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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-1  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**3842**

(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**38-3873146**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

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If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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  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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount of Registration Fee <sup>(2)</sup>
common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$	\$

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(o) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Includes the aggregate offering price of any additional shares that the underwriters have the option to purchase.
- (2) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) based on an estimate of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price. To be paid in connection with the initial public filing of the registration statement.

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**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.**

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## SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED

## CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.

(a Delaware corporation)

Shares

Common Stock

This is an initial public offering of shares of common stock of Cadre Holdings, Inc.

Prior to this offering there has been no public market for our common stock. It is currently estimated that the initial public offering price per share will be between \$ and \$ . We intend to apply to list our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) under the symbol “CDRE”.

After the completion of this offering, Warren B. Kanders will beneficially own approximately % of the voting power of our common stock. As a result, we will be a “controlled company” within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the NYSE. See “Management— Controlled Company Exemption” and “Principal Stockholders.”

*We are an “emerging growth company” under federal securities laws and are subject to reduced public company reporting requirements.*

*Investing in our common stock involves risks. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page [11](#) to read about factors you should consider before buying shares of our common stock.*

***Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.***

	Per Share	Total
Initial public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and/or commissions <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to Cadre Holdings, Inc.	\$	\$

(1) See the section titled “Underwriting” for additional information regarding the compensation payable to the underwriters.

The underwriters may also exercise their option to purchase up to an additional shares of common stock from us, at the initial public offering price, less the underwriting discount.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares against payment in New York, New York on , 2021.

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Prospectus dated , 2021.

**The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registrat statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities ; we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

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#### Dealer Prospectus Delivery Obligation

**Through and including \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 (the 25<sup>th</sup> day after the date of this prospectus), all dealers effecting transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to a dealer’s obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as an underwriter and with respect to an unsold allotment or subscription.**

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The market data and certain other statistical information used throughout this prospectus are based on independent industry publications, governmental publications, reports by market research firms or other independent sources. Some data are also based on our good faith estimates.

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Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you any information or make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We and the underwriters take no responsibility for and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We and the underwriters are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus or in any applicable free writing prospectus is current only as of its date, regardless of its time of delivery or any sale of shares of our common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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For investors outside of the United States: we have not, and the underwriters have not, done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than the United States. Persons outside of the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the shares of our common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside of the United States.



**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights selected information that is presented in greater detail elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the sections titled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus, before making an investment decision. Unless expressly indicated or the context requires otherwise, the terms "Cadre Holdings," "Company," "we," "us," and "our" in this prospectus refer to Cadre Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries.*

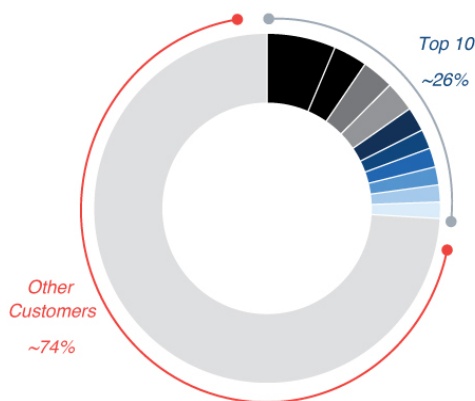
**Business Overview**

For over 55 years, we have been a global leader in the manufacturing and distribution of safety and survivability equipment for first responders. Our equipment provides critical protection to allow its users to safely and securely perform their duties and protect those around them in hazardous or life-threatening situations. Through our dedication to superior quality, we establish a direct covenant with end users that our products will perform and keep them safe when they are most needed. We sell a wide range of products including body armor, explosive ordnance disposal equipment and duty gear through both direct and indirect channels. In addition, through our owned distribution, we serve as a one-stop shop for first responders providing equipment we manufacture as well as third-party products including uniforms, optics, boots, firearms and ammunition. The majority of our diversified product offering is governed by rigorous safety standards and regulations. Demand for our products is driven by technological advancement as well as recurring modernization and replacement cycles for the equipment to maintain its efficiency, effective performance and regulatory compliance.

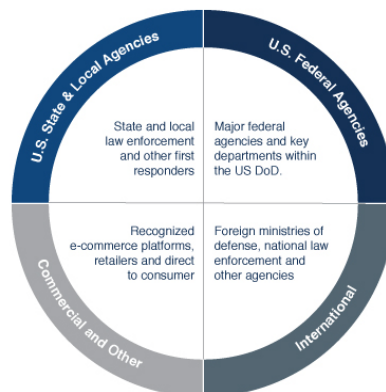
As discussed below, we believe we have established leading market positions across our product portfolio through high-quality standards, innovation and a direct connection to the end users, including being a leading provider of explosive ordnance disposal technician equipment globally as well as a leading provider of safety holsters and a top provider of soft body armor for first responders in the U.S. We service the ever-changing needs of our end users by investing in research and development for new product innovation and technical advancements that continually raise the standards for safety and survivability equipment in the first responder market. Our target end user base includes domestic and international first responders such as state and local law enforcement, fire and rescue, explosive ordnance disposal technicians, emergency medical technicians ("EMT"), fishing and wildlife enforcement and departments of corrections, as well as federal agencies including the U.S. Department of State ("DoS"), U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD"), U.S. Department of Interior ("DoI"), U.S. Department of Justice ("DoJ"), U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), U.S. Department of Corrections ("DoC") and numerous foreign government agencies in over 104 countries.

We have a large and diverse customer base, with our top 10 customers representing approximately 26% of sales, with no individual customer representing more than 6.5% of our total revenue, for the year ended December 31, 2020.

### REVENUE BY CUSTOMER



### REPRESENTATIVE CUSTOMERS



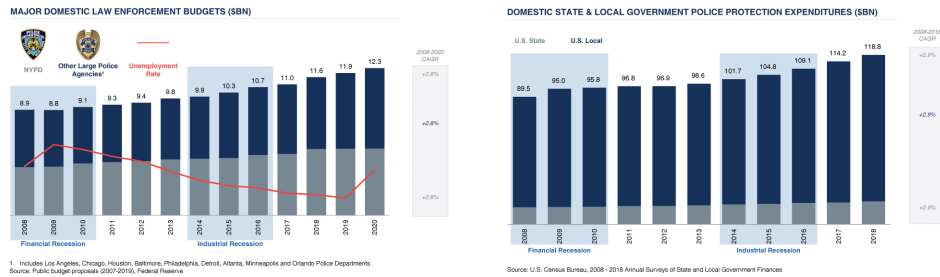
We are committed to honoring those who put their lives in danger through the SAVES CLUB®, which pays homage to first responders who experience a life-threatening incident in the line of work in which our armor or gear contribute to saving their lives. The club currently has 2,111 members and counting. With the help of our suppliers, distributors and first responder end users, we strive to fulfill the Company creed: Together, We Save Lives.

### Industry Overview

The market for safety and survivability equipment serving first responders focuses on providing a diverse set of protective and mission enhancing products and solutions to our target end users. The market is driven by multiple factors including customer refresh cycles, growing number of personnel employed by first responder organizations, equipment replacement and modernization trends, greater emphasis on public and first responders’ safety and demographic shifts.

Body armor, explosive ordnance disposal equipment and duty gear comprise the core product areas in the safety and survivability equipment market and law enforcement personnel growth is a significant driver for our business. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the number of law enforcement personnel in the U.S. to increase at a faster rate than broader labor market growth over the 10 year period from 2019 to 2029, or 5%, from 813,500 in 2019 to 854,200 in 2029. Demand for first responder safety and survivability equipment is also fueled by increasing law enforcement budgets. Law enforcement budgets have grown significantly on a per capita basis since 2000, supported by increased spending in major cities and by federal agencies. Per the Bureau of Justice Statistics, in real dollars (adjusted for inflation), local police-protection spending per capita rose 29% from 2000 to 2017. In 2017, real state and local police protection spending per capita was \$326 vs. \$258 in 2000.

The following charts highlight budget growth for major departments from 2008 to 2020 and for domestic state and local police protection spend from 2008 to 2018 (based on available data):



In addition to the macro industry trends, each of these product segments experiences unique drivers in and of themselves. Increasing mandatory body armor use and refresh policies, evolving technical standards and increases in tactical or special weapons and tactics (“SWAT”) law enforcement personnel act as tailwinds to the body armor market. Meanwhile, the explosive ordnance disposal equipment market is driven by the continued emergence of new global threats while duty gear is driven mainly by product use and replacement cycles.

Our management estimates the annual addressable market for soft body armor (including tactical soft armor) in 2020 to be approximately \$870 million. We also estimate explosive ordnance disposal equipment to have an addressable market of approximately \$245 million over the seven-to-ten year life cycle of the products’ installed base. Finally, the annual addressable market for holsters for the global law enforcement and military and consumer markets is estimated to be approximately \$380 million.

The international market is also poised for growth as foreign governments face increasingly complex safety challenges and seek to replace legacy equipment. Additionally, we foresee the demand for safety and survivability equipment from overseas markets to increase due to heightened awareness of the importance and effectiveness of such products and as countries are exposed to new threats. Our management estimates our addressable number of total law enforcement personnel outside the U.S. to be approximately 9,658,000, representing a substantial market opportunity.

Our management team believes that the safety and survivability equipment industry for first responders represents a stable and growing market with long-term opportunities. Given our strong market standing, direct connection to the end users, extensive distribution network, long history of innovations and high-quality standards, we believe we are well positioned to capitalize on the positive market dynamics.

**Competitive Strengths**

*Leading, independent global provider of safety and survivability equipment for first responders.* Our history as a leading provider of high-quality safety and survivability equipment dates back to 1964. Our differentiated value proposition is built on superior quality combined with an unwavering focus on critical safety standards, making us the trusted brand name for first responders. Our extensive product breadth allows us to serve as a one-stop shop for our end users and their safety and survivability equipment needs.

*Strong market positions.* Based on publicly available data on the number of target end users and publicly available information on awarded contracts and purchases, we believe we have leading market positions across multiple product categories through superior quality and performance differentiating us from our competition. Our products continually exceed stringent industry safety standards and are recognized for advancements in performance through innovation and technological enhancement.

*Mission-critical products with recurring demand characteristics.* Our products provide critical protection to their end users as well as those around them, with limited or no room for error. As a result, stringent safety standards and customary warranty provisions create refresh cycles on over 80% of the equipment we



supply to ensure efficient and effective performance at all times. Demand associated with these refresh cycles drives a highly predictable recurring revenue stream. The majority of our remaining revenue is associated with consumable products driving recurring sales based on replenishment needs.

#### BODY ARMOR



#### EOD TOOLS & EQUIPMENT



#### DUTY GEAR



*Attractive macro-economic and secular tailwinds driving demand and visibility for our products.* The vast majority of our end markets are acyclical in nature as their demand is driven primarily by the first responder budgets and relatively unaffected by economic cycles. Our business has benefitted from key shifts serving as tailwinds to our growth strategy including the increasing focus on safety, replacement and modernization trends as well as demographic shifts and urbanization.

*Compelling organic and inorganic growth roadmap.* Leveraging our differentiated product development process and technical knowhow, leading domestic market position and first mover advantage with our suppliers, we plan to drive profitable organic revenue growth via new product development and geographic expansion. In particular, international expansion is an especially important initiative in our organic growth roadmap due to the significant market share opportunity and increasing investments in safety and survivability equipment in various key geographic markets. We expect to supplement our organic growth through a targeted M&A program spanning our existing core products and markets as well as attractive adjacencies.

*Attractive financial profile with strong EBITDA margins and free-cash-flow generation.* We generate strong profitability through diligent portfolio management of customers and contracts and continued focus on cost structure to drive operating leverage. Our strong profitability combined with minimal capital expenditure requirements result in high free-cash-flow generation, which is a key driver for our internal research and development initiatives and targeted M&A program. Our Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate is consistently greater than 90%.

*Tenured management with significant public company platforms.* Our management team is comprised of executive officers with extensive experience at public company platforms including Armor Holdings Inc., Danaher Corporation, General Electric Company and IDEX Corporation. Together they bring an established track record of strong performance operating and growing public companies both organically and via acquisitions. This experience has created a differentiated approach to our operating model through their expertise in building a culture of operational and cultural excellence, complexity reduction, and innovation.

*Long-term customer relationships across diverse end markets and geographies.* We maintain long-term relationships with over 23,000 first responders and federal agencies both domestically and internationally, with top customer relationships averaging an excess of 15 years. Our global presence spans over 104 countries across North America, Europe and other regions.

#### **Growth Strategy**

Our growth plan consists of a multi-pronged approach that includes driving profitable core revenue growth through new product introductions and international market expansion combined with targeted acquisitions, enhanced through our operating model.

*Profitable Core Revenue Growth.* We believe that our leading market positions across a range of core categories will continue to yield significant growth opportunities. Our management team is focused on delivering new product launches, increasing customer wallet share, executing on key new contract opportunities and expanding our high-margin e-commerce and direct-to-consumer capabilities to continue

to drive revenue growth. Examples of recent product innovation include the development of a 3D body sizing solution for soft armor, introduction of our next generation holsters, and working with key suppliers on the use of emerging materials for utilization in new armor products.

*International Market Expansion.* We are also committed to increasing our market share internationally. Given our leading domestic market position and our products' high-quality standards and performance, we believe we are well positioned to take advantage of the growth in international demand for safety and survivability equipment for first responders. We intend to penetrate certain international markets through leveraging existing relationships, building local market teams and expansion into relevant market agencies.

*Targeted M&A Program.* To supplement organic growth and internal research and development, our management team has historically undertaken a targeted M&A program, completing 12 transactions between 2012 and 2017. These strategic acquisitions have allowed us to expand our product and technology offerings, enter new markets and expand geographically to achieve attractive returns in our invested capital period.

We maintain a robust pipeline of opportunistic M&A opportunities, spanning our existing core products and markets as well as attractive adjacencies within the safety and survivability landscape. We plan to utilize our relatively high free-cash-flow generation and historical success in acquisitions to drive favorable acquisition structures and efficient integration. Our operating model, passion around connecting with customers and expansive channel help maximize the value created from our acquisitions.

*Continuous Margin Improvement Initiatives.* Our management team has shown a strong track record of achieving cost structure optimization to drive operating leverage, as evidenced by past years' margin improvements. Our operating model starts with complexity reduction then uses lean tools and methods to continuously improve operational and commercial processes. Strategic initiatives completed over the past few years include among others, rationalizing the Company's manufacturing footprint, divesting non-core activities, enhancing our supply-chain and optimizing customer relationships and key contracts. Together these activities have helped enhance the Company's manufacturing and sales operations, ultimately driving profitability growth.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

Investing in our common stock involves substantial risk. You should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus prior to investing in our common stock. There are several risks related to our business that are described under the section titled "Risk Factors" elsewhere in this prospectus. Among these important risks are the following:

- The products we sell are inherently risky and could give rise to product liability, product warranty claims, and other loss contingencies.
- Our markets are highly competitive, and if we are unable to compete effectively, we will be adversely affected.
- Technological advances, the introduction of new products, and new design and manufacturing techniques could adversely affect our operations unless we are able to adapt to the resulting change in conditions.
- We may seek to raise additional funds, finance acquisitions or develop strategic relationships by issuing capital stock that would dilute your ownership.
- We may be unsuccessful in our future acquisition endeavors, if any, which may have an adverse effect on our business; in addition, some of the businesses we acquire may incur significant losses from operations.
- Our business and growth may suffer if we are unable to attract and retain key officers or employees, including our Chief Executive Officer, Warren B. Kandera, as well as any loss of officers or employees due to illness or other events outside of our control.
- We are uncertain of our ability to manage our growth.
- We have significant payment obligations under the terms of our long-term debt, \$211.9 million of which was outstanding as of March 31, 2021.
- The concentration of our capital stock ownership with insiders will likely limit your ability to influence corporate matters.

We are an emerging growth company as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 3(a)(80) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Pursuant to Section 102 of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act (the “JOBS Act”), we have provided reduced executive compensation disclosure and have omitted a compensation discussion and analysis from this prospectus. Pursuant to Section 107 of the JOBS Act, we have elected to take advantage of the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act for complying with new or revised accounting standards.

#### **Corporate Information**

Cadre Holdings, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Delaware on April 12, 2012.

Our principal executive offices are located at 13386 International Pkwy, Jacksonville, Florida 32218 and our telephone number is (904) 741-5400. Our website address is [www.cadre-holdings.com](http://www.cadre-holdings.com). The information on, or that may be accessed through, our website is not a part of this prospectus and the inclusion of our website address in this prospectus is an inactive textual reference only.

Our principal material logos and trademarks include Safariland and Med-Eng, amongst others used for various niche product categories. Our logo and our other trade names, trademarks and service marks appearing in this prospectus are our property. Solely for convenience, our trademarks and trade names referred to in this prospectus appear without the ™ or ® symbol, but those references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights, or the right of the applicable licensor to these trademarks and trade names.

#### **Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company and a Smaller Reporting Company**

We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. As such, we are eligible for exemptions from various reporting requirements applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including, but not limited to, presenting only two years of audited financial statements in addition to any required unaudited interim financial statements with correspondingly reduced “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” disclosure in this prospectus, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation, and an exemption from the requirements to obtain a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation or golden parachute arrangements.

In addition, an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This provision allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have elected to avail ourselves of this provision of the JOBS Act. As a result, we will not be subject to new or revised accounting standards at the same time as other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. Therefore, our consolidated financial statements may not be comparable to those of companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of: (i) the last day of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the consummation of this offering; (ii) the last day of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.07 billion; (iii) the last day of the fiscal year in which we are deemed to be a “large accelerated filer” as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeded \$700.0 million as of the last business day of the second fiscal quarter of such year; or (iv) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities during the prior three-year period.

We are also a “smaller reporting company” as defined in the Exchange Act. We may continue to be a smaller reporting company even after we are no longer an emerging growth company. We may take advantage of certain of the scaled disclosures available to smaller reporting companies and will be able to take advantage of these scaled disclosures for so long as our voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates is less than \$250.0 million measured on the last business day of our second fiscal quarter, or

our annual revenue is less than \$100.0 million during the most recently completed fiscal year and our voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates is less than \$700.0 million measured on the last business day of our second fiscal quarter.

	<b>THE OFFERING</b>
Common stock offered by us	shares
Total shares of common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering	shares (or shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares from us in full). The Company intends to affect a split of shares of its common stock prior to the commencement of this offering.
Directed share program	The underwriters have reserved for sale, at the initial public offering price per share, up to shares of our common stock being offered for sale to business associates, directors, employees and friends and family members of our employees. The number of shares available for sale to the general public in this offering will be reduced to the extent these persons purchase reserved shares. Any reserved shares not purchased will be offered by the underwriters to the general public on the same terms as the other shares. If purchased by these persons, these shares will not be subject to a lock-up restriction, except in the case of shares purchased by any director or executive officer.
Use of proceeds	We expect our net proceeds from this offering will be \$ million (or \$ million if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full), based on an assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, which is the midpoint of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to reduce outstanding indebtedness as well as to provide capital for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds."
Controlled company	After the completion of this offering, Warren B. Kandars will beneficially own approximately % (or approximately %, if the underwriters exercise in full their overallotment option) of the voting power of our common stock. However, we do not intend to avail ourselves of the controlled company exemption under the corporate governance standards of the NYSE.
Dividend policy	We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock, however, we may determine to pay a dividend on our common stock in the foreseeable future. See "Dividend Policy."
Proposed NYSE symbol	"CDRE"
Risk factors	Please read the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 10 for a discussion of some of the factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our common stock.

### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables summarize our consolidated financial and other data. We have derived the summary consolidated statements of operations data for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2021 from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have derived the summary consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected in the future. The following summary consolidated financial and other data should be read in conjunction with the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis," and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

#### Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:

(In thousands, except for share and per share amounts)

	Three months ended March 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2021 (Unaudited)	2020 (Unaudited)	2020	2019
Net sales	\$ 110,536	\$ 97,940	\$ 404,642	\$ 420,736
Cost of goods sold	66,577	58,838	251,704	274,699
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>43,959</b>	<b>39,102</b>	<b>152,938</b>	<b>146,037</b>
Operating expenses				
Selling, general and administrative	28,051	27,050	106,627	124,270
Restructuring and transaction costs	321	1,334	5,822	918
Related party expense	153	162	1,635	1,096
Other general income	—	—	(10,950)	(7,630)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>28,525</b>	<b>28,546</b>	<b>103,134</b>	<b>118,654</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>15,434</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>49,804</b>	<b>27,383</b>
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense	(5,044)	(6,669)	(24,388)	(29,848)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	(200)	—
Other (expense) income, net	(44)	680	2,659	395
<b>Total other expense, net</b>	<b>(5,088)</b>	<b>(5,989)</b>	<b>(21,929)</b>	<b>(29,453)</b>
Income (loss) before (provision) benefit for income taxes	10,346	4,567	27,875	(2,070)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(3,482)	(315)	10,578	142
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 6,864</b>	<b>\$ 4,252</b>	<b>\$ 38,453</b>	<b>\$ (1,928)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) per share:</b>				
Basic	\$ 12.49	\$ 7.74	\$ 69.96	\$ (3.52)
Diluted	\$ 12.49	\$ 7.74	\$ 69.96	\$ (3.52)
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding:</b>				
Basic	549,667	549,667	549,667	548,042
Diluted	549,667	549,667	549,667	548,042

**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Data:***(In thousands)*

	<u>Three months ended March 31,</u>		<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2021</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 16,832	\$ 14,878	\$ 45,419	\$ 7,414

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:***(In thousands)*

	<u>As of March 31, 2021</u> <u>(Unaudited)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,440
Total assets	300,479
Total liabilities	284,480
Total shareholders' equity	15,999

**Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures**

We review the following non-GAAP and other financial measures to evaluate our business, measure our performance, identify trends affecting our business, formulate financial projections and make strategic decisions. Increases or decreases in our non-GAAP and other financial measures may not correspond with increases or decreases in our revenue and our non-GAAP and other financial measures may be calculated in a manner different than non-GAAP and other financial measures used by other companies. For additional information regarding these measures, see the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Non-GAAP Measures."

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>Three months ended March 31,</u>		<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
EBITDA	\$ 18,929	\$ 15,086	\$66,996	\$43,222
Adjusted EBITDA	20,246	15,740	57,982	43,700
Capital expenditures	788	1,262	4,708	3,082
Adjusted EBITDA conversion rate	96%	92%	92%	93%

## RISK FACTORS

*Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before you invest in our common stock, you should carefully consider the following risks, together with all of the other information contained in this prospectus, including our financial statements and related notes. Any of the following risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, and financial condition and could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline, which would cause you to lose all or part of your investment.*

### Risks Related to Our Industry

**The products we sell are inherently risky and could give rise to product liability, product warranty claims, and other loss contingencies.**

The products that we manufacture are typically used in applications and situations that involve high levels of risk of personal injury. Failure to use our products for their intended purposes, failure to use or care for them properly, or their malfunction, or, in some limited circumstances, even correct use of our products, could result in serious bodily injury or death. Given this potential risk of injury, proper maintenance of our products is critical. Our products include: body armor and plates designed to protect against ballistic and sharp instrument penetration; explosive ordnance disposal products; police duty gear; and crowd control products.

Claims have been made, and are pending against certain of our subsidiaries, involving permanent physical injury and death allegedly caused by our products or arising from the design, manufacture or sale of such goods. If these claims are decided against us and we are found to be liable, we may be required to pay substantial damages and our insurance costs may increase significantly as a result, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Also, a significant or extended lawsuit, such as a class action, could divert significant amounts of management's time and attention.

We cannot assure you that our insurance coverage would be sufficient to cover the payment of any potential claim. In addition, we cannot assure you that this or any other insurance coverage will continue to be available or, if available, that we will be able to obtain it at a reasonable cost. Any material uninsured loss could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the inability to obtain product liability coverage would prohibit us from bidding for orders from certain governmental customers because, at present, many bids from governmental entities require such coverage, and any such inability would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Furthermore, while our products are rigorously tested for quality, our products nevertheless do, and may continue to, fail to meet customer expectations from time-to-time. Also, not all defects are immediately detectable. Failures could result from faulty design or problems in manufacturing. In either case, we could incur significant costs to repair and/or replace defective products under warranty. We have experienced such failures in the past, and remain exposed to such failures. In some cases, product redesigns and/or rework may be required to correct a defect, and such occurrences could adversely impact future business with affected customers. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity could be materially and adversely affected by any unexpected significant warranty costs.

**We are subject to extensive government regulations, and our failure or inability to comply with these regulations could materially restrict our operations and subject us to substantial penalties.**

We are subject to federal licensing requirements with respect to the export of certain of our products. In addition, we are obligated to comply with a variety of federal, state and local regulations, both domestically and abroad, governing certain aspects of our sales, operations and workplace, including regulations promulgated by, among others, the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, Justice, Treasury, State and Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also regulates our manufacturing and distribution of certain destructive devices, firearms, and explosives. We also ship hazardous goods, and in doing so, must comply with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation for packaging and labeling. We are also



required to comply with Controlled Goods Directorate Registration regime in Canada for explosive ordnance disposal products. Additionally, the failure to obtain applicable governmental approval and clearances could materially adversely affect our ability to continue to service the government contracts we maintain. Exports of some of our products to certain international destinations may require export authorization from U.S. export control authorities, including the U.S. Departments of Commerce and State, and authorizations may be conditioned on re-export restrictions. Failure to receive these authorizations may materially adversely affect our revenues and in turn our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity from international sales. Furthermore, we have material contracts with governmental entities and are subject to rules, regulations and approvals applicable to government contractors. We are also subject to routine audits to assure our compliance with these requirements.

While we continually work to enhance our international trade compliance programs, we cannot assure you that we are or will be in full compliance at all times with applicable laws and regulations governing the export and deemed export of defense articles, defense services, and dual-use products and services that are controlled by U.S. and/or foreign governments. In those instances where we have identified non-compliances with applicable laws or regulations, we have taken affirmative steps to correct or mitigate such identified failures and to self-report them to the cognizant U.S. or foreign government agencies. We also import significant volumes of foreign-made components and materials for use in our manufacturing processes, which may be subject to import duties and other regulations. Violations of international trade (export/import) controls in the U.S. and elsewhere may result in severe criminal and/or civil penalties, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Like other companies operating internationally, we are subject to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other laws that prohibit improper payments to foreign governments and their officials by U.S. and other business entities. We operate in countries known to experience endemic corruption. Our extensive operations in such countries create risk of an unauthorized payment by one of our employees or agents, which would be in violation of various laws including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act may result in severe criminal penalties, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

**We have significant international operations and assets and, therefore, are subject to additional financial and regulatory risks.**

We sell our products in foreign countries and seek to increase our level of international business activity. Our overseas operations are subject to various risks, including: U.S.-imposed embargoes and/or sanctions of sales to specific countries (which could prohibit sales of our products there); foreign import controls (which may be arbitrarily imposed and enforced and which could interrupt our supplies or prohibit customers from purchasing our products); exchange rate fluctuations; dividend remittance restrictions; expropriation of assets; war, civil uprisings and riots; government instability; the necessity of obtaining government approvals for both new and continuing operations; and legal systems of decrees, laws, taxes, regulations, interpretations and court decisions that are not always fully developed and that may be retroactively or arbitrarily applied.

One component of our strategy is to expand our operations into selected international markets. Military procurement, for example, has traditionally had a large international base. We actively market our products in Europe, North and South America, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. However, we may be unable to execute our business model in these markets or new markets. Further, foreign providers of competing products and services may have a substantial advantage over us in attracting consumers and businesses in their countries due to earlier established businesses in those countries, greater knowledge with respect to the cultural differences of consumers and businesses residing in those countries and/or their focus on a single market. In pursuing our international expansion strategy, we face several additional risks, including:

- foreign laws and regulations, which may vary country by country, that may impact how we conduct our business;
- uncertain costs of doing business in foreign countries, including different employment laws;
- potential adverse tax consequences if taxing authorities in different jurisdictions worldwide disagree with our interpretation of various tax laws or our determinations as to the income and expenses attributable to specific jurisdictions, which could result in our paying additional taxes, interest and penalties;

- technological differences that vary by marketplace, which we may not be able to support;
- longer payment cycles and foreign currency fluctuations;
- economic downturns; and
- uncertainty of sustained revenue growth outside of the United States.

We may also be subject to unanticipated income taxes, excise duties, import taxes, export taxes or other governmental assessments. In addition, a percentage of the payments to us in our international markets are often in local currencies. Although most of these currencies are presently convertible into U.S. dollars, we cannot be sure that convertibility will continue. Even if currencies are convertible, the rate at which they convert is subject to substantial fluctuation. Our ability to transfer currencies into or out of local currencies may be restricted or limited. Any of these events could result in a loss of business or other unexpected costs, which could reduce revenue or profits and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

We routinely operate in areas where local government policies regarding foreign entities and the local tax and legal regimes are often uncertain, poorly administered and in a state of flux. We cannot, therefore, be certain that we are in compliance with, or will be protected by, all relevant local laws and taxes at any given point in time. A subsequent determination that we failed to comply with relevant local laws and taxes could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. One or more of these factors could adversely affect our future international operations and, consequently, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operation and liquidity.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

##### **Many of our customers have fluctuating budgets, which may cause substantial fluctuations in our results of operations.**

Customers for our products include domestic and international first responders such as state and local law enforcement, fire and rescue, explosive ordnance disposal technicians, emergency medical technicians, fishing and wildlife enforcement and departments of corrections, as well as federal agencies and numerous foreign government agencies. Government tax revenues and budgetary constraints, which fluctuate from time to time, can affect budgetary allocations for these customers. Many domestic and foreign government agencies have in the past experienced budget deficits that have led to decreased spending in defense, law enforcement and other military and security areas. In addition, first responder budgets have been the subject of increased discussions as a result of controversies relating to police reform. Our results of operations may be subject to substantial period-to-period fluctuations because of these and other factors affecting military, law enforcement and other governmental spending. A reduction of funding for state, local, municipal as well as federal and foreign governmental agencies could have a material adverse effect on sales of our products and our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

##### **Our markets are highly competitive, and if we are unable to compete effectively, we will be adversely affected.**

The markets in which we operate include a large number of competitors ranging from small businesses to multinational corporations and are highly competitive. Competitors who are larger, better financed and better known than we are may compete more effectively than we can. In order to stay competitive in our industry, we must keep pace with changing technologies and customer preferences. If we are unable to differentiate our services from those of our competitors, our revenues may decline. In addition, our competitors have established relationships among themselves or with third parties to increase their ability to address customer needs. As a result, new competitors or alliances amongst competitors may emerge and compete more effectively than we can. There is also a significant industry trend towards consolidation, which may result in the emergence of companies which are better able to compete against us. Any such development could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

##### **There are limited sources for some of our raw materials and components, which may significantly curtail our manufacturing operations.**

The raw materials and components that we use to manufacture our products, include SpectraShield<sup>®</sup>, a patented product of Honeywell, Inc.; Kevlar<sup>®</sup>, a patented product of E.I. du Pont de Nemours Co., Inc.;

Dyneema<sup>®</sup>, a patented product of Koninklijke DSM N.V.; and Twaron<sup>®</sup>, a patented product of Teijin Limited, amongst others, which we use in manufacturing ballistic resistant garments. We purchase the materials and components that we use in manufacturing ballistic resistant garments directly from these suppliers and also through five independent weaving companies. The supply of the materials and components that we use to manufacture our products may be constrained by a number of factors, including a supplier's need to prioritize the manufacture of rated orders issued under the Defense Production Act of 1950 (the "DPA"). We cannot predict when the United States government will invoke the DPA, and in the past we have faced shortages from our sources of materials and components when the DPA has been invoked, including shortages in the raw materials and components that we use in manufacturing ballistic resistant garments.

Should these materials or components become unavailable for any reason, we would not necessarily be able to replace them with materials or components of like weight and strength, as our ballistic resistant garments must be manufactured to specific standards using specific materials and components that are not necessarily interchangeable based on metrics such as weight and strength. When we have faced shortages in the past, we have been able to ameliorate the issue by obtaining substitutable alternative materials and components from other commercially available sources. However, the use of alternative materials and components in our ballistic resistant garments requires research and development, recertification as well as customer acceptance of the new products utilizing these alternative materials and components, and there is no guarantee that any such recertification or acceptance will be obtained by us. Thus, if our supply of any of these materials or components were materially reduced or cut off or if there were a material increase in the prices of these materials or components, our manufacturing operations could be adversely affected and our costs increased, and our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity could be materially adversely affected.

**Our resources may be insufficient to manage demand.**

As we expand our operations, any growth may place significant demands on our management, administrative, operating and financial resources. The growth of our customer base, the types of services and products offered and the geographic markets we serve place a significant strain on our resources. In addition, we cannot easily identify and hire personnel qualified both in the provision and marketing of our products and systems. Our future performance and profitability will depend in large part on our ability to attract and retain additional management and other key personnel; our ability to implement successful enhancements to our management, accounting and information technology systems; and our ability to adapt those systems, as necessary, to respond to any growth in our business.

**We are dependent on industry relationships.**

A number of our products are components in our customers' final products. Accordingly, to gain market acceptance, we must demonstrate that our products will provide advantages to the manufacturers of final products, including increasing the safety of their products, providing such manufacturers with competitive advantages or assisting such manufacturers in complying with existing or new government regulations affecting their products. There can be no assurance that our products will be able to achieve any of these advantages for the products of our customers. Furthermore, even if we are able to demonstrate such advantages, there can be no assurance that such manufacturers will elect to incorporate our products into their final products, or if they do, that our products will be able to meet such customers' manufacturing requirements. Additionally, there can be no assurance that our relationships with our manufacturer customers will ultimately lead to volume orders for our products. The failure of manufacturers to incorporate our products into their final products could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

**We may be unable to protect our proprietary technology.**

We depend upon a variety of methods and techniques that we regard as proprietary trade secrets. We also depend upon a variety of trademarks, service marks and designs to promote brand name development and recognition. We rely on a combination of trade secret, copyright, patent, trademark, unfair competition and other intellectual property laws as well as contractual agreements to protect our rights to such

intellectual property. Due to the difficulty of monitoring unauthorized use of and access to intellectual property, however, such measures may not provide adequate protection. It is possible that our competitors may access our intellectual property and proprietary information and use it to their advantage. In addition, there can be no assurance that courts will always uphold our intellectual property rights, or enforce the contractual arrangements that we have entered into to protect our proprietary technology. Any unenforceability or misappropriation of our intellectual property could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Furthermore, we cannot assure you that any pending patent application or trademark application made by us will result in an issued patent or registered trademark, or that, if a patent is issued, it will provide meaningful protection against competitors or competitor technologies. In addition, if we bring or become subject to litigation to defend against claimed infringement of our rights or of the rights of others or to determine the scope and validity of our intellectual property rights, such litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of our resources, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. Unfavorable results in such litigation could also result in the loss or compromise of our proprietary rights, subject us to significant liabilities, require us to seek licenses from third parties on unfavorable terms, or prevent us from manufacturing or selling our products, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

**Technological advances, the introduction of new products, and new design and manufacturing techniques could adversely affect our operations unless we are able to adapt to the resulting change in conditions.**

Our future success and competitive position depend to a significant extent upon our proprietary technology. We must make significant investments to continue to develop and refine our technologies. We will be required to expend substantial funds for and commit significant resources to research and development activities, the engagement of additional engineering and other technical personnel, the purchase of advanced design, production and test equipment, and the enhancement of design and manufacturing processes and techniques. Our future operating results will depend to a significant extent on our ability to continue to provide design and manufacturing services for new products that compare favorably on the basis of time to introduction, cost and performance with the design and manufacturing capabilities. The success of new design and manufacturing services depends on various factors, including utilization of advances in technology, innovative development of new solutions for customer products, efficient and cost-effective services, timely completion and delivery of new product solutions and market acceptance of customers' end products. Because of the complexity of our products, we may experience delays from time to time in completing the design and manufacture of new product solutions. In addition, there can be no assurance that any new product solutions will receive or maintain customer or market acceptance. If we are unable to design and manufacture solutions for new products of our customers on a timely and cost-effective basis, such inability could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

**We may be adversely affected by applicable environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.**

We are subject to federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations governing environment, health and safety ("EHS") matters, including those regulating discharges to the air and water, the management of wastes, the control of noise and odors, and the maintenance of a safe and healthy operating environment for our employees. We cannot assure you that we are at all times in complete compliance with all such requirements. Like all companies in our industry, we are subject to potentially significant fines or penalties if we fail to comply with various EHS requirements. Such requirements are complex, change frequently, and could become more stringent in the future. Accordingly, we cannot assure you whether these requirements will change in a manner requiring material capital or operating expenditures or will otherwise have a material adverse effect on us in the future. In addition, we are also subject to environmental laws requiring the investigation and clean-up of environmental contamination. We may be subject to liability, including liability for clean-up costs, if contamination is discovered at one of our current or former facilities, in some circumstances even if such contamination was caused by a third party such as a prior owner. We also may be subject to liability if contamination is discovered at a landfill or other location where we have disposed of wastes, notwithstanding that historic disposal practices may have been in accordance with all applicable requirements. We use Orthochlorobenzalmononitrile and Chloroacetophenone chemical agents in

connection with our production of our crowd control products, and these chemicals are hazardous and could cause environmental damage if not handled and disposed of properly. Moreover, private parties may bring claims against us based on alleged adverse health impacts or property damage caused by our operations. The amount of liability for cleaning up contamination or defending against private party claims could be material and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

**We may lose money or generate less than expected profits on our fixed-price contracts.**

Our direct government contracts are primarily fixed-price for a specified term. Under these contracts, we agree to perform a specific scope of work or deliver a certain quantity of end items for a fixed price. Typically, we assume more risk with fixed-price contracts since we are subject to rising labor costs and commodity price risk. Fixed-price contracts require us to price our contracts by forecasting our expenditures. When making proposals for fixed-price contracts, we rely on our estimates of costs and timing for completing these projects. These estimates reflect management's judgments regarding our capability to complete projects efficiently and timely. Our production costs may, however, exceed forecasts due to unanticipated delays or increased cost of materials, components, labor, capital equipment or other factors. Therefore, we may incur losses on fixed price contracts that we had expected to be profitable, or such contracts may be less profitable than expected, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

As relates to our Products segment, fixed-price contracts represent, on average, less than 12% of annual net sales. For our Distribution segment, we estimate that fixed-price contracts represent a majority of its annual net sales.

**Our business is subject to various laws and regulations favoring the U.S. government's contractual position, and our failure to comply with such laws and regulations could harm our operating results and prospects.**

As a direct and indirect contractor to the U.S. government, which represents approximately 16% of our business in 2020, we must comply with laws and regulations relating to the formation, administration and performance of federal government contracts, which effect how we do business with our clients and may impose added costs on our business. These rules generally favor the U.S. government's contractual position. For example, these regulations and laws include provisions that subject contracts we have been awarded to:

- protest or challenge by unsuccessful bidders; and
- unilateral termination, reduction or modification by the government.

