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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, 2016

or

"Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number 1-13752

**Smith-Midland Corporation** 

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 54-1727060

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer)

Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

P.O. Box 300, 5119 Catlett Road

Midland, Virginia 22728

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

(540) 439-3266

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities Registered Under Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.Yes o No x

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.Yes o No x

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (check one)

Large Accelerated Filer o Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated Filer o Smaller reporting company x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes o No x The aggregate market value of the shares of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the average bid and asked price of such common equity as of June 30, 2016 (the last

business day of the Company's most recently completed second fiscal quarter) was \$9,456,395. For the sole purpose of making this calculation, the term "non-affiliate" has been interpreted to exclude directors, officers and holders of 10% or more of the Company's common stock.

As of March 8, 2017, the Company had outstanding 4,989,228 shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, net of treasury shares.

Documents Incorporated By Reference

None

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report and related documents include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause the Company's actual results, performance (financial or operating) or achievements expressed or implied by such forward looking statements not to occur or be realized. Such forward looking statements generally are based upon the Company's best estimates of future results, performance or achievement, based upon current conditions and the most recent results of operations. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "estimate," "anticipate," "continue," or similar terms, variations of those terms or the negative of those terms. Potential risks and uncertainties include, among other things, such factors as:

While the Company reported net income for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company reported a net loss for first quarter of 2016, and there are no assurances the Company can remain profitable in future periods, our debt level increased during the year ended December 31, 2016, including significantly during the third quarter in order to finance the purchase of a Columbia, South Carolina facility, and our ability to satisfy the same cannot be assured.

the continued availability of financing in the amounts, at the times, and on the terms required, to support our future business and capital projects,

the extent to which we are successful in developing, acquiring, licensing or securing patents for proprietary products, changes in economic conditions specific to any one or more of our markets (including the availability of public funds and grants for construction),

changes in general economic conditions in the Company's primary service areas,

adverse weather which inhibits the demand for our products,

our compliance with governmental regulations,

the outcome of future litigation, if any,

on material construction projects, our ability to produce and install product that conforms to contract specifications and in a time frame that meets the contract requirements,

the cyclical nature of the construction industry,

our exposure to increased interest expense payments should interest rates change,

the Company's Board of Directors, which is composed of five members, has only two outside, independent directors, and

the other factors and information disclosed and discussed in other sections of this report.

Investors and shareholders should carefully consider such risks, uncertainties and other information, disclosures and discussions which contain cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those provided in the forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

PART I

Item 1 Business

#### General

Smith-Midland Corporation (the "Company") invents, develops, manufactures, markets, leases, licenses, sells, and installs a broad array of precast concrete products for use primarily in the construction, highway, utilities and farming industries through its six wholly-owned subsidiaries. The Company's precast, licensing and barrier rental customers are primarily general contractors and federal, state, and local transportation authorities located in the Mid-Atlantic, Northeastern, Midwestern and Southeastern regions of the United States. The Company's operating strategy has involved producing innovative and proprietary products, including SlenderWall®, a patented, lightweight, energy efficient concrete and steel exterior wall panel for use in building construction; J-J Hooks® Highway Safety Barrier, a patented, positive-connected highway safety barrier; SoftSound<sup>TM</sup>, a proprietary sound absorptive finish used on the face of sound barriers to absorb some of the traffic noise; Sierra Wall<sup>TM</sup>, a sound barrier primarily for roadside use; Easi-Set® and Easi-Span® transportable concrete buildings with patented features; and Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> erosion mitigating modules. In addition, the Company's precast subsidiaries produce farm products such as cattleguards and water and feed troughs as well as custom order precast concrete products with various architectural surfaces, as well as generic highway sound barriers, retaining walls and utility vaults.

The Company was incorporated in Delaware on August 2, 1994. Prior to a corporate reorganization completed in October 1994, the Company conducted its business primarily through Smith-Midland Virginia, which was incorporated in 1960 as Smith Cattleguard Company, a Virginia corporation, and which subsequently changed its name to Smith-Midland Corporation in 1985. The Company's principal offices are located at 5119 Catlett Road, Midland, Virginia 22728 and its telephone number is 540-439-3266. As used in this report, unless the context otherwise requires, the term the "Company" refers to Smith-Midland Corporation and its subsidiaries. The Company's wholly owned subsidiaries consist of Smith-Midland Corporation, a Virginia corporation; Smith-Carolina Corporation, a North Carolina corporation; Smith-Columbia Corporation, a South Carolina corporation, Easi-Set Industries Worldwide, Inc., a Virginia corporation; Concrete Safety Systems, Inc., a Virginia corporation; and Midland Advertising and Design, Inc., a Virginia corporation doing business as Midland Advertising + Design.

#### Market

The Company's precast and barrier rental market primarily consists of general contractors performing public and private construction contracts, including the construction of commercial buildings, public and private roads and highways, and airports, municipal utilities, and federal, state, and local transportation authorities, primarily located in the Mid-Atlantic, Northeastern, Midwestern and Southeastern states. Due to the lightweight characteristics of the SlenderWall® exterior cladding system, the Company has expanded its competitive services outside of the Mid-Atlantic states. The Company's licensing subsidiary licenses its proprietary products to precast concrete manufacturers nationwide and internationally in Canada, Belgium, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Trinidad, Spain, and Chile.

The precast concrete products market is affected by the cyclical nature of the construction industry. In addition, the demand for construction varies depending upon weather conditions, the availability of financing at reasonable interest rates, overall fluctuations in the national and regional economies, past overbuilding, labor relations in the construction industry, and the availability of material and energy supplies. A substantial portion of the Company's business is derived from local, state, and federal building projects, which are further dependent upon budgets and, in some cases,

voter-approved bonds.

#### **Products**

The Company's precast concrete products are cast in manufacturing facilities and delivered to a site for installation, as contrasted to ready-mix concrete, which is produced offsite in a "batch plant," and delivered with a concrete mixer truck where it is mixed and delivered to a construction site to be poured and set at the site. Precast concrete products are used primarily as parts of buildings or highway structures, and may be used architecturally, as in a decorative wall of a building. Structural uses include building walls, frames, floors, or roofs. The Company currently manufactures and sells a wide variety of products for use in the construction, transportation and utility industries.

## Easi-Set SlenderWall® Lightweight Construction Panels

The SlenderWall® system is a prefabricated, energy-efficient, lightweight exterior cladding system that is offered as a cost-effective alternative to the traditional cladding used for the exterior walls of buildings. The Company's SlenderWall® system combines the essential components of a wall system into a single panel ready for interior dry wall mounting immediately upon installation. The base components of each SlenderWall® panel consists of a galvanized or stainless steel stud frame with an exterior surface of approximately two-inch thick, steel reinforced, high-density, precast concrete (with integral water repellent) and various architectural surfaces. The exterior architectural concrete facing is attached to the interior steel frame by use of coated stainless steel anchors that position the exterior concrete away from the steel frame to provide improved thermal performance. Recently the spacing between the concrete and the steel frame has been increased to 2 1/2 inches to comply with the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code performance requirement for North America. This Spring a certified testing laboratory will perform dynamic and deflection tests on a full size test panel.

SlenderWall® panels are approximately one-third the weight of traditional precast concrete walls of equivalent size, permanence and durability, and are also significantly improved as to permanence and durability. The lighter weight translates into reduced construction costs resulting from less onerous structural and foundation requirements as well as lower shipping costs. Additional savings result from reduced installation time and ease of erection and from the use of smaller cranes for installation. Closed-cell foam insulation and windows can be plant-installed further reducing cost and construction schedules.

The Company custom designs, manufactures, installs and licenses the SlenderWall® exterior cladding system. The exterior of the SlenderWall® system can be produced in a variety of attractive architectural finishes, such as concrete, exposed stone, granite or thin brick.

#### Easi-Set Sierra Wall<sup>TM</sup>

The Easi-Set Sierra Wall<sup>TM</sup> ("Sierra Wall") combines the strength and durability of precast concrete with a variety of finishes to provide an effective and attractive sound and sight barrier for use alongside highways around residential, industrial, and commercial properties. With additional reinforcement, Sierra Wall can also be used as a retaining wall to retain earth in both highway and residential construction. Sierra Wall is typically constructed of four-inch thick, steel-reinforced concrete panels with an integral column creating a tongue and groove connection system. This tongue and groove connection system and its foundation connection make Sierra Wall easy to install and move if boundaries change or highways are relocated after the completion of a project. The newly patented Sierra Wall II one-piece extended post and panel design reduces installation time and cost.

The Company custom designs and manufactures Sierra Wall components to conform to the specifications provided by the contractor. The width, height, strength, and exterior finish of each wall varies depending upon the terrain and application. The Company also produces generic post and panel design sound barrier wall systems. These systems are constructed of steel or precast concrete columns (the Company manufactures the prestressed columns) with precast concrete panels which slide down into the groove in each column.

Sierra Wall is used primarily for highway projects as a noise barrier as well as for residential purposes, such as privacy walls between homes, security walls or windbreaks, and for industrial or commercial purposes, such as to screen and protect shopping centers, industrial operations, institutions or highways. The variety of available finishes enables the Company to blend the Sierra Wall with local architecture, creating an attractive, as well as functional, barrier.

