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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-Q

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

For The Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2017

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 0-26542

CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

91-1141254

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

929 North Russell Street

Portland, Oregon 97227

(Address of principal executive offices)

(503) 331-7270

(Registrant's telephone number, including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

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

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-accelerated Filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller Reporting Company

Emerging Growth Company

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of April 28, 2017 was 19,262,503.

CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.
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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 145	\$ 442
Accounts receivable, net	22,430	24,008
Inventory, net	21,030	19,091
Other current assets	3,513	2,495
Total current assets	47,118	46,036
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	120,477	121,970
Goodwill	12,917	12,917
Intangible and other assets, net	19,392	19,482
Total assets	\$ 199,904	\$ 200,405
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 17,921	\$ 16,076
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	5,955	4,967
Refundable deposits	6,502	6,486
Other accrued expenses	4,424	4,108
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	1,502	1,317
Total current liabilities	36,304	32,954
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations, net of current portion	26,572	27,946
Fair value of derivative financial instruments	341	424
Deferred income tax liability, net	17,005	18,181
Other liabilities	1,400	1,239
Total liabilities	81,622	80,744
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Common shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.005 par value. Authorized 50,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 19,261,245 and 19,261,245	96	96
Additional paid-in capital	141,044	140,687
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(211)	(262)
Accumulated deficit	(22,647)	(20,860)
Total common shareholders' equity	118,282	119,661
Total liabilities and common shareholders' equity	\$ 199,904	\$ 200,405

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2017	2016
Sales	\$ 46,766	\$ 41,793
Less excise taxes	2,464	2,571
Net sales	44,302	39,222
Cost of sales	31,633	30,505
Gross profit	12,669	8,717
Selling, general and administrative expenses	15,469	13,924
Operating loss	(2,800)	(5,207)
Interest expense	(181)	(147)
Other income, net	3	6
Loss before income taxes	(2,978)	(5,348)
Income tax benefit	(1,191)	(2,139)
Net loss	\$ (1,787)	\$ (3,209)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.17)
Shares used in basic and diluted per share calculations	19,261	19,179

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CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net loss	\$ (1,787)	\$ (3,209)
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative hedge transactions, net of tax	51	(206)
Comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (1,736)</u>	<u>\$ (3,415)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (1,787)	\$ (3,209)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,895	2,615
Loss on sale or disposal of Property, equipment and leasehold improvements	3	2
Deferred income taxes	(1,207)	(2,155)
Stock-based compensation	357	20
Other	172	552
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	1,578	1,663
Inventories	(1,926)	(2,188)
Other current assets	(1,018)	(178)
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	2,946	1,732
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	988	(221)
Refundable deposits	36	(328)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	3,037	(1,695)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Expenditures for Property, equipment and leasehold improvements	(1,965)	(5,651)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,965)	(5,651)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on debt and capital lease obligations	(131)	(225)
Net borrowings (repayments) under revolving line of credit	(1,238)	7,770
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,369)	7,545
Increase (decrease) in Cash and cash equivalents	(297)	199
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of period	442	911
End of period	<u>\$ 145</u>	<u>\$ 1,110</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 178	\$ 132
Cash paid for income taxes, net	—	62
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash information:		
Purchases of Property, equipment and leasehold improvements with capital leases	\$ 180	\$ 473
Purchases of Property, equipment and leasehold improvements included in Accounts payable at end of period	104	1,495

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 ("2016 Annual Report"). These consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. These consolidated financial statements are unaudited but, in the opinion of management, reflect all material adjustments necessary to present fairly our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. All such adjustments were of a normal, recurring nature. The results of operations for such interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full year.

Note 2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

ASU 2017-04

In January 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2017-04, "Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350) - Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment." ASU 2017-04 simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill by eliminating Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. An entity should perform its annual, or interim, goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, and recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value, if applicable. The loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. The same impairment test also applies to any reporting unit with a zero or negative carrying amount. An entity still has the option to perform the qualitative assessment for a reporting unit to determine if the quantitative impairment test is necessary. ASU 2017-04 is effective for fiscal years, including interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019, on a prospective basis. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed after January 1, 2017. We do not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-04 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ASU 2016-15

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 addresses eight specific cash flow issues and how they should be reported on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-15 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those annual periods, with early adoption permitted. We do not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-15 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ASU 2016-13

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326)." ASU 2016-13 addresses accounting for credit losses for assets that are not measured at fair value through net income on a recurring basis. ASU 2016-13 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those annual periods, with early adoption permitted for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. We do not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-13 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ASU 2016-02

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases." ASU 2016-02 increases transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and requires disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those annual periods. We are still evaluating any potential impact that adoption of ASU 2016-02 may have on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ASU 2016-01

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, "Financial Instruments - Overall (Subtopic 825-10)." ASU 2016-01 enhances the reporting model for financial instruments to provide users of financial statements with more decision-useful information by addressing certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. The amendments simplify certain requirements and also reduce diversity in current practice for other requirements. ASU 2016-01 is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Except for the early application guidance specifically allowed in ASU 2016-01, early adoption is not permitted. We do not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-01 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ASU 2015-17

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, "Income Taxes (Topic 740) - Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes." ASU 2015-17 simplifies the presentation of deferred income taxes, and requires that deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement of financial position. The amendments apply to all entities that present a classified statement of financial position and aligns the presentation of deferred income tax assets and liabilities with International Financial Reporting Standards. ASU 2015-17 is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years. We adopted this new accounting standard retrospectively in the first quarter of 2017. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we had \$3.2 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, of current deferred tax assets that are now classified as noncurrent on the Consolidated Balance Sheets under this new accounting standard.

ASU 2015-11

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, "Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory (Topic 330)." ASU 2015-11 simplifies the accounting for the valuation of all inventory not accounted for using the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method by prescribing that inventory be valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. ASU 2015-11 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016 on a prospective basis. The adoption of ASU 2015-11 in the first quarter of 2017 did not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ASU 2014-09, ASU 2016-10 and ASU 2016-12

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." ASU 2014-09, as amended, affects any entity using U.S. GAAP that either enters into contracts with customers to transfer goods or services or enters into contracts for the transfer of nonfinancial assets unless those contracts are within the scope of other standards (e.g., insurance contracts or lease contracts). ASU 2014-09, as amended, is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. We are still evaluating but do not expect the adoption of ASU 2014-09 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-10, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) - Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing." ASU 2016-10 clarifies aspects of Topic 606 related to identifying performance obligations and the licensing implementation guidance, while retaining the related core principles for those areas. The effective date and transition requirements for ASU 2016-10 are the same as the effective date and transition requirements in Topic 606 (ASU 2014-09). We are still evaluating but do not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-10 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-12, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) - Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients." ASU 2016-12 clarifies aspects of Topic 606 related to the guidance on assessing collectibility, presentation of sales taxes, non-cash consideration, and completed contracts and contract modifications. The effective date and transition requirements for ASU 2016-12 are the same as the effective date and transition requirements in Topic 606 (ASU 2014-09). We are still evaluating but do not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-12 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

We maintain cash balances with financial institutions that may exceed federally insured limits. We consider all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we did not have any cash equivalents.

As part of our cash management system, we use a controlled disbursement account to fund cash distribution checks presented for payment by the holder. Checks issued but not yet presented to banks may result in overdraft balances for accounting purposes. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, bank overdrafts of \$1.1 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, were included in

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Accounts payable on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Changes in bank overdrafts from period to period are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows as a component of operating activities within Accounts payable and Other accrued expenses.

Note 4. Inventories

Inventories, except for pub food, beverages and supplies, are stated at the lower of standard cost or net realizable value. Pub food, beverages and supplies are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

We regularly review our inventories for the presence of obsolete product attributed to age, seasonality and quality. If our review indicates a reduction in utility below the product's carrying value, we reduce the product to a new cost basis. We record the cost of inventory for which we estimate we have more than a twelve-month supply as a component of Intangible and other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Inventories consisted of the following (in thousands):

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Raw materials	\$ 6,731	\$ 6,947
Work in process	2,714	2,996
Finished goods	9,273	6,601
Packaging materials	606	567
Promotional merchandise	1,104	1,353
Brewpub food, beverages and supplies	602	627
	<u>\$ 21,030</u>	<u>\$ 19,091</u>

Work in process is beer held in fermentation tanks prior to the filtration and packaging process.