The accuracy and appropriateness of certain costs and expenses used to substantiate our direct and indirect costs for the U.S. government under both cost-plus and fixed-price contracts are subject to extensive regulation and audit by the Defense Contract Audit Agency, an arm of the U.S. Department of Defense. Responding to governmental audits, inquiries or investigations may involve significant expense and divert management's attention. Our failure to comply with these or other laws and regulations could result in contract termination, suspension or debarment from contracting with the federal government, civil fines and damages and criminal prosecution and penalties, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

**Our Chief Executive Officer has divided responsibilities and is not required to devote any specified amount of time to our business.**

Our Chief Executive Officer, Warren B. Kanders, is also the Executive Chairman of Clarus Corporation, which is in the business of designing, manufacturing, and marketing equipment for outdoor recreation activities. Our employment agreement with Mr. Kanders requires that he devote his time, attention, energy, knowledge, best professional efforts and skills to the duties assigned to him by us, but he is permitted to pursue other professional endeavors and investments that do not violate the terms of his employment agreement, including provisions relative to non-competition and non-solicitation. Mr. Kanders' employment agreement does not require him to devote any specific amount of time to the Company. Accordingly, it is

possible that Mr. Kanders will fail to devote the necessary time to our Company which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

**We may be subject to disruptions, failures or cyber-attacks in our information technology systems and network infrastructures that could have a material adverse effect on us.**

We maintain and rely extensively on information technology systems and network infrastructures for the effective operation of our business. Techniques used to gain unauthorized access to private networks are constantly evolving, and we may be unable to anticipate or prevent unauthorized access to data pertaining to our customers, including credit card and debit card information and other personally identifiable information. Like all Internet services, our direct-to-consumer service, which is supported by our own systems and those of third-party vendors, is vulnerable to computer viruses, Internet worms, break-ins, phishing attacks, attempts to overload servers with denial-of-service or other attacks and similar disruptions from unauthorized use of our and third-party vendor computer systems, any of which could lead to system interruptions, delays or shutdowns, causing loss of critical data or the unauthorized access to personally identifiable information. If an actual or perceived breach of our systems or a vendor's systems security occurs, we may face civil liability and public perception of our security measures could be diminished, either of which would negatively affect our ability to attract customers, which could have a material adverse effect on our business. We also would be required to expend significant resources to mitigate the breach of security and to address related matters.

Further, a disruption, infiltration or failure of our information technology systems or any of our data centers including the systems and data centers of our third-party vendors as a result of software or hardware malfunctions, computer viruses, cyber-attacks, employee theft or misuse, power disruptions, natural disasters or accidents could cause breaches of data security and loss of critical data, which in turn could materially adversely affect our business. In addition, our ability to integrate, expand, and update our information technology infrastructure is important for our contemplated growth, and any failure to do so could have an adverse effect on our business.

We cannot fully control the actions of third parties who may have access to the customer data we collect and the customer data collected by our third party vendors. We may be unable to monitor or control such third parties and the third parties having access to our other websites in their compliance with the terms of our privacy policies, terms of use, and other applicable contracts, and we may be unable to prevent unauthorized access to, or use or disclosure of, customer information. Any such misuse could hinder or prevent our efforts with respect to growth opportunities and could expose us to liability or otherwise adversely affect our business. In addition, these third parties may become the victim of security breaches or have practices that may result in a breach, and we could be responsible for those third-party acts or failures to act.

Any failure, or perceived failure, by us or the prior owners of acquired businesses to maintain the security of data relating to our customers and employees, to comply with our posted privacy policies, our predecessors' posted policies, laws and regulations, rules of self-regulatory organizations, or industry standards and contractual provisions to which we or they may be bound, could result in the loss of confidence in us, or result in actions against us by governmental entities or others, all of which could result in litigation and financial losses, and could potentially cause us to lose customers, revenue and employees.

**Misuse of our products may adversely affect the Company's reputation.**

The target end users of the products that we sell, which include firearms, ammunition and body armor, are licensed professionals that include state and local law enforcement, federal agencies, foreign police, military agencies as well as private security firms. However, if any misuse of our products were to occur, the Company's reputation could be harmed. The occurrence of any misuse of our products could seriously damage our reputation and the image of our brands or cause our customers to consider alternatives to the Company's products, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

**Adverse publicity about the Company and/or its brands, including without limitation, through social media or in connection with brand damaging events and/or public perception, could negatively impact our business.**

Negative claims or publicity involving us, our board of directors, our brands, our products, services and experiences, consumer data, or any of our key employees, or suppliers could seriously damage our reputation and the image of our brands, regardless of whether such claims are accurate.

Social media, which accelerates and potentially amplifies the scope of negative publicity, can increase the challenges of responding to negative claims. Adverse publicity could also damage our reputation and the image of our brands, undermine consumer confidence in us and reduce long-term demand for our products, even if such adverse publicity is unfounded or not material to our operations. If the reputation, culture or image of any of our brands is tarnished or receives negative publicity, then our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity could be materially adversely affected.

**The terms of our outstanding long-term debt and any requirements to incur further indebtedness or refinance our outstanding indebtedness in the future could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.**

Our significant payment obligations under the terms of our long-term debt, \$211.9 million of which was outstanding as of March 31, 2021, together with any additional indebtedness we may incur in the future, could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. For example, our indebtedness or any additional financing may:

- make it more difficult for us to pay or refinance debts as they become due;
- require us to use a larger portion of cash flow for debt service, reducing funds available for other purposes;
- limit our ability to pursue business opportunities, such as potential acquisitions, and to react to changes in market or industry conditions;
- reduce the funds available for other purposes, such as implementing our strategy, funding capital expenditures and making distributions to stockholders;
- increase our vulnerability to adverse economic, industry or competitive developments;
- affect our ability to obtain additional financing;
- decrease our profitability or cash flow, or require us to dispose of significant assets in order to satisfy debts and other obligations if we are not able to satisfy these obligations using cash from operations or other sources; and
- disadvantage us compared to competitors.

Any of the foregoing, alone or in combination, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. A breach of, or the inability to comply with, the covenants in our term loan facility and revolving credit agreement could result in an event of default, in which case the lenders will have the right to declare all borrowings to be immediately due and payable, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects and could lead to foreclosure on our assets

In the future, we may need to refinance our indebtedness. However, additional financing may not be available on favorable commercial terms to us, or at all. If, at such time, market conditions are materially different or our credit profile has deteriorated, the cost of refinancing such debt may be significantly higher than our indebtedness existing at that time. Furthermore, we may not be able to procure refinancing at all. Any failure to meet any future debt service obligations through use of cash flow, refinancing or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

**Risks Related to our Acquisition Strategy**

**A number of other companies are seeking to make acquisitions in our industry, which may make our acquisition strategy more difficult or expensive to pursue.**

We compete with many other companies, and certain of them have greater financial resources than we do for pursuing and consummating acquisitions and to further develop and integrate acquired businesses. Our strategy of growing through the acquisition of businesses and assets relies on our ability to consummate acquisitions to develop and offer new products that foster the growth of our core business, and to establish ourselves in other geographic regions and related businesses in which we do not currently operate. Increased competition for acquisition opportunities may impede our ability to acquire these companies because they

choose another acquirer. It could also increase the price that we must pay for these companies. Either of these outcomes could reduce our growth, harm our business and adversely impact our ability to consummate acquisitions.

**We may be unsuccessful in identifying suitable acquisition candidates, which may negatively impact our competitive position and our growth strategy.**

In addition to organic growth, our future growth will be driven by our selective acquisition of additional businesses, our competitors and complementary businesses. Our growth through acquisitions, to date, has consisted of 12 acquisitions and two divestitures and we are in discussions to acquire additional businesses including our planned acquisitions. We may be unable to identify other suitable targets for future acquisition or acquire businesses at favorable prices, which would negatively impact our growth strategy. We may not be able to execute our growth strategy through organic expansion, and if we are unable to identify and successfully acquire new businesses complementary to ours, we may not be able to offer new products in line with industry trends.

**The due diligence process that we undertake in connection with acquisitions may not reveal all facts that may be relevant in connection with an investment.**

Before making acquisitions and other investments, we conduct due diligence of the target company that we deem reasonable and appropriate based on the facts and circumstances applicable to each acquisition. The objective of the due diligence process is to assess the investment opportunities based on the facts and circumstances surrounding an investment or acquisition. When conducting due diligence, we may be required to evaluate important and complex business, financial, tax, accounting, environmental and legal issues. The due diligence process may at times be subjective with respect to newly-organized companies for which only limited information is available. Accordingly, we cannot be certain that the due diligence investigation that we conduct with respect to any investment or acquisition opportunity will reveal or highlight all relevant facts that may be necessary or helpful in evaluating such investment opportunity. For example, instances of fraud, accounting irregularities and other deceptive practices can be difficult to detect. Executive officers, directors and employees may be named as defendants in litigation involving a company we are acquiring or have acquired. Even if we conduct extensive due diligence on a particular investment or acquisition, we may fail to uncover all material issues relating to such investment, including regarding the controls and procedures of a particular target or the full scope of its contractual arrangements. We rely on our due diligence to identify potential liabilities in the businesses we acquire, including such things as potential or actual lawsuits, contractual obligations or liabilities imposed by government regulation. However, our due diligence process may not uncover these liabilities, and where we identify a potential liability, we may incorrectly believe that we can consummate the acquisition without subjecting ourselves to that liability. If our due diligence fails to identify issues specific to an investment or acquisition, we may obtain a lower return from that transaction than the investment would return or otherwise subject ourselves to unexpected liabilities. We may also be forced to write-down or write-off assets, restructure our operations or incur impairment or other charges that could result in our reporting losses. Charges of this nature could contribute to negative market perceptions about us or our shares of common stock.

**We may face difficulty in integrating the operations of the businesses we have acquired and may acquire in the future.**

Acquisitions have been and will continue to be an important component of our growth strategy; however, we will need to integrate these acquired businesses successfully in order for our growth strategy to succeed and for our Company to become profitable. We will implement, and the management teams of the acquired businesses will adopt, our policies, procedures and best practices. We may face difficulty with the integration of the businesses we acquire, such as coordinating geographically dispersed organizations, integrating personnel with disparate business backgrounds and combining different corporate cultures. Furthermore, we may fail in implementing our policies and procedures, or the policies and procedures may not be effective or provide the results we anticipate for a particular business. Further, we will be relying on these policies and procedures in preparing our financial and other reports as a public company, so any failure of acquired businesses to properly adopt these policies and procedures could impair our public



reporting. Management of the businesses we acquire may not have the operational or business expertise that we require to successfully implement our policies, procedures and best practices.

**We typically retain the management of the businesses we acquire and rely on them to continue running their businesses, which leaves us vulnerable in the event they leave our Company.**

We seek to acquire businesses that have strong management teams that will continue to run the business after the acquisition. We often rely on these individuals to conduct the day-to-day operations, and pursue the growth, of these acquired businesses. Although we typically seek to sign employment agreements with the managers of acquired businesses, it remains possible that these individuals will leave our organization. This would harm the prospects of the businesses they manage, potentially causing us to lose money on our investment and harming our growth and financial results.

**Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of our Common Stock**

**We will be a “controlled company” within the meaning of the rules of the NYSE and the rules of the SEC and, as a result, qualify for, but do not intend to rely on, exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements.**

After completion of this offering and the application of net proceeds therefrom, Warren B. Kanders will beneficially own approximately % of the voting power of common stock (or approximately % if the underwriters exercise in full their over-allotment option). As a result, we will be a “controlled company” within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the NYSE. Under these rules, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, group or another company is a “controlled company” and may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements, including the requirement that:

- a majority of our board of directors consists of “independent directors” as defined under the rules of the NYSE;
- our director nominees be selected, or recommended for our board of directors’ selection, by a nominating/corporate governance committee comprised solely of independent directors; and
- the compensation of our executive officers be determined, or recommended to our board of directors for determination, by a compensation committee comprised solely of independent directors.

If the Company were to rely on the foregoing exemptions, we may not have a majority of independent directors, and our compensation committee and nominating/corporate governance committee may not consist entirely of independent directors, and therefore you may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the NYSE. However, following this offering, we do not intend to utilize any of the foregoing corporate governance exemptions.

**There has been no prior market for our common stock. An active market may not develop or be sustainable, and investors may not be able to resell their shares at or above the initial public offering price.**

There has been no public market for our common stock prior to this offering. The initial public offering price for our common stock will be determined through negotiations between a representative of the underwriters and us, and may vary from the market price of our common stock following the completion of this offering. An active or liquid market in our common stock may not develop upon completion of this offering or, if it does develop, it may not be sustainable. In the absence of an active trading market for our common stock, you may not be able to resell those shares at or above the initial public offering price or at all. We cannot predict the prices at which our common stock will trade.

**After this offering, our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders, if they choose to act together, will continue to have the ability to control all matters submitted to stockholders for approval.**

Upon the closing of this offering, our executive officers, directors and stockholders who owned more than 5% of our outstanding common stock before this offering and their respective affiliates will, in the aggregate, hold shares representing approximately % of our outstanding voting stock, not reflecting any

shares that may be purchased by them in this offering. As a result, if these stockholders were to choose to act together, they would be able to control or significantly influence all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, as well as our management and affairs. For example, these persons, if they choose to act together, would control or significantly influence the election of directors and approval of any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. This concentration of ownership control may:

- delay, defer or prevent a change in control;
- entrench our management and the board of directors; or
- impede a merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination involving us that other stockholders may desire.

**If you purchase shares of common stock in this offering, you will suffer immediate dilution of your investment.**

The initial public offering price of our common stock will be substantially higher than the net tangible book value per share of our common stock. Therefore, if you purchase shares of our common stock in this offering, you will pay a price per share that substantially exceeds our net tangible book value per share after this offering. To the extent shares subsequently are issued under outstanding stock options, you will incur further dilution. Based on an assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, which is the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, you will experience immediate dilution of \$ per share, representing the difference between our pro forma net tangible book value per share, after giving effect to this offering, and the assumed initial public offering price. In addition, purchasers of common stock in this offering will have contributed approximately % of the aggregate price paid by all purchasers of our stock but will own only approximately % of our common stock outstanding after this offering.

**An active trading market for our common stock may not develop.**

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. The initial public offering price for our common stock will be determined through negotiations with the underwriters. Although we have applied to have our common stock approved for listing on NYSE, an active trading market for our shares may never develop or be sustained following this offering. If an active market for our common stock does not develop, it may be difficult for you to sell shares you purchase in this offering without depressing the market price for the shares or at all.

Certain of our existing stockholders and their affiliated entities, including and affiliates of , have indicated an interest to purchase up to \$ million in shares of our common stock in this offering at the initial public offering price. To the extent these existing stockholders are allocated and purchase shares in this offering, such purchases may reduce the available public float for our shares because these stockholders will be restricted from selling the shares by restrictions under applicable securities laws and contractual agreements described in the “Shares Eligible for Future Sale” section of this prospectus. As a result, the liquidity of our common stock could be significantly reduced from what it would have been if these shares had been purchased by investors that were not affiliated with us.

**Our stock price may be volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance, resulting in substantial losses for investors purchasing shares in this offering.**

The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our results of operations;
- the financial projections we may provide to the public, any changes in these projections or our failure to meet these projections;
- failure of securities analysts to initiate or maintain coverage of our company, changes in financial estimates or ratings by any securities analysts who follow our company or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant technical innovations, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, operating results or capital commitments;

- changes in operating performance and stock market valuations of other technology or retail companies generally, or those in our industry in particular;
- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market, including as a result of trends in the economy as a whole;
- changes in our board of directors or management;
- sales of large blocks of our common stock, including sales by our executive officers, directors and significant stockholders;
- lawsuits threatened or filed against us;
- changes in laws or regulations applicable to our business;
- the expiration of contractual lock-up agreements;
- changes in our capital structure, such as future issuances of debt or equity securities;
- short sales, hedging and other derivative transactions involving our capital stock;
- general economic conditions in the United States and abroad;
- other events or factors, including those resulting from war, pandemics, incidents of terrorism or responses to these events; and
- the other factors described in the sections of the prospectus titled “Risk Factors” and “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

In addition, stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many technology companies, including e-commerce companies. Stock prices of many technology companies, including e-commerce companies, have fluctuated in a manner unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. In the past, stockholders have instituted securities class action litigation following periods of market volatility. If we were to become involved in securities litigation, it could subject us to substantial costs, divert resources and the attention of management from our business and materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

**Substantial future sales of shares of our common stock could cause the market price of our common stock to decline.**

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market following the completion of this offering, or the perception that these sales might occur, could depress the market price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. We are unable to predict the effect that such sales may have on the prevailing market price of our common stock.

All of our executive officers, directors, holders of substantially all of our outstanding capital stock and substantially all of our stock options and restricted stock units are subject to lock-up agreements that restrict their ability to transfer shares of our capital stock for 180 days from the date of this prospectus. Subject to certain exceptions, the lock-up agreements limit the number of shares of capital stock that may be sold immediately following this initial public offering. Subject to certain limitations, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, approximately \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock will become eligible for sale upon expiration of the 180-day lock-up period. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated may, in its sole discretion, permit our stockholders who are subject to these lock-up agreements to sell shares prior to the expiration of the lock-up agreements.

**If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, or publish negative reports about our business, our share price and trading volume could decline.**

The trading market for our common stock will depend in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business, our market and our competitors. We do not have any control over these analysts. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our shares or change their opinion of our shares, our share price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause our share price or trading volume to decline.

**We may invest or spend the proceeds of this offering in ways with which you may not agree or in ways that may not yield a return.**

We currently intend to use the net proceeds to us from this offering primarily to reduce outstanding indebtedness as well as to provide capital for general corporate purposes. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds from this offering for the acquisition of, or investment in, technologies, solutions or businesses that complement our business. Our management will have considerable discretion in the application of the net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. The net proceeds may be used for purposes that do not increase the value of our business or increase the risks to you, which could cause the price of our stock to decline. Until net proceeds are used, they may be placed in investments that do not produce significant income or that may lose value.

**We are an emerging growth company and a smaller reporting company, and any decision on our part to comply only with certain reduced reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies and smaller reporting companies could make our common stock less attractive to investors.**

We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the JOBS Act, and, for as long as we continue to be an emerging growth company, we may choose to take advantage of exemptions from various reporting requirements applicable to other public companies but not to emerging growth companies, including:

- not being required to have our independent registered public accounting firm audit our internal control over financial reporting under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act;
- reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and annual report on Form 10-K; and
- exemptions from the requirements of holding non-binding advisory votes on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

We could be an emerging growth company for up to five years following the completion of this offering. Our status as an emerging growth company will end as soon as any of the following takes place:

- the last day of the fiscal year in which we have more than \$1.07 billion in annual revenue;
- the date we qualify as a “large accelerated filer,” with at least \$700 million of equity securities held by non-affiliates;
- the date on which we have issued, in any three-year period, more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities; or
- the last day of the fiscal year ending after the fifth anniversary of the completion of this offering.

We cannot predict if investors will find our common stock less attractive if we choose to rely on any of the exemptions afforded emerging growth companies. If some investors find our common stock less attractive because we rely on any of these exemptions, there may be a less active trading market for our common stock and the market price of our common stock may be more volatile.

Under the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies can also delay adopting new or revised accounting standards until such time as those standards apply to private companies. We have elected to avail ourselves of this provision of the JOBS Act. As a result, we will not be subject to new or revised accounting standards at the same time as other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. Therefore, our consolidated financial statements may not be comparable to those of companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates.

We are also a “smaller reporting company” as defined in the Exchange Act. We may continue to be a smaller reporting company even after we are no longer an emerging growth company. We may take advantage of certain of the scaled disclosures available to smaller reporting companies and will be able to take advantage of these scaled disclosures for so long as our voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates is less than \$250.0 million measured on the last business day of our second fiscal quarter, or our annual revenue is less than \$100.0 million during the most recently completed fiscal year and our voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates is less than \$700.0 million measured on the last business day of our second fiscal quarter.

**The requirements of being a public company may strain our resources, divert management’s attention and affect our ability to attract and retain additional executive management and qualified board members.**

As a public company, we will be subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the listing requirements of the NYSE and other applicable securities rules and regulations. Compliance with these rules and regulations will increase our legal and financial compliance costs, make some activities more difficult, time-consuming or costly and increase demand on our systems and resources, particularly after we are no longer an “emerging growth company.” The Exchange Act requires, among other things, that we file annual, quarterly and current reports with respect to our business and results of operations. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting. In order to maintain and, if required, improve our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting to meet this standard, significant resources and management oversight may be required. As a result, management’s attention may be diverted from other business concerns, which could materially adversely affect our business and results of operations. We will need to hire additional employees or engage outside consultants to comply with these requirements, which will increase our costs and expenses.

In addition, changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure are creating uncertainty for public companies, increasing legal and financial compliance costs and making some activities more time-consuming. These laws, regulations and standards are subject to varying interpretations, in many cases due to their lack of specificity, and, as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies. This could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices. We intend to invest resources to comply with evolving laws, regulations and standards, and this investment may result in increased general and administrative expenses and a diversion of management’s time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities. If our efforts to comply with new laws, regulations and standards differ from the activities intended by regulatory or governing bodies due to ambiguities related to their application and practice, regulatory authorities may initiate legal proceedings against us, and our business may be materially adversely affected.

We also expect that being a public company will make it more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain coverage. These factors could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified members of our board of directors, particularly to serve on our audit committee and compensation committee, and qualified executive officers.

As a result of disclosure of information in this prospectus and in filings required of a public company, our business and financial condition will become more visible, which we believe may result in threatened or actual litigation, including by competitors and other third parties. If such claims are successful, our business and results of operations could be materially adversely affected, and even if the claims do not result in litigation or are resolved in our favor, these claims, and the time and resources necessary to resolve them, could divert the resources of our management and materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

**Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of our company more difficult, limit attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management and limit the market price of our common stock, which may also have the consequence of depressing the market price of our common stock.**

Our status as a Delaware corporation and the anti-takeover provisions of Delaware law may discourage, delay, or prevent a change in control by prohibiting us from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, even if a change of control would be beneficial to our existing stockholders. In addition, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws contain provisions that may make the acquisition of our company more difficult, including the following:

- permitting the board of directors, and not stockholders, to establish the number of directors and fill any vacancies and newly created directorships;

- authorizing the issuance of “blank check” preferred stock that our board of directors could use to implement a stockholder rights plan;
- restricting the forum for certain litigation against us to Delaware;
- establishing advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at annual stockholder meetings;
- preventing stockholders from taking any action except at a formal meeting of stockholders;
- requiring amendments to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to be approved by the holders of at least 66% of our then-outstanding common stock; and/or
- requiring that any special meeting of our stockholders will only be able to be called by a majority of our board of directors, the chairperson of our board of directors, our Chief Executive Officer, or our President.

These provisions, alone or together, may (a) frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to select or replace members of our board of directors, which is responsible for appointing the members of our management; (b) discourage, delay, or prevent a transaction involving a change in control of our Company, and/or (c) discourage proxy contests, any of which, under certain circumstances, could limit the opportunity for our stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of our common stock, and could also affect the market price of our common stock.

**We expect to adopt amended and restated bylaws which provides that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware will be the exclusive forum for substantially all disputes between us and our stockholders, which could limit our stockholders’ ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers or employees.**

We expect to adopt amended and restated bylaws, which will become effective immediately prior to the completion of this offering, which provides that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or other state courts of the State of Delaware if the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware does not have jurisdiction or the federal district court for the District of Delaware if no state court in the State of Delaware has jurisdiction) is the exclusive forum for any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf; any action asserting a breach of fiduciary duty; any action asserting a claim against us arising pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation or our bylaws; or any action asserting a claim against us that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine or any action asserting an “internal corporate claim” as that term is defined in Section 115 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that this choice of forum does not apply to any complaint asserting a cause of action under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. Finally, our amended and restated bylaws will provide that the federal district courts of the United States of America will be the sole and exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. Although we believe this provision benefits us by providing increased consistency in the application of Delaware law in the types of lawsuits to which it applies, a court may determine that this provision is unenforceable, and to the extent it is enforceable, the provision may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors and officers, although our stockholders cannot waive our compliance with federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that the exclusive forum provision will be applicable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. As a result, the exclusive forum provision will not apply to suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

**Because we may not pay cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future, capital appreciation, if any, will be your sole source of gain.**

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently are contemplating paying cash dividends but we may elect to retain all of our future earnings, if any, to finance the growth and

development of our business. Our ability to pay cash dividends may be limited by the terms of our existing credit facility. Any future debt agreements may also preclude us from paying dividends. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our common stock may be your sole source of gain for the foreseeable future

**We could be subject to securities class action litigation.**

In the past, securities class action litigation has often been brought against a company following a decline in the market price of its securities. If we face such litigation, it could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management's attention and resources, which could harm our business.

**Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes the issuance of shares of blank check preferred stock.**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors will be authorized to issue from time to time, without further stockholder approval, up to • shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to fix or alter the designations, preferences, rights and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the shares of each series, including the dividend rights, dividend rates, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, including sinking fund provisions, redemption price or prices, liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting any series or designations of any series. Such shares of preferred stock could have preferences over our common stock with respect to dividends and liquidation rights. We may issue additional preferred stock in ways which may delay, defer or prevent a change in control of us without further action by our stockholders. Such shares of preferred stock may be issued with voting rights that may adversely affect the voting power of the holders of our common stock by increasing the number of outstanding shares having voting rights, and by the creation of class or series voting rights.

**We may issue a substantial amount of our common stock in connection with future acquisitions, and the sale of those shares could adversely affect our stock price.**

As part of our acquisition strategy, we anticipate issuing additional shares of common stock as consideration for such acquisitions. To the extent that we are able to grow through acquisitions and issue shares of our common stock as consideration, the number of outstanding shares of common stock that will be eligible for sale in the future is likely to increase substantially. Persons receiving shares of our common stock in connection with these acquisitions may be more likely to sell large quantities of their common stock, which may influence the price of our common stock. In addition, the potential issuance of additional shares in connection with anticipated acquisitions could lessen demand for our common stock and result in a lower price than would otherwise be obtained.

**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, which statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements generally relate to future events or our future financial or operating performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements because they contain words such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “might,” “expects,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “could,” “intends,” “target,” “projects,” “contemplates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “potential,” or “continue” or the negative of these words or other similar terms or expressions that concern our expectations, strategy, plans, or intentions. Forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus include, but are not limited to, statements about:

- the availability of capital to satisfy our working capital requirements;
- anticipated trends and challenges in our business and the markets in which we operate;
- our ability to anticipate market needs or develop new or enhanced products to meet those needs;
- our expectations regarding market acceptance of our products;
- the success of competing products by others that are or become available in the market in which we sell our products;
- the impact of adverse publicity about the Company and/or its brands, including without limitation, through social media or in connection with brand damaging events and/or public perception;
- changes in political, economic or regulatory conditions generally and in the markets in which we operate;
- our ability to maintain or broaden our business relationships and develop new relationships with strategic alliances, suppliers, customers, distributors or otherwise;
- our ability to retain and attract senior management and other key employees;
- our ability to quickly and effectively respond to new technological developments;
- the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company’s business;
- the possibility that the Company may be adversely affected by other economic, business, and/or competitive factors;
- the ability of our information technology systems or information security systems to operate effectively, including as a result of security breaches, viruses, hackers, malware, natural disasters, vendor business interruptions or other causes;
- our ability to properly maintain, protect, repair or upgrade our information technology systems or information security systems, or problems with our transitioning to upgraded or replacement systems;
- our ability to protect our trade secrets or other proprietary rights, operate without infringing upon the proprietary rights of others and prevent others from infringing on the proprietary rights of the Company; and
- other risks and uncertainties set forth in the section entitled “Risk Factors” beginning on page 10 of this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

These forward-looking statements are only predictions, are uncertain and involve substantial known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our (or our industry’s) actual results, levels of activity or performance to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity or performance expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. The “Risk Factors” section of this prospectus sets forth detailed risks, uncertainties and cautionary statements regarding our business and these forward-looking statements. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing regulatory environment. New risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of the risks and uncertainties that could have an impact on the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus.

We cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity or performance. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this prospectus. These cautionary statements should be considered with any written or oral forward-looking statements that we may issue in the future. Except as required by applicable law, including the securities laws of the U.S., we do not intend to update any of the forward-looking statements to conform these statements to reflect actual results, later events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or other investments or strategic transactions we may engage in.



### **INDUSTRY AND MARKET DATA**

This prospectus contains statistical data, estimates, and forecasts that are based on independent industry publications, or other publicly available information, as well as other information based on our internal sources. Although we believe that the third-party sources referred to in this prospectus are reliable, neither we nor the underwriters have independently verified the information provided by these third parties. While we are not aware of any misstatements regarding any third-party information presented in this prospectus, their estimates, in particular, as they relate to projections, involve numerous assumptions, are subject to risks and uncertainties, and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under the section titled “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this prospectus.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds to us from the sale of our common stock in this offering will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, based on an assumed initial public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, which is the midpoint of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. Our net proceeds will increase by approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million if the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full.

Each \$1.00 increase or decrease in the assumed initial public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share would increase or decrease the net proceeds that we receive from this offering by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions. Similarly, each increase or decrease of one million shares in the number of shares of common stock offered by us would increase or decrease the net proceeds that we receive from this offering by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, assuming the assumed initial public offering price remains the same and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions.

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to reduce outstanding indebtedness as well as to provide capital for general corporate purposes. For a description of our outstanding indebtedness please see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Liquidity and Capital Resources — Debt."

**DIVIDEND POLICY**

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock, however, we may determine to pay a dividend on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any determination to pay dividends in the future will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will be dependent on a number of factors, including our earnings, capital requirements, our overall financial condition and other factors that our board of directors considers relevant.

## CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our consolidated cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of March 31, 2021. Such information is set forth on the following basis:

- an actual basis;
- an as adjusted basis, giving effect to the sale of the shares in this offering at the assumed public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other estimated offering expenses payable by us and excluding any exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option.

The as adjusted information below is illustrative only and our capitalization following the completion of this offering will be adjusted based on the actual public offering price and other terms of this offering determined at pricing. You should read this table together with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

	As of March 31, 2021	
	Actual (Unaudited)	As Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>
<i>(In thousands)</i>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,440	
Debt:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 2,579	
Long-term debt	209,342	
Total debt	211,921	
Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 10,000 shares authorized, 0 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2021	—	
Shareholders' equity:		
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, 990,000 shares authorized, 549,667 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2021	5	
Additional paid-in capital	48,668	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,576)	
Accumulated (deficit)	(30,098)	
Total shareholders' equity	15,999	
Capitalization	\$ 227,920	

- (1) A \$ \_\_\_\_\_ increase or decrease in the assumed public offering price per share would increase or decrease our as adjusted cash and cash equivalents, additional paid-in capital, total stockholders' equity and total capitalization by approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million assuming the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting the underwriting discounts, commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.
- (2) The number of shares of common stock outstanding is based on 549,667 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2021 and assumes no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option.

**DILUTION**

If you invest in our common stock in this offering, your ownership interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per share of our common stock and the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share of our common stock immediately after this offering. Net tangible book value dilution per share to new investors represents the difference between the amount per share paid by purchasers of shares of common stock in this offering and the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share of common stock immediately after the completion of this offering.

Net tangible book value per share is determined by dividing our total tangible assets less our total liabilities by the number of shares of common stock outstanding. Our historical net tangible book value as of March 31, 2021 was \$ , or \$ per share. Our historical net tangible book value excludes \$ million of goodwill and intangible assets and \$ million of deferred offering costs. Our pro forma net tangible book value as of was \$ , or \$ per share, based on the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2021.

After giving effect to the sale by us of shares of common stock in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, which is the midpoint of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value as of March 31, 2021 would have been \$ million, or \$ per share. This amount represents an immediate increase in pro forma net tangible book value of \$ per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate dilution in pro forma net tangible book value of approximately \$ per share to new investors purchasing shares of common stock in this offering at the assumed initial public offering price. The following table illustrates this dilution:

The following table illustrates this dilution on a per share basis to new investors:

Assumed public offering price per share	\$
Net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2021	\$
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to this offering	\$
As adjusted net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering	\$
Dilution in net tangible book value per share to purchasers in this offering	\$

Each \$ increase or decrease in the assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, which is the midpoint of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, would increase or decrease, as applicable, our pro forma adjusted net tangible book value per share to new investors by \$ and would increase or decrease, as applicable, dilution per share to new investors in this offering by \$ , assuming that the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, and after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions.

If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares from us in full, the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share of our common stock immediately after this offering would be \$ per share, and the dilution in pro forma net tangible book value per share to new investors in this offering would be \$ per share.

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables summarize our consolidated financial and other data. We have derived the summary consolidated statements of operations data for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2021 from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have derived the summary consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected in the future. The following summary consolidated financial and other data should be read in conjunction with the section titled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis,” and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

**Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:**

(In thousands, except for share and per share amounts)

	Three months ended March 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2021 (Unaudited)	2020 (Unaudited)	2020	2019
Net sales	\$ 110,536	\$ 97,940	\$404,642	\$420,736
Cost of goods sold	66,577	58,838	251,704	274,699
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>43,959</b>	<b>39,102</b>	<b>152,938</b>	<b>146,037</b>
Operating expenses				
Selling, general and administrative	28,051	27,050	106,627	124,270
Restructuring and transaction costs	321	1,334	5,822	918
Related party expense	153	162	1,635	1,096
Other general income	—	—	(10,950)	(7,630)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>28,525</b>	<b>28,546</b>	<b>103,134</b>	<b>118,654</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>15,434</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>49,804</b>	<b>27,383</b>
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense	(5,044)	(6,669)	(24,388)	(29,848)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	(200)	—
Other (expense) income, net	(44)	680	2,659	395
<b>Total other expense, net</b>	<b>(5,088)</b>	<b>(5,989)</b>	<b>(21,929)</b>	<b>(29,453)</b>
Income (loss) before (provision) benefit for income taxes	10,346	4,567	27,875	(2,070)
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(3,482)	(315)	10,578	142
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 6,864</b>	<b>\$ 4,252</b>	<b>\$ 38,453</b>	<b>\$ (1,928)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) per share:</b>				
Basic	\$ 12.49	\$ 7.74	\$ 69.96	\$ (3.52)
Diluted	\$ 12.49	\$ 7.74	\$ 69.96	\$ (3.52)
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding:</b>				
Basic	549,667	549,667	549,667	548,042
Diluted	549,667	549,667	549,667	548,042

**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Data:**

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Year ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>		<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>		
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 16,832	\$ 14,878	\$45,419	\$7,414

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:***(In thousands)*

	<b>As of</b>
	<b>March 31, 2021</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,440
Total assets	300,479
Total liabilities	284,480
Total shareholders' equity	15,999

**Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures**

We review the following non-GAAP and other financial measures to evaluate our business, measure our performance, identify trends affecting our business, formulate financial projections and make strategic decisions. Increases or decreases in our non-GAAP and other financial measures may not correspond with increases or decreases in our revenue and our non-GAAP and other financial measures may be calculated in a manner different than non-GAAP and other financial measures used by other companies. For additional information regarding these measures, see the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Non-GAAP Measures."

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

*The following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations of Cadre Holdings, Inc. (D/B/A The Safariland Group) ("Cadre," "the Company" "we," "us" and "our") should be read together with our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 and our audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 in each case together with related notes thereto, included elsewhere in this prospectus. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect future plans, estimates, beliefs and expected performance. The forward-looking statements are dependent upon events, risks and uncertainties that may be outside of Cadre's control. Our actual results may differ significantly from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause future results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" included elsewhere in this prospectus. Certain total amounts may not foot due to rounding.*

### Our Business

Cadre is a global leader in the manufacturing and distribution of safety and survivability equipment for first responders. Our equipment provides critical protection to allow its users to safely and securely perform their duties and protect those around them in hazardous or life-threatening situations. Through our dedication to superior quality, we establish a direct covenant with end users that our products will perform and keep them safe when they are most needed. We sell a wide range of products including body armor, explosive ordnance disposal equipment and duty gear through both direct and indirect channels. In addition, through our owned distribution, we serve as a one-stop shop for first responders providing equipment we manufacture as well as third-party products including uniforms, optics, boots, firearms and ammunition. The majority of our diversified product offering is governed by rigorous safety standards and regulations. Demand for our products is driven by technological advancement as well as recurring modernization and replacement cycles for the equipment to maintain its efficiency, effective performance and regulatory compliance.

We service the ever-changing needs of our end users by investing in research and development for new product innovation and technical advancements that continually raise the standards for safety and survivability equipment in the first responder market. Our target end user base includes domestic and international first responders such as state and local law enforcement, fire and rescue, explosive ordnance disposal technicians, emergency medical technicians ("EMT"), fishing and wildlife enforcement and departments of corrections, as well as federal agencies including the U.S. Department of State ("DoS"), U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD"), U.S. Department of Interior ("DoI"), U.S. Department of Justice ("DoJ"), U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), U.S. Department of Corrections ("DoC") and numerous foreign government agencies in over 104 countries.

The following table sets forth a summary of our financial highlights for the periods indicated:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>Three months ended March 31,</u>		<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net sales	\$ 110,536	\$ 97,940	\$404,642	\$420,736
Net income (loss)	\$ 6,864	\$ 4,252	\$ 38,453	\$ (1,928)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 20,246	\$ 15,740	\$ 57,982	\$ 43,700

(1) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. See "Non-GAAP Measures" below for our definition of, and additional information about, Adjusted EBITDA, and for a reconciliation to net income (loss), the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure.

Net sales increased by \$12.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to March 31, 2020, primarily as a result of higher demand for body armor, duty gear, and crowd control products as well as distribution of ammunition and firearms. Net sales decreased by \$16.1 million for the year ended



December 31, 2020 as compared to December 31, 2019, primarily as a result of the Mustang Survival Holdings Corporation (“Mustang”) sale in June 2019 which contributed \$18.8 million in sales in 2019.

Net income increased by \$2.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 compared to March 31, 2020, primarily as a result of improvements in gross profit due to higher sales coupled with lower interest expense. Net income increased by \$40.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to December 31, 2019, primarily as a result of improvements in gross profit of \$6.9 million driven by price, continuous improvement projects, product / customer rationalization and portfolio mix; reduction in certain selling, general and administrative expenses due primarily to \$7.6 million of goodwill impairments taken in 2019 compared to no goodwill impairment in 2020, reduced travel, marketing and health care costs of \$3.4 million, an increase in other general income of \$6.2 million from a long-lived asset sale, gains on sales of equity securities in other (expense) income, net of \$2.2 million, and a benefit for income taxes of \$10.6 million from the release of a valuation allowance on a portion of our deferred tax assets, partially offset by higher transaction and restructuring costs of \$4.9 million.

#### **COVID-19**

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) announced a global health emergency because of a new strain of coronavirus originating in Wuhan, China (the “COVID-19 outbreak”) and the risks to the international community as the virus spreads globally beyond its point of origin. In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in exposure globally.

