

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 29, 2014

KADANT INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-11406
(Commission File Number)

52-1762325
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Technology Park Drive
Westford, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01886
(Zip Code)

(978) 776-2000
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 29, 2014, Kadant Inc. (the "Company") will hold a webcast and conference call to discuss its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended June 28, 2014. A copy of the slides that will be presented on the webcast and discussed in the conference call is being furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit

The following exhibit relating to Item 7.01 shall be deemed to be furnished and not filed.

Exhibit

| No | Description of Exhibit |
|----|--|
| 99 | Slides to be presented by the Company on July 29, 2014 |

KADANT INC.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KADANT INC.

Date: July 29, 2014

By /s/ Thomas M. O'Brien
Thomas M. O'Brien
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Second Quarter 2014 Business Review

Jonathan W. Painter, President & CEO

Thomas M. O'Brien, Executive Vice President & CFO

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Forward-Looking Statements

The following constitutes a “Safe Harbor” statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This presentation contains forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including forward-looking statements about our expected future financial and operating performance, demand for our products, and economic and industry outlook. Our actual results may differ materially from these forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including those set forth under the heading “Risk Factors” in Kadant’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 29, 2014. These include risks and uncertainties relating to our dependence on process industries; significance of sales and operation of manufacturing facilities in China; oriented strand board market and levels of residential construction activity; commodity and component price increases or shortages; dependence on certain suppliers; international sales and operations; our acquisition strategy; our internal growth strategy; fluctuations in currency exchange rates; competition; soundness of suppliers and customers; our effective tax rate; future restructurings; soundness of financial institutions; our debt obligations; restrictions in our credit agreement; reliance on third-party research; protection of patents and proprietary rights; failure of our information systems or breaches of data security; fluctuations in our share price; and anti-takeover provisions. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), we use certain non-GAAP financial measures, including increases or decreases in revenues excluding the effect of acquisitions and foreign currency translation, adjusted operating income, adjusted net income, adjusted diluted EPS, and adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

A reconciliation of those numbers to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures is shown in our 2014 second quarter earnings press release issued July 28, 2014, which is available in the Investors section of our website at www.kadant.com under the heading Recent News.

Jonathan W. Painter

President & CEO

BUSINESS REVIEW



Q2 2014 Financial Highlights

| (\$ Millions, except per share amounts) | Q2 2014 | Q2 2013 | % CHANGE |
|---|---------|---------|----------|
| Revenue | \$104.8 | \$82.2 | 27.6% |
| Gross Margin | 43.0% | 48.6% | n.m. |
| Operating Income | \$12.0 | \$8.4 | 42.9% |
| Adjusted Operating Income | \$12.7 | \$8.6 | 46.7% |
| Adjusted Operating Income % of Revenue | 12.1% | 10.5% | n.m. |
| Net Income ¹ | \$7.9 | \$5.8 | 36.3% |
| Adjusted EBITDA ¹ | \$15.4 | \$11.1 | 38.8% |
| Diluted EPS ¹ | \$0.70 | \$0.51 | 37.3% |
| Bookings | \$114.9 | \$87.1 | 31.9% |
| Backlog | \$128.9 | \$106.3 | 21.3% |

Percent change calculated using actual numbers reported in our Q2 2014 earnings release dated July 28, 2014.

¹ From continuing operations.

Q2 2014 Revenue By Product Line

| (\$ Millions) | Q2 2014 | Q2 2013 | % CHANGE | EXCL. FX |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Stock-Preparation | \$36.3 | \$28.5 | 27.2% | 24.9% |
| Doctoring, Cleaning, & Filtration | 28.2 | 27.7 | 1.9% | 1.3% |
| Fluid-Handling | 27.5 | 23.1 | 19.3% | 17.6% |
| Wood Processing Systems | 9.8 | 0.0 | n.m. | n.m. |
| Fiber-based Products | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.8% | 3.8% |
| TOTAL | \$104.8 | \$82.2 | 27.6% | 26.1% |

