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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

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

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 Commission File Number: 001-36347

A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 11-2464169

(State of Incorporation) (IRS Employer I.D. No.)

2121 Rosecrans Ave. Suite 6300

El Segundo, CA 90245

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(310) 587-1477

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value NASDAQ Global Select Market

Securities registered under Section 12 (g) of the Exchange Act: None

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section Yes. o No. b

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. b No. "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§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).

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K 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.

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

Large accelerated Accelerated filer "

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company b

Emerging growth company company b

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes. " No. by

Aggregate market value of registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant on December 31, 2017, based upon the closing price of Common Stock on such date as reported by NASDAQ Global Select Market, was approximately \$62,423,372. Shares of common stock known to be owned by directors and executive officers of the Registrant subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are not included in the computation. No determination has been made that such persons are "affiliates" within the meaning of Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act.

As of September 10, 2018, the registrant had 7,031,450 shares of common stock outstanding, par value \$0.01 per share.

# A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.

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# PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Overview

A-Mark, also referred to (together with its subsidiaries) as "we", "us" and the "Company", is a full-service precious metals trading company. It is a wholesaler of gold, silver, platinum and palladium bullion and related products, including bars, wafers, grain and coins. A-Mark also:

- distributes gold and silver coins and bars from sovereign and private mints;
- provides financing and other services relating to the purchase and sale of bullion and numismatics;
- offers secure storage for precious metal products;
- provides our customers a platform of turn-key logistics services;
- provides a variety of custom fabricated gold and silver bullion and other specialty products through Sovereign Mint partnerships and its mint operations; and
- sells directly to the retail community through its Goldline subsidiary.

A-Mark believes it has one of the largest customer bases in each of its markets and provides one of the most comprehensive offerings of products and services in the precious metals trading industry. Our customers include mints, manufacturers and fabricators, refiners, coin and bullion dealers, e-commerce retailers, banks and other financial institutions, commodity brokerage houses, industrial users of precious metals, investors, collectors and retail customers. We serve customers on six continents, with over 10% of our customers located outside the United States. A-Mark believes its businesses largely function independently of the price movement of the underlying commodities. However, factors such as global economic activity or uncertainty and inflationary trends, which affect market volatility, have the potential to impact demand, volumes and margins.

A-Mark was founded in 1965 as a numismatics firm, which subsequently grew to include wholesale bullion trading and precious metals financing. A-Mark became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Spectrum Group International, Inc. ("SGI") in 2005. In March 2014, SGI distributed all of the shares of common stock of A-Mark to its stockholders, effecting a spinoff of A-Mark from SGI. As a result of this distribution, which we refer to as the spinoff, the Company became a publicly traded company independent from SGI.

Over the years, A-Mark has been steadily expanding its products and services. In 1986, A-Mark became an authorized purchaser of gold and silver bullion coins struck by the United States Mint. Similar arrangements with other sovereign mints followed, so that by the early 1990s, A-Mark had (and continues to have) relationships with all major sovereign mints offering bullion coins and bars internationally.

In 2005, A-Mark launched its Collateral Finance Corporation ("CFC") subsidiary for the purpose of making secured loans collateralized by bullion and numismatic material. CFC has been steadily expanding the value of its aggregate loan portfolio and number of its customers. CFC has achieved its growth through both origination and loan portfolio acquisitions that it has purchased from wholesale customers of A-Mark, which market to retail customers.

A-Mark opened an overseas office in Vienna, Austria in 2009, for the purpose of marketing its goods and services in the European markets, and the office commenced full trading activity in 2012. This resulted in the expansion of A-Mark's trading hours. Also in 2012, A-Mark formed Transcontinental Depository Services, LLC ("TDS"), a subsidiary that provides customers with turn-key global storage solutions for their precious metals and precious metal products.

In July 2015, we launched our Las Vegas-based logistics fulfillment center, A-M Global Logistics, LLC, which provides our customers a platform of complementary services, including packaging, shipping, handling, receiving, processing and inventorying of precious metals and custom coins on a secure basis.

Our minting operations commenced in August 2016, when we formed a joint venture, AM&ST Associates, LLC ("AMST"), with SilverTowne, L.P., an Indiana-based fabricator of silver bullion products, to acquire its minting business. We own a majority interest in AMST. Since the formation of AMST, the Company has invested in minting equipment and fabrication tools to expand output capabilities, increase production efficiencies and improve product quality, and has leveraged SilverTowne Mint's fabrication capabilities and coin die portfolio to expand our custom coin programs, as well as to introduce new custom products for individual customers.

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In August, 2017, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Goldline, LLC, a direct retailer of precious metals to the investor community, and now conducts those operations through its subsidiary Goldline, Inc. ("Goldline"). Goldline LLC was formed in 1960 and became well-known to collectors and investors for its world-wide distribution of gold, silver and platinum bullion coins and bars, in part, due to its radio, internet and television marketing and customer service outreach programs which have historically led to a significant base of repeat customers. Since our acquisition, Goldline has expanded its product offerings, improved its delivery times, and provided additional financing options to its customers Also, Goldline has initiated a customer service program to re-engage with Goldline LLC's inactive customers and has invested in technological solutions to reduce the cost of its customer service outreach programs. Furthermore, Goldline has implemented a scaled marketing approach to better align with varying levels of market demands, and has consolidated the predecessor-company's trading, hedging, distribution and customer service functions within A-Mark.

#### **Business Strategy**

Through strategic relationships with its customers and suppliers and vertical integration across its markets, A-Mark seeks to grow its business volume, expand its presence in non-U.S. markets around the globe, with a principal focus on Europe and Asia, and enlarge its offering of complementary products and services. A-Mark seeks to continue its expansion by building on its strengths and what it perceives to be its competitive advantages. These include:

- integrated operations that span trading, distribution, minting, storage, financing and other consignment products and services;
- an extensive and varied customer base that includes banks and other financial institutions, coin dealers, collectors,
- private investors, retail customers, investment advisors, industrial manufacturers, refiners, sovereign mints and mines;
- ability to offer secured financing to customers;
- secure storage for precious metals products;
- access to primary market makers, suppliers, refiners and government mints that provide a dependable supply of precious metals and precious metal products;
- minting operations which produce bullion and custom coins, allowing for a ready response to changing market demands;
- 24/7 trading over our interactive online trading platform;
- the largest precious metals dealer network in North America;
- depository relationships in major financial centers around the world;
- experienced traders who effectively manage A-Mark's exposure to commodity price risk; and
- a strong management team, with over 100 years of collective industry experience. Business Segments

The Company conducts its operations through three reportable segments: (1) Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services, (2) Secured Lending and (3) Direct Sales. Each of these reportable segments represents an aggregation of operating segments that meets the aggregation criteria set forth in the Segment Reporting Topic 280 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") (See Note 18).

Prior to the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2018, the operations of CFC, which now comprise our Secured Lending segment, had been considered part of the Wholesale Trading and & Ancillary Services segment.

Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

A-Mark operates through several business units that comprise the Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment, including Industrial, Coin and Bar, Trading and Finance, TDS, Logistics and Mint.

Industrial. Our Industrial unit sells gold, silver, platinum and palladium to industrial and commercial users. Customers include coin fabricators such as mints, industrial manufacturers and fabricators, including electronics, component parts companies, and refiners. Depending on the intended usage, the metals are either investment or industrial grade and are generally in the form of bars, or grains.

Coin and Bar. Our Coin and Bar unit deals in over 200 different products, including gold and silver coins from around the world and gold, silver, platinum and palladium bars and ingots in a variety of weights, shapes and sizes. Our customers include

coin and bullion dealers, banks and other financial institutions, commodity brokerage houses, manufacturers, investors, investment advisors, and collectors who qualify as "eligible commercial entities" and "eligible contract participants," as those terms are defined in the Commodity Exchange Act.

We are an authorized distributor (and, in the case of the United States Mint, an authorized purchaser) of gold and silver coins for all of the major sovereign mints and various private mints. The sovereign mints include the United States Mint, the Australian (Perth) Mint, the Austrian Mint, the Royal Canadian Mint, the China Mint, Banco de Mexico, the South African Mint (Rand Refinery) and the Royal Mint (United Kingdom). We purchase and take delivery of coins from the mints for resale to coin dealers, financial institutions and other qualified purchasers. Our distribution and purchase agreements with the mints are non-exclusive, and may be terminated by the mints at any time, although in practice our relationship with the mints are long-standing, in some cases, as with the U.S. Mint, extending back for over 20 years. In some cases, we have developed exclusive products with sovereign and private mints for distribution through our dealer network.

In our Industrial and Coin and Bar units, orders are taken telephonically and also on an electronic trading platform. Pricing is generally based on screen quotes for bullion transactions in the spot market, with two-day settlement, although special pricing and extended settlement terms are also available. For example, a customer can leave an order with A-Mark to purchase at a specified price below the current market price or an order to sell at a specified price above the current market price. Almost all customers in these units take physical delivery of the precious metal. Product is shipped upon receipt of payment, except where the purchase is financed under credit arrangements between A-Mark and the customer. We have relationships with precious metal depositories around the world to facilitate shipment of product from our inventory to these customers, in many cases for next day delivery. Product may either be shipped to the customer's location or delivered to a depository or other storage facility designated by the customer. The Company also periodically loans metals to customers on a short-term consignment basis, and may charge interest fees based on the value of the metals loaned. Such metal inventories are removed at the time the customers elect to price and purchase the metals, and the Company records a corresponding sale and receivable.

Trading and Finance. Our Trading and Finance units engage in commodity hedging as well as borrowing and lending transactions in support of our Industrial and Coin and Bar units.

The Trading unit hedges the commodity risk on A-Mark's inventory in order to protect A-Mark from market price fluctuations. A-Mark maintains relationships with major market-makers and multiple futures brokers in order to provide a variety of alternatives for its hedging needs. Our traders employ a combination of future and forward contracts to hedge our market exposure. Because it seeks to substantially hedge its market exposure, A-Mark believes that its business largely functions independently of the price movements of the underlying commodities. Through its hedging activities, A-Mark may also earn contango yields, in which futures price are higher than the spot prices, or backwardation yields, in which futures prices are lower than the spot prices. A-Mark also offers precious metals price quotes in a number of foreign currencies.

Our Finance unit engages in precious metals borrowing and lending transactions and other customized financial transactions with or on behalf of our customers and other counterparties. These arrangements range from simple hedging structures to complex inventory finance arrangements and forward purchase and sale structures, tailored to the needs of our customers.

TDS. Our Transcontinental Depository Services LLC. ("TDS") subsidiary provides storage solutions for precious metals and numismatic coins for financial institutions, dealers, investors and collectors worldwide. TDS contracts on behalf of our clients with independent secure storage facilities in the United States, Canada, Europe, Singapore and Hong Kong, for either fully segregated or allocated storage. We assist our clients in developing appropriate storage options for their particular requirements, and we manage the operational aspects of the storage with the third party facilities on our clients' behalf.

Logistics. Our A-M Global Logistics LLC. ("Logistics") subsidiary, located in Las Vegas, Nevada, supports our wholesale trading business by providing a significant amount of the secured storage, shipping and delivery services that had historically been outsourced to third-party depositories in their various locations. By consolidating those operations into one central location under our control, we have reduced our dependence on third-party service providers while enhancing quality control and reducing operating costs.

Logistics also provides turn-key logistics services to our customers engaged in the retail business. We provide these customers with one-stop financing (through our secured lending segment), hedging (through our trading and finance business units), inventory handling, packaging, storage and drop-shipping services.

Mint. In August 2016, the Company formed AM&ST ("Mint"), a joint venture with SilverTowne, L.P., an Indiana-based producer of minted silver. AMST acquired the entire minting operations (referred to as SilverTowne Mint or our "Mint" business unit) of SilverTowne, L.P., with the goal of providing greater product selection to our customers and greater pricing stability within the supply chain, as well as to gain increased access to fabricated silver products during volatile market environments. Since the acquisition, A-Mark has leveraged SilverTowne Mint's fabrication capabilities and coin die portfolio to expand its custom coin

programs, as well as to introduce new custom products for individual customers. As of June 30, 2018, the Company and SilverTowne, L.P. owned 55% and 45%, respectively, of AMST (see Note 19).

Secured Lending

The Company operates its Secured Lending segment through its wholly-owned subsidiary, CFC. CFC has been in operation since 2005.

CFC is a California licensed finance lender that originates and acquires commercial loans secured by bullion and numismatic coins. CFC's customers include coin and precious metal dealers, investors and collectors. As of June 30, 2018, CFC had approximately \$110.4 million in secured loans outstanding, of which approximately 67.6% was originated by third parties and acquired by CFC and approximately 32.4% was originated by CFC.

General. CFC's loans consist of on-demand loans and loans with a term of three months to 364 days, with a typical term of approximately six months. Repayment of the loans can be made at any time without penalty. Because the loans are of relatively short duration, CFC does not have significant exposure to interest rate fluctuations, even in a rising interest rate environment. Loans carried by CFC range in size from \$15,000 to \$10.0 million.

All loans are fully secured by bullion or numismatics coins (or in rare cases, by other acceptable collateral.) TDS, on behalf of CFC, takes physical custody of the coins or bullion collateralizing the loans. CFC requires loan-to-value ("LTV") ratios of between 50% and 85%. LTV ratio refers to the principal amount of the loan divided by the liquidation value of the collateral, as conservatively estimated by CFC for numismatic loans and based on daily spot market prices for bullion loans. The LTV ratio varies with the nature of the collateral, with CFC requiring, for example, a higher LTV ratio for bullion than for rare coins. If, because of fluctuations in the market price of the pledged collateral, the LTV ratio on a loan drops below a prescribed minimum ratio, typically 85%, CFC can make a margin call on the loan. If the borrower does not meet the margin call, either by wiring payment or supplying additional collateral, CFC is authorized to sell the collateral, which it does through its A-Mark affiliates. Because of its conservative lending practices, CFC has never experienced losses of principal on its loans.

CFC has historically financed its loan origination and acquisition activity through a demand line of credit with several financial institutions. In the fourth fiscal quarter of 2018, CFC announced its intention to engage in securitization financing, whereby it would issue privately placed notes secured by the loans that it owns and the bullion and numismatics collateralizing the loans.

Origination Activity. CFC's origination activities are complementary to the Company's coin and bullion businesses, and afford our customers a convenient means of financing their inventory or collections. CFC also attempts to leverage the worldwide storage capabilities of its TDS affiliate by offering clients TDS's asset protection services in connection with the loans. CFC's marketing efforts for its origination activity are conducted both in partnership with A-Mark, particularly with respect to dealers, and independently, including though its dedicated website cfccoinloans.com. Interest rates on loans originated by CFC are determined based on current market conditions, borrower profile and type or mix of collateral. CFC also offers a variety of custom loan services to its origination clients, including renewal options, options to increase loan size, financing arrangements tailored to facilitate participation in numismatic auctions, and revolving loan arrangements. CFC services the loans that it originates. Acquisition Activity. CFC also acquires portfolios of loans secured by bullion and numismatics coins from third party originators. The originators may be customers of A-Mark, who finance the purchases by their borrowers of precious metals and coins sourced by the originator, in whole or in part, from A-Mark. The loans acquired by CFC are sold subject to customary representations and warranties for loan portfolios of this type, and must comply with CFC's criteria for quality of collateral, LTV ratio, term and interest rate. Upon acquisition of a loan portfolio, CFC takes physical possession of the collateral securing the loans. In the event that a loan is non-performing, the collateral will typically be liquidated by A-Mark on behalf of the originator in order to retire the loan. Typically, loan portfolios acquired by CFC are serviced by the originator for a fee.

**Direct Sales** 

The Company operates its Direct Sales segment through its wholly-owned subsidiary Goldline Inc. ("Goldline"). The Company acquired the business in August 2017 through an asset purchase transaction with Goldline LLC. Goldline LLC had been in operation since 1960.

Direct-to-Client Sales. Goldline is a direct retailer of precious metals to the investor community. Goldline markets its precious metal products primarily on radio, the internet and television, as well as through telephonic sales efforts, particularly to Goldline's repeat customers. The Company acquired the Goldline business with the objective of enhancing the Company's distribution capabilities by adding a direct-to-client distribution channel. The Company also anticipated that the acquisition would diversify the product and services offering to Goldline customers, through access to the Company's wider assortment of precious metal coins and bars, CFC's secured lending services and TDS's storage and asset protection services. Since the acquisition, the Company has been focused on rationalizing the cost structure of the Goldline business to promote profitability.

Goldline customers are required to open an account with Goldline and enter into an account agreement. The agreement specifies the terms and conditions of purchase and explains the availability of certain programs and services offered by Goldline to its customers.

Liquidity

Our business depends substantially on our ability to obtain financing for our operations. The Company's line of credit provides it with the liquidity to buy and sell billions of dollars of precious metals annually. Additional sources of funds are generated through product financing arrangements with customers, whereby the Company sells its inventory with an option to repurchase, and through borrowing arrangements with its suppliers. In addition, the Company generates cash from earning interest income on secured loans and secured financing structures, and from other finance products.

## Market Making Activity

We act as a principal market maker, maintaining a two-way market for buying and selling precious metals. This means we both sell product to and purchase product from our customers.

#### Inventory

We maintain a substantial inventory of bullion and coins in order to provide our customers with selection and prompt delivery. We acquire product for our inventory in the course of our trading activities with our customers, directly from mints, mines and refiners and from commodities brokers and dealers, privately and in transactions on established commodity exchanges. Except for certain lower of cost or market products, our inventory is "marked to market" daily for accounting and financial reporting purposes.

#### Sales and Marketing

We market our products and services primarily through our offices in El Segundo, California and Vienna, Austria, our website and our dealer network, which we believe is the largest of its kind in North America. The dealer network consists of over 700 independent precious metal and coin companies, with whom we transact on a non-exclusive basis. The arrangements with the dealers vary, but generally the dealers acquire product from us for resale to their customers. In some instances, we deliver bullion to the dealers on a consignment basis. We also participate from time to time in trade shows and conventions, at which we promote our products and services. As a vertically integrated precious metals concern, a key element of our marketing strategy is being able to cross-sell our products and services to customers within our various business units.

#### **Operational Support**

The Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment maintains administrative and operational support at its headquarters in El Segundo, California. We believe that our existing administrative and operational support infrastructure has the capacity to scale up with our business activities. We store our inventories of bullion and numismatics at third party depositories in major financial centers around the world and at our facility in Las Vegas, Nevada. As of June 30, 2018, A-Mark has an uncommitted line of credit that provided us with access up to \$260.0 million, featuring a \$210.0 million base with a \$50.0 million accordion option, which it has used to fund substantially all of the operations of the Company.

The Secured Lending segment maintains administrative support at its headquarters in El Segundo, California for the processing of its originated loans, including billing of interest, managing margin calls and tracking of precious metal collateral. However, for the processing administration of loans that are acquired from a third-party (usually a customer of A-Mark), customer invoices are typically processed by the originating dealer of the loan portfolio, through a servicing arrangement, for a fee based on the interest rate charged to the end-consumer. The operational support (specifically, the collateral custody and security) is managed by our logistics business unit. Additionally, A-Mark provides funds to CFC to purchase additional bullion and numismatic secured loans.

The Direct Sales segment maintains administrative and operational support at its office in Los Angeles, California for soliciting and processing it retail orders. The Company's Trading, Finance and Logistics business units and secured lending segment provide supporting services such as hedging, order fulfillment and lending services.

With a third party software developer, we have created a proprietary trading program, referred to as the Metals Trading System ("MTS"). Through MTS we are able to input, process, track and document our trading activity, including complex hedging and similar transactions. Additionally, we have developed and implemented an electronic

trading platform for receiving and processing customer orders, with the objective of improving transactional ease and efficiency, and also extended trading hours.

**Supplier and Customer Concentrations** 

A-Mark buys a majority of its precious metals from a limited number of suppliers. The Company believes that numerous other suppliers are available and would provide similar products on comparable terms. In addition, through the Company's Mint business operation, it has the capabilities to design and mint silver custom bullion-coins to respond to changing market demands.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company had two customers, HSBC Bank USA and Mitsubishi Intl. Corporation, each comprising more than 10% of our revenues (see Note 17.) The Company's largest customers characteristically have significant forward contract sales activity (as opposed to those customers with whom we principally have physical trading activity), which are entered to hedge the Company's commodity holding risks, and not for speculative purposes.

#### Competition

A-Mark's activities cover a broad spectrum of the precious metals industry, with a concentration on the physical market. We service public, industrial and private sector consumers of precious metals which include industrial manufactures, refiners, minting facilities, banks, brokerage houses and private investors. We frequently face different competitors in each area and it is not uncommon for a customer and/or a supplier in one market segment to be a competitor in another. Our competitors may offer more favorable pricing or services considered to be superior to ours. Our Secured Lending segment's market is believed to have limited direct competition. We believe factors, including access to capital, secure storage facilities, bullion and numismatic expertise and other related services and offerings, provide us a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

Our Direct Sales' market environment is highly-competitive and highly-concentrated with a significant number of active loyal customers, from which we can expand product and service offerings and generate new customers from our sponsorship of syndicated radio and from acquired lists of marketing information.

Our competitors may offer more favorable pricing or services considered to be superior to ours.

## **Trading Seasonality**

While our precious metals trading business is not seasonal, we believe it is directly impacted by the perception of market trends and global economic activity. Historically, anticipation of increases in the rate of inflation, interest rates as well as anticipated devaluation of the U.S. dollar, have resulted in higher levels of interest in precious metals as well as higher prices for such metals.

## **Employees**

As of June 30, 2018, we had 188 employees, with 186 located in North America, and two located in Europe; all except eight of these employees were considered full-time employees. We regard our relations with our employees as good. Corporate Information

A-Mark was founded in 1965 as a New York corporation. In January 2014, the Company was reincorporated in Delaware. Our executive offices are located at 2121 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 6300, El Segundo CA 90245. Our telephone number is (310) 587-1477, and our website is www.amark.com. Through this website, we make available, free of charge, all of our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including those under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"). Such reports are made available on the same day that they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. In addition, copies of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Employees, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Senior Financial and Other Officers, and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Directors are available through this website, along with other information regarding our corporate governance policies.

## Geographic Information

See Note 18 in the accompanying consolidated financial statements for information about Company's geographic operations.

#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Risks Relating to Our Business Generally

Our business is heavily dependent on our credit facility.

Our business depends substantially on our ability to obtain financing for our operations. The Trading Credit Facility (as further described and defined below) provides the Company with the liquidity to buy and sell billions of dollars of precious metals annually. The Trading Credit Facility is an uncommitted demand facility provided by a syndicate of financial institutions (the "Trading Credit Lenders"), and is currently scheduled to mature on March 29, 2019. A-Mark routinely uses funds drawn under the Trading Credit Facility to purchase metals from its suppliers and for operating cash flow purposes. Our CFC subsidiary also uses the funds drawn under the Trading Credit Facility to finance its lending activities.

Pursuant to the terms of the Trading Credit Facility, each Trading Credit Lender may, at any time in its sole discretion (subject to certain notice requirements), decline to make loans to us. If we are unable to access funds under the Trading Credit Facility, we may be limited in the manner in which we conduct our business and we may be unable to engage in favorable business activities or finance future operations or capital needs.

The Trading Credit Facility requires us to maintain certain financial ratios and to comply with various operational and other covenants. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Trading Credit Facility that was not cured or waived pursuant to the terms of the Trading Credit Facility, the Trading Credit Lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the Trading Credit Facility to be due and payable immediately. Further, Trading Credit Lenders holding 50% or more of the indebtedness under the Trading Credit Facility may require us to repay all outstanding indebtedness under the Trading Credit Facility at any time, even if we are in compliance with the financial and other covenants under the Trading Credit Facility.

We cannot assure you that our assets or cash flow would be sufficient to fully repay borrowings under our outstanding debt instruments, including the Trading Credit Facility, upon demand or acceleration, or at maturity, or that we would be able to refinance or restructure the payments under the Trading Credit Facility. The failure of A-Mark to renew or replace the Trading Credit Facility under such circumstances would reduce the financing available to us and could limit our ability to conduct our business, including the lending activity of our CFC subsidiary. There can be no assurance that we could procure replacement financing on commercially acceptable terms on a timely basis, or at all. We have pledged a significant portion of our assets as collateral under the Trading Credit Facility, and if we were unable to repay the amounts outstanding thereunder, the administrative agent under the Trading Credit Facility could proceed against the collateral granted to secure such indebtedness.

We are subject to fluctuations in interest rates based on the variable interest terms of the Trading Credit Facility and we may not be able to pass along to our customers and borrowers some or any part of an increase in the interest that we are required to pay under the Trading Credit Facility. Amounts under the Trading Credit Facility bear interest based on one month LIBOR plus (i) 2.50% for revolving credit line loans and (ii) 4.50% for loans extended in excess of the then-available revolving credit line. The LIBOR was approximately 2.09% as of June 30, 2018. In addition to the Trading Credit Facility, we have incurred the Goldline Credit Facility to finance the Goldline acquisition. The obligations of the Company and Goldline pursuant to the Goldline Credit Facility are subordinated to the obligations of the Company pursuant to the Trading Credit Facility as set forth in certain subordination agreements executed in connection with the Goldline Credit Facility (the "Goldline Subordination Agreements"), and the Goldline Credit Facility requires us to comply with various operational and other covenants. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Goldline Credit Facility that is not cured or waived pursuant to the terms of the Goldline Credit Facility, the lenders holding a majority of the loans under the Goldline Credit Facility then outstanding could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the Goldline Credit Facility to be due and payable immediately, subject to the requirements of the Goldline Subordination Agreements, as applicable. We have pledged substantially all of the assets of Goldline as collateral under the Goldline Credit Facility, and if we were unable to repay the amounts outstanding thereunder, the lenders under the Goldline Credit Facility could proceed against the collateral granted to secure such indebtedness, subject to the Goldline Subordination Agreements, as applicable. We cannot assure you that the assets or cash flow available to Goldline would be sufficient to fully repay the borrowings under the Goldline Credit Facility, upon demand or acceleration, or at maturity, or that we would be able to refinance or restructure the payments under the Goldline Credit Facility. Further, the incurrence of the Goldline Credit Facility increases the risks as a result of our

We could suffer losses with our financing operations.

We engage in a variety of financing activities with our customers:

Receivables from our customers with whom we trade in precious metal products are effectively short-term, non-interest bearing extensions of credit that are, in certain cases, secured by the related products maintained in the Company's possession or by a letter of credit issued on behalf of the customer. On average, these receivables are outstanding for periods of between 8 and 9 days.

The Company operates a financing business through CFC that makes secured loans at loan-to-value ratios—principal loan amount divided by the liquidation value, as conservatively estimated by management, of the collateral—of, in most cases, 50% to 85%. These loans are both variable and fixed interest rate loans, with maturities from three to twelve months.

We make advances to our customers on unrefined metals secured by materials received from the customer. These advances are limited to a portion of the materials received.

The Company makes unsecured, short-term, non-interest bearing advances to wholesale metals dealers and government mints.

The Company periodically extends short-term credit through the issuance of notes receivable to approved customers at interest rates determined on a customer-by-customer basis.

Our ability to minimize losses on the credit that we extend to our customers depends on a variety of factors, including:

our loan underwriting and other credit policies and controls designed to assure repayment, which may prove inadequate to prevent losses;

our ability to sell collateral upon customer defaults for amounts sufficient to offset credit losses, which can be affected by a number of factors outside of our control, including (i) changes in economic conditions, (ii) increases in market rates of interest and (iii) changes in the condition or value of the collateral; and

the reserves we establish for loan losses, which may prove inadequate.

Our business is dependent on a concentrated customer base.

One of A-Mark's key assets is its customer base. This customer base provides deep distribution of product and makes A-Mark a desirable trading partner for precious metals product manufacturers, including sovereign mints seeking to distribute precious metals coinage or large refiners seeking to sell large volumes of physical precious metals. Two customers represented 49.3% of A-Mark's revenues for the year ended June 30, 2018. Those same two customers represented 38.2% of A-Mark's revenues for the year ended June 30, 2017. If our relationship with these customers deteriorated, or if we were to lose these customers, our business would be materially adversely affected. The loss of a government purchaser/distributorship arrangement could materially adversely affect our business. A-Mark's business is heavily dependent on its purchaser/distributorship arrangements with various governmental mints. Our ability to offer numismatic coins and bars to our customers on a competitive basis is based on the ability to purchase products directly from a government source. The arrangements with the governmental mints may be discontinued by them at any time. The loss of an authorized purchaser/distributor relationship, including with the U.S. Mint could have a material adverse effect on our business.

The materials held by A-Mark are subject to loss, damage, theft or restriction on access.

A-Mark has significant quantities of high-value precious metals on site, at third-party depositories and in transit. There is a risk that part or all of the gold and other precious metals held by A-Mark, whether on its own behalf or on behalf of its customers, could be lost, damaged or stolen. In addition, access to A-Mark's precious metals could be restricted by natural events (such as an earthquake) or human actions (such as a terrorist attack). Although we maintain insurance on terms and conditions that we consider appropriate, we may not have adequate sources of recovery if our precious metals inventory is lost, damaged, stolen or destroyed, and recovery may be limited. Among other things, our insurance policies exclude coverage in the event of loss as a result of terrorist attacks or civil unrest. In addition, with the establishment of our Logistics facility and the transfer of our wholesale storage operations from third party depositories to that facility, we are assuming greater potential liability for any loss suffered in connection with the stored inventory. Among other things, our insurance, rather than the third-party depository's, is now the primary risk policy. While we believe we have adequate insurance coverage covering these operations, in the event of any loss in excess of our coverage, we may be held liable for that excess.

Our business is subject to the risk of fraud and counterfeiting.

The precious metals (particularly bullion) business is exposed to the risk of loss as a result of "materials fraud" in its various forms. We seek to minimize our exposure to this type of fraud through a number of means, including third-party authentication and verification, reliance on our internal experts and the establishment of procedures designed to detect fraud. However, there can be no assurance that we will be successful in preventing or identifying this type of fraud, or in obtaining redress in the event such fraud is detected.

Our business is influenced by political conditions and world events.

The precious metals business is especially subject to global political conditions and world events. Precious metals are viewed by some as a secure financial investment in times of political upheaval or unrest, particularly in developing economies, which may drive up pricing. The volatility of the commodity prices for precious metals is also likely to increase in politically uncertain times. Conversely, during periods of relative international calm precious metal volatility is likely to decrease, along with demand, and the prices of precious metals may retreat. Because our business is dependent on the volatility and pricing of precious metals, we are likely to be influenced by world events more than businesses in other economic sectors.

We have significant operations outside the United States.

We derive about 5% to 10% of our revenues from business outside the United States, including from customers in developing countries. Business operations outside the U.S. are subject to political, economic and other risks inherent

in operating in foreign countries. These include risks of general applicability, such as the need to comply with multiple regulatory regimes;

trade protection measures and import or export licensing requirements; and fluctuations in equity, revenues and profits due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Currently, we do not conduct substantial business with customers in developing countries. However, if our business in these areas of the world were to increase, we would also face risks that are particular to developing countries, including the difficulty of enforcing agreements, collecting receivables, protecting inventory and other assets through foreign legal systems, limitations on the repatriation of earnings, currency devaluation and manipulation of exchange rates, and high levels of inflation.

We try to manage these risks by monitoring current and anticipated political, economic, legal and regulatory developments in the countries outside the United States in which we operate or have customers and adjusting operations as appropriate, but there can be no assurance that the measures we adopt will be successful in protecting the Company's business interests.

We are dependent on our key management personnel and our trading experts.