The full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve as of the date of this prospectus. During 2020 and the first quarter of 2021, the financial results of our business were relatively unaffected by COVID-19. In all of the countries and states in which our business operates, the relevant local authorities have deemed our business to be essential in nature and thereby allowed us to continue operations during any government mandated shutdowns. We took many measures to mitigate outbreaks in any of our facilities that would negatively impact the business, such as allowing employees to work remote, new manufacturing layouts to enable social distancing and daily temperature checks. The extent to which our business may be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic will largely depend on both current and future developments, including its duration, spread and treatment, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be reasonably predicted. While any impact to global markets is uncertain, the Company continues to monitor developments.

## FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The below factors have been important to our business and we anticipate them to impact our results of operations in future periods:

### ***Broad-based, Public Sector Customer Base***

We have a highly diversified customer base, with our largest customer accounting for 6.4% of our 2020 net sales and our top 10 customers accounting for 25.9% of our 2020 net sales. Our extensive distribution network of over 1,000 distributors and retailers allows us to service both large and small agencies globally. We believe our business is resilient to varying economic cycles, as our customers' demand for many of our products is non-discretionary. In addition, technological developments and manufacturers' warranties contribute to relatively steady equipment replacement rates. For example, domestically we offer five-year warranties for soft armor, an important product for domestic law enforcement, and our customers typically replace their equipment before the related warranties expire. We have a dedicated sales force and third-party distributors that maintain longstanding relationships with our end users, providing training and information on the effective use of our products. We will continue to invest in our marketing and sales teams at similar levels to maintain those relationships.

On the other hand, demand for our products, as well as the timing of that demand, may be subject to governmental budget constraints at the national (including U.S. federal) and local government levels. Government spending levels, as well as political conditions, electoral agendas and public opinion, can have a direct impact on appropriations decisions and demand for specific Personal Protective Equipment. Our business has in the past been both positively and negatively affected by such trends and may be impacted in the future.

### ***Diverse Supplier Base***

We depend on certain domestic and international suppliers for the delivery of components used in the manufacturing of our products. Our reliance on third-party suppliers creates risks related to our potential inability to obtain an adequate supply of raw materials or components and reduced control over pricing and timing of delivery of components and sub-assemblies. Specifically, we depend on suppliers for materials such as ballistic fabrics, customized metals and plastics, sub-assemblies and machined parts. We seek to preserve access to necessary materials through long-term supply agreements with select suppliers and the diversification of our supplier base. No vendor makes up more than 10% of total purchases and our top 10 vendors account for less than 30% of total purchases. We will maintain a diverse supplier base and continue to evaluate our suppliers and implement long-term supply agreements as necessary to mitigate our risk.

### ***Business Optimization Initiatives***

As part of our productivity initiatives, we have in the past and continue to take advantage of opportunities to enhance margins through productivity, including the rationalization of manufacturing facilities, asset sales and other productivity initiatives to drive efficiencies. The costs of these initiatives, which are typically incurred before we internalize projected benefits, may distort our underlying financial performance in a given period. For example, over the last three years, we implemented programs aimed at making our manufacturing facilities more productive, consolidating select manufacturing facilities and making more efficient use of our raw materials and inventory, among others. We also practice as part of our operating system, a practice often referred to as root-cause/countermeasure ("RCCM") whereas we identify root causes that unlock efficiencies and implement sustainable long term countermeasures to ensure we capture the opportunity. All of these practices allow us to more effectively manage our manufacturing efficiency and cost base. We anticipate to continue to invest in our business optimization initiatives to offset inflation and expand margins in the future.

### ***Research and Development***

Research and Development ("R&D") is a critical component of our business strategy as a means of differentiating our products from competitors. R&D primarily consists of personnel costs, employee benefits, certification, and testing fees. Our continued investment in R&D allows us to market and patent innovative

solutions to address our customer's needs in a rapidly changing environment. These investments allow us to be innovative in the industry and ensure our law enforcement and military personnel have the safest and most secure solutions. We also engage with government agencies for funded R&D programs that allow us to work directly with end users so that we ensure we understand all the challenges they face in the field. We anticipate our investment in R&D excluding government funding to be relatively stable in as a percentage of sales, but could increase due to government mandated certification changes or as we explore new technologies. These investments will further differentiate our business and products, providing accelerated sales growth and margin expansion.

***Targeted Mergers & Acquisition program***

To supplement business growth and internal research and development, our management team has historically undertaken a targeted M&A program, completing 12 business acquisitions between 2012 and 2017. These strategic acquisitions have allowed us to expand our product and technology offerings, enter new markets and expand geographically to achieve attractive returns on our invested capital.

Leveraging our successful track record of acquisitions, we maintain a robust pipeline of M&A opportunities, spanning our existing core products and markets as well as attractive adjacencies within the safety and survivability landscape. We plan to utilize our relatively high Adjusted EBITDA Conversion<sup>(1)</sup> and historical success in acquisitions to drive favorable acquisition structures and seamless integration. Our experience and operating model allow us to optimize operations, scale appropriately, leverage our direct connection with end users and distribution partners, and utilize our procurement power to help maximize the value created from our acquisitions. Our focus on maintaining a robust pipeline of targets will continue in the future and we anticipate will lead to expanded margins.

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(1) Adjusted EBITDA Conversion is a non-GAAP financial measure. See "*Non-GAAP Measures*" below for our definition of, and additional information about Adjusted EBITDA Conversion, and for a reconciliation to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure.

## KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

**Orders backlog**

We monitor our orders backlog, which we believe is a forward-looking indicator of potential sales. Our orders backlog for products includes all orders that have been received and are believed to be firm. Due to municipal government procurement rules, in certain cases orders included in backlog are subject to budget appropriation or other contract cancellation clauses. Consequently, our orders backlog may differ from actual future sales. Orders backlog can be helpful to investors in evaluating the performance of our business and identify trends over time.

The following table presents our orders backlog as of the periods indicated:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<u>As of March 31,</u>		<u>As of December 31,</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Orders backlog	\$124,419	\$111,749	\$131,814	\$108,199

Orders comprising backlog as of a given balance sheet date are typically invoiced in subsequent periods. The majority of our products are generally processed and shipped within one to three weeks of an order being placed, though the fulfillment time for certain products, for example, explosive ordnance disposal equipment, may take three months or longer. Our orders backlog could experience volatility between periods, including as a result of customer order volumes and the speed of our order fulfillment, which in turn may be impacted by the nature of products ordered, the amount of inventory on hand and the necessary manufacturing lead time.

Orders backlog increased by \$12.7 million as of March 31, 2021 compared to March 31, 2020 due to an increase of \$8.7 million from the distribution of ammunition and firearms through our company-owned retail locations and an increase of \$4.0 million from the explosive ordnance disposal line due to customer refresh cycles.

Orders backlog increased by \$23.6 million as of December 31, 2020 compared to December 31, 2019 primarily due to an increase of \$7.6 million from the explosive ordnance disposal line due to customer refresh cycles, an increase of \$7.2 million from crowd control products due to higher demand, an increase of \$9.7 million from incremental ammunition and firearms demand, partially offset by a decrease in duty gear backlog.

## DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF FINANCIAL DATA

***Net sales***

We recognize revenue when a contract exists with a customer that specifies the goods and services to be provided at an agreed upon sales price and when the performance obligation is satisfied by transferring the goods or service to the customer. The performance obligation is considered satisfied when control transfers, which is generally determined when products are shipped or delivered to the customer but could be delayed until the receipt of customer acceptance, depending on the terms of the contract. At the time of revenue recognition we also provide for estimated sales returns and miscellaneous claims from customers as reductions to revenues. Charges for shipping and handling fees billed to customers are included in net sales. Taxes collected from customers and remitted to government authorities are reported on a net basis and are excluded from sales. See Note 1 “Significant Accounting Policies — Revenue Recognition” to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

We generate sales primarily through our four main sales channels: U.S. state and local agencies, international, U.S. federal agencies, and commercial.

***Costs and Expenses***

*Cost of goods sold.* Cost of goods sold includes raw material purchases, manufacturing-related labor costs, contracted labor, shipping, reimbursable research and development costs, allocated manufacturing overhead, facility costs, depreciation and amortization, and product warranty costs. We anticipate our cost of goods sold will increase in absolute dollars to support the growth of our revenue however will stay relatively consistent as a percentage of revenue.

*Selling, general and administrative.* Selling, general and administrative (“SG&A”) expense includes personnel-related costs, professional services, marketing and advertising expense, research and development, depreciation and amortization, and impairment charges. We anticipate our SG&A to stay relatively consistent from year to year in absolute dollars. Further, as a result of becoming a public company, we anticipate to incur additional expenses for, among other things, directors’ and officers’ (“D&O”) liability insurance, outside director fees and additional internal and external accounting, legal and administrative resources, including increased audit and legal fees.

*Restructuring and transaction costs.* Restructuring costs consist primarily of termination benefits and relocation of employees, termination of operating leases and other contracts related to consolidating or closing facilities. Transaction costs consist of legal fees and consulting costs related to one-time transactions. We anticipate our restructuring and transaction costs will be correlated with future restructuring and transaction activities, if any, which could be greater than or less than historic levels.

*Related party expense.* Related party expense primarily consists of rent expense related to 5 distribution locations owned by an employee and any one-time transaction fees paid to related parties. We anticipate our related party expense to stay relatively consistent from year to year in absolute dollars.

*Other general income.* Other general income consists primarily of gains from the disposition of a long-lived asset coupled with earn-out stock programs. We anticipate our other general income will be correlated with future long-lived asset dispositions and other investment activities, if any, which could be greater than or less than historic levels.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense consists primarily of interest on outstanding debt. We anticipate our interest expense will vary with the level of debt in any given period.

*Loss on extinguishment of debt.* Loss on extinguishment of debt consists primarily of recorded losses associated with debt restructuring. We anticipate our loss on extinguishment of debt will be correlated with future debt restructuring activities, if any, which could be greater than or less than historic levels.

*Other (expense) income, net.* Other (expense) income, net primarily consists of non-operating gains and losses, such as gains or losses on the sale of equity securities and foreign currency impacts. We anticipate

our other (expense) income, net gains and losses will be correlated with foreign currency movements, which could be greater than or less than historic levels.

*(Provision) benefit for income taxes.* A provision or benefit for income tax is calculated for each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. The provision or benefit for income taxes is determined using the asset and liability approach of accounting for income taxes. Under this approach, deferred taxes represent the future tax consequences expected to occur when the reported amounts of assets and liabilities are recovered or paid. The benefit or provision for income taxes represents income taxes paid or payable for the current year plus the change in deferred taxes during the year. Deferred taxes result from differences between the book and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are adjusted for changes in tax rates and tax laws when changes are enacted. Valuation allowances are recorded to reduce deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that a tax benefit will not be realized. See Note 14 “Income Taxes” in our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In order to reflect the way our chief operation decision maker reviews and assesses the performance of the business, Cadre has determined that it has two reportable segments — the Product segment and the Distribution segment. Segment information is consistent with how the chief operating decision maker, our chief executive officer, reviews the business, makes investing and resource allocation decisions and assesses operating performance.

The following table presents data from our results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 (in thousands unless otherwise noted):

	Three months ended March 31,			Year ended December 31,		
	2021 (Unaudited)	2020 (Unaudited)	% Chg	2020	2019	% Chg
Net sales	\$ 110,536	\$ 97,940	12.9%	\$ 404,642	\$ 420,736	(3.8)%
Cost of goods sold	66,577	58,838	13.2%	251,704	274,699	(8.4)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>43,959</b>	<b>39,102</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>152,938</b>	<b>146,037</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Operating expenses						
Selling, general and administrative	28,051	27,050	3.7%	106,627	124,270	(14.2)%
Restructuring and transaction costs	321	1,334	(75.9)%	5,822	918	534.2%
Related party expense	153	162	(5.6)%	1,635	1,096	49.2%
Other general income	—	—		(10,950)	(7,630)	43.5%
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>28,525</b>	<b>28,546</b>	<b>(0.1)%</b>	<b>103,134</b>	<b>118,654</b>	<b>(13.1)%</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>15,434</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>46.2%</b>	<b>49,804</b>	<b>27,383</b>	<b>81.9%</b>
Other income (expense)						
Interest expense	(5,044)	(6,669)	(24.4)%	(24,388)	(29,848)	(18.3)%
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—		(200)	—	
Other (expense) income, net	(44)	680	(106.5)%	2,659	395	573.2%
<b>Total other expense, net</b>	<b>(5,088)</b>	<b>(5,989)</b>	<b>(15.0)%</b>	<b>(21,929)</b>	<b>(29,453)</b>	<b>(25.5)%</b>
Income (loss) before (provision) benefit for income taxes	10,346	4,567	126.5%	27,875	(2,070)	1,446.6%
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(3,482)	(315)	1,005.4%	10,578	142	7,349.3%
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>6,864</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>61.4%</b>	<b>38,453</b>	<b>(1,928)</b>	<b>2,094.5%</b>

**Comparison of Three Months Ended March 31, 2021 to Three Months Ended March 31, 2020**

*Net sales.* Product segment net sales increased by \$10.3 million, or 12.3%, from \$83.5 million to \$93.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily due to a \$7.7 million increase in the U.S. state and local agencies channel (increase in demand for duty gear and crowd control and contract wins for armor) and an increase in the international channel of \$3.9 million (driven by EOD suits replenishments and European armor demand) offset in part by a \$2.4 million reduction in the U.S. federal agencies channel (prior year shipment timing for customer contracts mainly relating to bomb suits and duty gear holsters). Distribution segment net sales increased by \$3.2 million, or 16.7% from \$19.4 million to \$22.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily due to increases in retail and e-commerce sales as a result of market demand for our ammunition and firearms. Reconciling items consisting primarily of intercompany eliminations were (\$5.9) million and (\$5.0) million for three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

*Cost of goods sold.* Product segment cost of goods sold increased by \$6.5 million, or 13.1%, from \$49.1 million to \$55.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily

due to costs to manufacture product (namely material and labor). Product segment gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased by 0.5% to 40.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2021 from 41.2% for the three months ended March 31, 2020 mainly driven by product mix. Distribution segment cost of goods sold increased by \$2.2 million, or 14.6% from \$14.8 million to \$16.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily due to costs to acquire products. Distribution segment gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased by 1.3% to 25.3% for the three months ended March 31, 2021 from 24.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2020 mainly driven by an increase in ammunition and firearm sales. Reconciling items consisting primarily of intercompany eliminations were (\$5.9) million and (\$5.1) million for three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

*Selling, general and administrative.* SG&A increased by \$1.0 million, or 3.7%, for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily due to increase in incentive bonus partially offset in part by lower travel and marketing spend.

*Restructuring and transaction costs.* Restructuring and transaction costs decreased by \$1.0 million, for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily due to lower transactions costs and consulting fees incurred.

*Related party expense.* Related party expense was relatively consistent period over period with \$0.2 million for each period. We recorded rent expense relating to distribution warehouses and retail stores that we lease from an employee.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense decreased by \$1.6 million, or 24.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily due to voluntary debt repayments on our outstanding debt.

*(Provision) benefit for income taxes.* Income tax provision increased by \$3.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily due to the release of a valuation allowance on a portion of our deferred tax assets in 2020.

#### **Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2020 to Year Ended December 31, 2019**

*Impact of divestiture.* The comparability of our operating results for the year ended December 31, 2020 compared to the year ended December 31, 2019 was impacted by a business sale. In June 2019, we sold Mustang, which manufactured and sold mainly inflatables, including small combat craft, whitewater rafting solutions, life rafts and marine doors and windows. The sale of Mustang did not meet the criteria for classification as discontinued operations as the deconsolidation did not represent a strategic shift in the business. As result of the Mustang sale, our financial information presented in this prospectus is not comparable between periods. Expense contributions from the divestiture for each of the respective period comparisons generally were not separately identifiable due to the integration of this businesses into our existing operations or were insignificant to our results of operations during the periods presented.

*Net sales.* Product segment net sales decreased by \$22.2 million or 6.1%, from \$365.9 million to \$343.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019, primarily driven by the sale of Mustang, which contributed \$18.8 million in net sales in 2019 before its sale. Excluding the impact of Mustang, net sales decreased \$3.4 million in 2020 as compared to 2019, reflecting an \$11.4 million increase in the commercial channel (expansion of direct-to-consumer sales), a \$4.0 million increase in the U.S. state and local agencies channel and a \$3.2 million increase in funded research and development projects partially offset by a \$14.4 million decrease in the international channel due to shipment timing for a customer contract and a \$7.6 million decrease in the U.S. federal agencies channel due to shipment timing for certain products. Distribution segment net sales increased by \$6.8 million or 8.6%, from \$78.2 million to \$84.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019, due to an increase in the U.S. state and local agencies channel. Reconciling items consisting primarily of intercompany eliminations were (\$24.0) million and (\$23.3) million for year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

*Cost of goods sold.* Product segment cost of goods sold decreased by \$25.3 million, or 10.7%, from \$236.4 million to \$211.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019 primarily related to the sale of Mustang, which contributed to \$12.9 million in cost of goods sold in 2019 before its sale. Excluding the impact of Mustang, cost of goods sold decreased by \$12.4 million, principally from cost improvement projects and product portfolio mix. Product segment gross profit as a percentage of net



sales increased by 3.2% to 38.6% in 2020 from 35.4% in 2019 mainly driven by price increases, and the aforementioned reasons. Distribution segment cost of goods sold increased by \$3.1 million, or 5.0%, from \$61.7 million to \$64.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019 primarily due to higher costs to acquire products. Distribution segment gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased by 2.6% to 23.7% in 2020 from 21.1% in 2019 mainly driven by an increase in firearm and ammunition sales in the second quarter of 2020. Reconciling items consisting primarily of intercompany eliminations were (\$24.1) million and (\$23.3) million for year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

*Selling, general and administrative.* SG&A decreased by \$17.6 million, or 14.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019. Excluding the impact of Mustang, which contributed \$5.3 million to SG&A in 2019, these costs decreased by \$12.3 million. The decrease is primarily related to a \$7.6 million goodwill impairment expense recorded in 2019 compared to no goodwill impairment in 2020, lower travel in 2020, marketing and healthcare costs of \$3.4 million, and a \$2.1 million reduction in bad debt expense due to overall improvement in collection efforts.

*Restructuring and transaction costs.* Restructuring and transaction costs increased by \$4.9 million, for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019. The increase primarily relates to an increase in legal fees of \$1.3 million related to a U.S. Federal Trade Commission matter relating to our sale of VieVu, LLC, an increase in consulting for debt restructuring of \$1.9 million and an increase in transactions costs and consulting of \$1.4 million. See Note 13 “Commitments and Contingencies” in our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for a discussion of our sale of VieVu, LLC.

*Related party expense.* Related party expense increased by \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019. The increase primarily related to a \$1.0 million transaction fee paid to Kanders & Company, Inc., a company controlled by our Chairman of the Board in connection with the execution of the Term Loan Agreement. In 2019 Kanders & Company received compensation from Cadre of \$0.5 million due to sale of Mustang.

*Other general income.* Gains in other general income increased by \$3.3 million, or 43.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019. The increase is primarily related to a gain from Ontario facility asset sale of \$6.2 million as well as earn-out stock payments from Axon Enterprise, Inc. (“Axon”) for \$4.7 million as compared to 2019 that included a \$3.0 million gain from Mustang sale and \$4.6 million in earn-out stock payments from Axon.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense decreased by \$5.5 million, or 18.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019 primarily due to voluntary debt repayments on our outstanding debt. See “Liquidity and Capital Resources — Debt” below.

*Loss on extinguishment of debt.* Loss on extinguishment of debt increased by \$0.2 million due to losses associated with debt restructuring in 2020.

*Other (expense) income, net.* Other (expense) income, net increased by \$2.3 million, for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019 primarily due to \$4.5 million realized gains on the appreciation of Axon stock received in connection with the sale of VieVu, LLC, offset in part by a \$2.3 million stock collar transaction we entered in order to mitigate the impact of market volatility on our equity securities. The stock collar was settled at the time the equity securities were sold in December 2020 and resulted in a loss of \$2.3 million. See Note 3 “Investments in Equity Securities” in our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for more information.

*(Provision) benefit for income taxes.* Income tax benefit increased by \$10.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019 primarily due to the release of a valuation allowance on a portion of our deferred tax assets. Our effective tax rate in 2020 was (37.9)% as compared to 6.9% in 2019. See Note 14 “Income Taxes” in our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for more information.

## NON-GAAP MEASURES

This prospectus includes EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate, which are non-GAAP measures that we use to supplement our results presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. EBITDA is defined as net income before depreciation and amortization expense, interest expense and Provision (benefit) for income tax. Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA that excludes restructuring and transaction costs, other general income, other (expense) income, net, contingent consideration and other, long term incentive plan (“LTIP”) bonus, and goodwill impairment as these items do not represent our core operating performance. We also present Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate, which we define as Adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures divided by Adjusted EBITDA. We use Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate as a measurement of the cash generation capacity of our underlying operations, exclusive of impacts relating to our capital structure.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate are performance measures that we believe are useful to investors and analysts because they illustrate the underlying financial and business trends relating to our core, recurring results of operations and enhance comparability between periods. Adjusted EBITDA is identical to the financial metric used under our existing credit facilities to measure our covenant compliance and is also considered by our Board and management as an important factor in determining performance-based compensation. Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate is a liquidity measure that we believe provides investors and analysts with important information about our core, recurring cash generation trends, which are an indication of our ability to make acquisitions, incur additional debt or return capital to investors, after making the capital investments required to support our business operations.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate are not recognized measures under U.S. GAAP and are not intended to be a substitute for any U.S. GAAP financial measure and, as calculated, may not be comparable to other similarly-titled measures of performance of other companies. Investors should exercise caution in comparing our non-GAAP measures to any similarly titled measures used by other companies. These non-GAAP measures exclude certain items required by U.S. GAAP and should not be considered as alternatives to information reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The table below presents our EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate reconciled to the most comparable GAAP measure for the periods indicated:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>Three months ended March 31,</b>		<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Net income (loss)	\$ 6,864	\$ 4,252	\$ 38,453	\$ (1,928)
Add back:				
Depreciation and amortization	3,539	3,850	14,733	15,443
Interest expense	5,044	6,669	24,388	29,848
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	3,482	315	(10,578)	(142)
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 18,929</b>	<b>\$ 15,086</b>	<b>\$ 66,996</b>	<b>\$ 43,222</b>
Add back:				
Restructuring and transaction costs <sup>(1)</sup>	321	1,334	5,822	918
Other general income <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	(10,950)	(7,630)
Other (expense) income, net <sup>(3)</sup>	44	(680)	(2,659)	(395)
Contingent consideration and other <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	(1,227)	—
LTIP bonus <sup>(5)</sup>	952	—	—	—
Goodwill impairment <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	—	7,585
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 20,246</b>	<b>\$ 15,740</b>	<b>\$ 57,982</b>	<b>\$ 43,700</b>
Less: Capital expenditures	(788)	(1,262)	(4,708)	(3,082)
Adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures	\$ 19,458	\$ 14,478	\$ 53,274	\$ 40,618
<b>Adjusted EBITDA conversion rate</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>93%</b>

(1) Reflects the “Restructuring and transaction costs” line item on our consolidated statement of operations which in 2020 is primarily transaction costs composed of legal and consulting fees compared to 2019

which is primarily termination benefits and relocation of employees associated with consolidating or closing of facilities. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, and 2020 it primarily includes transaction costs composed of legal and consulting fees.

- (2) Reflects the “Other general income” line item on our consolidated statement of operations. 2020 included a gain from a long-lived asset sale as well as earn-out stock payments, whereas 2019 included a gain from Mustang sale in addition to earn-out stock payments.
- (3) Reflects the “Other (expense) income, net” line item on our consolidated statement of operations. 2020 included realized gains on equity securities offset in part by a stock collar transaction we entered into in order to mitigate the impact of market volatility whereas 2019 included unrealized gains on equity securities offset by losses on foreign currency transactions. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, other, net primarily includes losses on foreign currency transactions. For the three months ended March 31, 2020, other, net primarily includes realized gains on foreign exchange transactions and unrealized gains on an investment in equity securities.
- (4) Reflects a gain on the settlement of contingent consideration offset partially by debt extinguishment write-offs.
- (5) Reflects the cost of a cash-based long term incentive plan awarded to employees that vest over three years.
- (6) Reflects primarily goodwill impairment expense in 2019 relating to our Distribution reporting unit. Refer to our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus for a discussion of our goodwill impairment expense.

Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$4.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2021 as compared to 2020 primarily due to an increase in net income for the period and an increase in the add-back for the provision for income taxes. Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$14.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 as compared to 2019 primarily due to an increase in net income for the period partially offset by an increase in the deduction for benefit for income taxes.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Liquidity refers to our ability to generate sufficient cash flows to meet the cash requirements of our business operations, including working capital needs, capital expenditures, service debt, acquisitions and other commitments. Our principal sources of liquidity have been cash provided by operating activities, cash on hand and amounts available under our revolving credit facility.

As of March 31, 2021, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$17.4 million and net cash provided by operating activities of \$16.8 million. We believe that our cash flows from operations and cash on hand, and available borrowing capacity under Debt (as described below) will be adequate to meet our liquidity requirements for at least the 12 months following the date of this prospectus. Our future capital requirements will depend on several factors, including future acquisitions and investments in our manufacturing facilities and equipment. We could be required, or could elect, to seek additional funding through public or private equity or debt financings; however, additional funds may not be available on terms acceptable to us, if at all.

### ***Debt***

As of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we had \$211.9 million and \$212.8 million in outstanding debt, net of debt discounts and debt issuance costs, respectively, primarily related to the term loan facility (the “Term Loan”).

#### *Term Loan*

Prior to 2019, we executed a \$279.0 million Term Loan and Security Agreement, as amended and restated (the “Original Term Loan”). On November 17, 2020, we settled the Original Term Loan and executed a \$225.0 million Term Loan and Security Agreement (the “Term Loan Agreement”) with certain financial institutions as lenders and an agent. The Term Loan (the “Term Loan”) was issued with a maturity date of May 17, 2026.

The Term Loan includes a feature for delayed draws up to \$30.0 million (the “Delayed Draw Maximum Amount”) to consummate permitted acquisitions under the Term Loan Agreement with such feature terminated on November 17, 2021 (the “Delayed Draw Termination Date”). Any delayed draw amounts will have an accompanying fee of 1.00%. The Term Loan Agreement bears interest at an applicable rate of LIBOR plus 6.50% or Base Rate plus 5.50% if we report a Leverage Ratio of less than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00 or a rate of LIBOR plus 7.00% or Base Rate plus 6.00% if we report a Leverage Ratio greater than 5.00 to 1.00. For applicable rate determination, LIBOR is the higher of 1.00% or the LIBOR for a term equivalent to such period. Refer to notes to our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus for a discussion of our debt. The Term Loan Agreement contains certain restrictive debt covenants, which require us to: (i) maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.10 to 1.00, which is to be determined for each quarter end on a trailing four quarter basis and (ii) maintain a quarterly maximum leverage ratio of 7.50 to 1.0 until September 30, 2022, and then 7.00 to 1.00 until September 30, 2024, and thereafter 6.50 to 1.00, which is in each case to be determined on a trailing four quarter basis. The Term Loan Agreement also contains a cross-default clause whereby a violation of one may constitute a violation in the other causing an acceleration of payments. We were in compliance with all financial covenants during the periods presented in this prospectus.

#### *Credit Facility*

We have a revolving credit facility (“Revolving Credit Facility”) that provides total committed capital of \$50.0 million which is allocated into US and Canadian categories of \$45.0 million and \$5.0 million respectively. As of March 31, 2021 there were no outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility. In November 2020, we entered into an amendment to the Revolving Credit Facility agreement, which gave consent to the Term Loan debt refinancing and extended the terms of the Revolving Credit Facility agreement to November 2025. As of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the availability, less outstanding letters of credit, under the Revolving Credit Facility was \$45.7 million and \$41.3 million, respectively. Availability to borrow under the Revolving Credit Facility is calculated by applying a borrowing advance rate to eligible accounts receivable and inventory, which is reported to the bank in the form of a borrowing base certificate. As of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we had outstanding letters of credit of \$2.9 million and

\$2.7 million, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility contains various affirmative, negative and financial covenants which we consider to be customary for such borrowings, requires us to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.10 to 1.00, to be determined monthly (and on a trailing twelve month basis) during certain testing periods, as more particularly described in the Revolving Credit Facility agreement, and includes certain limitations on cross-border intercompany transactions. We were in compliance with all financial covenants during the periods presented in this prospectus.

### **Cash Flows**

The following table presents a summary of our cash flows for the periods indicated:

(in thousands)	Three months ended March 31,		Year ended December 31,	
	2021 (Unaudited)	2020 (Unaudited)	2020	2019
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 16,832	\$ 14,878	\$ 45,419	\$ 7,414
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(788)	4,329	19,784	26,372
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,490)	7,766	(64,902)	(32,417)
Effects of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	13	(110)	52	(139)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	14,567	26,863	353	1,230
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	2,873	2,520	2,520	1,290
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 17,440</u>	<u>\$ 29,383</u>	<u>\$ 2,873</u>	<u>\$ 2,520</u>

#### *Net cash provided by operating activities*

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, net cash provided by operating activities of \$16.8 million resulted primarily from net income of \$6.9 million and changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$2.4 million. Changes in operating assets and liabilities were primarily driven by an increase in accounts payable and other liabilities of \$10.7 million offset in part by increases in accounts receivable of \$5.6 million and inventories of \$2.5 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2020, net cash provided by operating activities of \$14.9 million resulted primarily from net income of \$4.3 million and changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$7.0 million. Changes in operating assets and liabilities were primarily driven by a decrease in accounts receivable of \$8.5 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, net cash provided by operating activities of \$45.4 million resulted primarily from net income of \$38.5 million and changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$17.4 million. Changes in operating assets and liabilities were primarily driven by a decrease in accounts receivable of \$11.8 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, net cash provided by operating activities of \$7.4 million resulted primarily from net loss of \$1.9 million, adjusted non-cash items of \$16.6 million partially offset by changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$7.2 million. Non-cash items included depreciation and amortization of \$15.4 million and goodwill impairment of \$7.6 million partially offset by non-cash consideration received from sale of VieVu, LLC of \$5.2 million and gain on sale of Mustang of \$3.0 million. Changes in operating assets and liabilities were primarily driven by a decrease in accounts payable and other liabilities of \$19.7 million offset by a decrease in accounts receivable of \$8.7 million and a decrease in inventories of \$5.7 million.

#### *Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities*

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we used \$0.8 million of cash from investing activities, consisting of purchases of property and equipment of \$0.8 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2020, we provided \$4.3 million of cash from investing activities, primarily consisting of proceeds from sale of equity securities of \$5.6 million offset by purchases of property and equipment of \$1.3 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, we provided \$19.8 million of cash from investing activities, primarily consisting of proceeds from disposition of property and equipment of \$12.4 million and proceeds from sale of equity securities of \$14.4 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, we provided \$26.4 million of cash from investing activities, primarily consisting of proceeds from the sale of Mustang of \$26.9 million.

*Net cash (used in) provided in financing activities*

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, we used \$1.5 million of cash in financing activities, primarily consisting of principal payments on the Revolving Credit Facility \$88.6 million, principal payments on insurance premium financing of \$0.9 million and principal payments on the Term Loan of \$0.6 million offset in part by proceeds from Revolving Credit Facility of \$88.6 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2020, we provided \$7.8 million of cash from financing activities, primarily consisting of proceeds from the Revolving Credit Facility of \$110.8 million offset in part by principal payments on the Revolving Credit Facility of \$96.2 million, principal payments on insurance premium financing of \$0.8 million and principal payments on the Term Loan of \$6.1 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, we used \$64.9 million of cash in financing activities, primarily consisting of proceeds from Revolving Credit Facility of \$382.1 million, proceeds from the Term Loan of \$219.6 million, offset by principal payments on the Revolving Credit Facility of \$384.2 million and principal payments on the Term Loan of \$276.4 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2019, we used \$32.4 million of cash in financing activities, primarily consisting of proceeds from the Revolving Credit Facility of \$383.5 million, offset by principal payments on the Revolving Credit Facility of \$406.4 million.

**Contractual Obligations**

The following table summarizes our significant contractual obligations as of December 31, 2020 by period:

(in thousands)	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Lease obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 16,692	4,513	7,917	3,865	397
Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	225,811	3,496	4,544	4,545	213,226
Interest on debt <sup>(3)</sup>	90,125	17,033	33,520	32,868	6,704
<b>Total contractual obligations</b>	<b>\$332,628</b>	<b>25,042</b>	<b>45,981</b>	<b>41,278</b>	<b>220,327</b>

(1) Includes future minimum lease payments required under non-cancelable operating and capital leases.

(2) Includes scheduled cash principal payments on our debt, excluding interest, original issuance discount and debt issuance costs.

(3) Represents the estimated interest payments on our outstanding debt, assuming a 7.5% interest rate, which was the weighted average interest rate applicable to our borrowings at December 31, 2020.

There have not been any significant changes to the contractual obligations for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not engage in off-balance sheet financing arrangements, as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND SIGNIFICANT JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES

Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP. Preparation of the financial statements requires us to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that impact the reported amount of net sales and expenses, assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We consider an accounting judgment, estimate or assumption to be critical when the estimate or assumption is complex in nature or requires a high degree of judgment and when the use of different judgments, estimates and assumptions could have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. While our significant accounting policies are described in more detail in notes in our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus, we believe that the following accounting policies are those most critical to the judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements.

### ***Goodwill***

Goodwill is initially recorded at the fair value. Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price of acquisitions over the fair value of the net assets acquired. Goodwill is not subject to any amortization but is tested for impairment annually as of October 31, and when events or circumstances indicate that the estimated fair value of a reporting unit may no longer exceed its carrying value. If the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to the excess, limited to the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit.

In evaluating goodwill for impairment, qualitative factors are considered to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If, through this qualitative assessment, the conclusion is made that it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is an impairment test is conducted by comparing of the fair value of a reporting unit to its carrying value, for which we use the discounted cash flow method of the income approach and market approach as management believes this is the most direct approach to incorporate the specific economic attributes and risk profiles of our reporting units into our valuation model. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. We had three reporting units as of December 31, 2020: Safariland, Med-Eng, and Distribution.

We determine the fair value of its reporting units based on a combination of the income approach and market approach, weighted based on the circumstances. Under the income approach, the discounted cash flow model determines fair value based on the present value of projected cash flows over a specific projection period and a residual value related to future cash flows beyond the projection period. Both values are discounted using a rate that reflects our best estimate of the weighted average cost of capital of a market participant and is adjusted for appropriate risk factors. We perform sensitivity tests with respect to growth rates and discount rates used in the income approach. Under the market approach, valuation multiples are derived based on a selection of comparable companies and acquisition transactions and applied to projected operating data for each reporting unit to arrive at an indication of fair value.

During 2019, as a result of the decline in the forecasted financial performance for our Distribution reporting unit, we performed an impairment evaluation and determined that the carrying value of the goodwill of the Distribution reporting unit exceeded the implied fair value. The decline in the fair value of the Distribution reporting unit was primarily due to unfavorable performance in 2019 that was impacting operating margins and led us to use a higher discount rate due to an increase in the risk-free rate of return. We recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$7.6 million for the Distribution segment within selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2019. No impairment losses were recorded during the year ended December 31, 2020.

### **Recently Adopted and Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

Recently issued and adopted accounting pronouncements are described in notes to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

### **Emerging Growth Company**

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the "JOBS Act"). As such, we are eligible for exemptions from various reporting requirements applicable

to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including, but not limited to, presenting only two years of audited financial statements, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation, and an exemption from the requirements to obtain a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation or golden parachute arrangements.

In addition, an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This provision allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have elected to avail ourselves of this provision of the JOBS Act. As a result, we will not be subject to new or revised accounting standards at the same time as other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. Therefore, our consolidated financial statements may not be comparable to those of companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates.



**QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

We have in the past and may in the future be exposed to certain market risks, including interest rate, foreign currency exchange in the ordinary course of our business. Market risk represents the risk of loss that may impact our financial condition or results of operations due to adverse changes in financial market prices and rates. These risks are not significant to our results of operations, but they may be in the future. We do not hold or issue financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes. There have not been material changes in market risk exposures as of March 31, 2021.

***Interest rate risk***

Changes in interest rates affect the amount of interest expense we are required to pay on borrowings under floating rate debt. As of December 31, 2020, we had \$224.4 million in outstanding floating rate debt, based mainly on LIBOR. As of December 31, 2020, the applicable interest rate of the Term Loan Agreement bears interest at an applicable rate of LIBOR plus 6.50% or Base Rate plus 5.50% if we report a Leverage Ratio of less than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00 or a rate of LIBOR plus 7.00% or Base Rate plus 6.00% if we report a Leverage Ratio greater than 5.00 to 1.00. Based on LIBOR plus 6.5%, a 100 basis point increase or decrease in the applicable base interest rates under our floating interest rate debt would have resulted in a \$2.5 million increase or decrease in our interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2020.

***Foreign currency exchange rate risk***

Our operations are geographically diverse and we are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk primarily for the Canadian dollar and Mexican peso, related to our transactions and our subsidiaries' balances that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, our functional currency. We do not currently hedge our foreign currency transaction or translation exposure, though we have done so in the past and may do so in the future. Significant currency fluctuations could impact the comparability of our results of operations between periods. A 10% increase or decrease in the value of the Canadian dollar to the U.S. dollar would have caused our reported net sales to increase or decrease by approximately \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2020, and a 10% increase or decrease in the value of the Canadian dollar to the U.S. dollar would have caused our reported net income to increase or decrease by approximately \$1.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. A 10% increase or decrease in the value of the Mexican peso to the U.S. dollar would have caused our reported net income to increase or decrease by approximately \$1.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2020.

## BUSINESS

### Business Overview

For over 55 years, we have been a global leader in the manufacturing and distribution of safety and survivability equipment for first responders. Our equipment provides critical protection to allow its users to safely and securely perform their duties and protect those around them in hazardous or life-threatening situations. Through our dedication to superior quality, we establish a direct covenant with end users that our products will perform and keep them safe when they are most needed. We sell a wide range of products including body armor, explosive ordnance disposal equipment and duty gear through both direct and indirect channels. In addition, through our owned distribution, we serve as a one-stop shop for first responders providing equipment we manufacture as well as third-party products including uniforms, optics, boots, firearms and ammunition. The majority of our diversified product offering is governed by rigorous safety standards and regulations. Demand for our products is driven by technological advancement as well as recurring modernization and replacement cycles for the equipment to maintain its efficiency, effective performance and regulatory compliance.