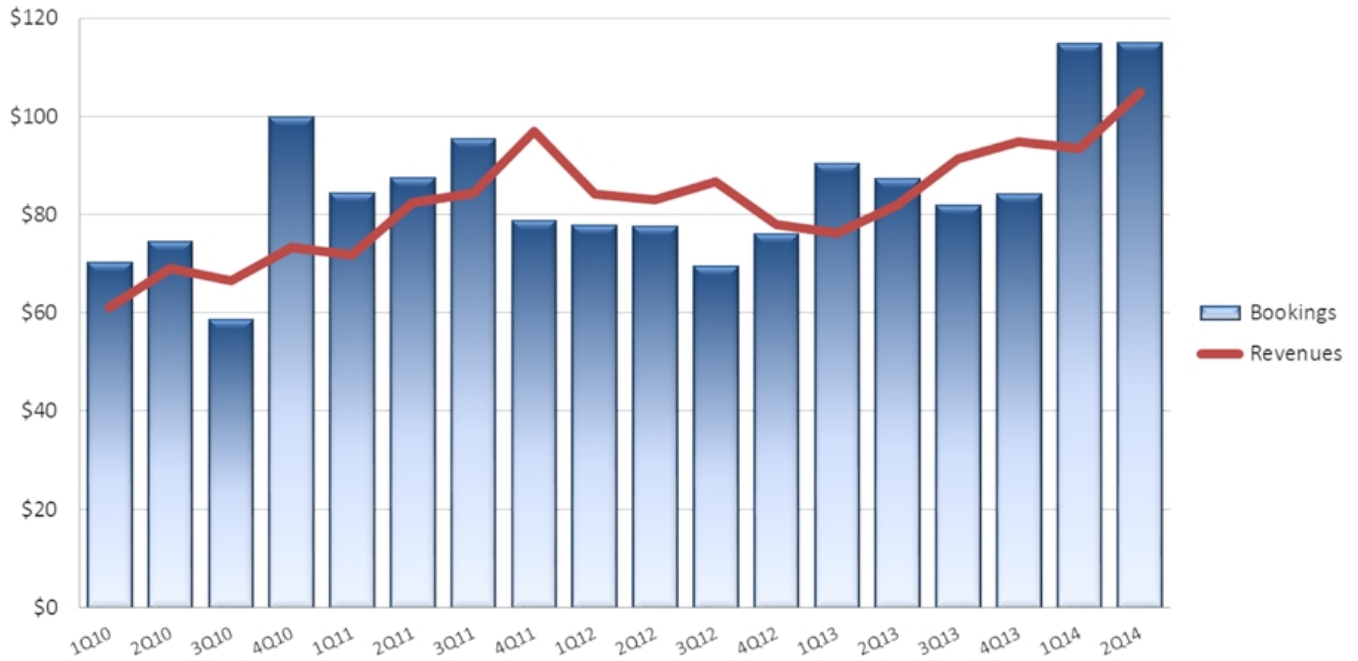
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Q2 2014 Bookings By Product Line

| (\$ Millions) | Q2 2014 | Q2 2013 | % CHANGE | EXCL. FX |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Stock-Preparation | \$45.5 | \$28.2 | 61.3% | 59.7% |
| Doctoring, Cleaning, & Filtration | 28.3 | 29.8 | -5.0% | -6.1% |
| Fluid-Handling | 24.8 | 26.8 | -7.5% | -7.7% |
| Wood Processing Systems | 13.7 | 0.0 | n.m. | n.m. |
| Fiber-based Products | 2.6 | 2.3 | 14.4% | 14.4% |
| TOTAL | \$114.9 | \$87.1 | 31.9% | 31.0% |