Note 5. Related Party Transactions

As of both March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, A-B owned approximately 31.5% of our outstanding common stock.

Transactions with Anheuser-Busch, LLC ("A-B"), Ambev and Anheuser-Busch Worldwide Investments, LLC ("ABWI")

In December 2015, we partnered with Ambev, the Brazilian subsidiary of Anheuser-Busch InBev SA, to distribute Kona beers into Brazil. In August 2016, we also entered into an International Distribution Agreement with ABWI, an affiliate of A-B, pursuant to which ABWI will distribute our malt beverage products in jurisdictions outside the United States, subject to the terms and conditions of our agreement with our existing international distributor, CraftCan Travel LLC, and certain other limitations. Transactions with A-B, Ambev and ABWI consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Gross sales to A-B and Ambev	\$ 32,641	\$ 32,256
International distribution fee earned from ABWI	850	—
Margin fee paid to A-B, classified as a reduction of Sales	488	358
Inventory management and other fees paid to A-B, classified in Cost of sales	91	87

Amounts due to or from A-B and ABWI were as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Amounts due from A-B related to beer sales pursuant to the A-B distributor agreement	\$ 10,913	\$ 12,246
Amounts due from ABWI and A-B related to international distribution fee and media reimbursement	1,250	3,750
Refundable deposits due to A-B	(2,182)	(2,162)
Amounts due to A-B for services rendered	(1,554)	(1,782)
Net amount due from A-B	<u>\$ 8,427</u>	<u>\$ 12,052</u>

Operating Leases

We lease our headquarters office space, restaurant and storage facilities located in Portland, land and certain equipment from two limited liability companies, both of whose members include our former Board Chair, who is also a significant shareholder, and his brother, who continues to be employed by us. Lease payments to these lessors were as follows (in thousands) and are included in the Rent expense under all operating leases above:

Three Months Ended March 31,	
2017	2016
\$ 30	\$ 30

We hold lease and sublease obligations for certain office space and the land underlying the brewery and pub location in Kona, Hawaii, with a company whose owners include a shareholder who owns more than 5% of our common stock and a former nonexecutive officer whose employment ended in 2015. The sublease contracts expire on various dates through 2020, with an extension at our option for two five-year periods. Lease payments to this lessor were as follows (in thousands) and are included in the Rent expense under all operating leases above:

Three Months Ended March 31,	
2017	2016
\$ 143	\$ 129

Note 6. Derivative Financial Instruments

Interest Rate Swap Contracts

Our risk management objectives are to ensure that business and financial exposures to risk that have been identified and measured are minimized using the most effective and efficient methods to reduce, transfer and, when possible, eliminate such exposures. Operating decisions contemplate associated risks and management strives to structure proposed transactions to avoid or reduce risk whenever possible.

We have assessed our vulnerability to certain business and financial risks, including interest rate risk associated with our variable-rate long-term debt. To mitigate this risk, effective January 23, 2014, we entered into an interest rate swap contract with Bank of America, N.A. (“BofA”) for 75% of the Term Loan balance, to hedge the variability of interest payments associated with our variable-rate borrowings under our Term Loan with BofA. The Term Loan contract and the interest rate swap terminate on September 30, 2023. The Term Loan contract had a total notional value of \$7.2 million as of March 31, 2017. Through this swap agreement, we pay interest at a fixed rate of 2.86% and receive interest at a floating-rate of the one-month LIBOR, which was 0.93% at March 31, 2017.

Effective January 4, 2016, we entered into a \$9.1 million notional amount interest rate swap contract with BofA, which expires January 1, 2019, to hedge the variability of interest payments associated with our variable-rate borrowings on our line of credit. The notional amount fluctuates based on a predefined schedule based on our anticipated borrowings. Through this swap agreement, we pay interest at a fixed rate of 1.28% and receive interest at a floating-rate of the one-month LIBOR, which was 0.93% at March 31, 2017.

Since the interest rate swaps hedge the variability of interest payments on variable rate debt with similar terms, they qualify for cash flow hedge accounting treatment.

As of March 31, 2017, unrealized net losses of \$0.3 million were recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive loss as a result of these hedges. The effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivatives is reclassified into Interest expense in the same period during which we record Interest expense associated with the related debt. There was no hedge ineffectiveness during the first three months of 2017 or 2016.

The fair value of our derivative instruments is as follows (in thousands):

	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments	
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Fair value of interest rate swaps	\$ (341)	\$ (424)

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The effect of our interest rate swap contracts that were accounted for as a derivative instrument on our Consolidated Statements of Operations was as follows (in thousands):

Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Accumulated OCI (Effective Portion)	Location of Loss Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)	Amount of Loss Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)
Three Months Ended March 31,			
2017	\$ 83	Interest expense	\$ 53
2016	\$ (333)	Interest expense	\$ 63

See also Note 7.

Note 7. Fair Value Measurements

Factors used in determining the fair value of our financial assets and liabilities are summarized into three broad categories:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities as of the reporting date;
- Level 2 – other significant directly or indirectly observable inputs, including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk; and
- Level 3 – significant inputs that are generally less observable than objective sources, including our own assumptions in determining fair value.

The factors or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following table summarizes liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in thousands):

Fair Value at March 31, 2017	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Interest rate swaps	\$ —	\$ (341)	\$ —	\$ (341)
Fair Value at December 31, 2016				
Interest rate swaps	\$ —	\$ (424)	\$ —	\$ (424)

We did not have any assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

The fair value of our interest rate swaps was based on quarterly statements from the issuing bank. There were no changes to our valuation techniques during the three months ended March 31, 2017.

We believe the carrying amounts of Cash and cash equivalents, Accounts receivable, Other current assets, Accounts payable, Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes, and Other accrued expenses are a reasonable approximation of the fair value of those financial instruments because of the nature of the underlying transactions and the short-term maturities involved.

We had fixed-rate debt outstanding as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Fixed-rate debt on balance sheet	\$ 906	\$ 935
Estimated fair value of fixed-rate debt	\$ 923	\$ 993

We calculate the estimated fair value of our fixed-rate debt using a discounted cash flow methodology. Using estimated current interest rates based on a similar risk profile and duration (Level 2), the fixed cash flows are discounted and summed to compute the fair value of the debt.

Note 8. Segment Results and Concentrations

Our chief operating decision maker monitors Net sales and gross margins of our Beer Related operations and our Brewpubs operations. Beer Related operations include the brewing operations and related domestic and international beer and cider sales of our Kona, Widmer Brothers, Redhook and Omission beer brands and Square Mile cider brand. Brewpubs operations primarily include our brewpubs, some of which are located adjacent to our Beer Related operations. We do not track operating results beyond the gross margin level or our assets on a segment level.

Net sales, Gross profit and gross margin information by segment was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	Beer Related	Brewpubs	Total
2017			
Net sales	\$ 37,851	\$ 6,451	\$ 44,302
Gross profit	\$ 12,270	\$ 399	\$ 12,669
Gross margin	32.4%	6.2%	28.6%
2016			
Net sales	\$ 32,479	\$ 6,743	\$ 39,222
Gross profit	\$ 7,854	\$ 863	\$ 8,717
Gross margin	24.2%	12.8%	22.2%

The segments use many of the same assets. For internal reporting purposes, we do not allocate assets by segment and, therefore, no asset by segment information is provided to our chief operating decision maker.

In preparing this financial information, certain expenses were allocated between the segments based on management estimates, while others were based on specific factors such as headcount. These factors can have a significant impact on the amount of Gross profit for each segment. While we believe we have applied a reasonable methodology, assignment of other reasonable cost allocations to each segment could result in materially different segment Gross profit.

