SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 10-Q

October 23, 2014		
UNITED STATES		
SECURITIES AND EXCHANG	E COMMISSION	
Washington, D.C. 20549		
FORM 10-Q		
(Mark One)		
x QUARTERLY REPORT PURS	SUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 1	5(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the quarterly period ended Se	eptember 30, 2014	
OR		
	UANT TO SECTION 13 OR 1	5(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
1934 For the transition period from	to	
Commission File Number 1-1339	95	
SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.		
(Exact name of registrant as spec	ified in its charter)	
	Delaware (State on other invisid stien of	56-2010790 (LB.S. Employer
	(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer
	incorporation or organization)	identification No.)

28211

4401 Colwick Road

Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(704) 566-2400

(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 x 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 x No "

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

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company " Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes " No x

As of October 17, 2014, there were 39,145,916 shares of Class A Common Stock and 12,029,375 shares of Class B Common Stock outstanding.

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PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1: Financial Statements.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Third Quarter Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	(Dollars and amounts)	shares in thous	sands, except p	er share
Revenues:				
New vehicles	\$1,327,837	\$1,261,270	\$3,773,234	\$3,651,486
Used vehicles	583,570	559,848	1,747,254	1,625,006
Wholesale vehicles	41,433	42,731	127,797	134,556
Total vehicles	1,952,840	1,863,849	5,648,285	5,411,048
Parts, service and collision repair	325,740	309,600	973,646	913,290
Finance, insurance and other, net	77,024	68,747	223,340	203,461
Total revenues	2,355,604	2,242,196	6,845,271	6,527,799
Cost of Sales:				
New vehicles	(1,258,811)	(1,188,862)	(3,563,342)	(3,444,818)
Used vehicles	(542,325)	(520,872)	(1,627,842)	(1,510,391)
Wholesale vehicles	(42,519)	(45,928)	(130,290)	(140,899)
Total vehicles	(1,843,655)	(1,755,662)	(5,321,474)	(5,096,108)
Parts, service and collision repair	(170,460)	(160,453)	(506,361)	(468,784)
Total cost of sales	(2,014,115)	(1,916,115)	(5,827,835)	(5,564,892)
Gross profit	341,489	326,081	1,017,436	962,907
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(270,144)	(254,564)	(803,031)	(748,479)
Impairment charges	(208)	(18	(215)	(69)
Depreciation and amortization	(14,235)	(13,744	(43,047)	(39,020)
Operating income (loss)	56,902	57,755	171,143	175,339
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, floor plan	(4,406)	(5,463	(13,941)	(16,267)
Interest expense, other, net	(12,893)	(13,553	(40,576)	(42,302)
Other income (expense), net	(1)	29	98	(28,143)
Total other income (expense)	(17,300)	(18,987)	
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