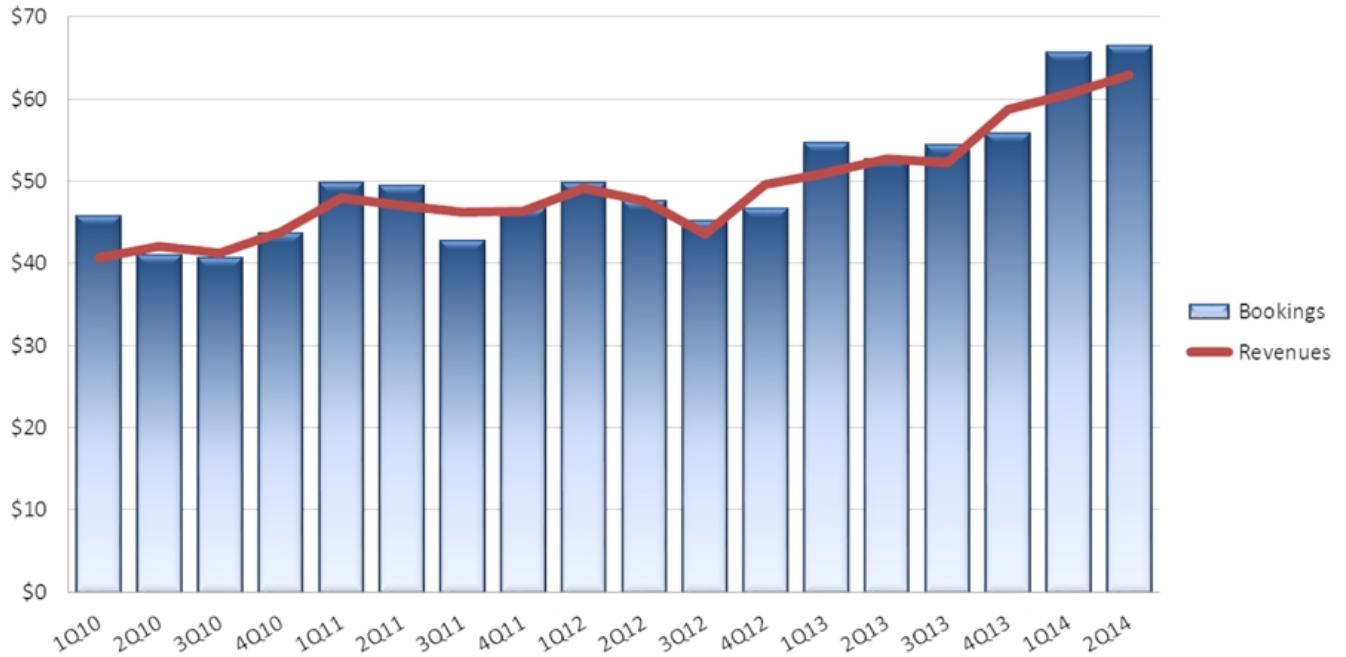
Bookings and Revenues

US\$ (millions)



Parts and Consumables Bookings and Revenues

US\$ (millions)

