfeited | (8,866) | 39.72 |
| Unvested at December 31, 2020 | 224,691 | \$ 38.22 |

At December 31, 2020, unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock awards was approximately \$4.7 million which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.70 years.

A summary of share-based compensation is as follows for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018:

| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grant date fair value of awards during the period: | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Options | \$ 12,615 | \$ 20,442 | \$ 12,932 |
| Restricted stock | 3,316 | 4,631 | 3,609 |
| Total | <u>\$ 15,931</u> | <u>\$ 25,073</u> | <u>\$ 16,541</u> |
| Share-based compensation expense: | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Options | \$ 8,312 | \$ 9,145 | \$ 5,344 |
| Restricted stock | 3,030 | 2,654 | 2,518 |
| Total | <u>\$ 11,342</u> | <u>\$ 11,799</u> | <u>\$ 7,862</u> |
| Income tax benefit related to share-based compensation: | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Options | \$ 2,698 | \$ 1,197 | \$ 980 |
| Restricted stock | 519 | 575 | 353 |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,217</u> | <u>\$ 1,772</u> | <u>\$ 1,333</u> |

16. Employee Benefits

Defined Contribution Plan - 401(k)

We sponsor a defined contribution plan (the “Plan”). Eligible employees may make contributions in accordance with the Plan and IRS guidelines. In addition to the traditional 401(k), eligible employees are given the option of making an after-tax contribution to a Roth 401(k) or a combination of both. The Plan provides for automatic enrollment and for an automatic increase to the deferral percentage at January 1st of each year and each year thereafter. Eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan at a 6% deferral rate and currently contributing employees deferral rates will be increased to 6% unless their current rate is above 6% or the employee elects to decline the automatic enrollment or increase. Administrative expenses are paid for by Plan participants. The Company paid no administrative expenses for the years ended 2020, 2019, and 2018.

The Company matches 175% up to 6% of employee contributions of eligible compensation. Additionally, Plan participant forfeitures are used to reduce the cost of the Company contributions.

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Contributions, net of forfeitures, made to the defined contribution plan | \$ 9,091 | \$ 7,034 | \$ 8,127 |

Profit Sharing Bonus Plan

We maintain a discretionary profit sharing bonus plan under which approximately 10% of pre-tax profit is paid to eligible employees on a quarterly basis in order to reward employee productivity. Eligible employees are regular full-time employees who are actively employed and working on the first and last days of the calendar quarter and who were employed full-time for at least three full months prior to the beginning of the calendar quarter, excluding the Company's senior leadership team.

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Profit sharing bonus plan expense | \$ 11,593 | \$ 7,448 | \$ 6,165 |

Employee Medical Plan

We self-insure for our employees' health insurance. Eligible employees are regular full-time employees who are actively employed and working. Participants are expected to pay a portion of the premium costs for coverage of the benefits provided under the Plan. We estimate our self-insurance liabilities using an analysis provided by our claims administrator and our historical claims experience. In addition, the Company matches 175% of a participating employee's allowed contributions to a qualified health saving account to assist employees with our health insurance plan deductibles.

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Medical claim payments | \$ 9,060 | \$ 5,898 | \$ 5,915 |
| Health saving account payments | 3,476 | 3,265 | 2,948 |

17. Stockholders' Equity

Stock Repurchase

The Board has authorized three stock repurchase programs for the Company. The Company may purchase shares on the open market from time to time, up to a total of 5.7 million shares. The Board must authorize the timing and amount of these purchases and all repurchases are in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC allowing the Company to repurchase shares from the open market.

Our open market repurchase programs are as follows:

| Agreement Execution Date | Authorized Repurchase \$ | Expiration Date |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| May 16, 2018 ¹ | \$15 million | March 1, 2019 |
| March 5, 2019 ¹ | \$20 million | March 4, 2020 |
| March 13, 2020 | \$20 million | ** ² |

¹ The 2018 and 2019 purchase authorizations were executed under 10b5-1 programs.

² Expiration Date is at Board's discretion. The Company is authorized to effectuate repurchases of the Company's common stock on terms and conditions approved in advance by the Board.

The Company also has a stock repurchase arrangement by which employee-participants in our 401(k) savings and investment plan are entitled to have shares of AAON, Inc. stock in their accounts sold to the Company. The maximum number of shares to be repurchased is contingent upon the number of shares sold by employee-participants.

Lastly, the Company repurchases shares of AAON, Inc. stock from certain of its directors and employees for

payment of statutory tax withholdings on stock transactions. All other repurchases from directors or employees are contingent upon Board approval. All repurchases are done at current market prices.

