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FORM 10-K

X Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the transition period from 4350 Congress Street, Suite 600 Charlotte, North Carolina 28209 (Address of principal executive offices) (704) 885-2555 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Exact name of registrant as IRS Employer State or other jurisdiction of Commission file number specified in its charter Identification No. incorporation or organization 1-03560 **Glatfelter Corporation** 23-0628360 Pennsylvania Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Name of Each Exchange on Trading Title of Each Class Symbol(s) which registered Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share **GLT New York Stock Exchange** 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 \Box No \Box . 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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes \square No \square . Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a small reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. \square Large accelerated filer \square Accelerated filer \square Non-accelerated filer \square Small reporting company \square Emerging Growth Company 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 🗹. Based on the closing price as of June 30, 2020, the aggregate market value of the Common Stock of the Registrant held by non-affiliates was \$691.3 million. 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.

Common Stock outstanding on February 18, 2021 totaled 44,367,836 shares.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to shareholders in connection with the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 6, 2021 are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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For the Year Ended

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PART I

Glatfelter Corporation makes regular filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including this Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K. These filings are available, free of charge, on our website, www.glatfelter.com, and the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. We also provide copies of our SEC filings at no charge upon request to Investor Relations at (717) 225-2746, ir@glatfelter.com, or by mail to Investor Relations, 4350 Congress Street, Suite 600, Charlotte, NC 28209. In this filing, unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms "we," "our," "us," "the Company," or "Glatfelter" refer to Glatfelter Corporation and subsidiaries.

The following discussion of our Business sets forth an update of the material developments since our most recent full discussion included in Item 1 - "Business" of our 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 26, 2020.

ITEM 1 BUSINESS

Overview Glatfelter is a leading global supplier of engineered materials. Our high-quality, innovative, and customizable solutions are found in tea and single-serve coffee filtration, personal hygiene as well as in many diverse packaging, home improvement and industrial applications. Our annual net sales approximate \$916 million with customers in over 100 countries. We own and operate eleven manufacturing facilities located in the United States, Canada, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines. Our facilities have a combined production capacity of approximately 298,000 metric tons of composite fibers and airlaid materials used in a wide array of applications. In addition, we operate sales and distribution offices in Russia, Italy, China, and the United States.

Glatfelter has undergone a strategic transformation focused on becoming a leading engineered materials company accelerating growth through innovation and sustainability. The transformation includes unlocking value through the realignment of our product portfolio, investing in strategic growth opportunities, delivering shareholder distributions, and creating financial capacity for strategic flexibility. Our portfolio now consists of leading positions serving markets growing at or above gross domestic product rates, a predictable cash flow profile, and significantly improved adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA").

We manage our business and make investment decisions under a functional operating model with two distinct reporting segments: Composite Fibers and Airlaid Materials. These segments serve growing global customers and markets providing innovative and customizable solutions, ultimately delivering high-quality engineered materials. As a leading global supplier of engineered materials for consumer and industrial applications, we partner with leading consumer product companies and other market leaders to provide innovative solutions delivering outstanding performance to meet market requirements. Over the past several years, we have divested non-strategic assets and made investments to increase production capacity and improve our technical capabilities to ensure we are best positioned to serve the market demands and grow our sales. We are committed to growing with our key markets and will make appropriate investments to support our customers and satisfy market demands.

On January 5, 2021, we signed a definitive agreement to purchase Georgia-Pacific's U.S. nonwovens business ("G-P") for \$175 million. This business includes the Mount Holly, NC manufacturing facility with annual production capacity of approximately 37,000 metric tons and an R&D center and pilot line for nonwovens product development in Memphis, TN. G-P had annual net sales of approximately \$100 million. The acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of required regulatory clearances. Additional information related to this pending acquisition is set forth in Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data- Note 3 – "Acquisitions."

Our strategy focuses on:

Expanding our engineered materials business	 Investing in organic growth and strategic acquisitions to expand capabilities and broaden scale Driving innovation and growth by leveraging market-leading capabilities and focusing on sustainability
Driving continuous improvement and cost optimization initiatives	 Achieving more consistent operational excellence across the Company through robust continuous improvement Managing cost structure to increase margins and improve cash flow
Maintaining a healthy balance sheet and financial flexibility	 Applying a disciplined capital spending mindset Funding organic and inorganic growth opportunities Delivering shareholder distributions

Segments Consolidated net sales and the relative net sales contribution of each of our two segments for the past three years are summarized below:

Dollars in thousands		2020	2019		2018
Net sales	\$	916,498	\$ 927,673	\$	866,286
Operating segment contribution					
Composite Fibers		57.3%	56.2%		64.1%
Airlaid Materials		42.7	43.8		35.9
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Net tons sold by each segment for the past three years were as follows:

Metric tons	2020	2019	2018
Composite Fibers	134,758	133,473	143,777
Airlaid Materials	136,661	137,595	104,774
Total	271,419	271,068	248,551

COMPOSITE FIBERS Our Composite Fibers segment, with annual net sales of approximately \$525.1 million, processes specialty long fibers, primarily from natural sources such as abaca, and other materials to create premium value-added products in the following categories:

- Food & Beverage filtration material primarily used for single-serve coffee and tea products;
- Wallcover base materials used by the world's largest wallpaper manufacturers;
- Technical Specialties consists of a diverse line of specialty engineered products used in commercial and industrial
 applications such as electrical energy storage, home, hygiene, and other highly-engineered fiber-based
 applications;
- Composite Laminates decorative laminate solutions used in furniture, and household and commercial flooring, and other applications; and
- Metallized products used in labels, packaging liners, gift wrap, and other consumer product applications.

We believe Composite Fibers maintains a market leadership position in the single-serve coffee and tea filtration markets, wallcover base material and many other products it produces. We believe many of the markets served by Composite Fibers present attractive growth opportunities due to evolving consumer preferences, new or emerging geographic markets, new product innovation and increased market share through superior products and quality.

This segment's net sales composition by categories is set forth in Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data-Note 8 – "Revenue." Composite Fibers is comprised of five paper making facilities (Germany (3), France and England), a metallizing operation (Wales) and a pulp mill (the Philippines). The combined attributes of the facilities are summarized as follows (in metric tons):

Production	Principal Raw Material	Estimated Annual
Capacity	("PRM")	Quantity of PRM
145,000 lightweight and other paper	Abaca pulp	14,900
	Wood pulp	86,000
	Synthetic fiber	20,500
15,700 metallized	Base stock	13,350
15,000 abaca pulp	Abaca fiber	23,700

Composite Fibers' lightweight products are produced using highly specialized inclined wire paper machine technology.

The primary raw materials used in the production of our lightweight materials are softwood pulps, abaca pulp, and other specialty fibers. Enough quantities of abaca pulp and its source material, abaca fiber, are important to support growth in this segment. Abaca pulp, a specialized pulp with limited sources of availability globally, is produced by our Philippine pulp mill, providing a unique advantage to our Composite Fibers segment. As the supply of abaca fiber becomes constrained or when production demands exceed the capacity of the Philippines mill, alternative sources and/or substitute fibers are used to meet customer demands.

In addition to critical raw materials, Composite Fibers' production cost is influenced by the price of electricity and natural gas. In 2020, Composite Fibers purchased approximately 77% of its electricity needs, the cost of which is influenced by the natural gas markets. In addition, the segment generates all the steam used in production by burning natural gas.

In Composite Fibers' markets, competition is product line specific as the necessity for technical expertise and specialized manufacturing equipment limits the number of companies offering multiple product lines. The following chart summarizes key competitors by market segment:

Market segment	Competitor
Single serve coffee & tea	Ahlstrom, Purico, Miquel y Costas and Zhejiang Kan
Wallcovering	Mayak & Technocell JV, Neu Kaliss, Goznak, Kämmerer and Ahlstrom
Technical specialties	Nippon Kodoshi Corp ("NKK"), Kan Kyo Technology, Burrows and Suominen Oyj
Composite laminates	Schweitzer-Maudit, Purico, Miquel y Costas, MB Papeles Especiales and Oi Feng
Metallized	AR Metallizing, Torras Papel Novelis, Vaassen, Galileo Nanotech, and Wenzhou
	Protec Vacuum Metallizing Co.

Our strategy in Composite Fibers is focused on:

- leveraging innovation resources to drive plastic free applications, and new product and new business development;
- optimizing our asset utilization and product portfolio while capitalizing on growing global markets in beverage filtration, electrical storage and consumer products trends;
- maximize continuous improvement methodologies to increase productivity, reduce costs and expand capacity; and
- ensuring readily available access to specialized raw material requirements or suitable alternatives to support projected growth.

AIRLAID MATERIALS Airlaid Materials, with annual net sales of approximately \$391.4 million, is a leading global supplier of highly absorbent and engineered cellulose-based airlaid nonwoven materials, primarily used to manufacture consumer products for growing global end-user markets. Our products are composed of all-natural fluff pulp, which is sustainable by design. The categories served by Airlaid Materials include:

- feminine hygiene and other hygiene products;
- specialty wipes;
- tabletop;
- home care;
- adult incontinence; and
- other consumer and industrial products.

Airlaid Materials' customers are industry leading consumer product companies as well as private label converters. We believe this business holds a leading position in the majority of the markets it serves. Airlaid Materials has developed long-term customer relationships through superior quality, customer service, and a reputation for quickly bringing product and process innovations to market.

This segment's net sales composition by categories is set forth in Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data-Note 8 – "Revenue."

The feminine hygiene category accounted for 52% and 51% of Airlaid Material's net sales in 2020 and 2019, respectively. Most feminine hygiene sales are to a group of large, leading global consumer products companies. We believe these markets are growth oriented due to population growth in certain geographic regions and changing consumer preferences. In developing regions, demand is also influenced by increases in disposable income and cultural preferences.

Airlaid Materials operates state-of-the-art facilities in Falkenhagen and Steinfurt, Germany, Gatineau, Canada and Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Airlaid Materials' four facilities operate with the following combined attributes (in metric tons):

153,000		Fluff pulp	122,000			
	Capacity (metric tons)		(short tons)			
		Principal Raw Material ("PRM")	Quantity of PRM			
	Airlaid Production		Estimated Annual			

Key raw material used in the airlaid production process other than fluff pulp include synthetic fibers, super absorbent polymers, and latex. The cost to produce is influenced by the cost of critical raw materials and energy prices. Airlaid Materials purchases substantially all the electricity and natural gas used in its operations. Approximately 74% of this segment's net sales in 2020 was earned under contracts whose selling price is influenced by pass-through provisions directly related to the cost of certain key raw materials.

Airlaid Materials continues to be a technology and product innovation leader in technically demanding segments of the markets it serves. Its airlaid material production employs multi-bonded and thermal-bonded airlaid technologies as opposed to other methods such as hydrogen-bonding. We believe that its facilities are among the most modern and flexible airlaid facilities in the world, allowing it to produce at industry leading operating rates. Its proprietary single-lane festooning technology provides converting and product packaging capabilities which supports efficiency in the customers converting processes. Airlaid Materials' in-house technical expertise combined with significant capital investment requirements and rigorous customer expectations creates large barriers to entry for new competitors.

The following summarizes Airlaid Materials' key competitors:

Market segment	Competitor
Hygiene and other absorbent products	Fitesa, McAirlaid's GmbH, Domtar, Georgia-Pacific
Tabletop	Georgia-Pacific, SharpCell, Rexcell AB, Ascutec
Wipes	Jacob Holm, Suominen Oyj, Georgia-Pacific, Kimberly Clark

The global markets served by Airlaid Materials are characterized by attractive growth opportunities. To take advantage of this, our strategy is focused on:

- maintaining and expanding relationships with customers that are market-leading consumer product companies as well as companies converting and distributing through private label arrangements;
- capitalizing on our product and process innovation capabilities, including developing plastic-free technologies;

- expanding geographic reach of markets served;
- optimizing the use of existing production capacity; and
- employing continuous improvement methodologies and initiatives to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and create additional capacity.

Concentration of Customers Approximately 16% of our consolidated net sales in each of the past three years was from sales to Procter & Gamble Company, a customer in the Airlaid Materials segment.

Capital Expenditures Our business requires expenditures for equipment enhancements to support growth strategies, research and development initiatives, and for normal upgrades or replacements. Most recently, we incurred significant expenditures for Airlaid Materials' capacity expansion project completed in early 2018. Capital expenditures totaled \$28.1 million, \$27.8 million and \$42.1 million in 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Capital expenditures in 2021 are estimated to total between approximately \$38 million and \$42 million.

Government Regulations We are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations intended to protect the environment as well as human health and safety. These regulations include, among others, limits on air emissions and water use and discharges by our facilities throughout the world. Glatfelter is committed to operating responsibly and addressing the concerns and needs of our stakeholders. At various times, we have incurred costs to comply with these regulations and we could incur additional costs as new regulations are developed or regulatory priorities change.

Human Capital Our business is guided by our Board of Directors and a diverse management team comprised of leaders with extensive business and industry experience. Additional information on our leadership team is set forth within this Form 10-K under the caption "Executive Officers." As of December 31, 2020, we employed 2,415 people worldwide, the substantial majority of whom are skilled personnel responsible for the production and commercialization of our Composite Fibers and Airlaid Materials products. Our facilities are a continuous flow manufacturing operation with approximately 79% of our employees represented by local works councils or trade unions in Europe, the United Kingdom, Canada, and the Philippines.

The daily work of Glatfelter employees is rooted in the Company's longstanding Code of Business Conduct and Core Values of Integrity, Financial Discipline, Mutual Respect, Customer focus, Environmental Responsibility and Social Responsibility.

<u>Employee Health and Safety</u> We have a well-established safety management system and ongoing employee wellness programs. The health and safety of our employees and their families have remained a top priority, and we have been diligently taking the necessary measures to protect them. This includes expanded safety, hygiene, and communication protocols throughout our facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We view health and safety as everyone's responsibility and involve all employees at every level of the organization in our programs. Glatfelter facilities are striving to be "injury free every day" through implementation of our Global Health & Safety Protocol, regulatory compliance, site-specific safety plans, safety resources and training, ongoing risk assessment and a safety auditing program. We track multiple safety metrics, including total case incident rate ("TCIR"), to encourage and ensure continuous improvement and mitigation of potential safety risks. In recent years, our TCIR has consistently ranked in the top quartile of safety performance in our industry.

<u>Talent Attraction, Retention and Development</u> Our employees make essential contributions to our success and ability to drive growth and innovation. Even as the organization has undertaken substantial change in recent years, our vision and Core Values remain the center of our steadfast compliant culture. We are always working to enhance our human resources programs by implementing and integrating enterprise-level processes for talent attraction, career development and training. Creating a best-in-class, globally consistent process for these employee experiences has become even more important as part of our strategic transformation and the move of our corporate headquarters to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Glatfelter supports its team by providing fair wages, competitive salaries, comprehensive benefits, diverse wellness programs and other benefits to help enhance the lives of our employees. We regularly review our employee offerings to ensure we are positioned to attract and retain world-class talent.

<u>Employee Training</u> Training and professional growth are central to developing our workforce and driving long-term success for our organization. Global training encompasses a variety of programs, from apprenticeships and machine-specific skill development, grant-funded partnerships, Lean Six Sigma principles training, leadership development and compliance training. To ensure we continue to have the necessary resources with skills necessary to support the production of increasingly sophisticated engineered materials, we invest in the development of skills necessary to operate our machinery including operational apprenticeship programs in many of our global locations.

<u>Diversity and Inclusion</u> We are a global company that encourages and embraces different cultures and backgrounds. Our employees, including our management team, are diverse – as our facilities hire locally for leadership positions, as well as salaried and production positions at all levels. We strive to create an inclusive culture and provide opportunities for people of all backgrounds to share their unique viewpoints and contribute to our success. The global nature of our business helps drive our inclusive corporate environment, as we regularly collaborate with colleagues who have different backgrounds, ethnicities and world views.

We are committed to ensuring our Company is diverse and inclusive place to work, while also strengthening the communities in which we live.

Other Available Information The Corporate Governance page of our website includes our Governance Principles, Code of Business Conduct, and biographies of our Board of Directors and Executive Officers. In addition, the website includes charters of the Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees of the Board of Directors. The Corporate Governance page also includes the Code of Business Ethics for the CEO and Senior Financial Officers of Glatfelter, our "whistle-blower" policy and other related material. We satisfy the disclosure requirement for any future amendments to, or waivers from, our Code of Business Conduct or Code of Business Ethics for the CEO and Senior Financial Officers by posting such information on our website. We will provide a copy of these documents, without charge, to any person who requests one by contacting Investor Relations at (717) 225-2746, ir@glatfelter.com or by mail to 4350 Congress Street, Suite 600, Charlotte, NC, 28209.

ITEM 1A RISK FACTORS

Our business and financial performance may be adversely affected by a weak global economic environment or downturns in the target markets that we serve.

Adverse global economic conditions could impact our target markets resulting in decreased demand for our products. Our results could be adversely affected if economic conditions weaken. Also, there may be periods during which demand for our products is insufficient to enable us to operate our production facilities at full capacity and in an economical manner which may force us to take machine downtime to curtail production to match demand.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic as the virus spread throughout the world. As the virus continued its rapid spread, a significant portion of the world's economies was significantly impacted, and will continue to be so, by government mandates that all "non-essential" businesses close and that residents "shelter-in-place" or practice "social distancing." The actions undertaken across the globe in an attempt to contain the spread of the virus have had an unprecedented and significant adverse impact on global economies in terms of reduced GDP, increased unemployment, and insolvencies in a variety of industries and markets.

In the event economic activity continues to be adversely impacted, or the impact intensifies, due to the spread of COVID-19 or due to actions to control the spread, we could be forced to curtail operations further due to reduced customer demand, compliance with government mandates or the inability to adequately staff production facilities due to a widespread or sustained outbreak of COVID-19 at one or more of our facilities. In addition, our global supply chain could be disrupted, demand for our products, or the prices the products are sold, could be adversely impacted if economic conditions in the target markets that we serve remain weak or weaken further. We also could face potential legal actions that could arise due to our operations during the pandemic. This economic environment may also cause customer insolvencies which may result in their inability to satisfy their financial obligations to us. The conditions are beyond our control and may have a significant impact on our sales and results of operations.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on various economies throughout the world could lead to financial instabilities or insolvencies of some of our customers or the customers they in turn serve which could impact our ability to sell our products. These conditions are beyond our control and may have a significant impact on our sales and results of operations. As we cannot predict the duration or scope of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the event the spread continues or the government actions intensify, our results of operations and/or financial position could be adversely impacted.

Approximately 55% of our net sales in 2020 was from shipments to customers in Europe, the demand for which is dependent on economic conditions in this area, or to the extent such customers do business outside of Europe, in other regions of the world. Uncertain economic conditions in this region may cause weakness in demand for our products as well as volatility in our customers buying patterns.

The cost of raw materials and energy used to manufacture our products could increase or the availability of certain raw materials could become constrained.

We require access to sufficient, and reasonably priced, quantities of pulps, pulp substitutes, abaca fiber, synthetic fibers, and certain other raw materials, as well as access to reliable and abundant supplies of water to support many of our

production facilities. We require significant quantities of wood pulps and, therefore, the volatility of wood pulp prices can have a significant impact on our results of operations.

Our Philippine mill purchases abaca fiber to produce abaca pulp, a key material used to manufacture paper for single-serve coffee, tea, and technical specialty products at Composite Fibers' facilities. At certain times, the supply of abaca fiber has been constrained or the quality diminished due to factors such as weather-related damage to the source crop as well as decisions by landowners to produce alternative crops in lieu of those used to produce abaca fiber. These factors have contributed to volatility in fiber prices or limited available supply.

Airlaid Materials requires access to sufficient quantities of fluff pulp, the supply of which is subject to availability of certain softwoods.

The cost of many of our production materials, including petroleum-based chemicals and freight charges, are influenced by the cost of oil. Natural gas is the principal source of fuel for each of our facilities worldwide and has historically been more volatile than other fuels.

Government rules, regulations and policies have an impact on the cost of certain energy sources, particularly for our European operations. In Europe, we currently benefit from a number of government-sponsored programs related to, among others, green energy or renewable energy initiatives designed to mitigate the cost of electricity to larger industrial consumers of power. Any reduction in the extent of government sponsored incentives may adversely affect the cost ultimately borne by our operations.

Although we have contractual arrangements with certain Airlaid Materials customers pursuant to which our product's selling price is adjusted for changes in the cost of certain raw materials, we may not be able to fully pass increased raw materials or energy costs on to all customers if the market will not bear the higher price or if existing agreements limit price increases. If price adjustments significantly trail increases in raw materials or energy prices, our operating results could be adversely affected.

Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations could adversely affect our results of operations.

A significant proportion of our net sale and earnings is generated from operations outside of the United States. In addition, we own and operate manufacturing facilities in Canada, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines. A significant portion of our business is transacted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar including the euro, British pound, Canadian dollar, and Philippine peso, among others. Our euro denominated net sales exceeds euro expenses by an estimated &150 million. With respect to the British pound, Canadian dollar, and Philippine peso, we have greater outflows than inflows of these currencies, although to a lesser degree than the euro. As a result, we are exposed to changes in currency exchange rates and such changes could be significant.