As discussed below, we believe we have established leading market positions across our product portfolio through high-quality standards, innovation and a direct connection to the end users, including being a leading provider of explosive ordnance disposal technician equipment globally as well as a leading provider of safety holsters and a top provider of soft body armor for first responders in the U.S. We service the ever-changing needs of our end users by investing in research and development for new product innovation and technical advancements that continually raise the standards for safety and survivability equipment in the first responder market. Our target end user base includes domestic and international first responders such as state and local law enforcement, fire and rescue, explosive ordnance disposal technicians, emergency medical technicians (“EMT”), fishing and wildlife enforcement and departments of corrections, as well as federal agencies including the U.S. Department of State (“DoS”), U.S. Department of Defense (“DoD”), U.S. Department of Interior (“DoI”), U.S. Department of Justice (“DoJ”), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), U.S. Department of Corrections (“DoC”) and numerous foreign government agencies in over 104 countries. We have a large and diverse customer base, with our top 10 customers representing approximately 26% of sales, with no individual customer representing more than 6.5% of our total revenue, for the year ended December 31, 2020.

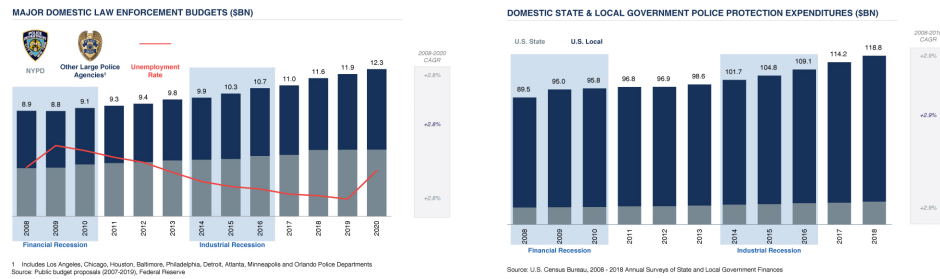
We are committed to honoring those who put their lives in danger through the SAVES CLUB®, which pays homage to first responders who experience a life-threatening incident in the line of work in which our armor or gear contribute to saving their lives. The club currently has 2,111 members and counting. With the help of our suppliers, distributors and first responder end users, we strive to fulfill the Company creed: Together, We Save Lives.

### Industry Overview

The market for safety and survivability equipment serving first responders focuses on providing a diverse set of protective and mission enhancing products and solutions to our target end users. The market is driven by multiple factors including customer refresh cycles, growing number of personnel employed by first responder organizations, equipment replacement and modernization trends, greater emphasis on public and first responders’ safety and demographic shifts.

Body armor, explosive ordnance disposal equipment and duty gear comprise the core product areas in the safety and survivability equipment market and law enforcement personnel growth is a significant driver for our business. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the number of law enforcement personnel in the U.S. to increase at a faster rate than broader labor market growth over the 10-year period from 2019 to 2029, or 5%, from 813,500 in 2019 to 854,200 in 2029. Demand for first responder safety and survivability equipment is also fueled by increasing law enforcement budgets. Law enforcement budgets have grown significantly on a per capita basis since 2000, supported by increased spending in major cities and by federal agencies. Per the Bureau of Justice Statistics, in real dollars (adjusted for inflation), local police-protection spending per capita rose 29% from 2000 to 2017. In 2017, state and local real police protection spending per capita was \$326 vs. \$258 in 2000.

The following charts highlight budget growth for major departments from 2008 to 2020 and for domestic state and local police protection spend from 2008 to 2018 (based on available data):



In addition to the macro industry trends, each of these product segments experience unique drivers in and of themselves. Increasing mandatory body armor use and refresh policies, evolving technical standards and increases in tactical or special weapons and tactics (“SWAT”) law enforcement personnel act as tailwinds to the body armor market. Meanwhile, the explosive ordnance disposal equipment market is driven by the continued emergence of new global threats while duty gear is driven mainly by product use and replacement cycles.

Our management estimates the annual addressable market for soft body armor (including tactical soft armor) in 2020 to be approximately \$870 million. We also estimate explosive ordnance disposal equipment to have an addressable market of approximately \$245 million over the seven-to-ten year life cycle of the products’ installed base. Finally, the annual addressable market for holsters for the global law enforcement and military and consumer markets is estimated to be approximately \$380 million.

The international market is also poised for growth as foreign governments face increasingly complex safety challenges and seek to replace legacy equipment. Additionally, we foresee the demand for safety and survivability equipment from overseas markets to increase due to heightened awareness of the importance and effectiveness of such products and as countries are exposed to new threats. Our management estimates our addressable number of total law enforcement personnel outside the U.S. to be approximately 9,658,000, representing a substantial market opportunity.

Our management team believes that the safety and survivability equipment industry for first responders represents a stable and growing market with long-term opportunities. Given our strong market standing, direct connection to the end users, extensive distribution network, long history of innovations and high-quality standards, we believe we are well positioned to capitalize on the positive market dynamics.

**Competitive Strengths**

*Leading, independent global provider of safety and survivability equipment for first responders.* Our history as a leading provider of high-quality safety and survivability equipment dates back to 1964. Our differentiated value proposition is built on superior quality combined with an unwavering focus on critical safety standards, making us the trusted brand name for first responders. Our extensive product breadth allows us to serve as a one-stop shop for our end users and their safety and survivability equipment needs.

*Strong market positions.* Based on publicly available data on the number of target end users and publicly available information on awarded contracts and purchases, we believe we have leading market positions across multiple product categories through superior quality and performance differentiating us from our competition. Our products continually exceed stringent industry safety standards and are recognized for advancements in performance through innovation and technological enhancement.

*Mission-critical products with recurring demand characteristics.* Our products provide critical protection to their end users as well as those around them, with limited or no room for error. As a result, stringent safety standards and customary warranty provisions create refresh cycles on over 80% of the equipment we

supply to ensure efficient and effective performance at all times. Demand associated with these refresh cycles drives a highly predictable recurring revenue stream. The majority of our remaining revenue is associated with consumable products driving recurring sales based on replenishment needs.

*Attractive macro-economic and secular tailwinds driving demand and visibility for our products.* The vast majority of our end markets are acyclical in nature as their demand is driven primarily by the first responder budgets and relatively unaffected by economic cycles. Our business has benefitted from key shifts serving as tailwinds to our growth strategy including the increasing focus on safety, replacement and modernization trends as well as demographic shifts and urbanization.

*Compelling organic and inorganic growth roadmap.* Leveraging our differentiated product development process and technical knowhow, leading domestic market position and first mover advantage with our suppliers, we plan to drive profitable organic revenue growth via new product development and geographic expansion. In particular, international expansion is an especially important initiative in our organic growth roadmap due to the significant market share opportunity and increasing investments in safety and survivability equipment in various key geographic markets. We expect to supplement our organic growth through a targeted M&A program spanning our existing core products and markets as well as attractive adjacencies.

*Attractive financial profile with strong EBITDA margins and free-cash-flow generation.* We generate strong profitability through diligent portfolio management of customers and contracts and continued focus on cost structure to drive operating leverage. Our strong profitability combined with minimal capital expenditure requirements result in high free-cash-flow generation, which is a key driver for our internal research and development initiatives and targeted M&A program. Our Adjusted EBITDA Conversion Rate is consistently greater than 90%.

*Tenured management with significant public company platforms.* Our management team is comprised of executive officers with extensive experience at public company platforms including Armor Holdings Inc., Danaher Corporation, General Electric Company and IDEX Corporation. Together they bring an established track record of strong performance operating and growing public companies both organically and via acquisitions. This experience has created a differentiated approach to our operating model through their expertise in building a culture of operational and cultural excellence, complexity reduction, and innovation.

*Long-term customer relationships across diverse end markets and geographies.* We maintain long-term relationships with over 23,000 first responders and federal agencies both domestically and internationally, with top customer relationships averaging an excess of 15 years. Our global presence spans over 104 countries across North America, Europe and other regions.

## **Products**

We design and manufacture a diversified product portfolio of critical safety and survivability equipment to protect first responders. We maintain clear market-leadership positions in certain core product categories including body armor, explosive ordnance disposal equipment and duty gear. Over 80% of our product line is tied to customary or mandated refresh cycles of between seven and ten years, which drives a highly predictable, recurring revenue stream. The majority of the remaining revenue is associated with consumable products. Our overall strategy is to drive growth by leveraging our leading market shares and competitively-differentiated offerings in each of our core product categories, including:

*Body Armor.* We offer a full range of field-proven advanced armor solutions. Our products incorporate cutting-edge technology, innovative materials and processes in order to provide the best protection, reduce weight and optimize ergonomics for the end user. The majority of our armor products are made-to-measure in accordance with the applicable NIJ and industry standards. We recently launched an industry-first partnership to provide law enforcement officers and first responders with the ability to determine size through the use of mobile phone scanning and artificial intelligence technologies.

Our principal body armor product offerings include concealable, corrections and tactical armor, which provide varying levels of protection against ballistic or sharp instrument threats. Our body armor products are sold under the well-known Safariland® and Protech® Tactical brand names. We also sell products in partnership with industry leading developer Hardwire LLC.

Our body armor panels that are manufactured in the United States are designed to be built in compliance with guidelines established by the NIJ. We also manufacture body armor in Ontario, Canada; Manchester, England; and Kaunas, Lithuania; that is certified to meet various international standards. We also distribute a variety of third-party items, including helmets, and face shields for protection from blunt trauma and explosive shrapnel.



**Explosive Ordnance Disposal.** We are the global leader of a highly engineered portfolio of critical-operator survival suits, remotely operated vehicles, specialty tools, blast sensors, accessories and vehicle blast attenuation seats for bomb safety technicians. As the most trusted brand in the market, Med-Eng is the go-to source for explosive ordnance solutions in the developed world. Our products provide end users with the latest protective technologies integrated with electronic components and communications equipment.

Med-Eng has a fielded installed base of bomb suits in over 100 countries, yielding predictable, recurring replacement cycles. Our continuous investment in R&D supported by our existing IP portfolio, drives next-generation technologies designed to meet the ever-evolving threats for operators in the field. Select customers include our position as a provider for the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marines, FBI, ATF and all NATO countries.



**Duty Gear.** We are the industry leader in holster innovation and safety engineering and our products incorporate industry standard safety locking mechanisms on which a majority of first responders are trained. The end user base for our holster products includes state and local law enforcement, federal agencies including the DoS, DoD, DoI, DHS, and DoC, foreign police and military agencies, and the commercial concealed carry market. We also offer a complementary line of officer duty gear including belts, and accessories.

In connection with the mission critical nature of duty gear products, we dedicate significant product development resources to ensure efficient and effective performance of our products. We manufacture and sell duty gear and commercial offerings under the widely recognized Safariland® and Bianchi® brands.



**Other Protective and Law Enforcement Equipment.** Supplementary to our core product offerings, we design, manufacture, assemble, and market a suite of equipment to round out our product portfolio. Key products include communications gear, forensic and investigation products, firearms cleaning solutions, and crowd control products. These products are marketed under several well-known niche brands. In addition, through our owned distribution, we serve as a one-stop shop for first responders providing equipment we manufacture as well as third-party products including uniforms, optics, boots, firearms and ammunition.

**Growth Strategy**

Our growth plan consists of a multi-pronged approach that includes driving profitable core revenue growth through new product introductions and international market expansion combined with targeted acquisitions, enhanced through our operating model.

*Profitable Core Revenue Growth.* We believe that our leading market positions across a range of core categories will continue to yield significant growth opportunities. Our management team is focused on delivering new product launches, increasing customer wallet share, executing on key new contract opportunities and expanding our high-margin e-commerce and direct-to-consumer capabilities to continue to drive revenue growth. Examples of recent product innovation include the development of a 3D body sizing solution for soft armor, introduction of our next generation holsters, and working with key suppliers on the use of emerging materials for utilization in new armor products.

*International Market Expansion.* We are also committed to increasing our market share internationally. Given our leading domestic market position and our products' high-quality standards and performance, we believe we are well positioned to take advantage of the growth in international demand for safety and survivability equipment for first responders. We intend to penetrate certain international markets through leveraging existing relationships, building local market teams and expansion into relevant market adjacencies.

*Targeted M&A Program.* To supplement organic growth and internal research and development, our management team has historically undertaken a targeted M&A program, completing 12 transactions between 2012 and 2017. These strategic acquisitions have allowed us to expand our product and technology offerings, enter new markets and expand geographically to achieve attractive returns in our invested capital period.

We maintain a robust pipeline of opportunistic M&A opportunities, spanning our existing core products and markets as well as attractive adjacencies within the safety and survivability landscape. We plan to utilize our relatively high free-cash-flow generation and historical success in acquisitions to drive favorable acquisition structures and efficient integration. Our operating model, passion around connecting with customers and expansive channel help maximize the value created from our acquisitions.

*Continuous Margin Improvement Initiatives.* Our management team has shown a strong track record of achieving cost structure optimization to drive operating leverage, as evidenced by past years' margin improvements. Our operating model starts with complexity reduction then uses lean tools and methods to continuously improve operational and commercial processes. Strategic initiatives completed over the past few years include among others, rationalizing the Company's manufacturing footprint, divesting non-core activities, enhancing our supply-chain and optimizing customer relationships and key contracts. Together these activities have helped enhance the Company's manufacturing and sales operations, ultimately driving profitability growth.

### **Customers and Selling Channels**

We sell our products through distributors and work directly with agencies to effectively reach end users. We classify our first responder customers into four categories: U.S. State and Local Agencies, International, U.S. Federal Agencies, and Commercial (which includes our direct-to-consumer sites). Our top 10 customers represented approximately 26% of sales, with no individual customer representing more than 6.5% of our total revenue, for the year ended December 31, 2020.

*U.S. State and Local Agencies.* We have built relationships with nearly every domestic law enforcement agency in the country, selling at least one product category to each of the top 50 major departments. Other end users in this category include fire and rescue, explosive ordnance disposal technicians, EMT, fishing and wildlife enforcement and departments of corrections. We sell our products through a network of longstanding third-party distributors as well as an owned distribution platform, both of which interact directly with agencies and end users. The U.S. State and Local Agencies channel represented our largest selling channel at approximately 57% of net sales for the year ended December 31, 2020.

*International.* We sell product into more than 104 countries globally. We service foreign cure and defensive ministry, national law enforcements and other foreign agencies through our distribution partners as well as through agency agreements with representatives to help service broad regions. In total, the International channel currently represented 17% of net sales for the year ended December 31, 2020, and is a key category we would like to expand.

*U.S. Federal Agencies.* We sell to a variety of federal agencies including the DoS, DoD, DoI, DoJ and DHS Inc. Furthermore, we have long-standing contracts with key departments within the U.S. Army, U.S.

Air Force, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. In total, the U.S. Federal Agencies channel represented 16% of net sales, with only 5% of the total from U.S. Military branches, for the year ended December 31, 2020.

*Commercial.* Our Commercial channel consists primarily of sales through largely recognized e-commerce companies and retailers as well as through our own e-commerce sites. The Commercial channel represented less than 10% of net sales for the year ended December 31, 2020.

We service each of our channels through in-field technical salespeople and an owned distribution network. Our traditional distribution network consists of longstanding distribution partners and agents for first responders and federal agencies, retailers and e-commerce platforms and our own website where we sell directly to the end user. We pair our in-house expertise with outside partners in order to provide our customers with the best service possible while maintaining a real-time understanding of end user needs. In total, we have 61 sales people domestically and 9 internationally, with more than 791 authorized indirect selling partners worldwide. We believe that by combining our third party network with our in-house salesforce and our extensive owned distribution network, we create continuous customer interaction and best-in-class service and training, providing us with a distinct advantage over our peers.

Our brand name recognition and reputation among our customers, diversified product line and extensive distribution network are central to our marketing strategy. We leverage these advantages along with involvement and support of several law enforcement associations to market our products.

### **Manufacturing and Raw Materials**

We operate a global manufacturing footprint with 15 sites across North America and Europe. Each site has capacity to scale up without further material investment in machinery and equipment. Additionally, we manage a diverse global supplier base of leading textile, fabric and raw material providers. We have multiple sources for each input in order to limit our dependency on any single vendor. No vendor makes up more than 10% of total purchases and our top 10 vendors account for less than 30% of total purchases.

We are reliant on certain suppliers that provide us with the raw materials and components that we utilize in manufacturing our ballistic resistant garments. Although in some cases substitutable alternative materials and components may be obtained from other commercially available sources, any change in the materials and components that we utilize in manufacturing our ballistic resistant garments may require additional research and development, recertification as well as customer acceptance.

### **Facilities**

We own our corporate headquarters located at 13386 International Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32218 where we occupy approximately 36,941 square feet of office space and 95,283 square feet of manufacturing space. In total, we operate 15 facilities (two owned) across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe, spanning more than 750,000 square feet. Additionally, we lease 11 retail locations across the East Coast through which we service our Distribution segment. Our properties are well maintained, and we consider them to be sufficient for our existing capacity requirements.

The following table identifies and provides certain information regarding our facilities:

<u>Primary Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Owned/Leased</u>	<u>Sq Ft</u>
Corporate HQ and Manufacturing	Jacksonville, Florida	USA	Owned	132,224
Manufacturing and R&D	Jacksonville, Florida	USA	Owned	63,000
Warehouse and Distribution	Jacksonville, Florida	USA	Leased	27,405
Manufacturing and R&D	Ontario, California	USA	Leased	41,475
Manufacturing	Casper, Wyoming	USA	Owned	73,700
Manufacturing	Dalton, Massachusetts	USA	Leased	33,862
Manufacturing	Dover, Tennessee	USA	Leased	87,652
Manufacturing	Ogdensburg, New York	USA	Leased	23,220
Manufacturing	Tijuana, Baja California	Mexico	Leased	158,614
Sales, R&D & Manufacturing	Ottawa, Ontario	Canada	Leased	39,273
Manufacturing	Pembroke, Ontario	Canada	Leased	26,154
Manufacturing	Arnprior, Ontario	Canada	Leased	48,853
Manufacturing	Warrington, Cheshire	UK	Leased	21,958
Manufacturing & Sales	Daventry, Northhamptonshire	UK	Leased/Owned	19,429
Manufacturing	Vilnius	Lithuania	Leased	19,160

### **Backlog**

As of March 31, 2021, we had approximately \$124 million in backlog. The Company expects 96% of the orders to be filled within 12 months. At the same point in 2020, our backlog was \$112 million. Orders comprising backlog as of a given balance sheet date are typically invoiced in subsequent periods. The majority of our products are generally processed and shipped within one to six weeks of an order being placed, depending on the size and customization required for an order, though the fulfillment time for certain products, for example, explosive ordnance disposal equipment, may take three months or longer.

### **Competition**

We compete in the large public safety and outdoor and recreation markets amongst other ancillary addressable markets. Competition in the public safety markets depends on the specific product in question but is generally based on a number of factors including product quality, safety performance, fit, price, and brand recognition. We believe that we have been able to compete successfully driven by the combination of our brand and product dependability, superior engineering and manufacturing capabilities, industry-leading product innovations, as well as on the breadth of our offering to customers.

Our primary competitors include, but are not limited to, Point Blank Enterprises, Inc., Avon Protection Systems, Inc., Central Lake Armor Express, Inc. (d/b/a Armor Express), as well as the Blackhawk division of Vista Outdoor Inc. None of our competitors across individual product categories compete in each of our product verticals, making us the only one-stop provider of critical safety and survivability equipment solutions in the market.

Certain of our products cross over into the broader outdoor and recreation market, which is highly fragmented and highly competitive. While we believe that acceptance in this market is principally driven by the ability to bring new and innovative products to market, price point is critical.

### **Human Capital**

As of March 31, 2021, we had a total of 2,533 employees. Of these employees, 2,007 were engaged in manufacturing, 204 in sales, marketing, product management and customer support, 154 in corporate functions (IT, Finance, HR, Legal and Compliance, etc.), 124 in R&D, engineering technicians, manufacturing engineers and project managers, 35 retail store associates and 9 in various executive and administrative



functions. None of our employees are represented by a union in collective bargaining with us. We believe that our employee relations are good. Our human capital objectives center around identifying, recruiting, retaining, incentivizing and integrating our existing and new employees. We maintain and grow our team utilizing practices that help us identify, hire, incentivize and retain our existing employees and integrate new employees into our Company.

### **Research and Development**

Our significant IP portfolio combined with best-in-class product development and advanced materials processing separates us from our competitors. We have 85 design engineers and related technicians across our business. We have dedicated research and development centers at our manufacturing sites that specialize in product categories, including ballistics developments and state-of-the-art testing laboratory in Ontario, Canada, blast impact and technology development for explosive ordnances in Ottawa, Canada, and holster development and design in Jacksonville, FL, each of which focus on quality and product performance in order to generate critical real-time feedback. We aim to achieve efficient integration of quality materials and latest technologies to develop our products, which will allow us to leverage our first mover advantage from our suppliers.

### **Intellectual Property and Trademarks**

We own significant intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, manufacturing processes and trade secrets related to our products, processes and business. Although our intellectual property plays an important role in maintaining our competitive position, we do not consider any single patent, trademark, manufacturing process or trade secret to be of material importance to any segment or to the business as a whole.

We own a total of 248 patents (or pending patent applications) worldwide with expiry dates ranging from 2021 to 2046 in 29 jurisdictions. Of those 248 patents (or pending patent applications), 154 are for utility patents and 94 are for design patents. We own patents (or pending patent applications) in the United States, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, the People's Republic of China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, as well as the European Union.

Our material registered trademarks include SAFARILAND® and MED-ENG®.

### **Government Regulation**

We are subject to federal licensing requirements with respect to the sale of some of our products in foreign countries. In addition, we are obligated to comply with a variety of federal, state and local regulations, both domestically and abroad, governing certain aspects of our operations and workplace.

The export of certain of our products from the U.S. is subject to various U.S. regulations, including laws and regulations relating to import-export controls, technology transfers, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations ("ITAR"), and the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR"). More specifically, to export some of our products in accordance with ITAR or EAR, we must obtain export authorizations or licenses from the U.S. government, primarily the U.S. Department of State for ITAR and the U.S. Department of Commerce for EAR. Also, the Arms Export Control Act of 1976 ("AECA") requires that a certification be provided to the U.S. Congress prior to the granting of any license or other approval for certain transactions involving exports of any defense articles and defense services and for exports of major defense equipment.

Our business in Canada is subject to the Canadian Controlled Good Directorate Registration regime, which regulates commerce in controlled goods, meaning those that require a license to export, including ITAR items.

We are also subject to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") along with similar anti-corruption laws worldwide which prohibit improper payments to foreign governments and their officials by U.S. and other business entities.

The transportation of certain of our products is subject to U.S. Department of Transportation Hazardous Material Regulations (“HMR”), which govern the transportation of hazardous materials in interstate, intrastate, and foreign commerce. Prior to transportation into and within the United States, explosives must be tested and classified by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Domestically, the manufacture, sale, and purchase of certain products are subject to extensive federal, state, and local governmental regulation, with the primary regulatory body being the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, and Explosives (“ATF”). The primary federal laws are the National Firearms Act of 1934 (“NFA”), the Gun Control Act of 1968 (“GCA”) and the AECA. Among other things, the ATF conducts periodic audits of our facilities that hold Federal Firearms Licenses.

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (“FAR”) governs the majority of our contracts with U.S. federal agencies, mandating uniform policies and procedures across agencies and with each agency supplementing the FAR as needed. For example, the U.S. Department of Defense implements the FAR through the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (“DFARS”). Finally, agencies routinely audit and review government contractors for performance and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and standards.

In addition, like many other manufacturers, we are subject to compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”), the Occupational Safety and Health Act (“OSHA”), data privacy laws, and many other regulations surrounding employment law, environmental law, taxation, and consumer protection.

In March 2020, the Company settled an administrative enforcement action filed by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) relating to Company’s sale of VieVu, LLC to Axon Enterprise Inc. (“Axon”) wherein the FTC alleged that the operative agreements contained non-compete and non-solicitation provisions in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18. The FTC’s administrative complaint sought only injunctive relief against the Company to enjoin the enforcement of these provisions, now and in the future, and did not seek monetary damages against the Company. In January 2020, the Company and Axon had rescinded these provisions. Pursuant to a consent agreement and proposed consent order entered into by the FTC and the Company, on June 11, 2020, the FTC issued a Decision and Order accepting the Consent Agreement (the “Order”). Under the Order, the Company agreed to not modify and reinstate the rescinded provisions and to not enter into any new similar provisions with Axon, absent prior approval from the FTC. In addition, as part of the Company’s compliance program, the Order imposes an obligation to distribute to, and train the directors and officers on, the requirements of the consent order and to report annually for five years to the FTC ensuring compliance with the consent order. On June 11, 2021, the Company filed its second Interim Verified Compliance Report as required by the Order.

In June 2020, the Company received a Civil Investigative Demand (“CID”) from the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”), Western District of Washington (Seattle, WA), pertaining to an investigation with regard to the to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. sections 3729-3733 (“FCA”), concerning allegations that soft body armor vest accessory panels sold by the Company are falsely labeled as compliant with the National Institute of Justice performance standards. In September 2020, the Company made its First Production of Documents which contained only documents and data that had been deemed to be of a “priority” nature pursuant to an agreement reached between the Company’s counsel and the Assistant U.S. Attorney handling the matter. There has been no further communication or production of documents with the U.S. Attorney’s Office since September 2020. At this preliminary stage of the investigation, the Company does not have enough information to make an evaluation of the merits, exposure or potential risks regarding this matter.

### **Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, we are subject to legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of business, as well as governmental and other regulatory investigations and proceedings. In addition, third parties from time to time assert claims against us in the form of letters and other communications. We are not currently a party to any legal proceedings that, if determined adversely to us, would, in our opinion, have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows. Future litigation may be necessary to defend ourselves and our business partners and to determine the scope, enforceability, and validity of third-party proprietary rights, or to establish our proprietary rights. The results

of any current or future litigation cannot be predicted with certainty, and regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources, and other factors.

#### **Environmental Laws and Regulations**

Our operations are subject to a variety of federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to environmental protection, including those governing the discharge, treatment, storage, transportation, remediation, and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes; the restoration of damages to the environment; and health and safety matters. We have an excellent workplace safety track record and believe that our operations are in material compliance with these laws and regulations. We incur expenses in complying with environmental requirements and could incur higher costs in the future as a result of more stringent requirements that may be enacted in the future.

#### **Impact of COVID-19**

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) announced a global health emergency because of a new strain of coronavirus originating in Wuhan, China (the “COVID-19 outbreak”) and the risks to the international community as the virus spreads globally beyond its point of origin. In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in exposure globally.

The full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve as of the date of this prospectus. During 2020 and the first quarter of 2021, the financial results of our business were unaffected by COVID-19. In all countries and states in which our business operates, the relevant local authorities have deemed the business to be essential in nature and thereby allowed us to continue operations during any government mandated shutdowns. The business has taken many measures to ensure there is no outbreak in any of its facilities that would negatively impact the business. The extent to which the Company’s business may be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic will largely depend on both current and future developments, including its duration, spread and treatment, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be reasonably predicted.

## MANAGEMENT

**Directors and Executive Officers**

Our directors and executive officers as of the date of this prospectus are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
<b>Executive Officers:</b>		
Warren B. Kanders	63	Chief Executive Officer
Brad Williams	47	President
Blaine Browsers	42	Chief Financial Officer
<b>Directors:</b>		
Warren B. Kanders	63	Director
Nicholas Sokolow	71	Director
Hamish Norton	62	Director
William Quigley	60	Director

**Executive Officers**

**Warren B. Kanders**, 63, has served as our Chief Executive Officer and as one of our directors since April 2012. Since June 2002 and December 2002, respectively, Mr. Kanders has served as a director and as Executive Chairman of Clarus Corporation, a NASDAQ listed company focused on the outdoor and consumer industries. From January 1996 until its sale to BAE Systems plc (“BAE Systems”) on July 31, 2007, Mr. Kanders served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and from April 2003 as the Chief Executive Officer, of Armor Holdings, Inc. (“Armor Holdings”), formerly a New York Stock Exchange-listed company and a manufacturer and supplier of military vehicles, armored vehicles, and safety and survivability products and systems to the aerospace and defense, public safety, homeland security, and commercial markets. Mr. Kanders received an A.B. degree in Economics from Brown University. Based upon Mr. Kanders’ role as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, service as a chairman and a director of a wide range of other public companies, financial background and education, as well as his extensive investment, capital raising, acquisition and operating expertise, the Company believes that Mr. Kanders has the requisite set of skills to serve as a Board member of the Company.

**Brad Williams**, 47, was appointed Chief Operating Officer in March 2017 and promoted to President in 2019. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Williams served in various roles of increasing responsibility at IDEX Corporation from June 2010 to March 2017, including President, Material Processing Technologies Group, President, Energy & Fuels Midstream Group and Vice President & General Manager, Topstech Systems. Prior to IDEX Corporation, Mr. Williams held various positions within Danaher Corporation and Ingersoll-Rand Company. Mr. Williams received a MBA from Kelley School of Business — Indiana University, a M.S. in Industrial & Systems Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, and a B.S. in Engineering Science & Mechanics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

**Blaine Browsers**, 42, was appointed as our Chief Financial Officer in May 2018. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Browsers served in various roles of increasing responsibility at IDEX Corporation from September 2010 to April 2018, including Group Vice President Finance & IT — Fire and Safety, Group Vice President Finance & IT — BAND-IT, IDEX Optics & Photonics and Micropump, Vice President Finance & IT, BAND-IT, and Finance Manager Northeast. Prior to IDEX Corp. Mr. Browsers held various positions within General Electric Co. Mr. Browsers received a B.A. in Finance from University of South Florida and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis.

**Non-Management Directors**

**Nicholas Sokolow**, 70, has served as one of our directors since July 2012. Since June 2002, Mr. Sokolow has served as a director and has been designated as the “lead independent director” since June 2016 of Clarus Corporation, a NASDAQ listed company focused on the outdoor and consumer industries. From January 1996 until its sale to BAE Systems on July 31, 2007, Mr. Sokolow served as a member of the Board

of Directors of Armor Holdings. Mr. Sokolow served as a member of the Board of Directors of Stamford Industrial Group, Inc. from October 2006 until September 2009. From 2007 until December 31, 2014, Mr. Sokolow practiced law at the firm of Lebow & Sokolow LLP. From 1994 to 2007, Mr. Sokolow was a partner at the law firm of Sokolow, Carreras & Partners. From June 1973 until October 1994, Mr. Sokolow was an associate and partner at the law firm of Coudert Brothers. Mr. Sokolow graduated with Economics and Finance degrees from the Institut D'Etudes Politiques, a Law degree from the Faculte de Droit and a Masters of Comparative Law degree from the University of Michigan. Mr. Sokolow is also an honorary member of the French Bar. Based upon Mr. Sokolow's role as the chairperson of the compensation committee and the nominating/corporate governance committee of the Company's Board of Directors, education, legal background involving mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance expertise and extensive experience serving as a member of the boards of directors and committees of other public companies, the Company believes that Mr. Sokolow has the requisite set of skills to serve as a Board or Board committee member of the Company.

**Hamish Norton**, 62, has served as one of our directors since October 2012. Since July 2014, Mr. Hamish has been the President of Star Bulk Carriers Corp., a NASDAQ listed company focused on global shipping in the dry bulk sector. Mr. Norton has over 28 years of experience as an investment banker advising companies on capital market as well as merger and acquisition matters. Mr. Norton received an A.B. in physics from Harvard College and Ph.D. in physics from the University of Chicago. Based upon Mr. Norton's education and extensive experience as an investment banker advising companies on capital market as well as merger and acquisition matters, the Company believes that Mr. Norton has the requisite set of skills to serve as a Board or Board committee member of the Company.

**William Quigley**, 60, has served as one of our directors since February 2016 and Chairman of the audit committee of our Board of Directors since March 2016. Since June 2016, Mr. Quigley has been the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Nexteer Automotive Group Limited, a tier one automotive supplier operating from 27 manufacturing facilities and three global technical centers with over 13,000 employees. From March 2012 to March 2016, Mr. Quigley was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dana Holding Corporation and from March 2007 to October 2011 was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Visteon Corporation. Mr. Quigley received a B.A. from Michigan State University and is a Certified Public Accountant. Based upon Mr. Quigley's role as the Chairman of the audit committee of the Company's Board of Directors, education and extensive financial and accounting experiences, the Company believes that Mr. Quigley has the requisite set of skills to serve as a Board or Board committee member of the Company.

#### **Board Composition and Election of Directors**

Our board of directors consists of four directors, with each director being elected to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified. All elections for the board of directors will be decided by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote on such matter.

#### *Director Independence*

Our board of directors has determined that each of our non-employee directors, Nicholas Sokolow, Hamish Norton and William Quigley, satisfy the criteria for independence under NYSE listing rules for independence of directors and of committee members. In addition, each of the members of our audit committee is "independent" as such term is defined in Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Exchange Act, which is different from the test under NYSE listing rules for independence of board and committee members. We currently have a fully independent compensation committee, nominating/corporate governance committee, and audit committee.

#### *Stockholder Communications*

Stockholders may send communications to our board of directors or any committee thereof by writing to the board of directors or any committee thereof at Cadre Holdings, Inc., Attention: Secretary, 13386 International Pkwy, Jacksonville, FL 32218. The Secretary will distribute all stockholder communications to the intended recipients and/or distribute to the entire board of directors, as appropriate.

In addition, stockholders may also contact the non-management directors as a group or any individual director by writing to the non-management directors or the individual director, as applicable, at Cadre Holdings, Inc., 13386 International Pkwy, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

#### *Complaint Procedures*

Complaints and concerns about accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing or related matters pertaining to the Company may be submitted by writing to the Chairman of the Audit Committee as follows: Cadre Holdings, Inc., Attention: Chairman of the Audit Committee, 13386 International Pkwy, Jacksonville, FL 32218. Complaints may be submitted on a confidential and anonymous basis by sending them in a sealed envelope marked “Confidential.”

### **Board Committees**

Our board of directors has established an audit committee, a compensation committee, and a nominating/corporate governance committee. Each of the committees reports to the board of directors as they deem appropriate, and as the board of directors may request. The composition, duties and responsibilities of these committees are set forth below. In the future, our board of directors may establish other committees, as it deems appropriate, to assist it with its responsibilities.

#### *Audit Committee*

The audit committee is responsible for, among other matters, assisting the board of directors in fulfilling the board of directors’ oversight responsibility relating to: the quality and integrity of our financial statements; the financial reporting process; the systems of internal accounting and financial controls; the performance of our internal audit function; the independent auditors’ qualifications, independence, performance and compensation; and our compliance with ethics policies and legal and regulatory requirements.

Our audit committee consists of Messrs. Quigley, Sokolow, and Norton, and Mr. Quigley serves as the chairperson. Our board of directors has determined that Mr. Quigley qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as such term is defined in Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K. All three of Messrs. Quigley, Sokolow, and Norton have been determined to be “independent” for purposes of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act and under the listing standards of the NYSE.

#### *Compensation Committee*

The compensation committee is responsible for, among other matters, reviewing key employee compensation goals, policies, plans and programs; reviewing and approving the compensation of our chief executive officer and other executive officers; reviewing and approving employment agreements and other similar arrangements between us and our executive officers; and administering our stock plans and other incentive compensation plans.

Our compensation committee consists of Messrs. Sokolow and . Mr. Sokolow serves as the chairperson.

#### *Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee*

Our nominating/corporate governance committee is responsible for, among other matters, identifying individuals qualified to become members of our board of directors, consistent with criteria approved by our board of directors; overseeing the organization of our board of directors to discharge the board of directors’ duties and responsibilities properly and efficiently; identifying best practices and recommending corporate governance principles; reviewing and approving any transaction between us and any related person (as defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K); reviewing and approving the compensation of our non-employee directors; and developing and recommending to our board of directors a set of corporate governance guidelines and principles applicable to us.

Our nominating/corporate governance committee consists of Messrs. Sokolow and Norton. Mr. Sokolow serves as the chairperson.

### **Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight**

Our independent directors expect to hold executive sessions at which only independent directors are present in connection with regularly scheduled board meetings, but no less than twice a year.

Our board of directors monitors our exposure to a variety of risks through our audit committee. Our audit committee charter gives the audit committee responsibilities and duties that include discussing with management, the internal audit department and the independent auditors our major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including our risk assessment and risk management policies.

Our board of directors will adopt, effective prior to the completion of this offering, corporate governance guidelines that provide that one of our independent directors will serve as our lead independent director. Our board of directors will appoint Mr. Sokolow to serve as our lead independent director. As lead independent director, Mr. Sokolow will preside over periodic meetings of our independent directors, serve as a liaison between the chairperson of our board of directors and the independent directors and perform such additional duties as our board of directors may otherwise determine and delegate.

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Inside Participation**

None of the members of our compensation committee is or has at any time during the past year been an officer or employee of ours. None of our executive officers currently serves or in the past year has served as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving on our board of directors or compensation committee.

### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We have adopted a code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers, and directors, including those officers responsible for financial reporting. These standards are designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote honest and ethical conduct. The code of business conduct and ethics and the written charters for the audit committee, compensation committee and corporate governance and nominating committee will be available on our website. The information that appears on our website is not part of, and is not incorporated into, this prospectus.

None of our directors or executive officers, nor any associate of such individual, is involved in a legal proceeding adverse to us or any of our subsidiaries or our joint ventures.

### **Controlled Company Exemption**

After the completion of this offering, Warren B. Kanders will continue to beneficially own shares representing more than 50% of the voting power of our shares eligible to vote in the election of directors. As a result, we will be a “controlled company” within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the NYSE. Under these corporate governance standards, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, group or another company is a “controlled company” and may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance standards, including the requirements (1) that a majority of our board of directors consists of independent directors, (2) that our board of directors has a compensation committee that is comprised entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee’s purpose and responsibilities and (3) that our board of directors has a nominating/corporate governance committee that is comprised entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee’s purpose and responsibilities.

If we were to rely on any of the above-stated exemptions, you may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of these corporate governance requirements. However, following this offering, we do not intend to utilize any of the corporate governance exemptions for a “controlled company”. Furthermore, in the event that we cease to be a “controlled company” and our shares continue to be listed on the NYSE, we will be required to comply with these NYSE corporate governance standards.

## EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

### Summary Compensation Table

This discussion contains forward looking statements that are based on our current plans, considerations, expectations and determinations regarding future compensation programs. Actual compensation programs that we adopt may differ materially from currently planned programs as summarized in this discussion. As an “emerging growth company” as defined in the JOBS Act, we are not required to include a Compensation Discussion and Analysis section and have elected to comply with the scaled disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies.

The following table provides information regarding the total compensation for services rendered in all capacities that was earned by our principal executive officer, our principal financial officer and our two other most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers as of December 31, 2020. These individuals are considered our named executive officers for 2020.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-Equity Deferred Compensation Earnings	Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Warren B. Kanders	2020	1,000,000	700,000	—	—	—	—	74,562 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,774,562
Brad Williams	2020	445,693	540,338	—	—	—	—	29,558 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,015,589
Blaine Browers	2020	334,954	402,112	—	—	—	—	33,097 <sup>(3)</sup>	770,163

- (1) “Other Compensation” amount for Mr. Kanders in 2020 consists of \$51,923 unallocated expense reimbursement, \$9,814 for life insurance and AD&D, and \$12,825 for 401(k) matching contributions.
- (2) “Other Compensation” amount for Mr. Williams in 2020 consists of 8,953 for 401(k) matching contributions, \$17,948 for Company paid portion of health care, \$2,657 for AD&D and other wellness.
- (3) “Other Compensation” amount for Mr. Browers in 2020 consists of \$12,825 for 401(k) matching contributions, \$17,948 for Company paid portion of health care, \$2,324 for AD&D and other wellness.

### Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table

#### *Employment Arrangements with our Named Executive Officers*

Prior to the completion of this offering, we intend to enter into employment agreements setting forth the terms and conditions of employment for each of our named executive officers.

#### *Employee Confidentiality, Non-competition, Non-solicitation and Assignment Agreements*

In order to limit the disclosure and use of our proprietary information as well as to prevent the misappropriation of our proprietary information, each of our officers, directors and/or employees that receive an award under our Phantom Plan is required to execute and deliver a restrictive covenant agreement that contains non-competition, non-solicitation, non-hire, non-disparagement, confidentiality or assignment of intellectual property covenants.

### Equity Compensation

#### *Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2020*

There were no outstanding equity awards held by any of the named executive officers as of December 31, 2020.

### Director Compensation

The following table sets forth a summary of the compensation we paid to our non-employee directors during 2020. Other than as set forth in the table and described more fully below, we did not pay any compensation, reimburse any expense of, make any equity awards or non-equity awards to, or pay any other compensation to any of the other non-employee members of our board of directors in 2020. Discussion of



directors not included in below table as a result of them being executive officers. The compensation received by Mr. Kanders as an employee during 2020 is presented in the “Summary Compensation Table” above.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Nicholas Sokolow	40,000	—	—	—	—	—	40,000
Hamish Norton	40,000	—	—	—	—	—	40,000
William Quigley	66,000	—	—	—	—	—	66,000

#### **Compensation Risk Assessment**

We believe that our executive compensation program does not encourage excessive or unnecessary risk taking. This is primarily due to the fact that our compensation programs are designed to encourage our executive officers and other employees to remain focused on both short-term and long-term strategic goals, in particular in connection with our pay-for-performance compensation philosophy. As a result, we do not believe that our compensation programs are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

#### **Equity Compensation Plans and Other Benefit Plans**

##### **Safariland Group Long-Term Incentive Plan**

###### *Long-Term Incentive Plan Description*

On March 15, 2021, the Company adopted the Safariland Group Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “LTIP”). The Company believes the LTIP will retain and motivate certain key employees of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates by enabling designated individuals to participate in the long-term growth and financial success of the Company. The LTIP will be administered by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, who will have full power and authority to administer and interpret the LTIP and to establish rules for its administration. Eligibility for participation in the LTIP will be limited to the employees selected by the Board of Directors who are employees of the Company in good standing and current with respect to all compliance and employment matters.

###### *Awards*

Each participant will be granted a cash bonus opportunity (a “LTIP Award”), in an amount set forth in an award agreement, and each LTIP Award granted under the LTIP will be eligible to vest in three equal installments over a period of three consecutive one year periods. The award will vest subject to the achievement of performance metrics, which will be established by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, who shall determine to what extent the performance metrics have been achieved. The portion of the LTIP Award that has become vested will be paid in a lump sum within 30 days following a determination by the Board of Directors that performance metrics have been achieved. The LTIP Award will be paid in the form of cash, provided, however, that in the event that any portion of a LTIP Award vests following the date on which the securities of the Company are readily tradable on an established national securities market, the Company may, in its sole discretion, elect to pay the vested portion of a LTIP Award (or any portion thereof) in the form of such marketable securities having a value equal to the value of such vested portion, rounded down to the nearest whole share.

###### *Termination or Change in Control*

In the event of a change of control or a participant’s death, any unvested portion of a LTIP Award will become fully vested and any amount payable will be paid within two and a half months following such occurrence. In the event that a participant’s employment is terminated, or the participant violated its obligations under any restrictive agreement, the participant will forfeit any portion of the LTIP Award that is unvested and unpaid.

*Tax Effects*

The Company will withhold from any amount paid under the LTIP any taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such payment, including, to the extent permitted, in the event a LTIP Award is paid in marketable securities, by withholding a number of securities necessary to satisfy any such withholding obligations. The LTIP and all LTIP Awards under the Plan include provisions intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

***Safariland Group 2021 Phantom Restricted Share Plan****Phantom Restricted Share Plan Description*

On March 15, 2021, the Company adopted the Safariland Group 2021 Phantom Restricted Share Plan (the “Phantom Plan”) for the purposes of promoting the growth and interests of the Company by attracting and retaining employees, consultants and advisors with the training, experience and ability to enable them to make a significant contribution to the success of the business of the Company. The Board of Directors will select participants from among those employees, consultants, and advisors to, the Company or its affiliates who, in its opinion, are in a position to make a significant contribution to the success of the Company.

*Phantom Awards*

The Phantom Plan provides for the grant of the cash-based award of Phantom Shares (defined below) (“Phantom Awards”) to participants as a nontransferable notional share granted to an employee or other service provider in respect of services to the Company or its affiliates (a “Phantom Share”). A maximum of 28,670 Phantom Shares may be issued in respect of Phantom Awards under the Phantom Plan. The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, will determine the terms of all Phantom Awards, including the time or times at which an Award will vest. Except as otherwise provided, one-third (1/3) of the Phantom Shares subject to the Award shall vest on each of the first three (3) anniversaries of the grant date.

*Termination*

In the event of a participant’s death, the Phantom Shares shall become fully vested and will remain outstanding and eligible to participate in a Qualifying Exit Event (as defined below). If a participant’s employment is terminated by the Company for cause, or for violation of a restrictive agreement, the participant will forfeit all Phantom Shares whether vested or unvested. If a participant’s employment is terminated for reasons other than for cause, or voluntarily by the participant, all unvested Phantom Shares will be forfeited and vested Phantom Shares will remain eligible to participate in a Qualifying Exit Event.

*Timing of Payment*

No amount shall be payable with respect to Phantom Shares prior to a change of control or initial public offering where the aggregate net proceeds of such event, as determined by the Board of Directors, equals or exceeds \$250,000,000 (a “Qualifying Exit Event”). Such threshold shall be automatically increased from time to time to reflect the aggregate amount of any additional capital invested in the Company. In the event that such amounts become payable with respect to a Qualifying Exit Event, the sums shall be paid not later than March 15 following the year in which the Qualifying Exit Event occurs. In connection with a Qualifying Exit Event, each Phantom Share that is vested and outstanding as of the consummation of the Qualifying Exit Event shall be automatically cancelled in exchange for the right to receive a payment equal to the Phantom Payment Amount (as defined in the Phantom Plan). All unvested Phantom Shares shall be cancelled for no consideration upon the consummation of a Qualifying Exit Event.

*Tax Effects*

The Company will withhold from any amount paid under the Phantom Plan any taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to such payment. Phantom Awards under the Phantom Plan include provisions intended to comply with Section 409A of the Code. Granted Phantom Awards may be modified at any time, at the Board of Director’s discretion, to the extent necessary to maintain such compliance.

*Covered Transactions*

In the event of a transaction in which the Company is not the surviving entity or which results in the acquisition of all or substantially of the equity interests or assets of the Company, dissolution or liquidation or any other change of control transaction, the Board of Directors may provide for the assumption of some or all Phantom Awards or the grant of new awards by the acquiror or survivor. Each unvested Award that is not assumed will terminate automatically. The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to require that any amounts that would have been paid if such Phantom Shares had been vested at the time of such transaction be made payable in the future. If there shall occur any change in capitalization that affects the Phantom Shares, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, cause an adjustment to be made to the number of Phantom Shares granted in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the participant's rights.

**2021 Equity Incentive Plan**

Prior to the completion of this offering, our Board of Directors is expected to adopt, and we expect our stockholders to approve, our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan ("2021 Incentive Plan"). We expect that our 2021 Incentive Plan will be effective on the business day immediately prior to the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Our 2021 Incentive Plan will provide for the grant of incentive stock options, within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, to our employees and any parent and subsidiary companies' employees, and for the grant of nonstatutory stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), performance units, and performance shares to our employees, directors, and consultants and our parent and subsidiary companies' employees and consultants.

*Authorized Shares*

A total of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock will be reserved for issuance pursuant to our 2021 Incentive Plan. The number of shares available for issuance under our 2021 Incentive Plan will also include an annual increase on the first day of each fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2022, equal to the least of:

- \_\_\_\_\_ shares;
- \_\_\_\_\_ percent ( \_\_\_\_\_ %) of the outstanding shares of all classes of our common stock as of the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year; or
- such other amount as our Board of Directors may determine.

If an award granted under the 2021 Incentive Plan expires or becomes unexercisable without having been exercised in full, is surrendered pursuant to an exchange program or, with respect to restricted stock, RSUs, performance units, or performance shares, is forfeited or repurchased due to failure to vest, then the unpurchased shares (or for awards other than stock options or SARs, the forfeited or repurchased shares) will become available for future grant or sale under the 2021 Incentive Plan. With respect to SARs, only the net shares actually issued will cease to be available under the 2021 Incentive Plan and all remaining shares under SARs will remain available for future grant or sale under the 2021 Incentive Plan. Shares that have actually been issued under the 2021 Incentive Plan under any award will not be returned to the 2021 Incentive Plan; provided, however, that if shares issued pursuant to awards of restricted stock, RSUs, performance shares, or performance units are repurchased or forfeited, such shares will become available for future grant under the 2021 Incentive Plan. Shares used to pay the exercise price of an award or to satisfy the tax withholding and remittance obligations related to an award will become available for future grant or sale under the 2021 Incentive Plan. To the extent an award is paid out in cash rather than shares, such cash payment will not result in a reduction in the number of shares available for issuance under the 2021 Incentive Plan.

*Plan Administration*

Our Board of Directors or one or more committees appointed by our Board of Directors will administer our 2021 Incentive Plan. The compensation committee of our Board of Directors is expected to administer our 2021 Incentive Plan. In addition, if we determine it is desirable to qualify transactions under our 2021 Incentive Plan as exempt under Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, such transactions will be structured with

the intent that they satisfy the requirements for exemption under Rule 16b-3. Subject to the provisions of our 2021 Incentive Plan, the administrator will have the power to administer our 2021 Incentive Plan and make all determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the 2021 Incentive Plan, including, but not limited to, the power to determine the fair market value of our common stock, select the service providers to whom awards may be granted, determine the number of shares covered by each award, approve forms of award agreements for use under the 2021 Incentive Plan, determine the terms and conditions of awards (including, but not limited to, the exercise price, the time or times at which the awards may be exercised, any vesting acceleration or waiver or forfeiture restrictions, and any restriction or limitation regarding any award or the shares relating thereto), construe and interpret the terms of our 2021 Incentive Plan and awards granted under it, prescribe, amend, and rescind rules, regulations, and sub-plans relating to our 2021 Incentive Plan, and modify or amend each award, including, but not limited to, the discretionary authority to extend the post-termination exercisability period of awards (provided that no option or stock appreciation right will be extended past its original maximum term), and to allow a participant to defer the receipt of payment of cash or the delivery of shares that would otherwise be due to such participant under an award. The administrator also will have the authority to allow participants the opportunity to transfer outstanding awards to a financial institution or other person or entity selected by the administrator and to institute an exchange program by which outstanding awards may be surrendered or cancelled in exchange for awards of the same type which may have a higher or lower exercise price and/or different terms, awards of a different type, and/or cash, or by which the exercise price of an outstanding award is increased or reduced. The administrator's decisions, interpretations, and other actions are final and binding on all participants.

#### *Stock Options*

Stock options may be granted under our 2021 Incentive Plan. The exercise price of options granted under our 2021 Incentive Plan must at least be equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. The term of an option may not exceed ten years. With respect to any participant who owns more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of our outstanding stock, the term of an incentive stock option granted to such participant must not exceed five years and the exercise price must equal at least 110% of the fair market value on the grant date. The administrator will determine the methods of payment of the exercise price of an option, which may include cash, shares, or other property acceptable to the administrator, as well as other types of consideration permitted by applicable law. After the termination of service of an employee, director, or consultant, he or she may exercise his or her option for the period of time stated in his or her option agreement. In the absence of a specified time in an award agreement, if termination is due to death or disability, the option will remain exercisable for 12 months. In all other cases, in the absence of a specified time in an award agreement, the option will remain exercisable for three months following the termination of service. An option may not be exercised later than the expiration of its term. Subject to the provisions of our 2021 Incentive Plan, the administrator determines the other terms of options.

#### *Stock Appreciation Rights*

SARs may be granted under our 2021 Incentive Plan. SARs allow the recipient to receive the appreciation in the fair market value of our common stock occurring between the exercise date and the date of grant. SARs may not have a term exceeding ten years. After the termination of service of an employee, director, or consultant, he or she may exercise his or her stock appreciation right for the period of time stated in his or her SARs agreement. In the absence of a specified time in an award agreement, if termination is due to death or disability, the SARs will remain exercisable for 12 months. In all other cases, in the absence of a specified time in an award agreement, the SARs will remain exercisable for three months following the termination of service. However, in no event may a stock appreciation right be exercised later than the expiration of its term. Subject to the provisions of our 2021 Incentive Plan, the administrator determines the other terms of SARs, including when such rights become exercisable and whether to pay any increased appreciation in cash or with shares of our common stock, or a combination thereof, except that the per share exercise price for the shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of a stock appreciation right will be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant.

#### *Restricted Stock*

Restricted stock may be granted under our 2021 Incentive Plan. Restricted stock awards are grants of shares of our common stock that vest in accordance with terms and conditions established by the

administrator. The administrator will determine the number of shares of restricted stock granted to any employee, director, or consultant and, subject to the provisions of our 2021 Incentive Plan, will determine the terms and conditions of such awards. The administrator may impose whatever conditions to vesting it determines to be appropriate (for example, the administrator may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals or continued service to us); provided, however, that the administrator, in its sole discretion, may accelerate the time at which any restrictions will lapse or be removed. Recipients of restricted stock awards generally will have voting and dividend rights with respect to such shares upon grant without regard to vesting, unless the administrator provides otherwise. Shares of restricted stock that do not vest are subject to our right of repurchase or forfeiture.

#### *Restricted Stock Units*

RSUs may be granted under our 2021 Incentive Plan. RSUs are bookkeeping entries representing an amount equal to the fair market value of one share of our common stock. Subject to the provisions of our 2021 Incentive Plan, the administrator determines the terms and conditions of RSUs, including the vesting criteria and the form and timing of payment. The administrator may set vesting criteria based upon the achievement of company-wide, divisional, business unit, or individual goals (including, but not limited to, continued employment or service), applicable federal or state securities laws, or any other basis determined by the administrator in its discretion. The administrator, in its sole discretion, may pay earned RSUs in the form of cash, in shares of our common stock, or in some combination thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the administrator, in its sole discretion, may accelerate the time at which any vesting requirements will be deemed satisfied. Participants will have no voting rights with respect to RSUs until the date shares are issued with respect to such RSUs. The administrator may provide that a participant is entitled to receive dividend equivalents with respect to the payment of cash dividends on shares having a record date prior to the date on which the applicable RSUs are settled or forfeited in accordance with our 2021 Incentive Plan.

#### *Performance Units and Performance Shares*

Performance units and performance shares may be granted under our 2021 Incentive Plan. Performance units and performance shares are awards that will result in a payment to a participant only if performance goals established by the administrator are achieved or the awards otherwise vest. The administrator will establish performance objectives or other vesting criteria in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine the number and/or the value of performance units and performance shares to be paid out to participants. The administrator may set performance objectives based on the achievement of company-wide, divisional, business unit, or individual goals (including, but not limited to, continued employment or service), applicable federal or state securities laws, or any other basis determined by the administrator in its discretion. After the grant of a performance unit or performance share, the administrator, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive any performance criteria or other vesting provisions for such performance units or performance shares. Performance units shall have an initial dollar value established by the administrator on or prior to the grant date. Performance shares shall have an initial value equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date. The administrator, in its sole discretion, may pay earned performance units or performance shares in the form of cash, in shares, or in some combination thereof. Participants will have no voting rights with respect to performance units and/or performance shares until the date shares are issued with respect to such performance units and/or performance shares. The administrator may provide that a participant is entitled to receive dividend equivalents with respect to the payment of cash dividends on shares having a record date prior to the date on which the applicable performance shares are settled or forfeited in accordance with our 2021 Incentive Plan.

#### *Non-Employee Directors*

Our 2021 Incentive Plan will provide that all non-employee directors will be eligible to receive all types of awards (except for incentive stock options) under our 2021 Incentive Plan. In order to provide a maximum limit on the awards that can be made to our non-employee directors, our 2021 Incentive Plan provides that in any given fiscal year, a non-employee director will not be granted awards having a grant-date fair value greater than \$, but this limit is increased to \$in connection with his or her initially joining our Board of Directors (in each case, excluding awards granted to him or her as a consultant or employee). The grant-date fair values will be determined according to GAAP. The maximum limits do not reflect the intended size

of any potential grants or a commitment to make grants to our non-employee directors under our 2021 Incentive Plan in the future.

#### *Non-Transferability of Awards*

Unless the administrator provides otherwise, our 2021 Incentive Plan generally will not allow for the transfer of awards and only the recipient of an award may exercise an award during his or her lifetime. If the administrator makes an award transferrable, such award will contain such additional terms and conditions as the administrator deems appropriate.

#### *Certain Adjustments*

In the event of certain changes in our capitalization, to prevent diminution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits available under our 2021 Incentive Plan, the administrator will adjust the number and class of shares that may be delivered under our 2021 Incentive Plan and/or the number, class, and price of shares covered by each outstanding award and the numerical share limits set forth in our 2021 Incentive Plan.

#### *Dissolution or Liquidation*

In the event of our proposed liquidation or dissolution, the administrator will notify participants as soon as practicable and all awards will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed transaction.

#### *Merger or Change in Control*

Our 2021 Incentive Plan will provide that in the event of our merger with or into another corporation or entity or a change in control (as defined in our 2021 Incentive Plan), each outstanding award will be treated as the administrator determines, including, without limitation, that (i) awards will be assumed, or substantially equivalent awards will be substituted, by the acquiring or succeeding corporation (or an affiliate thereof) with appropriate adjustments as to the number and kind of shares and prices; (ii) upon written notice to a participant, that the participant's awards will terminate upon or immediately prior to the consummation of such merger or change in control; (iii) outstanding awards will vest and become exercisable, realizable, or payable, or restrictions applicable to an award will lapse, in whole or in part, prior to or upon consummation of such merger or change in control and, to the extent the administrator determines, terminate upon or immediately prior to the effectiveness of such merger or change in control; (iv) (A) the termination of an award in exchange for an amount of cash and/or property, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise of such award or realization of the participant's rights as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction the administrator determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise of such award or realization of the participant's rights, then such award may be terminated by us without payment), or (B) the replacement of such award with other rights or property selected by the administrator in its sole discretion; (v) with respect only to an award (or portion thereof) that is unvested as of immediately prior to the effective time of the merger or change in control, the termination of the award immediately prior to the effective time of the merger or change in control with such payment to the participant (including no payment) as the administrator determines in its discretion; or (vi) any combination of the foregoing. The administrator will not be obligated to treat all participants, awards, all awards a participant holds, or all awards of the same type, similarly in the transaction.

In the event an option or stock appreciation right is not assumed or substituted in the event of a merger or change in control, the administrator will notify each participant in writing or electronically that the option or stock appreciation right, as applicable, will be exercisable for a period of time determined by the administrator in its sole discretion, and the option or stock appreciation right, as applicable, will terminate upon the expiration of such period.

For awards granted to an outside director, in the event of a change in control, the outside director will fully vest in and have the right to exercise all of their outstanding options and SARs, all restrictions on restricted stock and RSUs will lapse and, for awards with performance-based vesting, unless specifically

provided for in the award agreement, all performance goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at 100% of target levels and all other terms and conditions met.

#### *Clawback*

Awards will be subject to any clawback policy of ours, and the administrator also may specify in an award agreement that the participant's rights, payments, and/or benefits with respect to an award will be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture, and/or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events. Our Board of Directors may require a participant to forfeit, return, or reimburse us for all or a portion of the award and/or shares issued under the award, any amounts paid under the award, and any payments or proceeds paid or provided upon disposition of the shares issued under the award in order to comply with such clawback policy or applicable laws.

#### *Amendment and Termination*

The administrator will have the authority to amend, suspend, or terminate our 2021 Incentive Plan provided such action does not impair the existing rights of any participant. Our 2021 Incentive Plan will continue in effect until terminated by the administrator, but (i) no incentive stock options may be granted after ten years from the date our 2021 Incentive Plan was adopted by our Board of Directors and (ii) the annual increase to the number of shares available for issuance under our 2021 Incentive Plan will operate only until the tenth anniversary of the date our 2021 Incentive Plan was adopted by our Board of Directors.

#### **Other Compensation**

We currently maintain broad-based benefits that are provided to all employees, including health insurance, life and disability insurance and dental insurance.

#### **401(k) Plan**

We maintain a 401(k) plan for employees. The 401(k) plan is intended to qualify under Section 401(k) of the Code, so that contributions to the 401(k) plan by employees or by us, and the investment earnings thereon, are not taxable to the employees until withdrawn from the 401(k) plan, and so that contributions by us, if any, will be deductible by us when made. Under the 401(k) plan, employees may elect to reduce their current compensation by up to the statutorily prescribed annual limit and to have the amount of such reduction contributed to the 401(k) plan. The 401(k) plan permits us to make contributions up to the limits allowed by law on behalf of all eligible employees.

#### **Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plans**

Our directors and executive officers may adopt written plans, known as Rule 10b5-1 plans, in which they will contract with a broker to buy or sell shares of our common stock on a periodic basis. Under a Rule 10b5-1 plan, a broker executes trades pursuant to parameters established by the director or officer when entering into the plan, without further direction from the director or officer. The director or officer may amend or terminate the plan in limited circumstances. Our directors and executive officers may also buy or sell additional shares of our common stock outside of a Rule 10b5-1 plan when they are not in possession of material, nonpublic information.

**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The following is a description of transactions since January 1, 2019, to which we have been a party, in which the amount involved exceeds the lesser of \$120,000 or 1% of the average of the Company's total assets at year end for the last two completed fiscal years, and in which any of our directors, executive officers or holders of more than five percent (5%) of our capital stock, or an affiliate or immediate family member thereof, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. We believe the terms obtained or consideration that we paid or received, as applicable, in connection with the transactions described below were comparable to terms available or the amounts that would be paid or received, as applicable, from unaffiliated third parties.

In connection with this offering, we plan to adopt a written policy, effective upon completion of this offering, that requires all future transactions between us and any director, executive officer, holder of five percent (5%) or more of any class of our capital stock or any member of the immediate family of, or entities affiliated with, any of them, or any other related persons (as defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K) or their affiliates, in which the amount involved is equal to or greater than \$120,000, be approved in advance by our audit committee. Any request for such a transaction must first be presented to our audit committee for review, consideration and approval. In approving or rejecting any such proposal, our audit committee is to consider the relevant facts and circumstances available and deemed relevant to the audit committee, including, but not limited to, the extent of the related party's interest in the transaction, and whether the transaction is on terms no less favorable to us than terms we could have generally obtained from an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances.

All of the transactions described below were entered into prior to the adoption of this written policy but each was approved by our board of directors. Prior to our board of directors' consideration of a transaction with a related person, the material facts as to the related person's relationship or interest in the transaction were disclosed to our board of directors, and the transaction was not approved by our board of directors unless a majority of the directors approved the transaction. Our current policy with respect to approval of related person transactions is not set forth in writing.

In connection with the Company entering into a \$225,000,000 term loan and security agreement on November 17, 2020 (the "Term Loan"), the Company paid a fee in the amount of \$1,000,000 to Kanders & Company, Inc. ("Kanders & Company"), in consideration of the significant support received by the Company from employees of Kanders & Company, including, without limitation: (i) assisting the Company in identifying, screening and contacting potential financing sources; (ii) evaluating proposals received from potential financing sources; (iii) advising the Company with respect to the form and structure of available financing arrangements; (iv) structuring and negotiating the Term Loan; and (v) assisting the Company's management in making presentations to our board of directors in connection with its approval of the Term Loan. Mr. Warren B. Kanders, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, is a member of the Board of Directors and sole stockholder of Kanders & Company.

On June 20, 2019, in connection with the Company's completion of the sale of all the issued and outstanding shares of Mustang, the Company paid a fee in the amount of \$450,000 to Kanders & Company, in consideration of the significant support received by the Company from the employees of Kanders & Company, including, without limitation: (i) assisting the Company with identifying, screening and contacting prospective purchasers for Mustang; (ii) preparing evaluation materials relating to a potential sale of Mustang; (iii) coordinating the materials and information to be made available to potential purchasers during their due diligence investigations of Mustang; (iv) assisting the Company in evaluating proposals received from potential purchasers of Mustang; (v) structuring and negotiating the terms of the Mustang sale; and (vi) assisting the Company's management in making presentations to our board of directors in connection with its approval of the Mustang sale.

In determining to engage Kanders & Company to provide the services described above, our board of directors considered Kanders & Company's extensive investment, capital raising, acquisition and operating expertise as well as the extensive knowledge and familiarity the employees of Kanders & Company have with respect to the Company and the industry in which it operates. Mr. Kanders was involved in negotiating the fees described above solely on behalf of Kanders & Company and not on behalf of the Company.



### **Director and Executive Officer Compensation**

Please see “Executive and Director Compensation — Director Compensation” for a discussion of options granted to our non-employee directors. Please see “Executive and Director Compensation — Equity Compensation” for additional information regarding compensation of executive officers.

### **Employment Agreements**

Prior to the completion of this offering, we intend to enter into employment agreements setting forth the terms and conditions of employment for each of our named executive officers.

### **Indemnification Agreements and Directors’ and Officers’ Liability Insurance**

We expect to adopt an amended and restated certificate of incorporation, which will become effective immediately prior to the completion of this offering, and which will contain provisions that limit the liability of our directors for monetary damages to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. Consequently, our directors will not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duties as directors, except liability for the following:

- any breach of their duty of loyalty to our company or our stockholders;
- any act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions as provided in Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law; or
- any transaction from which they derived an improper personal benefit.

Any amendment to, or repeal of, these provisions will not eliminate or reduce the effect of these provisions in respect of any act, omission or claim that occurred or arose prior to that amendment or repeal. If the Delaware General Corporation Law is amended to provide for further limitations on the personal liability of directors of corporations, then the personal liability of our directors will be further limited to the greatest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

In addition, we expect to adopt amended and restated bylaws, which will become effective immediately prior to the completion of this offering, and which will provide that we will indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that they are or were one of our directors or officers or is or was serving at our request as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. Our amended and restated bylaws are expected to provide that we may indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that they are or were one of our employees or agents or is or was serving at our request as an employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. Our amended and restated bylaws will also provide that we must advance expenses incurred by or on behalf of a director or officer in advance of the final disposition of any action or proceeding, subject to limited exceptions.

Further, we have entered into or will enter into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers that may be broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained in the Delaware General Corporation Law. These indemnification agreements require us, among other things, to indemnify our directors and executive officers against liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service. These indemnification agreements also require us to advance all expenses incurred by the directors and executive officers in investigating or defending any such action, suit or proceeding. We believe that these agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and executive officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions that are expected to be included in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, amended and restated bylaws and in indemnification agreements that we have entered into or will enter into with our directors and executive officers may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors and executive officers for breach of their fiduciary duties. They may also reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and

executive officers, even though an action, if successful, might benefit us and other stockholders. Further, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent that we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and executive officers as required by these indemnification provisions. At present, we are not aware of any pending litigation or proceeding involving any person who is or was one of our directors, officers, employees or other agents or is or was serving at our request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, for which indemnification is sought, and we are not aware of any threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification.

We have obtained insurance policies under which, subject to the limitations of the policies, coverage is provided to our directors and executive officers against loss arising from claims made by reason of breach of fiduciary duty or other wrongful acts as a director or executive officer, including claims relating to public securities matters, and to us with respect to payments that may be made by us to these directors and executive officers pursuant to our indemnification obligations or otherwise as a matter of law.

Certain of our non-employee directors may, through their relationships with their employers, be insured or indemnified against certain liabilities incurred in their capacity as members of our board of directors.

The underwriting agreement will provide for indemnification by the underwriters of us and our officers and directors for certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act or otherwise.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling our company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

## PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information relating to the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 by:

- each person, or group of affiliated persons, known by us to beneficially own more than five percent (5%) of our outstanding shares of common stock;
- each of our directors;
- each of our named executive officers; and
- all directors and executive officers as a group.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each entity, person, director or executive officer is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC, and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under such rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares over which the individual has sole or shared voting power or investment power as well as any shares that the individual has the right to acquire within 60 days of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 through the exercise of any stock option, warrants or other rights. Except as otherwise indicated, and subject to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock held by that person.

The percentage of shares beneficially owned is computed on the basis of shares of our common stock outstanding. As of March 31, 2021, 549,667 shares of our common stock were outstanding. Shares of our common stock that a person has the right to acquire within 60 days of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of the person holding such rights, but are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person, except with respect to the percentage ownership of all directors and executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise indicated below, the address for each director and named executive officer listed is Cadre Holdings, Inc., 13386 International Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida 32218.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Prior to Offering		After Offering	
	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Approximate Percentage of Outstanding Common Stock	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Approximate Percentage of Outstanding Common Stock
<b>Directors and Named Executive Officers:</b>				
Warren B. Kanders <sup>(1)</sup>	512,602	93.26%		
Nicholas Sokolow <sup>(2)</sup>	486,489	88.51%		
Hamish Norton	—	—		
William Quigley	—	—		
Brad Williams	—	—		
Blaine Browers	—	—		
<b>Directors and Named Executive Officers as a Group (6 Individuals)<sup>(3)</sup></b>				
	512,602	93.26%		
<b>Five Percent Holders:</b>				
Maui Holdings, LLC <sup>(4)</sup>	486,489	88.51%		

\* Less than one percent.

- (1) Includes 26,113 shares held by Warren B. Kanders Roth IRA, which shares may be deemed to be owned by Mr. Kanders, and 486,489 shares held by Maui Holdings, LLC, which shares may be deemed to be owned by Mr. Kanders. See note (4). Mr. Kanders disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported shares other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest he may have therein, directly or indirectly.
- (2) Includes 486,489 shares held by Maui Holdings, LLC, which shares may be deemed to be owned by Mr. Sokolow. See note (4). Mr. Sokolow disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported shares other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest he may have therein, directly or indirectly.

- (3) Includes 486,489 shares held by Maui Holdings, LLC, which shares may be deemed to be owned by Messrs. Kanders and Sokolow, and 26,113 shares held by Warren B. Kanders Roth IRA, which shares may be deemed to be owned by Mr. Kanders. Mr. Kanders disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Maui Holdings, LLC and Warren B. Kanders Roth IRA other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest he may have therein, directly or indirectly. Mr. Sokolow disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Maui Holdings, LLC other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest he may have therein, directly or indirectly.
- (4) Maui Holdings, LLC is the record holder of such shares. Mr. Kanders is a manager of Maui Holdings, LLC and Kanders SAF, LLC, an entity in which Mr. Kanders is the sole member, owns approximately 55.13% of the membership units of Maui Holdings, LLC, and, as such, may be deemed to have beneficial ownership with respect to the shares held by Maui Holdings, LLC. Mr. Sokolow is a manager of Maui Holdings, LLC and, as such, may be deemed to have beneficial ownership with respect to the shares held by Maui Holdings, LLC. Each of Messrs. Kanders and Sokolow disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Maui Holdings, LLC other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest they may have therein, directly or indirectly. The business address of Maui Holdings, LLC is 250 Royal Palm Way, Suite 201, Palm Beach, Florida 33480.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

### General

Upon the completion of this offering, our authorized capital stock will consist of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Series A Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and there will be \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding. As of \_\_\_\_\_, we had approximately \_\_\_\_\_ record holders of our capital stock.

The following description of our capital stock and provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws are summaries of material terms and provisions and are qualified by reference to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws. The descriptions of our common stock and preferred stock reflect amendments to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws that will become effective immediately prior to the completion of this offering. Because this is only a summary, it does not contain all the information that may be important to you. For a complete description of the matters set forth in this section titled “Description of Capital Stock,” you should refer to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, which are included as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, and to the applicable provisions of Delaware law.

### Common Stock

Upon the completion of this offering, we will be authorized to issue one class of common stock. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held of record for the election of directors and on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. Holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends ratably, if any, as may be declared by our board of directors out of legally available funds, subject to any preferential dividend rights of any convertible preferred stock then outstanding. Upon our dissolution, liquidation or winding up, holders of our common stock are entitled to share ratably in our net assets legally available after the payment of all our debts and other liabilities, subject to the preferential rights of any preferred stock then outstanding. Holders of our common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future. Except as described under “Anti-takeover Effects of Delaware Law and Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws” below, a majority vote of the holders of common stock is generally required to take action under our certificate of incorporation and bylaws.

### Series A Preferred Stock

We have previously authorized 2,500 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, having a par value of \$.001, and ranking senior to any and all other classes and series of capital stock of the Company with respect to dividend and liquidation rights. Holders of Series A Preferred Stock do not have any voting rights arising from ownership thereof.

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive dividends as required pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, or as otherwise declared by the Board of Directors. Dividends are cumulative and accrue on each share of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock at the rate of thirteen percent (13.0%) per annum on the Series A Stated Value (as defined below) for such share, regardless of whether such dividends have been declared. The “Series A Stated Value” per share of Series A Preferred Stock is equal to the sum of (i) \$10,000 (as appropriately adjusted for any stock splits, stock combinations, stock dividends or similar transactions affecting the number of outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock) (the “Initial Value”) plus (ii) any accrued dividends on such share that have not been paid in cash and that have compounded on a Quarterly Payment Date (as contemplated below). Of the aggregate dividends accruing at a rate of thirteen percent (13%) per annum, (i) dividends at the rate of 7% per annum on the Series A Stated Value are payable in cash quarterly on each of March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 (each a “Quarterly Payment Date”) to the extent there are funds legally available therefor and (ii) dividends at the rate of 6% per annum on the Series A Stated Value shall accumulate quarterly on each Quarterly Payment Date, whether or not declared. To the extent any accrued dividends are not paid in

cash on a Quarterly Payment Date, those accrued and unpaid dividends compound and are added to the Series A Stated Value for purposes of determining future accrued dividends. No dividends or distributions shall be paid on any other capital stock whatsoever (A) at any time when the Company is in default of any obligation to redeem any shares of Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to its Certificate of Incorporation, or (B) at any time that there are accrued and unpaid dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock unless the Company shall also declare and pay to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock at the same time that it declares and pays such dividends any other capital stockholders dividends equal to all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock.

Upon the occurrence of a Liquidity Event (as defined in the Certificate of Incorporation) the Company shall make all payments and distributions to Series A Preferred Stock as follows:

- (a) First, to each holder of Series A Preferred Stock, with respect to each share of Series A Preferred Stock held thereby equal to the Initial Value.
- (b) Second, each holder of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company an amount with respect to each share of Series A Preferred Stock held thereby equal to any accrued but unpaid dividends thereon, whether or not declared.
- (c) After the Company has made the full payment or distribution provided for in (a) and (b) above, the shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be cancelled and subsequent payments and distributions shall be paid to the holders of other capital stock of the Company, pursuant to the terms thereof.

It is possible that the Company will from time-to-time institute and/or maintain protective provisions for the benefit of owners of Series A Preferred Stock that prohibit certain major corporate actions without the vote or written consent of a certain number of owners of Series A Preferred Stock. This may materially affect your investment and/or the ability of the Company to take major corporate actions. Furthermore, the Company may be required, or elect to, redeem some or all of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock at a particular time, on terms as more particularly provided in the Certificate of Incorporation.

See also “Anti-takeover Effects of Delaware Law and Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws — Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws — Series A Preferred Stock” below.

Our board of directors will make any determination to issue such shares based on its judgment as to our company’s best interests and the best interests of our stockholders. Upon the completion of this offering, we will have no shares of preferred stock outstanding and we have no current plans to issue any shares of preferred stock following completion of this offering.

#### **Anti-takeover Effects of Delaware Law, Our Certificate of Incorporation and Our Bylaws**

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws that will take effect in connection with the closing of this offering include a number of provisions that may have the effect of encouraging persons considering unsolicited tender offers or other unilateral takeover proposals to negotiate with our board of directors rather than pursue non-negotiated takeover attempts. These provisions include the items described below.

#### ***Board Composition and Filling Vacancies***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws will authorize only our board of directors to fill vacant directorships, including newly created seats. In addition, the number of directors constituting our board of directors will be permitted to be set only by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of our entire board of directors. These provisions would prevent a stockholder from increasing the size of our board of directors and then gaining control of our board of directors by filling the resulting vacancies with its own nominees. This will make it more difficult to change the composition of our board of directors and will promote continuity of management

#### ***Written Consent of Stockholders***

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that our stockholders may not take action by written consent but may only take action at annual or special meetings of our stockholders. As a

result, a holder controlling a majority of our capital stock would not be able to amend our amended and restated bylaws or remove directors without holding a meeting of our stockholders called in accordance with our amended and restated bylaws.

#### ***Meetings of Stockholders***

Our amended and restated bylaws will further provide that special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by a majority of our board of directors, the chairperson of our board of directors, our Chief Executive Officer or our President, thus prohibiting a stockholder from calling a special meeting. These provisions might delay the ability of our stockholders to force consideration of a proposal or for stockholders controlling a majority of our capital stock to take any action, including the removal of directors.

#### ***Advance Notice Requirements***

Our amended and restated bylaws will provide advance notice procedures for stockholders seeking to bring business before our annual meeting of stockholders or to nominate candidates for election as directors at our annual meeting of stockholders. Our amended and restated bylaws will also specify certain requirements regarding the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These provisions might preclude our stockholders from bringing matters before our annual meeting of stockholders or from making nominations for directors at our annual meeting of stockholders if the proper procedures are not followed. We expect that these provisions may also discourage or deter a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect the acquirer's own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to obtain control of our Company.

#### ***Amendment to Bylaws and Certificate of Incorporation***

Amendments to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will require the approval of the holders of at least% of our then outstanding capital stock. Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that the approval of stockholders holding at least% of our then outstanding capital stock is required for stockholders to amend or adopt any provision of our bylaws.

#### ***Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law***

Upon completion of this offering, we will be subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, Section 203 prohibits a publicly-held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a three-year period following the time that this stockholder becomes an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A "business combination" includes, among other things, a merger, asset or stock sale or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. An "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or did own within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status, 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock.

Under Section 203, a business combination between a corporation and an interested stockholder is prohibited unless it satisfies one of the following conditions:

- before the stockholder became interested, the board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding, shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers, and employee stock plans, in some instances; or
- at or after the time the stockholder became interested, the business combination was approved by the board of directors of the corporation and authorized at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

A Delaware corporation may "opt out" of these provisions with an express provision in its original certificate of incorporation or an express provision in its certificate of incorporation or bylaws resulting

from a stockholders' amendment approved by at least a majority of the outstanding voting shares. We have not opted out of these provisions. As a result, mergers or other takeover or change in control attempts of us may be discouraged or prevented.

