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**FORM 10-K**

**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 1-898

**AMPCO-PITTSBURGH CORPORATION**

**Pennsylvania**  
(State of Incorporation)

25-1117717  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

726 Bell Avenue, Suite 301  
Carnegie, Pennsylvania 15106  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(412) 456-4400  
(Registrant's telephone number)

**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, \$1 par value	AP	New York Stock Exchange
Series A Warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock	AP WS	NYSE American

**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 Section 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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No \_\_\_

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

Large accelerated filer \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer \_\_\_\_\_  
Smaller reporting company   
Emerging growth company \_\_\_\_\_

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant 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 in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes \_\_\_ No

The aggregate market value of the voting stock of Ampco-Pittsburgh Corporation held by non-affiliates on June 30, 2020 (based upon the closing price of the Registrant's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on that date) was approximately \$16 million.

As of March 19, 2021, 18,847,828 common shares were outstanding.

Documents Incorporated by Reference: Part III of this report incorporates by reference certain information from the Proxy Statement for the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the “Act”) provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf. *Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation* and other sections of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as the consolidated financial statements and notes hereto, may include, but are not limited to, statements about operating performance, trends, events that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future, statements about sales and production levels, restructurings, the impact from global pandemics (including COVID-19), profitability and anticipated expenses, future proceeds from the exercise of outstanding warrants, and cash outflows. All statements in this document other than statements of historical fact are statements that are, or could be, deemed “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Act and words such as “may,” “will,” “intend,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “project,” “forecast” and other terms of similar meaning that indicate future events and trends are also generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such statements are made, are not guarantees of future performance or expectations, and involve risks and uncertainties. For us, these risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- cyclical demand for products and economic downturns;
- excess global capacity in the steel industry;
- fluctuations of the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies;
- increases in commodity prices or shortages of key production materials;
- consequences of global pandemics (including COVID-19);
- changes in the existing regulatory environment;
- new trade restrictions and regulatory burdens associated with “Brexit”;
- inability to successfully restructure our operations;
- limitations in availability of capital to fund our operations and strategic plan;
- inoperability of certain equipment on which we rely;
- work stoppage or another industrial action on the part of any of our unions;
- liability of our subsidiaries for claims alleging personal injury from exposure to asbestos-containing components historically used in certain products of our subsidiaries;
- inability to satisfy the continued listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange or NYSE American;
- failure to maintain an effective system of internal controls;
- potential attacks on information technology infrastructure and other cyber-based business disruptions; and
- those discussed more fully elsewhere in this report, particularly in Item 1A, Risk Factors, in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We cannot guarantee any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. In addition, there may be events in the future that we are not able to predict accurately or control which may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, we assume no obligation, and disclaim any obligation, to update forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, events or otherwise.

## – PART I –

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

#### GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS

Ampco-Pittsburgh Corporation (the “Corporation”) was incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1929. The Corporation, individually or together with its consolidated subsidiaries, is also referred to herein as the “Registrant.” The Corporation manufactures and sells highly engineered, high-performance specialty metal products and customized equipment utilized by industry throughout the world. It operates in two business segments, the *Forged and Cast Engineered Products* (“FCEP”) segment and the *Air and Liquid Processing* segment. This segment presentation is consistent with how the Corporation’s chief operating decision maker evaluates the financial performance and makes resource allocation and strategic decisions about the business.

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On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) announced a global health emergency caused by a new strain of the coronavirus (“COVID-19”), and advised of the risks to the international community as the virus spread globally. In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic based on the rapid increase in exposure globally. In response, many state and local governments required the closure of various businesses. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, however, provided guidance identifying the Corporation’s domestic businesses as critical infrastructure industries, essential to the economic prosperity, security and continuity of the United States, which provides exceptions to certain closures mandated by state and local governments and permits businesses to continue operations during such order. Despite the designation, the Corporation has had to periodically and temporarily idle certain operations of its FCEP segment and, consequently, furlough certain of its employees in response to market conditions. To date, the Air and Liquid Processing segment has successfully mitigated the negative impact on sales and operating income resulting from the pandemic.

Also, in 2020, the Corporation completed an equity rights offering for shares of its common stock and Series A warrants to existing shareholders for net proceeds of \$18.1 million. A majority of the proceeds from the equity rights offering was used to repay borrowings under the Corporation’s revolving credit facility.