Our ability to maintain our products' price competitiveness is reliant, in part, on the relative strength of the currency in which the product is denominated compared to the currency of the market into which it is sold and the functional currency of our competitors. Changes in the rate of exchange of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar, and other currencies, may adversely impact our results of operations and our ability to offer products in certain markets at acceptable prices.

In the event of significant currency weakening in the countries into which our products are sold, demand for our products, pricing of our products, or a customer's ability to satisfy obligations to us, could be adversely impacted.

Approximately \$79 million of our net sales in 2020 was earned from customers located in Ukraine and Russia. Uncertain geo-political conditions, this region's economic environment and volatile currencies may cause demand for our products to be volatile and cause abrupt changes in our customers buying patterns.

Our industry is highly competitive and increased competition could reduce our sales and profitability.

The global markets in which we compete are served by a variety of competitors and a variety of substrates. As a result, our ability to compete is sensitive to, and may be adversely impacted by:

- the entry of new competitors into the markets we serve;
- the aggressiveness of our competitors' pricing strategies, which could force us to decrease prices in order to maintain market share;
- our failure to anticipate and respond to changing customer preferences; and
- technological advances or changes that impact production or cost competitiveness of our products.

The impact of any significant changes may result in our inability to effectively compete in the markets in which we operate, and as a result our sales and operating results would be adversely affected.

We may not be able to develop new products acceptable to our existing or potential customers.

Our business strategy is market focused and includes investments in developing new products to meet the changing needs of our customers, serve new customers and to maintain our market share. Our success will depend, in part, on our ability to develop and introduce new and enhanced products that keep pace with introductions by our competitors and changing customer preferences. If we fail to anticipate or respond adequately to these factors, we may lose opportunities for business with both current and potential customers. The success of our new product offerings will depend on several factors, including our ability to:

- anticipate and properly identify our customers' needs and industry trends;
- develop and commercialize new products and applications in a timely manner;
- price our products competitively;
- differentiate our products from our competitors' products; and
- invest efficiently in research and development activities.

Our inability to develop new products or new business opportunities could adversely impact our business and ultimately harm our profitability.

We are subject to substantial costs and potential liability for environmental matters.

We are subject to various environmental laws and regulations that govern our operations, including discharges into the environment, and the handling and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes. We are also subject to laws and regulations that impose liability and clean-up responsibility for releases of hazardous substances. To comply with environmental laws and regulations, we have incurred, and will continue to incur, substantial expenditures.

We may incur obligations to remove or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment, such as air and water quality, resulting from mills we operate or have operated. Potential obligations include costs for government oversight of the remediation activities, the restoration of natural resources, and/or personal injury and property damages.

Airlaid Materials generates a substantial portion of its net sales from one customer serving the hygiene products market, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Airlaid Materials' derives approximately 52% of its net sales from sales to the feminine hygiene market. In addition, one customer accounted for 39% of this segment's sales, and the balance is concentrated with a small group of large customers. The loss of the large customer or a decline in sales of hygiene products could have a material adverse effect on this business's operating results. Our ability to effectively compete could be affected by technological production alternatives which could provide substitute products into this market segment. Customers in the airlaid nonwoven fabric material market, including the hygiene market, may also switch to less expensive products, change preferences or otherwise reduce demand for Airlaid Materials' products, thus reducing the size of the markets in which it currently sells its products. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our financial performance and business prospects.

Our operations may be impaired, and we may be exposed to potential losses and liability as a result of natural disasters, acts of terrorism or sabotage or similar events.

If we have a catastrophic loss or unforeseen operational disruption at any of our facilities, we could suffer significant lost production which could impair our ability to satisfy customer demands.

Natural disasters, such as earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, flooding or fire, and acts of terrorism or sabotage affecting our operating activities and major facilities could materially and adversely affect our operations, operating results and financial condition.

In addition, many of our operations require a reliable and abundant supply of water. Such mills rely on a local water body or water source for their water needs and, therefore, are particularly sensitive to drought conditions or other natural or manmade interruptions to water supplies. Any interruption or curtailment of operations at any of our production facilities due to drought or low flow conditions at the principal water source or another cause could materially and adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.

Our pulp mill in Lanao del Norte on the Island of Mindanao in the Republic of the Philippines is located along the Pacific Rim, one of the world's hazard belts. By virtue of its geographic location, this mill is subject to similar types of natural disasters discussed above, cyclones, typhoons, and volcanic activity. Moreover, the area of Lanao del Norte has been a target of suspected terrorist activities. Our pulp mill in Mindanao is located in a rural portion of the island and is susceptible to attacks and/or power interruptions. The Mindanao mill supplies the abaca pulp used by Composite Fibers to manufacture paper for single serve coffee and tea products and certain technical specialties products. Any interruption, loss, or extended curtailment of operations at our Mindanao mill could affect our ability to meet customer demands for our products and materially affect our operating results and financial condition.

We have operations in a potentially politically and economically unstable location.

Our pulp mill in the Philippines is located in a region that is unstable and subject to political unrest. As discussed above, our Philippine pulp mill produces abaca pulp, a significant raw material used by Composite Fibers and is currently our main source of abaca pulp. There are limited suitable alternative sources of readily available abaca pulp in the world. In the event of a disruption in supply from our Philippine mill, there is no guarantee that we could obtain adequate amounts of abaca pulp, if at all, from alternative sources at a reasonable price. Further, there is no assurance the performance of such alternative materials will satisfy customer performance requirements. As a consequence, any civil disturbance, unrest, political instability, or other event that causes a disruption in supply could limit the availability of abaca pulp and would increase our cost of obtaining abaca pulp. Such occurrences could adversely impact our sales volumes, net sales, and operating results.

Our international operations pose certain risks that may adversely impact sales and earnings.

We have significant operations and assets located in Canada, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines. Our international sales and operations are subject to a number of unique risks, in addition to the risks in our domestic sales and operations, including, but not limited to, economic and trade disruptions resulting from geopolitical developments, differing protections of intellectual property, trade barriers, labor unrest, exchange controls, regional economic uncertainty, differing (and possibly more stringent) labor regulation, risk of governmental expropriation, domestic and foreign customs and tariffs, differing regulatory environments, difficulty in managing widespread operations and political instability. These factors may adversely affect our future profits. Also, in some foreign jurisdictions, we may be subject to laws limiting the right and ability of entities organized or operating therein to pay dividends or remit earnings to affiliated companies unless specified conditions are met. Any such limitations would restrict our flexibility in using funds generated in those jurisdictions.

We are subject to cyber-security risks related to unauthorized or malicious access to sensitive customer, vendor, company, or employee information as well as to the technology that supports our operations and other business processes.

Our business operations rely upon secure systems for mill operations, and data capture, processing, storage, and reporting. Although we maintain appropriate data security and controls, our information technology systems, and those of our third-party providers, could become subject to cyberattacks. Systems such as ours are inherently exposed to cyber-security risks and potential attacks. The result of such attacks could result in a breach of data security and controls. Such a breach of our network, systems, applications or data could result in operational disruptions or damage or information misappropriation including, but not limited to, interruption to systems availability, denial of access to and misuse of applications required by our customers to conduct business with us, denial of access to the applications we use to plan our operations, procure materials, manufacture and ship products and account for orders, theft of intellectual knowhow and trade secrets, and inappropriate disclosure of confidential company, employee, customer or vendor information, could stem from such incidents.

Any of these operational disruptions and/or misappropriation of information could adversely affect our results of operations, create negative publicity, and could have a material effect on our business.

We operate in and are subject to taxation from numerous U.S. and foreign jurisdictions.

The multinational nature of our business subjects us to taxation in the U.S and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Due to economic and political conditions, tax rates in various jurisdictions may be subject to significant change. Our effective tax rates could be affected by changes in tax laws or their interpretation or changes in the mix of earnings in jurisdictions with differing statutory tax rates, changes in the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities. For example, the European Commission has opened formal investigations to examine whether decisions by the tax authorities in certain European countries comply with European Union rules on state aid. The outcome of the European Commission's investigations could require changes to existing tax rulings that, in turn, could have an impact on our income taxes and results of operations.

In the event any of the above risk factors impact our business in a material way or in combination during the same period, we may be unable to generate enough cash flow to simultaneously fund our operations, finance capital expenditures, satisfy obligations and make dividend payments on our common stock.

In addition to debt service obligations, our business requires expenditures to support growth strategies, research and development initiatives, and for normal upgrades or replacements. We expect to meet all our near and long-term cash needs from a combination of operating cash flow, cash and cash equivalents, availability under our credit facility or other long-term debt. If we are unable to generate enough cash flow from these sources, we could be unable to fund our operations, finance capital expenditures, satisfy our near and long-term cash needs or make dividend payments.

ITEM 1B UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2 PROPERTIES

We own substantially all the land and buildings comprising our manufacturing facilities located in Arkansas; Canada; the United Kingdom; Germany; France; and the Philippines; as well as substantially all of the equipment used in our manufacturing and related operations. Certain of our operations are under lease arrangements including our metallized paper production facility located in Caerphilly, Wales, office and various warehouse space in the United States, Canada, Europe, Russia, China and our corporate offices in Charlotte, NC and York, PA. All our properties, other than those that are leased, are free from any material liens or encumbrances. We consider all our buildings to be in good structural condition and well maintained and our properties to be suitable and adequate for present operations.

ITEM 3 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved in various lawsuits that we consider to be ordinary and incidental to our business. The ultimate outcome of these lawsuits cannot be predicted with certainty; however, we do not expect such lawsuits, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, liquidity, or results of operations.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our executive officers and other senior management members of February 24, 2021

Name	Age	Office with the Company
Dante C. Parrini	56	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Christopher W. Astley	48	Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer
Samuel L. Hillard	39	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Wolfgang Laures	51	Senior Vice President, Integrated Global Supply Chain & Information Technology
Eileen L. Beck	58	Vice President, Human Resources and Administration
David C. Elder	52	Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer
Iill I. Urev	54	Vice President Deputy General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Dante C. Parrini became Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2011 and Chairman of the Board in May 2011. Prior to this, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, a position he held since February 2005. Mr. Parrini joined us in 1997 and previously served as Senior Vice President and General Manager, a position he held beginning in January 2003 and prior to that as Vice President responsible for Sales and Marketing.

Christopher W. Astley was named Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer in September 2019. Previously he was Senior Vice President & Business Unit President, Airlaid Materials a position he held since January 2015. He joined us in August 2010 as Vice President, Corporate Strategy and was promoted to Senior Vice President in February 2014. Prior to joining us, he was an entrepreneur leading a privately held business from 2004 until 2010. Prior to that Mr. Astley held positions with Accenture, a global management consulting firm, and The Coca-Cola Company.

Samuel L. Hillard was promoted to Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer in March of 2019. He joined us in March 2016 as Vice President, Corporate Development & Strategy. Prior to joining us, Mr. Hillard was Vice President – Business Development for Dover Corporation from July 2014 until 2016 where he was responsible for strategy and mergers & acquisitions within the Fluids Business Segment. From February 2011 to 2014, he served as Vice President – Business Development for SPX Corporation where he was responsible for all M&A related strategy activity within the Flow Technology Segment. Additionally, he previously worked for Blackstone in their M&A group.

Wolfgang Laures is our Senior Vice President, Integrated Global Supply Chain and Information Technology. He joined us in September 2019 with responsibility for our global supply chain and in July 2020 assumed additional leadership of Information Technology for Glatfelter. Prior to joining us, Mr. Laures served as Executive Vice President, Global Supply Chain and Digital Transformation from 2014 to 2019 for Perstorp Group, a private equity-owned specialty chemicals innovator. Prior to joining Perstorp, he held supply chain and operations-related roles at Avery Dennison, McKinsey & Company and Procter & Gamble.

Eileen L. Beck was promoted to Vice President Human Resources & Administration in April 2017. She joined us in 2012 as Director, Global Compensation and Benefits and was promoted to Vice President in September 2015. Ms. Beck previously held various Human Resources roles at Armstrong World Industries.

David C. Elder was named Vice President, Finance in December 2011 and serves as our Chief Accounting Officer. Prior to his promotion, he was our Vice President, Corporate Controller, a position held since joining Glatfelter in January 2006. Mr. Elder was previously Corporate Controller for YORK International Corporation.

Jill L. Urey was promoted to Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Corporate Secretary in July 2019 and has led our legal function since December 2018. She joined Glatfelter in January 2013 as Assistant General Counsel and assumed the additional role of Chief Compliance Officer in the beginning of 2016. Prior to joining us, Ms. Urey was Corporate Counsel and later Interim General Counsel for Graham Packaging Company from 2007 to 2012.

ITEM 4 MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

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 traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "GLT"

Our Board of Directors declared quarterly cash dividends of \$0.135 per common share in beginning with the second quarter of 2020 and declared a \$0.13 per share dividend in the first quarter of 2020 and each of the four quarters of 2019.

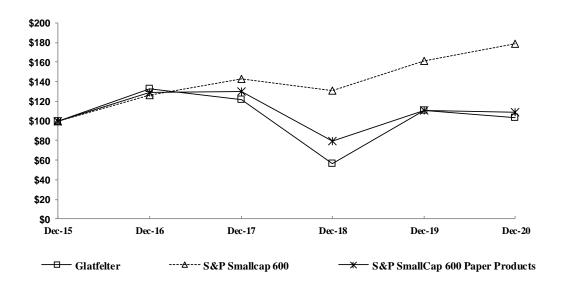
As of February 16, 2021, we had 902 shareholders of record.

STOCK PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following stock performance graph compares the cumulative 5-year total return of our common stock with the cumulative total returns of both a broad market index and a peer group. We compare our stock performance to the S&P Small Cap 600 index and to the S&P Small Cap 600 Paper Products index comprised of us, Clearwater Paper Corp., Neenah, Inc., and Schweitzer-Mauduit International.

The following graph assumes \$100 was invested in our common stock, in each index, and in the peer group (including reinvestment of dividends) on December 31, 2015 and charts the performance through December 31, 2020.

COMPARISON of 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN



ITEM 6 SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

As of or for the year ended December 31										
Dollars in thousands, except per share		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016
Net sales	\$ 9	16,498	\$	927,673	\$	866,286	\$	800,362	\$	761,216
Income (loss) from continuing operations		20,783		(25,211)		(14,625)		(5,612)		(14,177)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		515		3,670		(177,156)		13,526		35,731
Net income (loss)		21,298		(21,541)		(191,781)		7,914		21,554
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Earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations										
Basic	\$	0.47	\$	(0.57)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.13)	\$	(0.33)
Diluted		0.47		(0.57)		(0.01)		(0.13)		(0.33)
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Total assets		86,881	\$ 1	,283,794	\$.	1,339,754	\$ 1	,730,795	\$.	,521,259
Total debt	3	13,521		359,858		411,747		481,396		372,608
Shareholders' equity	5	77,932		555,959		538,898		708,928		653,826
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$	0.535	\$	0.52	\$	0.52	\$	0.52	\$	0.50
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		56,600		50,820		47,525		42,078		39,287
Capital expenditures		28,136		27,765		42,129		80,783		61,162
Net tons sold	2	71,419		271,068		248,551		243,021		227,527
Number of employees		2,415		2,557		2,600		2,360		2,355

ITEM 7 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this annual report. Our discussion and analysis of 2020 compared to 2019 is included herein. For discussion and analysis of 2019 compared to 2018, please refer to Item 7 of Part II, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, which was filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2020 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Forward-Looking Statements This Annual Report on Form 10-K includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical fact, including statements regarding industry prospects and future consolidated financial position or results of operations, made in this Report on Form 10-K are forward looking. We use words such as "anticipates", "believes", "expects", "future", "intends" and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect management's current expectations and are inherently uncertain. Our actual results may differ significantly from such expectations. The following discussion includes forward-looking statements regarding expectations of, among others, environmental costs, capital expenditures and liquidity, all of which are inherently difficult to predict. Although we make such statements based on assumptions that we believe to be reasonable, there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from our expectations. Accordingly, we identify the following important factors, among others, which could cause our results to differ from any results that might be projected, forecasted or estimated in any such forward-looking statements:

- i. risks associated with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic including global and regional economic conditions, changes in demand for our products, interruptions in our global supply chain, ability to continue production by our facilities, credit conditions of our customers or suppliers, or potential legal actions that could arise due to our operations during the pandemic;
- ii. variations in demand for our products including the impact of unplanned market-related downtime, variations in product pricing, or product substitution;
- iii. the impact of competition, changes in industry production capacity, including the construction of new facilities or new machines, the closing of facilities and incremental changes due to capital expenditures or productivity increases;
- iv. risks associated with our international operations, including local economic and political environments and fluctuations in currency exchange rates:
- v. geopolitical matters, including any impact to our operations from events in Russia, Ukraine and Philippines;
- vi. our ability to develop new, high value-added products;
- vii. changes in the price or availability of raw materials we use, particularly woodpulp, pulp substitutes, synthetic pulp, other specialty fibers and abaca fiber;
- viii. changes in energy-related prices and commodity raw materials with an energy component;
- ix. the impact of unplanned production interruption at our facilities or at any of our key suppliers;
- x. disruptions in production and/or increased costs due to labor disputes;
- xi. the gain or loss of significant customers and/or on-going viability of such customers;
- xii. the impact of war and terrorism;
- xiii. the impact of unfavorable outcomes of audits by various state, federal or international tax authorities or changes in pre-tax income and its impact on the valuation of deferred taxes;
- xiv. enactment of adverse state, federal or foreign tax or other legislation or changes in government legislation, policy or regulation; and
- xv. our ability to finance, consummate and integrate acquisitions.

Introduction We manufacture a wide array of engineered materials and manage our company along two operating segments:

- *Composite Fibers* with net sales of single-serve tea and coffee filtration papers, wallcovering base materials, composite laminate papers, technical specialties including substrates for electrical applications, and metallized products; and
- *Airlaid Materials* with net sales of airlaid nonwoven fabric-like materials used in feminine hygiene products, adult incontinence products, tabletop, specialty wipes, home care products and other airlaid applications.

Specialty Papers' results of operations and financial condition are reported as discontinued operations. The following discussion and analysis primarily focuses on the financial results of operations and financial condition of our continuing operations.

COVID-19 Pandemic On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic as the virus spread throughout the world. As the virus continued its rapid spread, a significant portion of the world's economies were significantly impacted by government mandates that all "non-essential" businesses close and that residents "shelter-in-place" or practice "social distancing." These actions have had, and are likely to have, a continuing significant adverse impact on a wide range of economies and industries throughout the world, including certain markets we serve.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the actions undertaken throughout the world in an attempt to contain the virus have had an unprecedented and significant adverse impact on global economies in terms of reduced GDP, increased unemployment, and insolvencies in a variety of industries and markets. As a result, we have experienced and may continue to experience weaker demand for certain of our products due to the effects of the pandemic, and there may be periods during which demand for our products is insufficient to enable us to operate our production facilities in an economical manner which may force us to take machine downtime to curtail production to match demand.

Our financial performance and results of operations have been impacted by the weaker economic conditions related to the pandemic as demand for wallcover products were significantly weaker particularly during the second quarter of 2020, although shipping volumes increased significantly during the second half of 2020. In addition, demand for tabletop products has been significantly adversely impacted by the pandemic and the effect on venues, such as restaurants, which use tabletop products. The majority of our other product portfolios is considered to be "essential" consumer staples. We believe demand for certain of our products, such as Composite Fibers' food & beverage filtration products and Airlaid Materials' personal hygiene and wipes, will remain strong. To date, we have successfully maintained our global supply chain securing critical raw materials with minimal disruptions or incremental costs and the demand for substantially all products has been stable as our customers continued to serve critical products to end-user consumers.

As disclosed in Item 1A – Risk Factors to this Annual Report, approximately \$79 million of our net sales in 2020 was earned from customers located in Ukraine, Russia, and members of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The large majority of our net sales from this region consists of wallcover base material. During the second quarter of 2020, our wallcover net sales were significantly impacted by temporary suspension of operations of many of our customers due to government orders related to the pandemic. Although our customers have resumed operations and demand for our wallcover products returned to more normalized levels, if the governmental authorities reimplement actions to fight any resurgence of COVID-19 in these regions, or if economic hardships continue, sales to some of our customers, such as wallpaper printers, may be adversely impacted. In addition, as authorities instituted restrictions limiting business operations, social distancing and other health and safety measures, restaurants and similar venues globally were forced to significantly curtail or close their businesses. As a result, tabletop volumes in our Airlaid Materials segment were significantly lower in 2020.

The health and safety of our employees and their families are a top priority, and we remain committed to taking all the necessary measures to protect them. We have instituted appropriate new safety, hygiene, and communication protocols throughout our facilities to ensure we maintain our ability to produce product. Accordingly, we continue to proactively work to identify and mitigate risks to safeguard the continuity of our business. We believe we are well positioned from a liquidity and leverage perspective following the successful restructuring and cost optimization initiatives in 2019 and 2020 and the debt refinancing in 2019. As a result, we believe we are able to supply our customers high-quality engineered materials necessary to manufacture a variety of essential and life-sustaining consumer staples including wipes, health and hygiene products, and food and beverage items during this challenging time.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

2020 versus 2019

Overview For the year ended December 31, 2020 we reported income from continuing operations of \$20.8 million, or \$0.47 per share compared with a loss of \$25.2 million, or \$0.57 per share in 2019.