Our repurchase activity is as follows:

| Program | 2020 | | | 2019 | | | 2018 | | |
|--|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| | Shares | Total \$ | \$ per share | Shares | Total \$ | \$ per share | Shares | Total \$ | \$ per share |
| <i>(in thousands, except share and per share data)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Open market | 103,689 | \$ 4,987 | \$ 48.10 | 5,799 | \$ 200 | \$ 34.46 | 252,272 | \$ 8,374 | \$ 33.19 |
| 401(k) | 438,921 | 25,073 | 57.12 | 419,963 | 19,386 | 46.16 | 497,753 | 18,472 | 37.11 |
| Directors & employees | 23,272 | 1,169 | 50.23 | 28,668 | 1,207 | 42.11 | 33,751 | 1,097 | 32.49 |
| Total | 565,882 | \$ 31,229 | \$ 55.19 | 454,430 | \$ 20,793 | \$ 45.76 | 783,776 | \$ 27,943 | \$ 35.65 |

| Program | Inception to Date | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Shares | Total \$ | \$ per share |
| <i>(in thousands, except share and per share data)</i> | | | |
| Open market | 4,205,255 | \$ 74,793 | \$ 17.79 |
| 401(k) | 7,906,660 | 145,000 | 18.34 |
| Directors & employees | 2,005,201 | 20,751 | 10.35 |
| Total | 14,117,116 | \$ 240,544 | \$ 17.04 |

Dividends

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, we pay semi-annual cash dividends. Board approval is required to determine the date of declaration and amount for each semi-annual dividend payment.

Our recent dividends are as follows:

| Declaration Date | Record Date | Payment Date | Dividend per Share |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| May 18, 2018 | June 8, 2018 | July 6, 2018 | \$0.16 |
| November 8, 2018 | November 29, 2018 | December 20, 2018 | \$0.16 |
| May 20, 2019 | June 3, 2019 | July 1, 2019 | \$0.16 |
| November 6, 2019 | November 27, 2019 | December 18, 2019 | \$0.16 |
| May 15, 2020 | June 3, 2020 | July 1, 2020 | \$0.19 |
| November 10, 2020 | November 27, 2020 | December 18, 2020 | \$0.19 |

We paid cash dividends of \$19.8 million, \$16.6 million, and \$16.7 million in 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

18. New Markets Tax Credit

On October 24, 2019, the Company entered into a transaction with a subsidiary of an unrelated third-party financial institution (the “Investor”) and a certified Community Development Entity under a qualified New Markets Tax Credit (“NMTC”) program pursuant to Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, related to an investment in plant and equipment to facilitate the expansion of our Longview, Texas manufacturing operations (the “Project”). In connection with the NMTC transaction, the Company received a \$23.0 million NMTC allocation for the Project and secured low interest financing and the potential for future debt forgiveness related to the Project.

Upon closing of the NMTC transaction, the Company provided an aggregate of approximately \$15.9 million to the Investor, in the form of a loan receivable, with a term of twenty-five years, bearing an interest rate of 1.0%. This \$15.9 million in proceeds plus capital contributed from the Investor was used to make an aggregate \$22.5 million loan to a subsidiary of the Company. This financing arrangement is secured by equipment at the Company's Longview, Texas facilities and a guarantee from the Company, including an unconditional guarantee of NMTCs.

This transaction also includes a put/call feature that either of which can be exercised at the end of the seven-year compliance period. The Investor may exercise its put option or the Company can exercise the call, both of which could serve to trigger forgiveness of a portion of the debt. The value attributable to the put/call is nominal. The Investor's interest of \$6.3 million is recorded in New market tax credit obligation on the consolidated balance sheet. The Company incurred approximately \$0.3 million of debt issuance costs related to the above transactions, which are being amortized over the life of the transaction.

The Investor is subject to 100 percent recapture of the NMTC it receives for a period of seven years, as provided in the Internal Revenue Code and applicable U.S. Treasury regulations in the event that the financing facility of the Borrower under the transaction (AAON Coil Products, Inc.) becomes ineligible for NMTC treatment per the Internal Revenue Code requirements. The Company is required to be in compliance with various regulations and contractual provisions that apply to the NMTC arrangement. Noncompliance with applicable requirements could result in the Investor's projected tax benefits not being realized and, therefore, require the Company to indemnify the Investor for any loss or recapture of the NMTC related to the financing until such time as the recapture provisions have expired under the applicable statute of limitations. The Company does not anticipate any credit recapture will be required in connection with this financing arrangement.

