

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2019

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 0-23354

FLEX LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Singapore

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Not Applicable

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

2 Changi South Lane,
Singapore

(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

486123

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(65) 6876-9899

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Ordinary Shares, No Par Value	FLEX	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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

The number of shares of the registrant's ordinary shares outstanding as of January 24, 2020 was 503,991,662.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. *FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Flex Ltd.
Singapore

Results of Review of Interim Financial Information

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Flex Ltd. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2019, the related condensed consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), and shareholders' equity for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the related condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, and the related notes. Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying interim financial information for it to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheet of Flex Ltd. and subsidiaries as of March 31, 2019 and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated May 20, 2019, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements and included an explanatory paragraph regarding changes in accounting principles. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2019 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

Basis for Review Results

The interim financial information is the responsibility of the Company's management. We are a public accounting firm registered with the 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 reviews in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

San Jose, California

January 31, 2020

FLEX LTD.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of December 31, 2019	As of March 31, 2019
	(In thousands, except share amounts) (Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,789,164	\$ 1,696,625
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$96,505 and \$91,396 as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, respectively	3,004,174	2,612,961
Contract assets	199,682	216,202
Inventories	3,684,173	3,722,854
Other current assets	683,514	854,790
Total current assets	9,360,707	9,103,432
Property and equipment, net	2,205,967	2,336,213
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	615,073	—
Goodwill	1,069,812	1,073,055
Other intangible assets, net	279,928	330,995
Other assets	603,930	655,672
Total assets	\$ 14,135,417	\$ 13,499,367
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Bank borrowings and current portion of long-term debt	\$ 88,869	\$ 632,611
Accounts payable	5,431,310	5,147,236
Accrued payroll	392,688	391,591
Other current liabilities	1,638,084	1,426,075
Total current liabilities	7,550,951	7,597,513
Long-term debt, net of current portion	2,701,112	2,421,904
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	540,007	—
Other liabilities	444,035	507,590
Shareholders' equity		
Ordinary shares, no par value; 554,481,851 and 566,787,620 issued, and 504,242,496 and 516,548,265 outstanding as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, respectively	6,404,721	6,523,750
Treasury stock, at cost; 50,239,355 shares as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019	(388,215)	(388,215)
Accumulated deficit	(2,950,669)	(3,012,012)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(166,525)	(151,163)
Total shareholders' equity	2,899,312	2,972,360
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 14,135,417	\$ 13,499,367

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

FLEX LTD.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three-Month Periods Ended		Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
	(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)			
Net sales	\$ 6,461,387	\$ 6,922,827	\$ 18,725,380	\$ 19,984,387
Cost of sales	6,017,278	6,505,067	17,578,056	18,757,395
Restructuring charges	13,632	60,435	174,995	89,512
Gross profit	430,477	357,325	972,329	1,137,480
Selling, general and administrative expenses	217,904	237,556	632,838	722,608
Intangible amortization	15,598	20,308	48,903	57,059
Restructuring charges	984	5,408	24,128	10,921
Interest and other, net	36,207	54,087	135,650	136,889
Other charges (income), net	14,395	71,879	17,005	(8,515)
Income (loss) before income taxes	145,389	(31,913)	113,805	218,518
Provision for income taxes	34,001	13,256	74,485	60,767
Net income (loss)	\$ 111,388	\$ (45,169)	\$ 39,320	\$ 157,751
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.30
Diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.30
Weighted-average shares used in computing per share amounts:				
Basic	506,938	524,876	511,198	528,528
Diluted	510,339	524,876	514,549	532,308

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	Three-Month Periods Ended		Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
	(In thousands) (Unaudited)			
Net income (loss)	\$ 111,388	\$ (45,169)	\$ 39,320	\$ 157,751
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of zero tax	9,997	(7,777)	(11,506)	(58,485)
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments and other, net of zero tax	13,242	4,635	(3,856)	(15,193)
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 134,627</u>	<u>\$ (48,311)</u>	<u>\$ 23,958</u>	<u>\$ 84,073</u>

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Ordinary Shares			Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss			Total
	Shares Outstanding	Amount	Accumulated Deficit	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Derivative Instruments and Other	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Shareholders' Equity
Three Months Ended December 31, 2019							
				(In thousands) Unaudited			
BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 27, 2019	509,150	\$6,057,782	\$(3,062,057)	\$ (58,654)	\$ (131,110)	\$ (189,764)	\$2,805,961
Repurchase of Flex Ltd. ordinary shares at cost	(5,285)	(60,959)	—	—	—	—	(60,959)
Exercise of stock options	47	468	—	—	—	—	468
Issuance of Flex Ltd. vested shares under restricted share unit awards	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income	—	—	111,388	—	—	—	111,388
Stock-based compensation, net of tax	—	19,215	—	—	—	—	19,215
Total other comprehensive income	—	—	—	13,242	9,997	23,239	23,239
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2019	<u>504,242</u>	<u>\$6,016,506</u>	<u>\$(2,950,669)</u>	<u>\$ (45,412)</u>	<u>\$ (121,113)</u>	<u>\$ (166,525)</u>	<u>\$2,899,312</u>

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

	Ordinary Shares			Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss			Total
	Shares Outstanding	Amount	Accumulated Deficit	Unrealized Loss on Derivative Instruments and Other	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Shareholders' Equity
Nine Months Ended December 31, 2019							
	(In thousands) Unaudited						
BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2019	516,548	\$6,135,535	\$(3,012,012)	\$ (41,556)	\$ (109,607)	\$ (151,163)	\$2,972,360
Repurchase of Flex Ltd. ordinary shares at cost	(16,238)	(173,117)	—	—	—	—	(173,117)
Exercise of stock options	225	1,196	—	—	—	—	1,196
Issuance of Flex Ltd. vested shares under restricted share unit awards	3,707	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net Income	—	—	39,320	—	—	—	39,320
Stock-based compensation, net of tax	—	53,332	—	—	—	—	53,332
Cumulative effect on opening equity of adopting accounting standards and other	—	(440)	22,023	—	—	—	21,583
Total other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(3,856)	(11,506)	(15,362)	(15,362)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2019	504,242	\$6,016,506	\$(2,950,669)	\$ (45,412)	\$ (121,113)	\$ (166,525)	\$2,899,312

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

	Ordinary Shares		Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss			Total
	Shares Outstanding	Amount		Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Derivative Instruments and Other	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Shareholders' Equity
Three Months Ended December 31, 2018							
				(In thousands) Unaudited			
BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 28, 2018	528,887	\$6,228,420	\$(2,902,492)	\$ (55,574)	\$ (100,807)	\$ (156,381)	\$3,169,547
Repurchase of Flex Ltd. ordinary shares at cost	(6,722)	(63,998)	—	—	—	—	(63,998)
Exercise of stock options	94	63	—	—	—	—	63
Issuance of Flex Ltd. vested shares under restricted share unit awards	214	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net loss	—	—	(45,169)	—	—	—	(45,169)
Stock-based compensation, net of tax	—	21,027	—	—	—	—	21,027
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	4,635	(7,777)	(3,142)	(3,142)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2018	<u>522,473</u>	<u>\$6,185,512</u>	<u>\$(2,947,661)</u>	<u>\$ (50,939)</u>	<u>\$ (108,584)</u>	<u>\$ (159,523)</u>	<u>\$3,078,328</u>

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

	Ordinary Shares			Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss			Total
	Shares Outstanding	Amount	Accumulated Deficit	Unrealized Loss on Derivative Instruments and Other	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Shareholders' Equity
Nine Months Ended December 31, 2018							
	(In thousands) Unaudited						
BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2018	528,078	\$6,248,532	\$(3,144,114)	\$(35,746)	\$(50,099)	\$(85,845)	\$3,018,573
Repurchase of Flex Ltd. ordinary shares at cost	(11,151)	(123,978)	—	—	—	—	(123,978)
Exercise of stock options	170	194	—	—	—	—	194
Issuance of Flex Ltd. vested shares under restricted share unit awards	5,376	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net income	—	—	157,751	—	—	—	157,751
Stock-based compensation, net of tax	—	61,060	—	—	—	—	61,060
Cumulative effect on opening equity of adopting accounting standards and other	—	(296)	38,702	—	—	—	38,406
Total other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(15,193)	(58,485)	(73,678)	(73,678)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2018	522,473	\$6,185,512	\$(2,947,661)	\$(50,939)	\$(108,584)	\$(159,523)	\$3,078,328