## Easi-Set J-J Hooks® Highway Safety Barrier

The Easi-Set J-J Hooks® highway safety barriers (the "J-J Hooks Barriers") are crash-tested (privately funded), positively connected, safety barriers that the Company sells, rents, delivers, installs and licenses for use on roadways to separate lanes of traffic, either temporarily (free-standing, bolted, or pinned) for construction work zone purposes or permanently for traffic control. Barriers are deemed to be positively connected when the connectors on each end of the barrier sections are interlocked with one another. J-J Hooks Barriers interlock without the need for a separate locking device. The primary advantage of a positive connection is that a barrier with such a connection can withstand vehicle crashes at higher speeds without separating. The Federal Highway Administration (the "FHWA") requires that states use only positively connected barriers, which meet NCHRP-350 or MASH crash test requirements. J-J Hooks Barriers meet NCHRP-350 and MASH TL3 requirements and are approved by the FHWA. In October 2009, the Company was issued a U.S. patent which contains deflection limitation blocks which improve the J-J Hooks connection performance and was issued a U.S. patent on the

bolt pocket steel reinforcement. Patents were also issued for the deflection limitation blocks in Canada (November 2015), Australia (October 2013) and New Zealand (May 2010).

The Company has received "design protection" in the U.S of the "end taper" on each end of the barrier sections. The United States has issued a "trade dress" registration for the "end taper" design feature. Accordingly, in the United States, these features cannot be legally copied by others.

The proprietary feature of J-J Hooks Barriers is the design of its positive connection. Protruding from each end of a J-J Hooks Barrier section is a fabricated bent steel connector; rolled in toward the end of the barrier, it resembles the letter "J" when viewed from directly above. The connector protruding from each end of the barrier is rolled identically so that when one end of a barrier faces the end of another, the resulting "hooks" face each other. To connect one section of a J-J Hooks Barrier to another, a contractor merely positions the hook of an elevated section of the barrier above the hook of a set section and lowers the elevated section into place. The positive connection is automatically engaged.

The Company believes that the J-J Hooks Barrier connection design is superior to those of earlier highway safety barriers that were positively connected through the "eye and pin" technique. Barriers incorporating this technique have eyes or loops protruding from each end of the barrier, which must be aligned during the setting process. Once set, a crew inserts pins or long bolts through the eyes which connects and bolts the barrier sections together. Compared to this technique, the J-J Hooks Barriers are easier and faster to install and remove, requires a smaller crew, and eliminates the need for loose hardware to make the connection.

In November 1990, the FHWA approved the free-standing J-J Hooks Barrier (tested in accordance with NCH RP350 Test Level 3) and in December 2012 the pinned and bolted J-J Hooks (tested in accordance with MASH Test Level 3) for use on federally aided highway projects following the successful completion of crash testing based on criteria from the National Cooperative Highway Research Program and from the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware.

J-J Hooks free-standing barrier has been approved for use on state and federally funded projects by 42 states, plus Washington, D.C. The Company is in various stages of the application process in additional states and believes that approval in some of the states will be granted; however no assurance can be given that approval will be received from any or all of the remaining states or that such approval will result in the J-J Hooks Barrier being used in such states. In addition, J-J Hooks Barrier has been approved by the appropriate authorities for use in the countries of Canada (Alberta, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario), Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Germany and Chile.

J-J Hooks restrained (pinned or bolted) barrier successfully passed the MASH TL3 tests in August of 2012 and received FHWA Eligibility Letters in December 2012. Currently 24 states have approved the MASH barrier as an alternate to their state standard. In Canada, the province of Alberta has approved the MASH tested barrier. J-J Hooks free standing barrier successfully passed the MASH TL3 test in December 2016. A request for another FHWA Eligibility letter will be requested shortly.

Easi-Set Precast Building and Easi-Span® Expandable Precast Building

Easi-Set Precast Buildings are transportable, prefabricated, single-story, all concrete building designed to be adaptable to a variety of uses ranging from housing communications operations, traffic control systems, mechanical and electrical stations, to inventory or supply storage, restroom facilities or kiosks. Easi-Set Precast Buildings and Restrooms are available in a variety of exterior finishes and in 38 standard sizes, or can be custom sized. The roof and floor of each Easi-Set Building is manufactured using the Company's patented second generation post-tensioned system, which helps seal the buildings against moisture. As freestanding units, the Easi-Set Buildings require no poured foundations or footings and can be easily installed within a few hours. After installation the buildings can be

moved, if desired, and reinstalled in a new location.

The Company also offers Easi-Span® a line of expandable precast concrete buildings. Easi-Span® incorporates the technology of the Easi-Set Buildings, but are available in larger sizes and, through its modular construction, can be combined in varied configurations to permit expansion capabilities. Since these larger buildings have less competition from other materials and methods, they produce higher profit margins. Both the Easi-Span and Easi-Set Buildings offer lines of fully-outfitted restrooms with over a dozen standard models.

The Company has sold its Easi-Set® and Easi-Span® Precast Buildings for the following uses:

- Communications Operations to house fiber optics regenerators, switching stations and microwave transmission shelters, cellular phone sites, and cable television repeater stations.
- Government Applications to federal, state and local authorities for uses such as weather and pollution monitoring stations; military storage, housing and operations; park vending enclosures; rest rooms; kiosks; traffic control systems; school maintenance and athletic storage; airport lighting control and transmitter housing; and law enforcement evidence and ammunition storage.
- Utilities Installations for electrical switching stations and transformer housing, gas control shelters and valve oenclosures, water and sewage pumping stations, and storage of contaminated substances or flammable materials which require spill containment.
- Commercial and Industrial Locations for electrical and mechanical housing, cemetery maintenance storage, golf ocourse vending enclosures, mechanical rooms, rest rooms, emergency generator shelters, gate houses, automobile garages, hazardous materials storage, food or bottle storage, animal shelters, and range houses.

## Easi-Set Utility Vault

The Company produces a line of precast concrete underground utility vaults ranging in size from 27 to 1,008 cubic feet. Each Easi-Set utility vault normally comes with a manhole opening on the top for ingress and egress and openings around the perimeter, in accordance with the customer's specifications, to access water and gas pipes, electrical power lines, telecommunications cables, or other such media of transfer. The utility vaults may be used to house equipment such as cable, telephone or traffic signal equipment, and for underground storage. The Company also manufactures custom-built utility vaults for special needs.

# SoftSound<sup>TM</sup> Soundwall Panels

SoftSound<sup>TM</sup> soundwall panels, recently developed by the Company, utilize a "wood chip aggregate" sound absorptive material applied to the face of soundwall panels, which is used to absorb highway noise. SoftSound<sup>TM</sup> is a proprietary product developed and tested by the Company and is currently approved for use in Virginia, Maryland, seven additional states, and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Canada. Approvals are pending in a number of additional states. The Company introduced this product line into its licensing program and is in the process of seeking to obtain approvals in all 50 states and the Canadian Provinces.

# Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> Erosion Control Modules

In 2006, the Company began production and launched full-scale advertising and promotional efforts for its product, Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup>, a shoreline erosion control product that uses the preferred natural "soft" approach as opposed to the "hard" approach of seawalls and jetties, to solve this worldwide problem. This product is expected to provide a higher margin than many of the Company's other product lines. Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> work by reducing the amount of energy in incoming waves before the waves reach the shoreline. Waves pass through the specially designed slots in the triangular 3 - 4 foot tall by 10 foot long Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> modules. The success of a Beach Prisms <sup>TM</sup> installation is dependent on the prevailing wind in relation to the shoreline, the tides, the fetch and the availability of sand in the surf. Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> are primarily for river- and bay-front property owners who want an alternative to traditional armor stone, or groins and jetties. The Company applied for "design protection" in the United States for the Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> in 2009 and received that protection in July 2010.

The Company currently has orders and is also accepting new orders with deposits for the Beach Prism product, and the Company is working with the states of Virginia and Maryland to secure approval of each state's environmental agency. Each project must apply for approval by the appropriate state to obtain a permit to install the Beach Prism. Such approvals are meeting resistance from the environmental agencies, however, the Company believes approval is forthcoming. In the event that approvals are not timely received, these orders may be canceled.

## H2Out<sup>TM</sup> Secondary Drainage System

The Company was issued a patent in February 2010 for H2Out<sup>TM</sup>, the first "in the caulk joint" secondary drainage and street level leak detection product for panelized exterior cladding. A second line of caulking and drainage strip located behind the exterior line of caulking exits all water leakage to the exterior of the building preventing moisture and mold, and hence deterring lawsuits from tenants and owners of buildings. H2Out<sup>TM</sup> has been added as a feature of the SlenderWall® system and is being included in the product literature, website, and all sales presentations.

Although the Company is optimistic about the success of Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> and H2Out<sup>TM</sup>, there can be no assurance of the commercial acceptance of these products. The Company has its first commercial project to provide the H2Out secondary drainage system on the recladding of an existing building using the SlenderWall panel system.

## Sources of Supply

All of the raw materials necessary for the manufacture of the Company's products are available from multiple sources. To date, the Company has not experienced significant delays in obtaining materials and believes that it will continue to be able to obtain required materials from a number of suppliers at commercially reasonable prices.