Our performance is dependent on our senior management and certain other key employees. We have employment agreements with Greg Roberts, our CEO, and Thor Gjerdrum, our President, which expire on June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. These and other employees have expertise in the trading markets, have industry-wide reputations, and perform critical functions for our business. We cannot offer assurance that we will be able to negotiate acceptable terms for the renewal of the employment agreements or otherwise retain our key employees. Also, there is significant competition for skilled precious metals traders and other industry professionals. The loss of our current key officers and employees, without the ability to replace them, would have a materially adverse effect on our business.

We are focused on growing our business, but there is no assurance that we will be successful.

We expect to grow both organically and through opportunistic acquisitions. We have devoted considerable time, resources and efforts over the past few years to our growth strategy. We may not be successful in implementing our growth initiatives, which could adversely affect our business.

Liquidity constraints may limit our ability to grow our business.

To accomplish our growth strategy, we will require adequate sources of liquidity to fund both our existing business and our expansion activity. Currently, our main sources of liquidity are the cash that we generate from operations and our borrowing availability under the Trading Credit Facility. There can be no assurance that these sources will be adequate to support the growth that we are hoping to achieve or that additional sources of financing for this purpose, in the form of additional debt or equity financing, will be available to us, on satisfactory terms or at all. Also, the Trading Credit Facility contains, and any future debt financing is likely to contain, various financial and other restrictive covenants. The need to comply with these covenants may limit our ability to implement our growth initiatives.

We expect to grow in part through acquisitions, but an acquisition strategy entails risks.

We expect to grow in part through acquisitions. We will consider potential acquisitions of varying sizes and may, on a selective basis, pursue acquisitions or consolidation opportunities involving other public companies or privately held companies. However, it is possible that we will not realize the expected benefits from our acquisitions or that our existing operations will be adversely affected as a result of acquisitions. Acquisitions entail certain risks, including: unrecorded liabilities of acquired companies that we fail to discover during our due diligence investigations; difficulty in assimilating the operations and personnel of the acquired company within our existing operations or in maintaining uniform standards; loss of key employees of the acquired company; and strains on management and other personnel time and resources both to research and integrate acquisitions.

We expect to pay for future acquisitions using cash, capital stock, notes and/or assumption of indebtedness. To the extent that our existing sources of cash are not sufficient to fund future acquisitions, we will require additional debt or equity financing and, consequently, our indebtedness may increase or shareholders may be diluted as we implement our growth strategy.

Our Logistics depository is subject to authorization.

Our Trading Credit Lenders have approved our Logistics facility as an authorized depository. If that approval were to be withdrawn for any reason, we would no longer be able to keep inventory at that location, which would substantially limit our ability to conduct business from that facility.

We are subject to laws and regulations.

We are subject to various laws, litigation, regulatory matters and ethical standards, and our failure to comply with or adequately address developments as they arise could adversely affect our reputation and operations. Our policies, procedures and practices and the technology we implement are designed to comply with federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules and regulations, including those imposed by the SEC and other regulatory agencies, the marketplace, the banking industry and foreign countries, as well as responsible business, social and environmental practices, all of which may change from time to time. Significant legislative changes, including those that relate to employment matters and health care reform, could impact our relationship with

our workforce, which could increase our expenses and adversely affect our operations. In addition, if we fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations or implement responsible business, social and environmental practices, we could be subject to damage to our reputation, class action lawsuits, legal and settlement costs, civil and criminal liability, increased cost of regulatory compliance, restatements of our financial statements, disruption of our business and loss of customers. Any required changes to our employment practices could result in the loss of employees, reduced sales, increased employment costs, low employee morale and harm to our business and results of operations. In addition, political and economic factors could lead to unfavorable changes in federal and state tax laws, which may increase our tax liabilities. An increase in our tax liabilities could adversely affect our results of operations. We are also regularly involved in various litigation matters that arise in the ordinary course of business. Litigation or regulatory developments could adversely affect our business and financial condition.

There are various federal, state, local and foreign laws, ordinances and regulations that affect our trading business. For example, we are required to comply with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and a variety of anti-money laundering and know-your-customer rules in response to the USA Patriot Act.

The SEC has promulgated rules mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act regarding disclosure, on an annual basis, of the use of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold, known as conflict minerals, in products manufactured by public companies. These rules require due diligence to determine whether such minerals originated from the Democratic Republic of Congo (the "DRC") or an adjoining country and whether such minerals helped finance the armed conflict in the DRC. The Company has concluded that it is not currently subject to the conflict minerals rules because it is not a manufacturer of conflict minerals under the definitions set forth in the rules. Depending on developments in the Company's business, it could become subject to the rules at some point in the future. In that event, there will be costs associated with complying with these disclosure requirements, including costs to determine the origin of gold used in our products. In addition, the implementation of these rules could adversely affect the sourcing, supply and pricing of gold used in our products. Also, we may face disqualification as a supplier for customers and reputational challenges if the due diligence procedures we implement do not enable us to verify the origins for the gold used in our products or to determine that the gold is conflict free.

CFC operates under a California Finance Lenders License issued by the California Department of Corporations. CFC is required to submit a finance lender law annual report to the state which summarizes certain loan portfolio and financial information regarding CFC. The Department of Corporations may audit the books and records of CFC to determine whether CFC is in compliance with the terms of its lending license.

There can be no assurance that the regulation of our trading and lending businesses will not increase or that compliance with the applicable regulations will not become more costly or require us to modify our business practices.

The recently passed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is expected to have a significant impact on us.

Significant judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes. Various internal and external factors may have favorable or unfavorable effects on our future provision for income taxes, income taxes receivable, and our effective income tax rate. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in tax laws, regulations and/or rates, including the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. On December 22, 2017, the comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act") was signed into law. The Tax Act significantly changes how the U.S. taxes corporations. The Tax Act requires complex computations to be performed, significant judgments to be made in interpretation of the provisions of the Tax Act and significant estimates in calculations, and the preparation and analysis of information not previously relevant or regularly produced. The U.S. Treasury Department, the IRS, and other standard-setting bodies could interpret or issue guidance on how provisions of the Tax Act will be applied or otherwise administered that is different from our interpretation. We have not completed our accounting for the estimated tax effects of the Tax Act. We recorded a provisional net charge of \$1.2 million based on reasonable estimates for those tax effects. Due to the timing of the enactment and the complexity in applying the provisions of the Tax Act, the provisional net charge is subject to revisions as we continue to complete our analysis, collect, and prepare necessary data, and interpret additional guidance.

With respect to deferred tax assets (net of deferred tax liabilities) that are in existence as of the enactment date of the Tax Act (i.e., valued using a 35.0% federal tax rate), the Company has been negatively impacted by the (1) new

corporate tax rates, and (2) the effective date of the new provision, which precludes taxpayers from carrying net operating losses (NOLs) back to prior taxable years. This is because the realization of deferred taxes during the second half of fiscal year 2018 against taxable income will be realized at a lower 28.06% blended tax rate. Further, to the extent the realization of such deferred tax assets exceed such taxable income, resulting in an NOL, such NOL can no longer be carried back to a prior tax year and can only be carried forward to subsequent years for realization at a 21.0% tax rate. This is also applicable to the extent realization of deferred taxes are not until the subsequent year.

We operate in a highly competitive industry.

The business of buying and selling precious metals is global and highly competitive. The Company competes with precious metals trading firms and banks throughout North America, Europe and elsewhere in the world, some of whom have greater financial and other resources, and greater name recognition, than the Company. We believe that, as a full service firm devoted exclusively to precious metals trading, we offer pricing, product availability, execution, financing alternatives and storage options that are attractive to our customers and allow us to compete effectively. We also believe that our purchaser/distributorship arrangements with various governmental mints give us a competitive advantage in our coin distribution business. However, given the global reach of the precious metals trading business, the absence of intellectual property protections and the availability of numerous, evolving platforms for trading in precious metals, we cannot assure you that A-Mark will be able to continue to compete successfully or that future developments in the industry will not create additional competitive challenges.

We rely extensively on computer systems to execute trades and process transactions, and we could suffer substantial damages if the operation of these systems were interrupted.

We rely on our computer and communications hardware and software systems to execute a large volume of trading transactions each year. It is therefore critical that we maintain uninterrupted operation of these systems, and we have invested considerable resources to protect our systems from physical compromise and security breaches and to maintain backup and redundancy. Nevertheless, our systems are subject to damage or interruption from power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, security breaches, including breaches of our transaction processing or other systems, catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes and hurricanes, and usage errors by our employees. If our systems are breached, damaged or cease to function properly, we may have to make a significant investment to fix or replace them, we may suffer interruptions in our ability to provide quotations or trading services in the interim, and we may face costly litigation.

If our customer data were breached, we could suffer damages and loss of reputation.

By the nature of our business, we maintain significant amounts of customer data on our systems. Moreover, certain third party providers have access to confidential data concerning the Company in the ordinary course of their business relationships with the Company. In recent years, various companies, including companies that are significantly larger than us, have reported breaches of their computer systems that have resulted in the compromise of customer data. Any compromise or breach of customer or company data held or maintained by either the Company or our third party providers could significantly damage our reputation and result in costs, lost trades, fines and lawsuits. The regulatory environment related to information security and privacy is increasingly rigorous, with new and constantly changing requirements applicable to our business, and compliance with those requirements could result in additional costs. There is no guarantee that the procedures that we have implemented to protect against unauthorized access to secured data are adequate to safeguard against all data security breaches.

Compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation in the EU could increase our costs and expose the Company to possible sanctions for violation.

In 2016, the EU adopted a comprehensive overhaul of its data protection regime from the current national legislative approach to a single European Economic Area Privacy Regulation, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), which went into effect in May 2018. The EU data protection regime expands the scope of the EU data protection law to all foreign companies processing personal data of EU residents, imposes a strict data protection compliance regime with severe penalties of up to the greater of 4% of worldwide turnover or €20 million, and includes new rights such as the "portability" of personal data. Although the GDPR will apply across the EU without a need for local implementing legislation, EU member states have the ability to interpret the GDPR opening clauses, which permit region-specific data protection legislation and have the potential to create inconsistencies on a country-by-country basis. The Company has a trading office in Vienna, Austria and also markets to customers in the EU. Although our European operations are currently modest compared to our business in the United States, our European business could grow over time. We have evaluated the new regulation and its requirements, and believe we are currently in compliance with the GDPR in all material respects. Going forward, however, the expansion of our European operations could require us to change our business practices and may increase the costs and complexity of compliance. Also, a violation by the Company of the new regulation could expose us to penalties and sanctions under

the regulation.

Our implementation of a new enterprise resource planning ("ERP") system may adversely affect our business and results of operations or the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting.

We are currently implementing a new ERP system. ERP implementations are complex and time-consuming projects that involve substantial expenditures on system software and implementation activities over a significant period of time. If we do not effectively implement the ERP system or if the system does not operate as intended, it could adversely affect our financial reporting systems and our ability to produce financial reports, the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, and our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We have in the past engaged, and continue to engage, in transactions with Stack's Bowers, an affiliate of the Company, which could be perceived as not being made at arms-length.

Stack's-Bowers Numismatics LLC ("Stack's Bowers"), which is primarily engaged in the business of auctions of high-value and rare coins and in coin retailing, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SGI, our former parent. We have engaged in the past, and continue to engage, in transactions with Stack's Bowers, some of which are presently on-going. These transactions include secured lending transactions in which Stack's Bowers is the borrower, and other transactions involving the purchase and sale of rare coins. The Company and SGI have two officers and a director in common. In addition, a majority of the board of directors of the Company has retained an ownership interest in SGI that in the aggregate represents a controlling interest in SGI. All transactions between the Company and Stack's Bowers are approved by our Audit Committee, and we believe that all such transactions are on terms no less favorable to the Company than would be obtained from an unaffiliated third party. Nonetheless, these transactions could be perceived as being conflicted.

Risks Related to Our Acquisition of the Goldline Assets

We expect that our recent acquisition of the assets of Goldline, LLC will grow our business and create opportunities from cross-selling, but there is no assurance that this will be the case.

On August 28, 2017, we consummated the acquisition of the assets of Goldline, LLC, a leading direct retailer of precious metals to the investor community. We believe that the acquisition represents an attractive opportunity to expand our suite of integrated precious metals businesses into the direct-to-client space. We also believe that the acquisition has provided an opportunity to cross-sell our products and services to Goldline's broad, high-end customer base, for example utilization of our precious coin and metal storage services at our secured Las Vegas, Nevada facility. Nevertheless, there is no assurance that we will be successful in conducting a retail bullion business. For example, the success of this business will require that we continue to maintain the loyalty of a large, widely disseminated customer base, and could depend on our ability to anticipate and appropriately respond to changing attitudes of consumers to investment in precious metals. There also can be no assurance that we will be successful in our efforts to cross-sell other products and services to the Goldline client base. If the Goldline business does not succeed as we anticipate, or if we are required to make significant additional investment in the Goldline business in order to maintain or expand the business, our results of operation and liquidity could be adversely affected, which could in turn cause us to be in violation of one or more covenants under the Trading Credit Facility.

The Company may incur unanticipated costs integrating the Goldline business into our operations.

In order to fully achieve the anticipated benefits and synergies of our acquisition of the assets of Goldline, LLC, we will need to continue to integrate the Goldline business, which is now being conducted through a separate subsidiary of the Company, with our existing operations. The former executive vice president of Goldline, LLC, has assumed the role of President of our Goldline subsidiary, and we expect that with his experience and expertise, we will be able to align the Goldline business with our existing operations with a minimum amount of delay and disruption. We cannot assure you that this will be the case, however, and the integration process may take longer, may be more costly, and may require more time and attention of senior management than we anticipate. If that were the case, the benefits that we hope to achieve from the acquisition may not be realized in the time frame we anticipate or at all. Goldline's prior marketing practices could generate adverse publicity for the Company.

In 2011, Goldline and a number of its executives were the subject to a criminal complaint in Santa Monica, California regarding the company's marketing practices and in February 2012, Goldline settled the action against it by agreeing to refund \$4.5 million to its customers. Key members of management were replaced at about the time of the settlement, and, as required by the terms of a related injunction, Goldline eliminated the offending aspects of its sales operations that were the subject of the legal action against it. The injunction expired in early 2017. We believe that in the five years since the criminal action was settled, Goldline has reestablished its reputation as a trusted, premier retailer of precious metals. Nonetheless, it is possible that Goldline's past businesses issues may continue to have reputational consequences for the Goldline business, and following our acquisition of Goldline, could generate adverse publicity for the Company.

#### Risks Relating to Commodities

A-Mark's business is heavily influenced by volatility in commodities prices.

A primary driver of A-Mark's profitability is volatility in commodities prices, which leads to wider bid and ask spreads. Among the factors that can impact the price of precious metals are supply and demand of precious metals; political, economic, and global financial events; movement of the U.S. dollar versus other currencies; and the activity of large speculators such as hedge funds. If commodity prices were to stagnate, there would likely be a reduction in trading activity, resulting in less demand for the services A-Mark provides, which could materially adversely affect our business, liquidity and results of operations.

This volatility may drive fluctuation of our revenues, as a consequence of which our results for any one period may not be indicative of the results to be expected for any other period. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

Our business is exposed to commodity price risks, and our hedging activity to protect our inventory is subject to risks of default by our counterparties.

A-Mark's precious metals inventories are subject to market value changes created by change in the underlying commodity price, as well as supply and demand of the individual products the Company trades. In addition, open sale and purchase commitments are subject to changes in value between the date the purchase or sale is fixed (the trade date) and the date metal is delivered or received (the settlement date). A-Mark seeks to minimize the effect of price changes of the underlying commodity through the use of financial derivative instruments, such as forward and futures contracts. A-Mark's policy is to remain substantially hedged as to its inventory position and its individual sale and purchase commitments. A-Mark's management monitors its hedged exposure daily. However, there can be no assurance that these hedging activities will be adequate to protect the Company against commodity price risks associated with A-Mark's business activities.

Furthermore, even if we are fully hedged as to any given position, there is the risk of default by our counterparties to the hedge. Any such default could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations. Increased commodity pricing could limit the inventory that we are able to carry.

We maintain a large and varied inventory of precious metal products, including bullion and coins, in order to support our trading activities and provide our customers with superior service. The amount of inventory that we are able to carry is constrained by the borrowing limitations and working capital covenants under the Trading Credit Facility. If commodity prices were to rise substantially, and we were unable to modify the terms of the Trading Credit Facility to compensate for the increase, the quantity of product that we could finance, and hence maintain in our inventory, would fall. This would likely have a material adverse effect on our operations.

The Dodd-Frank Act could adversely impact our use of derivative instruments to hedge precious metal prices and may have other adverse effects on our business.

On July 21, 2010, former President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which requires the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to promulgate rules and regulations implementing the new legislation, including with respect to derivative contracts on commodities. This legislation and any implementing regulations could significantly increase the cost of some commodity derivative contracts (including through requirements to post collateral, which could adversely affect our available liquidity), materially alter the terms of some commodity derivative contracts, reduce the availability of some derivatives to protect against risks, reduce our ability to monetize or restructure our existing commodity derivative contracts and potentially increase our exposure to less creditworthy counterparties. If we reduce our use of derivatives as a result of the Dodd-Frank legislation and regulations, we would be exposed to inventory and other risks associated with fluctuations in commodity prices. Also, if the Dodd-Frank legislation and regulations reduces volatility in commodity prices, our revenues could be adversely affected.

We rely on the efficient functioning of commodity exchanges around the world, and disruptions on these exchanges could adversely affect our business.

The Company buys and sells precious metals contracts on commodity exchanges around the world, both in support of its customer operations and to hedge its inventory and transactional exposure against fluctuations in commodity prices. The Company's ability to engage in these activities would be compromised if the exchanges on which the

Company trades or any of their clearinghouses were to discontinue operations or to experience disruptions in trading, due to computer problems, unsettled markets or other factors. The Company may also experience risk of loss if futures commission merchants or commodity brokers with whom the Company deals were to become insolvent or bankrupt.

#### Risks Relating to Our Common Stock

Public company costs have increased our expenses and administrative burden, in particular in order to maintain our Company's compliance with certain provisions of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.

As a public company, we are incurring significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. These increased costs and expenses may arise from various factors, including financial reporting costs associated with complying with federal securities laws (including compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).

Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and related regulations implemented by the SEC and NASDAQ have created uncertainty for public companies, increasing legal and financial compliance costs and making some activities more time consuming. We are currently evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to new and proposed rules and cannot predict or estimate the amount of the additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs. Applicable laws, regulations and standards are subject to varying interpretations, in many cases due to their lack of specificity, and, as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies. This could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices. We continue to invest resources to comply with evolving laws, regulations and standards, and this investment may result in increased selling, general and administrative expenses and a diversion of management's time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities. If our efforts to comply with new laws, regulations and standards differ from the activities intended by regulatory or governing bodies due to ambiguities related to practice, regulatory authorities may initiate legal proceedings against us and our business may be harmed.

Failure to achieve and maintain effective internal controls in accordance with Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley could have a material adverse effect on our business.

As a public company, we are required to document and test our internal control over financial reporting in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley, which requires annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting.

We are required to implement standalone policies and procedures to comply with the requirements of Section 404. During the course of our testing of our internal controls and procedures, we may identify deficiencies which we may not be able to remediate in time to comply with Section 404. Testing and maintaining internal controls can divert our management's attention from other matters that are also important to the operation of our business. We also expect that these regulations will continue to increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more difficult, time consuming and costly. We may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404. If we are unable to conclude that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting, then investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information, which would likely have a negative effect on the trading price of our common stock. In addition, if we do not maintain effective internal controls, we may not be able to accurately report our financial information on a timely basis, which could harm the trading price of our common stock, impair our ability to raise additional capital, or jeopardize our continued listing on the NASDAQ Global Select Market or any other stock exchange on which common stock may be listed.

We recently suspended our dividend payments and may not be able to continue to pay dividends.

Effective March 2, 2015, the Board of Directors approved a cash dividend policy calling for the payment of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per common share. The policy was amended on February 2, 2016 to provide for a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.07 per common share, and then on January 26, 2017 to provide for a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per common share.

The Board of Directors determined to suspend the Company's quarterly dividend for both the third and fourth fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018, in order to increase its financial flexibility and strengthen its balance sheet. Going forward, the Board of Directors will re-assess its capital resources and may or may not determine to reinstate the dividend based on that assessment.

The declaration of cash dividends in the future is subject to the determination each quarter by the Board of Directors, based on a number of factors, including the Company's financial performance, available cash resources, cash requirements, bank covenants, and alternative uses of cash that the Board of Directors may conclude would represent an opportunity to generate a greater return on investment for the Company. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Company will resume paying dividends on a regular basis. If the Board of Directors were to determine not to pay dividends in the future, shareholders would not receive any further return on an investment in our capital stock in the form of dividends, and may obtain an economic benefit from the common stock only after an increase in its trading price and only by selling the common stock.

Provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and of Delaware law may prevent or delay an acquisition of the Company, which could decrease the trading price of our common stock.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and Delaware law contain certain anti-takeover provisions that could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from attempting to acquire, control of the Company without negotiating with our board of directors. Such provisions could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for the Company's securities. Certain of such provisions allow the Company to issue preferred stock with rights senior to those of the common stock, impose various procedural and other requirements which could make it more difficult for Shareholders to effect certain corporate actions and set forth rules regarding how shareholders may present proposals or nominate directors for election at shareholder meetings.

We believe these provisions protect our shareholders from coercive or otherwise unfair takeover tactics by requiring potential acquirers to negotiate with our Board of Directors and by providing our Board of Directors with more time to assess any acquisition proposal. However, these provisions apply even if an acquisition offer may be considered beneficial by some shareholders and could delay or prevent an acquisition that our Board of Directors determines is not in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders. Accordingly, in the event that our board determines that a potential business combination transaction is not in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders, but certain shareholders believe that such a transaction would be beneficial to the Company and its Shareholders, such Shareholders may elect to sell their shares in the Company and the trading price of our common stock could decrease. Your percentage ownership in the Company could be diluted in the future.

Your percentage ownership in A-Mark potentially could be diluted in the future because of additional equity awards that we expect will be granted to our directors, officers and employees. We have established an equity incentive plan that provides for the grant of common stock-based equity awards to our directors, officers and other employees. In addition, we may issue equity in order to raise capital or in connection with future acquisitions and strategic investments, which could dilute your percentage ownership.

Our board and management beneficially own a sizeable percentage of our common stock and therefore have the ability to exert substantial influence as shareholders.

Members of our board and management beneficially own approximately 40% of our outstanding common stock. Acting together in their capacity as shareholders, the board members and management could exert substantial influence over matters on which a shareholder vote is required, such as the approval of business combination transactions. Also because of the size of their beneficial ownership, the board members and management may be in a position effectively to determine the outcome of the election of directors and the vote on shareholder proposals. The concentration of beneficial ownership in the hands of our board and management may therefore limit the ability of our public shareholders to influence the affairs of the Company.

If the Company's spinoff from SGI is determined to be taxable for U.S. federal income tax purposes, our shareholders could incur significant U.S. federal income tax liabilities.

In connection with the spinoff, SGI received the written opinion of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP ("Kramer Levin") to the effect that the spinoff qualified as a tax-free transaction under Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that for U.S. federal income tax purposes (i) no gain or loss was recognized by SGI upon the distribution of our common stock in the spinoff, and (ii) no gain or loss was recognized by, and no amount was included in the income of, holders of SGI common stock upon the receipt of shares of our common stock in the spinoff. The opinion of tax counsel is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts, and there is no assurance that the IRS or a

court will not take a contrary position. In addition, the opinion of Kramer Levin relied on certain representations and covenants delivered by SGI and us. If, notwithstanding the conclusions included in the opinion, it is ultimately determined that the distribution does not qualify as tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes, each SGI shareholder that is subject to U.S. federal income tax and that received shares of our common stock in the distribution could be treated as receiving a taxable distribution in an amount equal to the fair market value of such shares. In addition, if the distribution were not to qualify as tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes, then SGI would recognize a gain in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of our common stock distributed to SGI shareholders on the date of the distribution over SGI's tax basis in such shares. Also, we could have an indemnification obligation to SGI related to its tax liability.

#### ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

#### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

As of June 30, 2018, the Company owned or leased properties in El Segundo, California; Los Angeles, California; Las Vegas. Nevada; Winchester, Indiana; and Vienna, Austria, as described below:

| Location                   | General Use of Facility  | Square<br>Footage | Ownership  | Lease<br>Term/Expiration |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| El Segundo,<br>California  | Corporate headquarters, trading desk, secured lending and back-office operations | 9,000             | Leased     | March 2026               |
| Los Angeles,<br>California | Direct Sales Operations  | 21,500            | Leased (1) | February 2022            |
| Las Vegas,<br>Nevada       | Storage and fulfillment logistics operations                                     | 17,600            | Leased     | April 2025               |
| Winchester,<br>Indiana     | Minting operations   | 11,400 (2)        | Owned      | _                        |
| Vienna, Austria            | Trading desk   | 248               | Leased     | every three months       |

- (1) We sublease a portion of the space to a third party.
- (2) This facility is located on 2.9 acres of land that is jointly owned by the Company and SilverTowne LP (our minority interest partner).

#### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are not currently a party to any material legal proceedings.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

None.

#### PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

**Market Information** 

SGI effected the spinoff of A-Mark on March 14, 2014. On March 17, 2014, A-Mark's shares of common stock commenced trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "AMRK."

As of September 10, 2018, there were 185 registered stockholders of record of our common stock and the last reported sale price of our stock as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$13.50.

The following table sets forth the range of high and low closing prices for our common stock for each full quarterly period during fiscal 2018 and 2017, as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market. These quotations below reflect inter-dealer closing prices, without retail mark-up, mark-down or commission and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

|         | 2018    |         | 2017    |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Quarter | High    | Low     | High    | Low     |
| First   | \$18.82 | \$14.76 | \$17.67 | \$15.81 |
| Second  | \$16.96 | \$12.56 | \$19.50 | \$15.03 |
| Third   | \$14.65 | \$10.78 | \$21.49 | \$17.08 |
| Fourth  | \$14.06 | \$12.00 | \$18.01 | \$15.15 |

#### **Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

On April 26, 2018, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program for up to 500,000 shares of the Company's stock. The actual number of shares repurchased and the timing of repurchases will be determined by the Board of Directors and will depend on a number of factors, including stock price, trading volume, general market

conditions, working capital requirements, general business conditions and other factors. The stock repurchase program has no time limit and may be modified, suspended or terminated at any time.

As of September 10, 2018, there have been no repurchases of equity securities under the above-reference stock repurchase program.

**Dividend Policy** 

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Any future determination to pay cash dividends will be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will be dependent upon financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, restrictive financial covenants, and such other factors as our Board of Directors deems relevant. A-Mark's credit facility has certain restrictive financial covenants which could affect our ability to pay dividends.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information** 

The following table provides information as of June 30, 2018, with respect to the shares of our common stock that may be issued under existing equity compensation plans.

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| 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 | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) |    |
|--|---|---|---|----|
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders<br>Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | 842,515   | \$ 17.59<br>—   | ` //  | 1) |
| Total  | 842,515   | \$ 17.59  | 523,445   |    |

These shares are available for future issuance under A-Mark's amended and restated 2014 Stock Award and (1) Incentive Plan ("2014 Plan"). All 2014 Plan shares are available for awards of stock options, stock appreciation

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Not applicable for a smaller reporting company.

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

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

This Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Form 10-K") contains statements that are considered forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements give the Company's current expectations and forecasts of future events. All statements

rights, restricted stock units, restricted stock and other "full-value" awards.

other than statements of current or historical fact contained in this Annual Report, including statements regarding the Company's future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the Company's current plans, and the Company's actual future activities and results of operations may be materially different from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the statements made. Any or all of the forward-looking statements in this Annual Report may turn out to be inaccurate. The Company has based these forward-looking statements largely on its current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that it believes may affect its financial condition, results of

operations, business strategy and financial needs. The forward-looking statements can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events occurring after the date hereof. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in this Form 10-K.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes contained elsewhere in this Form 10-K. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those factors discussed below and elsewhere in this Annual Report, particularly in "Risk Factors."

### INTRODUCTION

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is provided as a supplement to the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes to help provide an understanding of our results of operations and financial condition. Our discussion is organized as follows:

<u>Executive overview</u>. This section provides a general description of our business, as well as significant transactions and events that we believe are important in understanding the results of operations.

<u>Results of operations</u>. This section provides an analysis of our results of operations presented in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations by comparing the results for the respective years. Included in our analysis is a discussion of five performance metrics: (i) ounces of gold and silver sold, (ii) Wholesale trading ticket volume, (iii) Direct Sales ticket volume, (iv) inventory turnover ratio and (v) number of secured loans at period-end.

<u>Results of Segments</u>. This section provides an analysis of our results of operations presented for our three segments: <u>Wholesale Trading and Ancillary Services</u>,

Secured Lending, and

**Direct Sales** 

for the respective years.

<u>Financial condition and liquidity and capital resources</u>. This section provides an analysis of our cash flows, as well as a discussion of our outstanding debt as of June 30, 2018. Included in the discussion of outstanding debt is a discussion of the amount of financial capacity available to fund our future commitments, as well as a discussion of other financing arrangements.

<u>Critical accounting estimates</u>. This section discusses those accounting policies that both are considered important to our financial condition and results, and require significant judgment and estimates on the part of management in their application. In addition, all of our policies, including critical accounting policies, are summarized in <u>Note 2</u> to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

<u>Recent accounting pronouncements</u>. This section discusses new accounting pronouncements, dates of implementation and impact on our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

### **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW**

**Our Business** 

We conduct our operations in three reportable segments: (1) Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services, (2) Secured Lending and (3) Direct Sales.

Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services Segment

The Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment operates as a full-service precious metals trading company. We offer gold, silver, platinum and palladium in the form of bars, plates, powder, wafers, grain, ingots and coins. Our Industrial unit services manufacturers and fabricators of products utilizing or incorporating precious metals. Our Coin and Bar unit deals in over 200 coin and bar products in a variety of weights, shapes and sizes for distribution to dealers and other qualified purchasers. We have trading centers in El Segundo, California and Vienna, Austria for buying and selling precious metals, which are open 24 hours each trading day, even when many major world commodity markets are closed. In addition to wholesale trading activity, A-Mark offers its customers a variety of services, including financing, storage, consignment, logistics and various customized financial programs. As a U.S. Mint-authorized purchaser of gold, silver and platinum coins, A-Mark purchases product directly from the U.S. Mint and other sovereign mints for sale to its customers.

Through our wholly-owned subsidiary Transcontinental Depository Services, referred to as TDS, we offer a variety of managed storage options for precious metals products to financial institutions, dealers, investors and collectors around the world. Our storage business generated less than 1% of total revenues for each of the periods presented. The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, A-M Global Logistics, LLC, referred to as Logistics, commenced operations as a logistics fulfillment center in July 2015. Logistics, based in Las Vegas, Nevada, provides our customers an array of complementary services, including receiving, handling, inventorying, processing, packing, and shipping of precious metals and custom coins on a secure basis. Our logistics business generated less than 1% of the total revenues for each of the periods presented.

In August 2016, the Company formed AMST, a joint venture with SilverTowne, L.P., referred to as SilverTowne, an Indiana-based producer of minted silver. As of June 30, 2018, the Company and SilverTowne, L.P. own 55% and 45%, respectively, of AMST. AMST acquired the entire minting operations (referred to as SilverTowne Mint) of SilverTowne, L.P., with the goal of providing greater product selection to our customers and greater pricing stability within the supply chain, as well as to gain increased access to silver during volatile market environments, which have historically resulted in higher demand for precious metals products.

Secured Lending Segment

The Company operates its Secured Lending segment through its wholly-owned subsidiary, CFC. CFC has been in operation since 2005.