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

FLEX LTD.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
	(In thousands) (Unaudited)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 39,320	\$ 157,751
Depreciation, amortization and other impairment charges	525,596	507,164
Gain from deconsolidation of Bright Machines	—	(86,614)
Changes in working capital and other	(2,264,222)	(2,906,906)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,699,306)	(2,328,605)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(375,774)	(592,092)
Proceeds from the disposition of property and equipment	102,324	86,724
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(1,390)	(12,796)
Proceeds from divestiture of businesses, net of cash held in divested businesses	3,402	267,147
Cash collections of deferred purchase price	2,510,633	2,707,562
Other investing activities, net	21,868	14,687
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,261,063	2,471,232
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from bank borrowings and long-term debt	1,017,148	2,481,407
Repayments of bank borrowings and long-term debt	(1,307,611)	(2,447,873)
Payments for repurchases of ordinary shares	(173,117)	(123,979)
Net proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares	1,196	195
Other financing activities, net	461	9,689
Net cash used in financing activities	(461,923)	(80,561)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(7,295)	(31,122)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	92,539	30,944
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,696,625	1,472,424
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 1,789,164	\$ 1,503,368
Non-cash investing activities:		
Unpaid purchases of property and equipment	\$ 64,115	\$ 94,592
Non-cash investment in Bright Machines	\$ —	\$ 127,641

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

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPANY AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Organization of the Company

Flex Ltd. ("Flex" or the "Company") was incorporated in the Republic of Singapore in May 1990. The Company's operations have expanded over the years through a combination of organic growth and acquisitions. The Company is a globally-recognized, provider of *Sketch-to-Scale*® services - innovative design, engineering, manufacturing, and supply chain services and solutions - from conceptual sketch to full-scale production. The Company designs, builds, ships and manages complete packaged consumer and enterprise products, from medical devices and connected automotive systems to sustainable lighting and cloud and data center solutions for companies of all sizes in various industries and end-markets, through its activities in the following segments:

- High Reliability Solutions ("HRS"), which is comprised of our health solutions business, including surgical equipment, drug delivery, diagnostics, telemedicine, disposable devices, imaging and monitoring, patient mobility and ophthalmology; and our automotive business, including vehicle electrification, connectivity, autonomous, and smart technologies;
- Industrial and Emerging Industries ("IEI"), which is comprised of energy including advanced metering infrastructure, energy storage, smart lighting, smart solar energy; and industrial, including semiconductor and capital equipment, office solutions, household industrial and lifestyle, industrial automation and kiosks;
- Communications & Enterprise Compute ("CEC"), which includes our telecom business of radio access base stations, remote radio heads and small cells for wireless infrastructure; our networking business, which includes optical, routing, and switching products for data and video networks; our server and storage platforms for both enterprise and cloud-based deployments; next generation storage and security appliance products; and rack-level solutions, converged infrastructure and software-defined product solutions; and
- Consumer Technologies Group ("CTG"), which includes our consumer-related businesses in IoT enabled devices, audio and consumer power electronics, mobile devices; and various supply chain solutions for consumer, computing and printing devices.

The Company's service offerings include a comprehensive range of value-added design and engineering services that are tailored to the various markets and needs of its customers. Other focused service offerings relate to manufacturing (including enclosures, metals, plastic injection molding, precision plastics, machining, and mechanicals), system integration and assembly and test services, materials procurement, inventory management, logistics and after-sales services (including product repair, warranty services, re-manufacturing and maintenance) and supply chain management software solutions and component product offerings (including flexible printed circuit boards and power adapters and chargers).

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP" or "GAAP") for interim financial information and in accordance with the requirements of Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

The first quarters for fiscal years 2020 and 2019 ended on June 28, 2019, which is comprised of 89 days in the period, and June 29, 2018, which is comprised of 90 days in the period, respectively. The second quarters for fiscal years 2020 and 2019 ended on September 27, 2019 and September 28, 2018, which are comprised of 91 days in both periods. The Company's third quarters ended on December 31 of each year, which are comprised of 95 days and 94 days for fiscal years 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Flex and its majority-owned subsidiaries, after elimination of intercompany accounts and transactions. The Company consolidates its majority-owned subsidiaries and investments in entities in which the Company has a controlling interest. For the consolidated majority-

owned subsidiaries in which the Company owns less than 100%, the Company recognizes a noncontrolling interest for the ownership of the noncontrolling owners. The associated noncontrolling owners' interest in the income or losses of these companies is not material to the Company's results of operations for all periods presented, and is classified as a component of interest and other, net, in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

As previously disclosed, the Company has made certain immaterial corrections to net sales previously reported for the first, second, and third quarters of fiscal year 2019 primarily to reflect revenue from certain contracts with customers on a net basis. As a result of correcting these errors, net sales and cost of sales in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018 have been reduced by \$22 million and \$95 million, respectively, from previously reported amounts. These corrections had no impact on gross profit, segment income or net income for the periods presented. Amounts presented for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018 related to the disaggregation of revenue in the CTG segment in Note 4, and CTG segment net sales and total net sales in Note 16, have also been restated accordingly. The Company evaluated these corrections, considering both qualitative and quantitative factors, and concluded they are immaterial to the previously issued financial statements.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncement

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases", and subsequent updates (collectively, referred to as Accounting Standard Codification 842 or "ASC 842"). ASC 842 requires a lessee to recognize a right of use ("ROU") asset and lease liability. Leases will be classified as finance or operating, with classification affecting the recognition of expense and presentation in the income statement.

The Company adopted ASC 842 on April 1, 2019 using the optional transition method, by which companies may elect not to recast the comparative periods presented in financial statements in the period of adoption and recognize a cumulative effect adjustment in the period of adoption. As a result, the Company was not required to adjust its comparative period financial information for effects of the standard or make the new required lease disclosures for periods before the Company's adoption date. The Company has elected to adopt the package of transition practical expedients and, therefore, has not reassessed (1) whether existing or expired contracts contain a lease, (2) lease classification for existing or expired leases or (3) the accounting for initial direct costs that were previously capitalized. In addition, the Company has elected the short-term lease recognition and measurement exemption for all classes of assets, which allows the Company to not recognize ROU assets and lease liabilities for leases with a lease term of 12 months or less and with no purchase option the Company is reasonably certain of exercising. The Company has also elected the practical expedient to account for the lease and nonlease components as a single lease component, for all classes of underlying assets. Therefore, the lease payments used to measure the lease liability include all of the fixed considerations in the contract. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following: fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), and variable payments that depend on an index or rate (initially measured using the index or rate at the lease commencement date). As the Company cannot determine the interest rate implicit in the lease for its leases, the Company uses its estimate of the incremental borrowing rate as of the commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The Company's estimated incremental borrowing rate is the rate of interest it would have to pay on a collateralized basis to borrow an amount equal to the lease payments under similar terms. The lease term for all of the Company's leases includes the non-cancellable period of the lease plus any additional periods covered by either an option to extend (or not to terminate) the lease that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise, or an option to extend (or not to terminate) the lease controlled by the lessor.

The adoption of ASC 842 had a material impact to the Company's consolidated balance sheet, but did not materially impact the consolidated statement of income or consolidated statement of cash flows. The most significant changes to the consolidated balance sheet relate to the recognition of new ROU assets and lease liabilities for operating leases. The Company's accounting for finance leases remains substantially unchanged and the balances are not material for any periods presented.

As a result of adopting ASC 842 as of April 1, 2019, the Company recognized additional operating liabilities of \$658 million with a corresponding ROU asset of \$624 million and a deferred gain of \$22 million for sale leaseback transactions to opening retained earnings.