Sales to wholesalers through the A-B Distributor Agreement represented the following percentage of our Sales:

Three Months Ended March 31,	
2017	2016
70.6%	76.3%

Receivables from A-B represented the following percentage of our Accounts receivable balance:

March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
54.2%	66.6%

Note 9. Significant Stock-Based Plan Activity and Stock-Based Compensation**Stock-Based Compensation Expense**

Stock-based compensation expense was recognized in our Consolidated Statements of Operations as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Cost of sales	\$ 19	\$ 14
Selling, general and administrative expense	338	6
Total stock-based compensation expense	<u>\$ 357</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>

At March 31, 2017, we had total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense of \$2.9 million, which will be recognized over the weighted average remaining vesting period of 2.5 years.

Note 10. Earnings Per Share

Because we were in a loss position for all periods presented, there is no difference between the number of shares used for the basic and diluted per share calculations.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Stock-based awards not included in diluted per share calculations as they would be antidilutive	132	253

Note 11. Commitments and Contingencies**General**

We are subject to various claims and pending or threatened lawsuits in the normal course of business. Although we do not anticipate that the resolution of legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business or the proceeding described below will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows, we cannot predict this with certainty.

Legal

On February 28, 2017 and March 6, 2017, respectively, two lawsuits, Sara Cilloni and Simone Zimmer v. Craft Brew Alliance, Inc., and Theodore Broomfield v. Kona Brewing Co. LLC, Kona Brew Enterprises, LLP, Kona Brewery LLC, and Craft Brew Alliance, Inc., were filed in the United States District Court for the Northern Division of California. On April 7, 2017, the two lawsuits were consolidated into a single complaint under the Broomfield case. The consolidated lawsuit purports to be a class action brought on behalf of all persons who purchased Kona Brewing Company beer within the relevant statute of limitations period. The lawsuit alleges that the defendants misled customers regarding the state in which Kona Brewing Company beers are manufactured and in describing Kona Brewing Company beer as "craft beer." We intend to vigorously defend against the foregoing action and, on April 28, 2017, we filed a motion to dismiss the complaint. We have not recorded any liabilities with respect to the claims.

Note 12. Subsequent Events**Termination of Agreements with Pabst**

Effective May 1, 2017, we reached an agreement with Pabst Brewing Company, LLC, and Pabst Northwest Brewing Company, LLC (collectively, "Pabst") to terminate the brewing agreements that provided for brewing selected brands owned by Pabst at our brewery in Woodinville, Washington, through December 31, 2018. In conjunction with the termination of the brewing arrangements, Pabst's option to purchase the Woodinville brewery and adjacent pub pursuant to the Option and Agreement of Purchase and Sale dated as of January 8, 2016 (the "Option Agreement") was also terminated. Pabst agreed to pay us \$2.7 million in connection with the termination of the brewing agreements and Option Agreement. This payment is in addition to the \$1.6 million of contract brewing volume shortfall fees for the 2016 calendar year recognized in the fourth quarter of 2016 and \$1.7 million related to remaining volume shortfalls for the 2016 - 2017 contract year ended March 31, 2017, recognized in the first quarter of 2017.

We are currently evaluating the accounting treatment for the \$2.7 million payment in connection with the termination of the brewing agreements and Option Agreement. Based on a preliminary assessment, we intend to defer recognition of the termination

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payment in our Statements of Operations due to our potential obligation to pay Pabst up to \$2.7 million if an agreement to sell the brewery to a specified buyer is entered into by December 31, 2017. We are under no obligation to enter into such a sales agreement.

Ceasing Production at our Woodinville, Washington Brewery

We plan to cease production at our Woodinville, Washington brewery beginning July 1, 2017. As a result, we expect to incur approximately \$250,000 in incremental employee and severance related costs, which will be recorded in our Consolidated Statements of Operations during the second quarter of 2017, as well as the expense of safely and properly preparing the brewing equipment to become idle, expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Designating the Woodinville, Washington Brewery as Held for Sale

We designated our Woodinville, Washington brewery as held for sale on May 1, 2017. The proximity to our largest and most efficient owned brewery in Portland, Oregon, which recently underwent a capacity expansion, as well as the decrease in our contract brewing volume, has made our Woodinville capacity redundant. Production volume from our Woodinville brewery will be transferred to our Portland brewery. We plan to continue operating the adjacent pub pending sale.

We expect to sell the Woodinville property, including the adjacent pub, within 12 months. The long-term carrying amount of the Woodinville property is approximately \$24 million; current assets and liabilities and long-term liabilities that would be associated with a sale are insignificant.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements. Generally, the words "believe," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "project," "will," "may," "plan" and similar expressions or their negatives identify forward-looking statements, which generally are not historical in nature. These statements are based upon assumptions and projections that we believe are reasonable, but are by their nature inherently uncertain. Many possible events or factors could affect our future financial results and performance, and could cause actual results or performance to differ materially from those expressed, including those risks and uncertainties described in Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 ("2016 Annual Report"), and those described from time to time in our future reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Caution should be taken not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this quarterly report.

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included herein, as well as the audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our 2016 Annual Report. The discussion and analysis includes period-to-period comparisons of our financial results. Although period-to-period comparisons may be helpful in understanding our financial results, we believe that they should not be relied upon as an accurate indicator of future performance.

Overview

Craft Brew Alliance, Inc. ("CBA") is the sixth largest craft brewing company in the U.S. and a leader in brewing, branding, and bringing to market world-class American craft beers.

Our distinctive portfolio combines the power of Kona Brewing Company, a fast-growing national craft beer brand, with an expanding stable of strong regional breweries and innovative lifestyle brands, including Appalachian Mountain Brewery, Cisco Brewers, Omission Brewing Co., Redhook Brewery, Square Mile Cider Co. and Widmer Brothers Brewing. We nurture the growth and development of our brands in today's increasingly competitive beer market through our state-of-the-art brewing and distribution capability, integrated sales and marketing infrastructure, and strong focus on partnerships, local community and sustainability.

CBA was formed in 2008 through the merger of Redhook Brewery and Widmer Brothers Brewing, the two largest craft brewing pioneers in the Northwest at the time. Following a successful strategic brewing and distribution partnership, Kona Brewing Co. joined CBA in 2010 and has become one of the fastest-growing craft brands in the U.S. As part of CBA, Kona has expanded its reach across all 50 U.S. states and approximately 30 international markets, while remaining deeply rooted in Hawaii.

In addition to growing and nurturing distinctive brands steeped in local heritage, Craft Brew Alliance is committed to developing innovative new category leaders, such as Omission Beer, which is the market leader in the gluten-free beer category, and Square Mile Cider, the #1 locally produced hard cider in the Pacific Northwest.

As the craft beer market continues to grow and consumers increasingly demand local offerings, Craft Brew Alliance has expanded its portfolio of brands and maximized its brewing footprint through strategic partnerships with emerging craft beer brands in

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targeted markets. In 2015, we announced strategic partnerships with Appalachian Mountain Brewery, based in Boone, North Carolina; and Cisco Brewers, based in Nantucket, Massachusetts. Through this strategic partnership model, we gain local relevance in select beer geographies, while our partner breweries gain access to our world-class leadership and national brewing and sales infrastructure to grow their brands. In December 2016, we announced a new strategic partnership with Wynwood Brewing Co., a fast-growing craft brewery based in the heart of Miami's multicultural arts district.

Publicly traded on NASDAQ under the ticker symbol BREW, Craft Brew Alliance is headquartered in Portland, Oregon and operates breweries and brewpubs across the U.S.

We proudly brew our craft beers in four company-owned breweries located in Portland, Oregon; the Seattle suburb of Woodinville, Washington; Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Kailua-Kona, Hawaii; and one partner brewery in Memphis, Tennessee. In 2016, we entered into a contract brewing agreement with A-B Commercial Strategies, LLC ("ABCS"), an affiliate of Anheuser-Busch, LLC ("A-B"), and are beginning the process of transitioning our current production volume out of Memphis into ABCS's facilities. Additionally, we own and operate two small innovation breweries, primarily used for small batch production and limited-release brews, in Portland, Oregon and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

We distribute our beers to retailers through wholesalers that are aligned with the A-B network. These sales are made pursuant to a Master Distributor Agreement (the "A-B Distributor Agreement") with A-B, which extends through 2028. As a result of this distribution arrangement, we believe that, under alcohol beverage laws in a majority of states, these wholesalers would own the exclusive right to distribute our beers in their respective markets if the A-B Distributor Agreement expires or is terminated. In 2016, Kona, Redhook and Widmer Brothers beers were distributed in all 50 states. Omission Beer continues to expand into new markets in the U.S. and internationally, while Square Mile Cider is currently available in 13 states in the West. Separate from our A-B wholesalers, we maintain an internal independent sales and marketing organization with resources across the key functions of brand management, field marketing, field sales, and national retail sales.

