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Quarterly Report Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2016

or
 Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the Transition Period from to

Commission File Number 0-10763

Atrion Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 63-0821819
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Allentown Parkway, Allen, Texas 75002
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(972) 390-9800
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares Outstanding at October 14, 2016
Common stock, Par Value \$0.10 per share	1,824,280

ATRION CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

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PART I

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Item 1. Financial Statements

ATRION CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
Revenues	\$37,835	\$37,381	\$110,193	\$113,361
Cost of goods sold	20,211	18,997	57,789	57,668
Gross profit	17,624	18,384	52,404	55,693
Operating expenses:				
Selling	1,471	1,322	4,871	4,525
General and administrative	3,613	3,926	11,442	12,196
Research and development	1,564	1,563	4,576	4,792
	6,648	6,811	20,889	21,513
Operating income	10,976	11,573	31,515	34,180
Interest income	106	131	315	636
Other income (expense), net	1	--	(309)	--
	107	131	6	636
Income before provision for income taxes	11,083	11,704	31,521	34,816
Provision for income taxes	(3,469)	(3,905)	(9,511)	(11,941)
Net income	\$7,614	\$7,799	\$22,010	\$22,875
Net income per basic share	\$4.17	\$4.25	\$12.07	\$12.34
Weighted average basic shares outstanding	1,825	1,836	1,823	1,853
Net income per diluted share	\$4.10	\$4.19	\$11.86	\$12.19
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	1,858	1,860	1,856	1,876
Dividends per common share	\$1.05	\$0.90	\$2.85	\$2.40

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

ATRION CORPORATION
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(In thousands)			
Net Income	\$7,614	\$7,799	\$22,010	\$22,875
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss):				
Unrealized income (loss) on investments, net of tax (benefit) expense of (\$273), (\$59), (\$445) and \$238	(506)	109	(827)	442
Comprehensive Income	\$7,108	\$7,908	\$21,183	\$23,317

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

ATRION CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

Assets	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$23,747	\$28,346
Short-term investments	15,049	44
Accounts receivable	20,124	16,620
Inventories	30,056	29,771
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,180	2,934
Deferred income taxes	580	580
	91,736	78,295
Long-term investments	9,838	9,866
Property, plant and equipment	159,301	150,807
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	93,618	87,493
	65,683	63,314
Other assets and deferred charges:		
Patents	2,005	2,193
Goodwill	9,730	9,730
Other	1,571	938
	13,306	12,861
Total assets	\$180,563	\$164,336
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$9,252	\$8,987
Accrued income and other taxes	1,734	329
	10,986	9,316
Line of credit	--	--
Other non-current liabilities	10,556	10,922
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.10 per share; authorized 10,000 shares, issued 3,420 shares	342	342
Paid-in capital	37,197	35,945
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(544)	283
Retained earnings	236,300	219,516

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Treasury shares, 1,596 at September 30, 2016 and 1,596 at December 31, 2015, at cost	(114,274)	(111,988)
Total stockholders' equity	159,021	144,098
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$180,563	\$164,336

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	Nine months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
	(In thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$22,010	\$22,875
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	6,655	6,663
Deferred income taxes	(116)	66
Stock-based compensation	1,323	1,454
Bond impairment	345	--
Net change in accrued interest, premiums, and discounts on investments	(5)	33
Other	--	17
	30,212	31,108
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(3,504)	(2,642)
Inventories	(285)	(1,180)
Prepaid expenses	754	1,932
Other non-current assets	(633)	(212)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	265	(105)
Accrued income and other taxes	1,405	837
Other non-current liabilities	195	745
	28,409	30,483
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Property, plant and equipment additions	(8,836)	(6,123)
Purchase of investments	(21,798)	--
Proceeds from sale of investments	210	--
Proceeds from maturities of investments	5,000	13,400
	(25,424)	7,277
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Shares tendered for employees' withholding taxes on stock-based compensation	(1,112)	(154)
Tax benefit related to stock-based compensation	--	150
Purchase of treasury stock	(1,276)	(30,698)
Dividends paid	(5,196)	(4,428)
	(7,584)	(35,130)