CFC is a California licensed finance lender that originates and acquires commercial loans secured by bullion and numismatic coins. CFC's customers include coin and precious metal dealers, investors and collectors. As of June 30, 2018, CFC had approximately \$110.4 million in secured loans outstanding, of which approximately 67.6% was originated by third parties and acquired by CFC and approximately 32.4% was originated by CFC.

**Direct Sales Segment** 

The Company operates its Direct Sales segment through its wholly-owned subsidiary Goldline Inc. ("Goldline"). The Company acquired the business in August 2017 through an asset purchase transaction with Goldline LLC (see Note 1.) Goldline LLC had been in operation since 1960.

Goldline is a direct retailer of precious metals to the investor community. Goldline markets its precious metal products primarily on radio, the internet and television, as well as through telephonic sales efforts, particularly to Goldline's repeat customers. The Company acquired the Goldline business with the objective of enhancing the Company's distribution capabilities by adding a direct-to-client distribution channel. The Company also anticipated that the acquisition would diversify the product and services offering to Goldline customers, through access to the Company's wider assortment of precious metal coins and bars, including CFC's secured lending services and TDS's storage and asset protection services. Since the acquisition, the Company has been focused on rationalizing the cost structure of the Goldline business to promote profitability.

### Our Strategy

The Company has grown from a small numismatics firm in 1965 to a significant participant in the bullion and coin markets, with approximately \$7.6 billion and \$7.0 billion in revenues for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Our strategy continues to focus on growth, including the volume of our business, our geographic presence, particularly in Europe, and the scope of complementary products, services and technological tools that we offer to our customers. We intend to promote our growth by leveraging off the strengths of our existing integrated operations: the depth of our customer relations; our access to market makers, suppliers and government mints and other mints; our trading systems in the U.S. and Europe, are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week; our expansive precious metals dealer network; our depository relationships around the world; our knowledge of secured lending; our logistics capabilities; our trading expertise; and the quality and experience of our management team.

#### **Our Customers**

Our customers include financial institutions, bullion retailers, industrial manufacturers and fabricators, sovereign mints, refiners, coin and metal dealers, investors and collectors. The Company makes a two way market, which results in many customers also operating as our suppliers. This diverse base of customers purchases a variety of products from the Company in a multitude of grades, primarily in the form of coins and bars.

Factors Affecting Revenues, Gross Profits, Interest Income and Interest Expense

Revenues. The Company enters into transactions to sell and deliver gold, silver, platinum and palladium to industrial and commercial users, coin and bullion dealers, mints, and financial institutions. The metals are investment or industrial grade and are sold in a variety of shapes and sizes.

The Company also sells precious metals on forward contracts at a fixed price based on current prevailing precious metal spot prices with a certain delivery date in the future (up to six months from date of the forward contract.) Typically, these forward contracts are net settled against our other forward positions or are settled in cash, whereby no physical product is delivered. Sales on forward contracts can be a substantial portion of revenues in any given period. We enter into these forward contacts as part of our hedging strategy to mitigate our price risk of holding inventory; they are not entered into for speculative purposes.

In addition, the Company earns revenue by providing storage solutions for precious metals and numismatic coins for financial institutions, dealers, investors and collectors worldwide and by providing storage and order-fulfillment services to our retail customers. These revenue streams are complementary to our trading activity, and represent less than 1% of our revenues.

The Company operates in a high volume/low margin industry. Revenues are impacted by three primary factors: product volume, market prices and market volatility. A material change in any one or more of these factors may result in a significant change in the Company's revenues. A significant increase or decrease in revenues can occur simply based on changes in the underlying commodity prices and may not be reflective of an increase or decrease in the volume of products sold.

Gross Profits. Gross profit is the difference between our revenues and the cost of our products. Since we quote prices based on the current commodity market prices for precious metals, we enter into a combination of forward and futures contracts to effect a hedge position equal to the underlying precious metal commodity value, which substantially represents inventory subject to price risk. We enter into these derivative transactions solely for the purpose of hedging our inventory, and not for speculative purposes. Our gross profit includes the gains and losses resulting from these derivative instruments. However, the gains and losses on the derivative instruments are substantially offset by the gains and losses on the corresponding changes in the market value of our precious metals inventory. As a result, our results of operations generally are not materially impacted solely by changes in commodity prices.

Volatility also affects our gross profits. Greater volatility typically causes the trading spreads to widen resulting in an increase in the gross profit. Product supply constraints during extended periods of higher volatility has historically resulted in a heightening of wider trading spreads resulting in further improvement in the gross profit.

Interest Income. The Company enters into secured loans and secured financing structures with its customers under which it charges interest. Through its wholly owned subsidiary, CFC, the Company also enters into loans secured by precious metals and numismatic material owned by the borrowers and held by the Company for the term of the loan. The Company offers a number of secured financing options to its customers to finance their precious metals purchases

including consignments and other structured inventory finance products whereby the Company earns a fee based on the underlying value of the precious metal.

Interest Expense. The Company incurs interest expense as a result of usage under its lines of credit and related-party debt. The Company also incurs interest expense as a result of its product financing agreements for the transfer and subsequent re-acquisition of gold and silver at a fixed price with a third-party finance company, and may incur interest expense when we borrow precious metals from our suppliers under short-term arrangements, which can bear interest at a designated rate.

#### **Performance Metrics**

In addition to financial statement indicators, management also utilizes certain key operational metrics to assess the performance of our business.

We look at the number of ounces of gold and silver sold and delivered to our customers (excluding ounces recorded on forward contracts). These metrics reflect our business volume without regard to changes in commodity pricing, which also impacts revenue and can mask actual business trends.

Another measure of our business volume, unaffected by changes in commodity pricing, is Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment ticket volume and Direct Sales segment ticket volume, which is the total number of orders processed by our trading desks in El Segundo, California and Vienna, Austria. In periods of higher volatility, there is generally increased trading in the commodity markets, and increased demand for our products, which translates into higher business volume. Generally, the ounces sold on a per-trading-ticket basis is substantially higher for orders placed telephonically compared to those placed on our online portal platform.

Inventory turnover is another performance measure on which we are focused. We define inventory turnover as the cost of sales during the relevant period divided by the average inventory during the period. Inventory turnover is a measure of how quickly inventory has moved during the period. A higher inventory turnover ratio, which we typically experience during periods of higher volatility when trading is more robust, reflects a more efficient use of our capital.

Finally, as a measure of the size of our secured lending segment, we look at the number of outstanding secured loans to customers at the end of the fiscal quarter.

Fiscal Year

Our fiscal year end is June 30 each year. Unless otherwise stated, references to years in this report relate to fiscal years rather than to calendar years.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Overview of Results of Operations for the Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

# Consolidated Results of Operations

The operating results of our business for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

| in thousands,   | except | ner share | data and | performance | metrics |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------|
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| Years Ended June 30,                                   | 2018         |    |              |      | 2017       |     |              |          | \$            |     | %                  |            |
|--|--------------|----|--------------|------|------------|-----|--------------|----------|---------------|-----|--------------------|------------|
|  | \$           |    | % of revenue | e    | \$         |     | % of revenue | <b>.</b> | Increase/(dec | cre | a <b>so</b> crease | (decrease) |
| Revenues   | \$7,606,24   | 8  | 100.00       | 0 %  | \$6,989,62 | 4   | 100.000      | ) %      | \$ 616,624    |     | 8.8                | %          |
| Gross profit   | 29,443       |    | 0.387        | %    | 31,334     |     | 0.448        | %        | \$ (1,891     | )   | (6.0               | )%         |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses           | e(33,398     | )  | (0.439       | )%   | (23,343    | )   | (0.334       | )%       | \$ 10,055     |     | 43.1               | %          |
| Goodwill and intangible asset impairment               | (2,654       | )  | (0.035       | )%   | _          |     | _            | %        | \$ 2,654      |     |                    | %          |
| Interest income  | 16,105       |    | 0.212        | %    | 12,553     |     | 0.180        | %        | \$ 3,552      |     | 28.3               | %          |
| Interest expense                                       | (13,891      | )  | (0.183       | )%   | (10,117    | )   | (0.145       | )%       | \$ 3,774      |     | 37.3               | %          |
| Other income   | 954          |    | 0.013        | %    | 298        |     | 0.004        | %        | \$ 656        |     | 220.1              | %          |
| Unrealized gain on foreign exchange                    | 30           |    |              | %    | 60         |     | 0.001        | %        | \$ (30        | )   | NM                 |            |
| Net (loss) income before provisio for income taxes     | n(3,411      | )  | (0.045       | )%   | 10,785     |     | 0.154        | %        | \$ (14,196    | )   | (131.6             | )%         |
| Income tax expense                                     | (8           | )  | _            | %    | (3,721     | )   | (0.053       | )%       | \$ (3,713     | )   | (99.8              | )%         |
| Net (loss) income                                      | (3,419       | )  | (0.045)      | )%   | 7,064      |     | 0.101        | %        | \$ (10,483    | )   | (148.4             | )%         |
| Add: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest | (22          | )  | _            | %    | (22        | )   | _            | %        | \$ —          |     | NM                 |            |
| Net (loss) income attributable to the Company          | \$(3,397     | )  | (0.045       | )%   | \$7,086    |     | 0.101        | %        | \$ (10,483    | )   | (147.9             | )%         |
| Basic and diluted net (loss) income Per Share Data:    | ne per share | at | tributabl    | e to | A-Mark Pre | eci | ous Met      | als,     | Inc.:         |     |                    |            |
| Basic  | \$(0.48      | )  |              |      | \$1.01     |     |              |          | \$ (1.49      | )   | (147.5             | )%         |
| Diluted  | \$(0.48      | )  |              |      | \$1.00     |     |              |          | \$ (1.48      | )   | `                  | )%         |
| Brided   | Ψ(0.10       | ,  |              |      | Ψ1.00      |     |              |          | ψ (1.40       | ,   | (140.0             | ) //       |
| Performance Metrics:(1)                                |              |    |              |      |            |     |              |          |               |     |                    |            |
| Gold ounces sold <sup>(2)</sup>                        | 1,912,000    |    |              |      | 2,171,000  |     |              |          | (259,000      | )   | (                  | )%         |
| Silver ounces sold <sup>(3)</sup>                      | 46,466,000   | )  |              |      | 79,584,000 | )   |              |          | (33,118,000   | )   |                    | )%         |
| Inventory turnover ratio <sup>(4)</sup>                | 26.8         |    |              |      | 26.3       |     |              |          | 0.5           |     | 1.9                | %          |
| Number of secured loans at period end <sup>(5)</sup>   | d 3,507      |    |              |      | 2,375      |     |              |          | 1,132         |     | 47.7               | %          |
|  |              |    |              |      |            |     |              |          |               |     |                    |            |

NM Not meaningful.

<sup>(1)</sup> See "Results of Segments" for ticket count volume by segment.

<sup>(2)</sup> Gold ounces sold represents the ounces of gold product sold and delivered to the customer during the fiscal years, which excludes ounces of gold recorded on forward contracts.

- (3) Silver ounces sold represents the ounces of silver product sold and delivered to the customer during the fiscal years, which excludes ounces of silver recorded on forward contracts.
- Inventory turnover ratio is the cost of sales divided by average inventory. This calculation excludes precious (4) metals held under financing arrangements, which are not classified as inventory on the consolidated balance sheets.
- (5) Number of outstanding secured loans to customers at the end of the period.

|     |         | 2018        |              | 2017        |              | \$            |      | %         |             |   |
|-----|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|------|-----------|-------------|---|
| nan | ormance | \$          | % of revenue | \$          | % of revenue | Increase/(dec | reas | elncrease | e/(decrease | ) |
|     |         | \$7,606,248 | 100.000%     | \$6,989,624 | 100.000%     | \$ 616,624    |      | 8.8       | %           |   |
|     |         |             |              |             |              |               |      |           |             |   |
|     |         | 1,912,000   |              | 2,171,000   |              | (259,000      | )    | (11.9     | )%          |   |
|     |         | 46,466,000  |              | 79,584,000  |              | (33,118,000   | )    | (41.6     | )%          |   |
|     |         |             |              |             |              | ,             | )    |           | ,           |   |

Revenues for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$616.6 million, or 8.8%, to \$7.606 billion from \$6.990 billion in 2017. Our revenues increased primarily due to higher gold prices and forward sales, offset by a decrease in the total amount of gold and silver ounces sold, and silver prices.

Gold ounces sold for the year ended June 30, 2018 decreased 259,000 ounces, or 11.9%, to 1,912,000 ounces from 2,171,000 ounces in 2017. Silver ounces sold for the year ended June 30, 2018 decreased 33,118,000 ounces, or 41.6%, to 46,466,000 ounces from 79,584,000 ounces in 2017. On average, the prices for gold increased by 2.8% and prices for silver decreased by 5.3% during the year ended June 30, 2018 as compared to 2017.

| Gross Profit                               |                |                  |                     |                     |
|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Years Ended June 30, 20                    | 018            | 2017             | \$                  | %                   |
| in thousands, except performance metric \$ | % of revenue   | \$ % of revenue  | Increase/(decrease) | Increase/(decrease) |
| Gross profit \$2                           | 29,443 0.387 % | \$31,334 0.448 % | \$ (1,891 )         | (6.0 )%             |
| Performance Metric                         |                |                  |                     |                     |
| Inventory turnover ratio 26                | 6.8            | 26.3             | 0.5                 | 1.9 %               |

Gross profit for the year ended June 30, 2018 decreased by \$1.9 million, or 6.0%, to \$29.4 million from \$31.3 million in 2017. Overall gross profit decreased due to subdued market conditions (e.g., lower gold and silver sales volume, margins and trading profits) compared to the prior fiscal year, offset by gross profit of the newly acquired Direct Sales segment (i.e., Goldline).

The Company's gross margin percentage decreased by 13.6% to 0.387% from 0.448% in 2017. The drop in gross margin percentage was largely attributable to lower margins resulting from subdued market conditions, higher forward sales, which increase revenues but are associated with negligible gross margin percentages (i.e., near zero) that lowers the overall percentage and lower trading profits, offset by gross margin of the newly acquired Direct Sales segment (i.e., Goldline). The Company enters into forward contracts to hedge its precious metals price risk exposure and not for speculative purposes.

Our inventory turnover rate for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased by 1.9%, to 26.8 from 26.3 in 2017. The inventory turnover rate for fiscal 2018 was fairly consistent with fiscal 2017.

| Sening, General and Administrative E.        | xpense     |              |            |              |                    |               |           |
|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Years Ended June 30,                         | 2018       |              | 2017       |              | \$                 | %             |           |
| in thousands                                 | \$         | % of revenue | \$         | % of revenue | Increase/(decrease | selncrease/(d | lecrease) |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | \$(33,398) | (0.439)%     | \$(23,343) | (0.334)%     | \$ 10,055          | 43.1          | %         |

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$10.1 million, or 43.1%, to \$33.4 million from \$23.3 million in 2017. The change was primarily due to new selling, general and administrative expense related to our newly acquired Direct Sales segment (Goldline) of \$10.6 million (which included \$0.6 million of severance expense), \$0.6 million of non-recurring legal expense, \$0.8 million of professional consulting fees, partially offset by a \$1.0 million reduction to incentive compensation expense and \$0.3 million of investigatory

acquisition costs.

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Goodwill and intangible asset impairment

| Years Ended June 30,                     | 2018      |              | 2017            | \$               | %                   |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| in thousands                             | \$        | % of revenue | \$ % of revenue | rease/(decrease) | Increase/(decrease) |
| Goodwill and intangible asset impairment | \$(2,654) | (0.035)%     | \$-%            | \$<br>2,654      | <u>_%</u>           |

Goodwill and intangible asset impairment for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$2.7 million to \$2.7 million from zero in 2017. The change was due to our annual impairment assessment we conducted in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018, which was related to our Direct Sales segment (Goldline).

| Interest Income                         |          |              |          |              |     |                  |              |         |
|---|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----|------------------|--------------|---------|
| Years Ended June 30,                    | 2018     |              | 2017     |              | \$  |                  | %            |         |
| in thousands, except performance metric | \$       | % of revenue | \$       | % of revenue | Inc | rease/(decrease) | Increase/(de | crease) |
| Interest income                         | \$16,105 | 0.212~%      | \$12,553 | 0.180~%      | \$  | 3,552            | 28.3         | %       |
| Performance Metric                      |          |              |          |              |     |                  |              |         |
| Number of secured loans at period-end   | 3,507    |              | 2,375    |              | 1,1 | 32               | 47.7         | %       |

Interest income for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$3.6 million, or 28.3%, to \$16.1 million from \$12.6 million in 2017. Interest income from our Secured Lending segment increased by \$1.9 million or by 24.5% in comparison to the same year-ago period, which represents approximately 53.3% of the aggregate increase. This increase in interest from secured loans was primarily due to increases in interest rates and an increase in the aggregate value of the secured loan portfolio. The number of secured loans outstanding increased by 47.7% to 3,507 from 2,375 in 2017.

The aggregate increase in interest income also increased due to other finance product income. Our finance fees earned related to repurchase arrangements with customers increased by 25.1% or by \$1.1 million in comparison to the same year-ago period, which represent approximately 32.3% of the aggregate increase.

Interest Expense

| Years Ended June 30, | 2018       |              | 2017       |              | \$  |                   | %            |         |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----|-------------------|--------------|---------|
| in thousands         | \$         | % of revenue | \$         | % of revenue | Inc | crease/(decrease) | Increase/(de | crease) |
| Interest expense     | \$(13,891) | (0.183)%     | \$(10,117) | (0.145)%     | \$  | 3,774             | 37.3         | %       |

Interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$3.8 million, or 37.3% to \$13.9 million from \$10.1 million in 2017. The increase was related primarily to a greater usage of our Trading Credit Facility, our new related-party debt financing agreement associated with our acquisition of Goldline, higher LIBOR interest rates that went in to effect subsequent to the Federal Reserve rate increases, and increased third-party loan servicing fees. As compared to the same year-ago period, the following interest expense components increased by (i) \$1.8 million or 24.8% related to the Trading Credit Facility (including debt amortization costs), (ii) \$0.6 million related to the Goldline Credit Facility, (iii) \$0.4 million, or 27.7% related to third-party loan processing fees for acquired secured loans, (iv) \$0.3 million related to our liability on borrowed metal balances, and (v) \$0.6 million or 40.8% related to product financing agreements with our customers.

**Provision for Income Taxes** 

| Years Ended June 30 | , 2018 | }            | 2017      |              | \$ |               |      | %          |           |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----|---------------|------|------------|-----------|
| in thousands        | \$     | % of revenue | \$        | % of revenue | In | crease/(decre | ase) | Increase/( | decrease) |
| Income tax expense  | \$(8)  | <u>~%</u>    | \$(3,721) | (0.053)%     | \$ | (3,713        | )    | (99.8      | )%        |

Our provision for income taxes was \$0.0 million and \$3.7 million for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Our effective tax rate was approximately 0.2% and 34.5% for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Our effective tax rate for the year ended June 30, 2018 differs from the federal statutory rate of 28.06% primarily due to the tax impact of a one-time revaluation of net deferred tax assets to reflect their value at the reduced corporate tax rate under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA"). Our effective tax rate for the year ended June 30, 2017 differs from the federal statutory rate primarily due to favorable tax attributes and deductions resulting from amended state tax filings based on the settlement of the Former parent's tax examination in the years when the Company was included in a consolidated filing. These favorable attributes are allocated to the standalone Company. The change in effective tax rate was also partially due to non-deductible transaction costs in the prior year that become deductible in the current year when the transaction was abandoned.

# Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

On December 22, 2017, the United States enacted tax reform legislation through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which significantly changed the existing US tax laws, including a reduction in the federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. As a result of the enactment of the legislation, the Company incurred a provisional one-time tax expense of \$1.2 million for the year ended June 30, 2018, primarily related to the re-measurement of certain deferred tax assets and liabilities. The Company incurred a tax benefit from operations (both recurring and non-recurring) which is largely offset by a one-time revaluation adjustment under TCJA of \$1.2 million for year ended June 30, 2018.

### Segment Results of Operations

The Company conducts its operations in three reportable segments: (1) Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services, (2) Secured Lending and (3) Direct Sales. Each of these reportable segments represents an aggregation of operating segments that meets the aggregation criteria set forth in the Segment Reporting Topic 280 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC").

Results of Operations — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services Segment

Overview of Results of Operations for the Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

The operating results of our Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

in thousands, except performance metrics

| Years  |              |    |             |   |              |    |    |                |     |              |         |
|--|--------------|----|-------------|---|--------------|----|----|----------------|-----|--------------|---------|
| Ended<br>2018<br>June  |              |    | 2017        |   |              |    | \$ |                |     | %            |         |
| 30,  |              |    |             |   |              |    |    |                |     |              |         |
| \$   | % of revenue |    | \$          |   | % of revenue |    | In | crease/(decrea | se) | Increase/(de | crease) |
| <b>R\$</b> \$\text{\$\text{7}}\text{\$\text{6}}\text{\$\text{18}}\text{\$\text{8}} | 100.000      | %  | \$6,989,624 |   | 100.000      | %  | \$ | 549,232        |     | 7.9          | %       |
| Gross<br>24,109<br>profit<br>Selling,  | 0.320        | %  | 31,334      |   | 0.448        | %  | \$ | (7,225         | )   | (23.1        | )%      |
| general  |              |    |             |   |              |    |    |                |     |              |         |
| administrative   | (0.280       | )% | (21,529     | ) | (0.308       | )% | \$ | (433           | )   | (2.0         | )%      |
| expenses   |              |    |             |   |              |    |    |                |     |              |         |
| Interest<br>. 6,473<br>income  | 0.086        | %  | 4,814       |   | 0.069        | %  | \$ | 1,659          |     | 34.5         | %       |
| expense  | (0.103       | )% | (6,176      | ) | (0.088       | )% | \$ | 1,602          |     | 25.9         | %       |
| Other<br>954<br>income   | 0.013        | %  | 298         |   | 0.004        | %  | \$ | 656            |     | 220.1        | %       |
| Unrealized<br>gain<br>oß0<br>foreign<br>exchange                                   | _            | %  | 60          |   | 0.001        | %  | \$ | (30            | )   | NM           |         |
| Net income before provide an for income taxes                                      | 0.036        | %  | \$8,801     |   | 0.126        | %  | \$ | (6,109         | )   | (69.4        | )%      |
| Performance<br>Metrics:  |              |    |             |   |              |    |    |                |     |              |         |
| Gold ouln895,000   |              |    | 2,171,000   |   |              |    | (2 | 76,000         | )   | (12.7        | )%      |
| sold <sup>(1)</sup><br>46,045,000  |              |    | 79,584,000  |   |              |    | (3 | 3,539,000      | )   | (42.1        | )%      |

| Edgar Filing: A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc Form 10-k |
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| Silver   | Edgar Filing: / | A-Mark Precious Met  | ais, inc Forn  | n IU-K                    |  |
|--|-----------------|--|--|---------------------------|--|
| ounces sold <sup>(2)</sup> Wholesale Trading & Apcillary |                 |  |  |                           |  |
| Services<br>segment<br>ticket<br>volume <sup>(3)</sup>   | 112,907         | 2,028  | 1.8  | %                         |  |
| NM   |                 | Not meaningful.  |  |                           |  |
| (1)  |                 | Gold ounces sold product sold and during the fiscal of gold recorded                                 | delivered to the years, which ex                       | customer<br>cludes ounces |  |
| (2)  |                 | Silver ounces sol<br>silver product sol<br>customer during<br>excludes ounces<br>contracts.          | d and delivered the fiscal years,                      | to the which              |  |
| (3)  |                 | Trading ticket vo<br>number of produc<br>trading desks in I<br>Vienna, Austria,<br>Ancillary Service | ct orders proces<br>El Segundo, Cal<br>for the Wholesa | sed by our<br>ifornia and |  |
| 28   |                 |  |  |                           |  |

| Revenues — Wholesale Trading &   | z Ancillary S | ervices  |             |          |                |     |            |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------------|-----|------------|------------|
| Years Ended June 30,             | 2018          |          | 2017        |          | \$             |     | %          |            |
| in thousands, except performance | \$            | % of     | \$          | % of     | Increase/(deci | eas | eIncrease/ | (decrease) |
| metrics                          | Ψ             | revenue  | Ψ           | revenue  | `              | Cus | cyncrease, | (decrease) |
| Revenues                         | \$7,538,856   | 100.000% | \$6,989,624 | 100.000% | \$ 549,232     |     | 7.9        | %          |
| Performance Metrics              |               |          |             |          |                |     |            |            |
| Gold ounces sold                 | 1,895,000     |          | 2,171,000   |          | (276,000       | )   | (12.7      | )%         |
| Silver ounces sold               | 46,045,000    |          | 79,584,000  |          | (33,539,000    | )   | (42.1      | )%         |

Revenues for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$549.2 million, or 7.9%, to \$7.539 billion from \$6.990 billion in 2017. Our revenues increased primarily due to higher gold prices and forward sales, offset by a decrease in the total amount of gold and silver ounces sold, and silver prices.

Gold ounces sold for the year ended June 30, 2018 decreased 276,000 ounces, or 12.7%, to 1,895,000 ounces from 2,171,000 ounces in 2017. Silver ounces sold for the year ended June 30, 2018 decreased 33,539,000 ounces, or 42.1%, to 46,045,000 ounces from 79,584,000 ounces in 2017. On average, the prices for gold increased by 2.5% and prices for silver decreased by 5.6% during the year ended June 30, 2018 as compared to 2017.

| Gross Profit — Wholesale Trading & A    | ncillary S | ervices      |          |              |                  |      |             |          |
|---|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|------------------|------|-------------|----------|
| Years Ended June 30,                    | 2018       |              | 2017     |              | \$               |      | %           |          |
| in thousands, except performance metric | : \$       | % of revenue | \$       | % of revenue | Increase/(decrea | ise) | Increase/(d | ecrease) |
| Gross profit                            | \$24,109   | 0.320 %      | \$31,334 | 0.448 %      | \$ (7,225        | )    | (23.1       | )%       |
| Performance Metric                      |            |              |          |              |                  |      |             |          |
| Wholesale trading ticket volume         | 114,935    |              | 112,907  |              | 2,028            |      | 1.8         | %        |

Gross profit for the year ended June 30, 2018 decreased by \$7.2 million, or 23.1%, to \$24.1 million from \$31.3 million in 2017. Overall gross profit decreased due to subdued market conditions (e.g., lower gold and silver sales volume, margins and trading profits) compared to the prior fiscal year.

The Company's profit margin percentage decreased by 28.6% to 0.320% from 0.448% in 2017 and was largely attributable lower margins resulting from subdued market conditions and higher forward contracts, which increase revenues but have negligible impact on the gross margin (i.e., near zero) that lowers the overall percentage and lower trading profits. The Company enters into forward contracts to hedge its precious metals price risk exposure and not for speculative purposes. Excluding the effects of forwards sales and trading profits on the gross margin, gross margin percentage related to physical trades decreased by 4.3%.

The wholesale trading ticket volume for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased by 2,028 tickets, or 1.8%, to 114,935 tickets from 112,907 tickets in 2017. The increase in our trading ticket volume was primarily the result of an increase in customer usage of our online portal. Generally, the quantity-size (i.e., ounces) of customer orders placed through the portal is less than the quantity size of orders processed through our trading desk.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

| Years Ended June 30,                         | 2018       |              | 2017       |              | \$           |       | %           |              |
|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| in thousands                                 | \$         | % of revenue | \$         | % of revenue | Increase/(de | creas | sel)ncrease | e/(decrease) |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | \$(21,096) | (0.280)%     | \$(21,529) | (0.308)%     | \$ (433      | )     | (2.0        | )%           |

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended June 30, 2018 decreased \$0.4 million, or 2.0%, to \$21.1 million from \$21.5 million in 2017. The decrease was primarily due to lower selling, general and administrative expense related to a \$1.0 million reduction to incentive compensation expense, partially offset by \$0.4 million

non-recurring legal expense.

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Interest Income — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

| Years Ended June 30, | 2018    |              | 2017    |              | \$  |                  | %            |         |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|-----|------------------|--------------|---------|
| in thousands         | \$      | % of revenue | \$      | % of revenue | Inc | rease/(decrease) | Increase/(de | crease) |
| Interest income      | \$6,473 | 0.086~%      | \$4,814 | 0.069 %      | \$  | 1,659            | 34.5         | %       |

Interest income for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$1.7 million, or 34.5%, to \$6.5 million from \$4.8 million in 2017. The aggregate increase in interest income increased due to other finance product income. Our finance fees earned from repurchase arrangements with customers increased by 25.1% or by \$1.1 million in comparison to the same year-ago period.

Interest Expense — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

| Years Ended June 30, | 2018      | _            | 2017      |              | \$  |                  | %            |         |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----|------------------|--------------|---------|
| in thousands         | \$        | % of revenue | \$        | % of revenue | Inc | rease/(decrease) | Increase/(de | crease) |
| Interest expense     | \$(7,778) | (0.103)%     | \$(6,176) | (0.088)%     | \$  | 1,602            | 25.9         | %       |

Interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$1.6 million, or 25.9% to \$7.8 million from \$6.2 million in 2017. The increase was related primarily to a greater usage of our lines of credit, and higher LIBOR interest rates that went in to effect subsequent to the Federal Reserve rate increases. As compared to the same year-ago period, the following interest expense components increased by (i) \$0.6 million, or 13.6% related to our Trading Credit Facility (including debt amortization costs), (ii) \$0.3 million related to our liability on borrowed metal balances, and (iii) \$0.6 million or 40.8% related to product financing agreements.

Results of Operations — Secured Lending Segment

The operating results of our Secured Lending segment for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 are as follows: in thousands, except performance metrics

| Years<br>Ended<br>2018<br>June<br>30,   |                        | 2017       |                      | \$     |                      | %         |              |     |                  |                |          |
|---|------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------|
| \$  | % of interest income   | \$         | % of interest income | Increa | se/(decrease         | e) Increa | ase/(decreas | e)  |                  |                |          |
| Interest<br>9,632<br>income   | 100.000 %              | 7,739      | 100.000 %            | \$ 1,8 | 93                   | 24.5      | %            |     |                  |                |          |
| Interest<br>(5,465)<br>expense<br>Selling,                                    |                        | (3,941)    | (50.924)%            | \$ 1,5 | 24                   | 38.7      | %            |     |                  |                |          |
| adminis<br>expense<br>Net   |                        | (1,814)    | (23.440)%            | \$ (12 | 25 )                 | (6.9      | )%           |     |                  |                |          |
| income before provision for income taxes                                      | on 25.727 %            | 1,984      | 25.636 %             | \$ 494 | 1                    | 24.9      | %            |     |                  |                |          |
| Perform<br>Metrics<br>Number<br>of<br>secured<br>Rosos<br>at<br>period<br>end | :<br>r                 | 2,375      |                      | 1,132  |                      | 47.7      | %            |     |                  |                |          |
|   | Income — S             |            | •                    | 2018   |                      | 2017      |              | \$  |                  | %              |          |
| in thous  | sands, except          | t perform  | nance                | \$     | % of interest income | \$        | % of revenue | Inc | crease/(decrease | ) Increase/(de | ecrease) |
| Perform   | income<br>nance Metric |            |                      |        | 100.000%             |           | 100.000%     |     | 1,893            | 24.5           | %        |
| Number  | r of secured           | loans at 1 | period-end           | 3,507  |                      | 2,375     |              | 1,1 | 132              | 47.7           | %        |

Interest income for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$1.9 million, or 24.5%, to \$9.6 million from \$7.7 million in 2017. This increase was primarily due to increases in interest rates and aggregate value of the secured loan portfolio. The number of secured loans outstanding increased by 47.7% to 3,507 from 2,375 in 2017, which is

indicative of the growth in this business segment.