We operate in two segments: Beer Related operations and Brewpubs operations. Beer Related operations include the brewing, and domestic and international sales, of craft beers and ciders from our breweries. Brewpubs operations primarily include our five brewpubs, four of which are located adjacent to our Beer Related operations, as well as other merchandise sales, and sales of our beers directly to customers.

Following is a summary of our financial results:

Three Months Ended March 31,	Net sales	Net loss	Number of barrels sold
2017	\$44.3 million	\$(1.8) million	152,800
2016	\$39.2 million	\$(3.2) million	149,600

Designation of Woodinville Brewery as Held for Sale

See Note 12 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 for a discussion of the termination of our agreements with Pabst Brewing Company, LLC, and Pabst Northwest Brewing Company, LLC (collectively, "Pabst") and the determination to classify our Woodinville brewery assets as held for sale.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain information from our Consolidated Statements of Operations expressed as a percentage of Net sales⁽¹⁾:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Sales	105.6 %	106.6 %
Less excise taxes	(5.6)	(6.6)
Net sales	100.0	100.0
Cost of sales	71.4	77.8
Gross profit	28.6	22.2
Selling, general and administrative expenses	34.9	35.5
Operating loss	(6.3)	(13.3)
Interest expense	(0.4)	(0.4)
Other income, net	—	—
Loss before income taxes	(6.7)	(13.6)
Income tax benefit	(2.7)	(5.5)
Net loss	(4.0)%	(8.2)%

(1) Percentages may not add due to rounding.

Segment Information

Net sales, Gross profit and Gross margin information by segment was as follows (dollars in thousands):

2017	Beer Related	Brewpubs	Total
Net sales	\$ 37,851	\$ 6,451	\$ 44,302
Gross profit	\$ 12,270	\$ 399	\$ 12,669
Gross margin	32.4%	6.2%	28.6%
2016			
Net sales	\$ 32,479	\$ 6,743	\$ 39,222
Gross profit	\$ 7,854	\$ 863	\$ 8,717
Gross margin	24.2%	12.8%	22.2%

Sales by Category

Sales by category were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Sales by Category	Three Months Ended March 31,		Dollar Change	% Change
	2017	2016		
A-B and A-B related ⁽¹⁾	\$ 33,003	\$ 31,898	\$ 1,105	3.5 %
Contract brewing and beer related ⁽²⁾	7,312	3,152	4,160	132.0 %
Excise taxes	(2,464)	(2,571)	107	(4.2)%
Net beer related sales	37,851	32,479	5,372	16.5 %
Brewpubs ⁽³⁾	6,451	6,743	(292)	(4.3)%
Net sales	\$ 44,302	\$ 39,222	\$ 5,080	13.0 %

(1) A-B and A-B related includes domestic and international sales of our owned brands sold through A-B and Ambev, as well as non-owned brands sold pursuant to master distribution agreements, and the international distribution fees earned from ABWI.

(2) Beer related includes international sales of our beers, and non-owned brands, not sold through A-B or Ambev, as well as fees earned through an alternating proprietorship agreement.

(3) Brewpubs sales include sales of promotional merchandise and sales of beer directly to customers.

Shipments by Category

Shipments by category were as follows (in barrels):

Three Months Ended March 31,	2017 Shipments	2016 Shipments	Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Change in Depletions ⁽¹⁾
A-B and A-B related ⁽²⁾	133,400	135,100	(1,700)	(1.3)%	0%
Contract brewing and beer related ⁽³⁾	17,400	12,400	5,000	40.3 %	
Brewpubs	2,000	2,100	(100)	(4.8)%	
Total	152,800	149,600	3,200	2.1 %	

- (1) Change in depletions reflects the year-over-year change in barrel volume sales of beer by wholesalers to retailers.
- (2) A-B and A-B related includes domestic and international shipments of our owned brands distributed through A-B and Ambev, as well as non-owned brands distributed pursuant to master distribution agreements.
- (3) Beer related includes international shipments of our beers, and non-owned brands, not distributed through A-B or Ambev.

The increase in sales to A-B and A-B related in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to \$0.9 million of international distribution fees earned in the 2017 period related to our international distribution agreement with ABWI, which was not in place during the comparable period of 2016. In addition, we realized an increase in average unit pricing and a shift in package mix from draft to packaged, which has a higher selling price per barrel than draft. The increase was partially offset by a decrease in shipment volume as we continued to reduce our inventory levels at our wholesaler partners as part of our ongoing efforts to address slowing craft segment growth and the inventory pressures facing distributors in today's complex craft beer market. In the first quarter of 2016, we temporarily closed our largest and most efficient brewery, located in Portland, for approximately two weeks as we installed new equipment to further increase capacity and efficiency. This closure resulted in a temporary decrease of shipments across our brands in the three-month period of 2016.

The increase in Contract brewing and beer related sales in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to \$1.7 million of fees earned from Pabst Northwest Brewing Company ("Pabst") related to a contract brewing volume shortfall, as well as an increase in our alternating proprietorship and contract brewing revenue, and an increase in international shipments of our beers.

Brewpubs sales decreased in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016, primarily as a result of a decrease in guest counts across all of our brewpubs.

Excise taxes vary directly with the volume of beer shipped domestically.

Shipments by Brand

The following table sets forth a comparison of shipments by brand (in barrels):

Three Months Ended March 31,	2017 Shipments	2016 Shipments	Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Change in Depletions
Kona	82,100	70,600	11,500	16.3 %	14 %
Widmer Brothers	27,800	33,400	(5,600)	(16.8)%	(24)%
Redhook	20,700	26,200	(5,500)	(21.0)%	(15)%
Omission	9,200	8,700	500	5.7 %	(10)%
All other ⁽¹⁾	8,400	3,500	4,900	140.0 %	50 %
Total ⁽²⁾	148,200	142,400	5,800	4.1 %	0 %

- (1) All other includes the shipments and depletions from our Square Mile and Resignation brand families, as well as the non-owned Cisco Brewers and Appalachian Mountain Brewing brand families, shipped by us pursuant to distribution agreements.
- (2) Total shipments by brand include international shipments and exclude shipments produced under our contract brewing arrangements.

The increase in our Kona brand shipments in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to an increase in domestic and international shipments, primarily led by demand for Big Wave Golden Ale.

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The decrease in our Widmer Brothers brand shipments in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was led by a decrease in Hefeweizen brand shipments, primarily due to a continued strategic focus on the home market of Oregon.

Our Redhook brand shipments decreased in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016, primarily due to a continued strategic focus on the home market of Washington, led by a decline in Longhammer IPA brand shipments.

Omission brand shipments were up slightly in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016, primarily due to the introduction of our new Omission Ultimate Light.

The increase in our All other shipments in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to increases in the shipment volumes related to our distribution agreements with Cisco Brewers and Appalachian Mountain Brewing, partially offset by decreases in our Resignation and Square Mile brand families.

Shipments by Package

The following table sets forth a comparison of our shipments by package, excluding shipments produced under our contract brewing arrangements (in barrels):

Three Months Ended March 31,	2017		2016	
	Shipments	% of Total	Shipments	% of Total
Draft	36,000	24.3%	37,500	26.3%
Packaged	112,200	75.7%	104,900	73.7%
Total	148,200	100.0%	142,400	100.0%

The shift in package mix from draft to packaged in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to the continued competition for on-premise draft sales as well as the continued success of our Kona brand family, which is more heavily weighted to packaged sales.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales includes purchased raw and component materials, direct labor, overhead and shipping costs.