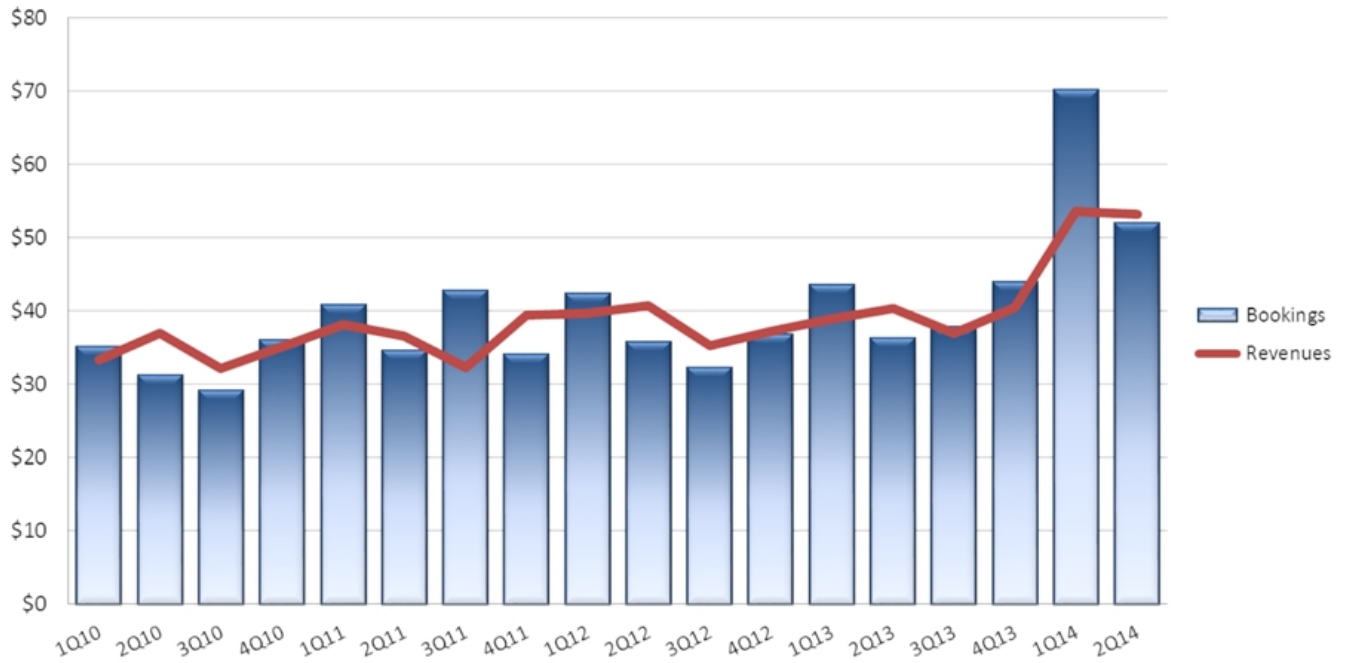




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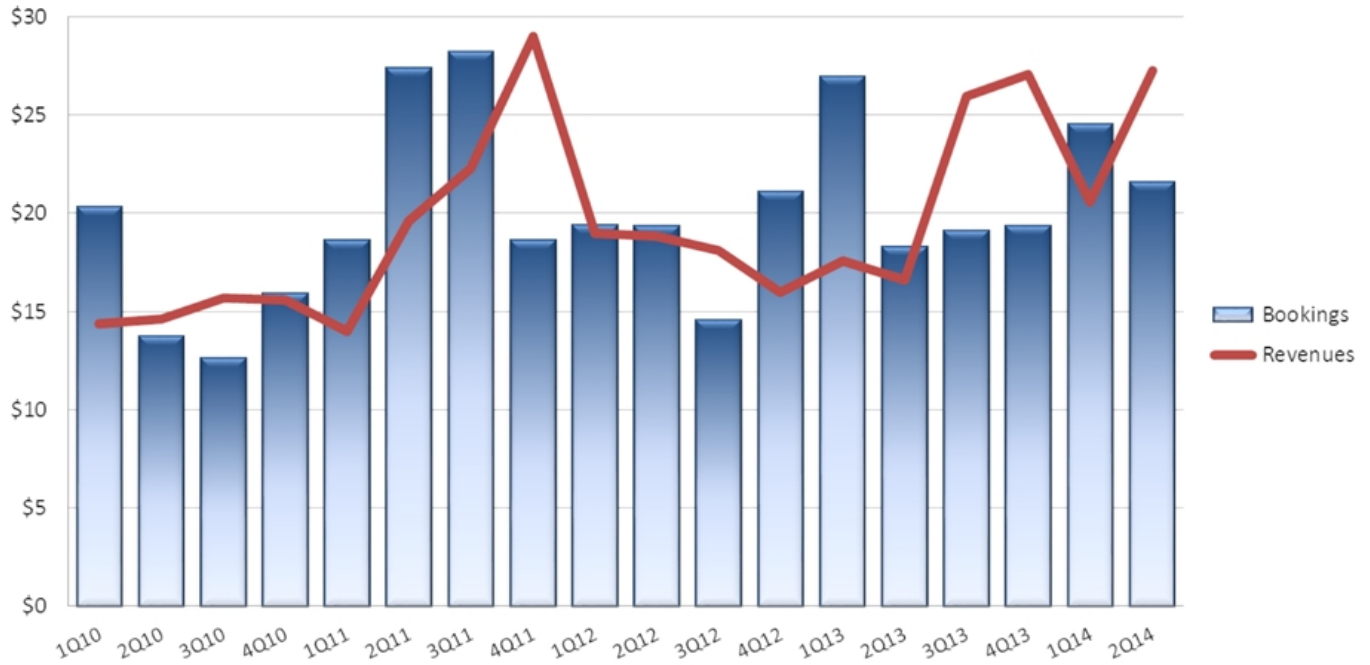
North America Bookings and Revenues

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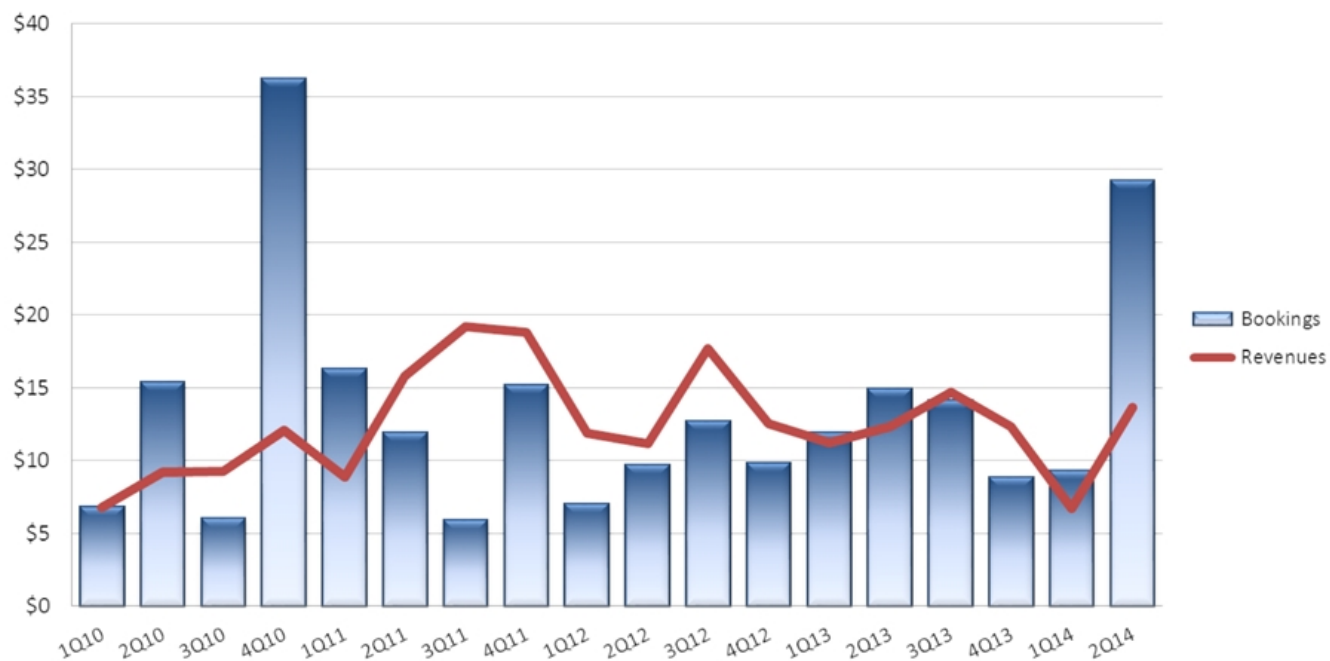
Europe Bookings and Revenues