## **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

### **Forged and Cast Engineered Products Segment**

The FCEP segment produces forged hardened steel rolls, cast rolls and open-die forged products. Forged hardened steel rolls are used primarily in cold rolling mills by producers of steel, aluminum and other metals. Cast rolls, which are produced in a variety of iron and steel qualities, are used mainly in hot and cold strip mills, medium/heavy section mills and plate mills. Forged engineered products (“FEP”) are principally sold to customers in the steel distribution market, oil and gas industry and the aluminum and plastic extrusion industries. The segment has operations in the United States, England, Sweden, Slovenia, and an equity interest in three joint venture companies in China. Collectively, the segment primarily competes with European, Asian and North and South American companies in both domestic and foreign markets and distributes a significant portion of its products through sales offices located throughout the world.

Union Electric Steel Corporation produces forged hardened steel rolls and open-die forged products. It is headquartered in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, with three manufacturing facilities in Pennsylvania and one in Indiana. The following entities are direct or indirect operating subsidiaries of Union Electric Steel Corporation:

*Union Electric Steel UK Limited* produces cast rolls in a variety of iron and steel qualities for hot and cold strip mills, medium/heavy section mills and plate mills. It is located in Gateshead, England.

*Åkers Sweden AB* produces cast rolls in a variety of iron and steel qualities for hot strip finishing mills, roughing mills, plate mills and medium/heavy section mills. It is located in Åkers Styckebruk, Sweden.

*Åkers Valji Ravne d.o.o.* produces forged rolls for cluster mills and Z-Hi mills, work rolls for narrow and wide strip and aluminum mills, back-up rolls for narrow strip mills, and leveling rolls and shafts. It is located in Ravne, Slovenia.

*Alloys Unlimited Processing, LLC* is a distributor of tool steels and alloys and carbon round bar. It is located in Austintown, Ohio.

The segment’s three joint venture companies in China include:

*Shanxi Åkers TISCO Roll Co. Ltd.* is a joint venture between Taiyuan Iron and Steel Co Ltd. and Åkers AB, a non-operating subsidiary of Union Electric Steel Corporation, that produces cast rolls for hot strip mills, steckel mills and medium plate mills. It is located in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, China. Åkers AB holds a 59.88% interest in the joint venture.

*Masteel Gongchang Roll Co., Ltd.* is a joint venture among Union Electric Steel Corporation, Magang (Group) Holding Co., Ltd. and Jiangsu Gongchang Roll Joint-Stock Co., Ltd. that produces large forged backup rolls for hot and cold strip mills. It is located in Maanshan, Anhui Province, China. Union Electric Steel (Hong Kong) Limited, a non-operating subsidiary of Union Electric Steel Corporation, holds a 33% interest in the joint venture.

*Jiangsu Gongchang Roll Joint-Stock Co., Ltd.* is a joint venture that produces cast rolls for hot and cold strip mills, medium/heavy section mills and plate mills. It is located in Xinjian Town Yixing City, Jiangsu Province, China. Union Electric Steel UK Limited holds a 24.03% interest in the joint venture.

### **Air and Liquid Processing Segment**

The Air and Liquid Processing segment includes Aerofin, Buffalo Air Handling and Buffalo Pumps, all divisions of Air & Liquid Systems Corporation (“Air & Liquid”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation. The segment has operations in Virginia and New York with headquarters in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. It distributes a significant portion of its products through a common independent group of sales offices located throughout the United States and Canada and has several major competitors.

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*Aerofin Division of Air & Liquid Systems Corporation* produces custom-engineered finned tube heat exchange coils and related heat transfer products for a variety of industries including OEM/commercial, nuclear power generation and industrial manufacturing, and is located in Lynchburg, Virginia.

*Buffalo Air Handling Division of Air & Liquid Systems Corporation* produces large custom-designed air handling systems for institutional (e.g., hospital, university), pharmaceutical and general industrial building markets, and is located in Amherst, Virginia.

*Buffalo Pumps Division of Air & Liquid Systems Corporation* manufactures centrifugal pumps for the fossil fueled power generation, marine defense and industrial refrigeration industries, and is located in North Tonawanda, New York.