The following table sets forth summarized GAAP-based consolidated results of operations:

	Y	Year ended						
	De	cember 31						
In thousands, except per share	2020		2019					
Net sales	\$ 916,498	\$	927,673					
Gross profit	147,869)	147,542					
Operating income	49,156	5	54,635					
Continuing operations								
Income (loss)	20,783	3	(25,211)					
Earnings (loss) per share	0.47	7	(0.57)					
Discontinued operations								
Income	515	5	3,670					
Earnings per share	0.03	L	0.08					
Net income (loss)	21,298	}	(21,541)					
Earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.48	\$	(0.49)					

We generated \$109.0 million of cash from operations in 2020 compared with \$102.8 million a year ago. The amount reported for 2019 includes \$53.4 million of cash, before tax, available to us as a result of the pension plan termination and settlement of all liabilities. During 2020 and 2019, capital expenditures totaled \$28.1 and \$27.8 million, respectively.

The results presented above are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") and reflect a number of significant actions we undertook including cost optimization, the restructuring and consolidation of our metallized business, debt refinancing and termination and settlement of our qualified pension plan, among others. Excluding these items from reported results, adjusted earnings, a non-GAAP measure, was \$37.4 million, or \$0.84 per diluted share for 2020, compared with \$33.2 million, or \$0.75 per diluted share, a year ago. Operating income for our segments, Composite Fibers and Airlaid Materials, increased by \$4.2 million, or 8.8%, and \$5.2 million, or 12.6%, respectively. Although growth in aggregate shipping volumes was limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the segments' results benefited from a favorable mix of products sold, efficient operations and disciplined cost control. In addition, interest expense, net declined \$2.7 million reflecting the benefits of our debt refinancing in 2019.

Adjusted earnings consists of net income determined in accordance with GAAP adjusted to exclude the impact of the following:

Discontinued Operations. In connection with the sale of the Specialty Papers business, its results of operations, including the loss recorded in 2018 connection with the sale, are reported as discontinued operations for all periods presented. This adjustment reflects the net results of this discontinued operation.

Restructuring charge – Metallized operations. This adjustment represents the charges incurred in connection with the decision to restructure a portion of the Composite Fibers segment, primarily consisting of the consolidation of our metallizing operation from Gernsbach, Germany to Caerphilly, U.K. The adjustment includes a non-cash charge of \$5.0 million associated with accelerated depreciation and the write-off of inventory and spare parts in addition to cash severance costs totaling \$6.1 million.

Cost optimization actions. These adjustments reflect charges incurred in connection with initiatives to optimize the cost structure of the Company, including costs related to the organizational change to a functional operating model. The costs are primarily related to executive separations, other headcount reductions, professional fees, asset write-offs and certain contract termination costs. These adjustments, which have occurred at various times in the past, are irregular in timing and relate to specific identified programs to reduce or optimize the cost structure of a particular operating segment or the corporate function.

Corporate headquarters relocation. These adjustments reflect costs incurred in connection with the strategic relocation of the Company's corporate headquarters to Charlotte, NC. The costs are primarily related to employee relocation costs and exit costs at the previous corporate headquarters.

Pension settlement expenses, net. This adjustment reflects expenses incurred in connection with the termination of the Company's qualified pension plan in 2019 and the reversion of excess pension plan assets to the Company. In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Company incurred a \$75.3 million pension settlement charge in connection with the termination of the plan. Since the pension plan was fully funded, the settlement of the pension obligations did not require the use of the Company's cash, but instead was accomplished with plan assets. In connection with the reversion of excess pension plan assets in the second quarter of 2020, the Company incurred pension settlement expenses related to excise taxes, net of post settlement adjustments and certain related professional fees.

COVID-19 incremental costs. This adjustment represents incremental cash costs incurred directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic such as mill employee incentive payments, enhanced hygiene protocols, safety and supplies and professional fees primarily associated with the CARES Act benefit.

Asset Impairment Charge. This adjustment represents a non-cash charge recorded to reduce the carrying amount of a tradename intangible asset of the Dresden wallcover business due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the underlying forecasted revenue stream.

Airlaid capacity expansion costs. These adjustments reflect non-capitalized, one-time costs incurred related to the startup of a new airlaid production facility in Fort Smith, Arkansas and implementation of a new business system.

Strategic initiatives. These adjustments primarily reflect professional and legal fees incurred directly related to evaluating and executing certain strategic initiatives including costs associated with acquisitions and the related integration.

Debt refinancing costs. Represents a charge to write-off unamortized debt issuance costs in connection with the redemption of the Company's \$250 million, 5.375% Notes.

Fox River environmental matter. This adjustment excludes a gain and reflects a decrease in the Company's overall reserve for the Fox River matter primarily due to the resolution of the litigation in the first quarter of 2019.

Timberland sales and related costs. These adjustments exclude gains from the sales of timberlands as these items are not considered to be part of our core business, ongoing results of operations or cash flows. These adjustments are irregular in timing and amount and may benefit our operating results.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act 2020. This adjustment reflects the tax benefit recognized as a result of the March 27, 2020 change in U.S. tax law which, among others, allows net operating losses to be carried back five years.

These adjustments are each unique and not considered to be on-going in nature. The transactions are irregular in timing and amount and may significantly impact our operating performance. As such, these items may not be indicative of our past or future performance and therefore are excluded for comparability purposes.

Adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per diluted share are considered measures not calculated in accordance with GAAP, and therefore are non-GAAP measures. The non-GAAP financial information should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. The following table sets forth the reconciliation of net income to adjusted earnings for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	Year ended									
	December 31									
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<u>In thousands, except per share</u>	A	mount		EPS	Amount			EPS		
Net income	\$	21,298	\$	0.48	\$	(21,541)	\$	(0.49)		
Exclude: Income from discontinued operations		(515)		(0.01)		(3,670)		(0.08)		
Income (loss) from continuing operations		20,783		0.47		(25,211)		(0.57)		
Adjustments (pre-tax)										
Restructuring charge - Metallized operations		11,111				_				
Cost optimization actions		5,979				8,583				
Corporate headquarters relocation		1,053				_				
Pension settlement expenses, net		6,154			75,326					
COVID 19 - incremental costs		2,715				_				
Asset impairment charge		900				_				
Airlaid capacity expansion costs		_				1,014				
Debt refinancing		_				992				
Strategic initiatives		1,567				249				
Fox River environmental matter		_				(2,509)				
Timberland sales and related costs		(1,382)				(1,572)				
Total adjustments (pre-tax)		28,097				82,083				
Income taxes (1)		(5,405)				(23,722)				
CARES Act of 2020 tax benefit (2)		(6,082)				_				
Total after-tax adjustments		16,610		0.37		58,361	1.32			
Adjusted earnings	\$	37,393	\$	0.84	\$	33,150	\$	0.75		

- (1) Tax effect on adjustments calculated based on the incremental effective tax rate of the jurisdiction in which each adjustment originated and the related impact of valuation allowances.
- (2) Tax benefit recorded in connection with passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES") related to provisions that modified the "net operating loss" provisions of previous law to allow certain losses to be carried back five years.

Segment Financial Performance

Year ended														
December 31								Other	an	d				
Dollars in thousands	Composi	te F	ibers	Airlaid I	Mate	aterials Unallocated			To	Total				
	2020		2019	2020		2019		2020		2019		2020		2019
Net sales	\$ 525,089	\$	521,666	\$ 391,409	\$	406,007	\$	_	\$	_	\$	916,498	\$	927,673
Cost of products sold	430,420		432,154	326,809		346,568		11,400		1,409		768,629		780,131
Gross profit (loss)	94,669		89,512	64,600		59,439		(11,400)		(1,409)		147,869		147,542
SG&A	42,575		41,629	18,296		18,321		39,174		35,017		100,045		94,967
Gains on dispositions of plant,														
equipment and timberlands, net	 							(1,332)		(2,060)		(1,332)		(2,060)
Total operating income (loss)	52,094		47,883	46,304		41,118		(49,242)		(34,366)		49,156		54,635
Non-operating expense	_		_	_		_		(16,797)		(89,088)		(16,797)		(89,088)
Income (loss) before income														
taxes	\$ 52,094	\$	47,883	\$ 46,304	\$	41,118	\$	(66,039)	\$	(123,454)	\$	32,359	\$	(34,453)
Supplementary Data														
Net tons sold (thousands)	134,758		133,473	136,661		137,595				_		271,419		271,068
Depreciation, depletion and														
amortization	\$ 26,175	\$	26,153	\$ 22,416	\$	21,136	\$	8,009	\$	3,531	\$	56,600	\$	50,820
Capital expenditures	13,262		11,972	9,311		13,667		5,563		2,126		28,136		27,765

The sum of individual amounts set forth above may not agree to the consolidated financial statements included herein due to rounding.

Segments Results of individual operating segments are presented based on our management accounting practices and management structure. There is no comprehensive, authoritative body of guidance for management accounting equivalent to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; therefore, the financial results of individual segments are not necessarily comparable with similar information for any other company. The management accounting process uses assumptions and allocations to measure performance of the segments. Methodologies are refined from time to time as management accounting practices are enhanced and businesses change. The costs incurred by support areas not directly aligned with the operating segment are allocated primarily based on an estimated utilization of support area services or are included in "Other and Unallocated" in the table above.

Management evaluates results of operations of the segments before certain corporate level costs and the effects of certain gains or losses not considered to be related to the core business operations. Management believes that this is a more meaningful representation of the operating performance of its core businesses, the profitability of operating segments and the extent of cash flow generated from these core operations. Such amounts are presented under the caption "Other and Unallocated." In the evaluation of operating segment results, management does not use any measures of total assets. This presentation is aligned with the management and operating structure of our company. It is also on this basis that the Company's performance is evaluated internally and by the Company's Board of Directors.

Sales and Costs of Products Sold

		ended nber 31			
In thousands	2020		2019		Change
Net sales	\$ 916,498	\$	927,673	\$	(11,175)
Costs of products sold	768,629		780,131		(11,502)
Gross profit	\$ 147,869	\$	147,542	\$	327
Gross profit as a percent of Net sales	16.1%	1	15.9%)	

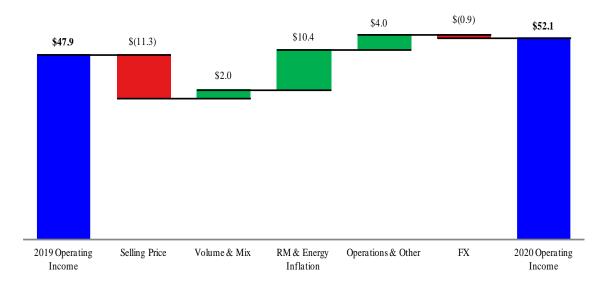
The following table sets forth the contribution to consolidated net sales by each segment:

	December 31	
Percent of Total	2020	2019
Segment		
Composite Fibers	57.3%	56.2%
Airlaid Materials	42.7	43.8
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Net sales on a consolidated basis totaled \$916.5 million and \$927.7 million in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The \$11.2 million decrease was primarily driven by lower average selling prices partially offset by favorable currency translation. Shipping volumes increased 0.1%.

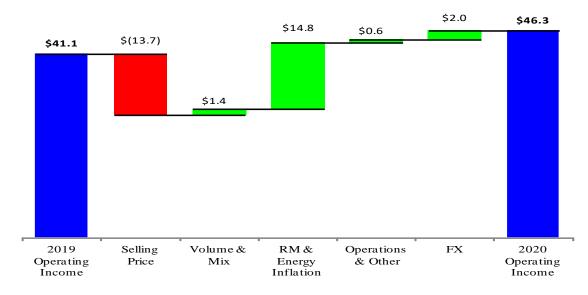
Composite Fibers' net sales increased \$3.4 million, or 0.7%, and totaled \$525.1 million in 2020. The increase was primarily due to a more favorable mix of products sold and \$7.1 million from favorable currency translation. Shipping volumes increased 1.0% and lower selling prices adversely impacted the comparison by \$11.3 million.

Composite Fibers' operating income for the year ended December 31, 2020 increased \$4.2 million to \$52.1 million compared to a year ago. The segment's results were favorably impacted by \$10.4 million from lower raw material and energy prices, operational efficiencies, and volume/mix improvements. Currency was \$0.9 million unfavorable compared to the prior year. The primary drivers are summarized in the following chart (in millions):



Airlaid Materials' net sales totaled \$391.4 million in 2020, a \$14.6 million decrease in the year-over-year comparison driven by \$13.7 million of lower selling prices. Shipping volumes declined slightly as the closure of restaurants globally due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in significantly lower tabletop volumes. This decline was partially offset by strong shipments of home care, food pads and wipes products. Lower selling prices primarily reflects contractual pass-through arrangements. Currency translation was favorable \$4.4 million.

Airlaid Materials' operating income totaled \$46.3 million, an increase of \$5.2 million, or 12.6% compared to a year ago. The increase was primarily due to lower raw material and energy costs partially offset by lower selling prices, primarily reflecting pass-through arrangements. Currency translation was favorable \$2.0 million. The primary drivers are summarized in the following chart (in millions):



Other and Unallocated The amount of net operating expenses not allocated to an operating segment and reported as "Other and Unallocated" in our table of Segment Financial Performance, totaled \$49.2 million for 2020 compared with \$34.4 million in 2019. Excluding the items identified to present "adjusted earnings," unallocated expenses for the comparison declined \$1.3 million primarily reflecting cost reduction initiatives, position elimination and less travel.

Gain on Sales of Plant, Equipment and Timberlands, net During each of the past two years, we completed the following sales of assets:

Dollars in thousands	Acres	Proceeds	Gain (loss)		
2020					
Timberlands	461	\$ 1,413	\$	1,381	
Other	n/a	 		(49)	
Total		\$ 1,413	\$	1,332	
2019					
Timberlands	1,996	\$ 1,705	\$	1,572	
Other	n/a	493		488	
Total		\$ 2,198	\$	2,060	

Income taxes For continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2020, we recorded a \$11.6 million income tax provision on a pretax income of \$32.4 million. The comparable amounts for 2019 were a \$9.2 million income tax benefit on a pretax loss of \$34.5 million. The income tax expense in 2020 includes the impact of nondeductible excise tax totaling \$8.3 million partially offset by a \$6.1 million benefit recorded in connection with passage of the CARES Act. This Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, modified the "net operating loss" provisions of previous law to allow certain losses to be carried back five years. These amounts are excluded from net income when arriving at adjusted earnings. The amounts for 2019 included a \$23.1 million tax benefit recorded in connection with the \$75.3 million pension settlement charge. In addition, income taxes in 2019 included a \$3.0 million benefit due to the completion of tax audits and the release of certain state valuation allowances.

On adjusted pre-tax income of \$60.5 million, income tax expense was \$23.1 million in 2020. The comparable amounts in 2019 were \$47.6 million and \$14.0 million, respectively. The effective tax rate on adjusted earnings was 38.2% in the 2020 compared to 30.4% in 2019.

Foreign Currency We own and operate facilities in Canada, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines. The functional currency of our Canadian operations is the U.S. dollar. However, in Germany and France it is the Euro, in the UK, it is the British pound sterling, and in the Philippines the functional currency is the peso. On an annual basis, our euro denominated net sales exceeds euro expenses by an estimated €150 million. For 2020 compared to 2019, the average currency exchange rate of the euro strengthened relative to the U.S. dollar by approximately 9.5% in the year over year comparison, and the British pound sterling to the dollar strengthened by approximately 2.3%. With respect to the British pound sterling, Canadian dollar, and Philippine peso, we have differing amounts of inflows and outflows of these currencies, although to a lesser degree than the euro. As a result, we are exposed to changes in currency exchange rates and such changes could be significant. The translation of the results from international operations into U.S. dollars is subject to changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

The table below summarizes the translation impact on reported results that changes in currency exchange rates had on our non-U.S. based operations from the conversion of these operation's results for the period indicated.

	Year ended
In thousands	December 31, 2020
	Favorable
	(unfavorable)
Net sales	\$ 11,467
Costs of products sold	(9,894)
SG&A expenses	(448)
Income taxes and other	(13)
Net income	\$ 1,112

The above table only presents the financial reporting impact of foreign currency translations assuming currency exchange rates in 2020 were the same as 2019, or "constant currency." It does not present the impact of certain competitive advantages or disadvantages of operating or competing in multi-currency markets.

Discontinued Operations We completed the sale of our Specialty Papers business on October 31, 2018. Its results of operations are reported as discontinued operations for all periods presented. There was an immaterial amount of activity in results of discontinued operations for 2020. In 2019, we reported income from discontinued operations of \$3.7 million

primarily relating to adjustments for post-closing working capital, pension and the reversal of tax reserves associated with the closure of tax matters, and other items in connection with the sale of Specialty Papers.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our business requires expenditures for new or enhanced equipment, research and development efforts, and to support our business strategy. In addition, we have mandatory debt service requirements of both principal and interest. The following table summarizes cash flow information for each of the periods presented:

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	Year ended December 31						
In thousands	2	2020		2019			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$	126,201	\$	142,685			
Cash provided (used) by							
Operating activities		108,993		102,835			
Investing activities		(26,773)		(27,113)			
Financing activities		(100,306)		(72,774)			
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		5,163		(269)			
Change in cash and cash equivalents from discontinued operations		(1,613)		(19,163)			
Net cash used		(14,536)		(16,484)			
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at the end of period		111,665		126,201			
Less: restricted cash in Prepaid and other current assets		(2,000)		_			
Less: restricted cash in Other assets		(10,084)		_			
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	99,581	\$	126,201			

At December 31, 2020, we had \$99.6 million in cash and cash equivalents ("cash"), of which approximately 86% was held by foreign subsidiaries. Cash held by our foreign subsidiaries can be repatriated without incurring a significant amount of additional taxes. In addition to cash, as of December 31, 2020, \$175.2 million was available under our existing revolving credit agreement.

Cash provided by operating activities totaled \$109.0 million in 2020 compared with \$102.8 million a year ago, which included \$53.4 million of cash received in connection with the termination of our overfunded qualified pension plan. The improvement in operating cash flow reflects a \$12.9 million increase in EBITDA, adjusted to exclude items identified to determine adjusted earnings, \$21.7 million from improved working capital usage, a \$20.4 million tax refund associated with the CARES Act, and \$17.2 million of lower cash used for the Fox River matter, partially offset by cash used for restructuring activities, excise taxes on the pension asset reversion and strategic initiatives in 2020. Cash used for interest payments declined \$4.0 million in the comparison reflecting savings from our debt refinancing in early 2019.

Net cash used by investing activities decreased by \$0.3 million in the year-over-year comparison. Capital expenditures totaled \$28.1 million in 2020 compared with \$27.8 million in 2019. Capital expenditures are expected to total between \$38 million and \$42 million in 2021.

Net cash used by financing activities totaled \$100.3 million in 2020 compared with \$72.8 million in 2019. The change in the year-to-year comparison primarily reflects reductions in amounts outstanding under our Revolving credit facility and term loan repayments.

The following table sets forth our outstanding long-term indebtedness:

	December 31							
In thousands			2019					
Revolving credit facility, due Feb. 2024	\$	36,813	\$	84,255				
Term loan, due Feb. 2024		249,715		240,969				
2.40% Term Loan, due Jun. 2022		2,629		4,012				
2.05% Term Loan, due Mar. 2023		14,737		19,487				
1.30% Term Loan, due Jun. 2023		4,382		5,617				
1.55% Term Loan, due Sep. 2025		7,143		7,915				
Total long-term debt		315,419		362,255				
Less current portion		(25,057)		(22,940)				
Unamortized deferred issuance costs		(1,898)		(2,396)				
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$	288,464	\$	336,919				

Our revolving credit facility due in February 2024, contains a number of customary compliance covenants, the most restrictive of which is a maximum leverage ratio of 4.0x at the end of 2020. As of December 31, 2020, the leverage ratio, as calculated in accordance with the definition in our amended credit agreement, was 1.8x, within the limits set forth in our credit agreement.

The table above sets forth our outstanding debt as of December 31, 2020. The significant terms of the debt instruments are more fully discussed in Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data – Note 20 - "Long-Term Debt." All term loans are denominated in euros and the balances reported are influenced by currency translation, the effect of which is mitigated by certain financial derivatives as discussed in Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data – Note - 22 "Financial Derivatives and Hedging Activities."

In early 2019, we significantly changed our debt capital structure. In February 2019 we redeemed at par, all outstanding 5.375% Notes. In addition, on February 8, 2019, we entered into a new credit facility with a consortium of financial institutions. The new five-year facility (the "2019 Facility") replaces our existing Revolving credit facility and consists of a \$400 million variable rate revolver and a £220 million term loan. The other terms of the 2019 Facility are substantially similar to our then existing Revolving credit facility.

