

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

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 1-1361

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia	22-1318955
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

7401 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number: (773) 838-3400

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock — Par Value \$.69-4/9 Per Share	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Class B Common Stock — Par Value \$.69-4/9 Per Share

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer

Non-accelerated Filer Smaller Reporting Company

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

As of February 16, 2015, there were outstanding 37,237,109 shares of Common Stock par value \$.69-4/9 per share, and 22,886,441 shares of Class B Common Stock par value \$.69-4/9 per share.

As of June 30, 2014, the aggregate market value of the Common Stock (based upon the closing price of the stock on the New York Stock Exchange on such date) held by non-affiliates was approximately \$547,294,000. Class B Common Stock is not traded on any exchange, is restricted as to transfer or other disposition, but is convertible into Common Stock on a share-for-share basis. Upon such conversion, the resulting shares of Common Stock are freely transferable and publicly traded. Assuming all 22,886,441 shares of outstanding Class B Common Stock were converted into Common Stock, the aggregate market value of Common Stock held by non-affiliates on June 30, 2014 (based upon the closing price of the stock on the New York Stock Exchange on such date) would have been approximately \$665,166,000. Determination of stock ownership by non-affiliates was made solely for the purpose of

this requirement, and the Registrant is not bound by these determinations for any other purpose.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

1. Portions of the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2014 (the "2014 Report") are incorporated by reference in Parts I and II of this report and filed as an exhibit to this report.

2. Portions of the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement for the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "2015 Proxy Statement") scheduled to be held on May 4, 2015 are incorporated by reference in Part III of this report.

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Forward-Looking Information

From time to time, in the Company's statements and written reports, including this report, the Company discusses its expectations regarding future performance by making certain "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "anticipated," "believe," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "project," and other words of similar meaning in connection with a discussion of future operating or financial performance and are subject to certain factors, risks, trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results and achievements to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on currently available competitive, financial and economic data and management's views and assumptions regarding future events. Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied herein. Consequently, the Company wishes to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. In connection with the "safe harbor provisions" of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, factors, among others, which could cause future results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements, expectations and assumptions expressed or implied herein include those set forth in the subsection entitled "Risk Factors" in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" on Pages 11 and 12 of the 2014 Report, which subsection is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, the Company's results may be affected by general factors, such as economic conditions, political developments, currency exchange rates, interest and inflation rates, accounting standards, taxes, and laws and regulations affecting the Company in markets where it competes and those factors described in Item 1A "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other Company filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

PART I

ITEM 1. Business.

Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries (the "Company") have been engaged in the manufacture and sale of confectionery products for over 100 years. This is the only industry segment in which the Company operates and is its only line of business. The majority of the Company's products are sold under the registered trademarks TOOTSIE ROLL, TOOTSIE ROLL POPS, CHILD'S PLAY, CARAMEL APPLE POPS, CHARMS, BLOW-POP, CHARMS MINI POPS, CELLA'S, MASON DOTS, MASON CROWS, JUNIOR MINTS, CHARLESTON CHEW, SUGAR DADDY, SUGAR BABIES, ANDES, FLUFFY STUFF, DUBBLE BUBBLE, RAZZLES, CRY BABY and NIK-L-NIP.

The Company's products are marketed in a variety of packages designed to be suitable for display and sale in different types of retail outlets. They are sold through approximately 30 candy and grocery brokers and by the Company itself to approximately 4,000 customers throughout the United States. These customers include wholesale distributors of candy and groceries, supermarkets, variety stores, dollar stores, chain grocers, drug chains, discount chains, cooperative grocery associations, mass merchandisers, warehouse and membership club stores, vending machine operators, the U.S. military and fund-raising charitable organizations.

The Company's principal markets are in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The majority of production from the Company's Canadian plants is sold in the United States. The majority of production from the Company's Mexican plant is sold in Mexico.

The domestic confectionery business is highly competitive. The Company competes primarily with other manufacturers of confectionery products sold to the above mentioned customers. Although accurate statistics are not available, the Company believes it is among the ten largest domestic manufacturers in this field. In the markets in which the Company competes, the main forms of competition comprise brand recognition, as well as competition for retail shelf space and a fair price for our products at various retail price points.