***Exclusive Jurisdiction of Certain Actions***

Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (a) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (b) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers, or other employees to us or our stockholders, (c) any action asserting a claim against the company or any director or officer of the company arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law, (d) any action to interpret, apply, enforce, or determine the validity of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or amended and restated bylaws, or (e) any other action asserting a claim that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine or any action asserting an "internal corporate claim" as that term is defined in Section 115 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, shall be the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or other state courts of the State of Delaware if the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware does not have jurisdiction or the federal district court for the District of Delaware if no state court in the State of Delaware has jurisdiction). Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that this choice of forum does not apply to any complaint asserting a cause of action under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. Finally, our amended and restated bylaws will provide that the federal district courts of the United States of America will be the sole and exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. Although we believe this provision benefits us by providing increased consistency in the application of Delaware law in the types of lawsuits to which it applies, a court may determine that this provision is unenforceable, and to the extent it is enforceable, the provision may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors and officers, although our stockholders cannot waive our compliance with federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that the exclusive forum provision will be applicable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. As a result, the exclusive forum provision will not apply to suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

**NYSE Listing**

We have submitted an application to list our common stock on NYSE under the trading symbol "CDRE."

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock will be



## SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. Future sales of our common stock, including shares issued upon the exercise of outstanding options or warrants, in the public market after this offering, or the perception that those sales may occur, could cause the prevailing market price for our common stock to fall or impair our ability to raise equity capital in the future. As described below, only a limited number of shares of our common stock will be available for sale in the public market for a period of several months after completion of this offering due to contractual and legal restrictions on resale described below. Future sales of our common stock in the public market either before (to the extent permitted) or after restrictions lapse, or the perception that those sales may occur, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock at such time and our ability to raise equity capital at a time and price we deem appropriate.

### Sale of Restricted Shares

#### Lock-up Agreements

We and each of our directors, our executive officers and holders of a substantial majority of all of our capital stock and securities convertible into our capital stock have entered or will enter into lock-up agreements with the underwriters prior to the commencement of this offering pursuant to which each of these persons or entities, with limited exceptions, for a period of 180 days after the date of this prospectus, may not, without the prior written consent of Stifel, (i) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of our common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common stock (including, without limitation, common stock or such other securities which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by such directors, executive officers and stockholders in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC and securities which may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant) or (ii) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the common stock or such other securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or (iii) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any shares of our common stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common stock.

In addition, our executive officers, directors and holders of a substantial majority of all of our capital stock and securities convertible into or exchangeable for our capital stock have entered into market standoff agreements with us under which they have agreed that, subject to certain exceptions, for a period of 180 days after the date of this prospectus, they will not, without our prior written consent, dispose of or hedge any shares or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of our common stock.

#### Rule 144

In general, under Rule 144, as currently in effect, once we have been subject to the public company reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, for at least 90 days, a person (or persons whose shares are required to be aggregated) who is not deemed to have been one of our "affiliates" for purposes of Rule 144 at any time during the three months preceding a sale, and who has beneficially owned restricted securities within the meaning of Rule 144 for at least six months, including the holding period of any prior owner other than one of our "affiliates," is entitled to sell those shares in the public market (subject to the lock-up agreement referred to above, if applicable) without complying with the manner of sale, volume limitations or notice provisions of Rule 144, but subject to compliance with the public information requirements of Rule 144. If such a person has beneficially owned the sales proposed to be sold for at least one year, including the holding period of any prior owner other than "affiliates," then such person is entitled to sell such shares in the public market without complying with any of the requirements of Rule 144 (subject to the lock-up agreement referred to above, if applicable). In general, under Rule 144, as currently in effect, once we have been subject to the public company reporting requirements of the Exchange Act for at least 90 days, our "affiliates," as defined in Rule 144, who have beneficially owned the shares proposed to be sold for at least six months are entitled to sell in the public market, upon expiration of any applicable lock-up agreements and within any three-month period, a number of those shares of our common stock that does not exceed the greater of:

- one percent (1%) of the number of common shares then outstanding, which will equal approximately shares of common stock immediately after this offering (calculated on the basis of the number of shares of our common stock outstanding as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, the assumptions described above and assuming no exercise of the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares and no exercise of outstanding options or warrants); or
- the average weekly trading volume of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to such sale.

Such sales under Rule 144 by our "affiliates" or persons selling shares on behalf of our "affiliates" are also subject to certain manner of sale provisions, notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about us. Notwithstanding the availability of Rule 144, the holders of substantially all of our restricted securities have entered into lock-up agreements as referenced above and their restricted securities will become eligible for sale (subject to the above limitations under Rule 144) upon the expiration of the restrictions set forth in those agreements.

#### **Rule 701**

In general, under Rule 701 as currently in effect, any of our employees, directors, officers, consultants or advisors who acquired common stock from us in connection with a written compensatory stock or option plan or other written agreement in compliance with Rule 701 under the Securities Act before the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part (to the extent such common stock is not subject to a lock-up agreement) is entitled to rely on Rule 701 to resell such shares beginning 90 days after we become subject to the public company reporting requirements of the Exchange Act in reliance on Rule 144, but without compliance with the holding period requirements contained in Rule 144. Accordingly, subject to any applicable lock-up agreements, beginning 90 days after we become subject to the public company reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, under Rule 701 persons who are not our "affiliates," as defined in Rule 144, may resell those shares without complying with the minimum holding period or public information requirements of Rule 144, and persons who are our "affiliates" may resell those shares without compliance with Rule 144's minimum holding period requirements (subject to the terms of the lock-up agreement referred to below, if applicable).

#### **Equity Incentive Plans**

We intend to file with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act covering the shares of common stock that we may issue upon exercise of outstanding options reserved for issuance under the 2021 Incentive Plan. Such registration statement is expected to be filed and become effective as soon as practicable after the completion of this offering. Accordingly, shares registered under such registration statement will be available for sale in the open market following its effective date, subject to Rule 144 volume limitations and the lockup agreements described above, if applicable.

### MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below) of the purchase, ownership, and disposition of our common stock to be issued pursuant to this offering, but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all the potential tax considerations relating thereto. This discussion is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, administrative rulings and judicial decisions, all as of the date hereof. These authorities may be changed or subject to differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect, so as to result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those set forth below. We have not sought and will not seek any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”), with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in the following discussion, and there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court will agree with such statements and conclusions.

This discussion does not address any U.S. state, local or non-U.S. tax considerations, the Medicare tax on net investment income or any alternative minimum tax consequences. In addition, this discussion does not address tax considerations applicable to a Non-U.S. Holder’s particular circumstances or to a Non-U.S. Holder that may be subject to special tax rules, including, without limitation:

- banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions;
- tax-exempt or government organizations;
- dealers in securities or currencies;
- traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities holdings;
- persons that own, or are deemed to own, more than five percent of our capital stock;
- certain former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- persons who hold our common stock as a position in a hedging transaction, “straddle,” “conversion transaction” or other risk reduction transaction;
- persons who do not hold our common stock as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (generally, for investment purposes);
- persons deemed to sell our common stock under the constructive sale provisions of the Code;
- pension plans;
- partnerships, or other entities or arrangements treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or investors in any such entities;
- persons for whom our stock constitutes “qualified small business stock” within the meaning of Section 1202 of the Code;
- integral parts or controlled entities of foreign sovereigns;
- tax-qualified retirement plans;
- controlled foreign corporations;
- passive foreign investment companies and corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax; or
- persons that acquire our common stock as compensation for services.

If a partnership, including any entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will depend on the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership, and certain determinations made at the partner level. Accordingly, partnerships that hold our common stock and partners in such partnerships, should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to them of the purchase, ownership, and disposition of our common stock.

You are urged to consult your tax advisor with respect to the application of the U.S. federal income tax laws to your particular situation, as well as any tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock arising under the U.S. federal estate or gift tax rules, any U.S. state, local or non-U.S. tax laws, or the application of any applicable tax treaty.

### Definition of a Non-U.S. Holder

For purposes of this discussion, a “Non-U.S. Holder” is any beneficial owner of our common stock that is not a “U.S. person,” a partnership, or an entity disregarded from its owner, each for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A U.S. person is any person that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is or is treated as any of the following:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source; or
- a trust that (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and the control of one or more U.S. persons (within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code), or (2) has a valid election in effect to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

### Distributions

If we make distributions on our common stock, those payments will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. To the extent those distributions exceed both our current and our accumulated earnings and profits, they will constitute a return of capital and will first reduce a Non-U.S. Holder’s basis in our common stock, but not below zero. Any excess will be treated in the same manner as gain from the sale or disposition of our common stock and will be treated as described below under “Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Common Stock.”

Subject to the discussion below on effectively connected income, any dividend paid to a Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. withholding tax either at a rate of 30% of the gross amount of the dividend or such lower rate as may be provided by an applicable income tax treaty. In order to claim a reduced treaty rate, a Non-U.S. Holder must provide the applicable withholding agent with a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable documentation) certifying its qualification for the reduced rate of withholding tax under an applicable income tax treaty. Such documentation must be provided to the applicable withholding agent prior to the payment of dividends and must be updated periodically. A Non-U.S. Holder that does not timely furnish the required documentation, but that qualifies for a reduced treaty rate, may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding their entitlement to benefits under any applicable income tax treaty.

Dividends paid to a Non-U.S. Holder that are effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder’s conduct of a U.S. trade or business within the United States (and, if an applicable income tax treaty so provides, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States) generally are exempt from the withholding tax described above. In order to obtain this exemption, the Non-U.S. Holder must provide the applicable withholding agent with a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI or other applicable IRS Form W-8 (or a successor form) certifying that the dividends are effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder’s conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Such effectively connected dividends, although not subject to withholding tax, are taxed at the same U.S. federal income tax rates applicable to U.S. persons, net of certain deductions and credits, subject to an applicable income tax treaty providing otherwise. In addition, a Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation may be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as may be provided by an applicable income tax treaty) on its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year that are attributable to such dividends.

If you are eligible for a reduced rate of withholding tax pursuant to a tax treaty, you may be able to obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld if you timely file an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS.

### Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Common Stock

Subject to the discussion below regarding backup withholding and FATCA, a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of our common stock unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if an income tax treaty so provides, the gain is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the U.S.), in which case the Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the gain derived from the sale at regular U.S. federal income tax rates applicable to U.S. persons; furthermore, a Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation may also be subject to the branch profits tax at a 30% rate (or such lower rate as may be provided by an applicable income tax treaty) on such effectively connected gain, as adjusted for certain items;
- the Non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the calendar year in which the sale or disposition occurs and certain other conditions are met, in which case such Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate provided by an applicable income tax treaty), which may be offset by U.S. source capital losses (even though the Non-U.S. Holder is not considered a resident of the United States) provided the Non-U.S. Holder has timely filed U.S. federal income tax returns with respect to such losses; or
- our common stock constitutes a U.S. real property interest by reason of our status as a "U.S. real property holding corporation", or USRPHC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We believe we are not currently and do not anticipate becoming a USRPHC. However, because the determination of whether we are a USRPHC depends on the fair market value of our U.S. real property interests relative to the fair market value of our other business assets and our non-U.S. real property interests, there can be no assurance that we will not become a USRPHC in the future. Even if we are or become a USRPHC, gain arising from the sale or other taxable disposition by a Non-U.S. Holder of our common stock will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax as long as our common stock is "regularly traded," as defined by applicable Treasury regulations, on an established securities market and such Non-U.S. Holder does not, actually or constructively, hold more than five percent of our common stock at any time during the applicable period that is specified in the Code. If the foregoing exception does not apply, then if we are or were to become a USRPHC a purchaser may be required to withhold 15% of the amount realized by a Non-U.S. Holder from a sale or disposition of our common stock and such Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the gain derived from such sale or disposition at U.S. federal income tax rates applicable to U.S. persons.

#### **Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

Generally, we must file information returns annually to the IRS in connection with any dividends on our common stock paid to a Non-U.S. Holder, regardless of whether any tax was actually withheld. A similar report will be sent to the Non-U.S. Holder. Pursuant to applicable income tax treaties or other agreements, the IRS may make these reports available to tax authorities in the Non-U.S. Holder's country of residence.

Payments of dividends or of proceeds on the disposition of stock made to a Non-U.S. Holder may be subject to additional information reporting and backup withholding at a current rate of 24% unless such Non-U.S. Holder establishes an exemption, for example by properly certifying its non-U.S. status on an IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, IRS Form W-8ECI, or another appropriate version of IRS Form W-8 (or a successor form). Notwithstanding the foregoing, backup withholding and information reporting may apply if either we or our paying agent has actual knowledge, or reason to know, that a holder is a U.S. person.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax; rather, the U.S. income tax liability of persons subject to backup withholding will be reduced by the amount of tax withheld. If withholding results in an overpayment of taxes, a refund or credit may generally be obtained from the IRS, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner.

#### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")**

Sections 1441 through 1446 of the Code, commonly known as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), may impose withholding tax on certain types of payments made to foreign financial institutions and certain other non-U.S. entities. The legislation imposes a 30% withholding tax on dividends on, or gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, our common stock paid to a "foreign financial institution" or to certain "non-financial foreign entities" (each as defined in the Code), unless (i) the foreign

financial institution undertakes certain diligence and reporting obligations, (ii) the non-financial foreign entity either certifies it does not have any “substantial United States owners” (as defined in the Code) or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial United States owner, or (iii) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules. If the payee is a foreign financial institution and is subject to the diligence and reporting requirements in (i) above, it must enter into an agreement with the United States Department of the Treasury (the “Treasury”) requiring, among other things, that it undertake to identify accounts held by “specified United States persons” or “United States-owned foreign entities” (each as defined in the Code), annually report certain information about such accounts, and withhold 30% on payments to account holders whose actions prevent it from complying with these reporting and other requirements. If the country in which a payee is resident has entered into an “intergovernmental agreement” with the United States regarding FATCA, that agreement may permit the payee to report to that country rather than to the Treasury.

Under the applicable Treasury regulations and administrative guidance, withholding under FATCA generally applies to payments of dividends (including deemed dividends) paid on our common stock. While withholding under FATCA would have applied also to payments of gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of our common stock on or after January 1, 2019, recently proposed Treasury regulations eliminate FATCA withholding on payments of gross proceeds entirely. Taxpayers generally may rely on these proposed Treasury Regulations until final Treasury Regulations are issued. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding FATCA.

**The preceding discussion of U.S. federal tax considerations is for general information only. It is not tax advice. Each prospective investor should consult its tax advisor regarding the particular U.S. federal, state and local and non-U.S. tax consequences of purchasing, holding and disposing of our common stock, including the consequences of any proposed change in applicable laws.**

## UNDERWRITING

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated is acting as representative of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement, each of the underwriters named below has severally agreed to purchase from us the aggregate number of shares of common stock shown opposite their respective names below:

Name	Number of Shares
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated	
Total:	

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters are subject to various conditions, including approval of legal matters by counsel. The nature of the underwriters' obligations commits them to purchase and pay for all of the shares of common stock listed above if any are purchased. The underwriters have reserved the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

### Option to Purchase Additional Shares of Common Stock

We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional shares of common stock from us at the initial public offering price, less the underwriting discount and commissions, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus. If the underwriters exercise their option in whole or in part, each of the underwriters will be separately committed, subject to the conditions described in the underwriting agreement, to purchase the additional shares of our common stock in proportion to their respective commitments set forth in the table above.

### Determination of Offering Price

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. The initial public offering price has been determined through negotiations between us and the representative. In addition to prevailing conditions in the equity securities markets, including market valuations of publicly traded companies considered comparable to our company, the factors considered in determining the initial public offering price included:

- our results of operations;
- our current financial condition;
- our future prospects;
- our management;
- the economic conditions in and future prospects for the industry in which we compete; and
- other factors we and the representative deem relevant.

We cannot assure you that an active or orderly trading market will develop for our common stock or that our common stock will trade in the public markets subsequent to this offering at or above the initial public offering price.

### Commissions and Discounts

The underwriters will offer the shares directly to the public at the initial public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, and at this price less a concession not in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share of common stock to other dealers. After this offering, the offering price, concessions and other selling terms may be changed by the underwriters. The underwriters may allow, and certain dealers may re-allow, a discount from the concession not in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share of common stock to certain brokers and dealers. Our shares of common stock will be offered subject to receipt and acceptance by the underwriters and to the other conditions, including the right to reject orders in whole or in part.

The following table summarizes the compensation to be paid to the underwriters and the proceeds, before expenses, payable to us:

	<u>No Exercise</u>	<u>Full Exercise</u>
Per Share	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

We estimate that our total expenses in connection with this offering, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$ . We have also agreed to reimburse the underwriters up to \$ for certain of their fees and expenses relating to the offering.

#### **Indemnification of Underwriters**

We will indemnify the underwriters against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act and liabilities arising from breaches of our representations and warranties contained in the underwriting agreement. If we are unable to provide this indemnification, we will contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities. We have also agreed to indemnify the underwriters for losses if the shares (other than those purchased pursuant to the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares) are not delivered to the underwriters' accounts on the initial settlement date.

#### **No Sales of Similar Securities**

We, our directors, executive officers and each holder of 5% or greater of our common stock have entered into lock-up agreements with the representative prior to the commencement of this offering pursuant to which each of these persons or entities, for a period of 180 days after the date of this prospectus, may not offer, sell, contract to sell (including any short sale), pledge, hypothecate, establish an open "put equivalent position" within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(h) under the Exchange Act, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, purchase any option or contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase or otherwise encumber, dispose of or transfer, grant any rights with respect to, directly or indirectly, any shares of common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of common stock, enter into a transaction which would have the same effect or other arrangement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the common stock, whether such aforementioned transaction is to be settled by delivery of the common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or publicly disclose the intention to make any such offer, sale, pledge or disposition, or to enter into any such transaction, swap hedge or other arrangement, subject to specified exceptions. These restrictions shall also apply to any common stock received upon exercise of options granted to or warrants owned by each of the persons or entities described in the immediately preceding sentence. These restrictions will not apply to us with respect to issuances of common stock or securities exercisable for, convertible into or exchangeable for common stock in connection with any acquisition, collaboration, merger, licensing or other joint venture or strategic transaction involving our company, subject to certain limitations.

The representative may release any of the securities subject to these lock-up agreements which, in the case of officers and directors, shall be with notice.

#### **Listing**

We intend to apply to list our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CDRE".

#### **Short Sales, Stabilizing Transactions and Penalty Bids**

In order to facilitate this offering, persons participating in this offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the shares during and after this offering. Specifically, the underwriters may engage in the following activities in accordance with the rules of the SEC.

#### **Short Sales**

Short sales involve the sales by the underwriters of a greater number of shares of common stock than they are required to purchase in the offering. Covered short sales are short sales made in an amount not



greater than the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of common stock. The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of our common stock available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase the shares through their option.

Naked short sales are any short sales in excess of such option to purchase additional shares of common stock. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares of our common stock in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering.

#### **Stabilizing Transactions**

The underwriters may make bids for or purchases of shares of our common stock for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of our common stock, so long as stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

#### **Penalty Bids**

If the underwriters purchase shares of our common stock in the open market in a stabilizing transaction or syndicate covering transaction, they may reclaim a selling concession from the underwriters and selling group members who sold those shares as part of this offering. Stabilization and syndicate covering transactions may cause the price of our common stock to be higher than it would be in the absence of these transactions. The imposition of a penalty bid might also have an effect on the price of the shares if it discourages resales of the shares.

The transactions above may occur on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise. Neither we nor the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. If such transactions are commenced, they may be discontinued without notice at any time.

#### **Discretionary Sales**

The underwriters have informed us that they do not expect to confirm sales of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus to accounts over which they exercise discretionary authority without obtaining the specific approval of the account holder.

#### **Electronic Distribution**

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the Internet or through other online services maintained by one or more of the underwriters participating in this offering, or by their affiliates. Other than the prospectus in electronic format, the information on any underwriter's website and any information contained in any other website maintained by an underwriter is not part of the prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, has not been approved or endorsed by us or any underwriter in its capacity as underwriter and should not be relied upon by investors.

#### **Relationships**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have in the past provided, and may in the future from time to time provide, investment banking and other financing and banking services to us, for which they have in the past received, and may in the future receive, customary fees and reimbursement for their expenses. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and

financial instruments, including bank loans, for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve our securities and instruments.

#### **Directed Share Program**

At our request, the underwriters have reserved up to \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock (“Reserved Shares”) to be offered by this prospectus for sale, at the initial public offering price, to business associates, directors, employees and friends and family members of our employees. Except for directors and executive officers who have entered into lock-up agreements as contemplated above, if purchased by these persons, these shares will be not subject to a 180-day lock-up restriction. We will offer these shares to the extent permitted under applicable regulations in the United States and applicable jurisdictions through a directed share program. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated will administer the directed share program for our directors, friends and family members of such persons, and certain business associates. The number of shares of common stock available for sale to the general public in this offering will be reduced to the extent these persons purchase Reserved Shares. Any Reserved Shares not purchased will be offered by the underwriters to the general public on the same terms as the other shares offered by this prospectus.

#### **Disclaimers About Non-U.S. Jurisdictions**

##### *Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area and United Kingdom*

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area and the United Kingdom (each a “Relevant State”), no shares of our common stock have been offered or will be offered pursuant to this offering to the public in that Relevant State prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the shares of our common stock which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation, except that offers of shares of our common stock may be made to the public in that Relevant State at any time under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Regulation:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined under the Prospectus Regulation;
- (b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined under the Prospectus Regulation), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the underwriters; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation,

provided that no such offer of shares of our common stock shall require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation and each person who initially acquires any shares of our common stock or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed to and with each of the underwriters and the company that it is a “qualified investor” within the meaning of Article 2(e) of the Prospectus Regulation. In the case of any shares of our common stock being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in the Prospectus Regulation, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the shares of our common stock acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of any shares of our common stock to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant State to qualified investors as so defined or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the underwriters have been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “offer to the public” in relation to shares of our common stock in any Relevant State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and any shares of our common stock to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for any shares of our common stock, and the expression “Prospectus Regulation” means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom***

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are “qualified investors” (as defined in the Prospectus Regulation) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the “Order”) and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as “relevant persons”) or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public of our common stock in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on the information included in this document or use it as basis for taking any action. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity that this document relates to may be made or taken exclusively by relevant persons.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Canada***

Our common stock may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions or subsection 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the shares of our common stock must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser’s province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser’s province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 of National Instrument 33-105 Underwriting Conflicts (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong***

The shares of our common stock have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (a) to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “SFO”) of Hong Kong and any rules made thereunder; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong (the “CO”) or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the CO. No advertisement, invitation or document relating to the our common stock has been or may be issued or has been or may be in the possession of any person for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares of our common stock which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the SFO and any rules made thereunder.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore***

Each underwriter has acknowledged that this prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, each underwriter has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold any shares of our common stock or caused the shares of our common stock to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any shares of our common stock or cause the shares of our common stock to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or

purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares of our common stock, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than:

- (a) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289) of Singapore, as modified or amended from time to time (the “SFA”)) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA;
- (b) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA; or
- (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the shares of our common stock are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor, securities or securities-based derivatives contracts (each term as defined in Section 2(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries’ rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares of our common stock pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:
  - (i) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
  - (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
  - (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law;
  - (iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
  - (v) as specified in Regulation 37A of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Securities and Securities-based Derivatives Contracts) Regulations 2018.

***Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan***

The shares of our common stock have not been and will not be registered pursuant to Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. Accordingly, none of the shares of our common stock nor any interest therein may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any “resident” of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to or for the benefit of a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan in effect at the relevant time.

**VALIDITY OF THE SECURITIES**

The validity of the issuance of our common stock offered in this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Kane Kessler, P.C., New York, NY and for the underwriters by Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, New York, NY.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Cadre Holdings, Inc. as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2020, have been included herein and in the

registration statement in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1, including exhibits and schedules, under the Securities Act that registers the shares of our common stock to be sold in this offering. This prospectus does not contain all the information contained in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules filed as part of the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and our common stock, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules filed as part of the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete. If a contract or document has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, we refer you to the copies of the contract or document that has been filed. Each statement in this prospectus relating to a contract or document filed as an exhibit is qualified in all respects by the filed exhibit. The SEC maintains an internet website that contains reports and other information about issuers, like us, that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

On the closing of this offering, we will be subject to the information reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, and we will file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These reports, proxy statements and other information will be available for inspection without charge on the website of the SEC referred to above.

Our website address is [www.cadre-holdings.com](http://www.cadre-holdings.com). The information contained in, and that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated into and is not part of this prospectus.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors  
Cadre Holdings, Inc.:

*Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements*

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Cadre Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), shareholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2020, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

*Basis for Opinion*

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

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ KPMG LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2014.

Jacksonville, Florida  
May 7, 2021

**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
**As of December 31, 2020 and 2019**  
*(In thousands, except for share and per share amounts)*

	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,873	\$ 2,520
Accounts receivable, net	43,646	55,568
Inventories	60,923	62,126
Prepaid expenses	6,665	7,333
Other current assets	3,362	9,150
Assets held for sale	—	6,168
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>117,469</u>	<u>142,865</u>
Property and equipment, net	35,437	36,048
Deferred tax assets, net	12,900	1,900
Intangible assets, net	51,009	59,955
Goodwill	66,314	66,180
Other assets	150	385
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$283,279</u>	<u>\$307,333</u>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 21,978	\$ 25,695
Accrued liabilities	36,004	32,206
Income tax payable	1,005	678
Current portion of long-term debt	3,496	4,328
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>62,483</u>	<u>62,907</u>
Long-term debt	209,310	270,313
Deferred tax liabilities	2,085	3,333
Other liabilities	550	802
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>274,428</u>	<u>337,355</u>
<b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)</b>		
Mezzanine equity		
Preferred stock (\$0.001 par value, 10,000 shares authorized, 0 issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2020 and 2019)	—	—
Shareholders' equity (deficit)		
Common stock (\$0.01 par value, 990,000 shares authorized, 549,667 issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2020 and 2019)	5	5
Additional paid-in capital	48,668	48,668
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,860)	(3,280)
Accumulated deficit	(36,962)	(75,415)
<b>Total shareholders' equity (deficit)</b>	<u>8,851</u>	<u>(30,022)</u>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity (deficit)</b>	<u>\$283,279</u>	<u>\$307,333</u>

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



**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**  
*(In thousands, except for share and per share amounts)*

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net sales	\$404,642	\$420,736
Cost of goods sold	251,704	274,699
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>152,938</b>	<b>146,037</b>
Operating expenses		
Selling, general and administrative	106,627	124,270
Restructuring and transaction costs	5,822	918
Related party expense	1,635	1,096
Other general income	(10,950)	(7,630)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>103,134</b>	<b>118,654</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>49,804</b>	<b>27,383</b>
Other income (expense)		
Interest expense	(24,388)	(29,848)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(200)	—
Other income, net	2,659	395
<b>Total other expense, net</b>	<b>(21,929)</b>	<b>(29,453)</b>
Income (loss) before benefit for income taxes	27,875	(2,070)
Benefit for income taxes	10,578	142
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 38,453</b>	<b>\$ (1,928)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 69.96	\$ (3.52)
Diluted	\$ 69.96	\$ (3.52)
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding:</b>		
Basic	549,667	548,042
Diluted	549,667	548,042
Net income (loss)	\$ 38,453	\$ (1,928)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments arising during the period	420	1,883
<b>Comprehensive income (loss), net of tax</b>	<b>\$ 38,873</b>	<b>\$ (45)</b>

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

**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**  
*(In thousands)*

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ 38,453	\$ (1,928)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	14,733	15,443
Amortization of original issue discount and debt issue costs	2,216	1,340
Loss on extinguishment of debt	200	—
Non cash consideration received from sale of business	(9,197)	(5,175)
Deferred income taxes	(12,248)	(817)
Impairment	—	7,585
(Gain) loss on sale of fixed assets	(6,240)	428
Gain on sale of business	—	(3,019)
Gain on settlement of contingent consideration	(1,427)	—
Loss on settlement of equity securities	2,288	—
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	177	2,651
Foreign exchange gain	(940)	(1,859)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	11,811	8,663
Inventories	1,639	5,716
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,837	(1,918)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	2,117	(19,696)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>45,419</u>	<u>7,414</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(4,708)	(3,082)
Proceeds from disposition of property and equipment	12,408	70
Proceeds from sale of equity securities	14,372	2,531
Payments on settlement of equity securities	(2,288)	—
Proceeds from sale of business	—	26,853
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<u>19,784</u>	<u>26,372</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from revolving credit facility	382,056	383,516
Principal payments on revolving credit facility	(384,215)	(406,381)
Proceeds from term loan	219,586	—
Principal payments on term loan	(276,444)	(9,357)
Proceeds from insurance premium financing	2,733	2,484
Principal payments on insurance premium financing	(2,897)	(2,437)
Payment of capital leases	(43)	(242)
Payment of contingent consideration	(240)	—
Payment of debt modification costs	(5,438)	—
<b>Net cash used in by financing activities</b>	<u>(64,902)</u>	<u>(32,417)</u>
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	52	(139)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>353</u>	<u>1,230</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>1,290</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<u>2,873</u>	<u>2,520</u>

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

**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019**  
*(In thousands, except for share amounts)*

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Accumulated Deficit	Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount				
Balance, December 31, 2018	547,394	\$ 5	\$ 48,668	\$ (5,163)	\$ (73,487)	\$ (29,977)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(1,928)	(1,928)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	732	—	732
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	1,151	—	1,151
Exercise of warrants	2,273	—	—	—	—	—
Balance, December 31, 2019	549,667	5	48,668	(3,280)	(75,415)	(30,022)
Net income	—	—	—	—	38,453	38,453
Foreign currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	420	—	420
Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>549,667</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>48,668</u>	<u>(2,860)</u>	<u>(36,962)</u>	<u>8,851</u>

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

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**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Nature of Operations and Basis of Presentation*

Cadre Holdings, Inc., D/B/A The Safariland Group (the “Company”, “Cadre”, “we”, “us”, and “our”), a Delaware corporation, began operations on April 23, 2012. The Company, headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, is a global leader in manufacturing and distributing safety and survivability products and other related products for the law enforcement, first responder and military markets. The business operates through 15 manufacturing plants within the U.S., Mexico, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Lithuania, and sells its products worldwide through its direct sales force, distribution channel and distribution partners, online stores, and third-party resellers.

On June 20, 2019, the Company sold Mustang Survival Holdings Corporation and its subsidiaries (“Mustang”), a wholly owned subsidiary that forms the Company’s Marine Safety and Climate Protection Business. See Note 4, *Dispositions and Assets Held For Sale*, for additional information.

*Principles of Consolidation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP” or “U.S. GAAP”) and include the accounts of Cadre Holdings, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Emerging Growth Company*

We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the “JOBS Act”). As such, we are eligible for exemptions from various reporting requirements applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including, but not limited to, presenting only two years of audited financial statements, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation, and an exemption from the requirements to obtain a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation or golden parachute arrangements.

In addition, an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This provision allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have elected to avail ourselves of this provision of the JOBS Act. As a result, we will not be subject to new or revised accounting standards at the same time as other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. Therefore, our consolidated financial statements may not be comparable to those of companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

*Fair Value Measurements*

The Company follows the guidance of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair

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value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance also establishes the following three-level hierarchy based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability on the measurement date:

Level 1: Observable inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities traded in active markets.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect assumptions about what market participants would use in pricing assets or liabilities based on the best information available.

The Company's financial instruments consist principally of cash, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, other current assets, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, income tax payable and debt. The carrying amounts of certain of these financial instruments, including cash, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, other current assets, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and income tax payable approximate their current fair value due to the relatively short-term nature of these accounts.

Refer to Note 6, *Fair Value Measurements*, for disclosure of the fair value of debt and contingent consideration and further information on the fair value of the Company's financial instruments.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Included in cash and cash equivalents are deposits with banks, cash on hand in stores, and amounts due from credit card transactions. We have no restrictions on our cash and cash equivalents.

***Accounts Receivable***

Trade accounts receivable consists of amounts owed to the Company and is stated net of allowances. The Company's outstanding accounts receivable balances are exposed to credit risk and valuation allowances are established for estimated losses resulting from non-collection of outstanding amounts due from customers.

The Company establishes a reserve for estimated doubtful accounts based on the aging of its receivable balances and collection history. In addition, specific reserves are established for customer accounts as known collection problems occur due to insolvency, disputes, or other collection issues. The amounts of these specific reserves are estimated by management based on the customer's financial position, the age of the customer's receivables and the reasons for any disputes. The allowance for doubtful accounts is reduced by any write-off of uncollectible customer accounts.

***Inventories***

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost using the first-in, first-out method ("FIFO") or net realizable value. Elements of cost in the Company's manufactured inventories generally include raw materials, direct labor, indirect labor, manufacturing overhead and freight-in. The Company periodically reviews its inventories considering sales forecasts and historical experience to identify excess, close-out, or slow-moving items and makes provisions as necessary to properly reflect inventory value at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

***Assets Held for Sale***

An asset is considered to be held for sale when all of the following criteria are met: (i) management commits to a plan to sell the asset; (ii) it is unlikely that the disposal plan will be significantly modified or discontinued; (iii) the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition; (iv) actions required to complete the sale of the asset have been initiated; (v) sale of the asset is probable and the completed sale is

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expected to occur within one year; and (vi) the asset is actively being marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable given its current market value.

A long-lived asset classified as held for sale is measured at the lower of its carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. A long-lived asset is not depreciated or amortized while it is classified as held for sale.

***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment, including those acquired under capital lease agreements, is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization, except for assets acquired using acquisition accounting, which are initially recorded at fair value. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<b>Buildings and improvements</b>	5 to 39 years
<b>Furniture and fixtures</b>	10 years
<b>Computer hardware and software</b>	3 to 5 years
<b>Machinery and equipment</b>	3 to 8 years

Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the estimated useful life of the improvement or the life of the lease. Major replacements, which extend the useful lives of property and equipment, are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life of the asset. Normal repair and maintenance items are expensed as incurred.

The recoverability of the carrying amount of property and equipment is assessed when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset or asset group may not be recoverable. If it is determined that the carrying amount of an asset or asset group is not recoverable based upon expected undiscounted future cash flows of the asset or asset group, an impairment loss equal to the excess of the carrying amount over the estimated fair value of the asset or asset group is recorded.

***Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets***

The Company classifies intangible assets into three categories: i) intangible assets with definite lives subject to amortization, ii) intangible assets with indefinite lives not subject to amortization and iii) goodwill. The Company determines the useful lives of its identifiable intangible assets after considering the specific facts and circumstances related to each intangible asset. Factors the Company considers when determining useful lives include the contractual term of any agreement related to the asset, the historical performance of the asset, the Company's long-term strategy for using the asset, any laws or other local regulations which could impact the useful life of the asset, and other economic factors, including competition and specific market conditions. Intangible assets that are deemed to have definite lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over their useful lives.

The Company tests goodwill and intangible assets determined to have indefinite useful lives for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that assets might be impaired. The Company performs these annual impairment tests as of October 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Goodwill is evaluated for impairment at the reporting unit level, which is defined as an operating segment or one level below an operating segment. As of October 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had three reporting units: Safariland, Med-Eng, and Distribution.

In evaluating goodwill for impairment, qualitative factors are considered to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. Some of these qualitative factors may include macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, a change in financial performance, or entity-specific events. If, through this qualitative assessment, the conclusion is made that it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount, the Company

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performs a two-step goodwill impairment test. The first step involves a comparison of the fair value of a reporting unit to its carrying value. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the process is performed, which compares the implied value of the reporting unit goodwill with the carrying value of the goodwill of that reporting unit. If the carrying value of the goodwill of a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess.

The Company determines the fair value of its reporting units based on a combination of the income approach and market approach, weighted based on the circumstances. Under the income approach, the discounted cash flow model determines fair value based on the present value of projected cash flows over a specific projection period and a residual value related to future cash flows beyond the projection period. Both values are discounted using a rate that reflects the Company's best estimate of the weighted average cost of capital of a market participant and is adjusted for appropriate risk factors. The Company performs sensitivity tests with respect to growth rates and discount rates used in the income approach. Under the market approach, valuation multiples are derived based on a selection of comparable companies and acquisition transactions and applied to projected operating data for each reporting unit to arrive at an indication of fair value.

***Other Intangible Assets***

For indefinite-lived intangible assets other than goodwill, the impairment test consists of a comparison of the fair value of the intangible asset with its carrying amount. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, an impairment charge is recognized in an amount equal to that excess.

The Company tests definite-lived intangible assets for recoverability when changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Events that trigger a test for recoverability include:

- material adverse changes in projected revenues and expenses;
- significant underperformance relative to historical and projected future operating results;
- significant negative industry or economic trends; and,
- a significant adverse change in the manner in which an asset group is used or in its physical condition.

Future adverse changes in these or other unforeseeable factors could result in an impairment charge that could materially impact future results of operations and financial position in the reporting period identified.

When a triggering event occurs, a test for recoverability is performed by comparing projected undiscounted future cash flows to the carrying value of the asset group. If the test for recoverability identifies a possible impairment, the asset group's fair value is measured relying primarily on a discounted cash flow method. An impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying value of the asset group exceeds its estimated fair value. When an impairment loss is recognized for assets to be held and used, the adjusted carrying amount of those assets is depreciated over their remaining useful life. For the periods presented, the Company has not recorded any impairments of long-lived assets.

***Accounts Payable***

Accounts payable represents amounts owed by us to third parties at the end of the period. Accounts payable includes \$1,329 and \$1,145 of book cash overdrafts in excess of cash balances in such accounts at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. We include the change in book cash overdrafts in operating cash flows in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

***Revenue Recognition***

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASU 2014-09") and Accounting

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Standards Codification (“ASC”) Subtopic 340-40, *Other Assets and Deferred Costs — Contracts with Customers* (“ASC 340-40”), (collectively, “Topic 606”). On January 1, 2019, the Company adopted Topic 606 using the modified retrospective method applied to revenues that were not completed as of January 1, 2019.

There was no cumulative effect adjustment recorded to opening retained earnings as of January 1, 2019, upon adoption of Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. We do not expect an impact to our net income on an ongoing basis as a result of the adoption of the new standard.

The Company derives revenue primarily from the sale of physical products. The Company recognizes revenue when a contract exists with a customer that specifies the goods and services to be provided at an agreed upon sales price and when the performance obligation is satisfied by transferring the goods or service to the customer. The performance obligation is considered satisfied when control transfers, which is generally determined when products are shipped or delivered to the customer but could be delayed until the receipt of customer acceptance, depending on the terms of the contract. Sales are made on normal and customary short-term credit terms or upon delivery for point of sale transactions.