## Licensing

The Company presently grants licenses through its wholly-owned subsidiary Easi-Set Industries Worldwide for the manufacturing and distribution rights of certain proprietary products, such as the J-J Hooks® Barrier, Easi-Set® and Easi-Span® Precast Buildings, SlenderWall®, SoftSound™ and Beach Prisms™ as well as certain non-proprietary products, such as the Company's cattleguards, and water and feed troughs. Generally, licenses are granted for a point of manufacture. The Company receives an initial one-time training and administration license fee ranging from approximately \$25,000 to \$60,000. License royalties vary depending upon the product licensed, but the range is typically 4% to 6% of the net sales of the licensed product. In addition, Easi-Set®/Easi-Span® buildings and SlenderWall® licensees pay the Company a monthly fee for co-op advertising and promotional programs. The Company produces and distributes advertising and promotional materials and promotes the licensed products through its own advertising subsidiary, Midland Advertising + Design.

The Company has entered into 54 licensing agreements in the United States, eight in Canada, two in Mexico and one each in Belgium, New Zealand, Australia and Trinidad, for a total of 68 licensees worldwide. The Company sold one new J-J Hooks license during 2016 and three new licenses to our Smith-Columbia plant.

The Company is continually discussing new license arrangements with potential precast companies and, although no assurance can be given, expects to increase its licensing activities.

## Marketing and Sales

The Company's precast subsidiaries use an in-house sales force and, to a lesser extent, independent sales representatives to market its precast concrete products through trade show attendance, sales presentations, advertisements in trade publications, and direct mail to end users. Currently, our South Carolina production facility is using the sales force for the Virginia production facility as their sales force until they establish their own.

The Company has also established a cooperative advertising program in which the Company and its Easi-Set®/Easi-Span® buildings and SlenderWall® licensees combine resources to promote certain precast concrete products. Licensees pay a monthly fee and the Company pays any additional amounts required to advertise the products across the country. Although the Company advertises nationally, the Company's precast subsidiaries

marketing efforts are concentrated on the region within a 250-mile radius from its facilities, which includes most of Virginia, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and parts of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and West Virginia. With the addition of the Columbia, South Carolina facility, the Company's geographical sales area now extends into both North Florida and parts of Georgia, including Atlanta.

The Company's precast and barrier rental sales result primarily from the submission of estimates or proposals to general contractors who then include the estimates in their overall bids to various government agencies and other end users that solicit construction contracts through a competitive bidding process. In general, these contractors solicit and obtain their construction contracts by submitting the most attractive bid to the party desiring the construction. The Company's role in the bidding process is to provide estimates to the contractors desiring to include the Company's products or services in the contractor's bid. If a contractor who accepts the Company's bid is selected to perform the construction, the Company provides

the agreed upon products or services. In many instances, the Company provides estimates to more than one of the contractors bidding on a single project. The Company also occasionally negotiates with and sells directly to end-users.

#### Competition

The precast concrete industry is highly competitive and consists of a few large companies and many small to mid-size companies, several of which have substantially greater financial and other resources than the Company. Nationally, several large companies dominate the precast concrete market. However, due to the weight and costs of delivery of precast concrete products, competition in the industry tends to be limited by geographical location and distance from the construction site and is fragmented with numerous manufacturers in a large local area.

The Company believes that the principal competitive factors for its precast products are price, durability, ease of use and installation, speed of manufacture and delivery time, ability to customize, FHWA and state approval, and customer service. The Company believes that its plants in Midland, Virginia and Reidsville, North Carolina and Columbia, South Carolina compete favorably with respect to each of these factors in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern regions of the United States. Our South Carolina plant has less competition than our other two plants as the Company purchased one of the two largest plants in the region while the other plant providing products in South Carolina filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in 2016. Finally, the Company believes it offers a broad range of products that are very competitive in these markets.

## Patents and Proprietary Information

The Company currently owns U.S., Canadian, Australian and New Zealand patents for J-J Hooks® highway barrier and U.S. and Canadian patents for Easi-Set® Precast Building features and for SlenderWall® exterior cladding system features and a U.S. patent for H2Out™. The original patents on the J-J Hooks barrier and SlenderWall have recently expired, however, the Company has filed new patent applications for the recently crash tested J-J Hooks barrier and the new version of SlenderWall. The current status for both products is "Patent Pending". The Easi-Set Precast Building patent will expire mid 2018. Additionally, the Company has "trade dress" applications for J-J Hooks features filed in the U.S., Australia, and New Zealand and "distinguishing guise" applications for J-J Hooks features filed in Canada. A U.S. "trade dress" application for Beach Prisms and the J-J Hooks "end taper" have been issued in the U.S.

The Company owns U.S. registered trademarks for Smith-Midland (logo), Smith Cattleguard (words), Excellence in Precast Concrete (words), Easi-Set (logo & words), Easi-Span (words), Easi-Set Industries (words), J-J Hooks (logo), SlenderWall (logo), Thermaguard (words) and J-J Hooks "V" taper (trade-dress). The J-J Hooks logo is registered in Canada, European Community, Australia, and New Zealand.

While the Company intends to vigorously enforce its patent rights against infringement by third parties, no assurance can be given that the patents or the Company's patent rights will be enforceable or provide the Company with meaningful protection from competitors or that its patent applications will be allowed. During 2012, the Company instituted a lawsuit for the infringement of its intellectual properties by a company producing its J-J Hooks highway barrier without a license. The Company successfully settled this matter by requiring the defendant's acceptance of becoming a licensee and thereby paying royalties on J-J Hooks® highway barrier sales. Even if a competitor's products were to infringe patents held by the Company, enforcing the patent rights in an enforcement action would be very costly, and assuming the Company has sufficient resources, would divert funds and resources that otherwise could be used in the Company's operations. No assurance can be given that the Company would be successful in enforcing such rights, that the Company's products or processes do not infringe the patent or intellectual property rights of a third party, or that if the Company is not successful in a suit involving patents or other intellectual property rights of a third party, that a license for such technology would be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at

all.

## Government Regulation

The Company frequently supplies products and services pursuant to agreements with general contractors who have entered into contracts with federal or state governmental agencies. The successful completion of the Company's obligations under such contracts is often subject to the satisfactory inspection or approval of such products and services by a representative of the contracting agency. Although the Company endeavors to satisfy the requirements of each such contract to which it is a party, no assurance can be given that the necessary approval of its products and services will be granted on a timely basis or at all and that the Company will receive any payments due to it. Any failure to obtain such approval and payment may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.

The Company's operations are subject to extensive and stringent governmental regulations including regulations related to the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and environmental protection. The Company believes that it is substantially in compliance with all applicable regulations. The cost of maintaining such compliance is not considered by the Company to be significant.

The Company's employees in its manufacturing division operate complicated machinery that may cause substantial injury or death upon malfunction or improper operation. The Company's manufacturing facilities are subject to the workplace safety rules and regulations of OSHA. The Company believes that it is in compliance with the requirements of OSHA.

During the normal course of its operations, the Company uses and disposes of materials, such as solvents and lubricants used in equipment maintenance, that are classified as hazardous by government agencies that regulate environmental quality. The Company attempts to minimize the generation of such waste as much as possible, and to recycle such waste where possible. Remaining wastes are disposed of in permitted disposal sites in accordance with applicable regulations.

In the event that the Company is unable to comply with the OSHA or environmental requirements, the Company could be subject to substantial sanctions, including restrictions on its business operations, monetary liability and criminal sanctions, any of which could have a material adverse effect upon the Company's business.

## **Employees**

As of March 8, 2017, the Company had a total of 203 employees, of which 165 are full-time, six are part-time and 32 are temporary workers, with 146 located at the Company's Midland, Virginia facility, 22 are located at the Company's facility in Reidsville and North Carolina and 35 are located at the Company's facility in Hopkins, South Carolina. None of the Company's employees are represented by labor organizations and the Company is not aware of any activities seeking such organization. The Company considers its relationships with its employees to be satisfactory.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Not applicable

Item 1B Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable

Item 2. Properties

## **Facilities**

The Company operates three manufacturing facilities. The primary manufacturing operations are conducted in a 44,000 square foot manufacturing plant located on approximately 28 acres of land in Midland, Virginia, of which the Company owns approximately 25 acres and three acres are leased from Rodney I. Smith, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, at an annual rental rate of \$24,000. The manufacturing facility houses two concrete mixers and one concrete blender. The plant also includes two environmentally controlled casting areas, two batch plants, a form

fabrication shop, a welding and metal fabrication facility, a carpentry shop, a quality control center and a covered steel reinforcing fabrication area of approximately 8,000 square feet. The Company's Midland facility also includes a large storage yard for inventory and stored materials.

The Company's second manufacturing facility is located in Reidsville, North Carolina on ten acres of owned land and includes an 8,000 square foot manufacturing plant and administrative offices. The Company is reviewing plans to purchase additional land in or around Reidsville, North Carolina and build a new facility as the current facility has little room to expand beyond its current size. The decision to expand the facility should be made during 2017.

In July, 2016, the Company purchased the land, building and fixtures of a facility located in Hopkins (Columbia), South Carolina for a purchase price of \$1,550,000. The facility is located on 39 acres of land and has approximately 40,000 square feet of production space. The purchase of the South Carolina facility gives the Company sufficient capacity to cover additional territory from the Atlantic Coast region to the northern part of Florida.

The Company's present facilities will be adequate fo	r its current needs	Š.
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Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The Company is not presently involved in any litigation of a material nature.

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.

The Company's Common Stock trades on the OTCQX Markets under the symbol "SMID".