The Investor and its majority owned community development entity are considered VIEs and the Company is the primary beneficiary of the VIEs. This conclusion was reached based on the following:

- the ongoing activities of the VIEs--collecting and remitting interest and fees and NMTC compliance--were all considered in the initial design and are not expected to significantly affect performance throughout the life of the VIE;
- contractual arrangements obligate the Company to comply with NMTC rules and regulations and provide various other guarantees to the Investor and community development entity;
- the Investor lacks a material interest in the underlying economics of the project; and
- the Company is obligated to absorb losses of the VIEs.

Because the Company is the primary beneficiary of the VIEs, they have been included in the consolidated financial statements. There are no other assets, liabilities or transaction in these VIEs outside of the financing transactions executed as part of the NMTC arrangement.

19. Commitments and Contingencies

We are subject to various claims and legal actions that arise in the ordinary course of business. We closely monitor these claims and legal actions and frequently consult with our legal counsel to determine whether they may, when resolved, have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows and we accrue and/or disclose loss contingencies as appropriate. We have concluded that the likelihood is remote that the ultimate resolution of any pending litigation or claims will be material or have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

We are occasionally party to short-term, cancellable and occasionally non-cancellable, fixed price contracts with major suppliers for the purchase of raw material and component parts. We expect to receive delivery of raw materials for use in our manufacturing operations. These contracts are not accounted for as derivative instruments because they meet the normal purchase and normal sales exemption. We had no material contractual purchase obligations as of December 31, 2020.

20. New Accounting Pronouncements

Changes to U.S. GAAP are established by the FASB in the form of accounting standards updates ("ASUs") to the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification.

We consider the applicability and impact of all ASUs. ASUs not listed below were assessed and determined to be either not applicable or are expected to have minimal impact on our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, *Income Taxes: Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes (Topic 740)*. The ASU includes simplification of accounting for income taxes for franchise taxes, step up in tax

basis for goodwill as part of a business combination and interim reporting of enacted changes in tax laws. The ASU is effective for the Company beginning after December 15, 2020. We do not expect ASU 2019-12 will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

21. Earnings Per Share

Basic net income per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share assumes the conversion of all potentially dilutive securities and is calculated by dividing net income by the sum of the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding plus all potentially dilutive securities. Dilutive common shares consist primarily of stock options and restricted stock awards.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|--|------------|------------|
| Numerator: | <i>(in thousands, except share and per share data)</i> | | |
| Net income | \$ 79,009 | \$ 53,711 | \$ 42,329 |
| Denominator: | | | |
| Basic weighted average shares | 52,168,679 | 52,079,865 | 52,284,616 |
| Effect of dilutive stock options and restricted stock | 892,490 | 555,550 | 383,323 |
| Diluted weighted average shares | 53,061,169 | 52,635,415 | 52,667,939 |
| Earnings per share: | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.51 | \$ 1.03 | \$ 0.81 |
| Dilutive | \$ 1.49 | \$ 1.02 | \$ 0.80 |
| Anti-dilutive shares: | | | |
| Shares | 364,787 | 1,868,087 | 1,920,313 |

22. Related Parties

The Company purchases some supplies from an entity controlled by the Company's Executive Chairman. The Company sometimes makes sales to the Executive Chairman for parts. Additionally, the Company sells units to an entity owned by a member of the CEO/President's immediate family. This entity is also one of the Company's Representatives and as such, the Company makes payments to the entity for third party products.

Following is a summary of transactions and balances with affiliates:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Sales to affiliates | \$ 3,475 | \$ 886 | \$ 1,442 |
| Payments to affiliates | 256 | 332 | 342 |
| | December 31, | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Due from affiliates | \$ 342 | \$ | 22 |
| Due to affiliates | | — | 2 |

23. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to December 31, 2020 and through February 22, 2021, the Company repurchased 9,172 shares for \$0.6 million from employees for payment of statutory tax withholdings on stock transactions and 41,712 shares for \$3.0 million from our 401(k) savings and investment plan.