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Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(4,599)	2,630
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	28,346	20,775
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$23,747	\$23,405

Cash paid for:		
Income taxes	\$7,568	\$8,278

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ATRION CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Treasury Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Total
	Shares Outstanding	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Balances, December 31, 2015	1,824	\$342	1,596	\$(111,988)	\$35,945	\$283	\$219,516	\$144,098
Net income							22,010	22,010
Other comprehensive income (loss)						(827)		(827)
Stock-based compensation transactions	7		(7)	102	1,252			1,354
Shares surrendered in stock transactions	(3)		3	(1,112)				(1,112)
Purchase of treasury stock	(4)		4	(1,276)				(1,276)
Dividends							(5,226)	(5,226)
Balances, September 30, 2016	1,824	\$342	1,596	\$(114,274)	\$37,197	\$(544)	\$236,300	\$159,021

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (Unaudited)

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Atrion Corporation and its subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, these statements include all adjustments necessary to present a fair statement of our consolidated results of operations, financial position and cash flows. Operating results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year. Preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements and notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 ("2015 Form 10-K"). References herein to "Atrion," the "Company," "we," "our," and "us" refer to Atrion Corporation and its subsidiaries.

(2) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by using the first-in, first-out method. The following table details the major components of inventories (in thousands):

	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Raw materials	\$13,305	\$12,775
Work in process	7,528	6,557
Finished goods	9,223	10,439
Total inventories	\$30,056	\$29,771

(3) Income per share

The following is the computation for basic and diluted income per share:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Net income	\$7,614	\$7,799	\$22,010	\$22,875
Weighted average basic shares outstanding	1,825	1,836	1,823	1,853
Add: Effect of dilutive securities	33	24	33	23
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	1,858	1,860	1,856	1,876
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$4.17	\$4.25	\$12.07	\$12.34
Diluted	\$4.10	\$4.19	\$11.86	\$12.19

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Incremental shares from stock options and restricted stock units were included in the calculation of weighted average diluted shares outstanding using the treasury stock method. Dilutive securities representing 41 and 15 shares of common stock for the quarters ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, were excluded from the computation of weighted average diluted shares outstanding because their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

(4) Investments

As of September 30, 2016, we held an investment that is required to be measured for disclosure purposes at fair value on a recurring basis. This investment is considered a Level 2 investment and is considered to be a held-to-maturity security. We consider as current assets those investments which will mature in the next 12 months. The remaining investments are considered non-current assets. The amortized cost and fair value of our investments, and the related gross unrealized gains and losses, were as follows as of September 30, 2016 (in thousands):

	Gross Unrealized			
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value
Short-term Investments:				
Corporate Bonds	\$30	\$--	\$--	\$30
Long-term Investments				
Corporate bonds	\$5,000	\$9	\$--	\$5,009

Included in our short-term investments are certificates of deposit in the amount of \$15.0 million. These certificates of deposit have maturities greater than three months but shorter than twelve months.

The amortized cost and fair value of our investments, and the related gross unrealized gains and losses, were as follows as of December 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	Gross Unrealized			
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value
Short-term Investments:				
Corporate bonds	\$44	\$--	\$--	\$44

Long-term Investments

Corporate bonds	\$5,555	\$--	\$(30)	\$5,525
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The above long-term corporate bond represents an investment in one issuer at September 30, 2016. At September 30, 2016, the length of time until maturity of this security is 57 months.

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The cost and fair value of our Level 2 investments that are being accounted for as available-for-sale securities, and the related gross unrealized gain reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income, were as follows as of the dates shown below (in thousands):

	Gross Unrealized			Fair value
	Cost	Gains	Losses	
As of September 30, 2016:				
Long-term Investments:				
Equity investments	\$5,675	\$--	\$(837)	\$4,838

	Gross Unrealized			Fair value
	Cost		Losses	
As of December 31, 2015:				
Long-term Investments:				
Equity investments	\$3,876	\$435	\$--	\$4,311

The fair value of these Level 2 investments were estimated using recently executed transactions and market price quotations.