## **Products**

In both segments, the products are dependent on engineering, principally custom designed, and are sold to sophisticated commercial and industrial users located throughout the world. Products are delivered directly to the customer via third-party carriers or customer-arranged transportation. For additional information on the products produced and financial information about each segment, see [Note 17](#), *Revenue*, and [Note 24](#), *Business Segments*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Raw Materials**

Raw materials used in both segments are generally available from many sources and neither segment is dependent upon any single supplier for any raw material. Substantial volumes of raw materials used by each segment are subject to significant variations in price. The Corporation's subsidiaries generally do not purchase or commit for the purchase of a major portion of raw materials significantly in advance of the time they require such materials but do make forward commitments for certain commodities (copper and aluminum). See [Note 15](#), *Derivative Instruments*, to the Consolidated Financial Statements

## **Patents and Trademarks**

While the Corporation and its subsidiaries hold certain patents, trademarks and licenses, in the opinion of the Corporation, they are not material to either segment.

## **Backlog**

The backlog of orders at December 31, 2020, was approximately \$246 million compared to a backlog of \$321 million at year-end 2019. The reduction in backlog is attributable to the FCEP segment due to customers postponing order placement given the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and several of the FCEP segment's largest customers adjusting their ordering patterns. The reduction is not a reflection of any loss of market share. Approximately 8% of the backlog is expected to be released after 2021.

## **Competition**

The Corporation faces considerable competition from a large number of companies in both segments. The Corporation believes, however, that its subsidiaries are significant participants in each of the niche markets that they serve. Competition in both segments is based on quality, service, price, and delivery.

## **Environmental Protection Compliance Costs**

Expenditures for environmental control matters were not material to either segment in 2020 and are not expected to be material in 2021.

## **Employees and Human Capital Management**

### *Employees*

On December 31, 2020, the Corporation and its subsidiaries had 1,533 active employees worldwide, of which approximately 50% are employed in the United States and approximately 50% are outside the United States. Approximately one-third of the Corporation's employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements or works councils.

### *Oversight*

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors maintains oversight of the Corporation's human capital management strategies that it may deem important to the long-term sustainability of the Corporation.

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### *Key Areas of Focus for the Corporation*

**Health and Safety** – The Corporation’s health and safety program is designed around the regulations associated with the specific hazards and unique working environments of the Corporation’s manufacturing and headquarter operations. The Corporation requires all of its locations to perform regular safety audits to ensure compliance with the safety program. Leading indicators, such as reporting and training of all near-miss events, are used to identify risks for potential future incidents. Lagging indicators, such as OSHA recordable rates and lost time incidence rates, are used to measure achievement of safety metrics, both of which statistically improved in 2020 over 2019.

**Diversity and Inclusion** – The Corporation tracks various metrics such as turnover, absenteeism and diversity. The Corporation has developed strategies to ensure that employees of diverse backgrounds and perspectives enjoy a culture of mutual respect, inclusiveness and teamwork in an environment which values diversity.

### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

The Corporation files annual, quarterly and current reports; amendments to those reports; proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). You may access and read the Corporation’s filings without charge through the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The Corporation’s internet address is [www.ampcopittsburgh.com](http://www.ampcopittsburgh.com). The Corporation makes available, free of charge on its internet website, access to these reports as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. The information on the Corporation’s website is not part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The name, age, position with the Corporation, and business experience for at least the past five years of the Executive Officers <sup>(1)</sup> of the Corporation are as follows:

**J. Brett McBrayer** (age 55). Mr. McBrayer has served as the Corporation’s Chief Executive Officer since July 2018. He previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer at Airtex Products and ASC Industries, a global manufacturer and distributor of automotive aftermarket and OEM fuel and water pumps, from 2012 to 2017. Airtex Products and ASC Industries, together with its parent company, UCI International LLC, and affiliated companies filed for bankruptcy protection in June 2016, successfully emerging in December 2016. Mr. McBrayer also served as Vice President and General Manager of the Alcan Cable business at Rio Tinto Alcan, as Vice President and General Manager of the Specialty Metals Division at Precision Cast Parts Corporation, and held positions of various responsibility and leadership during his 20 years with Alcoa, Inc. Mr. McBrayer received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Arts in Applied Behavioral Science from Bastyr University.

**Rose Hoover** (age 65). Ms. Hoover has been employed by the Corporation for more than forty years. She has served as President and Chief Administrative Officer of the Corporation since August 2015.