Information regarding Cost of sales was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Dollar Change	% Change
	2017	2016		
Beer Related	\$ 25,581	\$ 24,625	\$ 956	3.9%
Brewpubs	6,052	5,880	172	2.9%
Total	\$ 31,633	\$ 30,505	\$ 1,128	3.7%

The increase in Beer Related Cost of sales in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to increases in shipment volume and alternating proprietorship costs, as well as increases in cost of goods and distribution rates on a per barrel basis, partially offset by a decrease in brewery costs on a per barrel basis. The brewery costs per barrel decreased as brewing volume increased and we benefited from recent strategic operational enhancements which are now in service.

The increase in Brewpubs Cost of sales in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to an increase in rent and other startup costs related to our Seattle brewpub.

Capacity Utilization

Capacity utilization is calculated by dividing total shipments by approximate working capacity and was as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Capacity Utilization	54%	52%

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In June 2014, we initiated full-scale brewing with our brewing partner in Memphis, Tennessee. This partnership provided us scalable capacity and we had the ability to produce up to 100,000 barrels at this location annually. In 2016, we entered into a contract brewing agreement with ABCS and are beginning the process of transitioning our current production volume out of Memphis into ABCS's facilities.

As discussed in Note 12 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report, we plan to cease production at our Woodinville, Washington brewery beginning July 1, 2017. As a result, we expect the capacity of our owned breweries to be impacted.

Gross Profit

Information regarding Gross profit was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Dollar Change	% Change
	2017	2016		
Beer Related	\$ 12,270	\$ 7,854	\$ 4,416	56.2 %
Brewpubs	399	863	(464)	(53.8)%
Total	\$ 12,669	\$ 8,717	\$ 3,952	45.3 %

Gross profit as a percentage of Net sales, or gross margin, was as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Beer Related	32.4%	24.2%
Brewpubs	6.2%	12.8%
Overall	28.6%	22.2%

The increases in Beer Related Gross profit and gross margin in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 were primarily due to \$1.7 million of fees earned from Pabst related to a contract brewing volume shortfall, the \$0.9 million international distribution fee earned related to the international distribution agreement, increased alternating proprietorship volume, increased unit pricing and improved brewery costs on a per barrel basis. The increases in Beer Related Gross profit and gross margin were partially offset by increases in cost of goods and distribution rates on a per barrel basis.

The decreases in the Brewpubs Gross profit and gross margin in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 were primarily due to the decrease in guest counts and increased costs, primarily related to preparations to open our Seattle brewpub.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") include compensation and related expenses for our sales and marketing activities, management, legal and other professional and administrative support functions.

Information regarding SG&A was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Dollar Change	% Change
	2017	2016		
	\$ 15,469	\$ 13,924	\$ 1,545	11.1%
As a % of Net sales	34.9%	35.5%		

The increase in SG&A for the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to increases in expenses related to brand marketing, professional fees and stock-based compensation.

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Interest Expense

Information regarding Interest expense was as follows (dollars in thousands):

Three Months Ended March 31,		Dollar Change	% Change
2017	2016		
\$ 181	\$ 147	\$ 34	23.1%

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Average debt outstanding	\$27,308	\$22,931
Average interest rate	1.88%	1.46%

The increase in Interest expense in the three-month period ended March 31, 2017 compared to the same period of 2016 was primarily due to the increase in our average debt outstanding, as well as the increase in our average interest rate. Our average debt outstanding increased as we have borrowed on our line of credit facility to support our expansion and growth plans, and to fund our working capital needs. The increase in the average interest rate is primarily due to the increase in variable interest rates.

Income Tax Provision

Our effective income tax rate was 40.0% for the first three months of 2017 and 40.0% in the first three months of 2016. The effective income tax rates reflect the impact of non-deductible expenses (primarily meals and entertainment expenses), state and local taxes, tax credits, and income excluded from taxation under the domestic production activities exclusion.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have required capital primarily for the construction and development of our production breweries, to support our expansion and growth plans, and to fund our working capital needs. Historically, we have financed our capital requirements through cash flows from operations, bank borrowings and the sale of common and preferred stock. We anticipate meeting our obligations for the twelve months beginning April 1, 2017 primarily from cash flows generated from operations and borrowing under our line of credit facility as the need arises. Capital resources available to us at March 31, 2017 included \$0.1 million of Cash and cash equivalents and \$23.3 million available under our line of credit facility.

At March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, we had \$10.8 million and \$13.1 million of working capital, respectively, and our debt as a percentage of total capitalization (total debt and common shareholders' equity) was 19.2% and 19.6%, respectively.

A summary of our cash flow information was as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 3,037	\$ (1,695)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,965)	(5,651)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,369)	7,545
Increase (decrease) in Cash and cash equivalents	\$ (297)	\$ 199

Cash provided by operating activities of \$3.0 million in the first three months of 2017 resulted from our Net loss of \$1.8 million, offset by net non-cash expenses of \$2.2 million and changes in our operating assets and liabilities as discussed in more detail below.

Accounts receivable, net, decreased \$1.6 million to \$22.4 million at March 31, 2017 compared to \$24.0 million at December 31, 2016. This decrease was primarily due to a \$3.8 million decrease in our receivable from A-B, primarily due to payments being received for 2016 amounts due from ABWI and A-B related for the international distribution fee and media reimbursement. The receivable from A-B totaled \$12.2 million at March 31, 2017. The decrease from A-B was partially offset by an increase in receivables related to the alternating proprietorship arrangement with one of our partners, and increases in international sales not through A-B or Ambev. Historically, we have not had collection problems related to our accounts receivable.

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Inventories increased \$1.9 million to \$21.0 million at March 31, 2017 compared to \$19.1 million at December 31, 2016. The increase from December 31, 2016 was primarily due to an increase in finished goods of \$2.7 million as a result of the timing of shipments in the fourth quarter of 2016 and first quarter of 2017, seasonality and the forecasted demand for our beers.

Accounts payable increased \$1.8 million to \$17.9 million at March 31, 2017 compared to \$16.1 million at December 31, 2016, primarily due to the timing of payments related to capital projects.

As of March 31, 2017, we had the following net operating loss carryforwards (“NOLs”) and federal credit carry forwards available to offset payment of future income taxes:

- federal NOLs of \$2.4 million, or \$0.8 million tax effected;
- state NOLs of \$0.1 million, tax-effected;
- federal alternative minimum tax (“AMT”) credit carry forwards of \$0.3 million; and
- federal insurance contributions act (“FICA”) credit carry forwards of \$0.2 million, tax-effected.

We anticipate that we will utilize the remaining NOLs and federal credit carry forwards in the near future and, accordingly, once utilized, we will be required to satisfy all of our income tax obligations with cash.

Capital expenditures of \$2.0 million in the first three months of 2017 were primarily directed to beer production capacity and efficiency improvements. As of March 31, 2017, we had an additional \$0.1 million of expenditures recorded in Accounts payable on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, compared to \$0.9 million at December 31, 2016. Beginning in 2015, we are investing approximately \$10 million in our Oregon Brewery to expand capacity with expected completion in the first half of 2017. Also beginning in 2015 through expected completion in 2019, we are investing approximately \$20 million in a new Hawaiian Brewery. We anticipate total capital expenditures of approximately \$16.0 million to \$20.0 million in 2017 primarily for capacity and efficiency improvements, quality initiatives and restaurant and retail, including spending for the expansion projects.

Loan Agreement

We have a loan agreement (as amended, the “Loan Agreement”) with Bank of America, N.A., which consists of a \$40.0 million revolving line of credit (“Line of Credit”), including provisions for cash borrowings and up to \$2.5 million notional amount of letters of credit, and a term loan (“Term Loan”) with an original principal balance of \$10.1 million. We may draw upon the Line of Credit for working capital and general corporate purposes until expiration on November 30, 2020. The maturity date of the Term Loan is September 30, 2023. At March 31, 2017, we had \$16.7 million of borrowings outstanding under the Line of Credit and \$9.6 million outstanding under the Term Loan.