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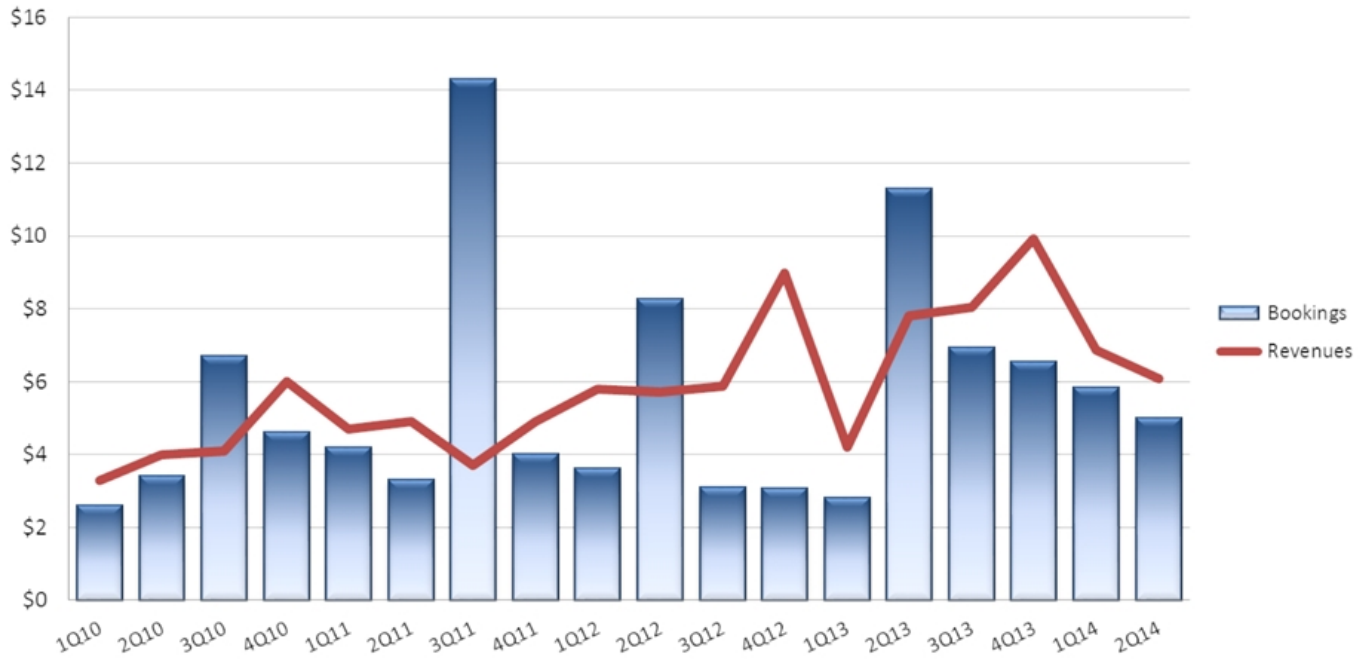
China Bookings and Revenues

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South America Bookings and Revenues

US\$ (millions)



Guidance for Continuing Operations

- Q3 2014 GAAP diluted EPS of \$0.52 to \$0.54
- Q3 2014 revenues of \$94 to \$96 million

- FY 2014 GAAP diluted EPS of \$2.50 to \$2.60
- FY 2014 revenues of \$400 to \$410 million