**Michael G. McAuley** (age 57). Mr. McAuley has served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Corporation since March 2018 and as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since April 2016. Previously, he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of RTI International Metals, Inc., a producer of titanium mill products and fabricated metal components, from July 2014 to October 2015.

**Samuel C. Lyon** (age 52). Mr. Lyon has served as President of Union Electric Steel Corporation since February 2019. He previously served as Vice President and Group President of Performance Engineered Products at Carpenter Technology Corporation, a developer, manufacturer and distributor of stainless steels and corrosion-resistant alloys, from July 2017 to January 2019. Prior to that, he served as Vice President and General Manager of Dynamet Incorporated, the titanium business unit of Carpenter Technology, from October 2016 to June 2017, and as Chief Operating Officer of UCI-Pumps business of UCI-Fram, an OEM and after-market automotive parts supplier, from March 2013 to September 2016.

**Terrence W. Kenny** (age 61). Mr. Kenny has been employed by the Corporation for more than thirty-five years. He has served as President of the Air & Liquid Systems Corporation for more than ten years.

<sup>(1)</sup> Officers serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and none of the listed individuals serves as a director of another public company.

### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Our business, results of operations and financial condition, and investment in our securities are subject to a number of risks. The risks and uncertainties described below are those that we have identified as material, but are not the only risks and uncertainties we face. Our business is also subject to general risks and uncertainties that affect many other companies, including overall economic and industry conditions. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to general uncertainty and adverse changes in global economic conditions and has heightened, and in some cases manifested, certain of the risks we normally face in operating our business, including those

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disclosed herein. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently believe are not material also may impair our business, consolidated financial condition, results of operations, and the value of any investment in our securities.

## **Risks Related to Our Business and Industry**

### **Cyclical demand for products and economic downturns could reduce the demand for, and sales of, our products, which could adversely affect our margins and profitability.**

A significant portion of the FCEP segment's sales consists of mill rolls to customers in the global steel and aluminum industry that can be periodically impacted by economic or cyclical downturns. Such downturns, the timing and length of which are difficult to predict, may reduce the demand for, and sales of, our forged and cast rolls both in the United States and the rest of the world. Lower demand for rolls may also adversely impact profitability as other competing roll producers lower selling prices in the marketplace in order to fill their manufacturing capacity. Cancellation of orders or deferral of delivery of rolls may occur and produce an adverse impact on financial results. In addition, sales of non-roll product, specifically open-die forged product for the oil and gas industry, are impacted by fluctuations in global energy prices.

### **Excess global capacity in the steel industry could lower prices for our products, which could adversely affect our sales, margins and profitability, as well as collectability of receivables and salability of in-process inventory.**

The global steel manufacturing capacity continues to exceed global consumption of steel products. Such excess capacity often results in manufacturers in certain countries exporting steel at prices significantly below their home market prices (often due to local government assistance or subsidies), which leads to global market destabilization and reduced sales and profitability of some of our and our subsidiaries' customers, which, in turn, affects our sales and profit margins, as well as collectability of receivables and salability of in-process inventory.

### **A reduction in the level of export sales, as well as other economic factors in foreign countries, could have an adverse impact on our financial results.**

Exports are a significant proportion of our subsidiaries' sales. Historically, changes in foreign exchange rates, particularly in respect of the U.S. dollar, British pound, Swedish krona and the euro, have impacted the export of our products and may do so again in the future. Other factors that may adversely impact export sales and operating results include political and economic instability, export controls, changes in tax laws and tariffs, and new indigenous producers in overseas markets. A reduction in the level of export sales may have an adverse impact on our financial results. In addition, changes in foreign currency exchange rates may provide foreign roll suppliers with advantages based on those lower foreign currency exchange rates and, therefore, permit them to compete in our home markets.

### **Fluctuation of the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.**

Certain of our subsidiaries operate in foreign jurisdictions and, accordingly, earn revenues, pay expenses, own assets and incur liabilities in countries using currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Since our consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars, we must translate revenues and expenses into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rate during each reporting period, and assets and liabilities into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the end of each reporting period. Therefore, increases or decreases in the value of the U.S. dollar against other major currencies will affect the translated value for revenue, expenses and balance sheet items denominated in foreign currencies and could materially affect our financial results expressed in U.S. dollars.