The Company enters into contractual arrangements primarily with customers in the form of individual customer orders which specify the goods, quantity, pricing, and associated order terms. The Company has some long-term contracts that may contain research and development performance obligations that are satisfied over time. The Company invoices the customer once the billing milestone is reached and collects under customary short-term credit terms. For long-term contracts, the Company recognizes revenue using the input method based on costs incurred, as this method is an appropriate measure of progress toward the complete satisfaction of the performance obligation. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimation process, it is possible that estimates of costs to complete a performance obligation will be revised in the near-term. For those performance obligations for which revenue is recognized using a cost-to-cost input method, changes in total estimated costs, and related progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation, are recognized on a cumulative catch-up basis in the period in which the revisions to the estimates are made. When the current estimate of total costs for a performance obligation indicate a loss, a provision for the entire estimated loss on the unsatisfied performance obligation is made in the period in which the loss becomes evident.

At the time of revenue recognition, the Company also provides for estimated sales returns and miscellaneous claims from customers as reductions to revenues. The estimates are based on historical rates of product returns and claims. The Company accrues for such estimated returns and claims with an estimated accrual and associated reduction of revenue. Additionally, the Company records inventory that it expects to be returned as part of inventories, with a corresponding reduction to cost of goods sold.

Charges for shipping and handling fees billed to customers are included in net sales and the corresponding shipping and handling expenses are included in cost of goods sold in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). We consider our costs related to shipping and handling after control over a product has transferred to a customer to be a cost of fulfilling the promise to transfer the product to the customer.

Sales commissions paid to employees as compensation are expensed as incurred for contracts with service periods less than a year. For contracts with service periods greater than a year, these costs are capitalized and amortized over the life of the contract. These costs are recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company’s consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

*Policy Elections*

- The Company does not account for significant financing components if, at contract inception, the period between when the entity transfers a promised good or service to a customer and when the customer pays for the product or service will be one year or less.



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- Incremental costs to obtain a contract with a customer will be capitalized if the Company expects to recover those costs unless the amortization period is one year or less.
- The Company recognizes revenue equal to the amount it has the right to invoice when the amount corresponds directly with the value to the customer of the Company's performance to date.
- The Company does not account for shipping and handling activities as a separate performance obligation, but rather as an activity performed to transfer the promised goods.
- Taxes collected from customers and remitted to government authorities are reported on a net basis and are excluded from sales.

***Product Warranty***

Some of the Company's manufactured products carry limited warranty provisions for defects in quality and workmanship. A warranty reserve is established at the time of sale to cover estimated costs based on the Company's history of warranty repairs and replacements and is recorded in cost of goods sold in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

The following table represents changes in the Company's accrued warranties and related costs:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Beginning accrued warranty expense	\$ 2,114	\$ 2,330
Current period claims	(442)	(456)
Provision for current period sales	307	490
Impact of accounting estimate change	(846)	—
Mustang disposal	—	(250)
Ending accrued warranty expense	<u>\$ 1,133</u>	<u>\$ 2,114</u>

***Cost of Goods Sold***

Cost of goods sold includes raw material purchases, manufacturing-related labor costs, contracted labor, shipping costs, reimbursable research and development costs, allocated manufacturing overhead, facility costs, depreciation and amortization, and product warranty costs.

***Selling, General & Administrative Expenses***

Selling, general and administrative expense includes personnel-related costs, professional services, marketing and advertising expense, research and development, depreciation and amortization, and impairment charges.

***Advertising Expenses***

Advertising costs are expensed in the period incurred. Advertising expenses primarily consist of marketing, promotions, catalog and trade show expenses and were \$2,692 and \$3,468 during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Advertising expenses are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

***Research and Development***

Research and development expenses are expensed as incurred and included within selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). Total research and development costs were \$5,630 and \$6,868 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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In addition, the Company incurs research and development expenses related to reimbursable development contracts. Contractual research and development expenses are included in cost of goods sold in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) and were \$3,697 and \$2,291 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

***Debt Issuance Costs***

The Company capitalizes costs related to the issuance of debt under the provisions of ASC Subtopic 835-30, *Interest — Imputation of Interest*. Debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability are presented in the consolidated balance sheets as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability and subsequently amortized on a straight-line method which approximates the effective interest method over the life of the related loan. Debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit and delayed draw arrangements are presented in the consolidated balance sheets as an asset and subsequently amortized ratably over the term of the respective arrangement. Amortization of debt issuance costs is included as a component of interest expense in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

***Restructuring Costs***

Restructuring costs consist primarily of termination benefits and relocation of employees, termination of operating leases and other contracts related to consolidating or closing facilities. The Company applies the provisions of ASC Topic 420, *Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations* ("ASC 420") and ASC Topic 712, *Nonretirement Postemployment Benefits* ("ASC 712") in the recording of severance costs. Severance costs accounted for under ASC 420 are recognized when management with the proper level of authority commits to a restructuring plan and communicates those actions to employees and other applicable criteria. Severance costs accounted for under ASC 712 are recognized when it is probable that employees are entitled to benefits and the amount could be reasonably estimated. Other exit costs are reviewed by management and are either deferred or expensed as incurred based on the nature of the expense.

***Income Taxes***

The Company accounts for income taxes under the provisions of ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are classified as noncurrent in the consolidated balance sheets.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect of changes in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Changes in tax laws and rates could have a material impact on the deferred tax assets and liabilities recorded.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Significant estimates are used in the evaluation of the need for a valuation allowance including estimates regarding future taxable income. Changes to those estimates could impact management's conclusions regarding the need for valuation allowances on some or all of the deferred tax assets. The Company releases the income tax effects of deferred tax balances that have a valuation allowance from accumulated other comprehensive loss once the reason the tax effects were established ceases to exist.

The Company is subject to income taxes in the United States and several foreign jurisdictions. In the United States, the Company files a consolidated income tax return with its domestic subsidiaries. When tax returns are filed, it is highly certain that some positions taken would be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities, while others are subject to uncertainty about the merits of the position taken or the amount of the position that would be ultimately sustained. The benefit of a tax position is recognized in the

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consolidated financial statements in the period during which, based on all available evidence, it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including the resolution of appeals or litigation processes, if any. Tax positions taken are not offset or aggregated with other positions. Tax positions that meet the more-likely than-not threshold are measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement with the applicable taxing authority. The portion of the benefits associated with tax positions taken that exceeds the amount measured as described above is reflected as a liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying balance sheets along with any associated interest and penalties that would be payable to the taxing authorities upon examination.

Further information regarding the Company's tax positions is included in Note 14 *Income Taxes*.

***Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss***

Comprehensive income (loss) represents all changes in equity of the Company that result from recognized transactions and other economic events during the period. Other comprehensive income refers to revenues, expenses, gains, and losses that under GAAP are included in comprehensive income (loss) but excluded from net income (loss).

***Foreign Currency***

**Translation**

Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries operating outside the United States with a functional currency other than U.S. Dollars are translated into U.S. Dollars using the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Results of operations are translated using the average exchange rate prevailing throughout the period. The effects of unrealized exchange rate fluctuations on translating foreign currency assets and liabilities into U.S. dollars are accumulated as the cumulative translation adjustment included in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated balance sheets.

**Transaction**

Transactions denominated in foreign currency are recorded at the exchange rate on the date of each transaction. Realized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions are included in other income, net in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), except on certain intercompany balances which the Company has determined are of a long-term investment nature, which are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated balance sheets. Monetary assets and liabilities are remeasured at the balance sheet date at end-of-period exchange rates. Unrealized gains and losses arising from remeasurement of foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and liabilities are included in other income, net in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) in the period in which they occur.

***Investments in Equity Securities***

Investments in equity securities are recorded in accordance with ASC Subtopic 321-10 *Investments — Equity Securities*. Equity securities are carried at fair value, with changes in fair value reported in other income, net in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The Company uses quoted market prices to determine the fair value of equity securities with readily determinable fair values.

***Net Income (Loss) per Share***

Basic income or loss per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted income (loss) per share reflects the potential dilution from outstanding warrants. For the year ended December 31, 2019, there were 1,625 shares excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation because the impact of their assumed exercise

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would be antidilutive due to a net loss in that period. The calculation of weighted average shares outstanding and net income (loss) per share are as follows (in thousands, except for per share data):

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ 38,453	\$ (1,928)
<b>Denominator:</b>		
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	549,667	548,042
Dilutive effect of warrants	—	—
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	<u>549,667</u>	<u>548,042</u>
Anti-dilutive warrants excluded	—	1,625
<b>Net income (loss) per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 69.96	\$ (3.52)
Diluted	\$ 69.96	\$ (3.52)

***Risk and Uncertainties***

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentration of credit risk consist principally of cash and accounts receivable. Risks associated with cash within the United States and foreign countries are mitigated by banking with federally insured, creditworthy institutions. As of December 31, 2020, and 2019, the Company had deposits of \$3,130 and \$1,868, respectively, at foreign financial institutions.

Accounts receivable are financial instruments that also expose the Company to concentration of credit risk. Such exposure is limited by the large number of customers comprising the Company's customer base and their dispersion across different geographic areas. In addition, the Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers and maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts that management believes will adequately provide for credit losses. Accordingly, the Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and maintains allowances for possible losses as considered necessary by management.

**Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") announced a global health emergency because of a new strain of coronavirus originating in Wuhan, China (the "COVID-19 outbreak") and the risks to the international community as the virus spreads globally beyond its point of origin. In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in exposure globally.

The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. During 2020, the business was relatively unaffected. In all countries and states which the business operates, the relevant local authorities have deemed the business to be essential in nature and thereby allowed us to continue operations during any government mandated shutdowns. The business has taken many measures to mitigate outbreaks in any of its facilities that would negatively impact the business. The extent to which the Company's business may be affected by the current outbreak of the Coronavirus will largely depend on both current and future developments, including its duration, spread and treatment, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be reasonably predicted. While any impact to global markets is uncertain, the Company continues to monitor developments.

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***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

**Pronouncements Adopted During 2020**

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, which modifies the disclosure requirements on fair value measurements. The ASU is effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted this ASU effective January 1, 2020. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's disclosures. Refer to Note 6, *Fair Value Measurements*, for further discussion.

**Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted**

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which is intended to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of right-of-use ("ROU") assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. In July 2018, the FASB issued additional guidance which provided an additional transition method for adopting the updated guidance. Under the additional transition method, entities may elect to recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the year of adoption. In June 2020, the FASB issued additional guidance which extends the effective date of ASU 2016-02 for emerging growth companies to begin in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. Early adoption is permitted. The Company plans to adopt this standard on January 1, 2022 and is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of this standard on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments — Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*. ASU 2016-13 includes an impairment model (known as the current expected credit loss model) that is based on expected losses rather than incurred losses. Under the new guidance, an entity recognizes as an allowance its estimate of expected credit losses, which the FASB believes will result in more timely recognition of such losses. The use of forecasted information is intended to incorporate more timely information in the estimate of expected credit loss. In November 2019, the FASB issued additional guidance which extends the effective date of ASU 2016-13 for emerging growth companies to begin in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption is permitted. The Company plans to adopt this standard on January 1, 2023 and is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of this standard on its consolidated financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes*. ASU 2019-12 simplifies the accounting for income taxes by removing certain exceptions to the general principles in Topic 740 and improves consistent application of and simplifies GAAP for other areas of Topic 740 by clarifying existing guidance. For emerging growth companies, this ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within those fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this ASU will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

There were no other new accounting standards that the Company expects to have a potential material impact to the financial position or results of operations upon adoption.

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**2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET**

The following is a reconciliation of the changes in our allowance for doubtful accounts during fiscal 2020 and 2019:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Beginning allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 1,345	\$ 1,260
Provision	177	2,651
Write-offs, net of recoveries	(409)	(2,488)
Mustang disposal	—	(78)
Ending allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>\$ 1,113</u>	<u>\$ 1,345</u>

**3. INVESTMENT IN EQUITY SECURITIES**

In connection with the sale of Viewu to Axon Enterprise, Inc., the Company received earn-out stock payments on the first and second anniversary of the sale date based on the retention of certain customers. In May 2019, we received the first stock payment of 70,613 shares with an associated fair value of \$4,611, which is included in other general expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). As of December 31, 2019, the Company had equity securities of \$5,175 which were recorded within other current assets in the consolidated balance sheets. During the first quarter of 2020, the Company sold the equity securities for \$5,591. In May 2020, we received the second and final stock payment of 70,613 shares with an associated fair value of \$4,731, which is included in other general expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The Company sold the equity securities for \$8,781 in December 2020.

Shortly after receiving the second stock payment, the Company entered into a stock collar transaction to mitigate the impact of market volatility on our equity securities. The stock collar was settled at the time the equity securities were sold in December 2020 and resulted in a loss of \$2,288.

The calculation of net unrealized gains and losses recognized during the year related to equity securities still held at the end of the year is as follows:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Net gains recognized during the year	\$ 2,178	\$ 2,175
Less: Net gains recognized during the year related to equity securities sold during the year	(2,178)	—
Net unrealized gains recognized during the year related to equity securities still held at the end of the year	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,175</u>

**4. DISPOSITIONS AND ASSETS HELD FOR SALE***Dispositions*

On June 20, 2019, the Company completed the sale of all the issued and outstanding shares of Mustang for a sales price of \$27,000, exclusive of net working capital adjustments of \$147 paid to the buyer. The Company received \$26,853 in cash. As of December 31, 2019, the company recognized a gain of \$3,019 associated with the sale of Mustang which is included in other general expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). In connection with the sale of Mustang, Kanders & Company, Inc., a company controlled by Warren Kanders, our Chairman of the Board, received compensation

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from Cadre of \$450, which is included in related party expense in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

The sale of Mustang did not meet the criteria for classification as discontinued operations as the deconsolidation did not represent a strategic shift in the business.

*Held for Sale*

In November 2019, the Company designated a Ontario, California facility as held for sale. Accordingly, during 2019, the Company determined that the assets and liabilities associated with the Ontario, California facility met the criteria for classification as held for sale but did not meet the criteria for classification as discontinued operations as the deconsolidation did not represent a strategic shift in the business. Total assets associated with our Ontario, California facility were \$6,168 and are presented in our consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2019 as current assets held for sale. There were no liabilities associated with the facility. The Company completed the sale of this facility on April 1, 2020 for a net sales price of \$12,387, resulting in a gain of \$6,219 included in other general expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) as of December 31, 2020.

**5. REVENUE RECOGNITION**

The following tables disaggregate net sales by channel and geography:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
U.S state and local agencies <sup>(a)</sup>	\$230,706	\$219,482
Commercial	35,648	32,837
U.S. federal agencies	63,267	74,756
International	68,669	89,367
Other	6,352	4,294
Net sales	<u>\$404,642</u>	<u>\$420,736</u>

(a) Includes all Distribution sales

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
United States	\$335,973	\$331,369
International	68,669	89,367
	<u>\$404,642</u>	<u>\$420,736</u>

Revenue by product is not disclosed, as it is impractical to do so.

*Contract Liabilities*

Contract liabilities are recorded as a component of other liabilities when customers remit cash payments in advance of the Company satisfying performance obligations which are satisfied at a future point of time. Contract liabilities are derecognized when the performance obligation is satisfied. Contract liabilities are included in accrued liabilities in the Company's consolidated balance sheets and totaled \$6,485 and \$2,072, at December 31, 2020 and 2019, with all of the 2019 contract liabilities being recognized in revenue during the year ended December 31, 2020.

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*Remaining Performance Obligations*

As of December 31, 2020, we had \$27,516 of remaining performance obligations, which included amounts that will be invoiced and recognized in future periods. The remaining performance obligations are limited only to arrangements that meet the definition of a contract under Topic 606 as of December 31, 2020. We expect to recognize 89% of this balance over the next twelve months and expect the remainder to be recognized in the following two years.

**6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

There were no assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2020. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2019 consisted of:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Equity investments	\$5,175	—	—	5,175
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<u>\$5,175</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,175</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Contingent consideration <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ —	—	1,667	1,667
<b>Total liabilities at fair value</b>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,667</u>	<u>1,667</u>

- (a) Represents the estimated fair value of the additional variable cash consideration payable by the Company in connection with an acquisition completed by the Company in a prior year that was contingent upon the achievement of certain performance milestones. The Company estimated the fair value using expected future cash flows over the period in which the obligations are expected to be settled and applied a discount rate that appropriately captures a market participant's view of the risk associated with the obligation. Significant increases (decreases) to values of the unobservable inputs would result in a lower (higher) fair value measurement. The unobservable inputs are not considered to be interrelated. The liabilities are included in accrued liabilities in the Company's consolidated balance sheets, based upon the timing of the expected payout. As of December 31, 2020, the obligation has been fully settled with the difference between the settled amount and the fair value included in selling, general, and administrative expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

There were no transfers of assets or liabilities between levels during the years ended December 31, 2020, and 2019.

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2019 are as shown below:

	<u>Valuation technique</u>	<u>Significant unobservable inputs</u>	<u>Range</u>
<b>Contingent Consideration</b>	Discounted Cash Flows	Discount rate	17.00%



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The following table provides a summary of changes in fair value of the Company's Level 3 financial instruments for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

	<u>Level 3 Instruments</u>
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$ 1,667
Settlement of obligation	—
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$ 1,667
Settlement of obligation	(240)
Fair value adjustment included in earnings	(1,427)
Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ —</u>

The carrying value of our long-term debt obligations approximates the fair value, as the long-term debt was entered close to year-end. The Company classifies its long-term debt within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### 7. INVENTORIES

The following table sets forth a summary of inventories stated at lower of cost or net realizable value, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Finished goods	\$25,986	\$21,458
Work-in-process	3,741	4,614
Raw materials and supplies	31,196	36,054
	<u>\$60,923</u>	<u>\$62,126</u>

#### 8. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Land	\$ 4,620	\$ 4,620
Building and improvements	17,367	15,030
Furniture and fixtures	1,288	1,191
Computer hardware and software	23,125	22,273
Machinery and equipment	22,162	20,066
Construction in progress	518	1,096
	<u>69,080</u>	<u>64,276</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	(33,643)	(28,228)
	<u>\$ 35,437</u>	<u>\$ 36,048</u>

The Company recorded depreciation expense of \$5,495 and \$6,626 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, of which \$2,523 and \$2,900 was included in cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) for the respective years.

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**9. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS***Goodwill*

The following table summarizes the changes in goodwill during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	<u>Products</u>	<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$66,780	\$ 10,201	\$76,981
Impairment losses	—	(7,585)	(7,585)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	93	—	93
Mustang disposal	(3,309)	—	(3,309)
Balance, December 31, 2019	63,564	2,616	66,180
Foreign currency translation adjustments	134	—	134
Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$63,698</u>	<u>\$ 2,616</u>	<u>\$66,314</u>

*Impairment of Goodwill*

In 2019, as a result of a decline in the forecasted financial performance for the Distribution reporting unit, the Company performed an impairment evaluation and determined that the carrying value of the goodwill of the Distribution reporting unit exceeded the implied fair value. The decline in the fair value of the Distribution reporting unit was primarily due to unfavorable performance in 2019 that was impacting operating margins that led the Company to use a higher discount rate due to an increase in the risk-free rate of return. The Company recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$7,585 within selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) as of December 31, 2019. No impairment losses were recorded during the year ended December 31, 2020. Gross goodwill and accumulated impairment losses was \$73,899 and \$7,585 at December 31, 2020 and \$73,765 and \$7,585, respectively, at December 31, 2019.

*Intangible Assets*

Intangible assets such as certain customer relationships and patents on core technologies and product technologies are amortizable over their estimated useful lives. Certain trade names and trademarks which provide exclusive and perpetual rights to manufacture and sell their respective products are deemed indefinite-lived and are therefore not subject to amortization.

Intangible assets, net of amortization, as of December 31, 2020, and 2019 are as follows:

	<u>December 31, 2020</u>			<u>Weighted Average Useful Life</u>
	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Accumulated amortization</u>	<u>Net</u>	
<b>Definite lived intangibles:</b>				
Customer relationships	\$74,123	(45,815)	28,308	12
Technology	11,991	(10,333)	1,658	7
Tradenames	6,490	(2,135)	4,355	1
Non-compete agreements	1,041	(1,027)	14	4
	<u>\$93,645</u>	<u>(59,310)</u>	<u>34,335</u>	

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	December 31, 2020			
	Gross	Accumulated amortization	Net	Weighted Average Useful Life
<b>Indefinite lived intangibles:</b>				
Tradenames	16,674	—	16,674	Indefinite
Total	<u>\$110,319</u>	<u>(59,310)</u>	<u>51,009</u>	
<b>December 31, 2019</b>				
	Gross	Accumulated amortization	Net	Weighted Average Useful Life
<b>Definite lived intangibles:</b>				
Customer relationships	\$ 73,825	(39,010)	34,815	12
Technology	11,913	(8,991)	2,922	7
Tradenames	3,640	(913)	2,727	1
Non-compete agreements	1,020	(944)	76	4
	<u>\$ 90,398</u>	<u>(49,858)</u>	<u>40,540</u>	
<b>Indefinite lived intangibles:</b>				
Tradenames	19,415	—	19,415	Indefinite
Total	<u>\$109,813</u>	<u>(49,858)</u>	<u>59,955</u>	

The Company recorded amortization expense of \$9,238 and \$8,817 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, of which \$1,342 and \$1,729 was included in cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) for the respective years.

The estimated amortization expense for finite-lived intangible assets for the next five years and thereafter is presented below.

2021	\$ 8,366
2022	7,608
2023	6,601
2024	3,603
2025	1,650
Thereafter	6,507
	<u>\$34,335</u>

#### 10. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Accrued expenses	\$ 4,257	\$ 2,760
Accrued compensation and payroll tax	18,745	15,570
Accrued interest payable	703	2,043
Accrued warranty expense	1,133	2,368

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	December 31,	
	2020	2019
Deferred revenue and customer credit balances	7,262	4,870
Other accrued liabilities	3,904	4,595
	<u>\$36,004</u>	<u>\$32,206</u>

**11. DEBT**

The Company's debt is as follows:

	December 31,	
	2020	2019
<b>Short-term debt:</b>		
Insurance premium financing	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,389
Current portion of term loan	2,251	2,920
Current portion of other	20	19
	<u>\$ 3,496</u>	<u>\$ 4,328</u>
<b>Long-term debt:</b>		
Revolving credit facility	\$ —	\$ 2,159
Term loan	222,187	273,254
Other	128	145
	<u>\$222,315</u>	<u>\$275,558</u>
Unamortized debt discount and debt issuance costs	(13,005)	(5,245)
Total long-term debt, net	<u>\$209,310</u>	<u>\$270,313</u>

*Revolving Credit Facility*

Prior to 2019, the Company executed a Revolving Credit Agreement, as amended and restated, ("Credit Facility Agreement") with Bank of America, N.A., as agent and sole lender, that provides total committed capital of \$50,000 in the form of a revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility"), which is allocated into US and Canadian categories of \$45,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

In June 2019, the Company entered into an amendment to the Credit Facility Agreement. This amendment gave consent to the Mustang sale transaction and released Mustang from its obligations under the Credit Facility Agreement.

In November 2020, the Company entered into an amendment to the Credit Facility Agreement, which gave consent to the Term Loan debt refinancing and extended the terms of the Credit Facility Agreement to November 2025.

The Revolving Credit Facility is collateralized by the Company's and subsidiaries' property, including but not limited to accounts receivable, inventory and real estate. The Revolving Credit Facility classifies eligible accounts receivable and inventory into three groups: United States inventory and accounts receivable denominated in U.S. dollars; Canadian inventory and accounts receivable denominated in U.S. dollars; and Canadian inventory and accounts receivable denominated in Canadian dollars.

The Revolving Credit Facility bears interest at a base rate ("Base Rate") plus an applicable margin as determined by average availability or 30, 60, or 90 day London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an

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applicable margin as determined by average availability. The Base Rate is calculated as, for any day, a per annum rate equal to the greater of the Prime Rate for such day or the Federal Funds Rate for such day plus 0.50%. Interest is payable monthly, and all outstanding interest and principal is due at the maturity date. Availability to borrow under the Revolving Credit Facility is calculated by applying a borrowing advance rate to eligible accounts receivable and inventory, which is reported to the bank in the form of a borrowing base certificate (“Borrowing Base”). In addition to interest paid on outstanding borrowings, the Revolving Credit Facility is also subject to an unused commitment fee, which is paid monthly.

The Revolving Credit Facility contains various affirmative, negative and financial covenants which the Company considers to be customary for such borrowings and requires the Company and its subsidiaries to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio includes certain limitations on cross-border intercompany transactions. Failure to meet one or more of these covenants would result in an event of default, and if uncured, could eliminate the Company’s ability to borrow and result in acceleration of principal repayment on any amounts outstanding.

Under the terms of the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company is required to provide audited financial statements to its lenders and agents no later than 90 days following the close of each fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Company requested, and its lenders and agents consented to, a 30 day extension of this deadline. The Company was in compliance with all financial covenants during 2020 and 2019.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility of \$0 and \$2,159, that bore interest at a U.S. all-in rate (U.S. Base Rate plus applicable margin) of 3.5% and 5.0% and a Canadian all-in rate (Canadian Base Rate plus applicable margin) of 3.7% and 5.2%, respectively. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, availability, less outstanding letters of credit, was \$41,299 and \$40,387, respectively. The Company had outstanding letters of credit of \$2,713 and \$2,453 on December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### *Term Loan*

Prior to 2019, the Company executed a \$279,000 Term Loan and Security Agreement, as amended and restated, (the “Original Term Loan Agreement”) with certain financial institutions as lenders and Virtus Group, L.P. as agent. The Original Term Loan (the “Original Term Loan”) was issued with a debt discount of \$4,185 with a maturity date of November 18, 2023.

The Original Term Loan bears interest at an applicable rate of LIBOR Rate plus 7.25% or Base Rate plus 6.25%. For applicable rate determination, LIBOR is the higher of 1.00% and the LIBOR for a term equivalent to such period. The Original Term Loan is collateralized by all property including but not limited to accounts receivable, inventory, fixed assets and real estate with seniority in the Company’s fixed assets and real estate. The Original Loan may be prepaid or terminated after one year at the Company’s option with the payment of a prepayment penalty of 2% of the outstanding principal balance in year one, 1% of the outstanding principal balance in year two, and none in year three and thereafter. The Original Term Loan requires quarterly outstanding principal payments of \$730 through September 30, 2023. Any outstanding principal balance together with any accrued but unpaid interest or fees will be due in full at maturity.

In June 2019, the Company entered into an amendment to the Original Term Loan Agreement. This amendment gave consent to the Mustang sale transaction and released Mustang from its obligations under the Original Term Loan Agreement.

On February 11, 2020, the Original Term Loan was assigned to a new group of financial institutions. This transaction did not result in any changes or amendments to the terms, provisions, or balances of the Original Term Loan, as disclosed above.

On November 17, 2020, the Company settled the Original Term Loan and executed a \$225,000 Term Loan and Security Agreement (the “Term Loan Agreement”) with certain financial institutions as lenders

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and an agent. The Term Loan (the “Term Loan”) was issued with a debt discount of \$10,126 comprised of \$5,063 in original issuance discount and \$5,063 of fees paid to the lender, and a maturity date of May 17, 2026. In connection with the execution of the Term Loan Agreement, Kanders & Company, Inc., a company controlled by Warren Kanders, our Chairman of the Board, received compensation from Cadre of \$1,000, which is included in related party expense in the Company’s consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

In conjunction with the settlement of the Original Term Loan and the execution of the Term Loan Agreement, the Company performed a restructuring analysis under ASC 470, *Debt*, to determine the appropriate accounting treatment of certain costs. Based on this analysis, the Company recorded a loss on debt extinguishment of \$200 related to the write-off of unamortized debt discount and debt issuance costs and capitalized additional debt discount of \$10,126.

The Term Loan includes a feature for delayed draws up to \$30,000 (the “Delayed Draw Maximum Amount”) to consummate permitted acquisitions under the Term Loan Agreement with such feature terminated on November 17, 2021 (the “Delayed Draw Termination Date”). Any delayed draw amounts will have an accompanying fee of 1%. Effective upon the earlier to occur of the Delayed Draw Maximum Amount being completely drawn or the Delayed Draw Termination Date, the Term Loan Agreement permits the Company to request up to \$40,000, plus the unused portion (up to \$20,000) of the Delayed Draw Maximum Amount, if any remains as of the Delayed Draw Termination Date, in incremental increases, provided certain conditions, including meeting a leverage ratio test, are met and at a minimum of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$100 in excess thereof. There have been no delayed draws under the Term Loan Agreement as of December 31, 2020.

The Term Loan Agreement bears interest at an applicable rate of LIBOR rate plus 6.50% or Base Rate plus 5.50% if the Company reports a Leverage Ratio of less than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00 or a rate of LIBOR rate plus 7.00% or Base Rate plus 6.00% if the Company reports a Leverage Ratio greater than 5.00 to 1.00. For applicable rate determination, LIBOR is the higher of 1.00% or the LIBOR for a term equivalent to such period. The Term Loan is collateralized by all property including but not limited to accounts receivable, inventory, fixed assets and real estate with seniority in the Company’s fixed assets and real estate. The Term Loan may be prepaid up to \$10,000 with no prepayment premium in year one, with additional prepayments accompanied by a 2% prepayment premium, and \$10,000 with no prepayment premium in year two, with additional prepayments accompanied by a 1% prepayment premium, with no prepayment premium thereafter. The Term Loan Agreement requires quarterly outstanding principal payments of \$563 through March 31, 2026 plus 0.25% of the original principal amount of any Delayed Draw Loans outstanding on such date. Any outstanding principal balance together with any accrued but unpaid interest or fees will be due in full at maturity.

The Term Loan Agreements contain certain restrictive debt covenants that require the Company and its subsidiaries to: (i) maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and (ii) maintain a quarterly maximum leverage ratio. In addition, the Term Loan Agreements contain covenants restricting the Company and its subsidiaries from engaging in acquisitions other than acquisitions permitted by the Term Loan Agreements. The Term Loan Agreements contain customary events of default (with grace periods where customary), including, among other things, failure to pay any principal or interest when due; any materially false or misleading representation, warranty, or financial statement; failure to comply with or to perform any provision of the Term Loan Agreements; and default on any debt or agreement in excess of certain amounts.

The Credit Facility Agreement and the Term Loan Agreements have a cross-default clause whereby a violation of one may constitute a violation in the other causing an acceleration of payments.

Additionally, under the terms of the Term Loan Agreements, the Company is required to provide audited financial statements to its lenders and agents no later than 90 days following the close of each fiscal year. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, the Company requested, and its lenders and agents

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consented to, a 30-day extension of this deadline. The Company was in compliance with all financial covenants during 2020 and 2019.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Term Loan's outstanding principal balance was \$224,438 and \$276,174 and bore interest at 7.50% and 9%, respectively.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had an unamortized debt discount of \$11,906 and \$3,387 and unamortized debt issuance costs of \$1,099 and \$1,858, respectively, included as an offset to debt in the consolidated balance sheets.

*Short-Term Debt*

In August 2019, the Company entered into a short-term loan facility (the "2019 Short-Term Loan") for insurance premium financing with Imperial PFS for \$2,754 with a maturity date of June 27, 2020. The loan had a fixed annual interest rate of 4.29% on the outstanding balance and required monthly payments of principal and interest of \$281. We repaid the outstanding balance on the date of maturity.

In August 2020, the Company entered into a short-term loan facility (the "2020 Short-Term Loan") for insurance premium with Aon Premium Finance for \$2,733 with a maturity date of April 27, 2021. The loan has a fixed annual interest rate of 4.25% on the outstanding balance and required monthly payments of principal and interest of \$309. As of December 31, 2020, \$1,225 was outstanding.

The following summarizes the aggregate principal payments of our long-term debt, excluding debt discount and debt issuance costs as of December 31, 2020:

2021	\$ 2,271
2022	2,272
2023	2,272
2024	2,272
2025	2,273
Thereafter	213,226
Total principal payments	<u>\$224,586</u>

**12. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)**

*Warrants*

During 2019, the Company issued 2,273 shares of its common stock, respectively, in connection with the exercise of a warrant to purchase shares of the Company's common stock with a strike price of \$0.01 per share. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company has no warrants outstanding.

**13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

*Legal Proceedings*

In March 2020, the Company settled an administrative enforcement action filed by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") relating to Company's sale of VieVu, LLC to Axon Enterprise Inc. wherein the FTC alleged that the operative agreements contained non-compete and non-solicitation provisions in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18. The FTC's administrative complaint sought only injunctive relief against the Company to enjoin the enforcement of these provisions, now and in the future, and did not seek monetary damages against the Company. In January 2020, the Company and Axon had rescinded these

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provisions. Pursuant to a consent agreement and proposed consent order entered into by the FTC and the Company, on June 11, 2020, the Commission issued a Decision and Order accepting the Consent Agreement (the "Order"). Under the Order, the Company agreed to not modify and reinstate the rescinded provisions and to not enter into any new similar provisions with Axon, absent prior approval from the FTC. In addition, as part of the Company's compliance program, the Order imposes an obligation to distribute to, and train the directors and officers on, the requirements of the consent order and to report annually for five years to the FTC ensuring compliance with the consent order. On June 11, 2021, the Company filed its second Interim Verified Compliance Report as required by the Order.

In June 2020, the Company received a Civil Investigative Demand ("CID") from the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), Western District of Washington (Seattle, WA), pertaining to an investigation with regard to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. sections 3729-3733 ("FCA"), concerning allegations that soft body armor vest accessory panels sold by the Company are falsely labeled as compliant with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) performance standards. In September 2020, the Company made its First Production of Documents which contained only documents and data that had been deemed to be of a "priority" nature pursuant to an agreement reached between the Company's counsel and the Assistant US Attorney handling the matter. There has been no further communication or production of documents with the US Attorney's Office since September 2020. At this preliminary stage of the investigation, the Company does not have enough information to make an evaluation of the merits, exposure or potential risks regarding this matter.

The Company is also involved in various legal disputes and other legal proceedings and claims that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of business. The Company vigorously defends itself against all lawsuits and evaluates the amount of reasonably possible losses that the Company could incur as a result of these matters. While any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, the Company believes that the reasonably possible losses that the Company could incur in excess of insurance coverage would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or liquidity.

*Insurance*

The Company has various insurance policies, including product liability insurance, covering risks and in amounts it considers adequate. There can be no assurance that the insurance coverage maintained by the Company is sufficient or will be available in adequate amounts or at a reasonable cost.

*International*

As an international company, we are, from time to time, the subject of investigations relation to the Company's international operations, including under U.S. export control laws (such as ITAR), the FCPA and other similar U.S. and international laws.

*Leases*

The Company leases office, warehouse, and distribution space under non-cancelable operating leases. As leases expire, it can be expected that, in the normal course of business, certain leases will be renewed or replaced. Our leases generally contain multi-year renewal options and escalation clauses. Total rent expense of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$4,403 and \$4,256, respectively.

The Company maintains capital lease agreements. As of December 31, 2020, and 2019 the Company recorded capital lease obligations of \$43 and \$44 within accrued liabilities and \$46 and \$89, respectively, within other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.



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Future minimum lease payments required under non-cancelable operating leases that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year and the Company's capital lease agreements are as follows:

	<u>Capital Leases</u>	<u>Operating Leases</u>
2021	\$ 43	\$ 4,470
2022	43	4,139
2023	3	3,732
2024	—	2,602
2025	—	1,263
Thereafter	—	397
Total minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$ 16,603</u>
Less: Amount representing interest	(18)	
Capital lease obligation	<u>\$ 71</u>	

There were no material future minimum sublease payments to be received under non-cancelable subleases at December 31, 2020. There was no material sublease income as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### 14. INCOME TAXES

Consolidated income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes consists of the following:

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
U.S. operations	\$ 23,776	\$ (12,989)
Foreign operations	4,099	10,919
Income (loss) before benefit for income taxes	<u>\$ 27,875</u>	<u>\$ (2,070)</u>

The benefit for income taxes is detailed below:

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current tax provision:		
Federal	\$ —	\$ —
State	(188)	(10)
Foreign	(1,482)	(665)
Total current provision	<u>(1,670)</u>	<u>(675)</u>
Deferred tax benefit:		
Federal	10,233	149
State	1,949	27
Foreign	66	641
Total deferred benefit	<u>12,248</u>	<u>817</u>
Total income tax benefit	<u>\$ 10,578</u>	<u>\$ 142</u>

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The following is a reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate to the effective rate reported in the Company's consolidated financial statements:

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Federal statutory rate	21.0%	21.0%
Increase (decrease) in income taxes resulting from:		
State income taxes, net of federal income taxes	7.7	(7.7)
Change in valuation allowance	(71.1)	(53.3)
Current year tax credits	(2.3)	34.1
Difference between foreign and federal tax rate	2.0	23.4
Permanent items	2.8	43.3
Reserve for uncertain tax positions	1.3	(57.9)
Other	0.7	4.0
Effective tax rate	<u>(37.9)%</u>	<u>6.9%</u>

Deferred taxes have not been recognized for the excess financial reporting basis over the tax basis of investments of foreign subsidiaries. It is the Company's intent to permanently reinvest the earnings of those foreign subsidiaries in those jurisdictions. It is not practical to determine the amount of any unrecognized deferred tax liability on this item.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial reporting carrying amounts and tax bases of existing assets and liabilities and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. The tax effects of temporary differences giving rise to significant components of the Company's deferred income tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss and other carry forwards	\$ 15,531	\$ 25,756
Accrued liabilities	4,201	3,359
Reserves and other	3,587	3,124
263A uniform capitalization costs	1,067	1,106
Other deferred tax assets	2,122	2,064
Total deferred tax assets	<u>26,508</u>	<u>35,409</u>
Valuation allowance	(1,729)	(21,562)
Net deferred tax assets	<u>24,779</u>	<u>13,847</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Intangibles	(3,626)	(4,580)
Depreciation	(3,667)	(4,217)
Goodwill	(6,182)	(5,171)
Other	(489)	(1,312)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(13,964)</u>	<u>(15,280)</u>
Total deferred income taxes	<u>\$ 10,815</u>	<u>\$ (1,433)</u>

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As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had federal and state net operating loss carryforwards (“NOLs”) resulting in deferred tax assets of \$6,990 and \$3,494, respectively. The federal NOLs will expire in varying amounts beginning in 2030 through 2038 and the state NOLs will begin to expire in varying amounts in 2021 through 2037.

In assessing the realizability of deferred income tax assets, the Company performs an evaluation of whether it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of its deferred income tax assets will not be realized. During the course of this evaluation, the Company considers all available positive and negative evidence and if, based upon the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not the deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recorded. Based on its current evaluation, the Company determined it was appropriate to decrease its valuation allowance by \$19,833.