Interest Expense — Secured Lending

| Years Ended June 30, | 2018      | C                    | 2017      |              | \$  |                  | %            |         |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----|------------------|--------------|---------|
| in thousands         | \$        | % of interest income | \$        | % of revenue | Inc | rease/(decrease) | Increase/(de | crease) |
| Interest expense     | \$(5,465) | (56.738)%            | \$(3,941) | (50.924)%    | \$  | 1,524            | 38.7         | %       |

Interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2018 increased \$1.524 million, or 38.7% to \$5.5 million from \$3.9 million in 2017. The increase was related primarily to a greater usage of the Company's Trading Credit Facility, higher LIBOR interest rates that went in to effect subsequent to the Federal Reserve rate increases, and increased third-party loan servicing fees. As compared to the same year-ago period, the following interest expense components increased by (i) \$1.2 million or 44.0% related to Trading Credit Facility (including debt amortization costs), and (ii) \$0.3 million or 27.6% related to third-party loan servicing costs.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses — Secured Lending Years Ended June 30, 2018 2017 \$ % % of % of \$ \$ in thousands interest Increase/(decrease) revenue income Selling, general and administrative \$(1,689) (17.535)% \$(1,814) (23.440)% \$ (125) )% (6.9)expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended June 30, 2018 decreased \$0.1 million, or (6.9)%, to \$1.7 million from \$1.8 million in 2017.

Results of Operations — Direct Sales Segment Overview of Results of Operations for the Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 The Direct Sales segment was created on August 28, 2017 as a result of the Goldline acquisition. Accordingly, comparative prior period data is not available. The operating results of our Direct Sales segment for the year ended June 30, 2018 are as follows: in thousands, except performance metrics Year ended 2018 June 30, % of \$ revenue **R67**e392es<sup>(a)</sup> 100.000 % Gross 5.334 profit 7.915 % (b) Selling, general ah@1,613) (15.748)%administrative expenses Goodwill and (121,665,4ible (3.938)% asset impairment Interest (648 expense) (0.962)%Net loss before \$18y58ibn (12.733)%for income taxes Performance Metrics: Gold **471000** sold(1) Silver 421hc000 sold(2) Direct

volume<sup>(3)</sup>

- (a) Includes \$22.5 million of intercompany sales from the Direct Sales segment to the Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment.
- (b) Gross profit percentage, excluding intercompany sales from the Direct Sales segment to the Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment, is 15.26% for the twelve-month period.
- (1) Gold ounces sold represents the ounces of gold product sold to third-party customers during fiscal year.
- (2) Silver ounces sold represents the ounces of silver product sold to third-party customer during the fiscal year.
- (3) Direct Sales segment trading ticket volume represents the total number of product orders processed.

### Segment Results — Direct Sales

Revenues for the year ended June 30, 2018 were \$67.4 million. The total amount of gold and silver sold to third-party customers was 17,000 ounces and 421,000 ounces, respectively. Gross profit for the year ended June 30, 2018 was \$5.3 million. Selling, general and administration expenses for the year ended June 30, 2018 was \$10.6 million, which includes \$0.6 million of severance costs. The Company is working to improve business performance with expanded marketing programs and greater leverage of the Wholesale Trading and Ancillary Services segment's products & services to enhance revenue and margins. The Company is also optimizing selling, general and administration expenses to align with current market conditions and promote profitability.

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Primary Sources and Uses of Cash

Overview

Liquidity is defined as our ability to generate sufficient amounts of cash to meet all of our cash needs. Liquidity is of critical importance to us and imperative to maintain our operations on a daily basis.

A substantial portion of our assets are liquid. As of June 30, 2018, approximately 95% of our assets consisted of cash, customer receivables, derivative assets, secured loans receivables, precious metals held under financing arrangements and inventory, measured at fair value. Cash generated from the sales of our precious metals products is our primary source of operating liquidity.

Typically, the Company acquires its inventory by: (1) purchasing inventory from our suppliers by utilizing our own capital and lines of credit; (2) borrowing precious metals from our suppliers under short-term arrangements which may bear interest at a designated rate, and (3) repurchasing inventory at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the specified repurchase date.

In addition to selling inventory, the Company generates cash from earning interest income. Through CFC, the Company enters into secured loans and secured financing structures with its customers under which it charges interest. The Company offers a number of secured financing options to its customers to finance their precious metals purchases including consignments and other structured inventory finance products. The loans are secured by precious metals and numismatic material owned by the borrowers and held by the Company as security for the term of the loan.

Furthermore, our customers may enter into agreements whereby the customer agrees to repurchase our precious metals at the prevailing spot price for delivery of the product at a specific point in time in the future; interest income is earned from the contract date until the material is delivered and paid for in full.

We continually review our overall credit and capital needs to ensure that our capital base, both stockholders' equity and available credit facilities, can appropriately support our anticipated financing needs. The Company also continually monitors its current and forecasted cash requirements, and draws upon and pays down its lines of credit so as to minimize interest expense.

Lines of Credit in thousands

June 30, 2018

June 30, 2018

2017

June 30, 2018

Compared to June 30, 2017

Lines of credit \$200,000 \$180,000 \$20,000

A-Mark has a borrowing facility ("Trading Credit Facility") with a syndicate of banks, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. ("Rabobank") acting as lead lender and administrative agent for the syndicate. As of June 30, 2018, the Trading Credit Facility provided the Company with access up to \$260.0 million, featuring a \$210.0 million base, with a \$50.0 million accordion option. The Trading Credit Facility is scheduled to mature on March 29, 2019. The Company believes that the Trading Credit Facility provides adequate means to capital for its operations (see <a href="Note 14">Note 14</a>).

Debt Obligation (Related Party)

in thousands

June 30, June 30, 2018

2018 2017 Compared to June 30, 2017

Debt Obligation - related party \$7,226 \$ -\$ 7,226

The Company entered into a privately placed credit facility in the amount of \$7.5 million (the "Goldline Credit Facility") with various lenders (see Note 14). The outstanding principal and unpaid interest is due upon maturity

(August 28, 2020). Borrowings under the Goldline Credit Facility were used to finance a portion of the consideration payable pursuant to the Goldline acquisition (see <u>Note 1</u>).

Liability on Borrowed Metals in thousands

Liability on borrowed metals \$280,346 \$5,625 \$274,721

We borrow precious metals (usually in the form of pool metals) from our suppliers and customers under short-term arrangements using other precious metal from our inventory as collateral. Amounts under these arrangements require repayment either in the form of precious metals or cash. Liabilities also arise from unallocated metal positions held by customers in our inventory. Typically, these positions are due on demand, in a specified physical form, based on the total ounces of metal held in the position. The \$274.7 million increase in the balance of liability on borrowed metals from \$5.6 million as of June 30, 2017 to \$280.3 million as of June 30, 2018 was due primarily to metals borrowed from a third party to finance repurchase agreements with a related party.

**Product Financing Arrangements** 

in thousands

Product financing arrangements \$113,940 \$135,343 \$(21,403)

The Company has agreements with financial institutions and other third parties that allows the Company to transfer its gold and silver inventory to the third party at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price, which provides alternative sources of liquidity. During the term of the agreement both parties intend for inventory to be returned at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the termination (repurchase) date. The third parties charge monthly interest as a percentage of the market value of the outstanding obligation; such monthly charges are classified in interest expense. These transactions do not qualify as sales and therefore have been accounted for as financing arrangements and reflected in the consolidated balance sheet as product financing arrangements. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Both the product financing arrangements and the underlying inventory (which is entirely restricted) are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value included as a component of cost of sales.

Secured Loans in thousands

Secured loans \$110,424 \$91,238 \$ 19,186

CFC is a California licensed finance lender that makes and acquires commercial loans secured by bullion and numismatic coins that affords our customers a convenient means of financing their inventory or collections (see <u>Note 5</u>). Predominantly, most of the Company's secured loans are short-term in nature and the renewal of these instruments is at the discretion of the Company and, as such, provides us with some flexibility in regards to our capital deployment strategies.

Dividends

In fiscal 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company initiated a cash dividend policy that calls for the payment of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per common share. In fiscal 2016, the Board of Directors modified the policy by

increasing the quarterly cash dividend to \$0.07 per common share, and in fiscal 2017 the quarterly cash dividend was increased to \$0.08 per common share (see Note 16).

The Board of Directors determined to suspend the Company's quarterly dividend for both the third and fourth fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018 in order to increase its financial flexibility and strengthen its balance sheet. Going forward, the Board of Directors will re-assess its capital resources and may or may not determine to reinstate the dividend based on that assessment.

#### Cash Flows

The majority of the Company's trading activities involve two day value trades under which payment is received in advance of delivery or product is received in advance of payment. The high volume, rapid rate of inventory turnover, and high average value per trade can cause material changes in the sources of cash used in or provided by operating activities on a daily basis. The Company manages these variances through its liquidity forecasts and counterparty limits by maintaining a liquidity reserve to meet the Company's cash needs. The Company uses various short-term financial instruments to manage the rapid cycle of our trading activities from customer purchase order to cash collections and product delivery, which can cause material changes in the amount of cash used in or provided by financing activities on a daily basis.

The following summarizes components of our consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

in thousands

| Year Ended  | June 30,<br>2018 | June 30,<br>2017 | June 30,<br>2018<br>Compared<br>to June 30,<br>2017 |
|---|------------------|------------------|---|
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$7,646          | \$(9,781)        | 17,427  |
| Net cash used in investing activities               | \$(17,832)       | \$(36,487)       | 18,655  |
| Net cash provided by financing activities           | \$3,418          | \$42,185         | (38,767)  |

Our principal capital requirements have been to fund (i) working capital and (ii) capital expenditures. Our working capital requirements fluctuate with market conditions, the availability of precious metals and the volatility of precious metals commodity pricing.

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities

Operating activities provided \$7.6 million and used \$9.8 million in cash for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, representing a \$17.4 million increase in the source of cash compared to the year ended June 30, 2017. This period over period increase in the of source of funds in operating activities was primarily due to changes in the balances of liability on borrowed metals, accounts payable, deferred income taxes and intangible impairments, offset by changes in the balances of inventory, secured loans, derivative assets, derivative liabilities, income taxes payable, and income taxes receivables.

Net cash used in investing activities

Investing activities used \$17.8 million and used \$36.5 million in cash for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, representing an \$18.7 million decrease in the use of cash compared to the year ended June 30, 2017. This period over period decrease in the use of cash is the result of the change in balance of secured loans of \$23.8 million, offset by an increase in the use of cash for corporate acquisition activity of \$6.1 million compared to the comparable prior period.

Net cash provided by financing activities

Financing activities provided \$3.4 million and provided \$42.2 million in cash for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, representing a decrease of \$38.8 million in funds provided by financing activities compared to the year ended June 30, 2017. This period over period decrease in funds provided by financing activities was primarily due to changes in the balance of product financing arrangements of \$97.4 million, partially offset by the change in the balance of the Trading Credit Facility of \$52.0 million and a related party debt obligation of \$7.5 million established in the current period.

### **CAPITAL RESOURCES**

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, availability under the Trading Credit Facility, product financing arrangements, financing derived from borrowed metals and the cash we anticipate to generate from operating activities will provide us with sufficient liquidity to satisfy our working capital needs, capital expenditures, investment requirements and commitments through at least the next twelve months.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

# Counterparty Risk

We manage our counterparty risk by setting credit and position risk limits with our trading counterparties. These limits include gross position limits for counterparties engaged in sales and purchase transactions and inventory consignment transactions with us. They also include collateral limits for different types of sale and purchase transactions that counterparties may engage in from time to time.

#### Commodities Risk and Derivatives

We use a variety of strategies to manage our risk including fluctuations in commodity prices for precious metals. Our inventories consist of, and our trading activities involve, precious metals and precious metal products, whose prices are linked to the corresponding precious metal commodity prices. Inventories purchased or borrowed by us are subject to price changes. Inventories borrowed are considered natural hedges, since changes in value of the metal held are offset by the obligation to return the metal to the supplier or deliver metals to the customer.

Open sale and purchase commitments in our trading activities are subject to changes in value between the date the purchase or sale price is fixed (the trade date) and the date the metal is received or delivered (the settlement date). We seek to minimize the effect of price changes of the underlying commodity through the use of forward and futures contracts. Our open sale and purchase commitments generally settle within 2 business days, and for those commitments that do not have stated settlement dates, we have the right to settle the positions upon demand. Our policy is to substantially hedge our underlying precious metal commodity inventory position. We regularly enter into metals commodity forward and futures contracts with financial institutions to hedge price changes that would cause changes in the value of our physical metals positions and purchase commitments and sale commitments. We have access to all of the precious metals markets, allowing us to place hedges. However, we also maintain relationships with major market makers in every major precious metals dealing center, which allows us to enter into contracts with market makers. Our forwards contracts open at June 30, 2018 are scheduled to settle within 60 days. Futures positions do not have settlement dates, although the Company typically closes its future positions within a week.

The Company enters into these derivative transactions solely for the purpose of hedging our inventory holding risk, and not for speculative market purposes. Due to the nature of our hedging strategy, we are not using hedge accounting as defined under, Derivatives and Hedging Topic 815 of the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC".) Unrealized gains or losses resulting from our futures and forward contracts are reported as cost of sales with the related amounts due from or to counterparties reflected as a derivative asset or liability. The Company adjusts the derivatives to fair value on a daily basis until the transactions are settled. When these contracts are net settled, the unrealized gains and losses are reversed and the realized gains and losses for forward contracts are recorded in revenue and cost of sales and the net realized gains and losses for futures and option contacts are recorded in cost of sales. The Company's net gains (losses) on derivative instruments for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, totaled \$15.6 million and \$9.7 million, respectively. These net gains (losses) on derivative instruments were substantially offset by the changes in fair market value of the underlying precious metals inventory and open sale and purchase commitments, which is also recorded in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations.

The purpose of the Company's hedging policy is to substantially match the change in the value of the derivative financial instrument to the change in the value of the underlying hedged item. The following table summarizes the results of our hedging activities, showing the precious metal commodity inventory position, net of open sale and purchase commitments, which is subject to price risk, compared to change in the value of the derivative instruments as of June 30, 2018 and at June 30, 2017:

| in thousands  | June 30,<br>2018 | June 30,<br>2017 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Inventory   | \$280,116        | \$284,659        |
| Precious metals held under financing arrangements             | 262,566          | _                |
| 11001000 mount ones many managements                          | 542,682          | 284,659          |
|   | ,                |                  |
| Less unhedgeable inventory:                                   |                  |                  |
| Commemorative coin inventory, held at lower of cost or market | (99)             | (40)             |
| Premium on metals position                                    | ` /              | (4,088)          |
| Precious metal value not hedged                               |                  | (4,128)          |
| Trectous metal value not neaged                               | (3,02)           | (4,120 )         |
|   | 539,053          | 280,531          |
| Commitments at market:  |                  |                  |
| Open inventory purchase commitments                           | 342,287          | 587,687          |
| Open inventory sales commitments                              | •                | (121,602)        |
| Margin sale commitments                                       | (5,988)          |                  |
| In-transit inventory no longer subject to market risk         | (1,060)          |                  |
| Unhedgeable premiums on open commitment positions             | 541              | 495              |
| Borrowed precious metals                                      | (280,346)        |                  |
| Product financing arrangements                                |                  | (135,343)        |
| Advances on industrial metals                                 | 6,044            |                  |
| Travallees on measural means                                  | (190,484)        | •                |
| Precious metal subject to price risk                          | 348,569          | 595,856          |
| Precious metal subject to derivative financial instruments:   |                  |                  |
| Precious metals forward contracts at market values            | 274,994          | 462,231          |
| Precious metals futures contracts at market values            | 72,421           | •                |
| Total market value of derivative financial instruments        | 347,415          | 595,681          |
| Net precious metals subject to commodity price risk           | \$1,154          | \$175            |

We are exposed to the risk of default of the counterparties to our derivative contracts. Significant judgment is applied by us when evaluating the fair value implications. We regularly review the creditworthiness of our major counterparties and monitor our exposure to concentrations. At June 30, 2018, we believe our risk of counterparty default is mitigated based on our evaluation of the creditworthiness of our major counterparties, the strong financial condition of our counterparties, and the short-term duration of these arrangements.

Commitments and Contingencies

Refer to Note 15 for information relating Company's commitments and contingencies.

#### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, we had the following outstanding sale and purchase commitments and open forward and future contracts, which are normal and recurring, in nature:

| in thousands                       | June 30,    | June 30,    |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| iii tiiousaiius                    | 2018        | 2017        |
| Purchase commitments               | \$342,287   | \$587,687   |
| Sales commitments                  | \$(138,022) | \$(121,602) |
| Margin sale commitments            | \$(5,988)   | \$(7,936)   |
| Open forward contracts             | \$274,994   | \$462,231   |
| Open futures contracts             | \$72,421    | \$133,450   |
| Foreign exchange forward contracts | \$4,130     | \$2,213     |

The notional amounts of the commodity forward and futures contracts and the open sales and purchase orders, as shown in the table above, are not reflected at the notional amounts in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company records commodity forward and futures contracts at the fair value, which is the difference between the market price of the underlying metal or contract measured on the reporting date and the trade amount measured on the date the contract was transacted. The fair value of the open derivative contracts are shown as a component of derivative assets or derivative liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The Company enters into the derivative forward and future transactions solely for the purpose of hedging its inventory holding risk, and not for speculative market purposes. The Company's gains (losses) on derivative instruments are substantially offset by the changes in fair market value of the underlying precious metals inventory position, including our open sale and purchase commitments. The Company records the derivatives at the trade date, and any corresponding unrealized gains or losses are shown as a component of cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. We adjust the carrying value of the derivatives to fair value on a daily basis until the transactions are physically settled (see Note 11.)

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). In connection with the preparation of our financial statements, we are required to make estimates and assumptions about future events and apply judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses and related disclosures. We base our assumptions, estimates and judgments on historical experience, current trends and other factors that we believe to be relevant at the time our consolidated financial statements are prepared. On a regular basis, we review our accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments to ensure that our consolidated financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, because future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could materially differ from our estimates.

Our significant accounting policies are discussed in <u>Note 2</u> Summary of Significant Accounting Policies of the accompanying consolidated financial statements. We believe that the following accounting policies are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our reported financial results, and they require our most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, resulting from the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. We have reviewed these critical accounting estimates and related disclosures with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

### Revenue Recognition

The Company accounts for its metals and sales contracts using settlement date accounting. Pursuant to such accounting, the Company recognizes the sale or purchase of the metals at settlement date. During the period between the trade and settlement dates, the Company has entered into a forward contract that meets the definition of a derivative in accordance with the Derivatives and Hedging Topic 815 of the ASC. The Company records the derivative at the trade date with any corresponding unrealized gain (loss), shown as component of cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company adjusts the derivatives to fair value on a daily basis until the transactions are settled. When these contracts are settled, the unrealized gains and losses are reversed, and revenue is recognized for contracts that are physically settled. For contracts that are net settled, the realized gains and losses are

recorded in cost of sales, with the exception of forward contracts, where their associated realized gain and losses are recorded in revenue and cost of sales, respectively.

#### **Inventories**

The Company's inventories primarily include bullion and bullion coins, which are initially recorded at fair market value. The fair market value of the bullion and bullion coins is comprised of two components: (1) published market values attributable to the cost of the raw precious metal, and (2) a published premium paid at acquisition of the metal. The premium is attributable to the additional value of the product in its finished goods form and the market value attributable solely to the premium may be readily determined, as it is published by multiple reputable sources. The premium is included in the cost of the inventory, paid at acquisition, and is a component of the total fair market value of the inventory. The precious metal component of the inventory may be hedged through the use of precious metal commodity positions, while the premium component of our inventory is not a commodity that may be hedged. The Company's inventories, except for certain lower of cost or market basis products (as described below), are subsequently recorded at their fair market values. The daily changes in the fair market value of our inventory are offset by daily changes in the fair market value of hedging derivatives that are taken with respect to our inventory positions; both the change in the fair market value of the inventory and the change in the fair market value of these derivative instruments are recorded in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations.

While the premium component included in inventories is marked-to-market, our commemorative coin inventory, including its premium component, is held at the lower of cost or market, because the value of commemorative coins is influenced more by supply and demand determinants than on the underlying spot price of the precious metal content of the commemorative coins. Unlike our bullion coins, the value of commemorative coins is not subject to the same level of volatility as bullion coins because our commemorative coins typically carry a substantially higher premium over the spot metal price than bullion coins. Additionally, neither the commemorative coin inventory nor the premium component of our inventory is hedged.

Inventories include amounts borrowed from suppliers and customers arising from various arrangements including unallocated metal positions held by customers in the Company's inventory, amounts due to suppliers for the use of consigned inventory, metals held by suppliers as collateral on advanced pool metals, as well as shortages in unallocated metal positions held by the Company in the supplier's inventory. Unallocated or pool metal represents an unsegregated inventory position that is due on demand, in a specified physical form, based on the total ounces of metal held in the position. Amounts under these arrangements require delivery either in the form of precious metals or cash. The Company mitigates market risk of its physical inventories and open commitments through commodity hedge transactions (see Note 11.)

The Company enters into product financing agreements for the transfer and subsequent option to reacquire its gold and silver inventory at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price with a third party finance company. This inventory is restricted and is held at a custodial storage facility in exchange for a financing fee, charged by the third party finance company. During the term of the financing agreement, the third party company holds the inventory as collateral, and both parties intend for the inventory to be returned to the Company at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the termination (repurchase) date. The third party charges a monthly fee as percentage of the market value of the outstanding obligation; such monthly charge is classified as interest expense. These transactions do not qualify as sales and have been accounted for as financing arrangements in accordance with ASC 470-40 Product Financing Arrangements, and are reflected in the consolidated balance sheets as product financing arrangements. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Both the product financing and the underlying inventory (which is restricted) are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value included in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company periodically loans metals to customers on a short-term consignment basis. Such inventories are removed at the time the customer elects to price and purchase the metals, and the Company records a corresponding sale and receivable.

The Company enters into financing arrangements with certain customers under which A-Mark purchases precious metals products that are subject to repurchase by the customer at the fair value of the product on the repurchase date. The Company or the counterparty may typically terminate any such arrangement with 14 days' notice. Upon termination the customer's rights to repurchase any remaining inventory is forfeited. Goodwill and Other Purchased Intangible Assets

We evaluate goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles for impairment annually in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year (or more frequently if indicators of potential impairment exist) in accordance with the Intangibles - Goodwill and Other Topic 350 of the ASC. Other finite-lived intangible assets are evaluated for impairment when events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. We may first qualitatively assess whether relevant events and circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is less than its carrying value. If, based on this qualitative assessment, we determine that goodwill is more likely than not to be impaired, a quantitative impairment test is performed. This step requires us to determine the fair value of the business, and compare the calculated fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If through this quantitative analysis the Company determines the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, the goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not to be impaired. If the Company concludes that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, a goodwill impairment will be recognized

for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value.

The Company also performs impairment reviews on its indefinite-lived intangible assets (i.e., trademarks and trade-names). In assessing its indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment, the Company has the option to first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether events or circumstances exist that lead to a determination that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying amount. If the Company determines that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying amount, the Company is not required to perform any additional tests in assessing the asset for impairment. However, if the Company concludes otherwise or elects not to perform the qualitative assessment, then it is required to perform a quantitative analysis to determine if the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying value. If through a quantitative analysis the Company determines the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset exceeds its carrying amount, the indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying value, an impairment will be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the indefinite-lived intangible asset's fair value.

#### **Income Taxes**

As part of the process of preparing its consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to estimate its provision for income taxes in each of the tax jurisdictions in which it conducts business, in accordance with the Income Taxes Topic 740 of the ASC ("ASC 740"). The Company computes its annual tax rate based on the statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available to it in the various jurisdictions in which it earns income. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's annual tax rate and in evaluating uncertainty in its tax positions. The Company recognizes a benefit for tax positions that it believes will more likely than not be sustained upon examination. The amount of benefit recognized is the largest amount of benefit that the Company believes has more than a 50% probability of being realized upon settlement. The Company regularly monitors its tax positions and adjusts the amount of recognized tax benefit based on its evaluation of information that has become available since the end of its last financial reporting period. The annual tax rate includes the impact of these changes in recognized tax benefits. When adjusting the amount of recognized tax benefits, the Company does not consider information that has become available after the balance sheet date, but does disclose the effects of new information whenever those effects would be material to the Company's consolidated financial statements. The difference between the amount of benefit taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and the amount of benefit recognized for financial reporting represents unrecognized tax benefits. These unrecognized tax benefits are presented in the consolidated balance sheets principally within accrued liabilities.

The Company accounts for uncertainty in income taxes under the provisions of ASC 740. These provisions clarify the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements, and prescribe a recognition threshold and measurement criteria for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The provisions also provide guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest, and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The potential interest and/or penalties associated with an uncertain tax position are recorded in provision for income taxes on the consolidated statements of operations. Please refer to Note 12 for further discussion regarding these provisions. Income taxes are accounted for using an asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the net deferred tax assets will not be realized. The factors used to assess the likelihood of realization include the Company's forecast of the reversal of temporary differences, future taxable income and available tax planning strategies that could be implemented to realize the net deferred tax assets. Failure to achieve forecasted taxable income in applicable tax jurisdictions could affect the ultimate realization of deferred tax assets and could result in an increase in the Company's effective tax rate on future earnings.

The Company records valuation allowances to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. Significant judgment is applied when assessing the need for valuation allowances. Areas of estimation include the Company's consideration of future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. Should a change in circumstances lead to a change in judgment about the utilization of deferred tax assets in future years, the Company would adjust related valuation allowances in the period that the change in circumstances occurs, along with a corresponding increase or charge to income. Changes in recognized tax benefits and changes in valuation allowances could be material to the Company's results of operations for any period, but is not expected to be material to the Company's consolidated financial position. Based on our assessment it appears more likely than not that all of the net deferred tax assets will be realized through future taxable income.

The Company's consolidated financial statements recognized the current and deferred income tax consequences that result from the Company's activities during the current and preceding periods, as if the Company were a separate taxpayer prior to the date of the Distribution of the company when it was a member of the consolidated income tax return group of its Former Parent

(Spectrum Group International, Inc.) Following its spin-off, the Company files federal and state income tax filings that are separate from the Former Parent's tax filings. The Company recognizes current and deferred income taxes as a separate taxpayer for periods ending after the date of Distribution.

## **Business Combinations**

The Company evaluates each purchase transaction to determine whether the acquired assets meet the definition of a business. The Company accounts for business combinations by applying the acquisition method in accordance with "ASC 805, Business Combinations. Transaction costs related to acquisition of a business are expensed as incurred and excluded from the fair value of consideration transferred. The identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests, if any, in an acquired entity are recognized and measured at their estimated fair values. The excess of the fair value of consideration transferred over the fair values of identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests, if any, in an acquired entity, net of fair value of any previously held interest in the acquired entity, is recorded as goodwill. Such valuations require management to make significant estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets and liabilities.

## Contingent Earn-out Liability

Contingent consideration is classified as a liability or equity, as applicable. Contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of a business is measured at fair value on acquisition date, and unless classified as equity, is remeasured at fair value each reporting period thereafter until the consideration is settled, with changes in fair value included in net income.

We record an estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration, related to the earn-out obligations to SilverTowne LP related to SilverTowne Mint transaction. On a quarterly basis, we revalue the liability and record increases or decreases in the fair value as an adjustment to earnings. Changes to the contingent consideration liability can result from adjustments to the discount rate, or from changes to the estimates of future throughput activity of AMST, which are considered Level 3 inputs (see <a href="Note 3">Note 3</a>). Consequentially, the assumptions used in estimating fair value require significant judgment. The use of different assumptions and judgments could result in a materially different estimate of fair value.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

For a description of accounting changes and recent accounting standards, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects, if any, on our consolidated financial statements, see  $\underline{\text{Note } 2}$ .

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK Not applicable to smaller reporting companies.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Shareholders A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc.

## Opinion on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended June 30, 2018, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Basis for opinion

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

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## /s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2015.