### **Commodity price increases, as well as any reductions in electricity, gas supply or shortage of key production materials, could adversely impact our production, which could result in lower profitability or higher losses.**

Our subsidiaries use certain commodities in the manufacture of their products. These include steel scrap, ferroalloys, energy and graphite electrodes. Any unexpected, sudden or prolonged price increase may cause a reduction in profit margins or losses where fixed-priced contracts have been accepted or increases cannot be obtained in future selling prices. In addition, there may be curtailment in electricity or gas supply which could adversely impact production. Shortage of critical materials, while driving up costs, may be of such severity as to disrupt production, all of which may impact sales and profitability. The global supply shortage of graphite electrodes used for electric arc furnace melting of our steels could materially impact results of operations should we be unable to secure sufficient supply for our production requirements.

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**A work stoppage or another industrial action on the part of any of our unions could be disruptive to our operations.**

Our subsidiaries have several key operations which are subject to multi-year collective bargaining agreements with their hourly work forces. While we believe we have good relations with our unions, there is the risk of industrial action or work stoppage at the expiration of an agreement if contract negotiations break down, which may disrupt manufacturing and impact results of operations.

**Dependence on certain equipment may cause an interruption in our production if such equipment is out of operation for an extended period of time, which could result in lower sales and profitability.**

Our subsidiaries' principal business relies on certain unique equipment such as an electric arc furnace and a spin cast work roll machine. Although a comprehensive critical spare inventory of key components for this equipment is maintained, if any such unique equipment is out of operation for an extended period, it may result in a significant reduction in our sales and earnings.

**The ultimate liability of our subsidiaries for claims alleging personal injury from exposure to asbestos-containing components historically used in certain products of our subsidiaries could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or liquidity in the future.**

Our subsidiaries, and in some cases, we, are defendants in numerous claims alleging personal injury from exposure to asbestos-containing components historically used in certain products of our subsidiaries. Through the current year end, our insurance has covered a substantial majority of our settlement and defense costs. We believe that the estimated costs net of anticipated insurance recoveries of our pending and future asbestos legal proceedings should not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or liquidity. However, there can be no assurance that our subsidiaries or we will not be subject to significant additional claims in the future or that our subsidiaries' ultimate liability with respect to asbestos claims will not present significantly greater and longer lasting financial exposure than provided in our financial statements. The ultimate net liability with respect to such pending and any unasserted claims is subject to various uncertainties, including the following:

- the number of claims in the future;
- the costs of defending and settling these claims;
- insolvencies among our insurance carriers and the risk of future insolvencies;
- the possibility that adverse jury verdicts could require damage payments in amounts greater than the amounts for which we have historically settled claims;
- possible changes in the litigation environment or federal and state law governing the compensation of asbestos claimants; and
- the risk that the bankruptcies of other asbestos defendants may increase our costs.

Because of the uncertainties related to such claims, it is possible that the ultimate liability could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or liquidity in the future.

**A change in the existing regulatory environment could negatively affect our operations and financial performance.**

We are subject to a wide variety of complex domestic and foreign laws, rules and regulations, including trade policies and tax regimes. We are affected by new laws and regulations, and changes to existing laws and regulations, including interpretations by courts and regulators, whether prompted by changes in government administrations or otherwise. These laws, regulations and policies, and changes thereto, may result in restrictions or limitations to our current operational practices and processes and product/service offerings which could negatively impact our current cost structure, revenue streams, future tax obligations, the value of our deferred income tax assets, cash flows, and overall financial position.

In 2018, the United States imposed tariffs of 25% on primary steel imports and 10% on primary aluminum imports into the United States. As consumers of steel and aluminum in some of our products, our cost base is exposed to the impact of this action, or similar actions, on our margins, and we could potentially lose market share to foreign competitors not subject to similar tariffs increases. Our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows may continue to be affected by these tariffs, or similar actions. Moreover, these new tariffs, or other changes in U.S. trade policy, have resulted in, and may continue to trigger, retaliatory actions by affected countries which could adversely impact demand for our products, as well as impact our costs, customers, suppliers and/or the U.S. economy or certain sectors thereof and, thus, may adversely impact our business.