Under the Loan Agreement, interest accrues at an annual rate based on the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) Daily Floating Rate plus a marginal rate. The marginal rate varies from 0.75% to 1.75% for the Line of Credit and Term Loan based on our funded debt ratio. At March 31, 2017, our marginal rate was 1.00%, resulting in an annual interest rate of 1.78%.

Accrued interest for the Term Loan is due and payable monthly. Principal payments on the Term Loan are due monthly in accordance with an agreed-upon schedule set forth in the Loan Agreement, with any unpaid principal balance and unpaid accrued interest due and payable on September 30, 2023.

The Loan Agreement authorizes acquisitions within the same line of business as long as we remain in compliance with the financial covenants of the Loan Agreement and there is at least \$5.0 million of availability remaining on the Line of Credit following the acquisition.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our financial statements are based upon the selection and application of significant accounting policies that require management to make significant estimates and assumptions. Judgments and uncertainties affecting the application of these policies may result in materially different amounts being reported under different conditions or using different assumptions. Our estimates are based upon historical experience, market trends and financial forecasts and projections, and upon various other assumptions that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances at various points in time. Actual results may differ, potentially significantly, from these estimates.

Our critical accounting policies, as described in our 2016 Annual Report, relate to goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets, long-lived assets, refundable deposits on kegs, revenue recognition and deferred taxes. There have been no changes to our critical accounting policies since December 31, 2016.

Seasonality

Our sales generally reflect a degree of seasonality, with the first and fourth quarters historically exhibiting low sales levels compared to the second and third quarters. Accordingly, our results for any particular quarter are not likely to be indicative of the results to be achieved for the full year.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenue or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no material changes in our reported market risks and risk management policies since the filing of our 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which was filed with the SEC on March 16, 2017.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e)) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) as of the end of the period covered by this Report. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective, solely due to the material weakness in internal control over financial reporting described below, to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports filed or submitted by us under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC’s rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. While reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, it does not mean absolute assurance. Disclosure controls and internal control over financial reporting cannot prevent or detect all errors, misstatements or fraud. In addition, the design of a control system must recognize that there are resource constraints, and the benefits associated with controls must be proportionate to their costs.

In connection with the filing of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that we had a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting due to the lack of personnel with adequate knowledge of the design, operation and documentation of internal controls over non-routine transactions; and ineffective management review over the accounting for non-routine transactions, including accounting for revenue. This material weakness resulted in incorrectly accounting for several complex, non-routine transactions during 2016, including transactions related to revenue recognition. This material weakness had not been fully remediated as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act defines a material weakness as a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the first quarter of 2017, other than as described below, no changes in our internal control over financial reporting were identified in connection with the evaluation required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15 or 15d-15 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

To address material weaknesses identified in connection with the preparation of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, management developed a remediation plan which includes:

- revising the design of existing controls, and designing and implementing additional key controls related to identifying and accounting for non-routine transactions, which include protocols for engaging third-party accounting experts, where necessary;
- establishing protocols to ensure key controls operate on a timely basis to prevent and detect misstatement; and
- providing additional GAAP technical accounting and internal control related training to both accounting and non-accounting departments.

As of March 31, 2017, these changes are ongoing. We anticipate that these plans will be fully implemented and tested during 2017 such that our internal control deficiency will be remediated in that timeframe.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See Note 11 of Note to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part 1, Item 1 of this report.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no changes in our reported risk factors since the filing of our 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which was filed with the SEC on March 16, 2017.

Item 5. Other Information

The Option and Agreement of Purchase and Sale dated as of January 8, 2016 (the "Option Agreement"), with Pabst Northwest Brewing Company, LLC ("Pabst Northwest"), under which Pabst Northwest received the right, until December 31, 2018, to purchase our brewery in Woodinville, Washington, at specified purchase prices and subject to other terms and conditions, was terminated effective as of May 1, 2017. The Option Agreement was filed as Exhibit 10.2 to Amendment No. 1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on June 21, 2016. The information set forth in Note 12 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith and this list is intended to constitute the exhibit index:

10.1	Form of Performance Share Award Agreement for Executive Officers for Awards in 2016 and 2017 under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Craft Brew Alliance, Inc. pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Craft Brew Alliance, Inc. pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)
32.1	Certification pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
99.1	Press Release dated May 3, 2017
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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SIGNATURE

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

CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.

May 3, 2017

By: /s/ Edwin A. Smith

Edwin A. Smith
*Corporate Controller and
Principal Accounting Officer*

**PERFORMANCE SHARE AWARD
AGREEMENT**

THIS PERFORMANCE SHARE AWARD AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is entered into effective as of _____, 20__ (the "Grant Date"), by **CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.**, a Washington corporation (the "Company"), and _____ (the "Participant").

RECITALS

A. The Company has adopted the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Capitalized terms that are used but not defined in this Agreement will have the meanings given those terms in the Plan.

B. The Committee has designated the Participant to receive an Award of Performance Units (referred to in this Agreement as Performance Shares) under the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company and the Participant agree as follows:

1. **Performance Share Award.** The Company grants to the Participant an Award (the "Award") in a target amount of _____ shares of Common Stock (the "Performance Shares") for the period beginning on the Grant Date and ending on March 31, 20__ (the "Performance Period"). The actual number of Performance Shares that will be issued to the Participant pursuant to this Agreement will be determined as described in Section 2 below, based on the actual results of the Company for the three fiscal years ending December 31, 20__ (the "Measurement Period"). The Award is subject to all of the provisions of the Plan and the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement.

2. **Performance Goals.**

a. The Performance Shares earned pursuant to the Award will vest on the last day of the Performance Period specified above (the "Vesting Date"), subject to the written certification by the Committee of the achievement of the performance goals set forth on Exhibit A (the "Performance Goals") and the Participant's continued employment through the Vesting Date. The number of Performance Shares, if any, that may be earned based on achievement of the Performance Goals will be as set forth below, subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in Section 2.b for performance above or below 100% of the respective Performance Goal.

Percentage of Award Earned Relative to Each Performance Goal:

Performance Goal	% of Award Earned
Net Sales CAGR	50%
EBITDA Margin	50%

b. The number of Performance Shares to be vested and issued pursuant to the Award will be determined on a sliding scale ranging from 50% to 150% of the target amount specified in Section 1 above, based on the level of achievement between the threshold and maximum levels set forth in Exhibit A and as further described in this Section 2.b.

i. If achievement of a given Performance Goal is below the applicable threshold level, no Performance Shares will vest with respect to that goal.

ii. If a given Performance Goal exceeds the applicable threshold level, the number of Performance Shares to be vested and issued with respect to such Performance Goal will be calculated on a sliding scale as set forth in Exhibit A.

iii. In no event will the total number of Performance Shares issued under the Award exceed 150% of the target amount specified in Section 1 above.

3. **Settlement of Award.** The Award will be settled on a settlement date selected by the Committee as soon as practicable after the end of the Performance Period, and in no event later than 30 days following the Vesting Date, by the delivery to the Participant of an unrestricted certificate for all the Performance Shares vested under this Agreement.

4. **Other Documents.** The Participant will be required to furnish to the Company such other documents or representations as the Company may require to assure compliance with applicable laws and regulations as a condition of the Company's obligation to issue any Performance Shares.

5. **Forfeiture.** Except to the extent otherwise determined by the Committee in its sole discretion pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.5(f) of the Plan, the Participant's rights in all Performance Shares subject to this Agreement that have not vested will be forfeited, and the Award will be canceled and the Participant will not receive any Performance Shares or other payment with respect to the Award, upon termination of the Participant's employment (or business relationship) with the Company and its Affiliates for any reason prior to the Vesting Date. On the Vesting Date, any Performance Shares subject to the Award that have not vested will be forfeited.

6. **Clawback/Recovery.** Any compensation paid to the Participant under this Award is subject to recoupment in accordance with any clawback policy of the Company in effect from time to time, including any such policy adopted after the date of this Agreement, as well as any similar requirement of applicable law, including without limitation the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and rules adopted by a governmental agency or applicable securities exchange under any such law. The Participant agrees to promptly repay or return any such compensation as directed by the Company under any such clawback policy or requirement, including the value received from a disposition of Shares acquired pursuant to this Award.