Newport Beach, California September 18, 2018

# A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (amounts in thousands, except for share data)

| (amounts in thousands, except for share data)     |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
|   |           | June 30,  |
|   | 2018      | 2017      |
| ASSETS  |           |           |
| Current assets:                                   |           |           |
| Cash  | \$6,291   | \$13,059  |
| Receivables, net                                  | 35,856    | 39,295    |
| Derivative assets                                 | 7,395     | 17,587    |
| Secured loans receivable                          | 110,424   | 91,238    |
| Precious metals held under financing arrangements | 262,566   | _         |
| Inventories:                                      | 202,000   |           |
| Inventories                                       | 166,176   | 149,316   |
| Restricted inventories                            | 113,940   | 135,343   |
|   | 280,116   | 284,659   |
|   | 200,110   | 20.,009   |
| Income taxes receivable                           | 1,553     | _         |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                 | 2,782     | 1,183     |
| Total current assets                              | 706,983   | 447,021   |
|   | •         | ·         |
| Plant, property and equipment, net                | 8,018     | 6,607     |
| Goodwill  | 8,881     | 8,881     |
| Intangibles, net                                  | 6,861     | 4,065     |
| Long-term investments                             | 8,388     | 7,967     |
| Deferred tax assets - non-current                 | 3,870     | 3,959     |
| Total assets                                      | \$743,001 | \$478,500 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY              |           |           |
| Current liabilities:                              |           |           |
| Lines of credit                                   | \$200,000 | \$180,000 |
| Liability on borrowed metals                      | 280,346   | 5,625     |
| Product financing arrangements                    | 113,940   | 135,343   |
| Accounts payable                                  | 45,997    | 41,947    |
| Derivative liabilities                            | 20,457    | 34,582    |
| Note payable (related party)                      |           | 500       |
| Accrued liabilities                               | 5,129     | 4,945     |
| Income taxes payable                              |           | 1,418     |
| Total current liabilities                         | 665,869   | 404,360   |
| Debt obligation (related party)                   | 7,226     |           |
| Other long-term liabilities (related party)       | 798       | 1,117     |
| Total liabilities                                 | 673,893   | 405,477   |
| Commitments and contingencies                     |           |           |

## Commitments and contingencies

Stockholders' equity:

Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 10,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: none as of \_\_\_\_\_ June 30, 2018 and 2017

| Common stock, par value \$0.01; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 7,031,450 shares issued and |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| outstanding as of June 30, 2018 and 2017  |           |           |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 24,717    | 23,526    |
| Retained earnings   | 40,910    | 45,994    |
| Total A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc. stockholders' equity                                   | 65,698    | 69,591    |
| Non-controlling interest  | 3,410     | 3,432     |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 69,108    | 73,023    |
| Total liabilities, non-controlling interest and stockholders' equity                      | \$743,001 | \$478,500 |
| See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements                               |           |           |
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## A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except for share and per share data)

| Years Ended June 30,<br>Revenues<br>Cost of sales<br>Gross profit                                       | 2018<br>\$7,606,248<br>7,576,805<br>29,443 | 2017<br>\$6,989,624<br>6,958,290<br>31,334 |
|---|--|--|
| Selling, general and administrative expenses<br>Goodwill and intangible asset impairment                | (2,654)                                    | (23,343 )                                  |
| Interest income Interest expense Other income   | 16,105<br>(13,891 )<br>954                 | 12,553<br>(10,117 )<br>298                 |
| Unrealized gain on foreign exchange<br>Net (loss) income before provision for income taxes              |  | 60<br>10,785                               |
| Income tax expense  Net (loss) income  Add: Net loss attributable to non controlling interest           | (3,419)                                    | (3,721 )<br>7,064<br>(22 )                 |
| Add: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest<br>Net (loss) income attributable to the Company | ` ,  | (22 )<br>\$7,086                           |
| Basic and diluted net (loss) income per share attributa Metals, Inc.:                                   |  |  |
| Basic<br>Diluted  | ,  | \$1.01<br>\$1.00                           |
| Dividends per share   | \$0.24                                     | \$0.30                                     |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: Basic Diluted  | 7,031,400<br>7,031,400                     | 7,029,400<br>7,121,500                     |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (in thousands, except for share data)

|   | Common<br>Stock<br>(Shares) | Commo<br>Stock | Additiona<br>Paid-in<br>Capital | l<br>Retained<br>Earnings | Total A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc. Stockholders Equity |          | Total<br>ng<br>Stockhold<br>Equity | ers' |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------|------------------------------------|------|
| Balance, June 30, 2016                  | 7,021,450                   | \$ 71          | \$ 22,220                       | \$41,018                  | \$ 63,309  | \$ —     | \$ 63,309                          |      |
| Net income (loss)                       | _                           | _              | _                               | 7,086                     | 7,086  | (22)     | 7,064                              |      |
| Share-based compensation                | _                           | _              | 996                             | _                         | 996  | _        | 996                                |      |
| Excess tax benefit of share-based award | _                           | _              | 138                             | _                         | 138  | _        | 138                                |      |
| Minority interest contribution          |                             |                |                                 |                           | _  | 3,454    | 3,454                              |      |
| Stock award grant                       | 10,000                      |                | 172                             |                           | 172  | _        | 172                                |      |
| Dividends declared                      | _                           | _              | _                               | (2,110)                   | (2,110)  | _        | (2,110                             | )    |
| Balance, June 30, 2017                  | 7,031,450                   | \$ 71          | \$ 23,526                       | \$45,994                  | \$ 69,591  | \$ 3,432 | \$ 73,023                          |      |
| Net loss                                | _                           | _              | _                               | (3,397)                   | (3,397)  | (22)     | (3,419                             | )    |
| Share-based compensation                | _                           | _              | 1,191                           | _                         | 1,191  | _        | 1,191                              |      |
| Dividends declared                      | _                           | _              | _                               | (1,687)                   | (1,687)  |          | (1,687                             | )    |
| Balance, June 30, 2018                  | 7,031,450                   | \$ 71          | \$ 24,717                       | \$40,910                  | \$ 65,698  | \$ 3,410 | \$ 69,108                          |      |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(amounts in thousands)

| Years Ended June 30,   | 2018             | 2017        |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities:  | <b>*</b> (2.440) | <b></b>     |
| Net (loss) income  | \$(3,419)        | \$7,064     |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |                  | 1 501       |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 2,626            | 1,521       |
| Impairment of intangible assets  | 2,654            |             |
| Amortization of loan cost  | 1,463            | 892         |
| Deferred income taxes  | 89               | (10,780)    |
| Interest added to principal of secured loans   |                  | ) (68 )     |
| Change in accrued earn-out (non-cash)  |                  | (198)       |
| Share-based compensation   | 1,191            | 996         |
| Earnings from equity method investment   | (421)            | ) (94 )     |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets   |                  | 178         |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:   |                  |             |
| Receivables  | 4,044            | 4,007       |
| Secured loans  | 385              | 8,765       |
| Secured loans to Former Parent   | (12,523)         | 1,370       |
| Derivative assets  | 11,017           | 16,145      |
| Income tax receivable  | (1,553)          | 7,318       |
| Precious metals held under financing arrangements  | (262,566)        | <u> </u>    |
| Inventories  | 16,946           | (39,602)    |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  | (1,779)          | (572)       |
| Accounts payable   | 2,221            | (4,822)     |
| Derivative liabilities   | (14,125)         | (1,872)     |
| Liabilities on borrowed metals   | 265,772          | 1,273       |
| Accrued liabilities  | (2,381)          | (2,923)     |
| Receivable from/payables to Former Parent  |                  | 203         |
| Income taxes payable   | (1,418)          | 1,418       |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities  | 7,646            | (9,781)     |
| Cash flows from investing activities:  |                  |             |
| Capital expenditures for property and equipment  | (1,317)          | (2,265)     |
| Secured loans, net   | (7,000)          | (30,801)    |
| Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash   | (9,515)          | (3,421)     |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (17,832)         | (36,487)    |
| Cash flows from financing activities:  | , , ,            |             |
| Product financing arrangements, net  | (21,403)         | 75,985      |
| Dividends  |                  | (2,110)     |
| Borrowings under lines of credit, net  | 20,000           | (32,000)    |
| Proceeds from issuance of debt obligation payable to related party                                 | 7,500            | <del></del> |
| Repayments on notes payable to related party   |                  | ) —         |
| Stock award grant  | — ( · ·          | 172         |
| Debt funding fees  | (492)            | ) —         |
| Excess tax benefit of share-based award  |                  | 138         |
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| Net cash provided by financing activities   | 3,418                         | 42,185                         |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash<br>Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, beginning of period<br>Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, end of period | (6,768 )<br>13,059<br>\$6,291 | (4,083 )<br>17,142<br>\$13,059 |
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## A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (amounts in thousands)

Years Ended June 30, 2018 2017 ( - Continued from preceding page - )

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for:

Interest expense \$12,251 \$9,448 Income taxes \$3,038 \$11,874

Non-cash investing and financing activities:

Interest added to principal of secured loans \$48 \$68 Debt funding fee \$534 \$---Contribution of assets from minority interest \$— \$3,454 Payable to minority interest partner for acquired business \$---\$500 Earn out obligation payable to minority interest partner \$1,523 \$---

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## A-MARK PRECIOUS METALS, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

**Basis of Presentation** 

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of A-Mark Precious Metals, Inc. and its wholly- and majority-owned subsidiaries ("A-Mark" or the "Company"). Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

**Business Segments** 

The Company conducts its operations in three reportable segments: (1) Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services, (2) Secured Lending and (3) Direct Sales. Each of these reportable segments represents an aggregation of operating segments that meets the aggregation criteria set forth in the Segment Reporting Topic 280 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") (See Note 18).

Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services

The Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment operates as a full-service precious metals trading company. The products that this segment sells include gold, silver, platinum and palladium for storage and delivery primarily in the form of coins, bars, wafers and grain. Also, this segment's trading-related services include financing, consignment, logistics, hedging and various customized financial programs.

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, A-Mark Trading AG ("AMTAG"), the Company promotes A-Mark bullion products throughout the European continent. Transcontinental Depository Services ("TDS"), also a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, offers worldwide storage solutions to institutions, dealers and consumers.

The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, A-M Global Logistics, LLC ("Logistics"), operates the Company's logistics fulfillment center based in Las Vegas, Nevada. Logistics provides customers an array of complementary services, including packaging, shipping, handling, receiving, processing, and inventorying of precious metals and custom coins on a secure basis.

In August 2016, the Company formed AM&ST Associates, LLC ("AMST"), a joint venture with SilverTowne, L.P., referred to as SilverTowne, an Indiana-based producer of minted silver. The Company and SilverTowne, L.P. own 55% and 45%, respectively, of AMST. AMST acquired the entire minting operations (referred to as SilverTowne Mint) of SilverTowne, L.P., with the goal of providing greater product selection to our customers and greater pricing stability within the supply chain, as well as to gain increased access to silver during volatile market environments. Secured Lending

The Company operates its Secured Lending segment through its wholly-owned subsidiary, CFC. CFC has been in operation since 2005. CFC is a California licensed finance lender that originates and acquires commercial loans secured by bullion and numismatic coins. CFC's customers include coin and precious metal dealers, investors and collectors

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company announced its intention to engage in securitization financing, whereby it would issue privately placed notes secured by the loans that it owns and the bullion and numismatics collateralizing the loans. As a result of this action, as well as certain changes to CFC's management structure, the Company determined that the operations of CFC, which had previously been included in the Wholesale Trading and & Ancillary Services segment, constituted a separate reportable operating segment.

**Direct Sales** 

The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Goldline, Inc. ("Goldline"), is a direct retailer of precious metals to the investor community. Goldline markets its precious metal products primarily on radio, the internet and television. Goldline sells gold and silver bullion in the form of coins, and bars, as well as numismatic coins.

The Company entered into the Direct Sales segment through its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Goldline, LLC ("Goldline, LLC" or the "Seller"), pursuant to the terms of an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), dated August 14, 2017, between Goldline (then known as Goldline Acquisition Corp.) and the Seller. The transaction closed on August 28, 2017 (the "Closing Date"). On the Closing Date, the estimated purchase price for the net assets was approximately \$10.0 million (the "Initial Provisional Purchase Price"), which was based on the

Seller's preliminary balance sheet dated as of July 31, 2017. The net assets acquired consisted of both intangible assets, which the parties agreed had an aggregate fair value of \$6.4 million, and specified net tangible assets of the Seller, which the parties initially agreed had an estimated aggregate fair value of \$3.6 million, subject to post-closing adjustment as described below. In connection with the closing, Goldline paid to the Seller an amount equal to the Initial Provisional Purchase Price less \$1.5 million (the "Holdback Amount"), which amount was held back

and deposited into escrow to serve as security for the Seller's indemnification obligations under the Purchase Agreement. As of June 30, 2018, none of the Holdback Amount had been released.

From the Closing Date and through June 30, 2018, the Company conducted net tangible asset value adjustment procedures pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement. As a result of these procedures, the Company has adjusted the estimated total purchase price for the net assets from \$10.0 million to \$9.5 million (the "Revised Provisional Purchase Price"). The fair value of the acquired net tangible assets as of the Closing Date is still being reviewed by the Company and the Seller and therefore the total purchase price is subject to further adjustment. Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, any amounts due back to the Company from the Seller as a result of the final determination of the fair value of the acquired net tangible assets is to be paid within three business days following such determination.

Acquisition costs of \$0.8 million were expensed as incurred as selling, general and administrative expenses, of which \$0.1 million was recorded by the Company during the year ended June 30, 2017.

Purchase Price Allocation

The Revised Provisional Purchase Price of \$9.5 million has been allocated to the acquired net assets purchased based on their fair values as follows (shown in thousands, and liability balances shown as negative amounts):

Working capital net assets:

| Receivables, net                                  | \$605   |                              |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| Derivative assets                                 | 825     |                              |
| Inventory   | 12,403  |                              |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                 | 856     |                              |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities          | (2,111) |                              |
| Liability on borrowed metals                      | (8,949) |                              |
| Deferred income                                   | (2,284) |                              |
| Subtotal  |         | \$1,345                      |
| Property and equipment                            |         | 1,806                        |
| Intangible assets (identifiable):                 |         |                              |
| Trade names                                       | \$2,200 |                              |
| Existing customer relationships                   | 1,300   |                              |
| Customer lead list                                | 1,100   |                              |
| Other   | 400     |                              |
| Subtotal  |         | 5,000                        |
| Goodwill:   |         |                              |
| Excess of cost over fair value of assets acquired |         | 1,364 <sup>(1)</sup> \$9,515 |

<sup>(1)</sup> During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company adjusted its estimate of Revised Provisional Purchase Price, which included \$86 decrease in the gross carrying amount of the acquired goodwill from \$1,450 to \$1,364.

The estimates of both the fair value and the allocation of the tangible and identifiable intangible assets requires extensive use of accounting estimates and management judgment. These estimates could be material. The fair values assigned to the assets acquired are based on estimates and assumption from data currently available.

The fair value of the acquired net tangible assets as of the Closing Date is still being reviewed by the Company and the Seller and therefore the total purchase price and the allocation of the purchase price is subject to further adjustment. Since there has been a lapse of more than one year from the date of acquisition (i.e., August 28, 2018), the measurement period as defined by generally accepted accounting principles has expired. Any further adjustments to the purchase price occurring after the conclusion of the measurement period will be recorded to income or expense in subsequent periods.

## Pro-Forma Information

The following unaudited pro-forma information for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 assumes the acquisition of the net assets of Goldline, LLC occurred on July 1, 2016, that is, the first day of fiscal year 2017:

in thousands, except for EPS (Unaudited) June 30, June 30, Years Ended June 30, 2018 2017 Pro-forma revenue \$7,607,405 \$7,090,784 Pro-forma net (loss) income \$(3,341 ) \$6,917 Pro-forma basic (loss) earnings per share \$(0.48 ) \$0.98 Pro-forma dilutive (loss) earnings per share \$(0.48 ) \$0.97

The above pro-forma supplemental information does not purport to be indicative of what the Company's operations would have been had these transactions occurred on July 1, 2016 and should not be considered indicative of future operating results. The Company believes the assumptions used provide a reasonable basis for reflecting the significant pro-forma effects directly attributable to the acquisition of Goldline. The unaudited pro-forma information accounts for amortization of acquired intangible assets (based on the preliminary purchase price allocation and an estimate of their useful lives), incremental financing costs resulting from the acquisition, elimination of prior sales and purchases between the entities, elimination of acquisition costs and an application of the Company's tax rate. For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 the Company used the tax rate of 31.0% and 37.5%, respectively, as an approximation of our blended statutory tax rate, which excludes the effects of any tax impacts related a revaluation of net deferred asset pursuant to the recently enacted Tax Cuts and Jobs Act legislation (see Note 12). The unaudited pro-forma results do not include any anticipated cost savings or other effects of the planned integration of Goldline.

## Related Agreements

In connection with the closing of the acquisition, Goldline entered into a privately placed credit facility in the amount of \$7.5 million (the "Goldline Credit Facility") with various lenders (the "Goldline Lenders"), which include some directors from the Company's Board, effective August 28, 2017 (see Note 14). Borrowings under the Goldline Credit Facility were used to finance a portion of the consideration payable under the Purchase Agreement.

On the Closing Date, the Seller and Goldline entered into a transition services agreement, pursuant to which Goldline will provide reasonable assistance to the Seller at no cost to the Seller (including access to records and services of transferring employees) for a period of two years following the closing date in connection with assisting the Seller with its continuing obligations for its retained liabilities that were not assumed by Goldline.

Also on the Closing Date, the Seller and the former CEO of the Seller also agreed that, for the period commencing on the closing date until the third anniversary thereof, neither they nor any of their affiliates will, directly or indirectly own, manage, operate, join, control, participate in, invest in or otherwise provide assistance to, in any manner, any "competing business" (as defined in the Purchase Agreement).

Spinoff from Spectrum Group International, Inc.

On March 14, 2014, the Company's former parent, Spectrum Group International, Inc. (including its subsidiaries, "SGI" or the "Former Parent"), effected a spinoff (the "spinoff" or the "Distribution") of the Company from SGI. As a result of the Distribution, the Company became a publicly traded company independent from SGI. On March 17, 2014, A-Mark's shares of common stock commenced trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "AMRK."

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements reflect the financial condition, results of operations, statement of stockholder equity and cash flows of the Company, and were prepared using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of A-Mark, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, CFC, AMTAG, TDS, Logistics, Goldline and its majority owned affiliate AMST (collectively the "Company"). All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, net income (loss) equaled comprehensive income (loss) as there were no items of comprehensive income (loss).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. These estimates include, among others, determination of fair value, allowances for doubtful accounts, impairment assessments of plant, property and equipment and intangible assets, valuation allowance determination on deferred tax assets, contingent earn-out liabilities, contingent interest liabilities, and revenue recognition judgments. Significant estimates also include the Company's

fair value determination with respect to its financial instruments and precious metals inventory. Actual results could materially differ from these estimates.

## Reclassifications

Certain previously reported amounts have been reclassified for consistency to the current fiscal year's consolidated financial statement presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported results of operations. In the third quarter of fiscal 2018, precious metals held under financing arrangements was included as a component of inventory on the consolidated balance sheets and statements of cash flows. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, precious metals held under financing arrangements is shown as a separate line item on the face of the consolidated balance sheets statements and cash flows.

## Concentration of Credit Risk

Cash is maintained at financial institutions and, at times, balances may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses related to these balances.

Assets that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of receivables, loans of inventory to customers, and inventory hedging transactions. Concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables is limited due to the large number of customers composing the Company's customer base, the geographic dispersion of the customers, and the collateralization of substantially all receivable balances. Based on an assessment of credit risk, the Company typically grants collateralized credit to its customers. The Company enters into inventory hedging transactions, principally utilizing metals commodity futures contracts traded on national futures exchanges or forward contracts with credit worthy financial institutions. Credit risk with respect to loans of inventory to customers is minimal. All of our commodity derivative contracts are under master netting arrangements and include both asset and liability positions. Substantially all of these transactions are secured by the underlying metals positions.

## Foreign Currency

The functional currency of the Company is the United States dollar ("USD"). Also, the functional currency of the Company's wholly-owned foreign subsidiary, AMTAG, is USD, but it maintains its books of record in Euros. The Company remeasures the financial statements of AMTAG into USD. The remeasurement of local currency amounts into USD creates remeasurement gains and losses, which are included in the consolidated statements of operations. To manage the effect of foreign currency exchange fluctuations, the Company utilizes foreign currency forward contracts. These derivatives generate gains and losses when they are settled and/or when they are marked to market. Business Combinations

The Company accounts for business combinations by applying the acquisition method in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 805, Business Combinations. The Company evaluates each purchase transaction to determine whether the acquired assets meet the definition of a business. Transaction costs related to the acquisition of a business are expensed as incurred and excluded from the fair value of consideration transferred. The identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests, if any, in an acquired entity are recognized and measured at their estimated fair values. The excess of the fair value of consideration transferred over the fair values of identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and non-controlling interests, if any, in an acquired entity is recorded as goodwill. Such valuations require management to make significant estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets and liabilities.

Contingent consideration is classified as a liability or equity, as applicable. Contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of a business is measured at fair value on the acquisition date, and unless classified as equity, is remeasured at fair value each reporting period thereafter until the consideration is settled, with changes in fair value included in net income.

Net cash paid to acquire a business is classified as investing activities on the accompanying consolidated statements of cash flow.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, when purchased, to be cash equivalents. The Company does not have any cash equivalents as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017.

As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the Company has \$0.4 million and \$0.0 million, respectively, in a bank account that is restricted and serves as collateral against a standby letter of credit issued by the bank in favor of the landlord for our office space in Los Angeles, California (see Note 15).

Precious Metals held under Financing Arrangements

The Company enters into arrangements with certain customers under which A-Mark purchases precious metals from the customers which are subject to repurchase by the customer at the spot value of the product on the repurchase date. The terms of these transactions are such that the Company has classified this material as precious metals held under financing arrangements, rather than as inventory - repurchase arrangements with customers (Note 6). In these repurchase arrangements, the Company holds legal title to the material and earns financing income for the duration of the agreement.

These arrangements are typically terminable by either party upon 14 days' notice. Upon termination, the customer's right to repurchase any remaining precious metal is forfeited, and the related precious metals are reclassified as inventory held for sale. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, precious metals held under financing arrangements totaled \$262.6 million and \$0.0 million respectively.

The Company's precious metals held under financing arrangements are "marked-to-market". Inventories

Inventories principally include bullion and bullion coins that are acquired and initially recorded at fair market value. The fair market value of the bullion and bullion coins is comprised of two components: (1) published market values attributable to the costs of the raw precious metal, and (2) a published premium paid at acquisition of the metal. The premium is attributable to the additional value of the product in its finished goods form and the market value attributable solely to the premium may be readily determined, as it is published by multiple reputable sources. The Company's inventories, except for certain lower of cost or market basis products (as discussed below), are subsequently recorded at their fair market values, that is, "marked-to-market". The daily changes in the fair market value of our inventory are offset by daily changes in the fair market value of hedging derivatives that are taken with respect to our inventory positions; both the change in the fair market value of the inventory and the change in the fair market value of these derivative instruments are recorded in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. While the premium component included in inventories is marked-to-market, our commemorative coin inventory, including its premium component, is held at the lower of cost or market, because the value of commemorative coins is influenced more by supply and demand determinants than on the underlying spot price of the precious metal content of the commemorative coins. Unlike our bullion coins, the value of commemorative coins is not subject to the same level of volatility as bullion coins because our commemorative coins typically carry a substantially higher premium over the spot metal price than bullion coins. Neither the commemorative coin inventory nor the premium component of our inventory is hedged (see Note 6.)

Plant, Property and Equipment

Plant, property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using a straight line method based on the estimated useful lives of the related assets, ranging from three years to twenty-five years. Depreciation commences when the related assets are placed into service. Internal-use software development costs are capitalized during the application development stage. Internal-use software costs incurred during the preliminary project stage are expensed as incurred. Land is recorded at historical cost, and is not depreciated. Repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. We have no major planned maintenance activities related to our plant assets associated with our minting operations.

The Company reviews the carrying value of these assets for impairment whenever events and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable. In evaluating for impairment, the carrying value of each asset or group of assets is compared to the undiscounted estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. An impairment loss is recognized for the difference when the carrying value exceeds the discounted estimated future cash flows. The factors considered by the Company in performing this assessment include current and projected operating results, trends and prospects, the manner in which these assets are used, and the effects of obsolescence, demand and competition, as well as other economic factors.

Finite-lived Intangible Assets

Finite-lived intangible assets consist primarily of customer relationships, non-compete agreements and employment contracts which are amortized on a straight-line basis over their economic useful lives ranging from three years to fifteen years. We review our finite-lived intangible assets for impairment under the same policy described above for

plant, property, and equipment; that is, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

Goodwill and Indefinite-lived Intangible Assets

Goodwill is recorded when the purchase price paid for an acquisition exceeds the estimated fair value of the net identified tangible and intangible assets acquired. Goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles (such as trade names) are not subject to amortization, but are evaluated for impairment at least annually. However, for tax purposes, goodwill acquired in connection with a taxable asset acquisition is generally deductible.

The Company evaluates its goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles for impairment in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year (or more frequently if indicators of potential impairment exist) in accordance with the Intangibles - Goodwill and Other Topic 350 of the ASC. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at a reporting unit level, which in our case, corresponds to the Company's reportable operating segments.

Evaluation of goodwill for impairment

The Company has the option to first qualitatively assess whether relevant events and circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is less than its carrying value. A qualitative assessment includes analyzing current economic indicators associated with a particular reporting unit such as changes in economic, market and industry conditions, business strategy, cost factors, and financial performance, among others, to determine if there would be a significant decline to the fair value of a particular reporting unit. If the qualitative assessment indicates a stable or improved fair value, no further testing is required.

If, based on this qualitative assessment, management concludes that goodwill is more likely than not to be impaired, or elects not to perform the qualitative assessment, then it is required to perform a quantitative analysis to determine the fair value of the business, and compare the calculated fair value of the reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If through this quantitative analysis the Company determines the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, the goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not to be impaired. If the Company concludes that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, a goodwill impairment loss will be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value (see Note 8). Evaluation of indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment

The Company evaluates its indefinite-lived intangible assets (i.e., trademarks and trade-names) for impairment. In assessing its indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment, the Company has the option to first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether events or circumstances exist that lead to a determination that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying amount. If the Company determines that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying amount, the Company is not required to perform any additional tests in assessing the asset for impairment. However, if the Company concludes otherwise or elects not to perform the qualitative assessment, then it is required to perform a quantitative analysis to determine if the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying value. If through this quantitative analysis the Company determines the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is considered not to be impaired. If the Company concludes that the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying value, an impairment loss will be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the indefinite-lived intangible asset's fair value.

The methods used to estimate the fair value measurements of the Company's reporting units and indefinite-lived intangible assets include those based on the income approach (including the discounted cash flow, and relief-from-royalty methods) and those based on the market approach (primarily the guideline transaction and guideline public company methods) (see Note 8).

**Long-Term Investments** 

Investments in privately-held entities that are at least 20% but less than 50% owned by the Company are accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, the carrying value of the investment is adjusted for the Company's proportionate share of the investee's earnings or losses, with the corresponding share of earnings or losses reported in other income (expense). The carrying value of the investment is reduced by the amount of the dividends received from the equity-method investee, as they are considered a return of capital.

Investments in privately-held entities that are less than 20% owned by the Company are accounted for using the cost method, unless the Company can exercise significant influence or the investee is economically dependent upon the

Company, in which case the equity method is used. Under the cost method, investments are carried at cost and other income is recorded when dividends are received from the cost-method investee.

We evaluate our long-term investments for impairment quarterly or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the Company did not identify any impairments.

#### Fair Value Measurement

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic 820 of the ASC ("ASC 820"), creates a single definition of fair value for financial reporting. The rules associated with ASC 820 state that valuation techniques consistent with the market approach, income approach and/or cost approach should be used to estimate fair value. Selection of a valuation technique, or multiple valuation techniques, depends on the nature of the asset or liability being valued, as well as the availability of data (see Note 3.)

## Contingent Earn-out Liability

We record an estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration related to the earn-out obligation to SilverTowne LP related to the SilverTowne Mint acquisition. On a quarterly basis, we revalue the liability and record increases or decreases in the fair value as an adjustment to earnings. Changes to the contingent consideration liability can result from adjustments to the discount rate, or from changes to the estimates of future throughput activity of AMST, which are considered Level 3 inputs (see Note 3). Consequentially, the assumptions used in estimating fair value require significant judgment. The use of different assumptions and judgments could result in a materially different estimate of fair value. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 the balance of contingent liability was \$588,000 and \$1,325,000 respectively, and the non-current portion of this liability is shown as a component in other long-term liabilities. Below is a reconciliation of the contingent earn out liability for the year ended June 30, 2018. in thousands

|   | Continge | ent   |
|---|----------|-------|
| Liabilities at fair value, based on Level 3 inputs: | Consider | ation |
| Balance at June 30, 2017                            | \$ 1,325 |       |
| Revaluation adjustment                              | (529     | )     |
| Amount paid to SilverTowne                          | (208     | )     |
| Balance at June 30, 2018                            | \$ 588   |       |

#### Revenue Recognition

### **Settlement Date Accounting**

Substantially all of the Company's sales of precious metals are conducted using sales contracts that meet the definition of derivative instruments in accordance with the Derivatives and Hedging Topic 815 of the ASC ("ASC 815"). The contract underlying A-Mark's commitment to deliver precious metals is referred to as a "fixed-price forward commodity contract" because the price of the commodity is fixed at the time the order is placed. Revenue is recognized on the settlement date, which is defined as the date on which: (1) the quantity, price and specific items being purchased have been established, (2) metals have been delivered to the customer, and (3) payment has been received or is covered by the customer's established credit limit with the Company.

All derivative instruments are marked to market during the interval between the trade date and the settlement date, with the changes in the fair value charged to cost of sales. The Company's hedging strategy to mitigate the market risk associated with its sales commitments is described separately below under the caption "Hedging Activities."

Trades Types of Products that are Physically Delivered

The Company's contracts to sell precious metals to customers are usually settled with the physical delivery of metals to the customer, although net settlement (i.e., settlement at an amount equal to the difference between the contract value and the market price of the metal on the settlement date) is permitted. Below is a summary of the Company's major trade order types and the key factors that determine when settlement occurs and when revenue is recognized for each type:

Traditional physical trade orders — The quantity, specific product, and price are determined on the trade date. Payment or sufficient credit is verified prior to delivery of the metals on the settlement date.

Consignment trade orders — The Company delivers the items requested by the customer prior to establishing a firm trade order with a price. Settlement occurs and revenue is recognized once the customer confirms its order (quantity, specific product and price) and remits full payment for the sale.

Provisional trade orders — The quantity and type of metal is established at the trade date, but the price is not set. The customer commits to purchasing the metals within a specified time period, usually within one year, at the then-current

market price. The Company delivers the metal to the customer after receiving the customer's deposit, which is typically based on 110% of the prevailing current spot price. The unpriced metal is subject to a margin call if the deposit falls below 105% of the value of the unpriced metal. The purchase price is established and revenue is recognized at the time the customer notifies the Company that it desires to purchase the metal.

Margin trade orders — The quantity, specific product and price are determined at trade date; however, the customer is allowed to finance the transaction through the Company and to defer delivery by committing to remit a partial payment (approximately 20%) of the total order price. With the remittance of the partial payment, the customer locks in the purchase price for a specified time period (usually up to two years from the trade date). Revenue on margin trade orders is recognized when the order is paid in full and delivered to the customer.

Borrowed precious metals trade orders for unallocated positions — Customers may purchase unallocated metal positions in the Company's inventory. The quantity and type of metal is established at the trade date, but the specific product is not yet determined. Revenue is not recognized until the customer selects the specific precious metal product it wishes to purchase, full payment is received, and the product is delivered to the customer.

## **Hedging Activities**

The value of our inventory and our purchase and sale commitments are linked to the prevailing price of the underlying precious metal commodity. The Company seeks to minimize the effect of price changes of the underlying commodity and enters into inventory hedging transactions, principally utilizing metals commodity futures contracts traded on national futures exchanges or forward contracts with credit worthy financial institutions. The Company hedges by each commodity type (gold, silver, platinum, and palladium). All of our commodity derivative contracts are under master netting arrangements and include both asset and liability positions.

Commodity forward, futures and option contracts entered into for hedging purposes are recorded at fair value on the trade date and are marked to market each period. The difference between the original contract values and the market values of these contracts are reflected as derivative assets or derivative liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value, with the corresponding unrealized gain or losses included as a component of cost of sales. When these contracts are net settled, the unrealized gains and losses are reversed and the realized gains and losses for forward contracts are recorded in revenue and cost of sales and the net realized gains and losses for futures and option contracts are recorded in cost of sales.

The Company enters into futures, forward and option contracts solely for the purpose of hedging our inventory holding risk and our liability on price protection programs, and not for speculative market purposes. The Company's gains (losses) on derivative instruments are substantially offset by the changes in the fair market value of the underlying precious metals inventory, which is also recorded in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations (see Note 11.)

## Other Sources of Revenue

In accordance with the Revenue Recognition Topic 605 of the ASC ("ASC 605") storage and logistics services revenues are recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the price is fixed or determinable, no obligations remain and collection is probable.

#### Interest Income

In accordance with the Interest Topic 835 of the ASC ("ASC 835") following are interest income generating activities of the Company:

Secured Loans -- The Company uses the effective interest method to recognize interest income on its secured loans transactions. The Company maintains a security interest in the precious metals and records interest income over the terms of the secured loan receivable. Recognition of interest income is suspended and the loan is placed on non-accrual status when management determines that collection of future interest income is not probable. The interest income accrual is resumed, and previously suspended interest income is recognized, when the loan becomes contractually current and/or collection doubts are resolved. Cash receipts on impaired loans are recorded first against the principal and then to any unrecognized interest income (see Note 5.)

Margin accounts -- The Company earns a fee (interest income) under financing arrangements related to margin trade orders over the period during which customers have opted to defer making full payment on the purchase of metals. Repurchase agreements -- Repurchase agreements represent a form of secured financing whereby the Company sets aside specific metals for a customer and charges a fee on the outstanding value of these metals. The customer is granted the option (but not the obligation) to repurchase these metals at any time during the open reacquisition period. This fee is earned over the duration of the open reacquisition period and is classified as interest income.

Spot deferred trade orders -- Spot deferred trade orders are a special type of forward delivery trade that enable customers to purchase or sell certain precious metals from/to the Company at an agreed upon price but, are allowed to delay remitting or taking delivery up to a maximum of two years from the date of trade. Even though the contact allows for physical delivery, it rarely occurs for this type of trade. As a result, revenue is not recorded from these transactions, because no product is delivered to the customer. Spot deferred trades are considered a type of financing transaction, where the Company earns a fee (interest income) under spot deferred arrangements over the period in which the trade is open.

## Interest Expense

The Company accounts for interest expense on the following arrangements in accordance with Interest Topic 835 of the ASC ("ASC 835"):

Borrowings -- The Company incurs interest expense from its lines of credit and its debt obligations using the effective interest method (see Note 14.) Additionally, the Company amortizes capitalized loan costs to interest expense over the period of the loan agreement.