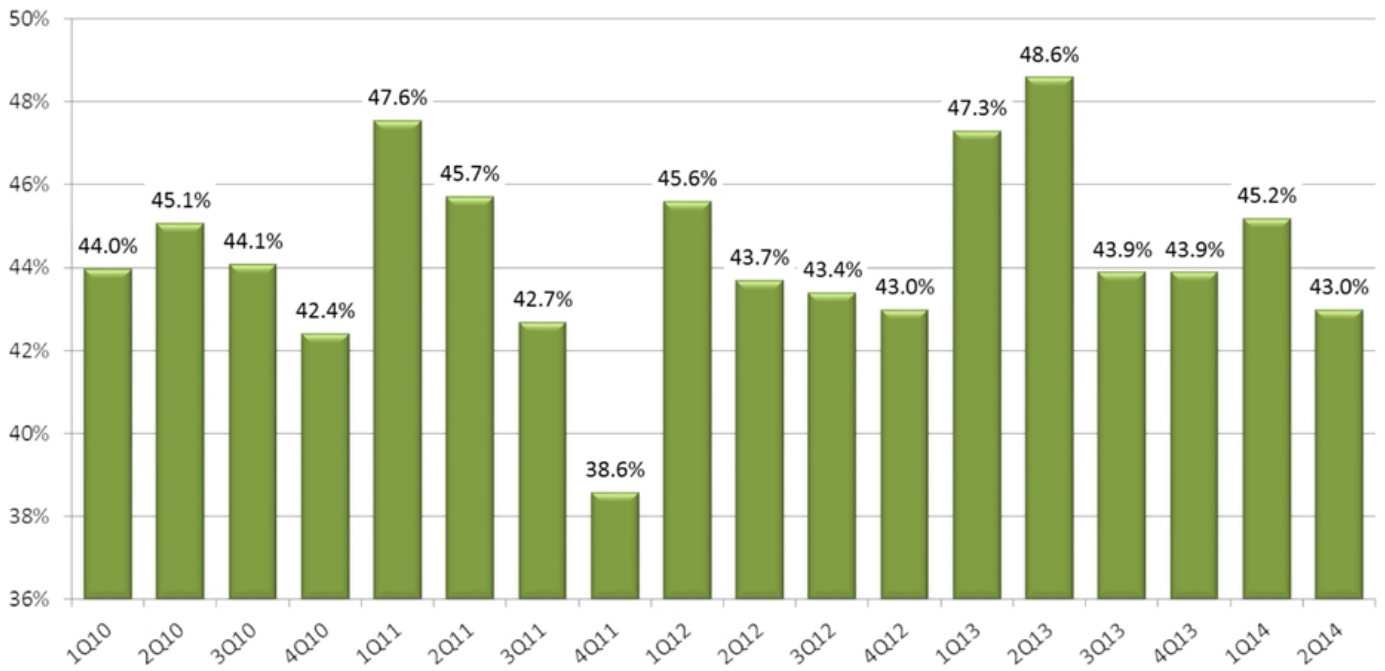
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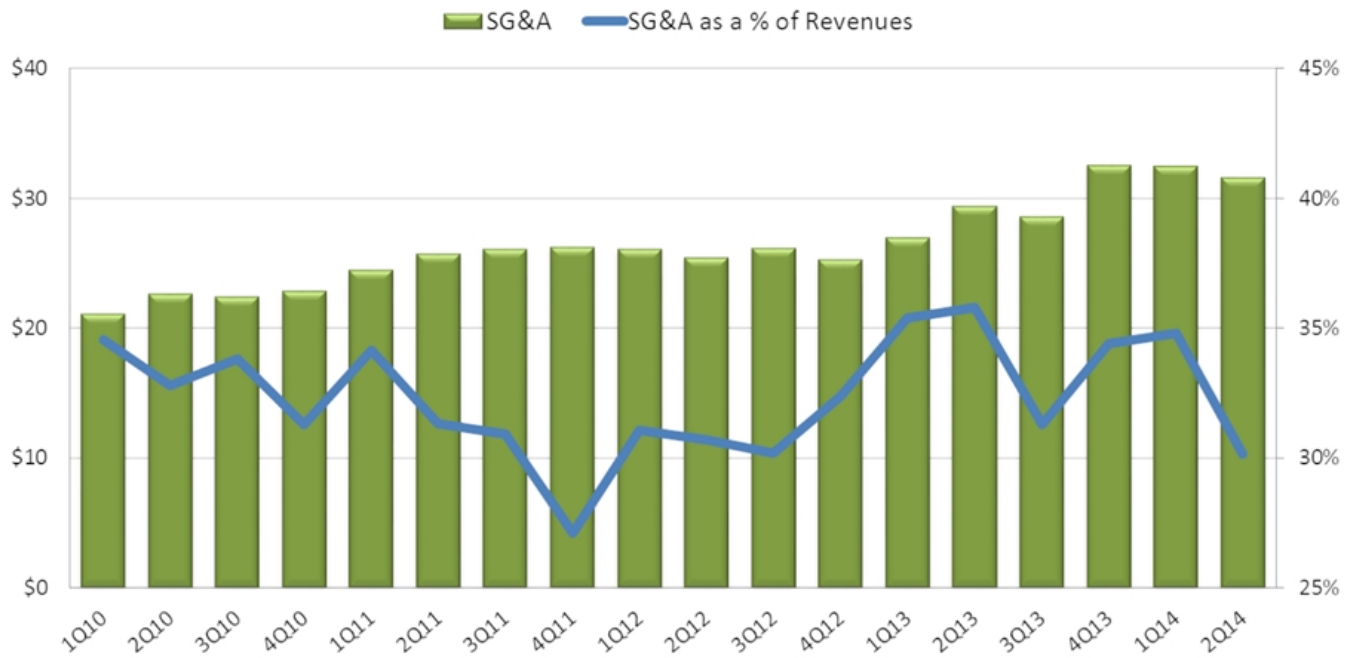