In October 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-16 "Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Inclusion of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) Overnight Index Swap (OIS) Rate as a Benchmark Interest Rate for Hedge Accounting Purposes" to expand the lists of eligible benchmark interest rates to include OIS based on SOFR to facilitate the marketplace transition from LIBOR. The Company adopted the guidance during the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 with an immaterial impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-15 "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other-Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement That Is a Service Contract" to provide guidance on a customer's accounting for implementation, set-up, and other upfront costs incurred in a cloud computing

arrangement that is hosted by the vendor, i.e., a service contract. Under the new guidance, customers will apply the same criteria for capitalizing implementation costs as they would for an arrangement that has a software license. The new guidance also prescribes the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow classification of the capitalized implementation costs and related amortization expense, as well as requires additional quantitative and qualitative disclosures. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 with early adoption permitted. The Company early adopted the guidance during the second quarter of fiscal year 2020 with an immaterial impact to its condensed consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13 "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework-Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement", which amends ASC 820 to add, remove, and modify fair value measurement disclosure requirements. The Company adopted the guidance during the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 with an immaterial impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07 "Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvement to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting" with the objective of simplifying several aspects of the accounting for nonemployee share-based payment transactions in current GAAP. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 with an immaterial impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-12 "Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities" with the objective of improving the financial reporting of hedging relationships and simplifying the application of the hedge accounting guidance in current GAAP. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 with an immaterial impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments" and also issued subsequent amendments to the initial guidance: ASU 2018-19, ASU 2019-04, ASU 2019-05, ASU 2019-10, and ASU 2019-11, which replaces the existing incurred loss impairment model with an expected credit loss model and requires a financial asset measured at amortized cost to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing and expects the new guidance to have an immaterial impact on its consolidated financial statements, and it intends to adopt the guidance when it becomes effective in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021.

In October 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-17 "Consolidation (Topic 810): Targeted Improvements to Related Party Guidance for Variable Interest Entities" to provide a new private company variable interest entity exemption and change how decision makers apply the variable interest criteria. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 with early adoption permitted. The Company expects the new guidance will have an immaterial impact on its consolidated financial statements, and it intends to adopt the guidance when it becomes effective in the first quarter of fiscal year 2021.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12 "Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes", which removes certain exceptions for recognizing deferred taxes for investments, performing intraperiod allocation and calculating income taxes in interim periods. The ASU also adds guidance to reduce complexity in certain areas, including recognizing deferred taxes for tax goodwill and allocating taxes to members of a consolidated group. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2022 with early adoption permitted. The Company expects the new guidance will have an immaterial impact on its consolidated financial statements, and intends to adopt the guidance when it becomes effective in the first quarter of fiscal year 2022.

2. BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

Inventories

The components of inventories, net of applicable lower of cost and net realizable value write-downs, were as follows:

	As of December 31, 2019	As of March 31, 2019
	(In thousands)	
Raw materials	\$ 2,723,041	\$ 2,922,101
Work-in-progress	382,881	366,135
Finished goods	578,251	434,618
	<u>\$ 3,684,173</u>	<u>\$ 3,722,854</u>

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The following table summarizes the activity in the Company's goodwill account for each of its four reporting units (which align to the Company's reportable segments) during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019:

	HRS	IEI	CEC	CTG	Total
	(In thousands)				
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 507,209	\$ 333,257	\$ 129,325	\$ 103,264	\$ 1,073,055
Divestitures	(1,102)	(137)	—	—	(1,239)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(2,004)	—	—	—	(2,004)
Balance, end of the period	<u>\$ 504,103</u>	<u>\$ 333,120</u>	<u>\$ 129,325</u>	<u>\$ 103,264</u>	<u>\$ 1,069,812</u>

The components of acquired intangible assets are as follows:

	As of December 31, 2019			As of March 31, 2019		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
	(In thousands)					
Intangible assets:						
Customer-related intangibles	\$ 277,422	\$ (120,812)	\$ 156,610	\$ 297,306	\$ (113,627)	\$ 183,679
Licenses and other intangibles	247,097	(123,779)	123,318	274,604	(127,288)	147,316
Total	<u>\$ 524,519</u>	<u>\$ (244,591)</u>	<u>\$ 279,928</u>	<u>\$ 571,910</u>	<u>\$ (240,915)</u>	<u>\$ 330,995</u>

Goodwill is tested for impairment on an annual basis and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is below its carrying value. Recoverability of goodwill is measured at the reporting unit level by comparing the reporting unit's carrying value, including goodwill, to the fair value of the reporting unit, which typically is measured based upon, among other factors, market multiples for comparable companies as well as a discounted cash flow analysis. As previously disclosed, at the date of its most recent annual impairment test the fair value of the CTG reporting unit exceeded its carrying value by 22%. The Company has assessed whether an interim impairment test should be performed on the CTG reporting unit in light of recent CTG's financial performance. Management has concluded that it is more likely than not that CTG's fair value exceeds its carrying value as of December 31, 2019, thus a full interim impairment test was not completed. The Company shall perform its next annual impairment test on January 1, 2020. As the Company continues to refine its long-term strategy for the CTG reporting unit, it is reasonably possible that changes in circumstances could require management to perform additional impairment tests for CTG. In the event that CTG is determined to be impaired during the annual impairment test, the resulting charge could be material to the consolidated results of operations.

The gross carrying amounts of intangible assets are removed when fully amortized. The estimated future annual amortization expense for intangible assets is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending March 31,	Amount
	(In thousands)
2020 (1)	\$ 15,351
2021	60,289
2022	51,846
2023	44,193
2024	42,572
Thereafter	65,677
Total amortization expense	<u>\$ 279,928</u>

(1) Represents estimated amortization for the remaining three-month period ending March 31, 2020.

Other Current Assets

Other current assets include approximately \$292.5 million as of March 31, 2019 for the deferred purchase price receivable from the Company's Asset-Backed Securitization programs. Effective November 2019, the Company amended its Asset-Backed Securitization programs and removed the requirement for the deferred purchase price receivable. Approximately \$55 million of the repurchased deferred purchase price receivable under the old Asset-Backed Securitization programs remains uncollected and outstanding as of December 31, 2019, and was included in other current assets and carried at the expected recovery amount. See note 12 for additional information.

Other Current Liabilities

Other current liabilities include customer working capital advances of \$239.9 million and \$266.3 million, customer-related accruals of \$212.4 million and \$260.1 million, and contract liabilities, identified as deferred revenue of \$523.2 million and \$271.8 million, as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, respectively. The customer working capital advances are not interest-bearing, do not have fixed repayment dates and are generally reduced as the underlying working capital is consumed in production. Following the adoption of ASC 842, current operating lease liabilities were \$121.0 million as of December 31, 2019.

3. LEASES

The Company has several commitments under operating leases for warehouses, buildings, and equipment. The Company also has a minimal number of finance leases with an immaterial impact on its condensed consolidated financial statements. Leases have initial lease terms ranging from 1 year to 23 years.

The components of lease cost were as follow (in thousands):

Lease cost	Three-Month Period Ended	Nine-Month Period Ended
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2019
Operating lease cost	\$ 40,278	\$ 122,767

Amounts reported in the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of the period ended December 31, 2019 were (in thousands, except weighted average lease term and discount rate):

	As of December 31, 2019
Operating Leases:	
Operating lease right of use assets	\$ 615,073
Operating lease liabilities	661,034
Weighted-average remaining lease term (In years)	
Operating leases	7.5
Weighted-average discount rate	
Operating leases	4.2%

Other information related to leases was as follow (in thousands):

	Nine-Month Period Ended
	December 31, 2019
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:	
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 106,748

For the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019, the Company sold and leased back certain properties and received cash proceeds of \$34.1 million and \$69.6 million, respectively, resulting in total gains of \$18.3 million and \$32.7 million, respectively, recorded in cost of sales within the condensed statements of operations. For the three and nine-month

periods ended December 31, 2018, the Company sold and leased back certain properties and received cash proceeds of \$67.7 million and recorded a deferred gain of \$22 million. As a result of adopting ASC 842 as of April 1, 2019, the Company recognized the deferred gain to prior year retained earnings.

Future lease payments under non-cancellable leases as of December 31, 2019 are as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ended March 31,	Operating Leases
2020 (1)	\$ 40,977
2021	132,642
2022	111,967
2023	99,453
2024	83,555
Thereafter	312,807
Total undiscounted lease payments	781,401
Less: imputed interest	120,367
Total lease liabilities	\$ 661,034

(1) Represents estimated lease payments for the remaining three-month period ending March 31, 2020.

As previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 and under the previous lease accounting standard ASC 840, the aggregate future non-cancellable minimum rental payments on our operating lease, as of March 31, 2019, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending March 31,	Operating Leases
	(In thousands)
2020	\$ 155,391
2021	113,245
2022	93,777
2023	81,335
2024	67,341
Thereafter	171,828
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 682,917

4. REVENUE

Revenue Recognition

The Company provides a comprehensive suite of services for its customers that range from advanced product design to manufacturing and logistics to after-sales services. The first step in its process for revenue recognition is to identify a contract with a customer. A contract is defined as an agreement between two parties that creates enforceable rights and obligations and can be written, verbal, or implied. The Company generally enters into master supply agreements (“MSA”) with its customers that provide the framework under which business will be conducted. This includes matters such as warranty, indemnification, transfer of title and risk of loss, liability for excess and obsolete inventory, pricing formulas, payment terms, etc., and the level of business under those agreements may not be guaranteed. In those instances, the Company bids on a program-by-program basis and typically receives customer purchase orders for specific quantities and timing of products. As a result, the Company considers its contract with a customer to be the combination of the MSA and the purchase order, or any other similar documents such as a statement of work, product addenda, emails or other communications that embody the commitment by the customer.

In determining the appropriate amount of revenue to recognize, the Company applies the following steps: (i) identify the contracts with the customers; (ii) identify performance obligations in the contracts; (iii) determine the transaction price; (iv) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations per the contracts; and (v) recognize revenue when (or as) the Company satisfies a performance obligation. Further, the Company assesses whether control of the product or services promised under the contract is transferred to the customer at a point in time (PIT) or over time (OT). The Company is first required to evaluate whether its contracts meet the criteria for OT recognition. The Company has determined that for a portion of its contracts the Company is manufacturing products for which there is no alternative use (due to the unique nature of the customer-specific product and IP restrictions) and the Company has an enforceable right to payment including a reasonable

profit for work-in-progress inventory with respect to these contracts. As a result, revenue is recognized under these contracts OT based on the cost-to-cost method as it best depicts the transfer of control to the customer measured based on the ratio of costs incurred to date as compared to the total estimated costs at completion of the performance obligation. For all other contracts that do not meet these criteria, the Company recognizes revenue when it has transferred control of the related manufactured products which generally occurs upon delivery and passage of title to the customer.

Customer Contracts and Related Obligations

Certain of the Company's customer agreements include potential price adjustments which may result in variable consideration. These price adjustments include, but are not limited to, sharing of cost savings, committed price reductions, material margins earned over the period that are contractually required to be paid to the customers, rebates, refunds tied to performance metrics such as on-time delivery, and other periodic pricing resets that may be refundable to customers. The Company estimates the variable consideration related to these price adjustments as part of the total transaction price and recognizes revenue in accordance with the pattern applicable to the performance obligation, subject to a constraint. The Company constrains the amount of revenues recognized for these contractual provisions based on its best estimate of the amount which will not result in a significant reversal of revenue in a future period. The Company determines the amounts to be recognized based on the amount of potential refunds required by the contract, historical experience and other surrounding facts and circumstances. Often these obligations are settled with the customer in a period after shipment through various methods which include reduction of prices for future purchases, issuance of a payment to the customer, or issuance of a credit note applied against the customer's accounts receivable balance. In many instances, the agreement is silent on the settlement mechanism. Any difference between the amount accrued upon shipment for potential refunds and the actual amount agreed to with the customer is recorded as an increase or decrease in revenue. These potential price adjustments are included as part of other current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet and disclosed as part of customer-related accruals in note 2.

Performance Obligations

The Company derives its revenues primarily from manufacturing services, and to a lesser extent, from innovative design, engineering, and supply chain services and solutions.

A performance obligation is an implicitly or explicitly promised good or service that is material in the context of the contract and is both capable of being distinct (customer can benefit from the good or service on its own or together with other readily available resources) and distinct within the context of the contract (separately identifiable from other promises). The Company considers all activities typically included in its contracts, and identifies those activities representing a promise to transfer goods or services to a customer. These include, but are not limited to, design and engineering services, prototype products, tooling, etc. Each promised good or service with regards to these identified activities is accounted for as a separate performance obligation only if it is distinct - i.e., the customer can benefit from it on its own or together with other resources that are readily available to the customer. Certain activities on the other hand are determined not to constitute a promise to transfer goods or service, and therefore do not represent separate performance obligations for revenue recognition (e.g., procurement of materials and standard workmanship warranty).

A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and recognized as revenue when, or as, the performance obligation is satisfied. The majority of the Company's contracts have a single performance obligation as the promise to transfer the individual good or service is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contract and is, therefore, not distinct. Promised goods or services that are immaterial in the context of the contract are not separately assessed as performance obligations. In the event that more than one performance obligation is identified in a contract, the Company is required to allocate the transaction price between the performance obligations. The allocation would generally be performed on the basis of a relative standalone price for each distinct good or service. This standalone price most often represents the price that the Company would sell similar goods or services separately.

Contract Balances

A contract asset is recognized when the Company has recognized revenue, but not issued an invoice for payment. Contract assets are classified separately on the condensed consolidated balance sheets and transferred to receivables when rights to payment become unconditional.

A contract liability is recognized when the Company receives payments in advance of the satisfaction of performance and is included in other current liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Contract liabilities, identified as deferred revenue, were \$523.2 million and \$271.8 million as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, respectively.

Disaggregation of Revenue

The following table presents the Company's revenue disaggregated based on timing of transfer - point in time and over time - for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 (in thousands), respectively.

Three-Month Period Ended December 31, 2019					
	HRS	IEI	CEC	CTG	Total
Timing of Transfer					
Point in time	\$ 978,026	\$ 1,471,116	\$ 1,513,721	\$ 1,191,491	\$ 5,154,354
Over time	266,689	517,749	367,690	154,905	1,307,033
Total segment	\$ 1,244,715	\$ 1,988,865	\$ 1,881,411	\$ 1,346,396	\$ 6,461,387

Nine-Month Period Ended December 31, 2019					
	HRS	IEI	CEC	CTG	Total
Timing of Transfer					
Point in time	\$ 2,843,866	\$ 3,734,151	\$ 4,263,144	\$ 3,319,972	\$ 14,161,133
Over time	767,523	1,677,196	1,205,713	913,815	4,564,247
Total segment	\$ 3,611,389	\$ 5,411,347	\$ 5,468,857	\$ 4,233,787	\$ 18,725,380

Three-Month Period Ended December 31, 2018					
	HRS	IEI	CEC	CTG	Total
Timing of Transfer					
Point in time	\$ 929,638	\$ 1,198,669	\$ 1,663,262	\$ 1,232,712	\$ 5,024,281
Over time	276,714	460,256	596,966	564,610	1,898,546
Total segment	\$ 1,206,352	\$ 1,658,925	\$ 2,260,228	\$ 1,797,322	\$ 6,922,827

Nine-Month Period Ended December 31, 2018					
	HRS	IEI	CEC	CTG	Total
Timing of Transfer					
Point in time	\$ 2,827,959	\$ 3,351,886	\$ 4,675,809	\$ 3,732,545	\$ 14,588,199
Over time	801,790	1,319,302	1,679,502	1,595,594	5,396,188
Total segment	\$ 3,629,749	\$ 4,671,188	\$ 6,355,311	\$ 5,328,139	\$ 19,984,387

5. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company's primary plan used for granting equity compensation awards is the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2017 Plan").

The following table summarizes the Company's share-based compensation expense:

	Three-Month Periods Ended		Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
	(In thousands)			
Cost of sales	\$ 4,275	\$ 4,769	\$ 11,427	\$ 14,940
Selling, general and administrative expenses	14,940	16,258	41,905	46,121
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 19,215	\$ 21,027	\$ 53,332	\$ 61,061

Total unrecognized compensation expense related to share options under all plans as well as the number of options outstanding and exercisable were immaterial as of December 31, 2019.

During the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, the Company granted 8.2 million unvested restricted share unit ("RSU") awards. Of this amount, approximately 6.4 million are plain-vanilla unvested RSU awards that vest over four years, with no performance or market conditions, and with an average grant date price of \$9.22 per award. Further, approximately 1.8 million unvested shares represent the target amount of grants made to certain key employees whereby vesting is contingent on certain market conditions. The average grant date fair value of these awards contingent on certain market conditions was estimated to be \$11.92 per award and was calculated using a Monte Carlo simulation. The number of shares contingent on market conditions that ultimately will vest will range from zero up to a maximum of 3.6 million based on a measurement of the percentile rank of the Company's total shareholder return over a certain specified period against the Standard and Poor's ("S&P") 500 Composite Index, and will cliff vest after a period of three years, to the extent such market conditions have been met.