Financing activities includes cash used for common stock dividends. In 2020, we used \$23.5 million of cash for dividends on our common stock compared with \$22.9 million in 2019. In the second quarter of 2020, we increased the quarterly cash dividend by 3.85%. Our Board of Directors determines what, if any, dividends will be paid to our shareholders. Dividend payment decisions are based upon then-existing factors and conditions and, therefore, historical trends of dividend payments are not necessarily indicative of future payments.

We are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations intended to protect the environment as well as human health and safety. At various times, we have incurred costs to comply with these regulations and we could incur additional costs as new regulations are developed or regulatory priorities change.

As more fully discussed in Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data – Note 24 – "Commitments, Contingencies and Legal Proceedings," we are involved in the Lower Fox River in Wisconsin (the "Fox River"), an EPA Superfund site for which we remain potentially liable for certain government oversight and long-term monitoring and maintenance costs. Pursuant to a consent decree with certain government agencies entered into in January 2019, we paid \$20.5 million for past government oversight costs. Although there remains some uncertainty as to the amount we may ultimately be required to spend, primarily for government oversight costs, the consent decree specifies the nature of our future obligations.

We expect to meet all our near and long-term cash needs, including the pending acquisition of Georgia-Pacific's U.S. nonwovens business for \$175 million, from a combination of operating cash flow, cash and cash equivalents, our existing credit facility and other long-term debt.

Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, we had not entered into any off-balance-sheet arrangements. Financial derivative instruments, to which we are a party, and guarantees of indebtedness, which solely consist of obligations of subsidiaries, are reflected in the consolidated balance sheets included herein in Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Contractual Obligations The following table sets forth contractual obligations as of December 31, 2020:

		Payments due during the year ending December 31,								
								20	26 and	
In millions	Total		2021	2022	to 2023	2024	to 2025	be	eyond	
Long-term debt (1)	\$ 330	\$	30	\$	50	\$	250	\$	_	
Operating leases (2)	16		5		5		2		4	
Purchase obligations (3)	104		92		12		_		_	
Other long term obligations (4), (5)	32		3		6		5		18	
Total	\$ 482	\$	130	\$	73	\$	257	\$	22	

- (1) Represents contractual principal and interest payments due on long-term debt. The amounts include expected interest payments of \$14 million over the term of the underlying debt instruments based contractual or, in the case of variable rate instruments, current market rates.
- (2) Represents agreements for the lease of production equipment, warehouse space, facilities, automobiles, and office space.
- (3) Represents open purchase orders and other obligations, primarily for raw material and energy supply contracts.
- (4) Primarily represents benefits estimated to be paid pursuant to retirement medical plans and nonqualified pension plans.
- (5) Since we are unable to reasonably estimate the timing of ultimate payment, the amounts set forth above do not include any payments that may be made related to uncertain tax positions, including potential interest, accounted for in accordance with ASC 740-10-20. As discussed in more detail in Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 11 "Income Taxes," such amounts totaled \$46 million at December 31, 2020.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates The preceding discussion and analysis of our consolidated financial position and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net sales and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to inventories, long-lived assets, pension and post-employment obligations, environmental liabilities, and income taxes. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

We believe the following represent the most significant and subjective estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

Long- and indefinite-lived Assets We evaluate the recoverability of our long- and indefinite-lived assets, including plant, equipment, timberlands, goodwill, and other intangible assets periodically or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Goodwill and non-amortizing tradename intangible assets are reviewed for impairment annually, during the third quarter, or more frequently if impairment indicators are present. However, in 2020, as a result of potential impairment indicators related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we evaluated such assets as of the end of the second quarter and, in connection with our normal review cycle, in the third quarter. In addition, in order to align the evaluation process more closely with the timing change for our strategic planning cycle, we changed the timing of the annual evaluation to be completed in the fourth quarter. Accordingly, we completed an evaluation during the fourth quarter of 2020, and we concluded there was no impairment of goodwill or non-amortizing tradename intangible assets.

The fair value of our reporting units, which are also our operating segments, is determined using a market approach and a discounted cash flow model. The fair value of non-amortizing tradename intangible assets is determined using a discounted cash flow model. Our evaluations include a variety of qualitative factors and analyses based on estimates of future cash flows expected to be generated from the use of the underlying assets, trends or other determinants of fair value. If the value of an asset determined by these evaluations is less than its carrying amount, a loss is recognized for the difference between the fair value and the carrying value of the asset. Future adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results of the related business may indicate an inability to recover the carrying value of the assets, thereby possibly requiring an impairment charge in the future.

Pension and Other Post-Employment Obligations Accounting for defined-benefit pension plans, and any curtailments or settlements thereof, requires various assumptions, including, but not limited to discount rates, expected long-term rates of return on plan assets, future compensation growth rates and mortality rates. Accounting for our retiree medical plans, and any curtailments or settlements thereof, also requires various assumptions, which include, but are not limited to, discount rates and annual rates of increase in the per capita costs of health care benefits.

The following chart summarizes the more significant assumption used in the actuarial valuation of our defined-benefit plans for each of the past three years:

	2020	2019	2018
Pension plans			
Weighted average discount rate			
for benefit expense	2.70%	4.34%	3.85%
for benefit obligation	2.17%	2.70%	4.34%
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets ⁽¹⁾	_	4.50%	7.25%
Rate of compensation increase	_	2.50%	3.00%
Post-employment medical			
Weighted average discount rate			
for benefit expense	3.11%	4.19%	3.68%
for benefit obligation	2.30%	3.11%	4.19%
Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year	5.30%	5.60%	5.90%
Ultimate cost trend rate	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
Year that the ultimate cost trend rate is reached	2037	2037	2037

⁽¹⁾ For 2019, the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets was reduced to 4.50% due, in part, to a change in the investment allocation of plan assets.

We evaluate these assumptions at least once each year or as facts and circumstances dictate and we make changes as conditions warrant. Changes to these assumptions will increase or decrease our reported net periodic benefit expense, which will result in changes to the recorded benefit plan assets and liabilities.

Environmental Liabilities We maintain accruals for losses associated with environmental obligations when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated based on existing legislation and remediation technologies. These accruals are adjusted periodically as assessment and remediation actions continue and/or further legal or technical information develops. Such liabilities are exclusive of any insurance or other claims against third parties. Environmental costs are capitalized if the costs extend the life of the asset, increase its capacity and/or mitigate or prevent contamination from future operations. Recoveries of environmental remediation costs from other parties, including insurance carriers, are recorded as assets when their receipt is assured beyond a reasonable doubt.

Income Taxes We record the estimated future tax effects of temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and amounts reported in our consolidated balance sheets, as well as operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. These deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when such amounts are expected to reverse or be utilized. We regularly review our deferred tax assets for recoverability based on historical taxable income, projected future taxable income, the expected timing of the reversals of existing temporary differences and tax planning strategies. If we are unable to generate sufficient future taxable income, or if there is a material change in the actual effective tax rates or time period within which the underlying temporary differences become taxable or deductible, we could be required to increase the valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets, which may result in a substantial increase in our effective tax rate and a material adverse impact on our reported results.

Significant judgment is required in determining our worldwide provision for income taxes and recording the related assets and liabilities. In the ordinary course of our business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is less than certain. We and our subsidiaries are examined by various Federal, State and foreign tax authorities. We regularly assess the potential outcomes of these examinations and any future examinations for the current or prior years in determining the adequacy of our provision for income taxes. We continually assess the likelihood and amount of potential adjustments and adjust the income tax provision, the current liability and deferred taxes in the period in which the facts that give rise to a revision become known.

Other significant accounting policies, not involving the same level of uncertainties as those discussed above, are nevertheless important to an understanding of the Consolidated Financial Statements. Refer to Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data – Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional accounting policies.

ITEM 7A QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

		Year E	December 31, 2020					
In thousands, except percentages	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Carrying Value		Fair Value
Long-term debt								
Average principal outstanding								
At variable interest rates	\$276,404	\$262,906	\$249,408	\$ 45,102	\$ —	\$	286,528	\$286,528
At fixed interest rates – Term Loans	23,111	11,815	3,973	1,880	451		28,891	29,118
						\$	315,419	\$315,646
Weighted-average interest rate						-	_	
On variable rate debt	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%			
On fixed rate debt – Term Loans	1.82%	1.73%	1.58%	1.55%	1.55%			
Interest rate swap								
Pay fixed/received variable (notional)	€180,000	€180,000	€180,000	_	_			
Rate paid	0.0395%	0.0395%	0.0395%	_	_			
Rate received					_			

The table above presents the average principal outstanding and related interest rates for the next five years for debt outstanding as of December 31, 2020. Fair values included herein have been determined based upon rates currently available to us for debt with similar terms and remaining maturities.

Our market risk exposure primarily results from changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates. At December 31, 2020, we had \$313.5 million of long-term debt, net of deferred debt issuance costs. After giving effect to the interest rate swap agreement, approximately 19.7% of our debt was at variable interest rates. The fixed-rate Term Loans and the variable rate debt are all euro-based borrowings and thus the value of which is also subject to currency risk. Variable-rate debt outstanding represents borrowings under our revolving credit agreement that accrues interest based on one-month LIBOR plus a margin. At December 31, 2020, the contractual interest rate paid was 1.50%. A hypothetical 100 basis point increase or decrease in the interest rate on variable rate debt would increase or decrease annual interest expense by \$0.3 million.

We entered into a \in 180 million notional value floating-to-fixed interest rate swap agreement. Under the terms of the swap, we will pay a fixed interest rate of the applicable margin determined in accordance with our revolving credit agreement plus 0.0395% on \in 180 million of the underlying variable rate term loan. We will receive the greater of 0.00% or EURIBOR. As of the end of 2020, EURIBOR was (0.545)%.

As part of our overall risk management practices, we enter into financial derivatives primarily designed to either i) hedge currency risks associated with forecasted transactions – "cash flow hedges"; or ii) mitigate the impact that changes in currency exchange rates have on intercompany financing transactions and foreign currency denominated receivables and payables – "foreign currency hedges." For a more complete discussion of this activity, refer to Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data – Note 22 - "Financial Derivatives and Hedging Activities."

We are subject to certain risks associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates to the extent our operations are conducted in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar. On an annual basis, our euro denominated net sales is estimated to exceed euro expenses by approximately €150 million. With respect to the British Pound Sterling, Canadian dollar, and Philippine Peso, we have greater outflows than inflows of these currencies, although to a lesser degree. As a result, particularly with respect to the euro, we are exposed to changes in currency exchange rates and such changes could be significant.

ITEM 8 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of Glatfelter Corporation (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the chief executive and chief financial officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

As of December 31, 2020, management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the framework established in *Internal Control* — *Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

Management has determined that the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, is effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect transactions and dispositions of assets; provide reasonable assurances that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management; and 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 our financial statements.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein which expresses an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020.

The Company's management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, does not expect that internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all errors and all frauds. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Further, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based, in part, on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Projections of any evaluation of controls effectiveness to future periods are subject to risks. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the shareholders and Board of Directors of Glatfelter Corporation

Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Glatfelter Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013) 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 Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by COSO.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, of the Company 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 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/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania February 25, 2021

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the shareholders and Board of Directors of Glatfelter Corporation

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Glatfelter Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of income (loss), comprehensive income (loss), shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes and the schedule listed in the Index at Item 15 (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 have also 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 Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 25, 2021, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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.

Goodwill Valuation - Composite Fibers Reporting Unit - Refer to Notes 2 and 16 to the financial statements

Critical Audit Matter Description

The Company reviews goodwill for impairment at least annually or more frequently if impairment indicators are present. The fair value of goodwill is determined using a market approach and a discounted cash flow model. These approaches incorporate several assumptions, including estimates of future cash flows expected to be generated from the use of the underlying assets. For Goodwill, impairment losses, if any, are recognized for the amount by which the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value. The goodwill balance was \$164.4 million as of December 31, 2020, of which \$79.8 million was allocated to the Composite Fibers operating segment, which is also a reporting unit. The fair value of the Composite Fibers reporting unit exceeded its carrying value and, therefore, no impairment was recognized.

Given the significant estimates and assumptions management makes to estimate the fair value of the Composite Fibers reporting unit and the sensitivity of the reporting unit's operations to market conditions, such as the economic instability in Russia and Ukraine and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, performing audit procedures to evaluate the reasonableness of management's estimates and assumptions required a high degree of auditor judgment and an increased extent of effort, including the need to involve our fair value specialists.

How the Critical Audit Matter Was Addressed in the Audit

Our audit procedures over management's estimates of future cash flows expected to be generated from the use of the underlying assets used to value the Composite Fibers reporting unit, included the following, among others:

- We tested the effectiveness of controls over management's goodwill impairment evaluation, including those over management's development of the estimates of future cash flows used to value the reporting unit.
- We evaluated management's historical ability to accurately forecast financial results by comparing management's
 projections reflected in the prior period reporting unit forecast to actual results.
- We evaluated the reasonableness of management's current reporting unit forecast by comparing the forecast to:
 - Historical results.
 - o Internal communications to management and the Board of Directors.
 - o Forecasted information included in industry reports for the Company and certain of its peer companies.
- With the assistance of our fair value specialists, we evaluated the reasonableness of the valuation assumptions, including testing the underlying source information supporting the assumptions and the mathematical accuracy of the calculations.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania February 25, 2021

We have served as the Company's auditor since at least 1940; however, an earlier year could not be reliably determined.

GLATFELTER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)

	Year ended December 31						
In thousands, except per share		2020		2019		2018	
Net sales	\$	916,498	\$	927,673	\$	866,286	
Costs of products sold		768,629		780,131		735,879	
Gross profit		147,869		147,542		130,407	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		100,045		94,967		111,721	
Gains on dispositions of plant, equipment and timberlands, net		(1,332)		(2,060)		(3,256)	
Operating income		49,156		54,635		21,942	
Non-operating income (expense)							
Interest expense		(7,022)		(10,408)		(15,609)	
Interest income		399		1,123		559	
Pension settlement		(6,154)		(75,326)			
Other, net		(4,020)		(4,477)		383	
Total non-operating expense		(16,797)		(89,088)		(14,667)	
Income (loss) before income taxes		32,359		(34,453)		7,275	
Income tax provision (benefit)		11,576		(9,242)		7,723	
Income (loss) from continuing operations		20,783		(25,211)		(448)	
Discontinued operations:							
Income (loss) before income taxes		544		1,284		(207,242)	
Income tax provision (benefit)		29		(2,386)		(30,086)	
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		515		3,670		(177,156)	
Net income (loss)	\$	21,298	\$	(21,541)	\$	(177,604)	
Basic earnings (loss) per share							
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.47	\$	(0.57)	\$	(0.01)	
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		0.01		0.08		(4.05)	
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.48	\$	(0.49)	\$	(4.06)	
Diluted earnings (loss) per share							
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.47	\$	(0.57)	\$	(0.01)	
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		0.01		0.08		(4.05)	
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.48	\$	(0.49)	\$	(4.06)	
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Weighted average shares outstanding							
Basic		44,339		44,132		43,768	
Diluted		44,614		44,132		43,768	
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 $\label{thm:companying} \textit{The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements}.$

GLATFELTER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	Year ended December 31								
In thousands		2020	2019			2018			
Net income (loss)	\$	21,298	\$	(21,541)	\$	(177,604)			
Foreign currency translation adjustments		33,821		(6,724)		(27,783)			
Net change in:									
Deferred gains (losses) on cash flow hedges,									
net of taxes of \$2,507, \$(737), and \$(2,353),									
respectively		(6,812)		2,117		6,291			
Unrecognized retirement obligations, net of taxes of \$158, \$(22,927), and \$(13,898),									
respectively		(7,766)		64,151		47,025			
Other comprehensive income		19,243		59,544		25,533			
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	40,541	\$	38,003	\$	(152,071)			

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

GLATFELTER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		Decen	iber 31	
In thousands		2020		2019
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	99,581	\$	126,201
Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful				
accounts: 2020 - \$2,093; 2019 - \$1,682)		122,817		124,442
Inventories		196,230		190,415
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		34,297		36,274
Total current assets		452,925		477,332
Plant, equipment and timberlands, net		543,267		537,421
Goodwill		164,369		150,816
Intangible assets, net		81,835		83,735
Other assets		44,485		34,490
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	1,286,881	\$	1,283,794
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	25,057	\$	22,940
Accounts payable	Ψ	127,505	Ψ	130,039
Dividends payable		5,988		5,752
Environmental liabilities		3,700		9,000
Other current liabilities		71,093		62,772
Total current liabilities		233,343		230,503
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Long-term debt Deferred income taxes		288,464 77,131		336,919 76,374
Other long-term liabilities		110,011		84,039
Total liabilities		708,949		727,835
Commitments and contingencies				
Commitments and contingencies		<u>—</u>		<u> </u>
Shareholders' equity				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized - 120,000,000;				
issued - 54,361,980 (including treasury shares: 2020 - 9,994,144; 2019 - 10,113,504)		544		544
Capital in excess of par value		63,261		59,900
Retained earnings		723,365		725,795
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(58,653)		(77,896)
Security of the completion of the control of the co		728,517		708,343
Less cost of common stock in treasury		(150,585)		(152,384)
Total shareholders' equity		577,932		555,959
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,286,881	\$	1,283,794

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GLATFELTER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Year	ended	December	31
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In thousands		2020	cui ciiu	2019	•	2018
Operating activities						
Net income (loss)	\$	21,298	\$	(21,541)	\$	(177,604)
(Income) loss from discontinued operations, net of tax benefits		(515)		(3,670)		177,156
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	:					
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		56,600		50,820		47,525
Amortization of debt issue costs and original issue discount		590		1,672		1,159
Pension settlement charge		_		75,326		_
Asset impairment charge		900		_		_
Deferred income tax benefit		(2,071)		(22,971)		(7,704)
Gains on dispositions of plant, equipment and timberlands, net		(1,332)		(2,060)		(3,256)
Share-based compensation		5,655		3,583		6,288
Change in operating assets and liabilities						
Accounts receivable		9,563		(5,473)		(621)
Inventories		6,860		(17,387)		(32,138)
Prepaid and other current assets		1,679		(2,833)		(3,372)
Accounts payable		(7,234)		10,337		13,774
Accruals and other current liabilities		12,143		(19,536)		(23,984)
Pension assets received		_		53,401		_
Other		4,857		3,167		(3,175)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		108,993		102,835		(5,952)
Investing activities						
Expenditures for purchases of plant, equipment and timberlands		(28,136)		(27,765)		(42,129)
Proceeds from disposals of plant, equipment and timberlands, net		1,413		2,198		3,462
Acquisition, net of cash acquired		_		(1,383)		(178,905)
Other investing		(50)		(163)		(68)
Net cash used by investing activities	_	(26,773)		(27,113)		(217,640
Financing activities						
Repayments of note offerings		_		(250,000)		_
Net repayments under revolving credit facility		(53,392)		(28,062)		(55,446
Payments of borrowing costs		(39)		(2,204)		_
Proceeds from term loans		_		248,644		
Repayment of term loans		(23,246)		(16,660)		(11,069)
Payments of dividends		(23,492)		(22,936)		(22,760)
Proceeds from government grants		358		_		_
Payments related to share-based compensation awards and other		(495)		(1,556)		(2,151)
Net cash used by financing activities		(100,306)		(72,774)		(91,426)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		5,163		(269)		(5,564)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(12,923)		2,679		(320,582)
Change in cash and cash equivalents from discontinued operations		(1,613)		(19,163)		347,048
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at the beginning of period		126,201		142,685		116,219
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at the end of period		111,665		126,201		142,685
Less: restricted cash in Prepaid and other current assets		(2,000)		_		_
Less: restricted cash in Other assets		(10,084)				
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	\$	99,581	\$	126,201	\$	142,685
Supplemental cash flow information				-		
Cash paid (refunded) for:						
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$	6,180	\$	10,208	\$	15,760
Income taxes, net		(9,993)		14,242		15,171
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

GLATFELTER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018

In thousands	Comr Stoo		Ex	pital in cess of Value	Retained Earnings	 ocumulated Other nprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock	 Total areholders' Equity
Balance at January 1, 2018	\$	544	\$	62,594	\$ 948,411	\$ (140,675)	\$ (161,946)	\$ 708,928
Reclassification pursuant to ASU No. 2018-02					22,298	(22,298)		
Net loss					(177,604)			(177,604)
Other comprehensive income						25,533		 25,533
Comprehensive loss								(152,071)
Tax effect of exercise of stock awards				(7)				(7)
Cash dividends declared (\$0.52 per share)					(22,800)			(22,800)
Share-based compensation expense				7,000				7,000
Delivery of treasury shares								
RSUs and PSAs				(6,201)			4,575	(1,626)
Employee stock options exercised — net				(1,147)			621	(526)
Balance at December 31, 2018		544		62,239	770,305	(137,440)	(156,750)	538,898
Net loss					(21,541)			(21,541)
Other comprehensive income						59,544		59,544
Comprehensive income								38,003
Cash dividends declared (\$0.52 per share)					(22,969)			(22,969)
Share-based compensation expense				3,583				3,583
Delivery of treasury shares								
RSUs and PSAs				(3,625)			2,833	(792)
Employee stock options exercised — net				(2,297)			1,533	(764)
Balance at December 31, 2019		544		59,900	725,795	(77,896)	(152,384)	555,959
Net income					21,298			21,298
Other comprehensive income						19,243		19,243
Comprehensive income								40,541
Cash dividends declared (\$0.535 per share)					(23,728)			(23,728)
Share-based compensation expense				5,655				5,655
Delivery of treasury shares								
RSUs and PSAs				(2,077)			1,657	(420)
Employee stock options exercised — net				(217)			142	(75)
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	544	\$	63,261	\$ 723,365	\$ (58,653)	\$ (150,585)	\$ 577,932

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

GLATFELTER CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ORGANIZATION

Glatfelter Corporation and subsidiaries ("Glatfelter") formerly known as P. H. Glatfelter Company and subsidiaries, is a leading global supplier of engineered materials. Our high-quality, innovative and customizable solutions are found in tea and single-serve coffee filtration, personal hygiene and packaging products as well as home improvement and industrial applications. We are headquartered in Charlotte, NC, and operate facilities in the United States, Canada, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines. We have sales and distribution offices in the U.S., Europe, Russia, Italy, China, and the United States. Our products are marketed worldwide, either directly to customers or through brokers and agents. The terms "we," "us," "our," "the Company," or "Glatfelter," refer to Glatfelter Corporation and subsidiaries unless the context indicates otherwise.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Glatfelter and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Accounting Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingencies as of the balance sheet date and the reported amounts of net sales and expenses during the reporting period. Management believes the estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are reasonable, based upon currently available facts and known circumstances, but recognizes that actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions.