The Company did not have a material backlog of firm orders at the end of the calendar years 2014 or 2013.

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Although the Company experienced moderating costs for some ingredients in 2014 compared to 2013, unit costs for certain ingredients and packaging materials, freight and delivery, wages and benefits, and plant operations continued to increase further in 2014 compared to 2013. The Company has made progress toward restoring margins to their historical levels before the increases in commodity and other input costs in past years.

The Company has historically hedged certain of its future sugar, corn syrup and soybean oil needs with derivatives at such times that it believes that the forward markets are favorable. The Company's decision to hedge its major ingredient requirements is dependent on our evaluation of forward commodity markets and comparison to vendor quotations, if available, and/or historical costs. The Company has historically hedged these major commodities and ingredients with derivatives, primarily commodity futures and option contracts, before the commencement of the next calendar year to better ascertain the need for product pricing changes or product weight decline (indirect price change) adjustments to its product sales portfolio and better manage ingredient costs. The Company will generally purchase forward derivative contracts (i.e., "long" position) in selected future months that correspond to the Company's estimated procurement and usage needs of the respective commodity in the respective forward periods.

From time to time, the Company also changes the size of certain of its products, which are usually sold at standard prices, to reflect significant changes in ingredient and other input costs.

The Company does not hold any material patents, licenses, franchises or concessions. The Company's major trademarks are registered in the United States and in many other countries. Continued trademark protection is of material importance to the Company's business as a whole.

Although the Company does research and develops new products and product line extensions for existing brands, it also improves the quality of existing products, improves and modernizes production processes, and develops and implements new technologies to enhance the quality and reduce the costs of products. The Company does not expend material amounts of money on research or development activities.

The manufacture and sale of consumer food products is highly regulated. In the United States, the Company's activities are subject to regulation by various government agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Commerce and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as various state and local agencies. Similar agencies also regulate the businesses outside of the United States. The Company maintains quality assurance and other programs to insure that all products we manufacture and distribute are safe and of high quality and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

The Company's compliance with federal, state and local regulations which have been enacted or adopted regulating the discharge of materials into the environment, or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment, has not had a material effect on the capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position of the Company nor does the Company

anticipate any such material effects from presently enacted or adopted regulations.

The Company employs approximately 2,000 persons.

The Company has found that its sales normally maintain a consistent level throughout the year except for a substantial increase in the third quarter which reflects pre-Halloween and back-to-school sales. In anticipation of this high sales period, the Company generally begins building inventories in the second quarter of each year. The Company historically offers extended credit terms for sales made under seasonal sales programs, including Halloween. Each year, after accounts receivables related to third quarter sales have been collected, the Company invests such funds in various marketable securities.

Sales revenues from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. aggregated approximately 23.7%, 23.8%, and 23.5% of net product sales during the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Some of the aforementioned sales to Wal-Mart are sold to McLane Company, a large national grocery wholesaler, which services and delivers certain of the Company products to Wal-Mart and other retailers in the U.S.A. Net product sales revenues from McLane, which includes these Wal-Mart sales as well as sales and deliveries to other Company customers, were 15.3% in 2014 and 15.1% in 2013; such revenues from McLane were less than 10% in 2012. Although no other customers other than

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McLane Company, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. accounted for more than 10% of net product sales, the loss of one or more significant customers could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.

For a summary of sales and long-lived assets of the Company by geographic area see Note 9 of the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" on Page 23 of the 2014 Report and on Page 3 of the 2014 Report under the section entitled "International." Note 9 and the aforesaid section are incorporated herein by reference.

Information regarding the Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to these reports, will be made available, free of charge, upon written request to Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc., 7401 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629, Attention: Barry Bowen, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. The Company does not make all such reports available on its website at www.tootsie.com because it believes that they are readily available from the Securities Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov, and because the Company provides them free of charge upon request. Interested parties, including shareholders, may communicate to the Board of Directors or any individual director in writing, by regular mail, addressed to the Board of Directors or an individual director, in care of Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc., 7401 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60629, Attention: Ellen R. Gordon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. If an interested party wishes to communicate directly with the Company's non-employee directors, it should be noted on the cover of the communication.