7. **Capitalization Adjustments.** Capitalization adjustments to the Performance Shares, if any, will be made as required by Section 12.2 of the Plan.

8. **Rights as Shareholder.** Prior to the issuance of Performance Shares in settlement of the Award, the Participant will have no rights as a shareholder of the Company with respect to the Award or the Performance Shares.

9. **Tax Withholding and Reimbursement.** Participant must satisfy all federal, state and local tax withholding obligations relating to the settlement of the Award. The Participant may, by written notice to the Company which complies with any applicable timing restrictions imposed pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, elect to have withholding taxes satisfied by withholding shares from the shares of Common Stock otherwise issuable to the Participant in settlement of the Award; provided that the Committee may rescind this right by notice to the Participant not less than three months prior to the Vesting Date. In no event will the amount withheld exceed the minimum amount of tax required to be withheld by law in connection with settlement of the Award. To the extent Participant does not otherwise satisfy such withholding obligations, the Company is authorized to require the Participant to remit to the Company, or to withhold from the Participant's other compensation, any withholding and payroll taxes imposed on the Company in connection with or with respect to the settlement of the Award.

10. **Entire Agreement; Amendments; Binding Effect.** This Agreement, together with the Plan, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Company and the Participant regarding the subject matter hereof. Except as permitted by the Plan, no amendment of the Award or this Agreement, or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or the Plan, shall be valid unless in writing and duly executed by the Company and the Participant. The failure of any party to enforce any of that party's rights against the other party for breach of any of the terms of this Agreement or the Plan shall not be construed as a waiver of such rights as to any continued or subsequent breach. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Participant and his or her heirs, successors and assigns.

11. **Code Section 409A.** This Agreement is intended to be exempt from the requirements of Code Section 409A by reason of all payments under this Agreement being "short-term deferrals" within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.409A-1(b)(4). All provisions of this Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with preserving this exemption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

"Company" **CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE, INC.**

By _____

[Name]

[Title]

"Participant" _____

CERTIFICATION

I, Andrew J. Thomas, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Craft Brew Alliance, Inc. (the “Registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant’s other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and we have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant’s other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 3, 2017

By: /s/ Andrew J. Thomas

Andrew J. Thomas

Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph K. Vanderstelt, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Craft Brew Alliance, Inc. (the "Registrant");
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and we have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 3, 2017

By: /s/ Joseph K. Vanderstelt

Joseph K. Vanderstelt
Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES–OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Craft Brew Alliance, Inc. (the “Registrant”) on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 3, 2017 (the “Report”), Andrew J. Thomas, the Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant, and Joseph K. Vanderstelt, the Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to his knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Registrant.

Date: May 3, 2017

BY: /s/ Andrew J. Thomas

Andrew J. Thomas
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

BY: /s/ Joseph K. Vanderstelt

Joseph K. Vanderstelt
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CRAFT BREW ALLIANCE REPORTS STRONG FIRST QUARTER RESULTS,
FUELED BY 14% DEPLETION GROWTH FOR KONA**

Continued double-digit growth for Kona drives total CBA net sales increase of 13% and gross margin expansion of 640 basis points, underscoring CBA's progress in strengthening the topline while improving its cost structure

Portland, Ore. (May 3, 2017) - [Craft Brew Alliance, Inc.](#) ("CBA") (Nasdaq: BREW), a leading craft brewing company, today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2017 and reconfirmed guidance for the full year. CBA reported 14% depletion growth for Kona, a 13% increase in total company net sales, and a robust 640-basis point improvement in total company gross margin, attributing its strong first quarter results to the ongoing advancement of several strategic initiatives, including:

Tapping the Power of Kona's Liquid Aloha

Kona delivered 14% depletion growth in the first quarter despite increasing market competition that continued to put pressure on overall craft beer sales. This depletion growth includes 60% growth in international depletions. As the cornerstone of CBA's portfolio strategy, Kona's first quarter growth reflects the national success of Big Wave Golden Ale, which posted a 33% boost in depletions in the quarter, and strong results for its newest national brand Hanalei Island IPA. Hanalei IPA was the top 11th new craft beer launched in the first quarter, as measured in grocery sales by Nielsen.

Leveraging our Strengthened AB Relationship

In the first quarter, we continued to focus on unlocking the value from our enhanced agreements with Anheuser-Busch ("AB") announced last year. We successfully completed the qualification process to begin brewing in AB's Fort Collins, Colo. Brewery and are on track to begin shipments this month, in time to support execution of our commercial programs heading into the peak summer selling season.

Evolving our Brewing Footprint

In the first quarter, we continued to make strong progress evolving CBA's brewing footprint to improve production efficiency, reduce overhead costs, and increase gross margins. In line with our plans, we have been successfully winding down production at City Brewing in Memphis and at our Woodinville brewery, while preparing for production in Fort Collins as described above.

With respect to our Woodinville brewery, CBA and Pabst Brewing Company, LLC have reached an agreement to terminate our contract brewing agreement, as well as Pabst's option to purchase CBA's Woodinville facility. As a result, Pabst will pay negotiated fees to CBA, and CBA will close its Woodinville brewery as of July 1, 2017. The Woodinville pub is not impacted by this change and will remain open.

Achieving our Wholesaler Inventory Objectives

CBA achieved a significant milestone in the first quarter, delivering a 2.1% increase in shipments despite cutting 10 days from our wholesaler inventory levels. This accomplishment validates our efforts to address the inventory pressures facing our distributors in today's competitive craft market, while still delivering a significant improvement over first quarter 2016 shipments, which were lower due to the temporary closure of our Portland brewery.

Select financial highlights for the first quarter 2017:

- Depletions for Kona were 14% in the first quarter, while overall CBA depletions were flat for the first quarter of 2017, compared to the first quarter in 2016.
- CBA's shipments increased 2.1% over the same period last year, amidst the successful completion of our wholesaler inventory objectives as described above.
- Net sales increased 13.0% to \$44.3 million in the first quarter, compared to the first quarter in 2016.
 - The increase is primarily attributed to shipment growth for Kona and our partner brands, \$1.7 million in Pabst contract brewing shortfall fees, \$0.9 million in AB international distribution fees, our alternating proprietorship business, and an increase in average unit pricing. Our net sales increase also reflects the improvement over the first quarter in 2016, during which shipments were impacted by the temporary closure of our Portland brewery.
 - Partially offsetting the first quarter increases were decreases in Widmer Brothers and Redhook shipment volume, as well as shipment volume decreases associated with our ongoing efforts to reduce inventory levels at our wholesaler partners.
- Gross profit increased by 45.3%, to \$12.7 million, and gross margin increased by 640 basis points to 28.6% compared to the first quarter in 2016.
- Selling, general and administrative expense ("SG&A") for the first quarter was \$15.5 million, an 11% increase over the first quarter of 2016.
 - The increase primarily reflects continued investment in our brands and emerging business.
- Diluted net loss per share was \$0.09 for the first quarter, an improvement of \$0.08 over the first quarter diluted net loss per share of \$0.17 in 2016.

"Our first quarter results are strong in and of themselves. And they're especially remarkable given the dynamics in today's increasingly challenging market," said Andy Thomas, chief executive officer, CBA. "The substantial progress we made across many areas of our business - from continuing Kona's double-digit growth and strengthening our local brands, to expanding our gross margins while evolving our brewery footprint and reducing our wholesaler inventory days by a third - provides tangible evidence that our strategy is working and beginning to bear fruit."

Anticipated financial highlights for 2017:

As a result of our first quarter performance being in line with expectations, we are reaffirming our 2017 guidance and will be exploring the opportunity to update the ranges later in the year as the need arises.