As of March 8, 2017, there were approximately 45 record holders of the Company's Common Stock. Management believes there are at least 400 beneficial owners of the Company's Common Stock.

The following table sets forth the high and low closing prices on the OTC Markets for the Company's Common Stock for the periods indicated. The prices were obtained from the NASDAQ website. These market quotations reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail markup, markdown, or commission.

High	Low
\$3.30	\$1.77
2.64	2.26
3.80	2.49
5.45	3.24
\$2.75	\$2.15
2.50	2.05
2.77	2.05
3.59	2.45
	\$3.30 2.64 3.80 5.45 \$2.75 2.50 2.77

## Dividends

On December 14, 2016, the Company declared a special dividend of \$0.01 per share of Common Stock for holders of record as of December 30, 2016, which was paid on January 13, 2017. On December 1, 2015, the Company declared a special dividend of \$0.04 per share of Common Stock for holders of record as of December 18, 2015, which was paid on December 30, 2015. Although the Company paid a dividend for the preceding five years, the Company cannot guarantee the continued payment of dividends due to the internal need for funds in the development and expansion of its business. The declaration of dividends in the future will be at the election of the Board of Directors and will depend upon earnings, capital requirements and financial position of the Company, general economic conditions and other pertinent factors.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Not applicable.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company (including the Notes thereto) included elsewhere in this report.

The Company generates revenues primarily from the sale, shipping, licensing, leasing and installation of precast concrete products for the construction, utility and farming industries. The Company's operating strategy has involved producing innovative and proprietary products, including Slenderwall<sup>TM</sup>, a patented, lightweight, energy efficient concrete and steel exterior wall panel for use in building construction; J-J Hooks® Barrier, a positive-connected highway safety barrier; Sierra Wall<sup>TM</sup>, a sound barrier primarily for roadside use; transportable concrete buildings; and SoftSound<sup>TM</sup>, a highway sound attenuation system. In addition, the Company produces utility vaults; farm products such as cattleguards, and water and food troughs; and custom order precast concrete products with various architectural surfaces.

As a part of the construction industry, the Company's sales and net income may vary greatly from quarter to quarter over a given year. Because of the cyclical nature of the construction industry, many factors not under our control, such as weather and project delays, affect the Company's production schedule, possibly causing a momentary slowdown in sales and net income. As a result of these factors, the Company is not always able to smooth out these anomalies and show a profit for each period, therefore, please read Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the accompanying financial statements with these factors in mind.

Overview

Overall, the Company's financial performance improved significantly in 2016 when compared to 2015. The Company had net income in 2016 in the amount of \$2,835,200 compared to a net income of \$1,044,304 for 2015. The primary reasons for the increase in net profit was the significant increase in sales, a two percentage point decrease in cost of goods sold as a percentage of total revenue and overhead costs remaining relatively flat. Sales were particularly strong in the third quarter of 2016 due to several large short-term highway barrier rental projects, which produce profits slightly higher than our normal rental projects because of the large amount of preparation, installation and removal and follow through that must be accomplished in a short period of time. Sales continue to look strong for 2017, although several larger projects were delayed from starting in the first quarter of 2017 and will not start until the second quarter of the year. Based on current market activity and the Company's backlog, management believes that 2017 will be another strong financial year for the Company, although no assurance can be given.

# Results of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the year ended December 31, 2015

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company had total revenue of \$40,050,046 compared to total revenue of \$29,204,239 for the year ended December 31, 2015, an increase of \$10,845,807, or 37%. Sales include revenues from product sales, royalty income, barrier rental income and shipping and installation income. Product sales are further divided into wall panel sales, which include Soundwall, architectural and Slenderwall<sup>TM</sup> panels, highway barrier, beach prisms, Easi-Set® and Easi-Span® buildings, utility and farm products and miscellaneous precast products. The following table summarizes the sales by product type and a comparison for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

## Sales By Product Type

	2016	2015	Change	% of Change
Product Sales:				
Soundwall Sales	\$7,840,408	\$3,214,071	\$4,626,337	143.9%
Architectural Panel Sales	688,116	2,301,706	(1,613,590)	(70.1)%
Slenderwall Sales	1,658,411	3,068,800	(1,410,389)	(46.0)%
Miscellaneous Wall Sales	3,133,440	2,469,978	663,462	26.9%
Total Wall Panel Sales	13,320,375	11,054,555	2,265,820	20.5%
Barrier Sales	9,355,563	2,737,274	6,618,289	241.8%
Beach Prisms	_	25,500	(25,500)	(100.0)%
Easi-Set and Easi-Span Building Sales	2,508,179	2,893,688	(385,509)	(13.3)%
Utility and Farm Product Sales	2,065,151	2,681,500	(616,349)	(23.0)%
Miscellaneous Product Sales	356,140	516,139	(159,999)	(31.0)%
Total Product Sales	27,605,408	19,908,656	7,696,752	38.7%
Royalties income	1,793,881	1,742,310	51,571	3.0%
Barrier Rentals	3,377,960	3,947,068	(569,108)	(14.4)%
Shipping and Installation	7,272,797	3,606,205	3,666,592	101.7%
Total Service Revenue	12,444,638	9,295,583	3,149,055	33.9%
Total Sales	\$40,050,046	\$29,204,239	\$10,845,807	37.1%

Wall Panel Sales – Wall panel sales are generally medium to large contracts issued by general contractors for production, delivery and installation of a specific wall panel product for a specific construction project. Changes in the mix of wall panel sales depend on what contracts are in production during the period. Overall wall panel sales increased by 20.5% for year ended December 31, 2016, compared to the same period in 2015. The following describes the changes by wall panel type:

Soundwall panel sales increased by 143.9% in 2016 compared to 2015 due primarily to the larger number of projects in production in 2016 compared to 2015 and the number of larger dollar value projects in production during 2016. Soundwall bid projects continue to remain strong in 2017 and management believes that it will be able to obtain a sizable share of the projects available, although no assurance can be given. There are several very large soundwall projects in the bid process at the current time which could add a significant amount of production and sales to the Company's backlog for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Related bids for highway barrier will be awarded either prior to or along with the soundwall projects (see the Barrier Sales section below). The bids will be awarded over the next several months.

Architectural panel sales decreased by 70.1% in 2016 compared to 2015 as the Company was awarded fewer pieces of architectural wall panels to produce during 2016 while there was a large architectural project produced in 2015. While most of the construction economy has come back during 2015 and 2016, the architectural product line is lagging far behind our other product lines. Management does believe, however, that 2017 architectural sales should increase slightly over that of 2016.

Slenderwall<sup>TM</sup> panel sales decreased by 46.0% in 2016 when compared to 2015. The Company had a total of four Slenderwall projects in production in 2015 while there was only one Slenderwall project in production in 2016. Slenderwall sales should be up in 2017 as the Company currently has two Slenderwall projects in its backlog with two projects in the final steps of potentially being awarded to the Company. Management believes the two additional Slenderwall projects have a high probability of being awarded to the Company.

Miscellaneous panel sales are mainly retaining walls which are used to hold back earth on sloped land. Miscellaneous wall sales increased by 26.9% in 2016 when compared to 2015, due mainly to a large order for a special wall type panels for noise and elements deflection. Miscellaneous projects are difficult to predict from year to year, however, based on the Company's current backlog of orders and our bid outlook, management believes that production and sales of miscellaneous wall products in 2017 will be somewhat less than 2016 levels.

Barrier Sales – Barrier sales are dependent on the number of highway projects active during the period and whether customers are more prone to buy barrier than to rent. In 2016 barrier sales increased by \$6,618,289 from the previous year. The increase is a result of adding the Columbia, South Carolina production plant and the barrier produced in that facility under a \$3.5 million contract awarded to the Company, and the barrier produced under a large contract produced in the North Carolina production plant. In addition to the increase in barrier sales at these two production facilities, the Virginia production plant increased barrier sales by \$1.0 million. As discussed above in the soundwall section, there are several large soundwall projects currently waiting to be awarded, which awards will also have significant amounts of barrier required to be supplied with the projects, consequently a large amount of barrier will be required to be delivered in 2017 and 2018 by the persons awarded these soundwall projects or other highway barrier producers such as Smith-Midland Corp. As a result of the increased federal and state highway and infrastructure improvements, management believes barrier sales will continue to be strong over the next several years.

Beach Prisms – There were no sales of beach prisms in 2016. The Company made one sale of beach prisms in 2015 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the stated usage of preventing shoreline erosion. The Company still struggles to obtain the necessary permits from the states of Maryland and Virginia, even though where beach prisms have been installed, they have performed better than expected by the Company and the customer. Future sales of beach prisms cannot be accurately predicted because of continued difficulty in obtaining the needed state permits, however, management still believes that beach prisms are a viable product and will continue to push for licensing approval.

Easi-Set® and Easi-Span® Building Sales – The Easi-Set® buildings program includes Easi-Set®, plant assembled and Easi-Span®, site assembled, and an extensive line of pre-engineered restrooms. Building sales decreased by 13.3% in 2016 compared to 2015. The decrease in sales was primarily due to less sales under our GSA sales contract which expired in July of 2016. The Company decided not to bid on the renewal of the GSA contract as the pricing has fallen well below our current selling price. The Company continues to expand and improve its proprietary line of restroom buildings for parks, athletic fields and other outdoor venues and is continuing to market these products with a highly visible advertising campaign. The Company is currently searching for a building sales person to sell buildings on a full time basis, in addition, to our two sales persons who sell our other products in addition to buildings and restrooms.