ITEM 1A.Risk Factors.

Significant factors that could impact the Company's financial condition or results of operations include, without limitation, the following:

- Risk of changes in the price and availability of raw materials - The principal ingredients used by the Company are subject to price volatility. Although the Company engages in commodity hedging transactions and annual supply agreements as well as leveraging the high volume of its annual purchases, the Company may experience price increases in these ingredients that it may not be able to offset, which could have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition. In addition, although the Company has historically been able to procure sufficient supplies of its ingredients, market conditions could change such that adequate supplies might not be available or only become available at substantially higher costs. Adverse weather patterns, including the effects of climate change, can significantly affect the cost and availability of these ingredients.
- Risk of changes in product performance and competition - The Company competes with other well-established manufacturers of confectionery products. A failure of new or existing products to be favorably received, a failure to retain preferred shelf space at retail or a failure to sufficiently counter aggressive competitive actions could have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

- Risk of discounting and other competitive actions - Discounting and pricing pressure by the Company's retail customers and other competitive actions could make it more difficult for the Company to maintain its operating margins.
- Risk of dependence on large customers - The Company's largest customer, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., accounted for approximately 23.7% of net product sales in 2014, and other large national chains are also material to the Company's sales. The loss of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. or one or more other large customers, or a material decrease in purchases by one or more large customers, could result in decreased sales and adversely impact the Company's results of operations and financial condition.
- Risk of changes in consumer preferences and tastes - Failure to adequately anticipate and react to changing demographics, consumer trends, consumer health concerns and product preferences could have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

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- Risk of economic conditions on consumer purchases - The Company's sales are impacted by consumer spending levels and impulse purchases which are affected by general macroeconomic conditions, consumer confidence, employment levels, disposable income, availability of consumer credit and interest rates on that credit, consumer debt levels, energy costs and other factors. Volatility in food and energy costs, rising unemployment and/or underemployment, declines in personal spending, and recessionary economic conditions could adversely impact the Company's revenues, profitability and financial condition.
- Risks related to environmental matters - The Company's operations are not particularly impactful on the environment, but increased government environmental regulation or legislation could adversely impact the Company's profitability.

Risks relating to participation in the multi-employer pension plan for certain Company union employees - As outlined in Note 7 (page 22) to the consolidated financial statements and discussed in the Management's Discussion & Analysis (page 6), the Company participates in a multi-employer pension plan (Plan) which is currently in critical status, the "Red Zone", as defined by applicable law. Under terms of a rehabilitation plan, the Company is to be assessed 5% annual compounded surcharges on its contributions to the Plan until such time as the Plan emerges from critical status. Should the Company withdraw from the Plan, it would subject to a withdrawal liability which is discussed in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements. The Company is currently unable to determine the ultimate outcome of this matter and therefore, is unable to determine the effects on its consolidated financial statements, but, the ultimate outcome could be material to its consolidated results of operations in one or more future periods.

- Risk of new governmental laws and regulations - Governmental laws and regulations, including those that affect food advertising and marketing, including products for children, use of ingredients in products, including the use of hydrogenated oils, income and other taxes and tariffs, including those targeted toward confectionery products, and the environment, both in and outside the U.S., are subject to change over time, which could adversely impact the Company's results of operations and ability to compete in domestic or foreign marketplaces.
- Risk of labor stoppages - To the extent the Company experiences any significant labor stoppages, such disputes or strikes could negatively affect shipments from suppliers or shipments of finished product.
- Risk of impairment of goodwill or indefinite-lived intangible assets - In accordance with authoritative guidance, goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized but are subject to an impairment evaluation annually or more frequently upon the occurrence of a triggering event, and other long-lived assets are likewise tested for impairment upon the occurrence of a triggering event.
- Risk of the cost of energy increasing - Higher energy costs would likely result in higher distribution, freight and other operating costs. The Company may not be able to offset these cost increases or pass such cost increases onto customers in the form of price increases, which could have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

Risk of a product recall - Issues related to the quality and safety of the Company's products could result in a voluntary or involuntary large-scale product recall. Negative publicity associated with this type of situation, including a product recall relating to product contamination or product tampering, whether valid or not, could negatively impact demand for our products. Costs associated with these potential actions, including a product recall and related litigation or fines, and marketing costs relating to the re-launch of such products or brands, could negatively affect operating results.