Discontinued Operations The results of operations for the Specialty Papers business have been classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented in the consolidated statements of income (loss).

Cash and Cash Equivalents We classify all highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase as cash equivalents.

Inventories Our inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Raw materials, in-process and finished goods inventories are valued principally using the average-cost method.

Plant, Equipment and Timberlands For financial reporting purposes, depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

The range of estimated service lives used to calculate financial reporting depreciation for principal items of plant and equipment are as follows:

Buildings	15 – 45 Years
Machinery and equipment	5 – 40 Years
Other	3 _ 25 Vears

Maintenance and Repairs Maintenance and repairs costs are charged to income and major renewals and betterments are capitalized. At the time property is retired or sold, the net carrying value is eliminated and any resultant gain or loss is included in income.

Valuation of Long-lived Assets, Intangible Assets and Goodwill We evaluate long-lived assets for impairment when a specific event indicates that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability is assessed based on estimates of future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset. If the sum of expected undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying value of the asset, the asset's fair value is estimated, and an impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value.

Goodwill and non-amortizing tradename intangible assets are reviewed for impairment annually, during the third quarter, or more frequently if impairment indicators are present. However, in 2020, as a result of potential impairment indicators related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we evaluated such assets as of the end of the second quarter and, in connection with our normal review cycle, in the third quarter. In addition, in order to align the evaluation process more closely with the timing change for our strategic planning cycle, we changed the timing of the annual evaluation to be completed in the fourth quarter. Accordingly, we completed an evaluation during the fourth quarter of 2020, and we concluded there was no impairment of goodwill or non-amortizing tradename intangible assets. We believe the change in our annual impairment testing date did not delay, accelerate, or avoid an impairment charge. We have determined that this change

in accounting principle is preferable under the circumstances and does not result in adjustments to our financial statements when applied retrospectively.

The fair value of our reporting units, which are also our operating segments, is determined using a market approach and a discounted cash flow model. The fair value of non-amortizing tradename intangible assets is determined using a discounted cash flow model. For goodwill, impairment losses, if any, are recognized for the amount by which the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value. The carrying value of a reporting unit is defined using an enterprise premise which is generally determined by the difference between the unit's assets and operating liabilities. With respect to non-amortizing tradenames, impairment losses, if any, are recognized for the amount by which the carrying value of the tradename exceeds its fair value. For additional information, refer to Note 6 – "Asset Impairment."

Income Taxes Income taxes are determined using the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes in accordance with FASB ASC 740 *Income Taxes* ("ASC 740"). Under ASC 740, tax expense includes U.S. and international income taxes plus the provision for U.S. taxes on undistributed earnings of international subsidiaries not deemed to be permanently invested. Tax credits and other incentives reduce tax expense in the year the credits are claimed. Certain items of income and expense are not reported in tax returns and financial statements in the same year. The tax effect of such temporary differences is reported in deferred income taxes. Deferred tax assets are recognized if it is more likely than not that the assets will be realized in future years. We establish a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets for which realization is not more likely than not.

Significant judgment is required in determining our worldwide provision for income taxes and recording the related assets and liabilities. In the ordinary course of our business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is less than certain. We and our subsidiaries are examined by various Federal, State, and foreign tax authorities. We regularly assess the potential outcomes of these examinations and any future examinations for the current or prior years in determining the adequacy of our provision for income taxes. We continually assess the likelihood and amount of potential adjustments and record any necessary adjustments in the period in which the facts that give rise to a revision become known.

Investment tax credits are accounted for by the flow-through method, which results in recognition of the benefit in the year in which the credit become available.

We account for global intangible low-taxed income ("GILTI") tax in the period in which it is incurred. The GILTI provisions require entities to include in its U.S. income tax return foreign subsidiary earnings in excess of an allowable return on the foreign subsidiaries' tangible assets.

Treasury Stock Common stock purchased for treasury is recorded at cost. At the date of subsequent reissue, the treasury stock account is reduced by the cost of such stock on the weighted-average cost basis.

Foreign Currency Translation Foreign currency translation gains and losses and the effect of exchange rate changes on transactions designated as hedges of net foreign investments are included as a component of other comprehensive income (loss). Transaction gains and losses are included in income in the period in which they occur.

Revenue Recognition We recognize revenue, or net sales, in accordance with ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. Our revenue is earned primarily from the manufacture and sale of engineered materials ("product sales"). Revenue is earned pursuant to contracts, supply agreements and other arrangements with a wide variety of customers. Our performance obligation is to produce a specified product according to technical specifications and, in substantially all instances, to deliver the product. Revenue from product sales is earned at a point in time. We recognize revenue on product sales when we have satisfied our performance obligation and control of the product has passed to the customer thereby entitling us to payment. With respect to substantially all arrangements for product sales, this is deemed to occur when title transfers in accordance with specified shipping terms.

Selling prices are fixed at the time the sales arrangement is entered into and payment terms are customary for similar arrangements in our industry. Many of our agreements include customary provisions for volume rebates, discounts and similar incentives. In addition, we are obligated for products that fail to meet agreed upon specification. Provisions for such items are estimated and recorded as sales deductions in the period in which the related revenue is recognized.

Refer to Note 8 - "Revenue" for additional information about the disaggregation of our net sales.

Environmental Liabilities Accruals for losses associated with environmental obligations are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated based on existing legislation and remediation technologies. These accruals are adjusted periodically as assessment and remediation actions continue and/or further legal or technical information develops. Such undiscounted liabilities are exclusive of any insurance or other claims against third parties. Environmental costs are capitalized if the costs extend the life of the asset, increase its capacity and/or mitigate or prevent contamination from future operations. Recoveries of environmental remediation costs

from other parties, including insurance carriers, are recorded as assets when their receipt is assured beyond a reasonable doubt.

Earnings Per Share Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted-average common shares outstanding during the respective periods. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding during the period. In periods in which there is a net loss, diluted loss per share is equal to basic loss per share. The dilutive effect of common share equivalents is considered in the diluted earnings per share computation using the treasury stock method.

Financial Derivatives and Hedging Activities We use financial derivatives to manage exposure to changes in foreign currencies and interest rates. In accordance with FASB ASC 815 *Derivatives and Hedging* ("ASC 815"), we record all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use of the derivative, whether we have elected to designate a derivative in a hedging relationship and apply hedge accounting, and whether the hedging relationship has satisfied the criteria necessary to apply hedge accounting.

The gain or loss on those derivative instruments designated and qualifying as a hedge of the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows related to forecasted transactions is deferred and reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Deferred gains or losses are reclassified to our results of operations at the time the hedged forecasted transaction is recorded in our results of operations. The effectiveness of cash flow hedges is assessed at inception and quarterly thereafter. If the instrument matures, is de-designated, becomes ineffective or it becomes probable that the originally forecasted transaction will not occur, the related change in fair value of the derivative instrument is also reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and recognized in earnings.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments Under the accounting for fair value measurements and disclosures, a fair value hierarchy was established that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (e.g., interest rates); and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3 Inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13 Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments that changes the impairment model for most financial instruments, including trade receivables from an incurred loss method to a new forward-looking approach, based on expected losses. Under the new guidance, an allowance is recognized based on an estimate of expected credit losses. We adopted this standard effective January 1, 2020 using a modified retrospective approach. The adoption of this standard did not impact our results of operations or financial position.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, *Income Taxes* (*Topic 740*): Simplifying the Accounting for Income *Taxes*. The update eliminates, clarifies, and modifies certain guidance related to the accounting for income taxes. ASU 2019-12 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt this standard in the first quarter of 2021, but do not expect this ASU will have a material impact on our financial statements.

3. ACQUISITIONS

On January 5, 2021, we signed a definitive agreement to purchase Georgia-Pacific's U.S. nonwovens business ("G-P") for \$175 million, subject to customary post-closing purchase price adjustments. This business includes the Mount Holly, NC manufacturing facility with annual production capacity of approximately 37,000 metric tons and an R&D center and pilot line for nonwovens product development in Memphis, TN. G-P had annual net sales of approximately \$100 million in 2020. Upon completion of the acquisition, the acquired business will be operated as part of our Airlaid Materials reporting segment.

The proposed acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of required regulatory clearances. The acquisition will be financed through a combination of cash on hand and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

We have not provided the additional disclosure requirements required under ASC No. 805 "Business Combinations" as it was deemed impractical to do so considering the transaction has not been completed.

On October 1, 2018, we completed the acquisition of Georgia-Pacific's European nonwovens business based in Steinfurt, Germany ("Steinfurt") for \$188 million including a working capital and post-closing purchase price adjustments. The post-closing purchase price amount was recorded as an adjustment to goodwill.

The acquisition consisted of Georgia-Pacific's operations located in Steinfurt along with sales offices located in France and Italy. The Steinfurt facility produces high-quality airlaid products for the table-top, wipes, hygiene, food pad, and other nonwoven materials markets, competing in the marketplace with nonwoven technologies and substrates, as well as other materials focused primarily on consumer based end-use applications. The facility is a state-of-the-art, 32,000-metric-ton-capacity manufacturing facility that employs approximately 220 people. Steinfurt's results are reported prospectively from the acquisition date as part of our Airlaid Materials operating segment.

We financed the transaction through a combination of cash on hand and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

In connection with the Steinfurt acquisition we recorded \$74.8 million of goodwill and \$43.6 million of intangible assets. The goodwill arising from the acquisition largely relates to strategic benefits, product and market diversification, assembled workforce, and similar factors. For tax purposes, none of the goodwill is deductible. Intangible assets consist of technology, customer relationships and tradename.

Acquired property, plant and equipment are being depreciated on a straight-line basis with estimated remaining lives ranging from 5 years to 25 years. Intangible assets are being amortized on a straight-line basis over an average estimated remaining life of 13 years reflecting the expected future value.

Net sales and operating income of Steinfurt included in our consolidated results of operations for 2018 totaled \$23.1 million and \$2.4 million, respectively. The following table summarizes annual unaudited pro forma financial information as if the acquisition occurred as of January 1, 2018:

		2016
In thousands, except per share	(1	unaudited)
Pro forma		
Net sales	\$	937,043
Income from continuing operations		1,585
Income per share from continuing operations		0.04

During 2018, we incurred legal, professional, and advisory costs directly related to the Steinfurt acquisition totaling \$5.1 million. For purposes of presenting the above pro forma financial information, such costs have been eliminated. All such costs are presented under the caption "Selling, general and administrative expenses" in the accompanying consolidated statements of income (loss).

This unaudited pro forma financial information presented in this section is not necessarily indicative of what the operating results would have been had the acquisition been completed at the beginning of the respective period nor is it indicative of future results.

4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On October 31, 2018, we completed the sale of the Specialty Papers business on a cash free and debt free basis to Pixelle Specialty Solutions LLC, an affiliate of Lindsay Goldberg (the "Purchaser") for \$360 million. The sale of the business was in connection with the strategic focus on our more growth oriented Composite Fibers and Airlaid Materials. Cash proceeds from the sale were approximately \$323 million reflecting estimated purchase price adjustments as of the closing date and the assumption by the Purchaser of approximately \$38 million in retiree healthcare liabilities. In addition, the Purchaser assumed approximately \$210 million of pension liabilities relating to Specialty Papers' employees and received approximately \$274 million of related assets from the Company's qualified pension plan. We recognized a \$144.1 million pre-tax loss, presented below as an "Impairment charge" for the amount by which Specialty Papers' carrying value exceeded net proceeds from the sale.

In connection with the sale of Specialty Papers, we entered into a Transition Services Agreement with Purchaser pursuant to which we agreed to provide various back-office and information technology support until the business is fully separated from us, which was completed in the third quarter of 2019.

2019

The following table sets forth a summary of discontinued operations included in the consolidated statements of income (loss):

		Year ended December 31	
<u>In thousands</u>	 2020	2019	2018
Net sales	\$ _	\$	\$ 661,186
Energy and related sales, net	 		3,388
Total revenues	_	_	664,574
Costs of products sold	 		637,472
Gross profit	_	_	27,102
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(544)	109	32,465
(Gains) losses on dispositions of plant, equipment and timberlands, net	 		(423)
Operating income (loss)	544	(109)	(4,940)
Non-operating income (expense)			
Interest expense	_	_	(6,942)
Other, net	_	1,393	(51,236)
Impairment charge	_	_	(144,124)
Income (loss) before income taxes	544	1,284	(207,242)
Income tax provision (benefit)	29	(2,386)	(30,086)
Income from discontinued operations	\$ 515	\$ 3,670	\$ (177,156)

The amounts presented above are derived from the segment reporting for Specialty Papers adjusted to include certain retirement benefit costs and to exclude corporate shared services costs which are required to remain in continuing operations. Interest expense was allocated to discontinued operations based on borrowings under the revolving credit facility required to be repaid with proceeds from the sale of Specialty Papers. The amount set forth above in 2020 under the caption "Selling, general and administrative expenses," primarily represents the settlement of a sales and use tax audit. The amounts in 2018 under the caption "Other, net" include the recognition of a \$54.0 million, pre-tax, curtailment and settlement charge for pension and other post-employment benefits related to the transfer and discontinuance of future service of Specialty Papers' employees.

The following table sets forth a summary of cash flows from discontinued operations which is included in the consolidated statements of cash flows:

	Year ended December 31							
In thousands		2020		2019		2018		
Net cash (used) provided by operating activities	\$	(1,613)	\$	(10,942)	\$	38,803		
Net cash (used) provided by investing activities				(8,221)		308,120		
Net cash provided by financing activities		_				125		
Change in cash and cash equivalents from discontinued operations	\$	(1,613)	\$	(19,163)	\$	347,048		

5. RESTRUCTURING

In the first quarter of 2020, we announced restructuring actions within the Composite Fibers operating segment. The actions primarily consisted of the consolidation of our metallizing operation from Gernsbach, Germany to our Caerphilly, U.K. site.

	ear ended cember 31
In thousands	2020
Severance and benefit continuation	\$ 6,143
Accelerated depreciation	3,900
Inventory and spare parts	977
Other	91
Total	\$ 11,111

The restructuring charge is recorded under the caption "Costs of product sold" in the accompanying consolidated statements of income for the year ended December 31, 2020. With the exception of the severance and benefit continuation amounts, all other amounts accrued represent accelerated non-cash asset write-downs. As of December 31, 2020, the accrued and unpaid restructuring charge totaled approximately \$1.0 million. The severance and benefit continuation costs are generally expected to be paid out ratably over the next 6 months.

6. ASSET IMPAIRMENT

During the second quarter of 2020, in connection with an assessment of potential impairment of indefinite lived intangible assets, we recorded a \$0.9 million non-cash asset impairment charge related to a trade name intangible asset acquired in connection with our Composite Fibers segment's 2013 Dresden acquisition. The charge was due to a change in the estimated fair value of the trade name, primarily driven by lower forecasted wallcover net sale associated with economic instability in Russia and Ukraine together with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on this business. The charge is recorded in the accompanying consolidated statements of income under the caption "Selling, general and administrative expenses." The fair value of the asset was estimated using a discounted cash flow model (Level 3 fair value classification).

7. GAIN ON DISPOSITIONS OF PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND TIMBERLANDS

During 2020, 2019 and 2018, we completed the following sales of assets:

Dollars in thousands	Acres	Proceeds		Gain (loss)	
2020					
Timberlands	461	\$	1,413	\$	1,381
Other	n/a				(49)
Total		\$	1,413	\$	1,332
2019				·	· ·
Timberlands	1,996	\$	1,705	\$	1,572
Other	n/a		493		488
Total		\$	2,198	\$	2,060
2018					
Timberlands	1,918	\$	3,414	\$	3,225
Other	n/a		48		31
Total		\$	3,462	\$	3,256

8. REVENUE

The following tables set forth disaggregated information pertaining to our net sales from contracts with customers:

	Year ended December 31					
In thousands	2020					2018
Composite Fibers						
Food & beverage	\$	285,665	\$	278,786	\$	279,515
Wallcovering		79,346		81,679		103,686
Technical specialties		84,320		79,535		81,281
Composite laminates		36,856		35,274		38,213
Metallized		38,902		46,392		52,174
		525,089		521,666		554,869
Airlaid Materials						
Feminine hygiene		204,085		207,301		195,686
Specialty wipes		74,942		70,149		45,375
Tabletop		45,314		66,486		21,600
Home care		25,040		17,266		16,010
Adult incontinence		21,825		25,233		19,734
Other		20,203		19,572		13,012
		391,409		406,007		311,417
TOTAL	\$	916,498	\$	927,673	\$	866,286

Year ended December 31 In thousands 2020 2019 2018 **Composite Fibers** Europe, Middle East and Africa \$ 315,881 312,218 354,978 Americas 128,385 132,845 113,546 Asia Pacific 80,823 76,603 86,345 525,089 521,666 554,869 **Airlaid Materials** Europe, Middle East and Africa 204,728 220,924 163,157 Americas 174,606 179,067 144,913 Asia Pacific 12,075 6,016 3,347 391,409 406,007 311,417 TOTAL 916,498 927,673 866,286

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the details of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share (EPS):

	Year ended December 31									
In thousands, except per share		2020		2019	2018					
Net income (loss)	\$	21,298	\$	(21,541)	\$	(177,604)				
Weighted average common shares outstanding used in basic EPS		44,339		44,132		43,768				
Common shares issuable upon exercise of dilutive stock options and PSAs / RSUs		275		_		_				
Weighted average common shares outstanding and common share equivalents used in diluted EPS		44,614		44,132		43,768				
Earnings (loss) per share										
Continuing operations	\$	0.47	\$	(0.57)	\$	(0.01)				
Discontinued operations		0.01		0.08		(4.05)				

The following table sets forth the potential common shares outstanding for stock options that were not included in the computation of diluted EPS for the period indicated, because their effect would be anti-dilutive:

	Yea	ar ended December 31	
In thousands	2020	2019	2018
Potential common shares	1.082	1.233	1.379

10. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following table sets forth details of the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (losses) for the three years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

In thousands	tra	furrency anslation fustments	gai	realized n (loss) n cash v hedges		Change in pensions		Change in other stretirement defined benefit plans		Total
Balance at January 1, 2020	\$	(76,346)	\$	4,316	\$	(7,253)	\$	1,387	\$	(77,896)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications (net of tax)		33,821		(2,840)		(6,202)		(878)		23,901
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (net of tax)				(3,972)		611		(1,297)		(4,658)
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)		33,821		(6,812)	_	(5,591)	_	(2,175)	_	19,243
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	(42,525)	\$	(2,496)	\$	(12,844)	\$	(788)	\$	(58,653)
Balance at January 1, 2019	\$	(69,622)	\$	2,199	\$	(71,431)	\$	1,414	\$	(137,440)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications (net of tax)		(6,724)		6,800		8,730		826		9,632
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (net of tax)		_		(4,683)		55,448		(853)		49,912
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)		(6,724)		2,117		64,178		(27)	Ţ	59,544
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$	(76,346)	\$	4,316	\$	(7,253)	\$	1,387	\$	(77,896)
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Balance at January 1, 2018	\$	(41,839)	\$	(4,092)	\$	(98,295)	\$	3,551	\$	(140,675)
Amount reclassified for adoption of ASU No. 2018-02		_		_		(23,297)		999		(22,298)
Balance as adjusted at January 1, 2018		(41,839)		(4,092)		(121,592)		4,550		(162,973)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications (net of tax)		(27,783)		2,641		(9,267)		2,979		(31,430)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other				0.550		50.40°		/- aa-:		7 - 0 - 0
comprehensive income (net of tax)				3,650	_	59,428	_	(6,115)	_	56,963
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)		(27,783)		6,291		50,161	_	(3,136)	_	25,533
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$	(69,622)	\$	2,199	\$	(71,431)	\$	1,414	\$	(137,440)

The following table sets forth the amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (losses) for the years indicated.