(5) Patents and Licenses

Purchased patents and licenses paid for the use of other entities' patents are amortized over the useful life of the patent or license. The following tables provide information regarding patents and licenses (dollars in thousands):

September 30, 2016			December 31, 2015		
Weighted Average Original Life (years)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Weighted Average Original Life (years)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
15.67	\$13,840	\$11,835	15.67	\$13,840	\$11,647

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Aggregate amortization expense for patents and licenses was \$63,000 for the three months ended both September 30, 2016 and 2015, and \$188,000 and \$282,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Estimated future amortization expense for each of the years set forth below ending December 31 is as follows (in thousands):

2017	\$155
2018	\$123
2019	\$123
2020	\$119
2021	\$119

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(6) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-09, Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting (ASU 2016-09). The objective of this update is to simplify several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payments. Under this guidance all excess tax benefits (“windfalls”) and deficiencies (“shortfalls”) related to employee stock compensation are recognized within income tax expense. Under prior guidance windfalls were recognized in paid-in capital and shortfalls were only recognized to the extent they exceeded the pool of windfall tax benefits. The ASU also requires companies to classify cash flows resulting from employee share-based payments, including the additional tax benefits or expenses related to the vesting or settlement of share-based awards, as cash flows from operating activities. These items were previously included as cash flows from financing activities. ASU 2016-09 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. We elected to adopt ASU 2016-09 during the second quarter of 2016 and are therefore required to report the impacts as though the ASU had been adopted on January 1, 2016. As a result of the adoption, a tax benefit of \$623,000 was recorded in the second quarter of 2016 reflecting the excess tax benefits. The adoption also impacted the computation of diluted shares outstanding for all 2016 reporting periods. First quarter of 2016 net income per diluted share was restated to \$3.74 from \$3.76. There was no restatement necessary for cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from financing activities in the previous 2016 period. The adoption was on a prospective basis and therefore had no impact on prior years.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments - Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. The main objective of this update is to enhance the reporting model for financial instruments in order to provide users of financial statements with more decision-useful information. The new guidance addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of financial instruments. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. We are currently evaluating the new guidance to determine the impact it may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes (ASU 2015-17) which requires that deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent on the balance sheet. The current requirement that deferred tax liabilities and assets of a tax-paying component of an entity be offset and presented as a single amount is not affected by this guidance. ASU 2015-17 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016 but early application is permitted and the guidance may be applied either prospectively to all deferred tax liabilities and assets or retrospectively to all periods presented. We do not anticipate a material impact on our consolidated financial statements at the time we adopt this new standard.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASU 2014-09). ASU 2014-09 requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. ASU 2014-09 will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles when it becomes effective. In July 2015, the FASB voted to delay the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year, making it effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017, with early adoption permitted as of the original effective date. ASU 2014-09 permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. We are evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. We have not yet selected a transition method nor have we determined the impact of ASU 2014-09 on our consolidated financial statements. From time to time, new accounting standards updates applicable to us are issued by the FASB which we will adopt as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed, we believe the impact of recently issued standards updates that are not yet effective will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

Item 2.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

We develop and manufacture products primarily for medical applications. We market components to other equipment manufacturers for incorporation in their products and sell finished devices to physicians, hospitals, clinics and other treatment centers. Our medical products primarily serve the fluid delivery, cardiovascular, and ophthalmology markets. Our other medical and non-medical products include instrumentation and disposables used in dialysis and valves and inflation devices used in marine and aviation safety products.

Our products are used in a wide variety of applications by numerous customers. We encounter competition in all of our markets and compete primarily on the basis of product quality, price, engineering, customer service and delivery time.

Our strategy is to provide a broad selection of products in the areas of our expertise. Research and development efforts are focused on improving current products and developing highly-engineered products that meet customer needs and have the potential for broad market applications and significant sales. Proposed new products may be subject to regulatory clearance or approval prior to commercialization and the time period for introducing a new product to the marketplace can be unpredictable. We also focus on controlling costs by investing in modern manufacturing technologies and controlling purchasing processes. We have been successful in consistently generating cash from operations and have used that cash to reduce indebtedness, to fund capital expenditures, to repurchase stock and to pay dividends.