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- Risk of operational interruptions relating to computer software or hardware failures - The Company is reliant on computer systems to operate its business. Software failure or corruption, including cyber-based attacks or network security breaches, or catastrophic hardware failures or disaster could disrupt supply chain planning and activities relating to sales demand forecasts, materials procurement, production planning, customer shipments, and financial and accounting, all of which could negatively impact sales and profits.
- Risk of production interruptions - The majority of the Company's products are manufactured in a single production facility on specialized equipment. In the event of a disaster, such as a fire or earthquake, at a specific plant location, it would be difficult to transfer production to other facilities or a new location in a timely manner, which could result in loss of market share for the affected products.
- Risk related to international operations - To the extent there is political or social unrest, civil war, terrorism or significant economic instability in the countries in which the Company operates, the results of the Company's business in such countries could be adversely impacted. Currency exchange rate fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies could also have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition. The Company's principal markets are the U.S.A., Canada, and Mexico.
- Risk related to investments in marketable securities and equity method investments - The Company invests its surplus cash in a diversified portfolio of highly rated marketable securities, including tax exempt municipal bonds, with maturities of generally up to three years. Nonetheless, such investments could become impaired in the event of certain adverse economic and/or geopolitical events.
- Disruption to our supply chain could impair our ability to produce or deliver our finished products, resulting in a negative impact on our operating results - Disruption to our manufacturing operations or our supply chain, some of which are discussed above, could result from, but are not limited to natural disasters, pandemic outbreak of disease, weather, fire or explosion, terrorism or other acts of violence, unavailability of ingredients or packaging materials, labor strikes or other labor activities, operational and/or financial instability of key suppliers, and other vendors or service providers. Although we take precautions to mitigate the impact of possible disruptions, if we are unable, or if it is not financially feasible, to effectively mitigate the likelihood or potential impact of such disruptive events, our results of operations and financial condition could be negatively impacted.
- The Company is a controlled company due to the common stock holdings of the Gordon family - The Gordon family's share ownership represents a majority of the combined voting power of all classes of the Company's common stock as of December 31, 2014. As a result, the Gordon family has the power to elect the Company's directors and approve actions requiring the approval of the shareholders of the Company.

The factors identified above are believed to be significant factors, but not necessarily all of the significant factors, that could impact our business. Unpredictable or unknown factors could also have material effects on the Company.

Additional significant factors that may affect the Company's operations, performance and business results include the risks and uncertainties listed from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the risk

factors or uncertainties listed herein or listed in any document incorporated by reference herein.

See also the subsection entitled "Risk Factors" in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" on Pages 11 and 12 of the 2014 Report (Exhibit 13 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K), which subsection is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1B.Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

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ITEM 2.Properties.

The Company owns its principal manufacturing, warehousing and distribution and offices facilities which are located in Chicago, Illinois in a building consisting of approximately 2,354,000 square feet. In addition, the Company leases manufacturing and warehousing facilities at a second location in Chicago which comprises 137,000 square feet. The lease is renewable by the Company every five years through June, 2041; the Company expects to renew this lease prior to termination. The Company also periodically leases additional warehousing space at this second location as needed on a month-to-month basis.

The Company's other principal manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities, all of which are owned, are:

Location	Square Feet (a)	
Covington, Tennessee	685,000	
Cambridge, Massachusetts	142,000	
Delavan, Wisconsin	162,000	
Concord, Ontario, Canada	280,500	(b)
Hazleton, Pennsylvania	240,000	(c)
Mexico City, Mexico	90,000	
Barcelona, Spain	93,000	(d)

(a) Square footage is approximate and includes production, warehousing and office space.

(b) Two facilities; a third owned facility, comprising 225,000 square feet of warehousing space, and which is excluded from the reported totals above, is leased to a third party.

(c) Warehousing only.