Utility and Farm Sales – Utility and farm products are mainly underground utility vaults used in infrastructure construction. Utility and farm product sales decreased by 23.0% in 2016 compared to 2015. The Company was awarded a large manhole contract which was produced primarily in 2015 and the remainder in 2016, consequently sales dropped in 2016. As the recently funded highway projects also require utility vaults for underground placement of utilities, management believes that manhole sales should improve in 2017.

Miscellaneous Product Sales – Miscellaneous products are products that are produced and sold that do not meet the criteria defined for other revenue categories. Examples would include underground steam tunnels, highway slabs or bridge slabs. For 2016, miscellaneous sales decreased by 31.0% when compared to 2015. The decrease in sales was due to a lower priority by the Company to pursue these relatively small jobs and apply more time to the Company's pursuit of the larger, more profitable projects.

Royalty Income – Royalty revenues increased by 3.0% in 2016, with barrier and SoftSound royalties increasing over those of 2015. Building revenues were down slightly when comparing 2016 to 2015. The Company signed one new barrier license during 2016 (and three internal licenses for the new Smith-Columbia facility). Management believes that overall royalties will improve moderately in 2017 as the construction industry continues to increase, especially in the infrastructure section of the market. The Company believes that with the increase in royalties from licensees, the sale of new licenses will also improve in 2017.

Barrier Rentals – Barrier rentals decreased by 14.4% in 2016 when compared to 2015. The decrease resulted primarily from two large rental contracts awarded the Company for two short-term barrier rental projects in Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the month of September 2015. While the Company had several short-term barrier rental projects in 2016, the total revenue from these projects were less that those in 2015. Management believes barrier rentals will continue to be strong in 2017 as the outlays for infrastructure spending by federal and state governments continues to increase. The Company continues to pursue its rental barrier expansion plans for its local geographical sales areas and expects its core rental business to increase.

Shipping and Installation – Shipping revenue results from shipping our products to the customers' final destination and is recognized when the shipping services take place. Installation activities include installation of our products at the customers' construction site. Installation revenue results when attaching architectural wall panels to a building, installing an Easi-Set® building at a customers' site or setting any of our other precast products at a site specific to the requirements of the owner.

Shipping and installation revenues increased by 101.7% during 2016 when compared to 2015. As mentioned in Form 10-K for 2015, several of our larger customers were late in having their stored material products sent to their final destinations followed by the appropriate installation in 2016, consequently, shipping and installation increased significantly in 2016. While we continue to have a large amount of stored material on hand at the end of 2016, management believes that shipping and installation revenues for 2017 will be slightly lower than 2016.

Cost of Goods Sold – Total cost of goods sold for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$29,701,150, an increase of \$7,607,316, or 34.4%, from \$22,093,834 for the year ended December 31, 2015. Total cost of goods sold, as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 74% for the year ended December 31, 2016 from 76% for the year ended December 31, 2015. The decrease in the cost of goods sold as a percentage of total revenue was, in part, because of the increase in production and sales for the period while fixed overhead costs remained relatively flat. Raw material costs increased slightly in 2016 over 2015 with very little inflationary pressures for the Company. Steel products, one of our largest purchases, remained relatively flat during 2016. In addition, the Company had several special barrier rental projects in 2016 which were sold at higher margins than many of our normal precast product sales. Several of our large projects produced in early 2015 were sold and produced at lower gross margins due to the stagnant economy at that time while our 2016 products and projects were generally sold and produced with very good margins. The Company continues to seek new vendor partnerships to help develop a price advantage for its raw materials as well as a continuous supply of these materials and has changed several vendors due to better supply sources and better pricing.

General and Administrative Expenses – For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company's general and administrative expenses increased by \$525,959, or 15.6%, to \$3,891,472 from \$3,365,513 during the same period in 2015. The increase in general and administrative expenses resulted primarily from an increase in employee costs, an increase in rents and an increase in general office expenses partially offset by a decrease in legal expense, a decrease in bad debts and use tax. The increase in general and administrative expenses is primarily due to the addition of the Columbia, South Carolina facility which began operations in February of 2016. General and administrative expense as a percent of total revenue were 10% for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 12% for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Selling Expenses – Selling expenses for the year ended December 31, 2016 decreased by \$47,035, or 2.2%, to \$2,120,978 from \$2,168,013 for the year ended December 31, 2015. The decrease was due to a decrease in salary expense, a decrease in office expense and a decrease in general office expense. All sales activities for the new facility located in Columbia, South Carolina are currently being performed by the sales department in Smith-Midland Virginia. The Company is currently searching for several sales persons, with one to be located in Columbia, South Carolina. With the current increase in sales and the anticipated increase in future years, additional sales persons are a priority for the Company.

Operating Income – The Company had operating income for the year ended December 31, 2016 of \$4,336,446 compared to operating income of \$1,576,879 for the year ended December 31, 2015, an increase of \$2,759,567. The increase in operating income was primarily the result of a significant increase in sales and a decrease in cost of goods sold as a percentage of total revenue for year ended December 31, 2016 as discussed above.

Interest Expense – Interest expense was \$162,529 for the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to \$103,086 for the year ended December 31, 2015. The increase of \$59,443, or 58%, was due primarily to the \$1.3 million note payable for the acquisition of the Columbia, South Carolina facility and several smaller installment notes payable for the purchase of machinery and equipment.

Income Tax Expense – The Company had income tax expense of \$1,462,000 for the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to income tax expense of \$557,000 for the year ended December 31, 2015. The Company had an effective

rate of 34.0% for the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to an effective rate of 34.9% for the same period in 2015. The changes in the tax expense for the periods correlated to the change in pre-tax income.

Net Income – The Company had net income of \$2,835,200 for the year ended December 31, 2016, compared to net income of \$1,044,304 for the same period in 2015. The basic income per share was \$0.57 and the diluted income per share for 2016 was \$0.56, compared to basic and diluted income per share of \$0.21 for the year ended December 31, 2015. There were 4,934,431 basic and 5,066,714 diluted weighted average shares outstanding in 2016 and 4,895,367 basic and 4,946,375 diluted weighted average shares outstanding in the 2015.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company financed its capital expenditures requirements for 2016 with cash flows from operations, cash balances on hand and notes payable to a bank. The Company had \$3,933,034 of debt obligations at December 31, 2016, of which \$587,523 was

scheduled to mature within twelve months. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2016, the Company made repayments of outstanding debt in the amount \$2,262,840, of which \$1,450,000 was paid to reduce the balance on the Company's line of credit.

The Company has a note payable to Summit Community Bank (the "Bank") with a balance of \$1,328,549 as of December 31, 2016. The note has a remaining term of approximately five years and a fixed interest rate of 3.99% annually with monthly payments of \$25,642 and is secured by principally all of the assets of the Company. Under the terms of the note, the Bank will permit chattel mortgages on purchased equipment not to exceed \$250,000 for any one individual loan so long as the Company is not in default. Also, the Company is limited to \$1,500,000 for annual capital expenditures. At December 31, 2016, the Company was in compliance with all covenants pursuant to the loan agreement as amended except for the limit of \$1,500,000 for the purchase of capital expenditures, for which the Company received a waiver for the excess capital expenditures in 2016.

On March 27, 2016, the Company executed an agreement to purchase the land, building and fixtures of a facility located in Hopkins, South Carolina ("Smith-Columbia") for a purchase price of \$1,550,000. The facility is located on 39 acres of land and has approximately 40,000 square feet of production space. The agreement was completed in July 2016, and was financed by a new 10 year term facility from the Bank. The note has a remaining term of approximately nine and one-half years and a fixed interest rate of 5.29% annually with monthly payments of \$10,673 and is secured by all of the assets of Smith-Columbia and a guarantee by the Company. The balance of the note payable at December 31, 2016 was \$1,293,542. The acquisition of Smith-Columbia was approved by the Bank, and as such, was excluded from the \$1,500,000 capital expenditures limit.

In addition to the notes payable discussed above, the Company also has a \$2,000,000 line of credit with the Bank, of which there was no outstanding balance at December 31, 2016. The line of credit is evidenced by a commercial revolving promissory note which carries a variable interest rate of prime and matures on September 12, 2017. The loan is collateralized by a first lien position on the Company's accounts receivable and inventory and a second lien position on all other business assets. Key provisions of the line of credit require the Company, (i) to obtain bank approval for capital expenditures in excess of \$1,500,000 during the term of the loan; and (ii) to obtain bank approval prior to its funding any acquisition. On September 8, 2016 the Company received a Commitment Letter from the Bank to provide a guidance line of credit specifically to purchase business equipment in an amount up to \$1,500,000. The commitment provides for the purchase of equipment with minimum advances of \$50,000 for which a note payable will be executed with a term not to exceed five years with an interest rate at the Wall Street Journal prime rate plus .5% with a floor of 4.49% per annum. The loan is collateralized by a first lien position on all equipment purchased under the line. The commitment for the guidance line of credit matures on September 8, 2017. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had not purchased any equipment pursuant to the \$1,500,000 commitment.