	Year	end	ed December	31		
In thousands	2020		2019		2018	
Description						Line Item in Statements of Income
Cash flow hedges (Note 19)						
(Gains) losses on cash flow hedges	\$ (5,503)	\$	(6,468)	\$	5,020	Costs of products sold
Tax expense (benefit)	1,448		1,785		(1,370)	Income tax provision (benefit)
Net of tax	(4,055)		(4,683)		3,650	
Loss on interest rate swaps	83		_		_	Interest expense
Tax expense						Income tax provision (benefit)
Net of tax	83					
Total cash flow hedges	(3,972)		(4,683)		3,650	
Retirement plan obligations (Note 13)						
Amortization of defined benefit pension plan items						
Prior service costs	48		216		39	Other, net
Actuarial losses	651		2,842		7,050	Other, net
Discontinued operations amortization of defined						
benefit pension plans	_		_		6,990	Discontinued operations
Pension curtailment and settlement	_		_		61,917	Discontinued operations
Pension settlement	 		75,326			Pension settlement
	699		78,384		75,996	
Tax benefit	(88)		(22,936)		(16,568)	Income tax provision (benefit)
Net of tax	611		55,448		59,428	
Amortization of defined benefit other plan items						
Prior service costs	(463)		(10)		_	Other, net
Actuarial gains	(834)		(852)		(261)	Other, net
Discontinued operations amortization of defined						
benefit other plans	_		_		(575)	Discontinued operations
Other benefit plan settlement	 				(7,949)	
	(1,297)		(862)		(8,785)	
Tax expense			9		2,670	Income tax provision (benefit)
Net of tax	(1,297)		(853)		(6,115)	
Total reclassifications, net of tax	\$ (4,658)	\$	49,912	\$	56,963	

11. INCOME TAXES

Income taxes are recognized for the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our consolidated financial statements or tax returns. The effects of income taxes are measured based on enacted tax laws and rates.

The provision for (benefit from) income taxes from continuing operations consisted of the following:

		Year ended December 31						
In thousands		2020		2019		2018		
Current taxes								
Federal	\$	(4,989)	\$	(419)	\$	_		
State		166		134		442		
Foreign	<u></u>	18,470		14,014		14,985		
		13,647		13,729		15,427		
Deferred taxes and other								
Federal		540		(20,448)		(9,242)		
State		(1,183)		(4,105)		251		
Foreign		(1,428)		1,582		1,287		
	· ·	(2,071)		(22,971)		(7,704)		
Income tax provision (benefit)	\$	11,576	\$	(9,242)	\$	7,723		

The following are the domestic and foreign components of pretax income (loss) from continuing operations:

	Year ended December 31						
In thousands	2020 2019						
United States	\$ (35,696)	\$	(107,455)	\$	(59,264)		
Foreign	68,055		73,002		66,539		
Total pretax income (loss)	\$ 32,359	\$	(34,453)	\$	7,275		

The following table sets forth a reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate to our actual effective tax rate for continuing operations.

	Year end	Year ended December 31						
	2020	2019	2018					
Federal income tax provision at statutory rate	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%					
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	0.6	3.7	(15.9)					
Foreign income tax rate differential	3.4	2.0	(18.9)					
Tax effect of tax credits	(10.2)	8.2	1.3					
Provision for (resolution of) tax matters	12.4	(8.0)	46.5					
Rate changes due to enacted legislation	0.7	0.1	7.2					
Effect of U.S. tax law change	(21.5)	_	(7.5)					
Global Intangible Low-taxed Income	7.1	(9.4)	33.8					
Stock-based compensation	1.4	(1.0)	10.0					
Nondeductible officer's compensation	1.0	(0.7)	5.2					
Valuation allowance	11.7	4.3	15.7					
Pension termination, settlement and related	5.4	5.0	_					
Other	2.8	1.6	7.8					
Actual tax rate	35.8%	26.8%	106.2%					

The effective income tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2020 was unfavorably impacted by operating losses in the US which generated no tax benefit, and \$10.5 million of pension, restructuring, and other non-recurring costs for which no tax benefit was recorded, offset in part by \$6.1 million recorded in connection with passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES"). This Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, modified the "net operating loss" provisions of previous law to allow losses arising in a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2021, to be carried back five years.

The sources of deferred income taxes were as follows at December 31:

In thousands	2020		2019
Reserves	\$	685	\$ 991
Environmental		4,481	5,696
Compensation		2,415	3,287
Pension		4,279	_
Post-retirement benefits		1,388	1,619
Research & development expenses		3,092	6,439
Inventories		_	(91)
Tax carryforwards		16,703	25,227
Other		5,714	1,117
Deferred tax assets		38,757	44,285
Valuation allowance	(23,305)	(28,485)
Net deferred tax assets		15,452	 15,800
Property	(1	70,492)	(65,027)
Intangible assets	(18,808)	(19,355)
Pension		_	(6,198)
Other		(3,282)	(1,577)
Deferred tax liabilities	(1	92,582)	(92,157)
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ (77,130)	\$ (76,357)

Non-current deferred tax assets and liabilities are included in the following balance sheet captions:

		Decer	nber 31	
In thousands	2020			2019
Other assets	\$	1	\$	17
Deferred income taxes		77,131		76,374

At December 31, 2020 we had federal, state and foreign tax net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards of \$10.0 million, \$199.3 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. These NOL carryforwards are available to offset future taxable income, if any. The federal NOL carryforward expires in 2037. The state NOL carryforwards expire at various times and in various amounts beginning in 2021. Certain foreign NOL carryforwards begin to expire after 2024.

The federal, state and foreign NOL carryforwards on the income tax returns filed included unrecognized tax benefits taken in prior years. The NOLs for which a deferred tax asset is recognized for financial statement purposes in accordance with ASC 740 are presented net of these unrecognized tax benefits.

In addition, we had various federal tax credit carryforwards totaling \$14.2 million which begin to expire after 2034 and state tax credit carryforwards totaling \$3.4 million, which begin to expire in 2021.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, we had a valuation allowance of \$23.3 million and \$28.5 million, respectively, against net deferred tax assets, primarily due to uncertainty regarding the ability to utilize federal, state and foreign tax NOL carryforwards and certain state tax credits. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, management considers all available positive and negative evidence in its analysis. Based on this analysis, we recorded a valuation allowance for the portion of deferred tax assets where the weight of available evidence indicated it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Tax credits and other incentives reduce tax expense in the year the credits are claimed. We recorded tax credits of \$3.3 million, \$2.8 million and \$(0.1) million in 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively, related to research and development credits.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, unremitted earnings of subsidiaries outside the United States deemed to be indefinitely reinvested totaled \$109 million and \$62.0 million, respectively. Because the unremitted earnings of subsidiaries are deemed to be indefinitely reinvested as of December 31, 2020 and because we have no need for or plans to repatriate such earnings, no deferred tax liability has been recognized in our consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, we had \$46.3 million, \$30.5 million and \$29.6 million of gross unrecognized tax benefits, respectively. As of December 31, 2020, if such benefits were to be recognized, approximately \$35.8 million would be recorded as a component of income tax expense, thereby affecting our effective tax rate.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the total amounts of gross unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

In millions	2	2020	2019	2018
Balance at January 1	\$	30.5 \$	29.6	\$ 26.9
Increases in tax positions for prior years		13.9	2.8	0.3
Decreases in tax positions for prior years		(0.1)	(2.9)	(1.0)
Acquisition related:				
Purchase Accounting		_	_	0.3
Increases in tax positions for current year		4.4	4.6	4.0
Settlements		(1.1)	(0.3)	(0.2)
Lapse in statutes of limitation		(1.3)	(3.3)	(0.7)
Balance at December 31	\$	46.3 \$	30.5	\$ 29.6

We, or one of our subsidiaries, file income tax returns with the United States Internal Revenue Service, as well as various state and foreign authorities. The following table summarizes tax years that remain subject to examination by major jurisdiction:

	Open Tax	x Years
Jurisdiction	Examinations not yet initiated	Examination in progress
United States		
Federal	2014 - 2015; 2017 - 2020	N/A
State	2016 - 2020	2015 - 2018
Canada ⁽¹⁾	2013 - 2018; 2020	2019
Germany ⁽¹⁾	2016 - 2020	N/A
France	2018 - 2020	N/A
United Kingdom	2019 - 2020	N/A
Philippines	2019 - 2020	2018

(1) Includes provincial or similar local jurisdictions, as applicable.

The amount of income taxes we pay is subject to ongoing audits by federal, state and foreign tax authorities, which often result in proposed assessments. Management performs a comprehensive review of its global tax positions on a quarterly basis and accrues amounts for uncertain tax positions. Based on these reviews and the result of discussions and resolutions of matters with certain tax authorities and the closure of tax years subject to tax audit, reserves are adjusted as necessary. However, future results may include favorable or unfavorable adjustments to our estimated tax liabilities in the period the assessments are determined or resolved or as such statutes are closed. Due to potential for resolution of federal, state and foreign examinations, and the expiration of various statutes of limitation, it is reasonably possible our gross unrecognized tax benefits balance may decrease within the next twelve months by a range of zero to \$6.1 million. The majority of this range relates to tax positions taken in Canada and the U.S.

We recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense. The following table summarizes information related to interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions:

	As	year ended December 3			: 31,		
In millions	2020			2019		2	.018
Accrued interest payable	\$	1.8	\$		0.4	\$	1.1
Interest expense (income)		1.0			(0.7)		0.3
Penalties		_			_		_

12. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Our Amended and Restated Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP") provides for the issuance of Glatfelter common stock to eligible participants in the form of restricted stock units, restricted stock awards, non-qualified stock options, performance shares, incentive stock options and performance units. As of December 31, 2020, there were 1,899,527 shares of common stock available for future issuance under the LTIP.

Pursuant to the terms of the LTIP, we have issued to eligible participants restricted stock units, performance share awards and stock only stock appreciation rights ("SOSARs").

Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") and Performance Share Awards ("PSAs") Awards of RSUs and PSAs are made under our LTIP. The vesting of RSUs is generally based on the passage of time, generally over a three -year period or in certain instances the RSUs were issued with five-year cliff vesting. PSAs are issued to members of management and vesting is based on achievement of cumulative financial performance targets covering a two-year period followed by an additional one-year service period. The performance measures include a minimum, target and maximum performance level providing the grantees an opportunity to receive more or less shares than targeted depending on actual financial performance. In addition, beginning in 2018, PSA awards include a modifier based on the three-year total shareholder return relative to a broad market index. For RSUs the grant date fair value of the awards, or the closing price per common share on the date of the award, is used to determine the amount of expense to be recognized over the applicable service period. For PSAs, the grant date fair value is estimated using a lattice model. The significant inputs include the stock price, volatility, dividend yield, and risk-free rate of return. Settlement of RSUs and PSAs will be made in shares of our common stock currently held in treasury.

The following table summarizes RSU and PSA activity during the past three years:

Units	20	020	2019	2018
Balance at January 1,		896,463	756,786	929,386
Granted		400,854	600,820	435,542
Forfeited		(89,483)	(223,677)	(112,501)
Shares delivered		(136,182)	 (237,466)	(495,641)
Balance at December 31,		1,071,652	896,463	756,786
	20	020	2019	2018
Compensation expense	\$	5,655	\$ 3,543	\$ 5,971

The amount granted in 2020, 2019 and 2018 includes 171,150, 218,422 and 184,834 PSAs, respectively, exclusive of reinvested dividends. The weighted average grant date fair value per unit for awards in 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$16.65, \$15.86 and \$20.20, respectively. As of December 31, 2020, unrecognized compensation expense for outstanding RSUs and PSAs totaled \$5.4 million. The weighted average remaining period over which the expense will be recognized is 1.6 years.

Stock Only Stock Appreciation Rights The following table sets forth information related to outstanding SOSARS:

	20	20		20	19		20	18	
SOSARS	Shares		td Avg cise Price	Shares		Wtd Avg ercise Price	Shares		td Avg cise Price
Outstanding at January 1,	1,291,947	\$	20.05	2,334,742	\$	18.08	2,561,846	\$	17.87
Granted	_		_	_		_	_		_
Exercised	(58,460)		12.85	(596,360)		15.56	(158,545)		13.31
Canceled / forfeited	(151,074)		20.25	(446,435)		21.06	(68,559)		21.09
Outstanding at December 31,	1,082,413	\$	20.40	1,291,947	\$	20.05	2,334,742	\$	18.08
Exercisable at December 31,	1,082,413		20.40	1,291,947		20.05	2,134,297		18.13
Vested and expected to vest	1,082,413			1,291,947			2,334,742		
Compensation expense (in thousands) \$	_			\$ 40			\$ 317		

Under terms of the SOSAR, the recipients receive the right to receive a payment in the form of shares of common stock equal to the difference, if any, in the fair market value of one share of common stock at the time of exercising the SOSAR and the exercise price. The SOSARs vest ratably over a three-year period. No SOSARs were issued during any of the past three years. As of December 31, 2020, the intrinsic value of SOSARs vested and expected to vest totaled \$0.1 million and the remaining weighted average contractual life of outstanding SOSARs was 3.5 years.

13. RETIREMENT PLANS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Prior to May 2019, we provided non-contributory retirement benefits under both funded and unfunded plans to all U.S. employees and to certain non-U.S. employees in Germany. As discussed in more detail below, we terminated our U.S. qualified pension plan effective June 30, 2019 and replaced the benefits with an enhanced 401(k) defined contribution plan. Participation and benefits under the plans were based upon the employees' date of hire. U.S. benefits accrued under the terminated pension plan was based on a final average pay formula or cash balance formula for salaried employees.

We froze qualified pension plan benefits as of May 31, 2019 and terminated the plan June 30, 2019. During 2019, all plan liabilities were settled by either a lump sum distribution or assumed by a third-party in exchange for a transfer of assets from the pension plan trust fund. After giving effect to these transactions, we recorded a \$309.5 million reduction in both the projected benefit obligation and the plan assets. In addition, in accordance with pension plan settlement accounting, we recorded a \$75.3 million settlement charge reflecting the recognition of amounts previously included in accumulated other comprehensive income.

As a result of terminating the qualified plan and settling the associated liabilities, as of December 31, 2019, \$53.4 million of assets remained in the pension trust and was included in cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet based on the nature of the underlying assets. In addition, during 2020 we received \$2.3 million as post-settlement adjustment with the third party. After transferring \$14.1 million to a suspense account to fund future 401(k) contributions and paying \$8.3 million of excise taxes, approximately \$33.3 million was available for general corporate purposes.

In December 2019, our Board of Directors approved the freezing of benefit accruals in the non-qualified pension plan for active participants effective December 31, 2019. As of January 1, 2020, each active participant's frozen non-qualified pension benefit was transferred to a newly approved Deferred Compensation Plan non-qualified benefit plan and will earn interest credits going forward.

The Deferred Compensation Plan also provides for employer contributions and, beginning in 2021, the Plan may provide for elective employee deferrals. Under the Deferred Compensation Plan, participants are eligible to receive annual Company contributions that such participants would have received under our 401(k) Savings Plan but for certain limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code on 401(k) plan contributions ("Company Contributions"). Unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, Company Contributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan will not exceed 7% of a participant's annual eligible compensation that is in excess of the Internal Revenue Code compensation limit for 401(k) plans.

Non-U.S. benefits were based on average salary and years of service. We use a December 31-measurement date for all of our defined benefit plans.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the remaining non-contributory pension plans are unfunded non-qualified plans.

We also provide certain health care benefits to eligible U.S.-based retired employees. Participation in the plan is closed to any salaried employees hired after December 31, 2006. These benefits include a comprehensive medical plan for retirees prior to age 65 and a fixed payment to certain retirees over age 65 to help defray the costs of Medicare. Claims are paid as reported.

In connection with the sale in 2018 of the Specialty Papers business the buyer assumed \$210 million of pension liabilities for all employees active as of October 31, 2018, and we agreed to transfer pension assets of approximately \$274 million. In addition, the buyers assumed \$38 million of retiree healthcare liabilities related to employees active as of the October 31, 2018. We retained the pension retiree healthcare liabilities for all retired and deferred vested Specialty Paper employees.

All information presented in the following tables represents amounts attributable to continuing operations.

		Pension	Bene	fits	Other E	3enefi	ts
n millions		2020		2019	 2020		2019
Change in Benefit Obligation							
Balance at beginning of year	\$	45.7	\$	332.2	\$ 6.5	\$	9.2
Service cost		_		1.3	_		_
Interest cost		1.2		11.5	0.2		0.3
Benefits paid		(2.4)		(22.3)	(1.6)		(3.0)
Participant contributions							0.9
Plan amendments		_		(0.2)	_		_
Actuarial (gain)/loss		1.7		29.2	0.9		(0.3)
Special termination benefits		_		1.3	_		_
Curtailment		_		(1.9)	_		(0.6)
Settlement/transfer		_		(309.5)	_		_
Transfers from Discontinued Operations		_		4.3	_		_
Effect of currency rate changes		1.1		(0.2)	 		
Balance at end of year	<u>\$</u>	47.3	\$	45.7	\$ 6.0	\$	6.5
Change in Plan Assets							
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$	53.4	\$	333.2	\$ _	\$	_
Reversion of excess plan assets		(53.4)		_	_		_
Actual return on plan assets		_		44.1	_		_
Total contributions		2.4		2.2	1.6		3.0
Benefits paid		(2.4)		(22.3)	(1.6)		(3.0)
Transfers from Discontinued Operations		_		5.7	_		_
Settlement/transfer		_		(309.5)	_		_
Fair value of plan assets at end of year				53.4			
Funded status at end of year	\$	(47.3)	\$	7.7	\$ (6.0)	\$	(6.5)

Amounts presented under the caption "transfers from discontinued operations" represent the impact of employees changing their status from what was originally assumed for purposes of accounting for discontinued operations to the final determination in accordance with the sale agreement.

The fair value of plan assets as of December 31, 2019 consist entirely of the amounts discussed above and remaining in the qualified plan trust account. As of December 31, 2020, the non-qualified plans have an unfunded projected benefit obligation of \$47.3 million.

Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets consist of the following as of December 31:

Pensio		Pension	on Benefits			Other B	enefi	its
In millions		2020		2019		2020		2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$		\$	53.4	\$		\$	_
Current liabilities		(2.3)		(2.3)		(1.2)		(1.4)
Other long-term liabilities		(45.0)		(43.4)		(4.8)		(5.1)
Net amount recognized	\$	(47.3)	\$	7.7	\$	(6.0)	\$	(6.5)

The components of amounts recognized as "Accumulated other comprehensive income" consist of the following on a pre-tax basis:

	Pension E	Benefits		Benefits	
In millions	2020	2019	2020	2019	
Prior service credit (cost)	\$ (0.2)	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.6	
Net actuarial gain (loss)	(15.6)	4.2	(0.4)	1.4	

The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit pension plans was \$47.3 million and \$45.7 million at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The weighted-average assumptions used in computing the benefit obligations above were as follows:

	Pension Ber	Pension Benefits		efits
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Discount rate – benefit obligation	2.17%	2.70%	2.30%	3.11%
Future compensation growth rate	_	_	_	_

The discount rates set forth above were estimated based on the modeling of expected cash flows for each of our benefit plans and selecting a portfolio of high-quality debt instruments with maturities matching the respective cash flows of each

plan. The resulting discount rates as of December 31, 2020 ranged from 1.22% to 2.61% for pension plans and was 2.30% for the other benefit plans.

Information for pension plans with an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets was as follows:

In millions	2020		2019
Projected benefit obligation	\$	47.3 \$	45.7
Accumulated benefit obligation		47.3	45.7
Fair value of plan assets		_	_

Net periodic benefit (income) expense includes the following components:

	Year Ended December 31				
In millions	2020		2019		2018
Pension Benefits					
Service cost	\$ _	\$	1.3	\$	2.3
Interest cost	1.2		11.5		13.3
Expected return on plan assets	_		(13.7)		(21.1)
Amortization of prior service cost	_		0.2		_
Amortization of actuarial loss	0.7		2.8		7.1
Termination benefits	_		1.3		_
One-time settlement charge	 _		75.3		_
Total net periodic benefit expense	\$ 1.9	\$	78.7	\$	1.6
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Other Benefits					
Service cost	\$ _	\$	_	\$	0.1
Interest cost	0.2		0.3		0.5
Expected return on plan assets					
Amortization of prior service credit	(0.5)		_		_
Amortization of actuarial loss	 (0.8)		(0.9)		(0.3)
Total net periodic benefit (income) expense	\$ (1.1)	\$	(0.6)	\$	0.3

Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) were as follows:

	`	Year Ended l	Decembe	r 31
In millions	20)20		2019
Pension Benefits				
Actuarial (gain) loss	\$	1.7	\$	(5.2)
Plan amendments		_		(0.2)
Recognized prior service costs		_		(0.2)
Recognized actuarial losses		(0.7)		(78.1)
Total recognized in other comprehensive (income) loss		1.0		(83.7)
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive loss	\$	2.9	\$	(5.0)
Other Benefits			-	
Actuarial (gain) loss	\$	0.9	\$	(0.3)
Amortization of actuarial gain		0.8		0.9
Total recognized in other comprehensive (income) loss		1.7		0.6
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive (income) loss	\$	0.6	\$	

The weighted-average assumptions used in computing the net periodic benefit expense information above were as follows:

	Year I	Year Ended December 31				
	2020	2019	2018			
Pension Benefits						
Discount rate – benefit expense	2.70%	4.34%	3.85%			
Future compensation growth rate	_	2.50	3.00			
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	_	4.50	7.25			
Other Benefits						
Discount rate – benefit expense	3.11%	4.19%	3.68%			

For 2019 and 2018, the development of the expected long-term rate of return assumption was based on the historical returns and expected future returns for each asset class, as well as the target asset allocation of the pension portfolio.