As of December 31, 2019, approximately 17.0 million unvested RSU awards under all plans were outstanding, of which vesting for a targeted amount of 3.5 million awards is contingent primarily on meeting certain market conditions. The number of shares that will ultimately be issued can range from zero to 7.0 million based on the achievement levels of the respective conditions. During the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, no shares vested in connection with the awards with market conditions granted in fiscal year 2017.

As of December 31, 2019, total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested RSU awards under all plans was approximately \$139.5 million, and will be recognized over a weighted-average remaining vesting period of 2.4 years.

6. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

The following table reflects basic weighted-average ordinary shares outstanding and diluted weighted-average ordinary share equivalents used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the shareholders of Flex:

	Three-Month Periods Ended		Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
(In thousands, except per share amounts)				
Basic earnings (loss) per share:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 111,388	\$ (45,169)	\$ 39,320	\$ 157,751
Shares used in computation:				
Weighted-average ordinary shares outstanding	506,938	524,876	511,198	528,528
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.30
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 111,388	\$ (45,169)	\$ 39,320	\$ 157,751
Shares used in computation:				
Weighted-average ordinary shares outstanding	506,938	524,876	511,198	528,528
Weighted-average ordinary share equivalents from stock options and restricted share unit awards (1) (2)	3,401	—	3,351	3,780
Weighted-average ordinary shares and ordinary share equivalents outstanding	510,339	524,876	514,549	532,308
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.30

(1) An immaterial number of options to purchase ordinary shares were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings (loss) per share during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, due to their anti-dilutive impact on the weighted-average ordinary share equivalents.

(2) RSU awards of 3.7 million and 4.0 million for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share due to their anti-dilutive impact on the weighted-average ordinary share equivalents. An immaterial number and 6.6 million of anti-dilutive RSU awards for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings (loss) per share.

7. BANK BORROWINGS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Bank borrowings and long-term debt as of December 31, 2019 are as follows:

	As of December 31, 2019	As of March 31, 2019
	(In thousands)	
4.625% Notes due February 2020	\$ —	\$ 500,000
Term Loan due November 2021	—	671,563
Term Loan, including current portion, due in installments through June 2022	439,688	458,531
5.000% Notes due February 2023	500,000	500,000
Term Loan due April 2024 - three-month Yen LIBOR plus 0.50%	305,927	—
4.75% Notes due June 2025	597,150	596,815
4.875% Notes due June 2029	662,205	—
India Facilities	133,145	170,206
Other	165,897	168,039
Debt issuance costs	(14,031)	(10,639)
	2,789,981	3,054,515
Current portion, net of debt issuance costs	(88,869)	(632,611)
Non-current portion	\$ 2,701,112	\$ 2,421,904

The weighted-average interest rate for the Company's long-term debt was 4.1% and 4.2% as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019.

During fiscal year 2020, and as further discussed below, the Company entered into a JPY 33.525 billion term loan agreement due April 2024, in addition to issuing \$650 million of 4.875% Notes due June 15, 2029. Part of the proceeds obtained were used to repay the outstanding balances of the Company's existing 4.625% Notes due February 2020, and the Term Loan due November 2021. As both transactions were determined to fall under extinguishment accounting, the Company recognized an immaterial loss on extinguishment during the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019, which was recorded in interest and other, net on the condensed consolidated statements of operations during the period.

Scheduled repayments of the Company's long-term debt as of December 31, 2019 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending March 31,	Amount
	(In thousands)
2020 (1)	\$ 6,630
2021	99,787
2022	206,041
2023	862,849
2024	60,438
Thereafter	1,568,267
Total	\$ 2,804,012

(1) Represents estimated repayments for the remaining three-month period ending March 31, 2020.

Term Loan due April 2024

In April 2019, the Company entered into a JPY 33.525 billion term loan agreement due April 2024, at three-month Yen LIBOR plus 0.50%, which was then swapped to U.S. dollars. The term loan, which is due at maturity and subject to quarterly interest payments, is used to fund general operations and refinance certain other outstanding debts. As the term loan is denominated in Japanese Yen, the debt balance is remeasured to USD at end of each reporting period. Foreign currency contracts have been entered into with respect to this Japanese yen denominated term loan. Refer to note 10 for additional details.

This term loan is unsecured, and contains customary restrictions on the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to (i) incur certain debt, (ii) make certain investments, (iii) make certain acquisitions of other entities, (iv) incur liens, (v) dispose of assets, (vi) make non-cash distributions to shareholders, and (vii) engage in transactions with affiliates. These covenants are

subject to a number of exceptions and limitations. This term loan agreement also requires that the Company maintain a maximum ratio of total indebtedness to EBITDA (earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization), and a minimum interest coverage ratio, as defined therein, during its term. As of December 31, 2019, the Company was in compliance with the covenants under this term loan agreement.

Notes due June 2029

In June 2019, the Company issued \$450 million of 4.875% Notes due June 15, 2029 (the "Existing 2029 Notes"), at 99.607% of face value. In November 2019, as a further issuance of the Existing 2029 Notes, the Company issued under the same terms, an additional \$200 million of 4.875% Notes due June 15, 2029 (together with the "Existing 2029 Notes" above, the "2029 Notes"), at 107.289% of face value. Immediately after the issuance of the notes issued in November 2019, the Company has \$650 million aggregate principal amount of 4.875% Notes due 2029 outstanding. The Company received in aggregate, proceeds of approximately \$662.8 million, net of discount and premium, from the issuances which were used, together with available cash, to refinance certain other outstanding debt. The Company incurred and capitalized as a direct reduction to the carrying amount of the notes presented on the balance sheet approximately \$6.6 million of costs in conjunction with the issuance of the 2029 Notes.

Interest on the 2029 Notes is payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning on December 15, 2019. The 2029 Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company and rank equally with all of the Company's other existing and future senior and unsecured indebtedness.

The Indenture governing the 2029 Notes contains covenants that, among other things, restrict the ability of the Company and certain of the Company's subsidiaries to create liens; enter into sale-leaseback transactions; and consolidate or merge with, or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of the Company's assets to, another person, or permit any other person to consolidate, merge, combine or amalgamate with or into the Company. These covenants are subject to a number of significant limitations and exceptions set forth in the indenture. The indenture also provides for customary events of default, including, but not limited to, cross defaults to certain specified other debt of the Company and its subsidiaries. In the case of an event of default arising from specified events of bankruptcy or insolvency, all outstanding 2029 Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other event of default under the indenture occurs or is continuing, the trustee or holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding 2029 Notes may declare all of the 2029 Notes to be due and payable immediately, but upon certain conditions such declaration and its consequences may be rescinded and annulled by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the 2029 Notes. As of December 31, 2019, the Company was in compliance with the covenants in the indenture governing the 2029 Notes.

8. INTEREST AND OTHER, NET

Interest and other, net for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 are primarily composed of the following:

	Three-Month Periods Ended		Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
	(In thousands)			
Interest expenses on debt obligations (1)	\$ 35,131	\$ 38,830	\$ 114,020	\$ 107,486
ABS and AR sales programs related expenses	10,512	12,077	35,151	32,666
Interest income	(5,452)	(4,198)	(15,250)	(14,070)
(Gain) Loss on foreign exchange transactions	(2,974)	(3,284)	(7,027)	1,902

(1) Interest expense on debt obligations for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 include debt extinguishment costs of \$0.8 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, related to the full repayments of the Notes due February 2020 and the Term Loan due November 2021. There were no debt extinguishment costs incurred during the fiscal year 2019.

9. OTHER CHARGES (INCOME), NET

During fiscal year 2019, the Company deconsolidated Bright Machines and recognized a gain of \$87.3 million in other income, net. During the three-month ended December 31, 2019 and in connection with the Company's ongoing assessment of its investment portfolio strategy, the Company concluded that the carrying amount of the investment was other than temporarily impaired and recognized a \$15.8 million impairment charge.

During the three-month period ended December 31, 2018, the Company recognized other charges of \$71.9 million, primarily driven by a \$70.1 million charge related to the impairment of a certain investment in an unrelated third-party venture backed company. This charge was offset by the \$87.3 million gain on the deconsolidation of Bright Machines for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018.