FINANCIAL REVIEW

Quarterly Gross Margins



Quarterly SG&A



2Q13 to 2Q14 Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations

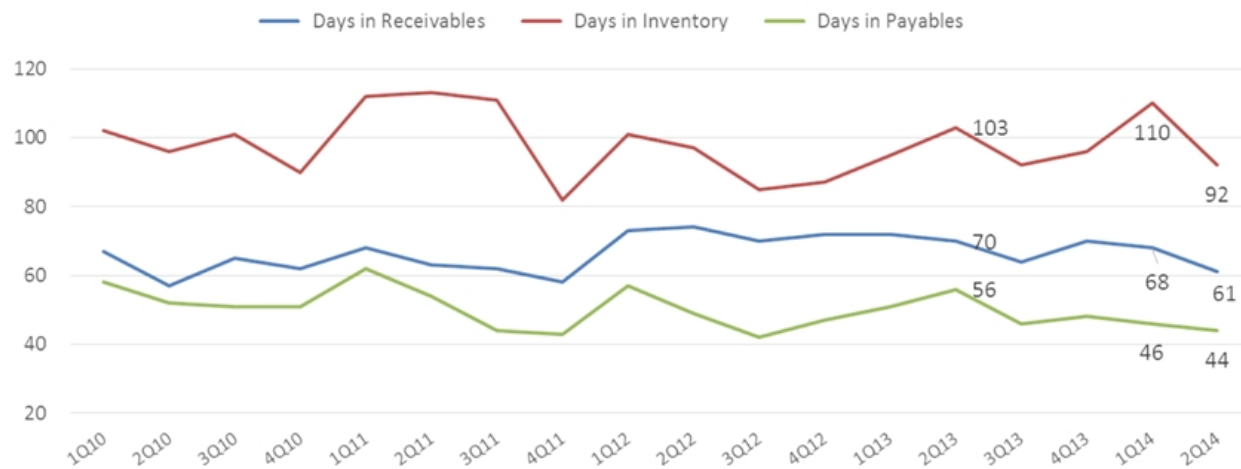


Cash Flow

| (\$ Millions) | 2Q14 | 2Q13 |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Income from Continuing Operations | \$8.0 | \$5.8 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| Stock-Based Compensation | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Gain on Sale | - | (1.7) |
| Other Items | 0.1 | (0.2) |
| Change in Current Assets & Liabilities (excl. acquisitions) | (3.3) | 3.4 |
| Cash Provided by Continuing Operations | \$9.0 | \$11.1 |

Key Working Capital Metrics

| | 2Q14 | 1Q14 | 2Q13 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
| Days in Receivables | 61 | 68 | 70 |
| Days in Inventory | 92 | 110 | 103 |
| Days in Payables | 44 | 46 | 56 |