The total amount of unrecognized benefits on uncertain tax positions that, if recognized, would affect the Company’s effective tax rate was \$2,122. A reconciliation of the change in the unrecognized income tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Beginning unrecognized tax benefits	\$ 1,754	\$ 556
Current period unrecognized tax benefits	368	1,198
Ending unrecognized tax benefits	<u>\$ 2,122</u>	<u>\$ 1,754</u>

The Company recognizes interest expense and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. No amounts representing penalties and interest were recorded as income tax expense during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. The Company had no interest or penalties accrued in the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal, various state and local, and certain foreign jurisdictions. As of December 31, 2020, the Company’s tax years subsequent to 2015 are subject to examination by tax authorities with few exceptions. One of the Company’s Canadian subsidiaries is currently undergoing an examination of its tax filings for the period June 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

#### **15. COMPENSATION AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS**

The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries sponsor Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) defined contribution plans for the benefit of all full-time and part-time employees. Employees are entitled to make tax-deferred contributions up to the maximum allowed by law of their eligible compensation.

The Company sponsors various other non-U.S. Defined Contribution and Defined Profit-Sharing Plans that are offered by the Company’s foreign subsidiaries. Many of these plans were assumed through the Company’s acquisitions or are required by local regulatory requirements. The Company may deposit funds for these plans with insurance companies, or into government-managed accounts consistent with local regulatory requirements, as applicable.

Contribution to the plans are made by both the employee and the Company. The Company’s contributions to the plans was \$1,812 and \$1,889 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### **16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company leases 5 distribution warehouses and retail stores from an employee. During the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 the Company made payments and recorded rent expense related to these leases of \$635 and \$646 respectively which are included in related party expense in the Company’s

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consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The Company recorded balances of \$42 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, which is recorded in prepaid expenses in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

**17. RESTRUCTURING**

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company initiated a plan to perform a companywide reorganization which resulted in the realignment of reporting structures and elimination of redundant positions. In addition, prior to the sale of Mustang, all of the foregoing operations were relocated into existing facilities. These initiatives consisted of one-time termination benefits and other shutdown costs that continued through the year ended December 31, 2020.

Restructuring accruals are presented below and are included within accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets:

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Beginning accrued restructuring cost	\$ —	\$ 2,884
Additions	160	(69)
Payments	(160)	(2,815)
Ending accrued restructuring cost	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

The cost of restructuring projects totaled \$160 and \$(69) during the year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, representing employee-related severance and other benefits and incremental costs related to disposal activities. The Company has incurred \$5,080 of cumulative restructuring charges since the commencement of the organizational realignment. The restructuring did not result in any asset write down.

Restructuring expenses are presented below and are included within restructuring and transactions cost in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss):

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Employee severance and other benefits	\$ 160	\$ (177)
Other shutdown costs	—	108
	<u>\$ 160</u>	<u>\$ (69)</u>

Other shut down costs primarily represents incremental costs associated with the consolidation of the Company's facilities and manufacturing operations.

**18. SEGMENT DATA**

Our operations are comprised of two reportable segments: Products and Distribution. Segment information is consistent with how the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), our chief executive officer, reviews the business, makes investing and resource allocation decisions and assesses operating performance. Senior management evaluates segment performance based on segment profit. Each segment's profit is measured as gross profit. The CODM is not provided asset information or operating expenses by segment.

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	Year ended December 31, 2020			
	Products	Distribution	Reconciling Items <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
Net sales	\$343,689	\$ 84,922	\$ (23,969)	\$404,642
Cost of goods sold	211,048	64,761	(24,105)	251,704
Gross profit	<u>\$132,641</u>	<u>\$ 20,161</u>	<u>\$ 136</u>	<u>\$152,938</u>

	Year ended December 31, 2019			
	Products	Distribution	Reconciling Items <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
Net sales	\$365,903	\$ 78,171	\$ (23,338)	\$420,736
Cost of goods sold	236,355	61,657	(23,313)	274,699
Gross profit	<u>\$129,548</u>	<u>\$ 16,514</u>	<u>\$ (25)</u>	<u>\$146,037</u>

(1) Reconciling items consist primarily of intercompany eliminations and items not directly attributable to operating segments.

## 19. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES TO CASH FLOWS

Supplemental non-cash and other cash flow information consists of the following:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2020	2019
<b>Supplemental disclosures:</b>		
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 879	\$ 307
Cash paid for interest	\$ 23,316	\$ 27,907
<b>Non-cash transactions:</b>		
Stock received in the sale of business	\$ 4,731	\$ 4,611

## 20. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated the impact of events that have occurred from December 31, 2020 through May 7, 2021, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, except for the following, the Company has determined no other events were required to be recognized or disclosed:

The Company maintains a cash-based executive compensation plan for certain employees. The Company's Board of Directors awarded 28,670 interests in the plan ("units"). Each unit represents an unfunded and unsecured right, subject to certain conditions as set forth by the plan. One-third of the units granted to any holder will vest on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of March 18, 2021 during the term of such holder's employment with the Company. Payment of a holder's vested balance is dependent upon a transaction or series of related transactions constituting a change of control, as defined by the executive compensation plan. The plan will expire on March 18, 2025, at which time the plan and all awarded units will be terminated for no consideration if a change in control event has not occurred before that date. As of March 31, 2021, the Company did not record compensation expense related to the units as the likelihood of a change in control event occurring is not probable until the change in control event occurs. If a change in control event becomes probable, the fair value of the awards would be calculated as follows: enterprise value of the Company (net of debt) divided by the sum of the fully diluted common shares outstanding and vested units immediately before the change in control event is deemed probable multiplied by the number of vested units. Compensation expense would be recognized on the vested units at that time. Awards not yet vested at the time of a change in control event will terminate, however, the Company, at its sole discretion, may choose to accelerate the vesting of all unvested units upon a change in control event.

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**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
**As of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020**  
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*(In thousands, except for share and per share amounts)*

	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,440	\$ 2,873
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$926 and \$1,113, respectively	49,285	43,646
Inventories	63,516	60,923
Prepaid expenses	7,399	6,665
Other current assets	2,429	3,362
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>140,069</u>	<u>117,469</u>
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$35,026 and \$33,643, respectively	34,890	35,437
Deferred tax assets, net	9,811	12,900
Intangible assets, net	48,958	51,009
Goodwill	66,331	66,314
Other assets	420	150
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 300,479</u>	<u>\$ 283,279</u>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 27,177	\$ 21,978
Accrued liabilities	40,101	36,004
Income tax payable	1,342	1,005
Current portion of long-term debt	2,579	3,496
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>71,199</u>	<u>62,483</u>
Long-term debt	209,342	209,310
Deferred tax liabilities	2,180	2,085
Other liabilities	1,759	550
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>284,480</u>	<u>274,428</u>
<b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)</b>		
Mezzanine equity		
Preferred stock (\$0.001 par value, 10,000 shares authorized, 0 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020)	—	—
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock (\$0.01 par value, 990,000 shares authorized, 549,667 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020)	5	5
Additional paid-in capital	48,668	48,668
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,576)	(2,860)
Accumulated deficit	(30,098)	(36,962)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<u>15,999</u>	<u>8,851</u>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<u>\$ 300,479</u>	<u>\$ 283,279</u>

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



**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income**  
**For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021 and 2020**  
**(Unaudited)**  
*(In thousands, except for share and per share amounts)*

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Net sales	\$ 110,536	\$ 97,940
Cost of goods sold	66,577	58,838
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>43,959</b>	<b>39,102</b>
Operating expenses		
Selling, general and administrative	28,051	27,050
Restructuring and transaction costs	321	1,334
Related party expense	153	162
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>28,525</b>	<b>28,546</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>15,434</b>	<b>10,556</b>
Other income (expense)		
Interest expense	(5,044)	(6,669)
Other (expense) income, net	(44)	680
<b>Total other expense, net</b>	<b>(5,088)</b>	<b>(5,989)</b>
Income before provision for income taxes	10,346	4,567
Provision for income taxes	(3,482)	(315)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 6,864</b>	<b>\$ 4,252</b>
<b>Net income per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 12.49	\$ 7.74
Diluted	\$ 12.49	\$ 7.74
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding:</b>		
Basic	549,667	549,667
Diluted	549,667	549,667
Net income	\$ 6,864	\$ 4,252
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments arising during the period	284	(1,870)
<b>Comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	<b>\$ 7,148</b>	<b>\$ 2,382</b>

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**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021 and 2020**  
**(Unaudited)**  
*(In thousands)*

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 6,864	\$ 4,252
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	3,539	3,850
Amortization of original issue discount and debt issue costs	677	355
Non cash consideration received from sale of business	—	(416)
Deferred income taxes	3,319	83
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	(91)	15
Foreign exchange gain	109	(227)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(5,626)	8,516
Inventories	(2,496)	(3,905)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(141)	1,743
Accounts payable and other liabilities	10,678	612
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>16,832</b>	<b>14,878</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(788)	(1,262)
Proceeds from sale of equity securities	—	5,591
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(788)</b>	<b>4,329</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from revolving credit facility	88,593	110,829
Principal payments on revolving credit facility	(88,593)	(96,153)
Proceeds from term loan	—	(13)
Principal payments on term loan	(566)	(6,054)
Principal payments on insurance premium financing	(917)	(831)
Payment of capital leases	(7)	(12)
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(1,490)</b>	<b>7,766</b>
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	13	(110)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>14,567</b>	<b>26,863</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	<b>2,873</b>	<b>2,520</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>17,440</b>	<b>29,383</b>

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

**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)**  
**For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021 and 2020**  
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	<u>Common Stock</u>		<u>Additional Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</u>	<u>Accumulated Deficit</u>	<u>Shareholders' Equity</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>				
Balance, December 31, 2020	549,667	\$ 5	\$ 48,668	\$ (2,860)	\$ (36,962)	\$ 8,851
Net income	—	—	—	—	6,864	6,864
Foreign currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	284	—	284
Balance, March 31, 2021	<u>549,667</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>48,668</u>	<u>\$ (2,576)</u>	<u>\$ (30,098)</u>	<u>\$ 15,999</u>

	<u>Common Stock</u>		<u>Additional Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss</u>	<u>Accumulated Deficit</u>	<u>Shareholders' Deficit</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>				
Balance, December 31, 2019	549,667	\$ 5	\$ 48,668	\$ (3,280)	\$ (75,415)	\$ (30,022)
Net income	—	—	—	—	4,252	4,252
Foreign currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	(1,870)	—	(1,870)
Balance, March 31, 2020	<u>549,667</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>48,668</u>	<u>\$ (5,150)</u>	<u>\$ (71,163)</u>	<u>\$ (27,640)</u>

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

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### *Nature of Operations and Basis of Presentation*

Cadre Holdings, Inc., D/B/A The Safariland Group (the “Company”, “Cadre”, “we”, “us”, and “our”), a Delaware corporation, began operations on April 23, 2012. The Company, headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, is a global leader in manufacturing and distributing safety and survivability products and other related products for the law enforcement, first responder and military markets. The business operates through 15 manufacturing plants within the U.S., Mexico, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Lithuania, and sells its products worldwide through its direct sales force, distribution channel and distribution partners, online stores, and third-party resellers.

### *Principles of Consolidation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) and applicable rules and regulations regarding interim financial reporting, and include the accounts of the Company, its wholly owned subsidiaries, and other entities consolidated as required by GAAP. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for annual audited financial statements. These interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the Company’s most recently completed annual consolidated financial statements. All adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Certain items previously reported in the notes to the consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current financial statement presentation.

### *Fair Value Measurements*

The Company follows the guidance of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance also establishes the following three-level hierarchy based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability on the measurement date:

Level 1: Observable inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities traded in active markets.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect assumptions about what market participants would use in pricing assets or liabilities based on the best information available.

The Company’s financial instruments consist principally of cash, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, other current assets, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, income tax payable and debt. The carrying amounts of certain of these financial instruments, including cash, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, other current assets, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and income tax payable approximate their current fair value due to the relatively short-term nature of these accounts.

There were no assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

There were no transfers of assets or liabilities between levels during the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020.

The carrying value of our long-term debt obligations approximates the fair value, as the long-term debt was entered into recently. The Company classifies its long-term debt within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### ***Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets***

The Company tests goodwill and intangible assets determined to have indefinite useful lives for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that assets might be impaired. The Company performs these annual impairment tests as of October 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

In evaluating goodwill for impairment, qualitative factors are considered to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. Some of these qualitative factors may include macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, a change in financial performance, or entity-specific events. If, through this qualitative assessment, the conclusion is made that it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount, the Company performs a two-step goodwill impairment test. The first step involves a comparison of the fair value of a reporting unit to its carrying value. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the process is performed, which compares the implied value of the reporting unit goodwill with the carrying value of the goodwill of that reporting unit. If the carrying value of the goodwill of a reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess.

The Company determines the fair value of its reporting units based on a combination of the income approach and market approach, weighted based on the circumstances. Both values are discounted using a rate that reflects the Company's best estimate of the weighted average cost of capital of a market participant and is adjusted for appropriate risk factors.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

The Company derives revenue primarily from the sale of physical products. The Company recognizes revenue when a contract exists with a customer that specifies the goods and services to be provided at an agreed upon sales price and when the performance obligation is satisfied by transferring the goods or service to the customer. The performance obligation is considered satisfied when control transfers, which is generally determined when products are shipped or delivered to the customer but could be delayed until the receipt of customer acceptance, depending on the terms of the contract. Sales are made on normal and customary short-term credit terms or upon delivery for point of sale transactions.

The Company enters into contractual arrangements primarily with customers in the form of individual customer orders which specify the goods, quantity, pricing, and associated order terms. The Company has some long-term contracts that may contain research and development performance obligations that are satisfied over time. The Company invoices the customer once the billing milestone is reached and collects under customary short-term credit terms. For long-term contracts, the Company recognizes revenue using the input method based on costs incurred, as this method is an appropriate measure of progress toward the complete satisfaction of the performance obligation. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimation process, it is possible that estimates of costs to complete a performance obligation will be revised in the near-term. For those performance obligations for which revenue is recognized using a cost-to-cost input method, changes in total estimated costs, and related progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation, are recognized on a cumulative catch-up basis in the period in which the revisions to the estimates are made. When the current estimate of total costs for a performance obligation indicate a loss, a provision for the entire estimated loss on the unsatisfied performance obligation is made in the period in which the loss becomes evident.

At the time of revenue recognition, the Company also provides for estimated sales returns and miscellaneous claims from customers as reductions to revenues. The estimates are based on historical rates of product returns and claims. The Company accrues for such estimated returns and claims with an estimated

accrual and associated reduction of revenue. Additionally, the Company records inventory that it expects to be returned as part of inventories, with a corresponding reduction to cost of goods sold.

Charges for shipping and handling fees billed to customers are included in net sales and the corresponding shipping and handling expenses are included in cost of goods sold in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. We consider our costs related to shipping and handling after control over a product has transferred to a customer to be a cost of fulfilling the promise to transfer the product to the customer.

Sales commissions paid to employees as compensation are expensed as incurred for contracts with service periods less than a year. For contracts with service periods greater than a year, these costs are capitalized and amortized over the life of the contract. These costs are recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income.

#### ***Product Warranty***

Some of the Company's manufactured products carry limited warranty provisions for defects in quality and workmanship. A warranty reserve is established at the time of sale to cover estimated costs based on the Company's history of warranty repairs and replacements and is recorded in cost of goods sold in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income.

The following table represents changes in the Company's accrued warranties and related costs:

	<b>Three months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Beginning accrued warranty expense	\$ 1,133	\$ 2,114
Current period claims	(56)	(185)
Provision for current period sales	63	286
Ending accrued warranty expense	<u>\$ 1,140</u>	<u>\$ 2,215</u>

#### ***Net Income per Share***

Basic income or loss per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted income per share reflects the potential dilution from outstanding warrants. The calculation of weighted average shares outstanding and net income per share are as follows (in thousands, except for per share data):

	<b>Three months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share:</b>		
Net income	\$ 6,864	\$ 4,252
<b>Denominator:</b>		
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	549,667	549,667
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	<u>549,667</u>	<u>549,667</u>
<b>Net income per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 12.49	\$ 7.74
Diluted	\$ 12.49	\$ 7.74

#### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

##### **Pronouncements Adopted During 2020**

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, which modifies the disclosure requirements on fair value measurements. The ASU is effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years,

beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted this ASU effective January 1, 2020. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's disclosures.

#### Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which is intended to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of right-of-use ("ROU") assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. In July 2018, the FASB issued additional guidance which provided an additional transition method for adopting the updated guidance. Under the additional transition method, entities may elect to recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the year of adoption. In June 2020, the FASB issued additional guidance which extends the effective date of ASU 2016-02 for emerging growth companies to begin in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. Early adoption is permitted. The Company plans to adopt this standard on January 1, 2022 and is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of this standard on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments — Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*. ASU 2016-13 includes an impairment model (known as the current expected credit loss model) that is based on expected losses rather than incurred losses. Under the new guidance, an entity recognizes as an allowance its estimate of expected credit losses, which the FASB believes will result in more timely recognition of such losses. The use of forecasted information is intended to incorporate more timely information in the estimate of expected credit loss. In November 2019, the FASB issued additional guidance which extends the effective date of ASU 2016-13 for emerging growth companies to begin in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption is permitted. The Company plans to adopt this standard on January 1, 2023 and is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of this standard on its consolidated financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes*. ASU 2019-12 simplifies the accounting for income taxes by removing certain exceptions to the general principles in Topic 740 and improves consistent application of and simplifies GAAP for other areas of Topic 740 by clarifying existing guidance. For emerging growth companies, this ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within those fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this ASU will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

There were no other new accounting standards that the Company expects to have a potential material impact to the financial position or results of operations upon adoption.

## 2. REVENUE RECOGNITION

The following tables disaggregate net sales by channel and geography:

	<u>Three months ended March 31,</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
U.S. state and local agencies <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 64,860	53,878
Commercial	8,095	7,887
U.S. federal agencies	14,620	17,015
International	21,231	17,286
Other	1,730	1,874
Net sales	<u>\$ 110,536</u>	<u>\$ 97,940</u>

(a) Includes all Distribution sales

	<b>Three months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
United States	\$ 89,305	\$ 80,654
International	21,231	17,286
	<u>\$ 110,536</u>	<u>\$ 97,940</u>

Revenue by product is not disclosed, as it is impractical to do so.

#### *Contract Liabilities*

Contract liabilities are recorded as a component of other liabilities when customers remit cash payments in advance of the Company satisfying performance obligations which are satisfied at a future point of time. Contract liabilities are derecognized when the performance obligation is satisfied. Contract liabilities are included in accrued liabilities in the Company's consolidated balance sheets and totaled \$8,359 and \$6,485 at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. Revenue recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2021 from amounts included in contract liabilities at December 31, 2020 was \$3,554.

#### *Remaining Performance Obligations*

As of March 31, 2021, we had \$25,607 of remaining performance obligations, which included amounts that will be invoiced and recognized in future periods. The remaining performance obligations are limited only to arrangements that meet the definition of a contract under Topic 606 as of March 31, 2021. We expect to recognize approximately 90% of this balance over the next twelve months and expect the remainder to be recognized in the following two years.

### **3. INVENTORIES**

The following table sets forth a summary of inventories stated at lower of cost or net realizable value, as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020:

	<b>March 31, 2021</b>	<b>December 31, 2020</b>
Finished goods	\$ 27,949	\$ 25,986
Work-in-process	4,600	3,741
Raw materials and supplies	<u>30,967</u>	<u>31,196</u>
	<u>\$ 63,516</u>	<u>\$ 60,923</u>

### **4. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

#### *Goodwill*

The following table summarizes the changes in goodwill for the three months ended March 31, 2021:

	<b>Products</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$63,698	\$ 2,616	\$66,314
Foreign currency translation adjustments	17	—	17
Balance, March 31, 2021	<u>\$63,715</u>	<u>\$ 2,616</u>	<u>\$66,331</u>

Gross goodwill and accumulated impairment losses was \$73,916 and \$7,585 at March 31, 2021 and \$73,899 and \$7,585, respectively, at December 31, 2020.

#### *Intangible Assets*

Intangible assets such as certain customer relationships and patents on core technologies and product technologies are amortizable over their estimated useful lives. Certain trade names and trademarks which provide exclusive and perpetual rights to manufacture and sell their respective products are deemed indefinite-lived and are therefore not subject to amortization.



Intangible assets consisted of the following as of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020:

	March 31, 2021			Weighted Average Useful Life
	Gross	Accumulated amortization	Net	
<b>Definite lived intangibles:</b>				
Customer relationships	\$ 74,247	(47,544)	26,703	12
Technology	12,021	(10,546)	1,475	7
Tradenames	6,522	(2,429)	4,093	1
Non-compete agreements	1,049	(1,049)	—	4
	<u>\$ 93,839</u>	<u>(61,568)</u>	<u>32,271</u>	
<b>Indefinite lived intangibles:</b>				
Tradenames	16,687	—	16,687	Indefinite
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$110,526</b></u>	<u><b>(61,568)</b></u>	<u><b>48,958</b></u>	
	<b>December 31, 2020</b>			
	Gross	Accumulated amortization	Net	Weighted Average Useful Life
<b>Definite lived intangibles:</b>				
Customer relationships	\$ 74,123	(45,815)	28,308	12
Technology	11,991	(10,333)	1,658	7
Tradenames	6,490	(2,135)	4,355	1
Non-compete agreements	1,041	(1,027)	14	4
	<u>\$ 93,645</u>	<u>(59,310)</u>	<u>34,335</u>	
<b>Indefinite lived intangibles:</b>				
Tradenames	16,674	—	16,674	Indefinite
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$110,319</b></u>	<u><b>(59,310)</b></u>	<u><b>51,009</b></u>	

The Company recorded amortization expense of \$2,186 and \$2,459 for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, of which \$198 and \$373 was included in cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income for the respective periods.

The estimated amortization expense for finite-lived intangible assets for the remaining nine months of 2021, the next four years and thereafter is as follows:

Remainder of 2021	\$ 6,387
2022	7,710
2023	6,781
2024	3,881
2025	1,873
Thereafter	5,639
	<u>\$32,271</u>

**5. DEBT**

The Company's debt is as follows:

	<u>March 31, 2021</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>
<b>Short-term debt:</b>		
Insurance premium financing	\$ 308	\$ 1,225
Current portion of term loan	2,251	2,251
Current portion of other	20	20
	<u>\$ 2,579</u>	<u>\$ 3,496</u>
<b>Long-term debt:</b>		
Term loan	221,625	222,187
Other	126	128
	<u>\$ 221,751</u>	<u>\$ 222,315</u>
Unamortized debt discount and debt issuance costs	(12,409)	(13,005)
<b>Total long-term debt, net</b>	<u><b>\$ 209,342</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 209,310</b></u>

*Revolving Credit Facility*

We have a secured \$50,000 revolving credit facility that matures in November 2025.

As of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, there were no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility. Under the terms of the revolving credit facility, availability is based upon eligible accounts receivable and inventory and are reduced by outstanding letters of credit. As of March 31, 2021, we had letters of credit outstanding of \$2,875 and availability of \$45,654. Borrowings under the revolving line of credit bear interest at a base rate ("Base Rate") or LIBOR plus an applicable margin as determined by average availability. The Base Rate is calculated as, for any day, a per annum rate equal to the greater of the Prime Rate for such day or the Federal Funds Rate for such day plus 0.50%.

The revolving credit facility agreement and the term loan agreement have a cross-default clause whereby a violation of one may constitute a violation in the other causing an acceleration of payments. The Company is required to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a maximum leverage ratio. The Company was in compliance with all financial covenants as of March 31, 2021.

The following summarizes the aggregate principal payments of our long-term debt, excluding debt discount and debt issuance costs, for the remaining nine months of 2021, the next four years and thereafter is as follows:

Remainder of 2021	\$ 1,703
2022	2,271
2023	2,272
2024	2,273
2025	2,274
Thereafter	<u>213,229</u>
<b>Total principal payments</b>	<u><b>\$224,022</b></u>

**6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES***Legal Proceedings*

In March 2020, the Company settled an administrative enforcement action filed by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") relating to Company's sale of VieVu, LLC to Axon Enterprise Inc. wherein the FTC alleged that the operative agreements contained non-compete and non-solicitation provisions in

violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18. The FTC's administrative complaint sought only injunctive relief against the Company to enjoin the enforcement of these provisions, now and in the future, and did not seek monetary damages against the Company. In January 2020, the Company and Axon had rescinded these provisions. Pursuant to a consent agreement and proposed consent order entered into by the FTC and the Company, on June 11, 2020, the Commission issued a Decision and Order accepting the Consent Agreement (the "Order"). Under the Order, the Company agreed to not modify and reinstate the rescinded provisions and to not enter into any new similar provisions with Axon, absent prior approval from the FTC. In addition, as part of the Company's compliance program, the Order imposes an obligation to distribute to, and train the directors and officers on, the requirements of the consent order and to report annually for five years to the FTC ensuring compliance with the consent order. On June 11, 2021, the Company filed its second Interim Verified Compliance Report as required by the Order.

In June 2020, the Company received a Civil Investigative Demand ("CID") from the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), Western District of Washington (Seattle, WA), pertaining to an investigation with regard to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. sections 3729-3733 ("FCA"), concerning allegations that soft body armor vest accessory panels sold by the Company are falsely labeled as compliant with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) performance standards. In September 2020, the Company made its First Production of Documents which contained only documents and data that had been deemed to be of a "priority" nature pursuant to an agreement reached between the Company's counsel and the Assistant US Attorney handling the matter. There has been no further communication or production of documents with the US Attorney's Office since September 2020. At this preliminary stage of the investigation, the Company does not have enough information to make an evaluation of the merits, exposure or potential risks regarding this matter.

The Company is also involved in various legal disputes and other legal proceedings and claims that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of business. The Company vigorously defends itself against all lawsuits and evaluates the amount of reasonably possible losses that the Company could incur as a result of these matters. While any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, the Company believes that the reasonably possible losses that the Company could incur in excess of insurance coverage would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or liquidity.

#### *Insurance*

The Company has various insurance policies, including product liability insurance, covering risks and in amounts it considers adequate. There can be no assurance that the insurance coverage maintained by the Company is sufficient or will be available in adequate amounts or at a reasonable cost.

#### *International*

As an international company, we are, from time to time, the subject of investigations relation to the Company's international operations, including under U.S. export control laws (such as ITAR), the FCPA and other similar U.S. and international laws.

#### *Leases*

The Company leases office, warehouse, and distribution space under non-cancelable operating leases. As leases expire, it can be expected that, in the normal course of business, certain leases will be renewed or replaced. Our leases generally contain multi-year renewal options and escalation clauses. Total rent expense of the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$1,150 and \$1,083, respectively.

The Company maintains capital lease agreements. As of March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company recorded capital lease obligations of \$43 and \$43 within accrued liabilities and \$36 and \$46, respectively, within other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

Future minimum lease payments required under non-cancelable operating leases that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year and the Company's capital lease agreements for the remaining nine months of 2021, the next four years and thereafter is as follows:

	<u>Capital Leases</u>	<u>Operating Leases</u>
Remainder of 2021	\$ 32	\$ 3,397
2022	43	4,210
2023	4	3,807
2024	—	2,682
2025	—	1,345
Thereafter	—	412
Total minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 79</u>	<u>\$ 15,853</u>
Less: Amount representing interest	<u>(17)</u>	
Capital lease obligation	<u>\$ 62</u>	

There were no material future minimum sublease payments to be received under non-cancelable subleases at March 31, 2021. There was no material sublease income as of March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

## 7. INCOME TAXES

The Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal, various state and local, and certain foreign jurisdictions. As of March 31, 2021, the Company's tax years subsequent to 2016 are subject to examination by tax authorities with few exceptions. One of the Company's Canadian subsidiaries is currently undergoing an examination of its tax filings for the period June 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

In assessing the realizability of deferred income tax assets, the Company performs a quarterly evaluation of whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred income tax assets will not be realized. During the course of this evaluation, the Company considers all available positive and negative evidence and if, based upon the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not the deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recorded. Based on its evaluation during the three months ended March 31, 2021, the Company has recorded a valuation allowance of \$1,729.

The Company's effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020 was 32.5% and 6.9% respectively. The change in the effective tax rate period over period primarily relates to the valuation allowance the Company had on its deferred tax assets during 2020.

## 8. COMPENSATION PLANS

The Company maintains a cash-based executive compensation plan for certain employees. The Company's Board of Directors awarded 28,670 interests in the plan ("units"). Each unit represents an unfunded and unsecured right, subject to certain conditions as set forth by the plan. One-third of the units granted to any holder will vest on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of March 18, 2021 during the term of such holder's employment with the Company. Payment of a holder's vested balance is dependent upon a transaction or series of related transactions constituting a change of control, as defined by the executive compensation plan. The plan will expire on March 18, 2025, at which time the plan and all awarded units will be terminated for no consideration if a change in control event has not occurred before that date. As of March 31, 2021, the Company did not record compensation expense related to the units as the likelihood of a change in control event occurring is not probable until the change in control event occurs. If a change in control event becomes probable, the fair value of the awards would be calculated as follows: enterprise value of the Company (net of debt) divided by the sum of the fully diluted common shares outstanding and vested units immediately before the change in control event is deemed probable multiplied by the number of vested units. Compensation expense would be recognized on the vested units at that time. Awards not yet vested at the time of a change in control event will terminate, however, the Company, at its sole discretion, may choose to accelerate the vesting of all unvested units upon a change in control event.

**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company leases 5 distribution warehouses and retail stores from an employee. During the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded rent expense related to these leases of \$153 and \$162, respectively, which is included in related party expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income.

**10. SEGMENT DATA**

Our operations are comprised of two reportable segments: Products and Distribution. Segment information is consistent with how the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), our chief executive officer, reviews the business, makes investing and resource allocation decisions and assesses operating performance. The CODM is not provided asset information or operating expenses by segment.

	Three months ended March 31, 2021			
	Products	Distribution	Reconciling Items <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
Net sales	\$93,818	\$ 22,660	\$ (5,942)	\$110,536
Cost of goods sold	55,594	16,921	(5,938)	66,577
Gross profit	<u>\$38,224</u>	<u>\$ 5,739</u>	<u>\$ (4)</u>	<u>\$ 43,959</u>

	Three months ended March 31, 2020			
	Products	Distribution	Reconciling Items <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
Net sales	\$83,549	\$ 19,412	\$ (5,021)	\$97,940
Cost of goods sold	49,139	14,759	(5,060)	58,838
Gross profit	<u>\$34,410</u>	<u>\$ 4,653</u>	<u>\$ 39</u>	<u>\$39,102</u>

(1) Reconciling items consist primarily of intercompany eliminations and items not directly attributable to operating segments.

**11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated the impact of events that have occurred from March 31, 2021 through May 7, 2021, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, other than as recorded or disclosed within these consolidated financial statements and related notes, the Company has determined no other events were required to be recognized or disclosed.

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**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**

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Through and including \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 (the 25<sup>th</sup> day after the date of this prospectus), all dealers effecting transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to a dealer's obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as an underwriter and with respect to an unsold allotment or subscription.

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**PART II**  
**Information Not Required in Prospectus**

**Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than the underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by the registrant in connection with the sale of common stock being registered. All amounts are estimates except for the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, registration fee, the FINRA filing fee and the New York Stock Exchange listing fee.

Item	Amount to be paid
SEC registration fee	\$ *
FINRA filing fee	*
The New York Stock Exchange listing fee	*
Printing and engraving expenses	*
Legal fees and expenses	*
Accounting fees and expenses	*
Transfer Agent fees and expenses	*
Miscellaneous expenses	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ *</b>

\* To be provided by amendment.

We are paying all expenses of the offering listed above.

**Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides, in general, that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), because he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides, in general, that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor because the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which he or she shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or other adjudicating court determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, he or she is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses that the Court of Chancery or other adjudicating court shall deem proper.

Section 145(g) of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides, in general, that a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent

of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the person against such liability under Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that no director of our company shall be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) in respect of unlawful dividend payments or stock redemptions or repurchases, or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. In addition, our certificate of incorporation provides that if the Delaware General Corporation Law is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of a director of our company shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, as so amended.

Our certificate of incorporation further provides that any repeal or modification of such article by our stockholders or amendment to the Delaware General Corporation Law will not adversely affect any right or protection existing at the time of such repeal or modification with respect to any acts or omissions occurring before such repeal or modification of a director serving at the time of such repeal or modification.

Our bylaws provide that we will indemnify each of our directors and officers and, in the discretion of our board of directors, certain employees, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law as the same may be amended (except that in the case of amendment, only to the extent that the amendment permits us to provide broader indemnification rights than the Delaware General Corporation Law permitted us to provide prior to such the amendment) against any and all expenses, judgments, penalties, fines and amounts reasonably paid in settlement that are incurred by the director, officer or such employee or on the director's, officer's or employee's behalf in connection with any threatened, pending or completed proceeding or any claim, issue or matter therein, to which he or she is or is threatened to be made a party because he or she is or was serving as a director, officer or employee of our company, or at our request as a director, partner, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of our company and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Article \_\_\_\_\_ of the bylaws further provides for the advancement of expenses to each of our directors and, in the discretion of the board of directors, to certain officers and employees.

In addition, the bylaws provide that the right of each of our directors and officers to indemnification and advancement of expenses shall be a contract right and shall not be exclusive of any other right now possessed or hereafter acquired under any statute, provision of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or otherwise. Furthermore, Article \_\_\_\_\_ of the bylaws authorizes us to provide insurance for our directors, officers and employees, against any liability, whether or not we would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the Delaware General Corporation Law or the provisions of Article \_\_\_\_\_ of the bylaws.

In connection with the sale of common stock being registered hereby, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and our executive officers. These agreements will provide that we will indemnify each of our directors and such officers to the fullest extent permitted by law and the certificate of incorporation and bylaws. These indemnification agreements also require us to advance all expenses incurred by the directors and executive officers in investigating or defending any such action, suit or proceeding. We believe that these agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and executive officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions that are expected to be included in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, amended and restated bylaws and the indemnification agreements that we have entered into or will enter into with our directors and executive officers may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors and executive officers for breach of their fiduciary duties. They may also reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and



executive officers, even though an action, if successful, might benefit us and other stockholders. Further, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent that we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and executive officers as required by these indemnification provisions. At present, we are not aware of any pending litigation or proceeding involving any person who is or was one of our directors, officers, employees or other agents or is or was serving at our request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, for which indemnification is sought, and we are not aware of any threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification.

We also maintain a general liability insurance policy, which covers certain liabilities of directors and officers of our company arising out of claims based on acts or omissions in their capacities as directors or officers.

In any underwriting agreement we enter into in connection with the sale of common stock being registered hereby, the underwriters will agree to indemnify, under certain conditions, us, our directors, our officers and persons who control us within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, against certain liabilities.

**Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

In the three years preceding the filing of this registration statement, we have not issued securities that were not registered under the Securities Act.

**Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement.*
3.1	Form of Amended and Restated and Certificate of Incorporation, to be effective upon the consummation of this offering.*
3.2	Form of Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, to be effective upon the consummation of this offering.*
5.1	Opinion of Kane Kessler, P.C.*
10.1	Term Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of November 17, 2020, by and among Cadre Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Maui Acquisition Corp.), its then subsidiaries party thereto as borrowers and guarantors, Guggenheim Credit Services, LLC, as agent, and the financial institutions party thereto from time to time as lenders.*
10.2	Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of November 18, 2016, by and among Cadre Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Maui Acquisition Corp.), its then subsidiaries party thereto as borrowers and guarantors, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and the financial institutions party thereto from time to time as lenders.*
10.3	Consent and First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated May 1, 2017, by and among Cadre Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Maui Acquisition Corp.), its then subsidiaries party thereto as borrowers and guarantors, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and the financial institutions party thereto from time to time as lenders.*
10.4	Second Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated June 1, 2017, by and among Cadre Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Maui Acquisition Corp.), its then subsidiaries party thereto as borrowers and guarantors, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and the financial institutions party thereto from time to time as lenders.*
10.5	Third Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated June 29, 2017, by and among Cadre Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Maui Acquisition Corp.), its then subsidiaries party thereto as borrowers and guarantors, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and the financial institutions party thereto from time to time as lenders.*
10.6	Consent and Fourth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated May 3, 2018, by and among Cadre Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Maui Acquisition

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	Corp.), its then subsidiaries party thereto as borrowers and guarantors, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and the financial institutions party thereto from time to time as lenders.*
10.1	Consent and Fifth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated June 20, 2019, by and among Cadre Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Maui Acquisition Corp.), its then subsidiaries party thereto as borrowers and guarantors, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and the financial institutions party thereto from time to time as lenders.*
10.2	Consent and Sixth Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated November 17, 2020, by and among Cadre Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Maui Acquisition Corp.), its then subsidiaries party thereto as borrowers and guarantors, Bank of America, N.A., as agent, and the financial institutions party thereto from time to time as lenders.*
10.3	Safariland Group Long-Term Incentive Plan +*
10.4	Form of Award Agreement under the Safariland Group Long-Term Incentive Plan +*
10.5	Safariland Group 2021 Phantom Restricted Share Plan +*
10.6	Form of Award Agreement under the Safariland Group 2021 Phantom Restricted Share Plan +*
10.7	Form of 2021 Stock Incentive Plan +*
10.8	Form of Option Agreement under the 2021 Stock Incentive Plan +*
10.9	Form of Stock Award Agreement under the 2021 Stock Incentive Plan +*
10.10	Form of Indemnification Agreement.*
10.11	Employment Agreement between Cadre Holdings, Inc. and Warren B. Kanders, dated as of , 2021+*
10.12	Employment Agreement between Cadre Holdings, Inc. and Brad Williams, dated as of 2021+*
10.13	Employment Agreement between Cadre Holdings, Inc. and Blaine Browers, dated as of 2021+*
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Cadre Holdings Inc.*
23.1	Consent of KPMG.*
23.2	Consent of Kane Kessler, P.C. (included in Exhibit 5.1).*
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page of this Registration Statement).*

\* To be filed by amendment. All other exhibits are submitted herewith.

+ Indicates management contract or compensatory plan.

#### **Item 17. Undertakings**

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes to provide to the underwriter at the closing specified in the underwriting agreement certificates in such denominations and registered in such names as required by the underwriter to permit prompt delivery to each purchaser.

(b) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act, and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(c) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Jacksonville, Florida, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**CADRE HOLDINGS, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: Warren B. Kanders  
 Title: Chief Executive Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each of the undersigned officers and directors of Cadre Holdings, Inc. hereby severally constitute and appoint each of Warren B. Kanders and \_\_\_\_\_ as the attorneys-in-fact for the undersigned, in any and all capacities, with full power of substitution, to sign any and all pre- or post-effective amendments to this Registration Statement, any subsequent Registration Statement for the same offering which may be filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any and all pre- or post-effective amendments thereto, and to file the same with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement on Form S-1 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____ Warren B. Kanders	Chief Executive Officer ( <i>Principal Executive Officer</i> ) and Chairman	, 2021
_____ Brad Williams	President	, 2021
_____ Blaine Browers	Chief Financial Officer ( <i>Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer</i> )	, 2021
_____ Nicholas Sokolow	Director	, 2021
_____ Hamish Norton	Director	, 2021
_____ William Quigley	Director	, 2021

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