**New trade restrictions and regulatory burdens associated with "Brexit" could adversely impact our operations and financial performance.**

On June 23, 2016, voters in the United Kingdom (the "U.K.") approved a referendum to exit from the European Union (the "E.U."), commonly known as "Brexit." The U.K left the E.U. on January 31, 2020. The E.U. and the U.K. agreed upon the terms of an agreement which sets out the terms of the U.K.'s withdrawal from the E.U. and includes a transitional period. The transitional period

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ended December 31, 2020, without the U.K. entering into trade agreements with several of its primary trading partners, including the E.U. Since trade between the E.U. and U.K. may be subject to tariffs and other restrictions, the effects of Brexit may from time to time cause volatility in the global stock markets, currency exchange rate fluctuations, effects on cross border trade and labor, and political and regulatory uncertainty in the U.K. and across Europe generally. Given the lack of comparable precedent, it is unclear what financial, trade and legal implications of the U.K. leaving the E.U. with no trade agreements in place would have in the near- and long-term and how such withdrawal would affect our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

**We may not be able to achieve expected benefits of restructuring our operations or consummating future divestitures of operations which become non-core to our portfolio.**

We may, from time to time, divest businesses that become less of a strategic fit within our core portfolio or restructure operations to improve our operating results. Our profitability may be impacted by gains or losses on the sale or restructuring of such businesses and our level of expected cost savings from restructuring actions may not materialize. Additionally, we may be required to record asset impairment or restructuring charges related to these businesses and may in the future become responsible for liabilities which materialize post-divestiture. These issues may adversely impact our financial position, liquidity and results of operations.

**We could face limitations in availability of capital to fund our strategic plans, including plant and equipment modernization. Additionally, deterioration in our credit profile or increases in interest rates could increase our costs of borrowing and further limit our access to the capital markets and commercial credit.**

We are parties to a Revolving Credit and Security Agreement (as amended, the "Credit Agreement"), a senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility collateralized by a first priority perfected security interest in substantially all of our assets. The Credit Agreement provides for borrowings not to exceed \$92.5 million but restricts us from incurring additional indebtedness outside of the Credit Agreement, unless otherwise approved by the banks. The Credit Agreement is subject to various affirmative and negative covenants and contains various sub-limits, including those based on type of collateral and borrowings by geographic region. If the financial covenants become difficult to meet or if our borrowing needs increase beyond the prescribed limits, our results of operations and liquidity may be materially adversely affected. In addition, changes in our credit profile could cause less favorable commercial terms for the procurement of materials required to manufacture our products, which also could have a negative impact on our results of operations and liquidity. Further, our access to public debt markets is limited based on our size, credit profile and not being a well-known seasoned issuer, which may result in limitations in availability of capital to fund our strategic plans including plant and equipment modernization.

**We have significant international operations and sales, and face risks related to global health epidemics such as the coronavirus.**

Outbreaks of contagious diseases and other adverse public health developments in countries where we operate could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. For example, the outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus resulted in significant local governmental measures being implemented to control the spread of the virus, including restrictions on manufacturing and the movement of employees in many regions of the country. The coronavirus has had a significant impact on our business and our financial results and recovery depends on future developments, which remain highly uncertain. Future pandemics may result in a widespread health crisis that could adversely affect the economies and financial markets of many countries, resulting in an economic downturn, and also adversely impacting our sales and results of operations.

**The COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruptions in manufacturing industries.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased economic and demand uncertainty and could cause a sustained global recession. It has impacted, and may continue to have a prolonged and severe impact on, our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. While the U.S. Department of Homeland Security guidance has identified our domestic businesses as critical infrastructure industries, essential to the economic prosperity, security and continuity of the United States, we have had to periodically and temporarily idled certain operations of our FCEP segment and, consequently, furloughed certain of our employees in response to market conditions. Additionally, the FCEP segment has experienced, and may continue to experience, customer-requested delays of deliveries or, eventually, potential cancellation of orders and significant reductions in demand. We also may experience long-term disruptions to our operations resulting from changes in government policy or guidance; quarantines of employees, customers and suppliers in areas affected by the pandemic; and closures of businesses or manufacturing facilities that are critical to our business or our supply chains. We may also incur higher write-offs of accounts receivables and impairment charges on our asset values, including property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.

The COVID-19 pandemic also could adversely affect our liquidity and ability to access the capital markets. Additionally, government stimulus programs available to us, our customers, or our suppliers, may prove to be insufficient or ineffective. Furthermore, in the event that the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic causes us to be unable to maintain a certain level of excess availability under our revolving credit facility, our availability of funds may become limited, or we may be required to renegotiate the facility on less