At December 31, 2016, the Company had cash totaling \$3,522,620 and \$1,050,220 of investment securities available for sale compared to cash totaling \$1,735,621 and \$1,041,790 of investment securities available for sale at December 31, 2015. During 2016, the Company's operating activities provided \$3,994,494 of cash due mainly to a significant increases in net income, depreciation expense and deferred taxes during 2016. In 2016, investing activities used \$3,710,705 in cash primarily for the purchase of property and capital equipment, inclusive of the Smith-Carolina purchase described above. Financing activities provided \$1,503,210 in cash in 2016, resulting primarily from a note payable to the Bank used for the acquisition of the Columbia, South Carolina facility and several installments loans used to purchase vehicles and plant equipment.

Capital spending, including financed additions, increased from \$1,635,317 in 2015 to \$3,744,520 in 2016 (including the Columbia, South Carolina facility). Capital expenditures in 2016 included spending for vehicles, rental barrier, manufacturing equipment and the purchase of the new facility in Columbia, South Carolina in the amount of \$1,550,000. In 2017, the Company intends to continue to make capital improvements which may include cranes,

vehicles, manufacturing equipment and other items as necessary. The Company anticipates capital spending for 2017 to be approximately \$1,500,000, excluding acquisitions and the Company does not expect to purchase assets in excess of the \$1,500,000 limitation.

The Company's cash flow from operations is affected by production schedules set by contractors, which generally provide for payment 45 to 75 days after the products are produced and with some architectural contracts, retainage may be held until the entire project is completed. This payment schedule could result in liquidity problems for the Company because it must bear the cost of production for its products before it receives payment. The Company's days sales outstanding (DSO) in 2016 was 74 days compared to 88 days in 2015. The decrease in the DSO is due primarily to more aggressive collection activities during the year. Although no assurance can be given, the Company believes that anticipated cash flow from operations with adequate project management on jobs will be sufficient to finance the Company's operations and necessary capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months.

The Company's inventory at December 31, 2016 was \$2,578,817 and at December 31, 2015 was \$2,494,284, an increase of \$84,533. The annual inventory turns for 2016 and 2015 were 7.7 and 10.0, respectively. The inventory turns for 2016 have

been reduced primarily because of an increase in highway barrier inventory produced by the Company to prepare for the local market area requirement of barrier to be used in association with several large soundwall projects coming up in the second half of 2017 and 2018, which projects the Company anticipates obtaining a sizable portion thereof, but there can be no assurance thereof.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Company's significant accounting policies are more fully described in its Summary of Accounting Policies to the Company's consolidated financial statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted within the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions in certain circumstances that affect amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements and related notes. In preparing these consolidated financial statements, management has made its best estimates and judgments of certain amounts included in the consolidated financial statements, giving due consideration to materiality. The Company does not believe there is a great likelihood that materially different amounts would be reported related to the accounting policies described below, however, application of these accounting policies involves the exercise of judgment and the use of assumptions as to future uncertainties and as a result, actual results could differ from these estimates.

The Company evaluates the adequacy of its allowance for doubtful accounts at the end of each quarter. In performing this evaluation, the Company analyzes the payment history of its significant past due accounts, subsequent cash collections on these accounts and comparative accounts receivable aging statistics. Based on this information, along with other related factors, the Company develops what it considers to be a reasonable estimate of the uncollectible amounts included in accounts receivable. This estimate involves significant judgment by the management of the Company. Actual uncollectible amounts may differ from the Company's estimate.

The Company recognizes revenue on the sale of its standard precast concrete products at shipment date, including revenue derived from any projects to be completed under short-term contracts. Installation services for precast concrete products, leasing and royalties are recognized as revenue as they are earned on an accrual basis. Licensing fees are recognized under the accrual method unless collectability is in doubt, in which event revenue is recognized as cash is received. Certain sales of Soundwall, Slenderwall, and other architectural concrete products are recognized upon completion of units produced under long-term contracts. Percent-of-completion contracts are estimated based on the number of units produced during the period multiplied by the unit rate stated in the contract. When necessary, provisions for estimated losses on these contracts are made in the period in which such losses are determined. Changes in job performance, conditions and contract settlements that affect profit are recognized in the period in which the changes occur. Unbilled trade accounts receivable represents revenue earned on units produced and not yet billed.

## Seasonality

The Company services the construction industry primarily in areas of the United States where construction activity may be inhibited by adverse weather during the winter. As a result, the Company may experience reduced revenues from December through February and realize the substantial part of its revenues during the other months of the year. The Company may experience lower profits, or losses, during the winter months, and as such, must have sufficient working capital to fund its operations at a reduced level until the spring construction season. The failure to generate or obtain sufficient working capital during the winter may have a material adverse effect on the Company.

## Inflation

Management believes that the Company's operations were not significantly affected by inflation in 2016 and 2015, particularly in the purchases of certain raw materials such as cement, steel and fuel. The Company believes that raw material pricing will likely increase in 2017 as the economy continues its recovery, although no assurance can be given regarding future pricing.

## Backlog

As of March 8, 2017 the Company's sales backlog of inventoried products and unbilled construction contracts was approximately \$18 million as compared to approximately \$12.9 million at approximately the same time in 2016. The increase in the backlog relates to the Company's continued emphasis on its proprietary product, Slenderwall<sup>TM</sup>. A substantial majority of the projects relating to the sales backlog as of March 8, 2017 are scheduled to be billed, some through stored material, and shipped during 2017.

The Company also maintains a regularly occurring repeat customer business, which should be considered in addition to the orders in the sales backlog described above. These orders typically have a quick turn around and represent purchases of the Company's inventoried standard products, such as highway safety barrier, utility and Easi-Set building products. Historically, this regularly occurring segment of our customer base is equal to approximately \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 annually.

The risk exists that recessionary economic conditions may adversely affect the Company more than it has experienced to date. To mitigate these economic and other risks, the Company has a broader product offering than most competitors and has historically been a leader in innovation and new product development in the industry. The Company is continuing this strategy through the development, marketing and sales efforts for its new products.

The Company continues to evaluate its processes, both production and administrative processes, and has streamlined many of these processes through lean activities. During 2016 and 2015, the Company, through lean activities, has begun to to see positive effects to the bottom line. It is managements intention to continue in this effort on a significant level to help reach our goals for 2017 which are to substantially reduce quality issues, significantly reduce design and drawing issues and to increase production and sales. In order to meet these goals, substantial improvements through lean tools and lean thinking must be implemented company wide.

The Company is continuing its marketing, advertising and promotional efforts for both Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup>, a shoreline erosion control product that uses the preferred natural "soft" approach as opposed to the "hard" approach of seawalls and jetties, to solve this worldwide problem and H2Out<sup>TM</sup>, the world's first "in the caulk joint" secondary drainage and street level leak detection product for panelized exterior cladding. While the Company has received a permit to install Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> at a specific site in Virginia and other states, the Company is still in the process of seeking to secure additional site permit approvals in Virginia and Maryland and the support of the appropriate environmental agencies in neighboring states for its Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup>. Although the Company is optimistic about the success of Beach Prisms<sup>TM</sup> and H2Out<sup>TM</sup>, there can be no assurance of the commercial acceptance of these products.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Not applicable.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The consolidated financial statements table of contents, which appears on page F-2, are filed as part of this report.

Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Not applicable.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This process includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

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

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in "Internal Control – Integrated Framework (1992)" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") as of December 31, 2016, and concluded that its controls were effective as of such date.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission rules that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report.

## Disclosure controls and procedures

We carried out our evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report, pursuant to Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based on our evaluation, our principal executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report were effective.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2016 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B.	Other Information
None.	
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#### **PART III**

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Certain information with respect to our Directors and executive officers is set forth below.

Name	Age	Director or Executive Officer Since	Position
Rodney I. Smith	78	1970	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors
Ashley B. Smith	54	1994	President and Director
Wesley A. Taylor	69	1994	Vice President of Administration and Director
G. E. "Nick" Borst	76	2013	Director
Richard Gerhardt	50	2016	Director
William A. Kenter	70	2008	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

## Background

The following is a brief summary of the background of each Director and executive officer of the Company:

Rodney I. Smith. Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer. Rodney I. Smith co-founded the Company in 1960 and became its President and Chief Executive Officer in 1965. He has served on the Board of Directors and has been its Chairman since 1970. Mr. Smith is the principal developer and inventor of the Company's proprietary and patented products. He is the past President of the National Precast Concrete Association. Mr. Smith has served on the Board of Trustees of Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia since 1986. The Company believes that Mr. Smith's extensive experience in the precast concrete products industry and his knowledge of the marketplace gives him the qualifications and skills necessary to serve in the capacity as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Ashley B. Smith. President and Director. Ashley B. Smith has served as President of the Company since 2012 and as the Vice President of the Company from 1990 to 2011 and as a Director since 1994. Mr. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Bridgewater College. Mr. Ashley B. Smith is the son of Mr. Rodney I. Smith. The Company believes that Mr. Smith's education, experience in the precast concrete industry and business experience give him the qualifications and skills necessary to serve in the capacity as a director.

Wesley A. Taylor. Vice President of Administration and Director. Wesley A. Taylor has served as Vice President of Administration of the Company since 1989 and as a Director since 1994, and previously held positions as Controller and Director of Personnel and Administration. Mr. Taylor holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern State University. The Company believes that Mr. Taylor's education, business experience and his extensive experience in the precast concrete industry gives him the qualifications and skills necessary to serve in the capacity as a director.