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Foreign Currency Contracts

The Company enters into short-term and long-term foreign currency derivatives contracts, including forward, swap, and options contracts to hedge only those currency exposures associated with certain assets and liabilities, primarily accounts receivable and accounts payable, and cash flows denominated in non-functional currencies. Gains and losses on the Company's derivative contracts are designed to offset losses and gains on the assets, liabilities and transactions hedged, and accordingly, generally do not subject the Company to risk of significant accounting losses. The Company hedges committed exposures and does not engage in speculative transactions. The credit risk of these derivative contracts is minimized since the contracts are with large financial institutions and accordingly, fair value adjustments related to the credit risk of the counterparty financial institution were not material.

As of December 31, 2019, the aggregate notional amount of the Company's outstanding foreign currency derivative contracts was \$8.5 billion as summarized below:

Currency	Foreign Currency Amount		Notional Contract Value in USD	
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
(In thousands)				
Cash Flow Hedges				
CNY	1,150,500	—	\$ 164,376	\$ —
EUR	40,108	45,480	44,695	51,528
HUF	24,594,000	—	82,980	—
ILS	222,000	—	64,197	—
JPY	33,525,000	—	300,000	—
MXN	3,840,000	—	203,768	—
MYR	256,000	30,000	61,801	7,242
RON	177,000	—	41,309	—
Other	N/A	N/A	93,062	—
			1,056,188	58,770
Other Foreign Currency Contracts				
BRL	—	1,030,000	—	253,982
CAD	61,635	35,624	47,100	27,223
CNY	3,531,534	140,048	500,586	20,000
EUR	1,891,736	2,090,728	2,109,548	2,329,869
GBP	48,512	63,795	63,479	83,458
HUF	60,687,931	58,055,222	204,760	195,877
ILS	111,600	47,600	32,272	13,765
INR	8,051,000	6,956,674	112,834	97,495
JPY	2,832,862	2,215,532	25,865	20,242
MXN	5,106,692	3,870,080	270,984	205,364
MYR	1,060,570	817,890	256,034	197,448
PLN	117,246	82,118	30,733	21,525
SEK	529,107	611,979	56,023	65,493
SGD	98,938	63,959	73,168	47,300
Other	N/A	N/A	41,622	26,027
			3,825,008	3,605,068
Total Notional Contract Value in USD			\$ 4,881,196	\$ 3,663,838

As of December 31, 2019, the fair value of the Company's short-term foreign currency contracts was included in other current assets or other current liabilities, as applicable, in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Certain of these contracts are designed to economically hedge the Company's exposure to monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a non-functional currency and are not accounted for as hedges under the accounting standards. Accordingly, changes in the fair value of these instruments are recognized in earnings during the period of change as a component of interest and other, net in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, the Company also has included net deferred gains and losses in accumulated other comprehensive loss, a component of shareholders' equity in the condensed consolidated balance sheets, relating to changes in fair value of its foreign currency contracts that are accounted for as cash flow hedges. Deferred gains were immaterial as of December 31, 2019, and are expected to be recognized primarily as a component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statements of operations primarily over the next twelve-month period, except for the USD JPY cross currency swap, which is further discussed below.

The Company entered into a USD JPY cross currency swap to hedge the foreign currency risk on the JPY term loan due April 2024, and the fair value of the cross currency swap was included in other assets as of December 31, 2019. The changes in fair value of the USD JPY cross currency swap are reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss, with the impact of the excluded component reported in interest and other, net. In addition, a corresponding amount is reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive loss to interest and other, net to offset the remeasurement of the underlying JPY loan principal which also

impacts the same line.

The following table presents the fair value of the Company's derivative instruments utilized for foreign currency risk management purposes:

		Fair Values of Derivative Instruments								
		Asset Derivatives			Liability Derivatives					
		Fair Value			Fair Value					
Balance Sheet Location		December 31, 2019	March 31, 2019		Balance Sheet Location	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2019			
(In thousands)										
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments										
	Other current assets	\$	9,113	\$	10,503	Other current liabilities	\$	10,284	\$	10,282
Foreign currency contracts										
Foreign currency contracts	Other assets	\$	9,782	\$	—	Other liabilities	\$	—	\$	—
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments										
	Other current assets	\$	27,147	\$	16,774	Other current liabilities	\$	21,347	\$	17,144
Foreign currency contracts										

The Company has financial instruments subject to master netting arrangements, which provide for the net settlement of all contracts with a single counterparty. The Company does not offset fair value amounts for assets and liabilities recognized for derivative instruments under these arrangements, and as such, the asset and liability balances presented in the table above reflect the gross amounts of derivatives in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The impact of netting derivative assets and liabilities is not material to the Company's financial position for any of the periods presented.

11. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

The changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss by component, net of tax, are as follows:

	Three-Month Periods Ended					
	December 31, 2019			December 31, 2018		
	Unrealized loss on derivative instruments and other	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Total	Unrealized loss on derivative instruments and other	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Total
	(In thousands)					
Beginning balance	\$ (58,654)	\$ (131,110)	\$ (189,764)	\$ (55,574)	\$ (100,807)	\$ (156,381)
Other comprehensive gain (loss) before reclassifications	1,134	11,443	12,577	(14,683)	(7,777)	(22,460)
Net (gains) losses reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	12,108	(1,446)	10,662	19,318	—	19,318
Net current-period other comprehensive gain (loss)	13,242	9,997	23,239	4,635	(7,777)	(3,142)
Ending balance	\$ (45,412)	\$ (121,113)	\$ (166,525)	\$ (50,939)	\$ (108,584)	\$ (159,523)

	Nine-Month Periods Ended					
	December 31, 2019			December 31, 2018		
	Unrealized loss on derivative instruments and other	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Total	Unrealized loss on derivative instruments and other	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Total
	(In thousands)					
Beginning balance	\$ (41,556)	\$ (109,607)	\$ (151,163)	\$ (35,746)	\$ (50,099)	\$ (85,845)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(7,817)	(10,060)	(17,877)	(55,396)	(58,485)	(113,881)
Net (gains) losses reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	3,961	(1,446)	2,515	40,203	—	40,203
Net current-period other comprehensive loss	(3,856)	(11,506)	(15,362)	(15,193)	(58,485)	(73,678)
Ending balance	\$ (45,412)	\$ (121,113)	\$ (166,525)	\$ (50,939)	\$ (108,584)	\$ (159,523)

Substantially all unrealized losses relating to derivative instruments and other, reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 were recognized as a component of cost of sales in the condensed consolidated statement of operations, which primarily relate to the Company's foreign currency contracts accounted for as cash flow hedges.

12. TRADE RECEIVABLES SECURITIZATION

The Company sells trade receivables under two asset-backed securitization programs and an accounts receivable factoring program.

Asset-Backed Securitization Programs

The Company continuously sells designated pools of trade receivables under its Global Asset-Backed Securitization Agreement (the "Global Program") and its North American Asset-Backed Securitization Agreement (the "North American Program," collectively, the "ABS Programs") to affiliated special purpose entities, each of which in turn sells the receivables to unaffiliated financial institutions.

Prior to November 2019, these programs allowed the operating subsidiaries to receive a cash payment and a deferred purchase price receivable for sold receivables ("Old ABS Programs"). The portion of the purchase price for the receivables which was not paid by the unaffiliated financial institutions in cash was a deferred purchase price receivable, which was paid to the special purpose entity as payments on the receivables were collected from account debtors. The deferred purchase price receivable represented a beneficial interest in the transferred financial assets and was recognized at fair value as part of the sale transaction. The accounts receivable balances that were sold under the Old ABS Programs were removed from the condensed consolidated balance sheets and the net cash proceeds received by the Company were included as cash provided by operating activities in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. The Company recognized these proceeds net of the deferred purchase price, consisting of a receivable from the purchasers that entitled the Company to certain collections on the receivable. The Company recognized the collection of the deferred purchase price in net cash provided by investing activities in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Effective November 2019, the Company amended the ABS programs to extend the facilities to November 26, 2021, and removed the requirement for the deferred purchase price receivable ("New ABS Programs"). Under the New ABS Programs, the entire purchase price of sold receivables are paid in cash. The New ABS Programs contain a guarantee of payment by the special purpose entity, in an amount equal to approximately the net cash proceeds under the programs, and is collateralized by certain receivables held by the special purpose entity. The fair value of the guarantee obligation was immaterial as of December 31, 2019. The accounts receivable balances sold under the New ABS Programs were removed from the condensed consolidated balance sheets and the cash proceeds received by the Company were included as cash provided by operating activities in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

At the effective date of the New ABS Programs, approximately \$1.3 billion representing the outstanding balance of sold receivables was repurchased by the Company by exchanging outstanding deferred purchase price receivable of \$0.4 billion and

re-investing \$0.9 billion of trade account receivables into the New ABS Programs. These repurchases are considered non-cash investing activities in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. Cash collections on repurchased deferred purchase price receivables are reported as investing activities in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows and were approximately \$0.3 billion for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019.