(d) Excludes 9,500 square feet of unused office space in a separate facility.

The Company owns substantially all of the production machinery and equipment located in its plants. The Company also holds four commercial real estate properties for investment which were acquired with the proceeds from a sale of surplus real estate in 2005.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings.

There are no material pending legal proceedings known to the Company to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their property is the subject, and no penalties have been imposed by the Internal Revenue Service on the Company.

ADDITIONAL ITEM. Executive Officers of the Registrant.

See the information on Executive Officers set forth in the table in Part III, Item 10, Page 11 of this report, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None

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PART II

ITEM 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

The Company's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The Company's Class B common stock is subject to restrictions on transferability. The Class B common stock is convertible at the option of the holder into shares of Common Stock on a share-for-share basis. As of February 27, 2015, there were approximately 3,000 and 1,100 registered holders of record of common and Class B common stock, respectively. In addition, the Company estimates that as of February 27, 2015 there were 11,800 and 4,300 beneficial holders of common and class B Common Stock, respectively. For information on the market price of, and dividends paid with respect to the Company's common stock, see the section entitled "2014-2013 Quarterly Summary of Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. Stock Price and Dividends Per Share" which appears on Page 28 of the 2014 Report. This section is incorporated herein by reference and filed as an exhibit to this report.

The following table sets forth information about the shares of its common stock the Company purchased on the open market during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2014:

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
Sep 28 to Oct 25	75,125	\$ 28.05	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Oct 26 to Nov 22	81,513	29.13	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Nov 23 to Dec 31	128,922	28.97	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Total	285,560	\$ 28.77		

While the Company does not have a formal or publicly announced Company common stock purchase program, the Company repurchases its common shares on the open market from time to time as authorized by the Board of Directors.

ITEM 6.Selected Financial Data.

See the section entitled “Five Year Summary of Earnings and Financial Highlights” which appears on Page 29 of the 2014 Report. This section is incorporated herein by reference and filed as an exhibit to this report.

ITEM 7.Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

See the section entitled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” on Pages 4-12 of the 2014 Report. This section is incorporated herein by reference and filed as an exhibit to this report.

ITEM 7A.Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

See the section entitled “Market Risks” in the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” on Pages 11 and 12 of the 2014 Report. This section is incorporated herein by reference and filed as an exhibit to this report.

See also Note 1 of the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” commencing on Page 18 of the 2014 Report, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The financial statements, together with the report thereon of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP dated February 27, 2015, appearing on Pages 13-26 of the 2014 Report and the “Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)” on Page 28 of the 2014 Report are incorporated by reference in this report. With the exception of the aforementioned information and the information incorporated in Items 1, 5, 6, 7, 7A, and 9A, the 2014 Report is not to be deemed filed as part of this report.

ITEM 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

ITEM 9A. Controls And Procedures.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded, based on their evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this report, that the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s rules and forms, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to the Company’s management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

(a) See Page 27 of the 2014 Report for “Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting,” which is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) See Page 26 of the 2014 Report for the attestation report of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, which is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. Other Information.

None

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PART III

ITEM 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

See the information with respect to the Directors of the Company which is set forth in the section entitled “Election of Directors” of the 2015 Proxy Statement, which section of the 2015 Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference. See the information in the section entitled “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” of the Company’s 2015 Proxy Statement, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

The following table sets forth the information with respect to the executive officers of the Company:

Name	Position (1)	Age
Ellen R. Gordon*	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	83
G. Howard Ember Jr.	Vice President/Finance	62
John W. Newlin Jr.	Vice President/Manufacturing	77
Thomas E. Corr	Vice President/Marketing and Sales	66
John P. Majors	Vice President/Distribution	53
Barry P. Bowen	Treasurer	59

* A member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

(1) All of the above named officers have served in the positions set forth in the table as their principal occupations for more than the past five years except for Mrs. Gordon who was appointed to her current position on January 20, 2015. Mrs. Gordon also serves as Vice President of HDI Investment Corp., a family investment company.

Code of Ethics

The Company has a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which applies to all of the Company's directors and employees, and which meets the Securities Exchange Commission criteria for a "code of ethics." The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on the Company's website, located at www.tootsie.com, and the information in such is available in print to any shareholder who requests a copy.