Assumed health care cost trend rates used to determine benefit obligations at December 31 were as follows:

	2020	2019
Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year	5.30%	5.60%
Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate trend rate)	4.50	4.50
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate rate	2037	2037

At the end of 2019, assets held in the pension trust consisted entirely of \$53.4 million of cash and cash equivalents and were primarily a Level 1 type.

Cash Flow Benefit payments expected to be made under our non-qualified pension plans and other benefit plans are summarized below:

In thousands	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits
2021	\$ 2,2	71 \$	1,167
2022	2,2	10	852
2023	2,1	17	626
2024	2,0	32	495
2025	2,0	20	460
2026 through 2030	16,9	12	1,399

Defined Contribution Plans We maintain 401(k) plans for substantially all U.S. based employees. Employees may contribute up to 50% of their earnings, subject to certain restrictions. Through the end of May 2019, the Company matched a portion of the employees' contribution in cash. Beginning June 1, 2019, the Company's contribution approximated 7% of the employee's eligible earnings and the amount contribution was increased to approximately 11% for 2020. The expense associated with our 401(k) plan was \$2.0 million, \$1.9 million and \$0.4 million in 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

14. INVENTORIES

Inventories, net of reserves were as follows:

	December 31						
In thousands	2020		2019				
Raw materials	\$ 55,466	\$	59,164				
In-process and finished	97,109		92,231				
Supplies	43,655		39,020				
Total	\$ 196,230	\$	190,415				

15. PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND TIMBERLANDS

Plant, equipment and timberlands at December 31 were as follows:

_ In thousands	2020	2019
Land and buildings	\$ 173,646	\$ 163,066
Machinery and equipment	754,737	685,081
Furniture, fixtures, and other	160,922	152,777
Accumulated depreciation	 (569,386)	 (490,032)
	519,919	510,892
Construction in progress	23,330	26,508
Timberlands, less depletion	 18	21
Total	\$ 543,267	\$ 537,421

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, we had \$3.1 million and \$4.4 million, respectively, of accrued capital expenditures.

The following table sets forth amounts of interest expense capitalized in connection with major capital projects:

	 Year Ended December 31					
	2020		2019		2018	
Interest cost incurred	\$ 7,022	\$	10,408	\$	16,005	
Interest capitalized	_		_		396	
Interest expense	\$ 7,022	\$	10,408	\$	15,609	

16. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following table sets forth information with respect to goodwill and other intangible assets:

		December 31		
In thousands		2020		2019
Goodwill				
Composite Fibers	\$	84,586	\$	77,775
Airlaid Materials		79,783		73,041
Total Goodwill	<u>\$</u>	164,369	\$	150,816
Other Intangible Assets				
Composite Fibers				
Tradename – non amortizing	\$	3,902	\$	4,470
Technology and related		41,578		38,256
Customer relationships and related		37,535		34,445
Airlaid Materials				
Tradename		3,960		3,625
Technology and related		20,053		18,406
Customer relationships and related		26,636		24,385
Total intangibles		133,664		123,587
Accumulated amortization		(51,829)		(39,852)
Net intangibles	\$	81,835	\$	83,735

The change in the gross value of goodwill and intangible assets was primarily due to currency translation adjustments. Other than goodwill and an indefinite-lived tradename, intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis. Customer relationships are amortized over periods ranging from 10 years to 14 years and technology and related intangible assets are amortized over periods ranging from 14 years to 20 years. The following table sets forth information pertaining to amortization of intangible assets:

In thousands	2020	2019	2018
Aggregate amortization expense:	\$ 8,014	\$ 7,986	\$ 5,680
Estimated amortization expense:			
2021	7,626		
2022	7,511		
2023	7,511		
2024	7,511		
2025	7,511		

The remaining weighted average useful life of intangible assets was 10.5 years at December 31, 2020.

17. OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS

Other long-term assets consist of the following:

		December	31
In thousands	20)20	2019
Right-of-use asset operating leases	\$	11,789	11,701
Restricted cash		10,084	_
Other		22,612	22,789
Total	\$	44,485	34,490

18. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other current liabilities consist of the following:

		nber 31		
In thousands		2020		2019
Accrued payroll and benefits	\$	21,726	\$	19,369
Other accrued compensation and retirement benefits		9,376		5,826
Income taxes payable		4,781		2,075
Accrued rebates		4,002		3,852
Other accrued expenses		31,208		31,650
Total	\$	71,093	\$	62,772

19. LEASES

We enter into a variety of arrangements in which we are the lessee for the use of automobiles, forklifts and other production equipment, production facilities, warehouses and office space. We determine if an arrangement contains a lease at inception. All our lease arrangements are operating leases and are recorded in the consolidated balance sheet under the caption "Other assets" and the lease obligation is under "Other current liabilities" and "Other long-term liabilities." We currently do not have any finance leases.

Operating lease right of use ("ROU") assets and operating lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term at commencement date. ROU assets also include any initial direct costs incurred and any lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, less lease incentives received. We use our incremental borrowing rate based on information available at the commencement date in determining the lease liabilities as our leases generally do not provide an implicit rate. Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate when we are reasonably certain that the option will be exercised. Lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

We also have arrangements with both lease and non-lease components. We elected the practical expedients not to separate non-lease components from lease components for our real estate and automobile leases and the lack of need to reassess classification. We elected to apply the short-term lease measurement and recognition exemption in which ROU assets and lease liabilities are not recognized for arrangements less than twelve months in duration.

The following table sets forth information related to our leases as of the periods indicated.

		December 31	
Dollars in thousands	202	0	2019
Right of use asset	\$	11,789 \$	11,701
Weighted average discount rate		2.94%	2.92%
Weighted average remaining maturity (months)		66	34

The following table sets forth operating lease expense for the periods indicated:

		Decem	DCI DI		
In thousands		2020		2019	
Operating lease expense	\$	5,876	\$	4,527	
The following table sets forth required minimum lease payments for the ve	are indicated	4.			

December 31

The following table sets forth required minimum lease payments for the years indicated:

In thousands	
2021	\$ 4,736
2022	3,277
2023	1,568 1,005
2024	1,005
2025 Thereafter	726
Thereafter	3,620

20. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt is summarized as follows:

	December 31			
In thousands	2020	٠	2019	
Revolving credit facility, due Feb. 2024	\$ 36,813	\$	84,255	
Term loan, due Feb. 2024	249,715		240,969	
2.40% Term Loan, due Jun. 2022	2,629		4,012	
2.05% Term Loan, due Mar. 2023	14,737		19,487	
1.30% Term Loan, due Jun. 2023	4,382		5,617	
1.55% Term Loan, due Sep. 2025	 7,143		7,915	
Total long-term debt	315,419		362,255	
Less current portion	(25,057)		(22,940)	
Unamortized deferred issuance costs	(1,898)		(2,396)	
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$ 288,464	\$	336,919	

On February 8, 2019, we entered into an amended and restated \$400 million Revolving Credit Facility and a €220 million Term Loan with a consortium of banks (together, the "Credit Agreement"). The principal amount of the Term Loan

amortizes in consecutive quarterly installments of principal, with each such quarterly installment to be in an amount equal to 1.25% of the Term Loan funded, commencing on July 1, 2019, and continuing quarterly thereafter.

For all US dollar denominated borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility, the borrowing rate is, at our option, either, (a) the bank's base rate which is equal to the greater of i) the prime rate; ii) the federal funds rate plus 50 basis points; or iii) the Euro-rate plus 100 basis points plus an applicable spread over either i), ii) or iii) ranging from 12.5 basis points to 100 basis points based on the Company's leverage ratio and its corporate credit ratings determined by Standard & Poor's Rating Services and Moody's Investor Service, Inc. (the "Corporate Credit Rating"); or (b) the Euro-rate plus an applicable margin ranging from 112.5 basis points to 200 basis points based on the Company's leverage ratio and the Corporate Credit Rating. For non-US dollar denominated borrowings, the borrowing rate is, at our option, based on (b) above or for Euro denominated borrowings, the Euro Interbank Offering Rate ("EURIBOR") plus an applicable margin ranging from 112.5 basis points to 200 basis points based on the Company's leverage ratio and the Corporate Credit Rating.

The Credit Agreement contains a number of customary covenants for financings of this type that, among other things, restrict our ability to dispose of or create liens on assets, incur additional indebtedness, repay other indebtedness, limits certain intercompany financing arrangements, make acquisitions and engage in mergers or consolidations. We are also required to comply with specified financial tests and ratios including: i) maximum net debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio (the "leverage ratio"); and ii) a consolidated EBITDA to interest expense ratio. The most restrictive of our covenants is a maximum leverage ratio of 4.0x provided that such ratio increases to 4.5x during the period of four fiscal quarters immediately following a material acquisition. As of December 31, 2020, the leverage ratio, as calculated in accordance with the definition in our Credit Agreement, was 1.8x. A breach of these requirements would give rise to certain remedies under the Revolving Credit Facility, among which are the termination of the agreement and accelerated repayment of the outstanding borrowings plus accrued and unpaid interest under the Credit Agreement.

All remaining principal outstanding and accrued interest under the Credit Agreement will be due and payable on February 8, 2024.

Glatfelter Gernsbach GmbH & Co. KG ("Gernsbach"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours, entered into a series of borrowing agreements with IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, Düsseldorf ("IKB") as summarized below:

		Original	Interest	
Amounts in thousands		Principal	Rate	Maturity
Borrowing date				
Apr. 11, 2013	€	42,700	2.05%	Mar. 2023
Sep. 4, 2014		10,000	2.40%	Jun. 2022
Oct. 10, 2015		2,608	1.55%	Sep. 2025
Apr. 26, 2016		10,000	1.30%	Jun. 2023
May 4, 2016		7,195	1.55%	Sep. 2025

Each of the borrowings require quarterly repayments of principal and interest and provide for representations, warranties and covenants customary for financings of these types. The financial covenants contained in each of the IKB loans, which relate to the minimum ratio of consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest expense and the maximum ratio of consolidated total net debt to consolidated adjusted EBITDA, will be calculated by reference to our Credit Agreement.

Aggregated unamortized deferred debt issuance costs incurred in connection with all of our outstanding debt totaled \$1.9 million at December 31, 2020. The deferred costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the underlying instruments. Amortization expense related to deferred debt issuance costs totaled \$0.6 million in 2020.

The following schedule sets forth the amortization of our term loan agreements together with the maturity of our other long-term debt during the indicated year.

In thousands			
2021		\$	25,057
2022			24,181
2023			17,516
2024			247,538
2025			1,127
Thereafter			-

Glatfelter Corporation guarantees all debt obligations of its subsidiaries. All such obligations are recorded in these consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, we had \$7.3 million of letters of credit issued to us by certain financial institutions. The letters of credit, which reduce amounts available under our revolving credit facility, provide financial assurances for the performance of long-term monitoring activities associated with the Fox River environmental matter and for the benefit of certain state workers compensation insurance agencies in conjunction with our self-insurance program. We bear the credit risk on this amount to the extent that we do not comply with the provisions of certain agreements. No amounts are outstanding under the letters of credit.

21. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The amounts reported on the consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and short-term debt approximate fair value. The following table sets forth the carrying value and fair value of long-term debt as of December 31:

		2019					
	(Carrying	Fair	Carrying		Fair	
In thousands		Value	Value	Value		Value	
Variable rate debt	\$	36,813	\$ 36,813	\$	84,255	\$	84,255
Term loan, due Feb. 2024		249,715	249,715		240,969		240,969
2.40% Term loan		2,629	2,651		4,012		4,076
2.05% Term loan		14,737	14,873		19,487		19,764
1.30% Term Loan		4,382	4,384		5617		5,624
1.55% Term loan		7,143	7,210		7,915		7,975
Total	\$	315,419	\$ 315,646	\$	362,255	\$	362,663

The values set forth above are based on observable inputs and other relevant market data (Level 2). The fair value of financial derivatives is set forth below in Note 22 – "Financial Derivatives and Hedging Activities."

22. FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

As part of our overall risk management practices, we enter into financial derivatives primarily designed to either i) hedge foreign currency risks associated with forecasted transactions – "cash flow hedges"; ii) mitigate the impact that changes in currency exchange rates have on intercompany financing transactions and foreign currency denominated receivables and payables – "foreign currency hedges"; or iii) convert variable interest rate debt to fixed rates.

Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments - Cash Flow Hedges We use currency forward contracts as cash flow hedges to manage our exposure to fluctuations in the currency exchange rates on certain forecasted production costs or capital expenditures expected to be incurred over a maximum of eighteen months. Currency forward contracts involve fixing the EUR-USD exchange rate or USD-CAD for delivery of a specified amount of foreign currency on a specified date.

We designate certain currency forward contracts as cash flow hedges of forecasted raw material purchases, certain production costs or capital expenditures with exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges of foreign exchange risk are deferred as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. With respect to hedges of forecasted raw material purchases or production costs, the amount deferred is subsequently reclassified into costs of products sold in the period that inventory produced using the hedged transaction affects earnings. For hedged capital expenditures, deferred gains or losses are reclassified and included in the historical cost of the capital asset and subsequently affect earnings as depreciation is recognized.

We had the following outstanding derivatives that were used to hedge foreign exchange risks associated with forecasted transactions and designated as hedging instruments:

	December 3	L
In thousands	2020	2019
Derivative		
Sell/Buy - sell notional		
Euro / British Pound	18,638	17,702
Philippine Peso / Euro	18,522	_
U.S. Dollar / Euro	1,041	5,347
Canadian Dollar / U.S. Dollar	70	_
U.S. Dollar / Canadian Dollar	-	1,523
Sell/Buy - buy notional		
Euro / Philippine Peso	853,686	1,039,432
British Pound / Philippine Peso	1,081,791	1,077,871
Euro / U.S. Dollar	69,324	82,317
U.S. Dollar / Canadian Dollar	34,847	34,094
Canadian Dollar / U.S. Dollar	_	1,523

These contracts have maturities of eighteen months or less.

In October 2019, we entered into a \in 180 million notional value floating-to-fixed interest rate swap agreement with certain financial institutions and designated the swap as a hedge of interest expense on our \in 180 Term loan. Under the terms of the swap, we will pay a fixed interest rate of the applicable margin plus 0.0395% on \in 180 million of the underlying variable rate term loan. We will receive the greater of 0.00% or EURIBOR.

Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments – Net Investment Hedge The €220 million Term Loan discussed in Note 20 – "Long-Term Debt" is designated as a net investment hedge of our Euro functional currency foreign subsidiaries. During 2020, we recognized a pre-tax loss of \$21.1 million and in 2019 a pre-tax gain of \$1.6 million on the remeasurement of the term loan from changes in currency exchange rates. Such amounts are recorded as a component of Other Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments - Foreign Currency Hedges We also enter into forward foreign exchange contracts to mitigate the impact changes in currency exchange rates have on balance sheet monetary assets and liabilities. None of these contracts are designated as hedges for financial accounting purposes and, accordingly, changes in value of the foreign exchange forward contracts and in the offsetting underlying on-balance-sheet transactions are reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of income (loss) under the caption "Other, net."

	December 3		
In thousands	2020	2019	
Derivative			
Sell/Buy - sell notional			
U.S. Dollar / British Pound	25,250	25,500	
Euro / British Pound	600	_	
British Pound / Euro	1,900	3,000	
Sell/Buy - buy notional			
Euro / U.S. Dollar	7,500	8,000	
British Pound / Euro	<u> </u>	7,000	

These contracts have maturities of one month from the date originally entered into.

Fair Value Measurements

The following table summarizes the fair values of derivative instruments as of December 31 for the year indicated and the line items in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets where the instruments are recorded:

		Decen	December 31				
In thousands		2020		2019	2020		2019
		Prepaid 1	Expense				
		Other 0					
Balance sheet caption		Curren	Liabilities				
Designated as hedging:							
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	\$	577	\$	4,314	\$ 4,342	\$	34
Interest rate swap		_		_	136		12
Not designated as hedging:							
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	\$	456	\$	566	\$ 118	\$	205

The amounts set forth in the table above represent the net asset or liability giving effect to rights of offset with each counterparty.

The following table summarizes the amount of income or loss from derivative instruments recognized in our results of operations for the periods indicated and the line items in the accompanying consolidated statements of income (loss) where the results are recorded:

	Year ended December 31								
In thousands	2020		2019	2018					
Designated as hedging:									
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts:									
Effective portion – cost of products sold	\$ 5,503	\$	6,468	\$	(5,020)				
Ineffective portion – other – net			_		138				
Interest expense	83		_						
Not designated as hedging:									
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts:									
Other – net	\$ 1,679	\$	300	\$	(1,419)				

The impact of activity not designated as hedging was substantially all offset by the remeasurement of the underlying on-balance sheet item.

The fair value hierarchy consists of three broad levels, which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described in Note 2 – "Accounting Policies."

The fair values of the foreign exchange forward contracts are considered to be Level 2. These contracts are valued using foreign currency forward and interest rate curves. The fair value of each contract is determined by comparing the contract rate to the forward rate and discounting to present value. Contracts in a gain position are recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets under the caption "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" and the value of contracts in a loss position is recorded under the caption "Other current liabilities."

A rollforward of fair value amounts recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income is as follows:

In thousands	 2020	2019
Balance at January 1,	\$ 5,859	\$ 3,004
Deferred (losses) gains on cash flow hedges	(3,899)	9,323
Reclassified to earnings	 (5,420)	(6,468)
Balance at December 31,	\$ (3,460)	\$ 5,859

We expect substantially all of the amounts recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income will be realized in results of operations within the next twelve to eighteen months and the amount ultimately recognized will vary depending on actual market rates.

Credit risk related to derivative activity arises in the event a counterparty fails to meet its obligations to us. This exposure is generally limited to the amounts, if any, by which the counterparty's obligations exceed our obligation to them. Our policy is to enter into contracts only with financial institutions which meet certain minimum credit ratings.

23. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

The following table summarizes outstanding shares of common stock:

	Y	Year ended December 31						
In thousands	2020	2019	2018					
Shares outstanding at beginning of year	44,248	43,959	43,614					
Treasury shares issued for:								
Restricted stock awards	110	188	304					
Employee stock options exercised	10	101	41					
Shares outstanding at end of year	44,368	44,248	43,959					

24. COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Contractual Commitments The following table summarizes the minimum annual payments due on noncancelable operating leases and other similar contractual obligations having initial or remaining terms in excess of one year:

In thousands	Leases		Other		
2021	\$	4,736 \$	91,806		
2022		3,277	12,304		
2023		1,568	_		
2024		1,005	_		
2025		726	_		
Thereafter		3,620	_		

The amounts set forth for above includes commitments for leases that had not commenced as of December 31, 2019. Other contractual obligations primarily represent minimum purchase commitments under energy supply contracts and other purchase obligations.

At December 31, 2020, required minimum annual payments due under operating leases and other similar contractual obligations aggregated \$14.9 million and \$104.1 million, respectively.

Fox River - Neenah, Wisconsin

Background. We have previously reported that we face liabilities associated with environmental claims arising out of the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") in sediments in the lower Fox River, on which our former Neenah facility was located, and in the Bay of Green Bay, Wisconsin (collectively, the "Site"). Since the early 1990s, the United States, the State of Wisconsin and two Indian tribes (collectively, the "Governments") have pursued a cleanup of a 39-mile stretch of river from Little Lake Butte des Morts into Green Bay and natural resource damages ("NRDs").

The United States originally notified several entities that they were potentially responsible parties ("PRPs"); however, after giving effect to settlements reached with the Governments, the remaining PRPs exposed to continuing obligations to implement the remainder of the cleanup consist of us, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products, L.P. ("Georgia-Pacific") and NCR Corporation.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has divided the Site into five "operable units", including the most upstream portion of the Site on which our facility was located ("OU1") and four downstream reaches of the river and bay ("OU2-5").

We, with contributions of certain other PRPs, implemented the remedial action in OU1 under a consent decree with the Governments. That work is complete, other than on-going monitoring and maintenance.

For OU2-5, work has proceeded primarily under a Unilateral Administrative Order ("UAO") issued in November 2007 by the EPA to us and seven other respondents. The majority of the work in OU 2-5 has been funded or conducted by parties other than us. The cleanup was completed in 2020 and the site is being decommissioned.