Loan servicing fees -- When the Company purchases loan portfolios, the Company may have the seller service the loans that were purchased. The Company incurs a fee based on total interest charged to borrowers over the period the loans are outstanding. The servicing fee incurred by the Company is charged to interest expense.

Product financing arrangements -- The Company incurs financing fees (classified as interest expense) from its product financing arrangements (also referred to as reverse-repurchase arrangements) with third party finance companies for the transfer and subsequent option to reacquire its precious metal inventory at a later date. These arrangements are accounted for as secured borrowings. During the term of this type of agreement, the third party charges a monthly fee as a percentage of the market value of the designated inventory, which the Company intends to reacquire in the future. No revenue is generated from these trades. The Company enters this type of transaction for additional liquidity.

Borrowed metals fees -- The Company may incur financing costs from its liabilities on borrowed metal arrangements. The Company borrows precious metals (usually in the form of pool metals) from its suppliers and customers under short-term arrangements using other precious metals from its inventory as collateral. Typically, during the term of these arrangements, the third party charges a monthly fee as a percentage of the market value of the collateral (determined at the spot price) plus certain processing and other fees. The Company enters this type of transaction as an additional source of liquidity, and usually monetizes the metals received under such arrangements. Repayment is usually required in the same form as the metals advanced, or in cash.

## Other Income

The Company's other income is derived from the Company's proportional interest in the reported net income or net loss in an investee accounted for under the equity method of accounting and the gains or losses associated with revaluation adjustments to the contingent earn-out liability associated with its AMST investment.

The Company's proportional interest in the investee's reported net income (loss) from its equity method investment was \$421,000 and \$94,000 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The net gains associated with revaluation adjustments to the contingent earn-out liability was \$529,000 and \$198,000 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

## Advertising

Advertising expense was \$3,234,000 and \$673,000, respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. The increase in advertising expense primarily relates to our acquisition of Goldline. See Note 18 for bifurcation of expenses by segment.

## Shipping and Handling Costs

Shipping and handling costs represent costs associated with shipping product to customers, and receiving product from vendors and are included in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. Shipping and handling costs incurred totaled \$4,643,000 and \$4,527,000, respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

## **Share-Based Compensation**

The Company accounts for equity awards under the provisions of the Compensation - Stock Compensation Topic 718 of the ASC ("ASC 718"), which establishes fair value-based accounting requirements for share-based compensation to employees. ASC 718 requires the Company to recognize the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees as expense over the service period in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The expense is adjusted for actual forfeitures of unvested awards as they occur. Income Taxes

As part of the process of preparing its consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to estimate its provision for income taxes in each of the tax jurisdictions in which it conducts business, in accordance with the Income Taxes Topic 740 of the ASC ("ASC 740"). The Company computes its annual tax rate based on the statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available to it in the various jurisdictions in which it earns income. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's annual tax rate and in evaluating uncertainty in its tax positions. The Company recognizes a benefit for tax positions that it believes will more likely than not be sustained upon examination. The amount of benefit recognized is the largest amount of benefit that the Company believes has more than a 50% probability of being realized upon settlement. The Company regularly monitors its tax positions and adjusts the amount of recognized tax benefit based on its evaluation of information that has become available since the end of its last financial reporting period. The annual tax rate includes the impact of these changes in recognized tax benefits. When adjusting the amount of recognized tax benefits, the Company does not consider new information that has become available after the balance sheet date, but does disclose the effects of new information whenever those effects would be material to the Company's consolidated financial statements. The difference between the amount of benefit taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and the amount of benefit recognized for financial reporting represents unrecognized tax benefits. These unrecognized tax benefits are presented in the consolidated balance sheets principally within accrued liabilities.

The Company accounts for uncertainty in income taxes under the provisions of ASC 740. These provisions clarify the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements, and prescribe a recognition threshold and measurement criteria for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The provisions also provide guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest, and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The potential interest and/or penalties associated with an uncertain tax position are recorded in provision for income taxes on the consolidated statements of operations. Please refer to Note 12 for further discussion regarding these provisions. Income taxes are accounted for using an asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the net deferred tax assets will not be realized. The factors used to assess the likelihood of realization include the Company's forecast of the reversal of temporary differences, future taxable income and available tax planning strategies that could be implemented to realize the net deferred tax assets. Failure to achieve forecasted taxable income in applicable tax jurisdictions could affect the ultimate realization of deferred tax assets and could result in an increase in the Company's effective tax rate on future earnings.

The Company records valuation allowances to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. Significant judgment is applied when assessing the need for valuation allowances. Areas of estimation include the Company's consideration of future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. Should a change in circumstances lead to a change in judgment about the utilization of deferred tax assets in future years, the Company would adjust related valuation allowances in the period that the change in circumstances occurs, along with a corresponding increase or charge to income. Changes in recognized tax benefits and changes in valuation allowances could be material to the Company's results of operations for any period, but is not expected to be material to the Company's consolidated financial position. Based on our assessment it appears more likely than not

that all of the net deferred tax assets will be realized through future taxable income.

The Company's consolidated financial statements recognized the current and deferred income tax consequences that result from the Company's activities during the current and preceding periods, as if the Company were a separate taxpayer prior to the date of the Distribution of the company when it was a member of the consolidated income tax return group of its Former Parent (Spectrum Group International, Inc.) Following its spin-off, the Company files federal and state income tax filings that are separate from the Former Parent's tax filings. The Company recognizes current and deferred income taxes as a separate taxpayer for periods ending after the date of Distribution.

## Earnings per Share ("EPS")

The Company computes and reports both basic EPS and diluted EPS. Basic EPS is computed by dividing net earnings (losses) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net earnings (losses) by the sum of the weighted average number of common shares and dilutive common stock equivalents outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS reflects the total potential dilution that could occur from outstanding equity awards, including unexercised stock options, utilizing the treasury stock method.

A reconciliation of shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per common shares for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, is presented below.

in

thousands

Years Ended June 30, 2018 2017

Basic weighted

average shares 7,031 7,029

outstanding

Effect of common

stock equivalents —

stock issuable under — 93

outstanding equity

awards

Diluted weighted

average shares 7,031 7,122

outstanding

Since the Company incurred a net loss for the year ended June 30, 2018, basic and diluted EPS were the same, as the inclusion of 842,515 potential common shares, related to outstanding stock options, in the computation of net loss per share would have been anti-dilutive.

## Dividends

Dividends are recorded if and when they are declared by the Board of Directors. See <u>Note 16</u> for a schedule showing the dividends declared during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

## Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

From time to time, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") or other standards setting bodies issue new accounting pronouncements. Updates to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") are communicated through issuance of an Accounting Standards Update ("ASU").

The Company has elected to early adopt ASU 2017-04, Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350) - Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment, effective with the annual review performed in the fourth quarter of 2018. On a prospective basis, the adoption of this ASU eliminates requirements to measure the fair value of each asset and liability to quantify the amount of impairment. Instead, goodwill impairment is simply measured by the excess of the carrying value of the reporting unit over its fair value (limited to the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit). The amendments of this ASU also eliminate the requirements for any reporting unit with a zero or negative carrying amount to perform a qualitative assessment and, if it fails that qualitative test, to perform step 2 of the goodwill impairment test.

In March 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-05, "Amendments to SEC Paragraphs Pursuant to SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118", to add various SEC paragraphs pursuant to the issuance of SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 ("SAB 118"), to ASC 740 "Income Taxes". SAB 118 was issued by the SEC in December 2017 to provide immediate guidance for accounting implications of U.S. tax reform under the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" (the "Tax Act"). SAB No. 118 provides for a provisional one year measurement period for entities to finalize their accounting for certain income tax effects related to the Tax Reform Act. SAB No. 118 provides guidance where: (i) the accounting for the income tax effect of the Tax Reform Act is complete and reported in the Tax Reform Act's enactment period, (ii) the accounting for the income tax effect of the Tax Reform Act is incomplete and reported as

provisional amounts based on reasonable estimates (to the extent determinable) subject to adjustments during a limited measurement period until complete, and (iii) accounting for the income tax effect of the Tax Reform Act is not reasonably estimable (no related provisional amounts are reported in the enactment period) and entities would continue to apply accounting based on tax law provisions in effect prior to the Tax Reform Act enactment until provisional amounts are reasonably estimable. SAB No. 118 requires disclosure of the reasons for incomplete accounting additional information or analysis needed, among other relevant information. The Company has evaluated the potential impacts of SAB 118 and has applied this guidance to its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures beginning in the second quarter of its fiscal year 2018. For additional information on SAB 118 and the impacts of the Tax Act on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures see Note 12. Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business, ("ASU 2017-01"). The objective of ASU 2017-01 is to clarify the definition of a business in order to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. The definition of a business affects many areas of accounting including acquisitions, disposals, goodwill and consolidation. ASU 2017-01 is effective

for the Company for annual and interim reporting periods beginning July 1, 2018 (for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years). ASU 2017-01 should be applied prospectively and we do not believe that its adoption will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows and related disclosures.

In August 2016 the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments ("ASU 2016-15"). This new standard will make eight targeted changes to how cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. This update is effective for the Company on July 1, 2018 (for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years). The new standard will require adoption on a retrospective basis unless it is impracticable to apply, in which case we would be required to apply the amendments prospectively as of the earliest date practicable. We will adopt the requirements of the new standard in the first quarter of fiscal 2019 and do not currently expect adoption to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, ("ASU 2016-02"), Leases (Topic 842). The amendments in this update require lessees to recognize a lease liability measured on a discounted basis and a right-of-use asset for all leases at the commencement date. This update is effective for the Company, on July 1, 2019 (for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years), and is to be applied using a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. We are evaluating the new guidelines, but believe that adoption will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows and related disclosures, as the Company has minimal lease commitments.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) ("ASU 2014-09"), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle of ASU No. 2014-09 is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled for those goods or services. ASU No. 2014-09 defines a five step process to achieve this core principle and, in doing so, more judgment and estimates may be required within the revenue recognition process than are required under existing U.S. GAAP. In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net) ("ASU 2016-08"). The amendments in ASU 2016-08 clarify the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations. In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-10, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing ("ASU 2016-10"). The amendments in ASU 2016-10 clarify aspects relating to the identification of performance obligations and improve the operability and understandability of the licensing implementation guidance. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12("ASU 2016-12"), Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients. The amendments in ASU 2016-12 address certain issues identified on assessing collectability, presentation of sales taxes, non-cash consideration, and completed contracts and contract modifications at transition. For all of the ASUs noted above ("ASC 606"), the effective date for the Company is July 1, 2018 (for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years). Either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method is permitted. The Company has evaluated the impact of this new pronouncement and does not believe the implementation of ASC 606 will have a significant effect on the financial results of the Company for fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2018. This is because the major portion of the Company's revenues fall under the authoritative guidance of ASC 815, which are outside the scope of ASC 606.

### 3. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, AT FAIR VALUE

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017.

in thousands

|   | June 30, 2018 |           | June 30, 2017 |           |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
|   | Carrying Fair |           | Carrying      | Fair      |
|   | Amount        | value     | Amount        | value     |
|   |               |           |               |           |
| Financial assets:   |               |           |               |           |
| Cash  | \$6,291       | \$6,291   | \$13,059      | \$13,059  |
| Receivables, net  | 35,856        | 35,856    | 39,295        | 39,295    |
| Secured loans receivable  | 110,424       | 110,424   | 91,238        | 91,238    |
| Derivative asset on open sale and purchase commitments, net     | 2,274         | 2,274     | 931           | 931       |
| Derivative asset on option contracts                            | 390           | 390       |               |           |
| Derivative asset on futures contracts                           | 238           | 238       | 1,273         | 1,273     |
| Derivative asset on forward contracts                           | 4,493         | 4,493     | 15,383        | 15,383    |
| Income taxes receivable   | 1,553         | 1,553     | _             | _         |
| Financial liabilities:  |               |           |               |           |
| Lines of credit   | \$200,000     | \$200,000 | \$180,000     | \$180,000 |
| Debt obligation (related party)                                 | 7,226         | 7,226     | _             | _         |
| Liability on borrowed metals                                    | 280,346       | 280,346   | 5,625         | 5,625     |
| Product financing arrangements                                  | 113,940       | 113,940   | 135,343       | 135,343   |
| Derivative liability on margin accounts                         | 3,804         | 3,804     | 4,797         | 4,797     |
| Derivative liability on price protection programs               | 168           | 168       | _             | _         |
| Derivative liability on open sale and purchase commitments, net | 16,485        | 16,485    | 29,785        | 29,785    |
| Accounts payable  | 45,997        | 45,997    | 41,947        | 41,947    |
| Accrued liabilities   | 5,129         | 5,129     | 4,945         | 4,945     |
| Other long-term liabilities (related party) (1)                 | 798           | 798       | 1,117         | 1,117     |
| Income taxes payable  |               | _         | 1,418         | 1,418     |
| Note payable - related party                                    | _             | _         | 500           | 500       |
|   |               |           |               |           |

(1) Includes estimated contingent amounts due to SilverTowne and to Goldline Lenders.

The fair values of the financial instruments shown in the above table as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 represent the amounts that would be received upon the sale of those assets or that would be paid to transfer those liabilities in an orderly transaction between market participants at that date. Those fair value measurements maximize the use of observable inputs. However, in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date, the fair value measurement reflects the Company's own judgments about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Those judgments are developed by the Company based on the best information available in the circumstances, including expected cash flows and appropriately risk adjusted discount rates, and available observable and unobservable inputs.

The carrying amounts of cash, secured loans receivable, receivables, income taxes receivable, accounts payable, income taxes payable, note payable, and accrued liabilities approximate fair value due to their short-term nature. The carrying amounts of derivative assets and derivative liabilities, liability on borrowed metals and product financing arrangements are marked-to-market on a daily basis to fair value. The carrying amounts of lines of credit and debt obligation approximate fair value based on the borrowing rates currently available to the Company for bank loans with similar terms and average maturities. The carrying value of other long-term liabilities represents the long-term portion of contingent earn-out liabilities that are remeasured on a quarterly basis.

## Valuation Hierarchy

Topic 820 of the ASC established a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 - inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. The significant assumptions used to determine the carrying value and the related fair value of the financial instruments are described below:

Inventory. Inventories, principally include bullion and bullion coins, are acquired and initially recorded at fair market value. The fair market value of the bullion and bullion coins are comprised of two components: 1) published market values attributable to the costs of the raw precious metal, and 2) a published premium paid at acquisition of the metal. The premium is attributable to the additional value of the product in its finished goods form and the market value attributable solely to the premium is readily determined, as it is published by multiple reputable sources. Except for commemorative coin inventory, which are included in inventory at the lower of cost or market, the Company's inventories are subsequently recorded at their fair market values on a daily basis. The fair value for commodities inventory (i.e., inventory excluding commemorative coins) is determined using pricing data derived from the markets on which the underlying commodities are traded. Precious metals commodities inventory are classified in Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Derivatives. Futures contracts, forward contracts, option contracts and open sale and purchase commitments are valued at their fair values, based on the difference between the quoted market price and the contractual price (i.e., intrinsic value,) and are included within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Margin and Borrowed Metals Liabilities. Margin and borrowed metals liabilities consist of the Company's commodity obligations to margin customers and suppliers, respectively. Margin liabilities and borrowed metals liabilities are carried at fair value, which is determined using quoted market pricing and data derived from the markets on which the underlying commodities are traded. Margin and borrowed metals liabilities are classified in Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Product Financing Arrangements. Product financing arrangements consist of financing agreements for the transfer and subsequent re-acquisition of the sale of gold and silver at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price with a third party. Such transactions allow the Company to repurchase this inventory on the termination (repurchase) date. The third party charges monthly interest as a percentage of the market value of the outstanding obligation, which is carried at fair value. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Fair value is determined using quoted market pricing and data derived from the markets on which the underlying commodities are traded. Product financing arrangements are classified in Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Liability on Price Protection Programs. The Company records an estimate of the fair value of the liability on price protection programs based on the difference between the contractual price at trade date and the retail price at the remeasurement date (i.e., quarter-end) based on the expected redemption rate of each program. As of June 30, 2018, the Company used the quoted market price based on the current spot rate and used an expected redemption rate of 100% for the price shield program, the most significant of the price protection programs. The use of a throughput rate of each program ignores the future price volatility that would affect the timing and rate of redemption under these programs, and, as a result, the liability on price protection programs is classified in Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. Contingent Earn-out Liability. The Company records an estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration related to the earn-out obligation to SilverTowne LP related to the SilverTowne Mint transaction. On a quarterly basis, the liability is remeasured and increases or decreases in the fair value are recorded as an adjustment to other income on the consolidated statements of operations. Changes to the contingent consideration liability can result from adjustments to the discount rate, or from changes to the estimates of future throughput activity of AMST. The

assumptions used in estimating fair value require significant judgment. The use of different assumptions and judgments could result in a materially different estimate of fair value. The key inputs in determining fair value of our contingent consideration obligations include the changes in the assumed timing and amounts of future throughputs (i.e., operating income, operating cost per unit, and production volume) which affects the timing and amount of future earn-out payments. Contingent earn-out liability is classified in Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. The Company values the contingent obligation by determining the likelihood that the company has achieved the following targeted amount of performance thresholds for each annual earn-out period. Such thresholds include (1) Producing a targeted amount of silver ounces, (2) Earning a targeted amount of operating income, and (3) Generating an operating cost per ounce that

is less than a targeted level. Each category triggers a different annual payout obligation if achieved over a 3 year period, and as of June 30, 2018, the remaining two annual contingent payout obligations, if achieved, would become due on August 31, 2019 and on October 30, 2019. The company re-assesses this contingent obligation each quarter based on the most current facts and market conditions. The obligation continues to remain as a liability at its original recorded value unless, based on each quarterly evaluation, it becomes evident the Company will not achieve all or part of the threshold performance targets. In such case, the obligation is adjusted to its more current estimated value. The following tables present information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, aggregated by the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the measurements fall:

|  | June 30, 2<br>Quoted<br>Price in | .018                 |                 |           |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
|  | Active<br>Markets                | Significant<br>Other | Significant     |           |
|  | for<br>Identical                 |                      | Unobservable    |           |
|  | Instrumen                        | t <b>k</b> nputs     | Inputs          |           |
| in thousands   | (Level 1)                        | (Level 2)            | (Level 3)       | Total     |
| Assets:  |                                  |                      |                 |           |
| Inventory (1)  | \$280,017                        | \$ _                 | _\$             | \$280,017 |
| Precious metals held under financing arrangements                | 262,566                          |                      |                 | 262,566   |
| Derivative assets — open sale and purchase commitments, net      | 2,274                            |                      | _               | 2,274     |
| Derivative assets — option contracts                             | 390                              |                      |                 | 390       |
| Derivative assets — futures contracts                            | 238                              |                      | _               | 238       |
| Derivative assets — forward contracts                            | 4,493                            |                      | _               | 4,493     |
| Total assets, valued at fair value                               | \$549,978                        | \$ _                 | -\$             | \$549,978 |
| Liabilities:   |                                  |                      |                 |           |
| Liability on borrowed metals                                     | \$280,346                        | \$ _                 | -\$             | \$280,346 |
| Product financing arrangements                                   | 113,940                          |                      | _               | 113,940   |
| Derivative liabilities — price protection programs               |                                  |                      | 168             | 168       |
| Derivative liabilities — liability on margin accounts            | 3,804                            |                      | _               | 3,804     |
| Derivative liabilities — open sale and purchase commitments, net | 16,485                           | _                    | _               | 16,485    |
| Contingent earn-out liability                                    | <b>\$</b> —                      | \$ _                 | <b>-</b> \$ 588 | \$588     |
| Total liabilities, valued at fair value                          | \$414,575                        | \$ -                 | -\$ 756         | \$415,331 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Commemorative coin inventory totaling \$99,000 is held at lower of cost or market and is thus excluded from this table.

|  | June 30, 2<br>Quoted          | 2017                 |                   |           |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|  | Price in<br>Active<br>Markets | Significant<br>Other | Significant       |           |
|  | for<br>Identical              | Observable           | Unobservable      |           |
|  | Instrumen                     | t <b>k</b> nputs     | Inputs            |           |
| in thousands   | (Level 1)                     | (Level 2)            | (Level 3)         | Total     |
| Assets:  |                               |                      |                   |           |
| Inventory (1)  | \$284,619                     | \$ -                 | _\$               | \$284,619 |
| Derivative assets — open sale and purchase commitments, net      | 931                           |                      | _                 | 931       |
| Derivative assets — futures contracts                            | 1,273                         |                      | _                 | 1,273     |
| Derivative assets — forward contracts                            | 15,383                        |                      | _                 | 15,383    |
| Total assets, valued at fair value                               | \$302,206                     | \$ -                 | _\$               | \$302,206 |
| Liabilities:   |                               |                      |                   |           |
| Liability on borrowed metals                                     | \$5,625                       | \$ -                 | _\$               | \$5,625   |
| Product financing arrangements                                   | 135,343                       |                      | _                 | 135,343   |
| Derivative liabilities — liability on margin accounts            | 4,797                         |                      | _                 | 4,797     |
| Derivative liabilities — open sale and purchase commitments, net | t 29,785                      |                      | _                 | 29,785    |
| Contingent earn-out liability                                    | _                             | _                    | 1,325             | 1,325     |
| Total liabilities, valued at fair value                          | \$175,550                     | \$ -                 | <b>-</b> \$ 1,325 | \$176,875 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Commemorative coin inventory totaling \$40,000 is held at lower of cost or market and is thus excluded from this table.

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. These assets are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis but are subject to fair value adjustments only under certain circumstances. These include: cost method and equity method investments that are written down to fair value when a decline in the fair value is determined to be other-than-temporary, and plant, property and equipment, intangibles or goodwill, which are written down to fair value when they are held for sale or determined to be impaired. The resulting fair value measurements of the assets are considered to be Level 3 measurements. Determining fair value requires the exercise of significant judgments, including judgments about appropriate discount rates, long-term growth rates, relevant comparable company earnings multiples and the amount and timing of expected future cash flows. The cash flows employed in the analyses are based on the Company's estimated outlook and various growth rates. Discount rate assumptions are based on an assessment of the risk inherent in the future cash flows of the respective reporting units. In assessing the reasonableness of its determined fair values, the Company evaluates its results against other value indicators, such as comparable transactions and comparable public company trading values.

The Company evaluates its goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangibles for impairment on non-recurring basis in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, or more frequently if indicators of potential impairment exist. As of June 30, 2017, the carrying value of the Company's indefinite-lived intangible and goodwill assets totaled \$2.3 million and \$8.9 million, respectively. During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company recorded \$2.2 million of indefinite-lived assets and \$1.4 million of goodwill related to our asset acquisition of Goldline (see Note 1). Then, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company recorded an impairment loss of \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million to indefinite-lived intangible and goodwill assets, respectively, based on our quantitative assessment of the fair value of the Direct Sales segment (i.e., Goldline). As of June 30, 2018, the carrying value of the Company's indefinite-lived intangible and goodwill assets totaled \$3.2 million and \$8.9 million, respectively (see Note 8).

There were no transfers in or out of Level 2 or 3 from other levels within the fair value hierarchy during the reported periods.

The Company's two investments in noncontrolled entities do not have readily determinable fair values. Quoted prices of the investments are not available, and the cost of obtaining an independent valuation appears excessive considering the carrying value of the instruments to the Company. Based on the Company's assessment of the carrying value of these assets, during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 the Company did not record any impairments related to these investments. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the carrying value of the Company's investments totaled \$8.4 million and \$8.0 million, respectively.

#### 4. RECEIVABLES

Receivables consist of the following as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017: in thousands

|                                       | June 30, | June 30, |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                       | 2018     | 2017     |
|                                       |          |          |
| Customer trade receivables            | \$22,813 | \$31,949 |
| Wholesale trade advances              | 10,722   | 2,457    |
| Due from brokers                      | 2,351    | 4,919    |
| Subtotal                              | 35,886   | 39,325   |
| Less: allowance for doubtful accounts | (30)     | (30)     |
| Receivables, net                      | \$35,856 | \$39,295 |

Customer Trade Receivables. Customer trade receivables represent short-term, non-interest bearing amounts due from precious metal sales, advances related to financing products, and other secured interests in assets of the customer. Wholesale Trade Advances. Wholesale trade advances represent advances of various bullion products and cash advances for purchase commitments of precious metal inventory. Typically, these advances are unsecured, short-term, and non-interest bearing, and are made to wholesale metals dealers and government mints.

Due from Brokers. Due from brokers principally consists of the margin requirements held at brokers related to open futures contracts (see <u>Note 11</u>).

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded based on specifically identified receivables, which the Company has identified as potentially uncollectible. A summary of the activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows: in thousands

| Period ended:               |    | ginning | Drovisio | n Charga    | \ff | Ending |       |  |
|-----------------------------|----|---------|----------|-------------|-----|--------|-------|--|
|                             |    | lance   | PIOVISIO | n Charge-o  | )11 | Ba     | lance |  |
| Year Ended June 30, 2018    | \$ | 30      | \$       | <b>_</b> \$ |     | \$     | 30    |  |
| Year Ended June 30, 2017    | \$ | 30      | \$       | <b>_</b> \$ |     | \$     | 30    |  |
| 5. SECURED LOANS RECEIVABLE |    |         |          |             |     |        |       |  |

Below is a summary of the carrying value of our secured loans as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017: in thousands

|  | June 30,<br>2018                | June 30,<br>2017               |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Secured loans originated Secured loans originated - with a related party | \$23,300<br>12,523              | \$30,864                       |
|  | 35,823                          | 30,864                         |
| Secured loans acquired Secured loans (current and long-term)             | 74,601 <sup>(1)</sup> \$110,424 | 60,374 <sup>(2)</sup> \$91,238 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$54,000 of loan premium as of June 30, 2018.

Secured Loans - Originated: Secured loans include short-term loans, which include a combination of on-demand lines and short term facilities, and long-term loans that are made to our customers. These loans are fully secured by the customers' assets that include bullion, numismatic and semi-numismatic material, which are typically held in safekeeping by the Company. (See Note 13 for further information regarding our secured loans made to related parties.)

Secured Loans - Acquired: Secured loans also include short-term loans, which include a combination of on-demand lines and short term facilities that are purchased from our customers. The Company acquires a portfolio of their loan

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes \$72,000 of loan premium as of June 30, 2017.

receivables at a price that approximates the aggregate carrying value of each loan in the portfolio, as determined on the effective transaction date.

Each loan in the portfolio is fully secured by the borrowers' assets, which include bullion, numismatic and semi-numismatic material that are held in safekeeping by the Company. Typically, the seller of the loan portfolio retains the responsibility for the servicing and administration of the loans.

As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, our secured loans carried weighted-average effective interest rates of 9.6% and 9.2%, respectively, and mature in periods generally ranging typically from on-demand to one year.

The secured loans that the Company generates with active customers of A-Mark are reflected as an operating activity on the consolidated statements of cash flows. The secured loans that the Company generates with borrowers who are not active customers of A-Mark are reflected as an investing activity on the consolidated statements of cash flows as secured loans, net. For the secured loans that (i) are reflected as an investing activity and have terms that allow the borrowers to increase their loan balance (at the discretion of the Company) based on the excess value of their collateral compared to their aggregate principal balance of loan, and (ii) are repayable on demand or in the short-term, the borrowings and repayments are netted on the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Credit Quality of Secured Loans Receivables and Allowance for Credit Losses

The Company applies a systematic methodology to determine the allowance for credit losses for secured loan receivables. The secured loan receivables portfolio is comprised solely of secured loans with similar risk profiles. This similarity allows the Company to apply a standard methodology to determine the credit quality for each loan. The credit quality of each loan is generally determined by the secured material, the initial and ongoing collateral value determination and the assessment of loan-to-value determination. Typically, the Company's secured loan receivables within its portfolio have similar credit risk profiles and methods for assessing and monitoring credit risk.

The Company evaluates its loan portfolio in one of two classes of secured loan receivables: those loans secured by: 1) bullion items, and 2) numismatic and semi-numismatic coins. The Company's secured loans by portfolio class, which align with management reporting, are as follows:

in thousands

 Bullion
 June 30, 2018
 June 30, 2017

 Bullion
 \$72,128
 65.3
 % \$61,767
 67.7
 %

 Numismatic and semi-numismatic
 38,296
 34.7
 29,471
 32.3

 \$110,424
 100.0%
 \$91,238
 100.0%

Each of the two classes of secured loans receivables have the same initial measurement attribute and a similar method for assessing and monitoring credit risk. The methodology of assessing the credit quality of the secured loans acquired by the Company is similar to the secured loans originated by the Company; they are administered using the same internal reporting system, collateralized by precious metals, for which loan-to-value determination procedures are applied.

Credit Quality of Loans and Non-Performing Status

Generally, interest is due and payable within 30 days. A loan is considered past due if interest is not paid in 30 days or collateral calls are not met timely. Typically, loans do not achieve the threshold of non-performing status due to the fact that customers are generally put into default for any interest past due over 30 days and for unsatisfied collateral calls. When this occurs the loan collateral is typically liquidated within 90 days.

For certain secured loans, interest is billed monthly and, if not paid, is added to the outstanding loan balance. These secured loans are considered past due if their current loan-to-value ratio fails to meet established minimum equity levels, and the borrower fails to meet the collateral call required to reestablish the appropriate loan-to-value ratio. Non-performing loans have the highest probability for credit loss. The allowance for credit losses attributable to non-performing loans is based on the most probable source of repayment, which is normally the liquidation of collateral. In determining collateral value, the Company estimates the current market value of the collateral and considers credit enhancements such as additional collateral and third-party guarantees. Due to the accelerated liquidation terms of the Company's loan portfolio, all past due loans are generally liquidated within 90 days of default.

Further information about the Company's credit quality indicators includes differentiating by categories of current loan-to-value ratios. The Company desegregates its secured loans that are collateralized by precious metal products, as follows:

in thousands

|   | June 30, 2 | .018   | June 30, | 2017   |
|---|------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Loan-to-value of 75% or more                            | \$69,629   | 63.1 % | \$60,432 | 66.2 % |
| Loan-to-value of less than 75%                          | 40,795     | 36.9   | 30,806   | 33.8   |
| Secured loans collateralized by precious metal products | \$110.424  | 100.0% | \$91.238 | 100.0% |

The Company had no loans with a loan-to-value ratio in excess of 100% at June 30, 2018 or June 30, 2017. Impaired loans

A loan is considered impaired if it is probable, based on current information and events, that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan. Customer loans are reviewed for impairment and include loans that are past due, non-performing or in bankruptcy. Recognition of interest income is suspended and the loan is placed on non-accrual status when management determines that collection of future interest income is not probable. Accrual is resumed, and previously suspended interest income is recognized, when the loan becomes contractually current and/or collection doubts are removed. Cash receipts on impaired loans are recorded first against the receivable and then to any unrecognized interest income.

All loans are contractually subject to margin calls. As a result, loans typically do not become impaired due to the fact the Company has the ability to require margin calls which are due upon receipt. Per the terms of the loan agreement, the Company has the right to liquidate the loan collateral in the event of a default. The collateral material is highly liquid and can easily be sold by the Company to pay off the loan. Such circumstances, this would result in a short term impairment that would typically result in full repayment of the loan and fees due to the Company.

For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company incurred no loan impairment costs.

## 6. INVENTORIES

Our inventory consists of the precious metals that the Company has physically received, and inventory held by third-parties, which, at the Company's option, it may or may not receive. Below, our inventory is summarized by classification at June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017:

in thousands

|  | June 30,  | June 30,  |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2018      | 2017      |
| Inventory held for sale                              | \$32,605  | \$43,787  |
| Repurchase arrangements with customers               | 104,907   | 92,496    |
| Consignment arrangements with customers              | 10,785    | 7,368     |
| Commemorative coins, held at lower of cost or market | 99        | 40        |
| Borrowed precious metals                             | 17,780    | 5,625     |
| Product financing arrangements, restricted           | 113,940   | 135,343   |
|  | \$280,116 | \$284,659 |

Inventory Held for Sale. Inventory held for sale represents precious metals, excluding commemorative coin inventory, that have been received by the Company that is not subject to repurchase or consignment arrangements with third parties. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the inventory held for sale totaled \$32.6 million and \$43.8 million, respectively.