ITEM 11.Executive Compensation.

See the information set forth in the sections entitled "Executive Compensation" and "Director Compensation" of the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement, which are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12.Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

For information with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock and Class B common stock by the beneficial owners of more than 5% of said shares and by the management of the Company, see the sections entitled "Ownership of Common Stock and Class B Common Stock by Certain Beneficial Owners" and "Ownership of Common Stock and Class B Common Stock by Management" of the 2015 Proxy Statement. These

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sections of the 2015 Proxy Statement are incorporated herein by reference. The Company does not have any compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance.

ITEM 13.Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

See the section entitled “Related Person Transactions” of the 2015 Proxy Statement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Our board of directors has determined that our non-management directors, Messrs. Seibert and Bergeman and Ms. Lewis-Brent, are independent under the New York Stock Exchange listing standards because they have no direct or indirect relationship with the Company other than through their service on the Board of Directors.

ITEM 14.Principal Accounting Fees and Services.

See the section entitled “Independent Auditor Fees and Services” of the 2015 Proxy Statement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 15.Exhibits, Financial Statements Schedule.

(a)Financial Statements.

The following financial statements and schedule are filed as part of this report:

(1)Financial Statements (filed herewith as part of Exhibit 13):

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Retained Earnings for each of the three years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings for each of the three years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position at December 31, 2014 and 2013

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the three years ended in the period December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(2)Financial Statement Schedule:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Financial Statement Schedule

For the three years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 — Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

(3)Exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

See Index to Exhibits which appears following Financial Schedule II.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc., has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TOOTSIE ROLL INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: Ellen R. Gordon
Ellen R. Gordon, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 27, 2015

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Ellen R. Gordon Ellen R. Gordon	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	February 27, 2015
Richard P. Bergeman Richard P. Bergeman	Director	February 27, 2015
Lana Jane Lewis-Brent Lana Jane Lewis-Brent	Director	February 27, 2015
Barre A. Seibert Barre A. Seibert	Director	February 27, 2015
G. Howard Ember, Jr. G. Howard Ember, Jr.	Vice President, Finance (principal financial officer and principal accounting officer)	February 27, 2015

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

To the Board of Directors of Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc.:

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements and of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting referred to in our report dated February 27, 2015 appearing in the 2014 Annual Report to Shareholders of Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. (which report and consolidated financial statements are incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K) also included an audit of the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15(a)(2) of this Form 10-K. In our opinion, this financial statement schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chicago, IL
February 27, 2015

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AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

SCHEDULE II — VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS (in thousands)

DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2013 AND 2012

Description	Balance at beginning of year	Additions (reductions) charged (credited) to expense	Deductions(1)	Balance at End of Year
2014:				
Reserve for bad debts	\$ 1,398	\$ 29	\$ 127	\$ 1,300
Reserve for cash discounts	644	9,667	9,643	668
Deferred tax asset valuation	957	1,521	—	2,478
	\$ 2,999	\$ 11,217	\$ 9,770	\$ 4,446
2013:				
Reserve for bad debts	\$ 1,462	\$ 16	\$ 80	\$ 1,398
Reserve for cash discounts	680	9,725	9,761	644
Deferred tax asset valuation	2,040	(1,083)	—	957
	\$ 4,182	\$ 8,658	\$ 9,841	\$ 2,999
2012:				
Reserve for bad debts	\$ 998	\$ 511	\$ 47	\$ 1,462
Reserve for cash discounts	733	9,959	10,012	680
Deferred tax asset valuation	2,190	(150)	—	2,040
	\$ 3,921	\$ 10,320	\$ 10,059	\$ 4,182

(1) Deductions against reserve for bad debts consist of accounts receivable written off net of recoveries and exchange rate movements. Deductions against reserve for cash discounts consist of allowances to customers.

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

3.1 Restated
Articles of
Incorporation.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 3.1 of
the Company's
Quarterly
Report on
Form 10-Q for
the quarterly
period ended
June 30, 1997.