G. E. (Nick) Borst. Director. G. E. Nick Borst served as an member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2013. For more than the past five years, Mr. Borst has been engaged in the private practice of law, advising clients in business organization and corporate governance. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Borst served as a trial attorney and as a federal prosecutor with the government. Mr. Borst previously served as president of the Fauquier County Bar Association and as a three-year treasurer of the Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce. In private law practice, Mr. Borst advised clients on business organization and governance. Mr. Borst is also a co-founder and past president of Hospice of Fauquier County and is co-founder and long-time board member of Verdun Adventure Bound, an organization that provides experiential learning

programs to over 2,000 young people a year. The Company believes that Mr. Borst's current and past business-related experience provides him with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve in the capacity as a director of the Company.

Richard Gerhardt. Director. Mr. Gerhardt has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2016. He currently is Chief Operating Officer of Old Dominion Spirits Corporation in Warrenton, Virginia, and is serving his first term as a Fauquier County, Virginia Supervisor for the Cedar Run Magisterial District. Mr. Gerhardt presently serves on the boards of Path Foundation (formally Fauquier Health Foundation), Virginia Gold Cup Association and Fauquier Free Clinic. From 2003 to 2014, Mr. Gerhardt served in an escalating succession of positions for three global shipping and logistic companies: DHL Global Mail, ESI Global Logistic and MSI Worldwide. His eight years as President, COO, and a shareholder of MSI Worldwide culminated in its acquisition by Belgian Post. Mr. Gerhardt holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a minor in Economics from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. The Company believes that Mr. Gerhardt's current and past business-related experience provides him with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve in the capacity as a director of the Company.

William A. Kenter. Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer. William A. Kenter has served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company since September 2008. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Kenter was Controller for the Mount Vernon Printing division of Consolidated Graphics, Inc., a commercial printing company, from September 2007 to September 2008. Mr. Kenter served as President and CEO of PenGraphix Printing Solutions, a commercial printing company, from January 2000 to August 2007.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) ("Section 16(a)") of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires executive officers and Directors and persons who beneficially own more than ten percent (10%) of the Company's Common Stock to file initial reports of ownership on Form 3 and reports of changes in ownership on Form 4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any national securities exchange on which the Corporation's securities are registered.

Based solely on a review of the copies of such forms furnished to the Company, the Company believes that all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its executive officers, Directors and greater than ten percent (10%) beneficial owners were satisfied during 2016, except for one Form 3 filed late by Richard Gerhardt and one Form 4 (reporting one option exercise) filed late by Rodney Smith.

## Code of Ethics

The Company adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Accounting Manager and persons performing similar functions. The Board of Directors approved the code of ethics at their meeting on December 17, 2003. A copy of the code of ethics was filed as an exhibit to the Company's Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2003, and a copy may be obtained without charge by requesting one in writing from Secretary, Smith-Midland Corporation, P.O. Box 300, 5119 Catlett Road, Midland, VA 22728.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Company does not currently have a separately designated standing Audit Committee or a committee performing similar functions. The board of directors as a whole performs the required functions of an audit committee. With the relatively recent addition of second independent director, the Company is considering the formation of a an audit committee in the near future. The Company does not have an "audit committee financial expert" due to its limited resources as a small public company.

### Item 11. Executive Compensation

The following table sets forth the compensation paid by the Company for services rendered for 2016 and 2015 to the principal executive officer and the Company's two most highly compensated executive officers other than the principal executive officer (the "named executive officers") as of the end of 2016:

### **Summary Compensation Table**

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)(1)	Bonus (\$)(2)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non Eq-uity Incentive Plan Compen-sation (\$)	Non qual-ified Deferred Compen-sation Earning (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	
Rodney I. Smith	2016	108,788	4,375					102,000	215,163
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (3)	2015	119,731	_					102,000	221,731
Ashley B. Smith	2016	192,423	3,385	158,400				3,000	357,208
President (4)	2015	169,258						3,000	172,258
William A. Kenter	2016	112,357	2,300						114,657
Chief Financial Officer (5)	2015	114,987						_	114,987

- (1) Represents salaries paid in 2016 and 2015 for services provided by each named executive officer serving in the capacity listed.
- (2) Represents amounts paid for annual performance-based bonus related to operations for the prior year.
- (3) Mr. Rodney Smith was paid \$99,000 in each of 2016 and 2015, which is included in the column titled "All Other Compensation", for royalty payments due under his employment contract with the Company, which is more fully described in the following section titled "Employment Contracts and Termination of Employment and Change in Control Arrangements". In addition, Mr. Rodney Smith received director's compensation in the amount of \$3,000 for the years 2016 and 2015. Does not include 42,000 restricted shares granted to Mr. Smith in January 2017, vesting ratably, on an annual basis, over a three year vesting period.
- (4) Mr. Ashley Smith received director's compensation in the amount of \$3,000 for each of the years 2016 and 2015. Mr. Ashley Smith was granted 32,000 shares of restricted common stock on December 14, 2016, pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan. There grants vest ratably, on an annual basis, over a three year vesting period. The value of the common stock shares at the grant date was \$158,400.
- (5) Does not include 15,000 restricted shares granted in January 2017 pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares vested in full immediately on the grant date.

### Outstanding Equity Awards At Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth information for the named executive officers regarding any common share purchase options, stock awards or equity incentive plan awards that were outstanding as of December 31, 2016.

Name	Options (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisa-ble	Option Exercise Price (\$/Sh)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested (#)(1)	r Value of Shares	Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights that have not Vested (\$)
Rodney I. Smith	=	_	2.15	5/21/2017		_	_	_
TOTAL	20,000							
Ashley B. Smith		_	_	_	32,000	158,400	)—	_
TOTAL		_			-	158,400		_
TOTAL	20,000	_			32,000	158,400	)—	_

All stock options vest on a prorated basis annually over three years from the date of grant and the options expire ten years from the date of grant.

(1) Restricted shares granted on December 14, 2016, which vest, ratably, on an annual basis, over three years from the date of grant on each of December 14, 2017, December 14, 2018 and December 14, 2019.

# Compensation of Directors

All Directors receive \$1,000 per meeting as compensation for their services as Directors and are reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties.

Fiscal 2016 Director Compensation

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compen- sation	Non- Qualified Deferred Compen- sation Earnings	All Other Compensation		)
Rodney I. Smith	3,000	_	_	_	_	_	3,000	(1)
Ashley B. Smith	3,000	9,900	_			_	12,900	(1)
Wesley A. Taylor	3,000				_	_	3,000	

G. E. "Nick" Borst	3,000	9,900	 	_	_	12,900
Richard Gerhardt	3,000	9,900	 			12,900

- (1) Reflected in Summary Compensation Table above.
- (2) Mr. Ashley B. Smith, Mr. G. E. "Nick" Borst and Mr. Richard Gerhardt each received 2,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan for additional compensation as directors.

Employment Contracts and Termination of Employment and Change in Control Arrangements.

The Company entered into a four-year Employment Agreement with Rodney I. Smith, its current Chief Executive Officer, effective as of September 30, 2002. The term of employment automatically renews commencing on the date one year after the effective date, and on an annual basis thereafter, for an additional one year, unless earlier terminated or not renewed as provided for therein. The agreement provides for an annual base salary of \$99,000 ("Base Salary"), which is reviewed at least

annually and adjusted from time to time at the determination of the Board of Directors. It also provides for an annual royalty fee of \$99,000 payable as consideration for Mr. Smith's assignment to the Company of all of his rights, title and interest in and to the Patents (as defined in the agreement). Payment of the royalty continues only for as long as the Company is using the inventions underlying the Patents. Mr. Smith is also entitled to a performance-based bonus as determined by the Board each calendar year.

Mr. Smith's employment agreement provides further that if Mr. Smith (i) voluntarily leaves the employ of the Company within six months of his becoming aware of a Change of Control (as defined in the agreement) of the Company, then he shall be entitled to receive a lump sum amount equal to three times the five-year average of his combined total annual compensation, which includes the Base Salary and bonus, less one dollar (\$1.00), and certain other unpaid accrued amounts as of the date of his termination, or (ii) is terminated by the Company without Cause (as defined in the agreement) or leaves the Company with Good Reason (as defined in the agreement), Mr. Smith shall be entitled to a lump sum payment equal to three times the combined Base Salary and bonus paid during the immediately preceding calendar year, and such other unpaid accrued amounts. In any of such cases, the Company will provide Mr. Smith with certain Company fringe benefits for two years, subject to certain conditions as provided for in the agreement, and all of Mr. Smith's unvested options to purchase Company stock shall become fully vested and exercisable on the date of termination. Mr. Smith will be entitled to exercise all such options for three years from the date of termination and all restricted stock shall become fully vested on the date of termination, if any. The Company will have no further obligations to Mr. Smith, other than with respect to the payment of royalties.

In the event Mr. Smith's employment by the Company is terminated as a result of Mr. Smith's (i) death, his estate shall be entitled to a lump sum payment of one times the combined Base Salary and bonus, and certain other accrued and unpaid amounts, or (ii) disability, Mr. Smith shall be entitled to Base Salary and bonus for a period of one year commencing with the date of termination, and all other unpaid accrued amounts.

In the event Mr. Smith's employment is terminated for cause or Mr. Smith voluntarily leaves the employ of the Company for no reason, Mr. Smith shall be entitled to accrued but unpaid Base Salary and Bonus up to the date of termination, and all other unpaid amounts.