Repurchase Arrangements with Customers. The Company enters into arrangements with certain customers under which A-Mark purchases precious metals from the customers which are subject to repurchase by the customer at the fair value of the product on the repurchase date. Under these arrangements, the Company, which holds legal title to the metals, earns financing income until the time the arrangement is terminated or the material is repurchased by the customer/sold to the customer.

These arrangements are typically terminable by either party upon 14 days' notice. Upon termination, the customer's rights to repurchase any remaining inventory is forfeited. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, included within inventory is \$104.9 million and \$92.5 million, respectively, of precious metals products subject to repurchase

arrangements with customers.

Consignment Arrangements with Customers. The Company periodically loans metals to customers on a short-term consignment basis. Inventories loaned under consignment arrangements to customers as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 totaled

\$10.8 million and \$7.4 million, respectively. Such transactions are recorded as sales and are removed from the Company's inventory at the time the customer elects to price and purchase the precious metals.

Commemorative Coins. Our commemorative coin inventory, including its premium component, is held at the lower of cost or market, because the value of commemorative coins is influenced more by supply and demand determinants than on the underlying spot price of the precious metal content of the commemorative coins. Unlike our bullion coins, the value of commemorative coins is not subject to the same level of volatility as bullion coins because our commemorative coins typically carry a substantially higher premium over the spot metal price than bullion coins. Our commemorative coins are not hedged, and are included in inventory at the lower of cost or market and totaled \$99,000 and \$40,000 as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

Borrowed Precious Metals. Borrowed precious metals inventories include: (1) metals held by suppliers as collateral on advanced pool metals, (2) amounts due to suppliers for the use of consigned inventory, (3) unallocated metal positions held by customers in the Company's inventory, and (4) shortages in unallocated metal positions held by the Company in the supplier's inventory. Unallocated or pool metal represents an unsegregated inventory position that is due on demand, in a specified physical form, based on the total ounces of metal held in the position. Amounts due under these arrangements require delivery either in the form of precious metals, or cash. The Company's inventories included borrowed precious metals with market values totaling \$17.8 million and \$5.6 million as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively, with a corresponding offsetting obligation reflected as liabilities on borrowed metals on the consolidated balance sheets.

Product Financing Arrangements. In substance, these inventories represent amounts held as security by lenders for obligations under product financing arrangements. The Company enters into a product financing agreement for the transfer and subsequent re-acquisition of gold and silver at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price with a third party finance company. This inventory is restricted and is held at a custodial storage facility in exchange for a financing fee, paid to the third party finance company. During the term of the financing, the third party finance company holds the inventory as collateral, and both parties intend for the inventory to be returned to the Company at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the finance arrangement termination date. These transactions do not qualify as sales and have been accounted for as financing arrangements in accordance with ASC 470-40 Product Financing Arrangements. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Both the product financing and the underlying inventory are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value included in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. Such obligations totaled \$113.9 million and \$135.3 million as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

The Company mitigates market risk of its physical inventories and open commitments through commodity hedge transactions (see Note 11.) As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the unrealized gains (losses) resulting from the difference between market value and cost of physical inventories were \$(5.4) million and \$(4.5) million, respectively. Premium component of inventory

The Company's inventories primarily include bullion and bullion coins and are acquired and initially recorded at fair market value. The fair market value of the bullion and bullion coins is comprised of two components: (1) published market values attributable to the cost of the raw precious metal, and (2) a published premium paid at acquisition of the metal. The premium is attributable to the additional value of the product in its finished goods form and the market value attributable solely to the premium is readily determined, as it is published by multiple reputable sources. The premium is included in the cost of the inventory, paid at acquisition, and is a component of the total fair market value of the inventory. The precious metal component of the inventory may be hedged through the use of precious metal commodity positions, while the premium component of our inventory is not a commodity that may be hedged. The Company's inventories are subsequently recorded at their fair market values, that is, "marked-to-market", except for our commemorative coin inventory. The daily changes in the fair market value of our inventory are offset by daily changes in fair market value of hedging derivatives that are taken with respects to our inventory positions; both the change in the fair market value of these derivative instruments are recorded in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations.

The premium component, at market value, included in the inventories as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 totaled \$3.5 million and \$4.1 million, respectively.

#### 7. PLANT, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Plant, property and equipment consists of the following at June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017:

in

thousands

June 30, June 30,

2017 2018

Office

furniture, \$2,056, \$1,638 and

fixtures

Computer<sub>462</sub> equipment

Computer 3,471 software 2,386

Plant 2,701 1,979 equipment

Bulisding 315

Leasehold 2,796 2,571 improvements

Total

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Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$1,712,000 and \$1,099,000, respectively. Pursuant to the Company's acquisition of Goldline (see Note 1) the Company recorded approximately \$1.8 million of additional property and equipment, which represents the approximate fair value of these assets.

## 8. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

In connection with the acquisition of A-Mark by Former Parent on July 1, 2005, the accounts of the Company were adjusted using the push down basis of accounting to recognize the allocation of the consideration paid to the respective net assets acquired. In accordance with the push down basis of accounting, the Company's net assets were adjusted to their fair values as of the date of the acquisition based upon an independent appraisal.

Due to the Company's business combination with AMST that closed on August 31, 2016, the Company recorded an additional \$2.5 million and \$4.3 million of identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, respectively; these values were based upon an independent appraisal. The Company's investment in AMST has resulted in synergies between the

acquired minting operation and the Company's established distribution network by providing a more steady and reliable fabricated source of silver during times of market volatility. The Company considers that much of the acquired goodwill relates to the "ready state" of AMST's established minting operation with existing quality processes, procedures and ability to scale production to meet market needs.

Due to the Company's acquisition of Goldline (see Note 1), the Company recorded \$5.0 million and \$1.4 million of additional identifiable intangible assets and goodwill, respectively; these values were based upon an independent appraisal and represents their fair values at the acquisition date. The Company's investment in Goldline created synergies between Goldline's direct marketing operation and the Company's established distribution network, secured storage and lending operations that is expected to lead to increased product margin spreads, lower distribution and storage costs for Goldline, and a larger customer base for the Company's secured lending operations.

The carrying value of goodwill and other purchased intangibles as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 is as described below:

dollar amounts in

thousands

|                                     |                                   | June 30, 2018         |                       |              |                        |           | June 30, 2017        |                             |                       |   |                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
|                                     | Estimated Useful<br>Lives (Years) | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumula<br>Amortizat | iteo<br>tioi | dAccumula<br>nImpairme | ate<br>nt | Net<br>Book<br>Value | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumula<br>Amortizat |   | Rook               |
| Identifiable intangible             | e                                 |                       |                       |              |                        |           |                      |                             |                       |   |                    |
| Assets:                             |                                   |                       |                       |              |                        |           |                      |                             |                       |   |                    |
| Existing customer relationships     | 5 - 15                            | 8,848                 | (5,467                | )            | _                      |           | 3,381                | 6,447                       | (4,636                | ) | 1,811              |
| Non-compete and other               | 3 - 5                             | 2,300                 | (2,056                | )            | _                      |           | 244                  | 2,000                       | (2,000                | ) |                    |
| Employment agreement                | 3                                 | 295                   | (222                  | )            | _                      |           | 73                   | 195                         | (195                  | ) |                    |
| Intangibles subject to amortization |                                   | 11,443                | (7,745                | )            | _                      |           | 3,698                | 8,642                       | (6,831                | ) | 1,811              |
| Trade Name                          | Indefinite                        | \$4,454<br>\$15,897   | \$ —<br>\$ (7,745     | )            | \$ (1,291<br>\$ (1,291 | )         |                      | \$2,254<br>\$10,896         |                       | ) | \$2,254<br>\$4,065 |
| Goodwill                            | Indefinite                        | \$10,245(1)           | \$ —                  |              | \$ (1,364              | )         | \$8,881              | \$8,881                     | \$ <i>—</i>           |   | \$8,881            |

<sup>(1)</sup> During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018, the gross carrying amount decreased by \$86 related to the Company's revised estimate of the purchase price of Goldline due to the Seller. (see Note 1).

The Company's intangible assets are subject to amortization except for trade-names, which have an indefinite life. Intangible assets subject to amortization are amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives, which are estimated to be three to fifteen years. Amortization expense related to the Company's intangible assets for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$914,000 and \$422,000, respectively.

## **Annual Impairment Assessments**

In accordance with ASC 350, the Company's goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested annually in the fourth quarter for impairment or earlier if events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value below the carrying amount (see Note 2). Fiscal 2018

Based on the Company's qualitative assessment of current economic indicators associated with the Wholesale and Ancillary Services and Direct Sales reporting units, the Company concluded that the Direct Sales reporting unit more than likely incurred a significant decline in its fair value. Our Secured Lending segment has no recorded intangible assets and therefore was not part of this analysis. During fiscal 2018, the Company revised its future outlook with respect to its Direct Sales reporting unit which resulted in a reduction in expected future cash flows. As a result, the Company determined that the fair value of this reporting unit declined below its carrying value and recorded a \$1.4 million impairment of goodwill and a \$1.3 million impairment of indefinite-lived intangible assets in fiscal 2018. The Company used both the relief from royalty valuation method to determine the estimated fair value of this reporting unit's indefinite-lived intangibles (i.e., trade name). The key assumptions used in the royalty valuation method were long-term growth rate of 3.0%, pre-tax royalty rate of 0.5%, normalized tax rate 27.0%, and discount rate of 30.0%

The Company used both the income valuation approach and the market transaction approach to determine the estimated fair value of this reporting unit's goodwill based on a 75% and 25% weighting, respectively. The key assumptions used in the income valuation approach were long-term growth rate of 3.0%, normalized tax rate 27.0%,

normalized net working capital of 5.0% and discount rate of 30.0%. The key assumptions used in the market transaction approach were based on market multiples that were estimated per the Company's initial cash flow projections (first quarter of fiscal 2018) that were applied to the Company's lower fourth quarter fiscal 2018 cash flow projections of revenue of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"). Revenue multiples ranged from 0.05x to 0.10x and EBITDA multiples ranged from 1.04x to 2.52x. Fiscal 2017

No impairments were recorded in fiscal 2017.

Estimated amortization expense on an annual basis for the succeeding five years is as follows (in thousands):

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | Amoun   |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 2019                        | \$1,011 |
| 2020                        | 1,011   |
| 2021                        | 599     |
| 2022                        | 571     |
| 2023                        | 128     |
| Thereafter                  | 378     |
| Total                       | \$3,698 |

#### 9. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

The Company has two investments in privately-held entities, both of which are online precious metals retailers and customers of the Company. The Company has exclusive supplier agreements with each entity, for which these customers have agreed to purchase all bullion products required for their businesses exclusively from A-Mark, subject to certain limitations. The Company also provides fulfillment services to both of these customers. The following table shows the carrying value of the Company's investments in the privately held companies, categorized by type of investment:

in thousands

|                          | June 30, | June 30 |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|
|                          | 2018     | 2017    |
| Equity method investment | \$7,888  | \$7,467 |
| Cost method investment   | 500      | 500     |
|                          | \$8,388  | \$7,967 |

## **Equity Method Investment**

The Company applies the equity method of accounting for its investment in which it has aggregate ownership interest of 20.6%. Under the equity method of accounting, the carrying value of the investment is adjusted for the Company's proportional share of the investee's reported earnings or losses with the corresponding share of earnings or losses reported in other income (expense) on the consolidated statements of operations. The Company's proportionate share of the investee's net income totaled \$421,000 and \$94,000 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Cost Method Investment

The Company applies the cost method to its investment in which its ownership percentage, based on the number of fully dilutive common shares outstanding, was 2.5% as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the aggregate carrying balance of this investment was \$0.5 million.

## 10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consists of the following: in thousands

|                             | June 30, | June 30, |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
|                             | 2018     | 2017     |
| Trade payables to customers | \$175    | \$277    |
| Advances from customers     | 42,615   | 36,382   |
| Deferred revenue            | 2,107    | 3,777    |
| Other accounts payable      | 1,100    | 1,511    |
|                             | \$45,997 | \$41,947 |

#### 11. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING TRANSACTIONS

The Company is exposed to market risk, such as changes in commodity prices, and foreign exchange rates. To manage the volatility relating to these exposures, the Company enters into various derivative products, such as forwards and futures contracts. By policy, the Company historically has entered into derivative financial instruments for the purpose of hedging substantially all of Company's market exposure to precious metals prices, and not for speculative purposes.

The Company's gains (losses) on derivative instruments are substantially offset by the changes in the fair market value of the underlying precious metals inventory, both of which are recorded in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations.

#### Commodity Price Management

The Company manages the value of certain assets and liabilities of its trading business, including trading inventories, by employing a variety of hedging strategies. These strategies include the management of exposure to changes in the market values of the Company's trading inventories through the purchase and sale of a variety of derivative instruments, such as, forwards and futures contracts.

The Company enters into derivative transactions solely for the purpose of hedging its inventory subject to price risk, and not for speculative market purposes. Due to the nature of the Company's global hedging strategy, the Company is not using hedge accounting as defined under Topic 815 of the ASC, whereby the gains or losses would be deferred and included as a component of other comprehensive income. Instead, gains or losses resulting from the Company's futures and forward contracts and open sale and purchase commitments are reported in the consolidated statement of operations as unrealized gains or losses on commodity contracts (a component of cost of sales) with the related unrealized amounts due from or to counterparties reflected as a derivative asset or liability on the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company's trading inventories and purchase and sale transactions consist primarily of precious metal products. The value of these assets and liabilities are marked-to-market daily to the prevailing closing price of the underlying precious metals. The Company's precious metals inventories are subject to market value changes, created by changes in the underlying commodity market prices. Inventories purchased or borrowed by the Company are subject to price changes. Inventories borrowed are considered natural hedges, since changes in value of the metal held are offset by the obligation to return the metal to the supplier.

The Company's open sale and purchase commitments typically settle within 2 business days, and for those commitments that do not have stated settlement dates, the Company has the right to settle the positions upon demand. Futures and forwards contracts open at end of any period typically settle within 30 days. Open sale and purchase commitments are subject to changes in value between the date the purchase or sale price is fixed (the trade date) and the date the metal is received or delivered (the settlement date). The Company seeks to minimize the effect of price changes of the underlying commodity through the use of forward and futures contracts.

The Company's policy is to substantially hedge its inventory position, net of open sale and purchase commitments that are subject to price risk. The Company regularly enters into precious metals commodity forward and futures contracts with financial institutions to hedge price changes that would cause changes in the value of its physical metals positions and purchase commitments and sale commitments. The Company has access to all of the precious metals markets, allowing it to place hedges. The Company also maintains relationships with major market makers in every major precious metals dealing center.

The Company's management sets credit and position risk limits. These limits include gross position limits for counterparties engaged in sales and purchase transactions with the Company. They also include collateral limits for different types of sale and purchase transactions that counterparties may engage in from time to time. Derivative Assets and Liabilities

The Company's derivative assets and liabilities represent the net fair value of the difference (or intrinsic value) between market values and trade values at the trade date for open precious metals sale and purchase contracts, as adjusted on a daily basis for changes in market values of the underlying metals, until settled. The Company's derivative assets and liabilities represent the net fair value of open precious metals forwards and futures contracts. The precious metals forwards and futures contracts are settled at the contract settlement date.

All of our commodity derivative contracts are under master netting arrangements and include both asset and liability positions (i.e., offsetting derivative instruments). As such, for the Company's derivative contracts with the same counterparty, the receivables and payables have been netted on the consolidated balance sheets. Such derivative contracts include open sale and purchase commitments, futures, forwards and margin accounts. In the table below, the aggregate gross and net derivative receivables and payables balances are presented by contract type and type of hedge, as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017.

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|  | June 30, 2018      |           |                              |                   | June 30, 2017      |                   |                              |                   |
|--|--------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| in thousands                           | Gross<br>Derivativ | Amounts   | Cash<br>Collateral<br>Pledge | Net<br>Derivative | Gross<br>Derivativ | Amounts<br>Wetted | Cash<br>Collateral<br>Pledge | Net<br>Derivative |
| Nettable derivative assets:            |                    |           |                              |                   |                    |                   |                              |                   |
| Open sale and purchase commitments     | \$2,602            | \$ (328)  | \$—                          | \$ 2,274          | \$1,625            | \$(694)           | \$—                          | \$ 931            |
| Option contracts                       | 390                |           |                              | 390               |                    |                   |                              |                   |
| Future contracts                       | 238                | _         | _                            | 238               | 1,273              | _                 | _                            | 1,273             |
| Forward contracts                      | 4,577              | (84)      | _                            | 4,493             | 15,754             | (371)             | _                            | 15,383            |
|  | \$7,807            | \$ (412)  | \$ <i>—</i>                  | \$ 7,395          | \$18,652           | \$(1,065)         | \$ <i>—</i>                  | \$ 17,587         |
| Nettable derivative liabilities:       |                    |           |                              |                   |                    |                   |                              |                   |
| Open sale and purchase commitments     | \$17,132           | \$ (647)  | \$—                          | \$ 16,485         | \$31,568           | \$(1,783)         | \$—                          | \$ 29,785         |
| Margin accounts                        | 5,988              | _         | (2,184)                      | 3,804             | 7,936              | _                 | (3,139)                      | 4,797             |
| Liability of price protection programs | 168                | _         | _                            | 168               | _                  | _                 | _                            | _                 |
|  | \$23,288           | \$ (647 ) | \$(2,184)                    | \$ 20,457         | \$39,504           | \$(1,783)         | \$(3,139)                    | \$ 34,582         |

Gains or Losses on Derivative Instruments

The Company records the derivative at the trade date with a corresponding unrealized gain (loss), shown as a component of cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company adjusts the derivatives to fair value on a daily basis until the transactions are settled. When these contracts are net settled, the unrealized gains and losses are reversed and the realized gains and losses for forward contracts are recorded in revenue and cost of sales, and the net realized gains and losses for futures and option contacts are recorded in cost of sales.

Below is a summary of the net gains (losses) on derivative instruments for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. in thousands

| Years Ended June 30,   | 2018               | 2017       |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| Gains (losses) on derivative instruments:  |                    |            |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on open future commodity and forward contracts and open sale and purchase commitments, net | \$2,351            | \$(17,738) |
| Realized gains on future commodity contracts, net  | 13,271<br>\$15,622 | ,          |
|  | 0.10.022           | カタルハチ      |

The Company's net gains on derivative instruments, as shown in the table above, were substantially offset by the changes in fair market value of the underlying precious metals inventory and open sale and purchase commitments, which were also recorded in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations.

## **Summary of Hedging Positions**

In a hedging relationship, the change in the value of the derivative financial instrument is offset to a great extent by the change in the value of the underlying hedged item. The following table summarizes the results of our hedging activities, which shows the precious metal commodity inventory position, net of open sale and purchase commitments, that is subject to price risk as of June 30, 2018 and at June 30, 2017. in thousands

| Inventory Precious metals held under financing arrangements                             | June 30,<br>2018<br>\$280,116<br>262,566<br>542,682 | June 30,<br>2017<br>\$284,659<br>—<br>284,659 |
|---|---|---|
| Less unhedgeable inventory:   |   |   |
| Commemorative coin inventory, held at lower of cost or market                           |   | (40)  |
| Premium on metals position  |   | (4,088)                                       |
| Precious metal value not hedged   | (3,629)   | (4,128)                                       |
|   | 539,053   | 280,531                                       |
| Commitments at market:  |   |   |
| Open inventory purchase commitments   | 342,287   | 587,687                                       |
| Open inventory sales commitments  | •   | (121,602)                                     |
| Margin sale commitments   | (5,988)   |   |
| In-transit inventory no longer subject to market risk                                   |   | (3,931)                                       |
| Unhedgeable premiums on open commitment positions                                       | 541   | 495   |
| Borrowed precious metals  | (280,346)   |   |
| Product financing arrangements  |   | (135,343)                                     |
| Advances on industrial metals   |   | 1,580   |
|   | (190,484)   | *   |
| Precious metal subject to price risk  | 348,569   | 595,856                                       |
| Precious metal subject to derivative financial instruments:                             |   |   |
| Precious metals forward contracts at market values                                      | 274,994   | 462,231                                       |
| Precious metals futures contracts at market values                                      | 72,421  | 133,450                                       |
| Total market value of derivative financial instruments                                  | 347,415   | 595,681                                       |
| Net precious metals subject to commodity price risk<br>Notional Balances of Derivatives | \$1,154   | \$175   |

The notional balances of the Company's derivative instruments, consisting of contractual metal quantities, are expressed at current spot prices of the underlying precious metal commodity. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the Company had the following outstanding commitments and open forward and future contracts:

#### in thousands

|                          | June 30,    | June 30,    |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          | 2018        | 2017        |
| Purchase commitments     | \$342,287   | \$587,687   |
| Sales commitments        | \$(138,022) | \$(121,602) |
| Margin sales commitments | \$(5,988)   | \$(7,936)   |
| Open forward contracts   | \$274,994   | \$462,231   |
| Open futures contracts   | \$72,421    | \$133,450   |

The contract amounts (i.e., notional balances) of the Company's forward and futures contracts and the open sales and purchase commitments are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. The Company records the difference between the market price of the underlying metal or contract and the trade amount at fair value. The Company is exposed to the risk of failure of the counterparties to its derivative contracts. Significant judgment is applied by the Company when evaluating the fair value implications. The Company regularly reviews the creditworthiness of its major counterparties and monitors its exposure to concentrations. At June 30, 2018, the Company believes its risk of counterparty default is mitigated as a result of such evaluation and the short-term duration of these arrangements.

## Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Management

The Company utilizes foreign currency forward contracts to manage the effect of foreign currency exchange fluctuations on its sale and purchase transactions. These contracts generally have maturities of less than one week. The accounting treatment of our foreign currency exchange derivative instruments is similar to the accounting treatment of our commodity derivative instruments, that is, the change in the value in the financial instrument is immediately recognized as a component of cost of sales. Unrealized gains (losses) on foreign exchange derivative instruments shown on the face of the consolidated statements of operations totaled \$30,000 and \$60,000 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The market values (fair values) of the Company's foreign exchange forward contracts and the net open sale and purchase commitment transactions, denominated in foreign currencies, outstanding are as follows:

| in thousands  |         | June 30, |
|---|---------|----------|
|   |         | 2017     |
| Foreign exchange forward contracts                  | \$4,130 | \$ 2,213 |
| Open sale and purchase commitment transactions, net | \$3,026 | \$ 2,235 |

#### 12. INCOME TAXES

Income (loss) from operations before provision for income taxes is shown below:

in thousands Year Ended
Years Ended June 30, 2018 2017
U.S. \$(3,446) \$10,745
Foreign 35 40
Net (loss) income before provision for income taxes \$(3,411) \$10,785

The Company files a consolidated federal income tax return based on a June 30 tax year end. The (benefit) expense from provision for income taxes for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 consists of the following:

| in thousands         | Year Ended   |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Years Ended June 30, | 20182017     |
| Current:             |              |
| Federal              | 42 13,642    |
| State and local      | (96) 879     |
| Foreign              | (27) (20 )   |
|                      | (81) 14,501  |
| Deferred:            |              |
| Federal              | 361 (10,117) |
| State and local      | (27)2(663)   |
|                      | 89 (10,780)  |

Provision for income taxes \$8 \$3,721

A reconciliation of the income tax provisions to the amounts computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate (28.06% for 2018, and 35% for 2017) to income before income tax provisions for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, are set forth below:

in thousands

Years Ended June 30. 2018 2017 Federal income tax \$(957) \$3,775 State tax, net of federal benefit (98 ) 210 Uncertain tax positions (50 ) (147 ) Change in valuation allowance (56 ) 12 Tax Act 1.244 -Other (75 ) (129 ) Provision for income taxes \$3,721 \$8

The schedule of deferred taxes presented below summarizes the components of deferred taxes that have been classified as deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities related to taxable temporary differences as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017:

#### in thousands

|   |         | June 30, |
|---|---------|----------|
|   | 2018    | 2017     |
| Accrued compensation                                  | \$86    | \$121    |
| Deferred rent   | 236     | 367      |
| Unrealized loss on open purchase and sale commitments | 2,351   | 5,026    |
| Stock-based compensation                              | 635     | 582      |
| State tax accrual                                     | 37      | 112      |
| Net operating loss carry forwards                     | 1,657   | 705      |
| Other   | 141     | 132      |
| Deferred tax assets                                   | 5,143   | 7,045    |
| Less: valuation allowances                            | _       | (56)     |
| Deferred tax assets after valuation allowances        | 5,143   | 6,989    |
| Intensible accets                                     | (206 )  | (1 247 ) |
| Intangible assets                                     |         | (1,347)  |
| Unrealized gain on futures and forward contracts      |         | (474 )   |
| Fixed assets  |         | (298)    |
| Inventories   | (319)   | (454)    |
| Earnings from equity method investment                | (283)   | (296)    |
| Investment in Partnership                             | (287)   | (161)    |
| Other   | (27)    | _        |
| Deferred tax liabilities                              | (1,273) | (3,030)  |
| Net deferred tax asset                                | \$3,870 | \$3,959  |

The effective tax rate decreased to a provision of 0.2% for the year ended June 30, 2018, compared to a provision of 34.5% for the year ended June 30, 2017. The decrease in tax expense of \$3.7 million was primarily due to a s shift to an operating loss in June 30, 2018 from operating income in the same year ago period and the impact of the Tax Cuts and Job Act (see below). For the year ending June 30, 2018, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$1.0 million related to our pre-tax operating loss, offset by the impact of a one-time revaluation tax charge of \$1.2 million related to the Tax Cuts and Job Act (see below). The remainder of the difference was due to normal course movements and non-material items.

#### Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

On December 22, 2017, the comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act") was signed into law. The Tax Act makes broad and complex changes to the U.S. tax code. The Tax Act reduces the corporate tax rate from 35.0% to 21.0% for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017. For fiscal year taxpayers, a blended tax rate is required to compute the current tax liability. This is the result of using the income tax rate of 35.0% for the first and second quarters of fiscal year 2018 and the reduced income tax rate of 21.0% for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal year 2018. With respect to deferred tax assets (net of deferred tax liabilities) that are in existence as of the enactment date (i.e., valued using a 35.0% federal tax rate), the Company has been negatively impacted by the (1) new corporate tax rates, and (2) the effective date of the new provision to preclude taxpayers from carrying net operating losses (NOLs) back to prior taxable years. As such, the realization of such deferred taxes post enactment have been realized at a lower 28.06% blended tax rate, or a 21.0% tax rate to the extent realized after fiscal 2018. We continue to analyze the impact of the Tax Act primarily related to our state income taxes. Our accounting for the estimated tax effects of the Tax Act will be completed during the measurement period, which should not extend beyond one year from the enactment date.

Tax Balances and Activity

Income Taxes Receivable and Payable

As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, income taxes receivable totaled \$1.6 million and \$0.0 million, respectively. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, income taxes payable totaled \$0.0 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized by evaluating both positive and negative evidence. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary

differences become deductible. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, management concluded that with the exception of certain state net operating losses, it was more likely than not that the Company would be able to realize the benefit of the U.S. federal and state deferred tax assets. We based this conclusion on historical and projected operating performance, as well as our expectation that our operations will generate sufficient taxable income in future periods to realize the tax benefits associated with the deferred tax assets.

As of June 30, 2018, the consolidated balance sheet reflects the deferred tax items for each tax-paying component (i.e., federal and state), resulting in a state deferred tax asset of \$1.7 million and a federal deferred tax asset of \$2.2 million. As of June 30, 2017, the consolidated balance sheet reflects the deferred tax items for each tax-paying component (i.e., federal and state), resulting in a state deferred tax asset of \$1.4 million and a federal deferred tax asset of \$2.5 million.

Net Operating Loss Carryforwards and Valuation Allowances

As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the Company has approximately \$2.9 million and \$0.0 million of federal net operating loss carryforwards and approximately \$15.5 million and \$12.5 million, state and city net operating loss carryforwards, respectively. The Company's combined federal, state and city tax-effected net operating loss carryforwards totaled, as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, \$1.7 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. These net operating loss carryforwards start to expire in the year ending June 30, 2022. The change in state net operating loss is a result of a change in the estimated use of net operating losses at June 30, 2017 versus the actual amount used when completed tax returns were filed.

As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the Company had \$0 and \$56,000, respectively, of valuation allowance for certain state and city net operating loss carryforwards, based on the Company's annual assessment of the realizability of its deferred tax assets. The change in the valuation allowance is a result of the settlement of a state tax audit and the expiration of statute of limitation.

## Unrecognized Tax Benefits

The Company has taken or expects to take certain tax benefits on its income tax return filings that it has not recognized a tax benefit (i.e., an unrecognized tax benefit) on its consolidated statements of operations. The Company's measurement of its uncertain tax positions is based on management's assessment of all relevant information, including, but not limited to prior audit experience, audit settlement, or lapse of the applicable statute of limitations.

Below is a reconciliation of the net unrecognized tax benefits for the years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017: in thousands

| Years Ended June 30,   | 2018 2017   |
|--|-------------|
| Beginning balance  | \$197 \$280 |
| Reductions due to lapse of statute of limitations                  | (2) (97)    |
| Additions as a result of tax positions taken during current period | — 14        |
| Reductions as a result of tax positions of prior years             | (48 ) —     |
| Ending balance   | \$147 \$197 |

In addition to the \$147,000 of accrued tax expense related to unrecognized tax positions, as shown in the table above, the Company accrued \$48,000 of interest and \$40,000 of penalties related to its uncertain tax positions. As of June 30, 2018, the amount of this accrued liability (inclusive of the uncertain tax deductions and the associated interest and penalty accrual) totaled \$235,000, and, if recognized, would reduce the Company's effective tax rate. For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company recognized reductions of interest expense of \$50,000 and \$26,000, respectively, as well as, reductions of penalties of \$13,000 and \$39,000, respectively, related to our uncertain tax positions.

## Tax Examinations

With exception of the items noted below, either prior federal, state or local examinations have been completed by the tax authorities or the statute of limitations have expired for U.S. federal, state and local income tax returns filed for the years through June 30, 2012.

Internal Revenue Service — June 30, 2008 through June 30, 2013

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Former Parent settled its IRS appeal for the tax years ended June 30, 2008 through 2013. As a result, the Former Parent amended its states filings that resulted in a state tax benefit of approximately \$0.3 million to the Company. Generally, the state statute for examining the specific items that were included in the amendment is two years from the date of filing.

Internal Revenue Service — June 30, 2015

In a prior fiscal year, the Internal Revenue Service notified the Company of an examination for the year ended June 30, 2015. The Company settled this examination during the year ended June 30, 2018, which was closed subsequent to to June 30, 2018. The impact of the IRS examination is immaterial to the financial statements.

Utah State — June 30, 2011 through June 30, 2013

The Former Parent remains under exam with the state of Utah for the years ended June 30, 2011 through 2013. The Former Parent and the Company, as a subsidiary in a consolidated tax filing, are unable to determine the outcome of this exam at this time.

Utah State — June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2017

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Company was notified by the state of Utah that the tax returns for the period ended June 30, 2014 through 2017 were selected for exam. The Company is unable to determine the outcome at this time.

New York — March 14, 2014 through June 30, 2014 (Former Parent)

In a prior fiscal year, the Former Parent was notified by the New York Department of Taxation and Finance that its tax return was under examination for the period ended June 30, 2014, which included the Company's short period tax return through March 14, 2014. The former parent closed this exam during the year ended June 30, 2018. There was no change to the tax returns filed as a result of this examination.