- Total CBA depletion change of flat to growth of 6%.
- Shipments ranging between a decrease of 1% and increase of 4%, which reflects our success in achieving our 2017 wholesaler inventory reduction goals in the first quarter.
- Average price increases of 1% to 2%.
- Total gross margin rate of 30.5% to 32.5%.
 - Gross margin on our owned business, which includes beer related and pubs, is expected to be higher on a rate basis despite the dilutive influence of alternating proprietorship volume.
 - Over the course of 2017, CBA management will assess the 2017 gross margin range against the previously disclosed target of 35%, which was projected without the AB agreements and with the completed sale of our Woodinville brewery.
- SG&A ranging from \$61 million to \$63 million including increase in marketing spend and SG&A cost optimization, as we leverage investments made in prior years and seek to improve efficiencies.
- Capital expenditures of approximately \$16 million to \$20 million, reflecting continued work on previously disclosed projects including the new Kona brewery and Redhook brewpub in Seattle.

"We saw a 45% increase in gross profitability versus last year which was supported by strong topline growth, healthy revenues per barrel sold, and improved brewery efficiencies," said Joe Vanderstelt, chief financial officer, CBA. "The upcoming closure of our Woodinville brewery in July will allow us to take another step forward in reducing fixed overhead costs, increasing gross margins, and improving capacity utilization."

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements made in this press release that state the Company's or management's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions of the future, including depletions, shipments and sales growth, price increases, and gross margin rate improvement, the level and effect of SG&A expense and business development, anticipated capital spending, and the benefits or improvements to be realized from strategic initiatives and capital projects, are forward-looking statements. It is important to note that the Company's actual results could differ materially from

those projected in such forward-looking statements. Additional information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements is contained from time to time in the Company's SEC filings, including, but not limited to, the Company's report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. Copies of these documents may be found on the Company's website, www.craftbrew.com, or obtained by contacting the Company or the SEC.

About Craft Brew Alliance

Craft Brew Alliance (CBA) is an independent craft brewing company that brews, brands, and brings to market world-class American craft beers.

Our distinctive portfolio combines the power of Kona Brewing Company, a dynamic, fast-growing national craft beer brand, with an expanding stable of strong regional breweries and innovative lifestyle brands, including Appalachian Mountain Brewery, Cisco Brewers, Omission Brewing Co., Redhook Brewery, Square Mile Cider Co. and Widmer Brothers Brewing. CBA nurtures the growth and development of its brands in today's increasingly competitive beer market through our state-of-the-art brewing and distribution capability, integrated sales and marketing infrastructure, and strong focus on partnerships, local community and sustainability.

Formed in 2008, CBA is headquartered in Portland, Oregon and operates breweries and brewpubs across the U.S. CBA beers are available in all 50 U.S. states and 30 different countries around the world. For more information about CBA and our brands, please visit www.craftbrew.com.

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Craft Brew Alliance, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Sales	\$ 46,766	\$ 41,793
Less excise taxes	2,464	2,571
Net sales	44,302	39,222
Cost of sales	31,633	30,505
Gross profit	12,669	8,717
As percentage of net sales	28.6%	22.2 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	15,469	13,924
Operating loss	(2,800)	(5,207)
Interest expense	(181)	(147)
Other income, net	3	6
Loss before income taxes	(2,978)	(5,348)
Income tax benefit	(1,191)	(2,139)
Net loss	\$ (1,787)	\$ (3,209)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.17)
Shares used in basic and diluted per share calculations	19,261	19,179
Total shipments (in barrels):		
Core Brands	148,200	142,400
Contract Brewing	4,600	7,200
Total shipments	152,800	149,600
Change in depletions ⁽¹⁾	0%	(3)%

(1) Change in depletions reflects the period-over-period change in barrel volume sales of beer by wholesalers to retailers.

Craft Brew Alliance, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	March 31,	
	2017	2016
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 145	\$ 1,110
Accounts receivable, net	22,430	17,263
Inventory, net	21,030	20,033
Other current assets	3,513	2,618
Total current assets	47,118	41,024
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	120,477	120,689
Goodwill	12,917	12,917
Intangible and other assets, net	19,392	18,008
Total assets	\$ 199,904	\$ 192,638
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 17,921	\$ 19,452
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	5,955	5,247
Refundable deposits	6,502	6,340
Other accrued expenses	4,424	1,550
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	1,502	602
Total current liabilities	36,304	33,191
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations, net of current portion	26,572	26,913
Other long-term liabilities	18,746	17,191
Total common shareholders' equity	118,282	115,343
Total liabilities and common shareholders' equity	\$ 199,904	\$ 192,638

Craft Brew Alliance, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (1,787)	\$ (3,209)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,895	2,615
Loss on sale or disposal of Property, equipment and leasehold improvements	3	2
Deferred income taxes	(1,207)	(2,155)
Other, including stock-based compensation	529	572
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	1,578	1,663
Inventories	(1,926)	(2,188)
Other current assets	(1,018)	(178)
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	2,946	1,732
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	988	(221)
Refundable deposits	36	(328)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>3,037</u>	<u>(1,695)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Expenditures for Property, equipment and leasehold improvements	(1,965)	(5,651)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,965)</u>	<u>(5,651)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on debt and capital lease obligations	(131)	(225)
Net borrowings (repayments) under revolving line of credit	(1,238)	7,770
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(1,369)</u>	<u>7,545</u>
Increase (decrease) in Cash and cash equivalents	<u>(297)</u>	<u>199</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u>442</u>	<u>911</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 145</u>	<u>\$ 1,110</u>

Craft Brew Alliance, Inc.
Select Financial Information on a Trailing Twelve-Month Basis
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Twelve Months Ended		Change	% Change
	March 31,			
	2017	2016		
Net sales	\$ 207,587	\$ 201,681	\$ 5,906	2.9 %
Gross profit	\$ 63,551	\$ 59,751	\$ 3,800	6.4 %
As percentage of net sales	30.6%	29.6 %	100 bps	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	60,769	58,903	1,866	3.2 %
Operating income	<u>\$ 2,782</u>	<u>\$ 848</u>	<u>\$ 1,934</u>	228.1 %
Net income	<u>\$ 1,102</u>	<u>\$ 172</u>	<u>\$ 930</u>	540.7 %
Basic and diluted net income per share	<u>\$ 0.06</u>	<u>\$ 0.01</u>	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	500.0 %
Total shipments (in barrels):				
Core Brands	754,700	771,500	(16,800)	(2.2)%
Contract Brewing	24,100	34,800	(10,700)	(30.7)%
Total shipments	<u>778,800</u>	<u>806,300</u>	<u>(27,500)</u>	(3.4)%
Change in depletions ⁽¹⁾	<u>0%</u>	<u>(1)%</u>		

(1) Change in depletions reflects the period-over-period change in barrel volume sales of beer by wholesalers to retailers.

Supplemental Disclosures Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Information

Craft Brew Alliance, Inc.
Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net loss
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net loss	\$ (1,787)	\$ (3,209)
Interest expense	181	147
Income tax benefit	(1,191)	(2,139)
Depreciation expense	2,830	2,571
Amortization expense	65	44
Stock-based compensation	357	20
Loss on disposal of assets	3	2
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 458	\$ (2,564)

CBA has presented Adjusted Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (“Adjusted EBITDA”) in these tables to provide investors with additional information to evaluate our operating performance on an ongoing basis using criteria that are used by management. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation and other non-cash charges, including net gain or loss on disposal of property, equipment and leasehold improvements. We use Adjusted EBITDA, among other measures, to evaluate operating performance, to plan and forecast future periods’ operating performance, and as an incentive compensation target for certain management personnel.

As Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of operating performance or liquidity calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”), this measure should not be considered in isolation of, or as a substitute for, net income (loss) as an indicator of operating performance, or net cash provided by (used in) operating activities as an indicator of liquidity. The use of Adjusted EBITDA instead of net income (loss) has limitations as an analytical tool, including the inability to determine profitability; the exclusion of interest expense and associated cash requirements, given the level of our indebtedness; and the exclusion of depreciation and amortization which represent significant and unavoidable operating costs, given the capital expenditures needed to maintain our operations. We compensate for these limitations by relying on GAAP results. Our computation of Adjusted EBITDA may differ from similarly titled measures used by other companies. As Adjusted EBITDA excludes certain financial information compared with net income (loss) and net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, users of this financial information should consider the types of events and transactions which are excluded. The table above shows a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss).