3.2 Amendment to
Restated
Articles of
Incorporation.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 3.2 of
the Company's
Annual Report
on Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
1999.

3.3 Amended and
Restated
By-Laws.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 3.2 of
the Company's
Annual Report
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for the year
ended
December 31,
1996.

4.1

Specimen
Class B
Common Stock
Certificate.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 1.1 of
the Company's
Registration
Statement on
Form 8-A
dated
February 29,
1988.

10.1* Excess Benefit
Plan.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 10.8.1
of the
Company's
Annual Report
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for the year
ended
December 31,
1990.

10.2* Amended and
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Career
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Company.
Incorporated
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Exhibit 10.8.2
of the
Company's
Annual Report
on Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
1998.

10.3* Amendment to
the Amended
and Restated
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Company.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 10.8.3
of the
Company's
Annual Report
on Form 10-K
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ended
December 31,
1999.

10.4* Restatement of
Split Dollar
Agreement
(Special Trust)
between the
Company and
the trustee of
the Gordon
Family 1993
Special Trust
dated
January 31,
1997.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 10.12
of the
Company's
Annual Report
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ended
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1996.

10.5* Form of
Change In
Control
Agreement
dated
August, 1997
between the
Company and
certain
executive
officers.

Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 10.25
of the
Company's
Annual Report
on Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
1997.

10.6* Amendment to
Split Dollar
Agreement
(Special Trust)
dated April 2,
1998 between
the Company
and the trustee
of the Gordon
Family 1993
Special Trust,
together with
related
Collateral
Assignments.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 10.27
of the
Company's
Annual Report
on Form 10-K
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ended
December 31,
1998

10.7* Form of
amendment to
Change in
Control
Agreement
between the
Company and
certain
executive
officers.
Incorporated
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Exhibit 10.28
of the
Company's
Annual Report
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December 31,
2008.

10.8* Post 2004
Supplemental
Savings Plan of
the Company.
Incorporated
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Annual Report
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ended
December 31,
2008.

10.9* Post 2004
Excess Benefit
Plan of the
Company.
Incorporated
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Exhibit 10.30
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Company's
Annual Report
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ended
December 31,
2008.

10.10* Amended and
Restated
Career
Achievement
Plan of the
Company.
Incorporated
by reference to
Exhibit 10.31

of the
Company's
Annual Report
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for the year
ended
December 31,
2008.

10.11* Exhibit 10.1-
Tootsie Roll
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Incorporated
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Appendix A to
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March 24,
2006.

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- 13 The following items incorporated by reference herein from the Company's 2014 Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2014 (the "2014 Report"), are filed as Exhibits to this report:
 - (i) Information under the section entitled "International" set forth on Page 3 of the 2014 Report;
 - (ii) Information under the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" set forth on Pages 4-12 of the 2014 Report;
 - (iii) Information under the subsection entitled "Risk Factors" set forth on Pages 11-12 of the 2014 Report;
 - (iv) Consolidated Statements of Financial Position at December 31, 2014 and 2013 set forth on Pages 15-16 of the 2014 Report;
 - (v) Consolidated Statements of Earnings, and Retained Earnings for the three years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 set forth on Page 13 of the 2014 Report;
 - (vi) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings for the three years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 set forth on Page 14 of the 2014 Report;
 - (vii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 set forth on Page 17 of the 2014 Report;
 - (viii) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth on Pages 18-25 of the 2014 Report;
 - (ix) Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting set forth on Page 27 of the 2014 Report;
 - (x) Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm set forth on Page 26 of the 2014 Report;
 - (xi) Quarterly Financial Data set forth on Page 28 of the 2014 Report;
 - (xii) Information under the section entitled "2014-2013 Quarterly Summary of Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. Stock Price and Dividends per Share" set forth on Page 28 of the 2014 Report; and
 - (xiii) Information under the section entitled "Five Year Summary of Earnings and Financial Highlights" set forth on Page 29 of the 2014 Report.
- 21 List of Subsidiaries of the Company.
- 31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 101 The following financial statements and notes from Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 2015, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Statements of

Earnings and Retained Earnings; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Financial Position; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (v) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Management compensation plan or arrangement.