The deferred purchase price receivables, which are included in other current assets as of March 31, 2019, were carried at the expected recovery amount of the related receivables. The difference between the carrying amount of the receivables sold under these programs and the sum of the cash and fair value of the deferred purchase price receivables received at time of transfer is recognized as a loss on sale of the related receivables, and recorded in interest and other, net in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and were immaterial for all periods presented. There are no deferred purchase price receivables outstanding as of December 31, 2019. Approximately \$55 million of the repurchased deferred purchase price receivables remain uncollected and outstanding as of December 31, 2019, and are included in other current assets within the condensed consolidated balance sheet, at the expected recovery amount.

Following the transfer of the receivables to the special purpose entities, the transferred receivables are legally isolated from the Company and its affiliates, and upon the sale of the receivables from the special purpose entities to the unaffiliated financial institutions, effective control of the transferred receivables is passed to the unaffiliated financial institutions, which have the right to pledge or sell the receivables. Although the special purpose entities are consolidated by the Company, they are separate corporate entities and their assets are available first to satisfy the claims of their creditors. The investment limits set by the financial institutions are \$790 million for the Global Program, of which \$615 million is committed and \$175 million is uncommitted, and \$285 million for the North American Program, of which \$210 million is committed and \$75 million is uncommitted.

The Company services, administers and collects the receivables on behalf of the special purpose entities and receives a servicing fee of 0.1% to 0.5% of serviced receivables per annum. Servicing fees recognized during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 were not material and are included in interest and other, net within the condensed consolidated statements of operations. As the Company estimates the fee it receives in return for its obligation to service these receivables is at fair value, no servicing assets or liabilities are recognized.

As of December 31, 2019, approximately \$0.9 billion of accounts receivable had been sold to the special purpose entities under the New ABS Programs for which the Company had received net cash proceeds for the same amount. As of March 31, 2019, approximately \$1.2 billion of accounts receivable had been sold to the special purpose entities for which the Company had received net cash proceeds of \$0.9 billion and deferred purchase price receivables of \$0.3 billion. The deferred purchase price balances as of March 31, 2019, also represent the non-cash beneficial interest obtained in exchange for securitized receivables.

For the nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, cash flows from sales of receivables under the Old ABS Programs consisted of approximately \$3.7 billion and \$5.2 billion, respectively, for transfers of receivables, and approximately \$2.2 billion and \$2.7 billion, respectively, for collections on deferred purchase price receivables. The Company's cash flows from transfer of receivables consist primarily of proceeds from collections reinvested in revolving-period transfers. Cash flows from new transfers were not significant for all periods presented.

Trade Accounts Receivable Sale Programs

The Company also sold accounts receivables to certain third-party banking institutions. The outstanding balance of receivables sold and not yet collected on accounts where the Company has continuing involvement was approximately \$0.3 billion and \$0.5 billion as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019, respectively. For the nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, total accounts receivable sold to certain third-party banking institutions was approximately \$1.2 billion and \$2.1 billion, respectively. The receivables that were sold were removed from the condensed consolidated balance sheets and the cash received is reflected as cash provided by operating activities in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

13. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required or permitted to be recorded at fair value, the Company considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact, and it considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability. The accounting guidance for fair value establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the level of independent, objective evidence surrounding the inputs used to measure fair value. A financial instrument's categorization within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

Level 1 - Applies to assets or liabilities for which there are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

The Company has deferred compensation plans for its officers and certain other employees. Amounts deferred under the plans are invested in hypothetical investments selected by the participant or the participant's investment manager. The Company's deferred compensation plan assets are included in other noncurrent assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets and include investments in equity securities that are valued using active market prices. There were no investments classified as level 1 in the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2019.

Level 2 - Applies to assets or liabilities for which there are inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets with insufficient volume or infrequent transactions (less active markets) such as cash and cash equivalents and money market funds; or model-derived valuations in which significant inputs are observable or can be derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data.

The Company values foreign exchange forward contracts using level 2 observable inputs which primarily consist of an income approach based on the present value of the forward rate less the contract rate multiplied by the notional amount.

The Company's cash equivalents are comprised of bank deposits and money market funds, which are valued using level 2 inputs, such as interest rates and maturity periods. Due to their short-term nature, their carrying amount approximates fair value.

The Company's deferred compensation plan assets also include money market funds, mutual funds, corporate and government bonds and certain convertible securities that are valued using prices obtained from various pricing sources. These sources price these investments using certain market indices and the performance of these investments in relation to these indices. As a result, the Company has classified these investments as level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Level 3 - Applies to assets or liabilities for which there are unobservable inputs to the valuation methodology that are significant to the measurement of the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The Company has accrued for contingent consideration in connection with its business acquisitions as applicable, which is measured at fair value based on certain internal models and unobservable inputs. There were no contingent consideration liabilities outstanding as of December 31, 2019 and March 31, 2019.

The Company's deferred purchase price receivables relating to its asset-backed securitization program are recorded initially at fair value based on a discounted cash flow analysis using unobservable inputs (i.e., level 3 inputs), which are primarily risk free interest rates adjusted for the credit quality of the underlying creditor. Due to its high credit quality and short-term maturity, the fair value approximates carrying value. Significant increases in either of the major unobservable inputs (credit spread, risk free interest rate) in isolation would result in lower fair value estimates, however the impact is not material. The interrelationship between these inputs is also insignificant. There is no deferred purchase price receivables outstanding as of December 31, 2019 due to the New ABS Programs as further discussed in Note 12.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy during the nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

Financial Instruments Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following table presents the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2019						
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
	(In thousands)					
Assets:						
Money market funds and time deposits (included in cash and cash equivalents of the condensed consolidated balance sheet)	\$	—	\$ 373,644	\$	—	\$ 373,644
Foreign currency contracts (Note 10)		—	46,042		—	46,042
Deferred compensation plan assets:						
Mutual funds, money market accounts and equity securities		—	58,204		—	58,204
Liabilities:						
Foreign currency contracts (Note 10)	\$	—	\$ (31,631)	\$	—	\$ (31,631)

Fair Value Measurements as of March 31, 2019						
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
(In thousands)						
Assets:						
Money market funds and time deposits (included in cash and cash equivalents of the condensed consolidated balance sheet)	\$	—	\$ 473,888	\$	—	\$ 473,888
Foreign currency contracts (Note 10)		—	27,277		—	27,277
Deferred compensation plan assets:						
Mutual funds, money market accounts and equity securities		2,845	76,852		—	79,697
Liabilities:						
Foreign currency contracts (Note 10)	\$	—	\$ (27,426)	\$	—	\$ (27,426)

Other financial instruments

The following table presents the Company's major debts not carried at fair value:

	As of December 31, 2019		As of March 31, 2019		Fair Value Hierarchy
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	
(In thousands)					
Term Loan, including current portion, due in installments through June 2022	439,688	441,337	458,531	457,958	Level 1
5.000% Notes due February 2023	500,000	534,733	500,000	499,950	Level 1
Term Loan due April 2024 - three-month Yen LIBOR plus 0.50%	305,927	305,927	—	—	Level 2
4.750% Notes due June 2025	597,150	647,854	596,815	599,940	Level 1
4.875% Notes due June 2029	662,205	717,955	—	—	Level 1
India Facilities	133,145	133,145	170,206	170,206	Level 2
Euro Term Loan due September 2020	51,281	51,281	52,746	52,746	Level 2
Euro Term Loan due January 2022	111,632	111,632	112,524	112,524	Level 2
Total	\$ 2,801,028	\$ 2,943,864	\$ 1,890,822	\$ 1,893,324	

The Company values its Term Loan due April 2024, India Facilities, and Euro Term Loans due September 2020 and January 2022 based on the current market rate, and as of December 31, 2019, the carrying amounts approximate fair values.