24. Quarterly Results (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of the quarterly results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

| | Quarter | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| | First | Second | Third | Fourth |
| <i>(in thousands, except per share data)</i> | | | | |
| 2020 | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 137,483 | \$ 125,596 | \$ 134,772 | \$ 116,700 |
| Gross profit | 42,947 | 38,131 | 40,848 | 33,923 |
| Net income | 21,853 | 17,804 | 20,460 | 18,892 ¹ |
| Earnings per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.34 | \$ 0.39 | \$ 0.36 ¹ |
| Diluted | \$ 0.41 | \$ 0.34 | \$ 0.38 | \$ 0.35 ¹ |
| 2019 | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 113,822 | \$ 119,437 | \$ 113,500 | \$ 122,574 |
| Gross profit | 25,430 | 30,204 | 27,410 | 36,381 |
| Net income | 8,757 | 13,391 | 14,290 | 17,273 |
| Earnings per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.17 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.33 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.17 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.33 |

¹The Company had a gain of \$4.1 million, net of profit sharing and taxes, associated with insurance proceeds (Note 2) related to a damaged roof incurred by adverse weather earlier in the year, which impacted our basic and diluted EPS by \$0.08.

25. Segments

The following table summarizes certain financial data related to our segments. Transactions between segments are recorded based on prices negotiated between the segments. Sales of units represents the selling price of our units plus freight and other miscellaneous charges less any returns and allowances. Parts includes sales of purchased and fabricated parts including our coils along with the related freight and less any returns and allowances. The “Other” category in the table below includes certain sales cost and expenses that are not allocated to the reportable segments.

Asset information by segment is not easily identifiable or reviewed by the chief operating decision maker. As such, this information is not included below.

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | <i>(in thousands)</i> | | |
| Sales | | | |
| Units | \$ 480,629 | \$ 434,283 | \$ 406,331 |
| Parts - External | 34,577 | 35,424 | 28,456 |
| Parts - Inter-segment | 24,236 | 28,053 | 29,385 |
| Other | (655) | (374) | (840) |
| Eliminations | (24,236) | (28,053) | (29,385) |
| Net sales | <u>\$ 514,551</u> | <u>\$ 469,333</u> | <u>\$ 433,947</u> |
| Gross Profit | | | |
| Units | \$ 164,048 | \$ 121,878 | \$ 108,214 |
| Parts - External | 15,592 | 17,301 | 13,215 |
| Parts - Inter-segment | (1,461) | 985 | 865 |
| Other | (23,791) | (19,754) | (17,896) |
| Eliminations | 1,461 | (985) | (865) |
| Gross profit | <u>\$ 155,849</u> | <u>\$ 119,425</u> | <u>\$ 103,533</u> |

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

Not Applicable.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of December 31, 2020.

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC. Based upon the evaluation, our principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at December 31, 2020 at the reasonable assurance level.

(b) Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over our financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our principal executive and principal financial officers, and effected by our board of directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In making our assessment of internal control over financial reporting, management has used the criteria issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in the 2013 *Internal Control—Integrated Framework*. Based on our assessment, our management concluded that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020 has been audited by Grant Thornton LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included in this Item 9A of this report on Form 10-K.

(c) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter of 2020 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholders
AAON, Inc.

Opinion on internal control over financial reporting

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of AAON, Inc. (a Nevada corporation) and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria established in the 2013 *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”). In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria established in the 2013 *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by COSO.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”), the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and our report dated February 25, 2021 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

Basis for opinion

The Company’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and limitations of internal control over financial reporting

A company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Tulsa, Oklahoma
February 25, 2021

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

PART III**Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

The information required by Items 401, 405, 406 and 407(c)(3), (d)(4) and (d)(5) of Regulation S-K is incorporated by reference to the information contained in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with our annual meeting of stockholders scheduled to be held on May 11, 2021.

Code of Ethics

We adopted a code of ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and principal accounting officer or persons performing similar functions, as well as other employees and directors. Our code of ethics can be found on our website at www.aaon.com. We will also provide any person without charge, upon request, a copy of such code of ethics. Requests may be directed to AAON, Inc., 2425 South Yukon Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74107, attention Scott M. Asbjornson, or by calling (918) 382-6242.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by Items 402 and 407(e)(4) and (e)(5) of Regulation S-K is incorporated by reference to the information contained in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with our annual meeting of stockholders scheduled to be held on May 11, 2021.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by Item 403 and Item 201(d) of Regulation S-K is incorporated by reference to the information contained in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with our annual meeting of stockholders scheduled to be held May 11, 2021.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required to be reported pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K and paragraph (a) of Item 407 of Regulation S-K is incorporated by reference in our definitive proxy statement relating to our annual meeting of stockholders scheduled to be held May 11, 2021.