In January 2019, we reached an agreement with the United States, the State of Wisconsin, and Georgia-Pacific to resolve all remaining claims among those parties. Under the Glatfelter consent decree, we settled the United States' and Wisconsin's claims for response costs paid by them before October 2018 and for NRDs. In addition, we are primarily responsible for long-term monitoring and maintenance in OU2-OU4a and for reimbursement of government oversight costs paid after October 2018. Finally, we remain responsible for our obligation to continue long-term monitoring and maintenance under our OU1 consent decree.

Cost estimates. Under terms of the Glatfelter consent decree, in January 2019 we paid \$20.5 million to the United States in satisfaction of the governments' claims for costs incurred prior to October 2018, and NRDs.

We subject to our remaining obligations under the OU1 consent decree, which now consist of long-term monitoring and maintenance. Furthermore, we are primarily responsible for long term monitoring and maintenance in OU2-OU4a over a period of at least 30 years. The monitoring activities consist of, among others, testing fish tissue, sampling water quality and sediment, and inspections of the engineered caps. In 2018, we entered into a fixed-price, 30-year agreement with a third party for the performance of all of our monitoring and maintenance obligations in OU1 through OU4a with limited exceptions, such as, for extraordinary amounts of cap maintenance or replacement. Our obligation under this agreement is included in our total reserve for the Site. We are obligated to make the regular payments under that fixed-price contract until the remaining amount due is less than the OU1 escrow account balance. We are permitted to pay for this contract using the remaining balance of the escrow account established by us and WTM I Company ("WTM I") another PRP, under the OU1 consent decree during any period that the balance in the escrow account exceeds the amount due under our fixed-price contract. As of December 31, 2020, the balance in the escrow is less than amounts due under the fixed-price contract by approximately \$1.5 million. Our obligation to pay this difference is secured by a letter of credit.

At December 31, 2020, the escrow account balance totaled \$9.0 million which is included in the condensed consolidated balance sheet under the caption "Other assets."

Under the consent decree, we are responsible for reimbursement of government oversight costs paid from October 2018 and later over approximately the next 30 years. We anticipate that oversight costs will decline as activities at the site transition from remediation to long-term monitoring and maintenance.

Reserves for the Site. Our reserve for past and future government oversight costs and long-term monitoring and maintenance is set forth below:

	December 31								
In thousands	20	20	2019						
Balance at January 1,	\$	21,870	\$	45,001					
Payments		(3,622)		(20,805)					
Reserve adjustment		_		(2,509)					
Accretion		207		183					
Balance at December 31,	\$	18,455	\$	21,870					

Year ended

The payments set forth above represent payments for government oversight costs, including the \$20.5 million paid in 2019 pursuant to the Glatfelter consent decree and for amounts due under the long-term monitoring and maintenance agreement. Of our total reserve for the Fox River, \$3.7 million is recorded in the accompanying December 31, 2020, consolidated balance sheet under the caption "Environmental liabilities" and the remaining \$14.8 million is recorded under the caption "Other long term liabilities."

Range of Reasonably Possible Outcomes. Based on our analysis of all available information, including but not limited to decisions of the courts, official documents such as records of decision, discussions with legal counsel, cost estimates for future monitoring and maintenance and other post-remediation costs to be performed at the Site, we do not believe that our costs associated with the Fox River matter could exceed the aggregate amounts accrued by a material amount.

25. SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The following tables set forth profitability and other information by segment:

For the year ended December 31, 2020	C	omposite	Airlaid		Other and		
In thousands		Fibers		Materials		nallocated	Total
Net sales	\$	525,089	\$	391,409	\$		\$ 916,498
Cost of products sold		430,420		326,809		11,400	768,629
Gross profit (loss)		94,669		64,600		(11,400)	147,869
SG&A		42,575		18,296		39,174	100,045
Gains on dispositions of plant, equipment and timberlands, net						(1,332)	 (1,332)
Total operating income (loss)		52,094		46,304		(49,242)	49,156
Non-operating expense				_		(16,797)	(16,797)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	52,094	\$	46,304	\$	(66,039)	\$ 32,359
Supplementary Data							
Plant, equipment and timberlands, net	\$	225,444	\$	295,806	\$	22,017	\$ 543,267
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		26,175		22,416		8,009	56,600
Capital expenditures		13,262		9,311		5,563	28,136
For the year ended December 31, 2019	C	omposite	oosite Airlaid Other an		Other and		
In thousands		Fibers	N	Materials	U	nallocated	Total
Net sales	\$	521,666	\$	406,007	\$	_	\$ 927,673
Cost of products sold		432,154		346,568		1,409	780,131
Gross profit (loss)		89,512		59,439		(1,409)	147,542
SG&A		41,629		18,321		35,017	94,967
Gains on dispositions of plant, equipment and timberlands, net						(2,060)	(2,060)
Total operating income (loss)		47,883		41,118		(34,366)	54,635
Non-operating expense						(89,088)	(89,088)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	47,883	\$	41,118	\$	(123,454)	\$ (34,453)
Supplementary Data							
	\$	222,710	\$	293,779	\$	20,932	\$ 537,421
Plant, equipment and timberlands, net	Ψ						
Plant, equipment and timberlands, net Depreciation, depletion and amortization	Ψ	26,153		21,136		3,531	50,820

For the year ended December 31, 2018	Composite			Airlaid		Other and		
In thousands	Fibers		Materials		Unallocated		Total	
Net sales	\$	554,869	\$	311,417	\$	_	\$	866,286
Cost of products sold		462,270		269,272		4,337		735,879
Gross profit (loss)		92,599		42,145		(4,337)		130,407
SG&A		44,205		12,182		55,334		111,721
Loss on dispositions of plant, equipment and timberlands, net		_		_		(3,256)		(3,256)
Total operating income (loss)		48,394		29,963		(56,415)		21,942
Non-operating expense		_		_		(14,667)		(14,667)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	48,394	\$	29,963	\$	(71,082)	\$	7,275
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Supplementary Data								
Plant, equipment and timberlands, net	\$	233,167	\$	298,232	\$	24,645	\$	556,044
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		28,256		14,892		4,377		47,525
Capital expenditures		15,685		21,646		4,798		42,129

Results of individual operating segments are presented based on our management accounting practices and management structure. There is no comprehensive, authoritative body of guidance for management accounting equivalent to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; therefore, the financial results of individual segments are not necessarily comparable with similar information for any other company. The management accounting process uses assumptions and allocations to measure performance of the operating segments. Methodologies are refined from time to time as management accounting practices are enhanced and businesses change. The costs incurred by support areas not directly aligned with the operating segments are allocated primarily based on an estimated utilization of support area services.

Management evaluates results of operations of the operating segments before pension expense, certain corporate level costs, and the effects of certain gains or losses not considered to be related to the core business operations. Management believes that this is a more meaningful representation of the operating performance of its core businesses, the profitability of segments and the extent of cash flow generated from these core operations. Such amounts are presented under the caption "Other and Unallocated." In the evaluation of operating segment results, management does not use any measures of total assets. This presentation is aligned with the management and operating structure of our company. It is also on this basis that the Company's performance is evaluated internally and by the Company's Board of Directors.

Our Composite Fibers segment serves customers globally and focuses on higher value-added products in the following categories:

- Food & Beverage filtration material primarily used for single-serve coffee and tea products;
- Wallcovering base materials used by the world's largest wallpaper manufacturers;
- Technical Specialties consists of a diverse line of specialty engineered products used in commercial and industrial applications such as electrical energy storage, home, hygiene, and other highly-engineered fiber-based applications;
- Composite Laminate decorative laminate solutions used in furniture, and household and commercial flooring, and other applications; and
- Metallized products used in labels, packaging liners, gift wrap, and other consumer product applications.

The Airlaid Materials segment is a leading global supplier of highly absorbent cellulose-based airlaid nonwoven materials used in the following categories:

- Feminine hygiene and other hygiene applications;
- Specialty wipes;
- Tabletop;
- Home care;
- Adult incontinence; and
- Other consumer and industrial products.

Disaggregated net sales by categories and geographic region for Composite Fibers and Airlaid Materials is presented in Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 8 – "Revenue."

Approximately 16% of our consolidated net sales in 2020, 2019 and 2018, were from sales to Procter & Gamble Company, a customer of the Airlaid Materials segment.

Our net sales to external customers and location of net plant, equipment and timberlands are summarized below. Net sales are attributed to countries based upon origin of shipment.

			2020				2019		2018								
				Plant,				Plant,			Plant,						
			Equ	uipment and			Equ	ipment and			Equ	ipment and					
			Tiı	nberlands –			Tin	nberlands –			Timberlands –						
In thousands	N	let sales	Net			Net sales	Net			Net		Net Net			Net sales		Net
United States	\$	166,131	\$	103,570	\$	167,887	\$	105,763	\$	124,690	\$	109,797					
Germany		489,655		286,591		504,012		274,146		483,628		286,839					
United Kingdom		73,604		50,140		70,018		52,039		76,053		50,483					
Canada		112,128		68,975		121,789		72,436		114,877		74,448					
Other		74,980		33,991		63,967		33,037		67,038		34,477					
Total	\$	916,498	\$	543,267	\$	927,673	\$	537,421	\$	866,286	\$	556,044					

26. QUARTERLY RESULTS (UNAUDITED)

										Income (1	oss) f	rom				
In thousands,	Net sales				Gross Profit			continuing operations				Earnings (loss) per share			share	
except per share 2020 20		2019	2020		2019		2020		2019		2020		2019			
First	\$ 2	231,560	\$	229,133	\$	36,802	\$	35,617	\$	7,406	\$	4,603	\$	0.17	\$	0.10
Second	2	216,183		235,053		32,063		37,500		(2,281)		6,293		(0.05)		0.14
Third	2	233,473		232,515		38,251		38,021		6,527		8,643		0.15		0.19
Fourth	2	235,282		230,972		40,753		36,404		9,131		(44,750)		0.21		(1.01)

ITEM 9 CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

None.

ITEM 9A CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer have, after evaluating the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)), as of December 31, 2020, concluded that, as of the evaluation date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management's report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) and the related report of our independent registered public accounting firm are included in Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended December 31, 2020, that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

ITEM 10 DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Directors The information with respect to directors required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to our Proxy Statement, to be dated on or about March 31, 2021. Our board of directors has determined that, based on the relevant experience of the members of the Audit Committee, five of the six members are *audit committee financial experts* as this term is set forth in the applicable regulations of the SEC.

Executive Officers of the Registrant The information with respect to the executive officers required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to "Executive Officers" as set forth in Part I, page 11 of this report.

We have adopted a Code of Business Ethics for the CEO and Senior Financial Officers (the "Code of Business Ethics") in compliance with applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that applies to our chief executive officer, chief financial officer and our principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. A copy of the Code of Business Ethics is filed as an exhibit to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is available on our website, free of charge, at www.glatfelter.com.

ITEM 11 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to our Proxy Statement, to be dated on or about March 31, 2021.

ITEM 12 SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to our Proxy Statement, to be dated on or about March 31, 2021.

ITEM 13 CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to our Proxy Statement, to be dated on or about March 31, 2021.

ITEM 14 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to our Proxy Statement, to be dated on or about March 31, 2021.

Our Chief Executive Officer has certified to the New York Stock Exchange that he is not aware of any violations by the Company of the NYSE corporate governance listing standards.

PART IV

ITEM 15 EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a)	1.	Our Consolidated Financial Statements as follows are included in Part II, Item 8:
	i.	Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018
	ii.	Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018
	iii.	Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019
	iv.	Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018
	v.	Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018
	vi.	Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
(a)	2.	Financial Statement Schedules (Consolidated) included in Part IV:
	i.	Schedule II -Valuation and Qualifying Accounts - For each of the three years ended December 31, 2020
(a)	3.	Exhibits
		See Index to Exhibits

ITEM 16 FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None

Index to Exhibits Item 15(a)(3)

Exhibit		Incorpora	ited by Reference to
Number	Description of Documents	Exhibit	Filing
2.1	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated August 21, 2018, by and between P. H. Glatfelter Company and Spartan Paper LLC.	2.1	Form 8-K filed Aug. 22, 2018
2.2	Amendment No. 1 to the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 31, 2018, by and between P. H. Glatfelter Company and Pixelle Specialty Solutions LLC.	2.1	Form 8-K filed Nov. 6, 2018
2.3	Share Purchase Agreement, dated January 5, 2021, by and between GPPC Equity Holdings LLC and Glatfelter Corporation, filed herewith. †		
3.1	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, effective October 1, 2020.	3.1	Form 8-K filed Oct. 1, 2020
3.2	Articles of Incorporation, as amended through December 20, 2007.	3.1	Form 10-K filed Feb. 26, 2020

3.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of Glatfelter Corporation, as amended, dated December 18, 2020.	3.1	Form 8-K filed Dec. 22, 2020
4.1	Description of securities.	4.1	Form 10-K filed Feb. 26, 2020
10.1	Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 8, 2019, by and among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries as borrowers and certain of its subsidiaries as guarantors and PNC Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, PNC Capital Markets LLC, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as co-syndication agents, and Cobank, ACB, Bank of America, N.A. and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as co-documentation agents.	10.1	Form 8-K filed Feb. 11, 2019
10.2	First Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated September 25, 2019, by and among P. H. Glatfelter Company, the Lenders party thereto, and PNC Bank, National Association, in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders.	10.2	Form 10-Q filed Oct. 30, 2019
10.3	Loan Agreement, dated April 11, 2013, by and among Glatfelter Gernsbach GmbH & Co. KG. and IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG, Düsseldorf.	10.1	Form 10-Q filed May 9, 2013
10.4	Guaranty, dated April 17, 2013, executed by the Registrant (as Guarantor) in favor of IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG.	10.2	Form 10-Q filed May 9, 2013
10.5	P. H. Glatfelter Company Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated effective February 23, 2017. **	10.1	Form 8-K filed May 4, 2017
10.6	P. H. Glatfelter Company Amended and Restated 2005 Management Incentive Plan, effective January 1, 2015. **	10.1	Form 8-K filed May 8, 2015
10.7	P. H. Glatfelter Company Supplemental Long Term Disability Plan, dated February 25, 2014, between the registrant and certain employees. **	10.1	Form 10-Q filed May 2, 2014
10.8	P. H. Glatfelter Company Supplemental Management Pension Plan (amended and restated effective January 1, 2008). **	10(d)	Form 10-K filed Mar. 8, 2013
10.9	P. H. Glatfelter Company Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (Amended and Restated). **	10.1	Form 10-Q filed Jul. 30, 2019
10.10	Amendment No. 2019-1 to the P. H. Glatfelter Company Supplemental Management Pension Plan. **	10.2	Form 10-Q filed Jul. 30, 2019
10.11	Glatfelter Switzerland Sàrl Retirement Pension Plan for management employees. **	10.12	Form 10-K filed Feb. 26, 2020
10.12	Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Award Certificate (form effective May 4, 2017). **	10.4	Form 8-K filed May 4, 2017
10.13	Form of Stock-Only Stock Appreciation Right Award Certificate (form effective February 26, 2014). **	10.3	Form 10-Q filed May 2, 2014
10.14	Form of Performance Share Award Certificate (form effective February 23, 2017). **	10.2	Form 8-K filed May 4, 2017
10.15	Form of Performance Share Award Certificate (form effective February 26, 2014). **	10.2	Form 10-Q filed May 2, 2014
10.16	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Certificate (form effective as of February 23, 2017). **	10.3	Form 8-K filed May 4, 2017
10.17	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Certificate (form effective as of December 13, 2013). **	10(1)	Form 10-K filed Mar. 3, 2014
10.18	Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement by and between the Registrant and Dante C. Parrini, dated July 2, 2010. **	10.1	Form 8-K filed Jul. 6, 2010
10.19	Restricted Stock Unit Award Certificate for Dante C. Parrini, dated as of November 13, 2019. **	10.1	Form 8-K filed Nov. 18, 2019
10.20	Long Term Employment Contract between Glatfelter Switzerland Gmbh, a wholly-owned subsidiary, and Wolfgang Laures, effective January 1, 2020. **	10.21	Form 10-K filed Feb. 26, 2020
10.21	Form of Change in Control Employment Agreement by and between the Registrant and certain employees (form effective as of March 7, 2008). **	10(j)	Form 10-K filed Mar. 13, 2009
10.22	Form of Change in Control Employment Agreement by and between the Registrant and certain employees (form effective as of August 5, 2013). **	10(q)	Form 10-K filed Mar. 3, 2014
10.23	Schedule of Change in Control Employment Agreements, filed herewith. **		
10.24	Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation, effective January 1, 2020. **	10.24	Form 10-K filed Feb. 26, 2020
10.25	P. H. Glatfelter Company Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, effective as of January 1, 2007. **	10(k)	Form 10-K filed Mar. 8, 2013
10.26	Form of Director's and Officer's Indemnification Agreement. **	10.1	Form 8-K filed Dec. 19, 2017
10.27	Guidelines for Executive Severance. **	10.2	Form 8-K filed . Jul. 6, 2010
10.28	Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action at Operable Unit 1 of the Lower Fox River and	10.3(a)	Form 10-Q filed

	Green Bay Site between the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin v. P. H. Glatfelter Company and WTM I Company (f/k/a Wisconsin Tissue Mills Inc.).		Aug. 6, 2010
10.29	Agreed Supplement to Consent Decree between United States of America and the State of Wisconsin vs. P. H. Glatfelter Company and WTM I Company (f/k/a Wisconsin Tissue Mills Inc.).	10.3(b)	Form 10-Q filed Aug. 6, 2010
10.30	Second Agreed Supplement to Consent Decree between United States of America and the State of Wisconsin vs. P. H. Glatfelter Company and WTM I Company (f/k/a Wisconsin Tissue Mills Inc.).	10.3(c)	Form 10-Q filed Aug. 6, 2010
10.31	Amended Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action at Operable Unit 1 of the Lower Fox River and Green Bay Site by and among the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin v. P. H. Glatfelter and WTM I Company (f/k/a Wisconsin Tissue Mills Inc.) (certain Appendices have been intentionally omitted, copies of which can be obtained free of charge from the Registrant).	10.3(d)	Form 10-Q filed Aug. 6, 2010
10.32	Administrative Order for Remedial Action dated November 13, 2007, issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.	10.2	Form 8-K filed Nov. 19, 2007
10.33	Consent Decree between P. H. Glatfelter Company, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP, the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin, dated March 14, 2019.	10.2	Form 10-Q filed Apr. 30, 2019
14	Code of Business Ethics for the CEO and Senior Financial Officers of Glatfelter	14	Form 10-K filed Feb. 26, 2020
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant, filed herewith.		,
23	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, filed herewith.		
31.1	Certification of Dante C. Parrini, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Glatfelter, pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.		
31.2	Certification of Samuel L. Hillard, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Glatfelter, pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.		
32.1	Certification of Dante C. Parrini, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Glatfelter, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, furnished herewith.		
32.2	Certification of Samuel L. Hillard, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Glatfelter, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, furnished herewith.		
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data file because its iXBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.		
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.		
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.		
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Extension Definition Linkbase Document.		
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Extension Label Linkbase Document.		
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.		
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as an inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).		
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[†] Portions of this exhibit and the exhibits and schedules thereto, marked by brackets, have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K.

^{**} Management contract or compensatory plan

SIGNATURES

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

GLATFELTER CORPORATION (Registrant)

February 25, 2021

By /s/ Dante C. Parrini
Dante C. Parrini
Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer

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

Date	Signature	Capacity
February 25, 2021	/s/ Dante C. Parrini Dante C. Parrini Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Principal Executive Officer and Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ Samuel L. Hillard Samuel L. Hillard Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Principal Financial Officer
February 25, 2021	/s/ David C. Elder David C. Elder Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer	Principal Accounting Officer
February 25, 2021	/s/ Bruce Brown Bruce Brown	Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ Kathleen A. Dahlberg Kathleen A. Dahlberg	Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ Nicholas DeBenedictis Nicholas DeBenedictis	Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ Kevin M. Fogarty Kevin M. Fogarty	Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ Marie T. Gallagher Marie T. Gallagher	Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ Darrel Hackett Darrel Hackett	Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ J. Robert Hall J. Robert Hall	Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ Ronald J. Naples Ronald J. Naples	Director
February 25, 2021	/s/ Lee C. Stewart Lee C. Stewart	Director

GLATFELTER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

For each of the three years ended December 31, 2020 Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

In thousands		Allowance for										
			tful Accoun		Sales Discounts and Deductions							
		2020		2019		2018		2020		2019		2018
Balance, beginning of year		1,682	\$	1,661	\$	1,761	\$	578	\$	832	\$	1,029
Provision		488		720		695		1,516		1,440		2,075
Write-offs, recoveries and discounts allowed		(114)		(678)		(688)		(1,291)		(1,526)		(2,294)
Other (1)		37		(21)		(107)		(12)		(168)		22
Balance, end of year	\$	2,093	\$	1,682	\$	1,661	\$	791	\$	578	\$	832

The provision for doubtful accounts is included in selling, general and administrative expense and the provision for sales discounts and deductions is deducted from sales. The related allowances are deducted from accounts receivable.

⁽¹⁾ Relates primarily to changes in currency exchange rates.