New York — June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2016 (A-Mark Precious Metals Inc.)

In a prior fiscal year, the Company was notified by the New York Department of Taxation and Finance that its tax returns for the periods ended June 30, 2014, June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016 were selected for audit. The Company is unable to determine the outcome of the audit at this time.

## 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Former Parent and its Subsidiaries

In addition to transactions with other affiliates as indicated below, the Company engages with Stack's Bowers Numismatics LLC ("Stack's Bowers"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Former Parent, in (i) sales and purchase transactions, and (ii) transactions in which the Company assists Stack's Bowers in financing the purchase of rare coins and precious metals products, both through precious metal repurchase arrangements in which the Company receives a fee based upon the commodity value of the coins, and through loans to Stack's Bowers from CFC secured by the coins or precious metal. The effect of these transactions is included in the following tables.

Balances with Affiliated Companies or Persons

As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the Company had related party receivables and payables balances as set forth below:

in thousands

|                              | June 20, 2019 |               |     | June 30,       |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|----------------|
|                              | Julie 50, 20  | June 30, 2018 |     | 2017           |
|                              | Receivable    | sPayables     | 3   | Redaiyables    |
| Former Parent/Stack's Bowers | \$13,240(1)   | \$ <i>—</i>   |     | \$ -\$ 27      |
| Equity method investee       | _             | 920           | (2) | <b>—</b> 558   |
| SilverTowne                  | _             | 242           | (3) | <b>—</b> 1,768 |
| Goldline Lenders             | _             | 7,710         | (4) |                |
|                              | \$13,240      | \$ 8,872      |     | \$ 2,353       |
|                              |               |               |     |                |

<sup>(1)</sup> Balance principally includes two secured lines of credit with a balance of \$3.0 million and \$9.5 million (shown as a component of secured loans receivables). See "Secured Lines of Credit with Stack's Bowers", below.

<sup>(2)</sup> Balance represents mostly open trade payables.

- (3) Balance (net) includes (a) a trade receivables of \$0.3 million (shown as a component of receivables), and (b) a contingent earn-out liability of \$0.6 million (shown as a component of other long-term liabilities).
- (4) Balance includes the face value of the Goldline Credit Facility of \$7.5 million, and the associated estimated debt funding fees payable of \$0.2 million (shown as debt obligation related party). The Goldline Credit facility and the debt funding fee are payable in August 2020.

## Secured Lines of Credit with Stack's Bowers

On September 19, 2017, CFC entered into a loan agreement with Stack's Bowers providing a secured line of credit, bearing interest at a competitive rate per annum, with a maximum borrowing line of \$5.3 million. The loan is secured by precious metals and numismatic products. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the aggregate carrying value of this loan was \$3.0 million and \$0.0 million, respectively.

On March 1, 2018, CFC entered into a loan agreement with Stack's-Bowers providing a secured line of credit on the wholesale value (i.e., the excess over the spot value of the metal), of numismatic products bearing interest at a competitive rate per annum, with a maximum borrowing line of \$10.0 million. In addition to the annual rate of interest, the Company is entitled to receive a participation interest equal to 10% of the net profits realized by Stack's Bowers on the ultimate sale of the products. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the aggregate carrying value of this loan was \$9.5 million and \$0.0 million, respectively.

Note payable to SilverTowne

On August 31, 2016, the Company signed a \$500,000 promissory note with SilverTowne that was payable in one year related to our acquisition of AMST. This note was paid in full in August 2017.

Long Term Debt Obligation with Goldline Lenders

As of June 30, 2018, the carrying value of the long term debt obligation payable to Goldline Lenders totaled \$7.2 million, and is shown in the consolidated balance sheets as debt obligation (related party). The face value of this debt obligation is \$7.5 million and the related unamortized loan funding fee, a contra-liability, totaled \$274,000 as of June 30, 2018 (see Note 14). The estimated loan funding fee payable to Goldline Lenders as of June 30, 2018 totaled \$210,000 and is shown on the consolidated balance sheets as component of other long-term liabilities.

Activity with Affiliated Companies or Persons

Sales and Purchases Made to Affiliated Companies

During the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company made sales and purchases to various companies, which have been deemed to be related parties, as follows:

#### in thousands

| Years Ended June 30,         | 2018      |           | 2017      |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                              | Sales     | Purchases | Sales     | Purchases |
| Former Parent/Stack's Bowers | \$50,512  | \$344,348 | \$47,384  | \$47,979  |
| Equity method investee       | 359,872   | 5,959     | 477,477   | 2,979     |
| SilverTowne                  | 14,921    | 7,696     | 27,834    | 4,648     |
|                              | \$425 305 | \$358,003 | \$552,695 | \$ 55 606 |

Interest Income Earned from Affiliated Companies

During the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company earned interest income related to loans made to Stack's Bowers and related to financing arrangements (including repurchase agreements) with affiliated companies, as set forth below:

in thousands

| Years Ended June 30,  | 2018    | 2017    |
|---|---------|---------|
| Interest income from secured loans receivables                    | \$290   | \$171   |
| Interest income from finance products and repurchase arrangements | 3,926   | 2,787   |
|   | \$4,216 | \$2,958 |

Interest Expense Incurred Related to Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt Obligation

During the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company incurred interest expense (including debt amortization costs) related to the debt payable to SilverTowne and the Goldline Lenders, as set forth below:

in thousands

| Years Ended June 30,   | 2018        | 20 | )17 |
|--|-------------|----|-----|
| Interest expense incurred related to notes payable             | <b>\$</b> — | \$ | 3   |
| Interest expense incurred related to long-term debt obligation | \$648       | \$ |     |
|  | \$648       | \$ | 3   |

#### Other Income Earned from Equity Method Investee

During the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company recorded its proportional share of its equity method investee's net income as other income that total \$421,000 and \$94,000, respectively. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the carrying balance of the equity method investment was \$7.9 million and \$7.5 million, respectively.

## 14. FINANCING AGREEMENTS

#### Lines of Credit

The Company has an uncommitted demand revolving credit facility ("Trading Credit Facility") provided to the Company by a syndicate of financial institutions, with Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. ("Rabobank") acting as lead lender and administrative agent and Natixis, New York Branch acting as syndication agent. The Trading Credit Facility is secured by substantially all of the Company's assets on a first priority basis. As of June 30, 2018, the Trading Credit Facility provided the Company with access up to \$260.0 million, featuring a \$210.0 million base, with a \$50.0 million accordion option. The Trading Credit Facility is scheduled to mature on March 29, 2019. As of June 30, 2018, the Company incurred \$2.6 million of loan costs in connection with the Trading Credit Facility, which was capitalized and is being amortized over the term of the Trading Credit Facility. As of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the remaining unamortized balance was approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. The Company routinely uses the Trading Credit Facility to purchase and finance precious metals and for operating cash flow purposes, Amounts under the Trading Credit Facility bear interest based on London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a 2.50% margin for revolving credit line loans and a 4.50% margin for bridge loans (that is, for loans that exceed the available revolving credit line). The one-month LIBOR rate was approximately 2.09% and 1.17% as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively. Borrowings are due on demand and totaled \$200.0 million and \$180.0 million at June 30, 2018 and at June 30, 2017, respectively. The amounts available under the respective borrowing facilities are determined at the end of each week following a specified borrowing base formula. The Company is able to access additional credit as needed to finance operations, subject to the overall limits of the borrowing facilities and lender approval of the revised borrowing base calculation. Based on the latest approved borrowing bases in effect, the amounts available under the Trading Credit Facility after taking into account current borrowings, totaled \$22.1 million and \$45.6 million as determined on the Friday before June 30, 2018 and on Friday, June 30, 2017, respectively.

The Trading Credit Facility has certain restrictive financial covenants, including one requiring the Company to maintain a minimum tangible net worth. As of June 30, 2018 the minimum tangible net worth financial covenant under the Trading Credit Facility was \$47.5 million. The Company is in compliance with all restrictive financial covenants as of June 30, 2018.

Interest expense related to the Company's lines of credit totaled \$7.9 million and \$6.4 million, which represents 57.0% and 63.6% of the total interest expense recognized, for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Our lines of credit carried a daily weighted average effective interest rate of 3.96% and 3.18%, respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

## **Debt Obligation**

On August 28, 2017, in connection with the closing of the Goldline acquisition (see Note 1), Goldline, then known as Goldline Acquisition Corp., entered into a privately placed credit facility in the amount of \$7.5 million (the "Goldline Credit Facility") with various lenders (the "Goldline Lenders"). Borrowings under the Goldline Credit Facility were used to finance a portion of the consideration payable pursuant to the Goldline acquisition.

The Goldline Credit Facility is secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of Goldline, and is guaranteed by the Company. Interest on the Goldline Credit Facility is payable quarterly in arrears at the rate of 8.5% per annum, and the Goldline Lenders under the Goldline Credit Facility are entitled to an additional funding fee payment at maturity equal to the greater of 3.0% of the principal amount of the Goldline Credit Facility and 10.0% of cumulative EBITDA (for the periods ending June 30, 2018, 2019 and 2020) of Goldline in excess of \$10.0 million, on a pro rata basis. The Goldline Credit Facility has a three-year maturity, and all outstanding principal and unpaid interest is due upon maturity (August 28, 2020).

As of June 30, 2018, the carrying balance of the Goldline Credit facility was \$7.2 million, and the remaining unamortized loan cost balance was approximately \$0.3 million, which is amortized ratably through the maturity date. As of June 30, 2018, the balance of the loan fee payable was \$0.2 million.

Interest expense related to the Goldline Credit Facility (including debt loan amortization costs) totaled \$648,000 which represents 4.7% of the total interest expense recognized, for the year ended June 30, 2018. The Goldline Credit Facility's weighted average effective interest rate was 9.25% for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The obligations of Goldline and the Company under the Goldline Credit Facility are subordinated to the Company's obligations under the Trading Credit Facility (see Lines of Credit, above in Note 14). Under the subordination agreements, the Goldline Lenders are permitted to collect quarterly interest-only payments and a balloon payment of principal and accrued interest at the end of the loan term, provided that no event of default is continuing under the Trading Credit Facility and the Company is in pro-forma compliance with the financial covenants under the Trading Credit Facility.

#### Goldline Lenders

The following table shows the directors, executive officer and principal stockholder that participated in the Goldline Credit Facility transaction, and provides related information:

| Goldline Lenders      | Position/Relationship                                       |     | Amount of<br>Company<br>Indebtedness<br>Acquired (1) | ;   |
|-----------------------|---|-----|--|-----|
| Gregory N. Roberts    | Chief Executive Officer, Director and principal stockholder | (2) | \$ 587,500   | (2) |
| William D. Richardson |   |     | 587,500  | (3) |
| Jeffrey D. Benjamin   | Chairman of the Board and Director                          |     | 1,000,000  |     |
| Ellis Landau          | Director  |     | 375,000  |     |
| William Montgomery    | Director  |     | 1,500,000  |     |
| Jess Ravich           | Director  |     | 500,000  | (4) |
|                       |   |     | 4,550,000  |     |
| 7 other persons       | Non-affiliated members                                      |     | 2,950,000  |     |
| -                     |   |     | \$ 7,500,000   |     |
|                       |   |     |  |     |

<sup>(1)</sup> The amount shown is expected to remain outstanding throughout the term of the Goldline Credit Facility, with repayment due in August 2020.

Silver Bow Ventures LLC ("Silver Bow") is the Lender. Mr. Roberts holds 50% of the ownership interests in and controls Silver Bow. Accordingly, the amount of indebtedness shown, and the interest amounts potentially payable on such indebtedness shown, represent 50% of the aggregate amounts of indebtedness held by and potential interest payable to Silver Bow.

Silver Bow is the Lender. Mr. Richardson holds 50% of the ownership interests in and controls Silver Bow.

- (3) Accordingly, the amount of indebtedness shown, and the interest amounts potentially payable on such indebtedness shown, represent 50% of the aggregate amounts of indebtedness held by and potential interest payable to Silver Bow.
- (4) Libra Securities Holdings, LLC is the Lender. Mr. Ravich and a trust for his family members holds 100% of the ownership interests and controls Libra Securities Holdings, LLC.

## Liability on Borrowed Metals

The Company recorded liabilities on borrowed precious metals with market values totaling \$280.3 million and \$5.6 million as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively, with the corresponding inventory reflected on the consolidated balance sheets.

## Advanced pool metals

The Company borrows precious metals (usually in the form of pool metals) from its suppliers and customers under short-term agreements using other precious metals from its inventory as collateral. Amounts under these arrangements require repayment either in the same form of the metals borrowed or in cash. The Company has the ability to sell the metals and to repurchase similar metals as needed, under the terms of the arrangement, in order to repay the obligation. Once the obligation is repaid, the metals held as collateral are released back to the Company.

#### Liability on borrowed metals — Other

Liabilities may also arise from: (1) unallocated metal positions held by customers in the Company's inventory, (2) amounts due to suppliers for the use of consigned inventory, and (3) shortages in unallocated metal positions held by the Company in the supplier's inventory. Unallocated or pool metal represent an unsegregated inventory position that is due on demand, is a specified physical form, based on the total ounces of metal held in the position. Amounts due

under these arrangements require delivery either in the form of precious metals, or in cash. Product Financing Arrangements

The Company has agreements with financial institutions (third parties) that allows the Company to transfer its gold and silver inventory at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price with these third parties. Such agreements allow the Company to repurchase this inventory at an agreed-upon price based on the spot price on the repurchase date. The third party charges a monthly fee as a percentage of the market value of the outstanding obligation; such monthly charges are classified in interest expense. These transactions do not qualify as sales, and therefore have been accounted for as financing arrangements and are reflected in the consolidated balance sheet as product financing arrangements. The obligation is stated at the amount required to repurchase the outstanding inventory. Both the product financing obligation and the underlying inventory (which is entirely restricted) are carried

at fair value, with changes in fair value recorded as a component of cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. Such obligation totaled \$113.9 million and \$135.3 million as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

## 15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Leases

The Company leases approximately 9,000 square feet of office space in El Segundo, California at a cost of \$3.71 per square foot per month. The term of this lease expires on March 31, 2026 and contains annual base rent increases in cost of 3%.

The Company leases approximately 17,600 square feet of warehouse space in Las Vegas, Nevada at a cost of approximately \$1.59 per square foot per month. The term of this lease expires on April 30, 2025 and contains annual base rent increases of 3%.

The Company leases approximately 21,500 square feet of office space in Los Angeles, California at a cost of \$2.68 per square foot per month. The term of this lease expires on February 28, 2022 with annual base rent increases of 3% and the Company has the option to renew the lease term for an additional five years at the then current market rate. The lease requires the payment of related property taxes, insurance, maintenance and other cost related to the leased property. In addition, the Company provided the landlord of the office space in Los Angeles, California a standby letter of credit for \$400,000 in value in lieu of a security deposit. This letter of credit is renewed annually and reduces each lease anniversary date as provided in the lease agreement.

Expenses related to operating leases (including lease expense for the common space rental) were \$1.3 million, and \$0.8 million, respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. Future minimum lease payments under the Company's lease arrangements with noncancellable lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2018 are as follows:

## (in thousands)

| ,                                  |           |         |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|--|
| Years ending June 30,              | Operating | Capital |  |
| 2019                               | \$ 1,448  | \$ 10   |  |
| 2020                               | 1,491     | 10      |  |
| 2021                               | 1,528     | 10      |  |
| 2022                               | 1,250     | 5       |  |
| 2023                               | 834       |         |  |
| Thereafter                         | 2,044     | _       |  |
|                                    | \$ 8,595  | 35      |  |
| Less amounts representing interest |           | (2)     |  |
|                                    |           | \$ 33   |  |
|                                    |           |         |  |

#### **Employment and Non-Compete Agreements**

The Company has entered into employment agreements and non-compete and/or non-solicitation agreements with Greg Roberts, its CEO, and Thor Gjerdrum, its President, which expire in June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. The employment agreements provide for minimum salary levels, incentive compensation and severance benefits, among other items.

## Employee Benefit Plan

The Company maintains an employee savings plan for United States employees under the Internal Revenue Code section 401(k). Employees are eligible to participate in the plan after three complete calendar months of service and all contributions are immediately vested. Employees' contributions are discretionary to a maximum of 90% of compensation. For all plan members, the Company contributes 30% of the eligible employees' contributions on the first 60% of the participants' compensation to the IRS maximum annual contribution. The Company's matching 401(k) contributions totaled \$180,000 and \$81,000 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

## Litigation, Claims and Contingencies

In the ordinary course of our business, we are party to various legal actions, which we believe are incidental to the operation of our business. The outcome of such legal actions and the timing of ultimate resolution are inherently difficult to predict. In the opinion of management, based upon information currently available to us, any resulting liability, would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, cash flows, or operations. SGI IRS and State Tax Audits

The Company and its Former Parent are under examination with other tax jurisdictions on certain tax matters the Company or its Former Parent have taken. The Company is unable to determine the outcome of these audits at this time. Please see <u>Note 12</u> for further detail.

In general, the majority of state and local examinations have been completed by the tax authorities for the respective jurisdictions through the years ended June 30, 2013. Further, some jurisdictions' statute of limitations have expired for U.S. federal, state, and local income tax returns filed by the Former Parent for the years ended through June 30, 2013.

## **Operational Contingencies**

In connection with the closing of the SilverTowne transaction (see Note 1), AMST entered into an exclusive distribution agreement with the Company with respect to the silver products produced by AMST which, among other things, set weekly minimum order quantities by A-Mark. The agreement has a three-year term, with two automatic two-year renewals (unless terminated prior thereto.) The Company was initially required to order no less than 300,000 ounces of silver products per week on average during any consecutive four week period during the term of the agreement; that amount was reduced in April 2017 to 235,000 ounces and was further reduced in subsequent periods. The price paid per ounce is mutually determined by both parties, and is subject to adjustments every six months during the term.

Additionally, in connection with the SilverTowne transaction (see Note 1), AMST entered into an exclusive supplier agreement, dated August 31, 2016, with Asahi, whereby Asahi agreed to supply all of AMST's requirements for refined silver used for producing the silver products as to which A-Mark has the exclusive right to distribute. The term of the agreement was initially for three years, with two automatic two-year term renewals (unless terminated prior thereto.) Pricing under the agreement is subject to adjustments every six months.

A-Mark has also guaranteed AMST's obligations under its agreement with Asahi to lease 100,000 ounces of refined silver. The lease term is for one year with an automatic one year renewal (unless terminated prior thereto), and the lease fees are subject to adjustments every six months.

The Company has guaranteed all of the obligations of Goldline under the Goldline Credit Facility (this guarantee is unconditional and constitutes a guarantee of payment and not merely of collection) (see <u>Note 14</u>).

#### 16. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

## Payment of Dividends

In fiscal 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company initiated a cash dividend policy that calls for the payment of quarterly dividends. The table below summarizes the eight most recent quarterly dividends declared pursuant to this policy:

| Dividend          | Record Date            | Type of Dividend | Basis of Payment        | Payment Date       |  |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Declaration Date  | (at close of Business) | Type of Dividend | Dasis of Laymont        | Taymont Date       |  |
|                   |                        |                  |                         |                    |  |
| April 29, 2016    | May 13, 2016           | Cash             | \$0.07 per common share | May 27, 2016       |  |
| September 7, 2016 | September 19, 2016     | Cash             | \$0.07 per common share | October 7, 2016    |  |
| November 1, 2016  | November 14, 2016      | Cash             | \$0.07 per common share | December 1, 2016   |  |
| January 26, 2017  | February 8, 2017       | Cash             | \$0.08 per common share | February 24, 2017  |  |
| May 2, 2017       | May 15, 2017           | Cash             | \$0.08 per common share | May 25, 2017       |  |
| August 30, 2017   | September 18, 2017     | Cash             | \$0.08 per common share | September 27, 2017 |  |
| November 13, 2017 | November 24, 2017      | Cash             | \$0.08 per common share | December 13, 2017  |  |
| January 30, 2018  | February 13, 2018      | Cash             | \$0.08 per common share | February 27, 2018  |  |

The Board of Directors determined to suspend the Company's quarterly dividend for both the third and fourth fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018 in order to increase its financial flexibility and strengthen its balance sheet. Going forward, the Board of Directors will re-assess its capital resources and may or may not determine to reinstate the dividend based on that assessment.

#### 2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan

Prior to the Distribution, the Company's Board of Directors ("Board") adopted and the Company's then sole stockholder approved the 2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan, which was approved by the Company's stockholders in February 2015. On November 2, 2017, the Company's stockholders approved the amended and restated 2014 Stock Award and Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan"), to (i) increase the available shares authorized for issuance under the plan by 525,000 shares, (ii) extend the term of the 2014 Plan until 2027, an additional five years, and (iii) eliminate provisions that add back to the share reserve shares surrendered or withheld to pay the exercise price of an option or withheld to cover tax withholding obligations for any type of award, and shares as to which a stock appreciation right is exercised that exceed the number of shares actually delivered.

Under the 2014 Plan, the Company may grant options and other equity awards as a means of attracting and retaining officers, employees, non-employee directors and consultants, to provide incentives to such persons, and to align the interests of such persons with the interests of stockholders by providing compensation based on the value of the Company's stock. Awards under the 2014 Plan may be granted in the form of incentive or non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalent rights and other stock-based awards (which may include outright grants of shares). The 2014 Plan also authorizes grants of performance-based cash incentive awards. The 2014 Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, which, in its discretion, may select officers and other employees, directors (including non-employee directors) and consultants to the Company and its subsidiaries to receive grants of awards. The Board of Directors itself may perform any of the functions of the Compensation Committee under the 2014 Plan. Under the 2014 Plan, the exercise price of options and base price of SARs, as set by the Compensation Committee, generally may not be less than the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant, and the maximum term of stock options and SARs is 10 years. The 2014 Plan limits the number of share-denominated awards that may be granted to any one eligible person to 250,000 shares in any fiscal year. Also, in the case of non-employee directors, the 2014 Plan limits the maximum grant-date fair value at \$300,000 of stock-denominated awards granted to a director in a given fiscal year, except for a non-employee Chairman of the Board whose grant-date fair value maximum is \$600,000 per fiscal year. The 2014 Plan will terminate when no shares remain available for issuance and no awards remain outstanding; however, the authority to grant new awards will terminate on December 13, 2022.

As of June 30, 2018, 523,445 shares were available for grant under the 2014 Plan.

Valuation and Significant Assumptions of Equity Awards Issued

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which uses various inputs such as the estimated common share price, the risk-free interest rate, volatility, expected life and dividend yield, all of which are estimates. Stock Options

During the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company incurred \$1,191,106 and \$966,190 of compensation expense related to stock options, respectively. As of June 30, 2018, there was total remaining compensation expense of \$1.5 million related to employee stock options, which will be recorded over a weighted average period of approximately 1.9 years.

The following table summarizes the stock option activity for the year ended June 30, 2018.

| Options                        | Average<br>Exercise<br>Price Per |          | Weighted<br>Average<br>Grant<br>Date Fair<br>Value<br>Per<br>Award |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Outstandin                     | ıg                               |          |  |
| at<br>741,327<br>June'30,      | \$ 17.89                         | \$ 1,514 | \$ 6.19  |
| 2017                           |                                  |          |  |
| C16661,166015                  | \$ 16.19                         |          |  |
| Cancellatio                    | ,                                |          |  |
| expirations<br>(65,417)<br>and | \$\$ 17.50                       |          |  |
| forfeitures                    |                                  |          |  |
| Outstandin                     | ıg                               |          |  |
| at<br>J&42,515<br>30,<br>2018  | \$ 17.59                         | \$ 821   | \$ 5.99  |
| Exercisable                    | e                                |          |  |
| at<br>Jħħ�,281<br>30,<br>2018  | \$ 16.37                         | \$ 821   | \$ 6.20  |

Following is a summary of the status of stock options outstanding at June 30, 2018:

|         |         |          | Options Outstanding      |                            |          | Options Exercisable      |                            |          |  |  |
|---------|---------|----------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------|--|--|
|         | Exercis | e Price  | Number                   |                            | Weighted | Number                   |                            | Weighted |  |  |
|         | Ranges  |          | of                       | Weighted Average Remaining | Average  | of                       | Weighted Average Remaining | Average  |  |  |
| From To | То      | Shares   | Contractual Life (Years) | Exercise                   | Shares   | Contractual Life (Years) | Exercise                   |          |  |  |
|         | 10      | Outstand | ling                     | Price                      | Exercisa | ble                      | Price                      |          |  |  |
|         | \$      | \$10.00  | 134,239                  | 4.35                       | \$ 8.39  | 134,239                  | 4.35                       | \$ 8.39  |  |  |
|         | \$10.01 | \$15.00  | 148,888                  | 6.14                       | \$ 12.55 | 98,888                   | 4.28                       | \$ 11.94 |  |  |
|         | \$15.01 | \$25.00  | 459,388                  | 8.10                       | \$ 20.19 | 271,154                  | 8.03                       | \$ 20.26 |  |  |
|         | \$25.01 | \$60.00  | 100,000                  | 7.65                       | \$ 25.50 | 50,000                   | 7.65                       | \$ 25.50 |  |  |
|         |         |          | 842,515                  | 7.11                       | \$ 17.59 | 554,281                  | 6.44                       | \$ 16.37 |  |  |

Certain Anti-Takeover Provisions

The Company's certificate of incorporation and by-laws contain certain anti-takeover provisions that could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from attempting to acquire, control of the Company without negotiating with its Board. Such provisions could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for the Company's securities. Certain of such provisions provide for a Board with staggered terms, allow the Company to issue preferred stock with rights senior to those of the common stock, or impose various procedural and other requirements which could make it more difficult for stockholders to effect certain corporate actions.

#### 17. CUSTOMER AND SUPPLIER CONCENTRATIONS

**Customer Concentration** 

Customers providing 10 percent or more of the Company's revenues for the year ended June 30, 2018 are presented on a comparative basis in the table below:

in thousands

Years Ended June 30, 2018 2017

Amount Percent Amount Percent

Total revenue \$7,606,248 100.0% \$6,989,624 100.0%

Customer concentrations

HSBC Bank USA <sup>(1)</sup> \$2,039,134 26.8 % \$1,492,926 21.4 % Mitsubishi Intl. Corp. <sup>(1)</sup> 1,712,779 22.5 1,171,532 16.8 \$3,751,913 49.3 % \$2,664,458 38.2 %

Sales with this trading partner is primarily comprised of sales on forward contracts that entered into for hedging purposes rather than sales characterized with the physical delivery of precious metal product.

Customers providing 10 percent or more of the Company's accounts receivable as of June 30, 2018 are presented on a comparative basis in the table below:

in thousands

Years Ended June 30, 2018 2017

Amount Percent Amount Percent

Total accounts receivable, net \$35,856 100.0% \$39,295 100.0%

Customer concentrations

Customer A \$14,967 41.7 % \$27,072 68.9 % Customer B 7,468 20.8 817 2.1 \$22,435 62.5 % \$27,889 71.0 %

The loss of any of the above listed customers could have a material adverse effect on the operations of the Company. Supplier Concentration

The Company buys precious metals from a variety of sources, including through brokers and dealers, from sovereign and private mints, from refiners and directly from customers. The Company believes that no one or small group of suppliers is critical to its business, since other sources of supply are available that provide similar products on comparable terms.

## 18. SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The Company evaluates segment reporting in accordance with FASB ASC 280, Segment Reporting, each reporting period, including evaluating the organizational structure and the reporting package that is reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Makers ("CODM"). The Company's operations are organized under three business segments — Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services, Secured Lending, and Direct Sales.

Our Direct Sales segment was created on August 28, 2017 as a result of our recent acquisition (see <u>Note 1</u>), and thus comparative prior period data is not applicable ("N/A").

#### Revenue

in thousands

Three Months Ended September 30,  $\begin{array}{c} \text{Year Ended} \\ \text{June 30,} \\ 2018 \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{June 30,} \\ 2017 \\ \end{array}$  Revenue by segment  $\begin{array}{c} \text{Wholesale Trading \& Ancillary Services} \\ \text{Direct Sales} \\ \text{Total revenue} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{S7,538,856} \\ \text{S6,989,624} \\ \text{S7,606,248} \\ \text{S6,989,624} \\ \end{array}$ 

#### in thousands

| Ye | ar Ende | ed |
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Three Months Ended September 30, June 30, 2018 June 30, 2017

## Revenue by geographic region

(as determined by the shipping address or where the services were performed):

| 1 /                                    |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| United States                          | \$7,081,161 | \$6,537,863 |
| Europe                                 | 303,514     | 260,489     |
| North America, excluding United States | 214,895     | 177,734     |
| Asia Pacific                           | 3,554       | 7,706       |
| Africa                                 | 1           |             |
| Australia                              | 3,123       | 5,832       |
| Total revenue                          | \$7,606,248 | \$6,989,624 |

# Gross Profit and Gross Margin Percentage

in thousands

|  | Year Ended       |   |                  |   |
|--|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Three Months Ended September 30,         | June 30,<br>2018 |   | June 30,<br>2017 |   |
| Gross profit by segment                  |                  |   |                  |   |
| Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services   | \$24,109         |   | \$31,334         |   |
| Direct Sales                             | 5,334            |   | N/A              |   |
| Total gross profit                       | \$29,443         |   | \$31,334         |   |
| Gross margin percentage by segment       |                  |   |                  |   |
| Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services   | 0.320            | 6 | 0.448            | % |
| Direct Sales                             | 7.915            | 6 | N/A              |   |
| Weighted average gross margin percentage | 0.387            | 6 | 0.448            | % |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$22.5 million of intercompany sales from the Direct Sales segment to the Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment. The elimination of these intercompany sales are reflected in the Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services segment.

| Operating Income and Expenses                |               |           |           |          |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| in thousands                                 |               |           |           |          |
| Years Ended June 30,                         | 2018          | 2017      |           |          |
| Operating income and expenses by segment     |               |           |           |          |
| Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services       |               |           |           |          |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | \$(21,096)    | \$(21,529 | 9)        |          |
| Interest income                              | \$6,473       | \$4,814   |           |          |
| Interest expense                             | \$(7,778)     | \$(6,176  | )         |          |
| Other income, net                            | \$984         | \$358     |           |          |
| Secured Lending                              |               |           |           |          |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | \$(1,689)     | \$(1,814  | )         |          |
| Interest income                              | \$9,632       |           |           |          |
| Interest expense                             | \$(5,465)     | \$(3,941  | )         |          |
| Direct Sales                                 |               |           |           |          |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | \$(10,613)    | N/A       |           |          |
| Goodwill and intangible asset impairment     | \$(2,654)     | N/A       |           |          |
| Interest expense                             | \$(648)       | N/A       |           |          |
| Net (loss) income before provision for incom | ne taxes      |           |           |          |
| in thousands                                 |               |           |           |          |
| Years Ended June 30,                         |               |           | 2018      | 2017     |
| Net (loss) income before provision for incom | ne taxes by s | egment    |           |          |
| Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services       |               | _         | \$2,692   | \$8,801  |
| Secured Lending                              |               |           | 2,478     | 1,984    |
| Direct Sales                                 |               |           | (8,581)   | N/A      |
| Total net (loss) income before provision for | income taxes  | S         | \$(3,411) | \$10,785 |
| Depreciation and Amortization                |               |           |           |          |
| in thousands                                 |               |           |           |          |
| Years Ended June 30,                         | 2018 20       | 17        |           |          |
| Depreciation and amortization by segment     |               |           |           |          |
| Wholesale Trading & Ancillary Services       | \$(1,560) \$( | 1,511)    |           |          |
| Secured Lending                              | (3) (1)       | 0 )       |           |          |
| Direct Sales                                 | (1,063)       |           |           |          |