Our strategic objective is to further enhance our position in our served markets by:

- Focusing on customer needs;

- Expanding existing product lines and developing new products;

- Manufacturing products to exacting quality standards; and

- Preserving and fostering a collaborative and entrepreneurial culture.

For the three months ended September 30, 2016, we reported revenues of \$37.8 million, operating income of \$11.0 million and net income of \$7.6 million, up 1 percent, down 5 percent and down 2 percent, respectively, from the three months ended September 30, 2015. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we reported revenues of \$110.2 million, operating income of \$31.5 million and net income of \$22.0 million, down 3 percent, 8 percent and 4 percent, respectively, from the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Results for the three months ended September 30, 2016

Consolidated net income totaled \$7.6 million, or \$4.17 per basic and \$4.10 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2016. This is compared with consolidated net income of \$7.8 million, or \$4.25 per basic and \$4.19 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2015. The income per basic share computations are based on weighted average basic shares outstanding of 1,825,000 in the 2016 period and 1,836,000 in the 2015 period. The income per diluted share computations are based on weighted average diluted shares outstanding of 1,858,000 in the 2016 period and 1,860,000 in the 2015 period.

Consolidated revenues of \$37.8 million for the third quarter of 2016 were 1 percent higher than revenues of \$37.4 million for the third quarter of 2015. Revenues were negatively impacted by the strong U.S. dollar in our international markets, lower sales prices, as well as reduced sales volumes in the Cardiovascular market.

Revenues by product line were as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Fluid Delivery	\$16,573	\$15,743
Cardiovascular	11,389	11,930
Ophthalmology	4,386	4,199
Other	5,487	5,509
Total	\$37,835	\$37,381

Cost of goods sold of \$20.2 million for the third quarter of 2016 was 6 percent higher than cost of goods sold of \$19.0 million for the third quarter of 2015 due to an unfavorable product sales mix and manufacturing inefficiencies partially offset by decreased manufacturing costs, the impact of continued cost improvement projects and the suspension of the medical device excise tax. In December 2015, as part of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, collection of the medical device excise tax was suspended for 2016 and 2017. Our cost of goods sold in the third quarter of 2016 was 53.4 percent of revenues compared with 50.8 percent of revenues in the third quarter of 2015.

Gross profit of \$17.6 million in the third quarter of 2016 was \$760,000, or 4 percent, lower than in the comparable 2015 period. Our gross profit percentage in the third quarter of 2016 was 46.6 percent of revenues compared with 49.2 percent of revenues in the third quarter of 2015. The decrease in gross profit percentage in the 2016 period compared to the 2015 period was primarily related to the unfavorable product sales mix and manufacturing inefficiencies mentioned above.

Our third quarter 2016 operating expenses of \$6.6 million were \$163,000 lower than the operating expenses for the third quarter of 2015. This decrease was attributable to a \$313,000 decrease in General and Administrative, or G&A, expenses partially offset by a \$149,000 increase in Selling expenses. The increase in Selling expenses for the third quarter of 2016 was primarily related to increased compensation, outside services and travel costs. The decrease in G&A expenses for the third quarter of 2016 was principally attributable to decreased compensation partially offset by increased outside services.

Operating income in the third quarter of 2016 decreased \$597,000 to \$11.0 million, a 5 percent decrease from our operating income in the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Operating income was 29 percent of revenues in the third quarter of 2016 and 31 percent of revenues in the third quarter of 2015.

Income tax expense for the third quarter of 2016 was \$3.5 million compared to income tax expense of \$3.9 million for the same period in the prior year. The effective tax rate for the third quarter of 2016 was 31.3 percent, compared with 33.4 percent for the third quarter of 2015. We expect the effective tax rate for the remainder of 2016 to be approximately 33.0 percent.

Results for the nine months ended September 30, 2016

Consolidated net income totaled \$22.0 million, or \$12.07 per basic and \$11.86 per diluted share, in the first nine months of 2016. This is compared with consolidated net income of \$22.9 million, or \$12.34 per basic and \$12.19 per diluted share, in the first nine months of 2015. The income per basic share computations are based on weighted average basic shares outstanding of 1,823,000 in the 2016 period and 1,853,000 in the 2015 period. The income per diluted share computations are based on weighted average diluted shares outstanding of 1,856,000 in the 2016 period and 1,876,000 in the 2015 period.