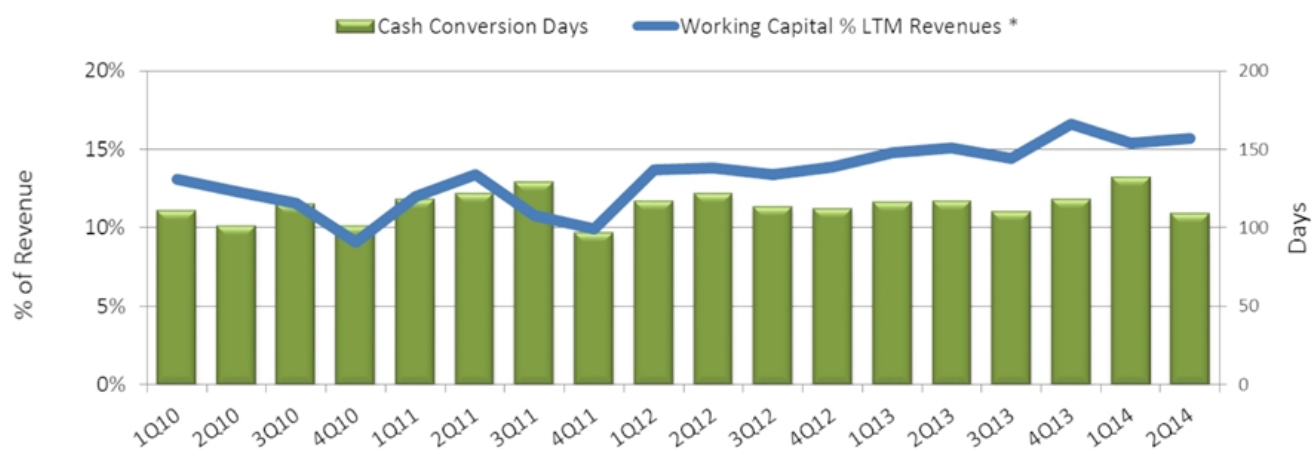


Working Capital and Cash Conversion Days

| | 2Q14 | 1Q14 | 2Q13 |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Working Capital % LTM Revenues* | 15.7% | 15.4% | 15.1% |
| Cash Conversion Days** | 109 days | 132 days | 117 days |

*Working Capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities, excluding cash, debt, and the discontinued operation.

** Based on days in receivables plus days in inventory less days in accounts payable.

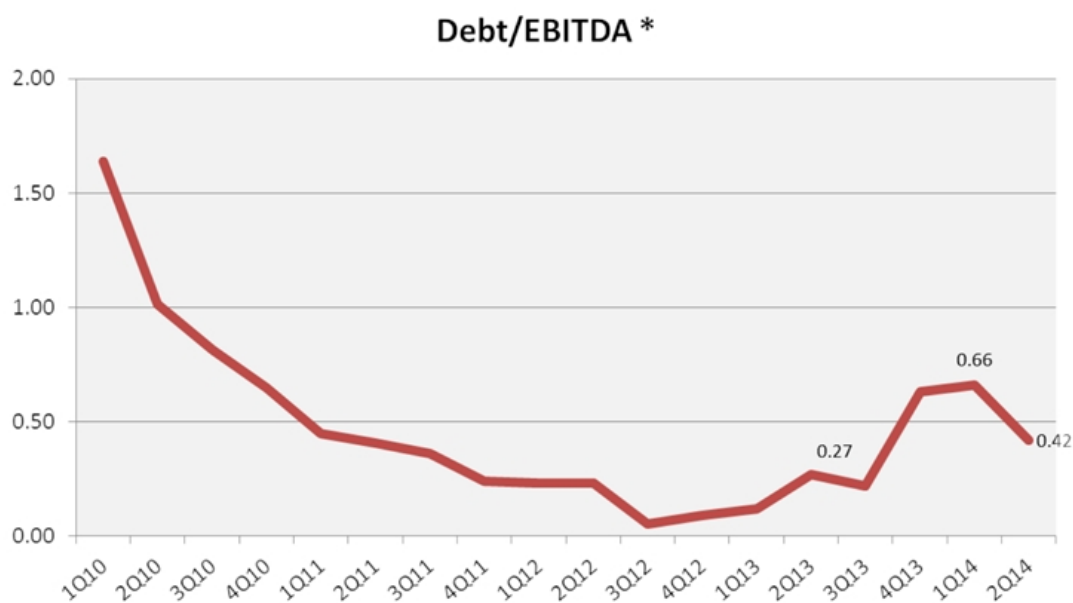


Cash and Debt

| (\$ Millions) | 2Q14 | 1Q14 | 2Q13 |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash | \$37.7 | \$57.2 | \$64.5 |
| Debt | (28.2) | (42.9) | (16.0) |
| Net Cash | \$9.5 | \$14.3 | \$48.5 |



Leverage Ratio



* Calculated by adding or subtracting certain items, as required by our Credit Facility, from Adjusted EBITDA. Under our new Credit Facility entered into on August 3, 2012 total debt is defined as debt less domestic cash of up to \$25 million. For periods prior to 3Q12, total debt was not reduced for domestic cash.

Questions & Answers

To ask a question, please call **877-703-6107** within the U.S. or
+1-857-244-7306 outside the U.S. and reference 83375884.

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Q2 2014 Key Take-Aways

- Record revenue, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EPS, bookings, and backlog
- Solid contributions from our acquisitions and our existing businesses
- Improving market conditions in China and Europe
- Timing of capital orders impacting full-year revenue and EPS guidance
- 2014 expected to be a record-setting year for bookings, revenue, adjusted EBITDA, and adjusted EPS

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