Our Code of Conduct guides the Board of Directors in its actions and deliberations with respect to related party transactions. Under the Code, conflicts of interest, including any involving the directors or any Named Officers, are prohibited except under any guidelines approved by the Board of Directors. Only the Board of Directors may waive a provision of the Code of Conduct for a director or a Named Officer, and only then in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. We have not entered into any new material related party transactions and have no preexisting material related party transactions in 2020, 2019, or 2018.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

This information is incorporated by reference in our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with our annual meeting of stockholders scheduled to be held May 11, 2021.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

- (a) Financial statements.
- (1) The consolidated financial statements and the report of independent registered public accounting firm are included in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.
- (2) The consolidated financial statements other than those listed at item (a)(1) above have been omitted because they are not required under the related instructions or are not applicable.
- (3) The exhibits listed at item (b) below are filed as part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Form 10-K.
- (b) Exhibits:
- (3) (A) Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (ii)
(B) Amended and Restated Bylaws (i)
- (4) (A) Third Restated Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement and related documents (iii)
(A-1) Amendment Thirteen (October 24, 2019) to Third Restated Revolving Credit Loan Agreement (iv)
- [\(4.16\)](#) Description of Securities
- (10.1) AAON, Inc. 1992 Stock Option Plan, as amended (vi)
- (10.2) AAON, Inc. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (vii)
- (10.3) AAON, Inc. 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan (v)
- (21) List of Subsidiaries (vii)
- [\(23\)](#) Consent of Grant Thornton LLP
- [\(31.1\)](#) Certification of CEO
- [\(31.2\)](#) Certification of CFO
- [\(32.1\)](#) Section 1350 Certification – CEO
- [\(32.2\)](#) Section 1350 Certification – CFO
- (101) (INS) Inline XBRL Instance Document
- (101) (SCH) Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
- (101) (CAL) Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
- (101) (DEF) Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
- (101) (LAB) Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
- (101) (PRE) Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase
- (104) Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL Document and included in Exhibit 101)
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- (i) Incorporated herein by reference to the exhibits to our Form S-18 Registration Statement No. 33-18336-LA.
- (ii) Incorporated herein by reference to exhibits to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.
- (iii) Incorporated herein by reference to exhibit to our Form 8-K dated July 30, 2004.
- (iv) Incorporated herein by reference to exhibit to our Form 8-K dated July 27, 2016.

- (v) Incorporated herein by reference to our Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-212863 dated August 2, 2016, our Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-226512 dated August 2, 2018, and our Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-241538 dated August 6, 2020.
- (vi) Incorporated by reference to exhibits to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1991, and to our Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-52824.
- (vii) Incorporated herein by reference to our Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-151915, Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-207737, and to our Form 8-K dated May 21, 2014.
- (viii) Incorporated herein by reference to exhibits to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES
REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

As of February 25, 2021, AAON, Inc., a Nevada corporation, ("AAON") has one class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), our Common Stock.

Description of Common Stock

The following description of our Common Stock is a summary based on and qualified by our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of AAON, Inc. (as further amended to date, the "Articles of Incorporation") and our Bylaws (as amended to date, the "Bylaws").

Authorized Capital Shares

Our authorized capital shares consist of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.004 par value per share ("Common Stock"), and 5,000,000 shares of series preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Preferred Stock"). The outstanding shares of our Common Stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

Voting Rights

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters voted on by the stockholders, including the election of directors. Our Common Stock does not have cumulative voting rights.

Dividend Rights

Subject to the rights of holders of outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, if any, the holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by the Board of Directors in its discretion out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends.

Liquidation Rights

Subject to any preferential rights of outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, if any, holders of Common Stock will share ratably in all assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders in the event of dissolution.

Other Rights and Preferences

Our Common Stock has no sinking fund or redemption provisions or preemptive, conversion or exchange rights.

Listing

The Common Stock is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC under the trading symbol "AAON."

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our reports dated February 25, 2021, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting included in the Annual Report of AAON, Inc. on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020. We consent to the incorporation by reference of said reports in the Registration Statements of AAON, Inc. on Forms S-8 (File No. 333-151915, File No. 333-207737, File No. 333-212863, File No. 333-241538 and File No. 333-226512).

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Tulsa, Oklahoma
February 25, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Gary D. Fields, certify that:

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

Dated: February 25, 2021

/s/ Gary D. Fields

Gary D. Fields
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Scott M. Asbjornson, certify that:

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

Dated: February 25, 2021

/s/ Scott M. Asbjornson

Scott M. Asbjornson
Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of AAON, Inc. (the “Company”), on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Gary D. Fields, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

Dated: February 25, 2021

/s/ Gary D. Fields

Gary D. Fields
Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of AAON, Inc. (the “Company”), on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Scott M. Asbjornson, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

Dated: February 25, 2021

/s/ Scott M. Asbjornson

Scott M. Asbjornson
Chief Financial Officer