Consolidated revenues of \$110.2 million for the first nine months of 2016 were 3 percent lower than revenues of \$113.4 million for the first nine months of 2015. Revenues were negatively impacted by the strong U.S. dollar in our international markets, lower sales prices, as well as by the commoditization of an ophthalmic product.

Revenues by product line were as follows (in thousands):

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Fluid Delivery	\$47,183	\$47,971
Cardiovascular	35,649	35,534
Ophthalmology	12,417	14,505
Other	14,944	15,351
Total	\$110,193	\$113,361

Cost of goods sold of \$57.8 million for the first nine months of 2016 was \$121,000 higher than in the comparable 2015 period. The primary contributors to the increase in our cost of goods sold were an unfavorable product sales mix, manufacturing inefficiencies and increased manufacturing costs. Increased manufacturing support personnel costs, increased supplies, repairs and depreciation were partially offset by reduced utilities, the impact of continued cost improvement initiatives and the suspension of the medical device excise tax. Our cost of goods sold in the first nine months of 2016 was 52.4 percent of revenues compared with 50.9 percent of revenues in the first nine months of 2015.

Gross profit of \$52.4 million in the first nine months of 2016 was \$3.3 million, or 6 percent, lower than in the comparable 2015 period. Our gross profit percentage in the first nine months of 2016 was 47.6 percent of revenues compared with 49.1 percent of revenues in the first nine months of 2015. The decrease in gross profit percentage in the 2016 period compared to the 2015 period was primarily related to the unfavorable product sales mix, manufacturing inefficiencies and increased manufacturing costs mentioned above.

Our operating expenses in the first nine months of 2016 of \$20.9 million were \$624,000 lower than the operating expenses for the first nine months of 2015. This decrease was comprised of a \$216,000 decrease in R&D expenses and a \$754,000 decrease in G&A expenses partially offset by a \$346,000 increase in Selling expenses. The decrease in R&D costs was primarily related to decreased outside services and decreased supplies. The decrease in G&A expenses for the first nine months of 2016 was principally attributable to decreased compensation, amortization and travel costs partially offset by increased outside services. The increase in Selling expenses is primarily related to increased promotion, advertising, compensation and outside services partially offset by reduced depreciation and miscellaneous expenses.

Operating income in the first nine months of 2016 decreased \$2.7 million to \$31.5 million, an 8 percent decrease from our operating income in the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Operating income was 29 percent of revenues in the first nine months of 2016 and 30 percent of revenues in the first nine months of 2015.

Other income (expense) is primarily related to an impairment loss on one of our long-term corporate bonds. In the fourth quarter of 2015, we determined that, more likely than not, we would be required to sell or exchange the bond before recovery of its amortized cost. Therefore, we recorded an impairment on this long-term corporate bond reducing the carrying value of the bond to its market value at December 31, 2015. In the first quarter of 2016, the market value of this corporate bond experienced further declines. Therefore, we recorded an impairment loss on this bond of \$345,000 reducing the carrying value of the bond to its market value at March 31, 2016.

Income tax expense for the first nine months of 2016 was \$9.5 million compared to income tax expense of \$11.9 million for the same period in the prior year. The effective tax rate for the first nine months of 2016 was 30.2 percent, compared with 34.3 percent for the first nine months of 2015. The first nine months of 2016 had a benefit of \$623,000 from the early adoption of ASU 2016-09 regarding the accounting for employee share-based compensation. The adoption was on a prospective basis and therefore had no impact on prior years.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have a \$40.0 million revolving credit facility with a money center bank that can be utilized for the funding of operations and for major capital projects or acquisitions, subject to certain limitations and restrictions. Borrowings under the credit facility bear interest that is payable monthly at 30-day, 60-day or 90-day LIBOR, as selected by us, plus one percent. The bank is obligated to make advances under the revolving line of credit until October 1, 2021 and, assuming an event of default is not then existing, we can convert outstanding advances under the revolving line of credit at any time until October 1, 2021 to term loans with a term of up to two years. We had no outstanding borrowings under our credit facility at September 30, 2016 or at December 31, 2015. The credit facility contains various restrictive covenants, none of which is expected to impact our liquidity or capital resources. At September 30, 2016, we were in compliance with all financial covenants. We believe that the bank providing the credit facility is highly-rated and that the entire \$40.0 million under the credit facility is currently available to us. If that bank were unable to provide such funds, we believe that such inability would not impact our ability to fund operations.