The employment agreement also contains non-competition and non-solicitation covenants for one year following Mr. Smith's termination of employment for any reason.

On December 31, 2008, the board of directors approved an amendment to the Employment Agreement to include changes required to be in compliance with Section 409A, nonqualified deferred compensation.

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

The following table sets forth, as of March 8, 2017, certain information concerning ownership of the Company's Common Stock by (i) each person known by the Company to own of record or be the beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of the Company's Common Stock, (ii) named executive officers and Directors, and (iii) all Directors and Executive Officers as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, the stockholders listed in the table have sole voting and investment powers with respect to the shares indicated.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned (2)	Percentage of Class	
Rodney I. Smith (1)(3)(4)(5)	775,398	15.4%	
Ashley B. Smith (1)(3)(4)(6)	171,767	3.4%	
Wesley A. Taylor (1)(7)	48,750	1.0%	
G. E. "Nick" Borst (8)	83,000	1.7%	
Richard Gerhardt (9)	2,000	*	
William A. Kenter (1)(10)	15,000	*	
Henry Investment Trust, L.P. (11)	461,000	9.2%	
Wax Asset Management, LLC (12)	814,601	16.3%	
All directors and executive officers as a group (6 persons)(13)	1,095,915	0.21.4	

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%.

- (1) The address for each of Messrs. Rodney I. Smith, Ashley B. Smith, Wesley A. Taylor and William A. Kenter is c/o Smith-Midland Corporation, P.O. Box 300, 5119 Catlett Road, Midland, Virginia 22728.
- (2) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, shares of Common Stock that an individual or group has a right to acquire within 60 days pursuant to the exercise of options or warrants are deemed to be outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of such individual or group, but are not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person shown in the table.
- (3) Ashley B. Smith is the son of Rodney I. Smith. Each of Rodney I. Smith and Ashley B. Smith disclaims beneficial ownership of the other's shares of Common Stock.
- (4) Does not include options to purchase an aggregate of 11,000 shares held by Matthew Smith and Roderick Smith and an aggregate of 86,489 shares of Common Stock held by Matthew Smith and Roderick Smith. Matthew Smith and Roderick Smith are sons of Rodney I. Smith, and brothers of Ashley B. Smith. Also, does not include shares held by Merry Robin Bachetti, sister of Rodney I. Smith and aunt of Ashley B. Smith, for which each of Rodney I. Smith and Ashley B. Smith disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (5) Includes 20,000 shares of Common Stock held by Hazel Bowling, former wife of Rodney I. Smith, and mother of Mr. Smith's children. Mr. Smith disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Hazel Bowling. Includes options to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock and 42,000 restricted shares granted pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares vest ratably, on an annual basis, over a three year period.
- (6) Includes 32,000 restricted shares granted pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares vest ratably, on an annual basis, over a three year period.

- (7) Includes 17,000 restricted shares granted pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares vest ratably, on an annual basis, over a three year period.
- (8) Address of holder is P.O. Box 351, Ophelia, VA 22530. Includes 2,000 restricted shares granted pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares vest ratably, on an annual basis, over a three year vesting period.

- (9) Address of holder is 8305 Old Dumfries Road, Catlett, VA 20119. Includes 2,000 restricted shares granted pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares vest ratably, on an annual basis, over a three year vesting period.
- (10) Includes 15,000 restricted shares granted in January 2017 pursuant to the Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares vested in full immediately on the grant date pursuant to the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (11) Henry Investment Trust, L.P. is the sole general partner of each of Henry Partners, L.P. and Matthew Partners, L.P. and may be deemed to beneficially own 267,200 shares held by Henry Partners, L.P. and 193,800 shares held by Matthew Partners, L.P. Address of holder is 255 South 17th Street, Suite 2608, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
- (12) Address of holder is 45 Prospect Street, Greenwich, CT 06830.
- (13) Includes options to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock and 110,000 restricted shares for all directors and executive officers as a group.

### **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

The following table sets forth certain information as of December 31, 2016, regarding the Company's equity compensation plans.

Plan Category	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(b) Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))(1)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (1) Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	68,133	1.79	<u> </u>
Total	68,133	1.79	297,000

(1) A brief description of the Company's 2008 Stock Option Plan and the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan are contained in Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The 500,000 options under the 2008 Stock Option Plan have been canceled by the Company's Board of Directors and replaced by the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, which Equity Incentive Plan has a balance of 297,000 shares of stock unissued and available for award at December 31, 2016.

On October 13, 2016 the Company's Board of Directors adopted the Smith-Midland Corporation 2016 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan"). Employees, directors and consultants of the Company are eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan. The Equity Incentive Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors or the full Board during such times as no committee is appointed by the Board or during such times as the Board is acting in lieu of the committee (the "Committee"). The Equity incentive Plan provides for the

grant of equity-based compensation in the form of restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance cash and other share-based awards. The Equity Incentive Plan also permits the grant of awards that qualify for "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Committee has the authority to determine the type of award, as well as the amount, terms and conditions of each award, under the Equity Incentive Plan subject to the limitations and other provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan. An aggregate of 400,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, were authorized for issuance under the Equity Incentive Plan, subject to adjustment for stock splits, dividends, distributions, recapitalizations and other similar transactions or events, of which amount 297,000 remains available for issuance. If any shares subject to an award are forfeited, expire, or otherwise terminate without issuance of such shares, such shares shall, to the extent of such forfeiture, expiration, or termination, again be available for issuance under the Equity Incentive Plan.

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

There are two independent directors of the Company, Mr. G.E. "Nick" Borst and Mr. Richard Gerhardt. The test utilized for the determination of independence is that of the New York Stock Exchange.

On an ongoing basis, the Company reviews all "related party transactions" (those transactions that are required to be disclosed by SEC Regulation S-K, Item 404), if any, for potential conflicts of interest and all such transactions must be approved by the Board of Directors. No transactions meet the criteria for disclosure.

#### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The aggregate fees billed for each of the past two fiscal years for professional services rendered by BDO USA, LLP, the principal accountant for the audit of the Company; for assurance and related services related to the audit; for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning; and for all other fees for products and services are shown in the table below.

Audit Fees. Fees charged as audit fees are for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and review of financial statements included in the Company's Forms 10-Q or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

Tax Fees. Tax fees are for professional services rendered by BDO USA, LLP for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning.

Audit-Related Fees. Fees paid to BDO USA, LLP for the audit of the Company's 401(k) benefit plan.

The Company currently does not have a separate standing Audit Committee as until recently the Company only had one outside board member; the entire board of directors acts as the audit committee. Messrs. Borst and Gerhardt are considered to be independent when using the definition of the New York Stock Exchange.

2016 2015
Audit Fees \$123,045 \$140,440
Tax Fees — 25,802
Audit-Related Fees 10,150 9,500

Total Fees \$133,195 \$175,742

#### **PART IV**

#### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statements Schedules

- (1) The financial statements of the Company are included following Part IV of this Form 10-K.
- (2) Schedules have been omitted since they are either not applicable, not required or the information is included elsewhere herein.
- (3) The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit

Number Description

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 33-89312) declared effective by the Commission on December 13, 1995).
- Bylaws of the Company adopted on January 21, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A (No. 000-25964) filed with the Commission on January 24, 2003).
- Specimen Common Stock Certificate (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 33-89312) declared effective by the Commission on December 13, 1995).
- Lease Agreement, dated January 1, 1995, between the Company and Rodney I. Smith (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (No. 33-89312) declared effective by the Commission on December 13, 1995).
- Collateral Assignment of Letters Patent, dated between the Company and Rodney I. Smith (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Form SB-2 (No. 33-89312) declared effective by the Commission on December 13, 1995).
  - Employment Agreement, dated September 30, 2002, between the Company and Rodney I.
- 10.3 Smith. (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2003).
- Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2008, between the Company and Rodney I. Smith (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008).
- 10.5 2004 Stock Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2004).
- 10.6 2008 Stock Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-155920) filed on December 4, 2008).
- Promissory Note, dated April 20, 2011 and executed on April 26, 2011, in the amount of \$575,000 issued by the Company to Summit Community Bank (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2011).
- A Credit Line Deed of Trust, dated April 20, 2011 and executed on April 26, 2011, between the Company and Summit Commit Community Bank (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on

Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2011).

Promissory Note, dated September 12, 2013, in the amount of \$2,100,000 issued by the Company to Summit

Community Bank (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the

Securities and Exchange Commission on September 18, 2013).

- Contract for Purchase and Sale, dated February 16, 2016, between Nelson Cherry Properties, LLC and 10.10 Smith-Columbia Corporation (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 27, 2016).
- Promissory Note, dated July 19, 2016, in the amount of \$1,317,500 issued by the Company to Summit 10.11 Community Bank (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 27, 2016).
- Commercial Security Agreement, dated July 19, 2016, between the Company, as debtor, and Summit

  Community Bank, as secured party, related to Company's note payable in the amount of \$1,317,500 with

  Summit Community Bank (Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 27, 2016).
- Promissory Note, dated September 12, 2016, for a line of credit in the amount of \$2,000,000 with Summit Community Bank.
- Commitment Letter, dated September 19, 2016, for an equipment line of credit in the amount of \$1,500,000 with Summit Community Bank.