At September 30, 2016, we had a total of \$48.6 million in cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and long-term investments, an increase of \$10.4 million from December 31, 2015. The principal contributor to this increase was operating results.

Cash flows from operating activities of \$28.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 were primarily comprised of net income plus the net effect of non-cash expenses. During the first nine months of 2016, we expended \$8.8 million for the addition of property and equipment, \$21.8 million for the purchase of investments, \$1.3 million for treasury stock and \$5.2 million for dividends. During the same period, maturities and sales of investments generated \$5.2 million.

At September 30, 2016, we had working capital of \$80.8 million, including \$23.7 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$15 million in short-term investments. The \$12.0 million increase in working capital during the first nine months of 2016 was primarily related to increases in short-term investments and accounts receivable. This increase was partially offset by decreases in cash and cash equivalents and increases in accrued income and other taxes. The net increase in cash and short-term investments was primarily related to operating results. The increase in accounts receivable was primarily related to increased revenues for the third quarter of 2016 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2015. The increase in accrued income and other taxes was primarily attributable to increases in income and property taxes.

We believe that our \$48.6 million in cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and long-term investments, along with cash flows from operations and available borrowings of up to \$40.0 million under our credit facility, will be sufficient to fund our cash requirements for at least the foreseeable future. We believe that our strong financial position would allow us to access equity or debt financing should that be necessary. Additionally, we believe that our cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and long-term investments, as a whole, will continue to increase during the remainder of 2016.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this Management's Discussion and Analysis and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are forward looking are based upon current expectations, and actual results or future events may differ materially. Therefore, the inclusion of such forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by us that our objectives or plans will be achieved. Such statements include, but are not limited to, our effective tax rate for the remainder of 2016, our ability to fund our cash requirements for the foreseeable future with our current assets, long-term investments, cash flow and borrowings under the credit facility, the impact that the inability of the bank providing the credit facility to provide funds thereunder would have on our ability to fund operations, the impact of the restrictive covenants in our credit facility on our liquidity and capital resources; our access to equity and debt financing, and the increase in cash, cash equivalents, and investments in the remainder of 2016. Words such as "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "should," "plans," and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements contained herein involve numerous risks and uncertainties, and there are a number of factors that could cause actual results or future events to differ materially, including, but not limited to, the following: changing economic, market and business conditions; acts of war or terrorism; the effects of governmental regulation; the impact of competition and new technologies; slower-than-anticipated introduction of new products or implementation of marketing strategies; implementation of new manufacturing processes or implementation of new information systems; our ability to protect our intellectual property; changes in the prices of raw materials; changes in product mix; intellectual property and product liability claims and product recalls; the ability to attract and retain qualified personnel; and the loss of, or any material reduction in sales to, any significant customers. In addition, assumptions relating to budgeting, marketing, product development and other management decisions are subjective in many respects and thus susceptible to interpretations and periodic review which may cause us to alter our marketing, capital expenditures or other budgets, which in turn may affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

For the quarter ended September 30, 2016, we did not experience any material changes in market risk exposures that affect the quantitative and qualitative disclosures presented in our 2015 Form 10-K.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of September 30, 2016. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective. There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II

OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may be involved in claims or litigation that arise in the normal course of business. We are not currently a party to any legal proceedings, which, if decided adversely, would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There were no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in our 2015 Form 10-K.

Item 6. Exhibits

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SIGNATURES

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

Atrion Corporation
(Registrant)

Date: November 3, 2016 By: /s/ David A. Battat
David A. Battat
President and
Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 3, 2016 By: /s/ Jeffery Strickland
Jeffery Strickland
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