The Term Loan due June 2022, and the Notes due February 2023, June 2025 and June 2029 are valued based on broker trading prices in active markets.

14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation and other legal matters

In connection with the matters described below, the Company has accrued for loss contingencies where it believes that losses are probable and estimable. The amounts accrued are not material. Although it is reasonably possible that actual losses could be in excess of the Company's accrual, the Company is unable to estimate a reasonably possible loss or range of loss in excess of its accrual, except as discussed below, due to various reasons, including, among others, that: (i) the proceedings are in early stages or no claims have been asserted, (ii) specific damages have not been sought in all of these matters, (iii) damages, if asserted, are considered unsupported and/or exaggerated, (iv) there is uncertainty as to the outcome of pending appeals, motions, or settlements, (v) there are significant factual issues to be resolved, and/or (vi) there are novel legal issues or unsettled legal theories presented. Any such excess loss could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or cash flows for a particular period or on the Company's financial condition.

In addition, the Company provides design and engineering services to its customers and also designs and makes its own products. As a consequence of these activities, its customers are requiring the Company to take responsibility for intellectual property to a greater extent than in its manufacturing and assembly businesses. Although the Company believes that its intellectual property assets and licenses are sufficient for the operation of its business as it currently conducts it, from time to time third-parties do assert patent infringement claims against the Company or its customers. If and when third-parties make assertions regarding the ownership or right to use intellectual property, the Company could be required to either enter into licensing arrangements or to resolve the issue through litigation. Such license rights might not be available to the Company on commercially acceptable terms, if at all, and any such litigation might not be resolved in its favor. Additionally, litigation could be lengthy and costly and could materially harm the Company's financial condition regardless of the outcome. The Company also could be required to incur substantial costs to redesign a product or re-perform design services.

From time to time, the Company enters into IP licenses (e.g., patent licenses and software licenses) with third-parties which obligate the Company to report covered behavior to the licensor and pay license fees to the licensor for certain activities or products, or that enable the Company's use of third-party technologies. The Company may also decline to enter into licenses for intellectual property that it does not think is useful for or used in its operations, or for which its customers or suppliers have licenses or have assumed responsibility. Given the diverse and varied nature of its business and the location of its business around the world, certain activities the Company performs, such as providing assembly services in China and India, may fall outside the scope of those licenses or may not be subject to the applicable intellectual property rights. The Company's licensors may disagree and claim royalties are owed for such activities. In addition, the basis (e.g., base price) for any royalty amounts owed are audited by licensors and may be challenged. Some of these disagreements may lead to claims and litigation that might not be resolved in the Company's favor. Additionally, litigation could be lengthy and costly and could materially harm the Company's financial condition regardless of the outcome. In March 2018, the Company received an inquiry from a licensor referencing its patent license agreement with the Company, and requesting information relating to royalties for products that the Company assembles for a customer in China. The Company and licensor have had subsequent discussions, during which the licensor claimed that the Company owes a material amount under the patent license agreement, which the Company disputes and would contest vigorously. While the Company cannot predict the outcome with respect to this claim or estimate an amount or reasonable range of loss, a material loss is reasonably possible.

On May 8, 2018, a putative class action was filed in the Northern District of California against the Company and certain officers alleging violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Rule 10b-5, promulgated thereunder, alleging misstatements and/or omissions in certain of the Company's financial results, press releases and SEC filings made during the putative class period of January 26, 2017 through April 26, 2018. On October 1, 2018, the Court appointed lead plaintiff and lead plaintiff's counsel in the case. On November 28, 2018, lead plaintiff filed an amended complaint alleging misstatements and/or omissions in certain of the Company's SEC filings, press releases, earnings calls, and analyst and investor conferences and expanding the putative class period through October 25, 2018. On April 3, 2019, the Court vacated its prior order appointing lead plaintiff and lead plaintiff's counsel and reopened the lead plaintiff appointment process. On September 26, 2019, the Court appointed a new lead plaintiff and lead plaintiff's counsel in the case. On November 8, 2019, lead plaintiff filed a further amended complaint. On December 4, 2019, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint. Defendants' motion to dismiss is set for hearing on April 9, 2020. The Company believes that the claims are without merit and intends to vigorously defend this case.

On April 21, 2016, SunEdison, Inc. (together with certain of its subsidiaries, "SunEdison") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, the Company recognized a bad debt reserve charge of \$61.0 million associated with its outstanding SunEdison receivables and accepted return of previously shipped inventory of approximately \$90.0 million. SunEdison stated in schedules filed with the Bankruptcy Court that, within the 90 days preceding SunEdison's bankruptcy filing, the Company received approximately \$98.6 million of inventory and cash transfers of \$69.2 million, which in aggregate represents the Company's estimate of the maximum reasonably possible

contingent loss. On April 15, 2018, a subsidiary of the Company together with its subsidiaries and affiliates, entered into a tolling agreement with the trustee of the SunEdison Litigation Trust to toll any applicable statute of limitations or other time-related defense that might exist in regards to any potential claims that either party might be able to assert against the other for a period that will end at the earlier to occur of: (a) 60 days after a party provides written notice of termination; (b) six years from the effective date of April 15, 2018; or (c) such other date as the parties may agree in writing. No preference claims have been asserted against the Company and consideration has been given to the related contingencies based on the facts currently known. The Company has a number of affirmative and direct defenses to any potential claims for recovery and intends to vigorously defend any such claim, if asserted.

One of the Company's Brazilian subsidiaries has received assessments for certain sales and import taxes. There are six tax assessments totaling 340 million Brazilian reals (approximately USD \$83.8 million based on the exchange rate as of December 31, 2019). The assessments are in various stages of the review process at the administrative level; the Company successfully defeated one of the six assessments in September 2019 (totaling approximately 60 million Brazilian reals or USD \$14.8 million), but that assessment remains subject to appeal and no tax proceeding has been finalized yet. The Company believes there is no legal basis for these assessments and has meritorious defenses and will continue to vigorously oppose all of these assessments, as well as any future assessments. The Company does not expect final judicial determination on any of these claims for several years.

On February 14, 2019, the Company submitted an initial notification of voluntary disclosure to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") regarding possible noncompliance with U.S. economic sanctions requirements among certain non-U.S. Flex-affiliated operations. The Company has initiated an internal investigation regarding this matter which is ongoing. The Company cannot predict how long it will take to complete the investigation or to what extent the Company could be subject to penalties.

A foreign Tax Authority ("Tax Authority") has assessed a cumulative total of approximately \$94 million in taxes owed for multiple Flex legal entities within its jurisdiction for various fiscal years ranging from fiscal year 2010 through fiscal year 2018. The assessed amounts related to the denial of certain deductible intercompany payments. The Company disagrees with the Tax Authority's assessments and is actively contesting the assessments through the administrative and judicial processes. As the final resolution of the assessment remains uncertain, the Company continues to provide for the uncertain tax positions based on the more likely than not standard. While the resolution of the issues may result in tax liabilities, interest and penalties, which may be significantly higher than the amounts accrued for these matters, management currently believes that the resolution will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In addition to the matters discussed above, from time to time, the Company is subject to legal proceedings, claims, and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company defends itself vigorously against any such claims. Although the outcome of these matters is currently not determinable, management expects that any losses that are probable or reasonably possible of being incurred as a result of these matters, which are in excess of amounts already accrued in the Company's consolidated balance sheets, would not be material to the financial statements as a whole.

15. SHARE REPURCHASES

During the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019, the Company repurchased 5.3 million and 16.2 million shares at an aggregate purchase price of \$61.0 million and \$173.1 million, respectively, and retired all of these shares.

Under the Company's current share repurchase program, the Board of Directors authorized repurchases of its outstanding ordinary shares for up to \$500 million in accordance with the share repurchase mandate approved by the Company's shareholders at the date of the most recent Annual General Meeting held on August 20, 2019. As of December 31, 2019, shares in the aggregate amount of \$402.0 million were available to be repurchased under the current plan.

16. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company has four reportable segments: HRS, IEI, CEC and CTG. These segments are determined based on several factors, including the nature of products and services, the nature of production processes, customer base, delivery channels and similar economic characteristics. Refer to note 1 for a description of the various product categories manufactured under each of these segments.

An operating segment's performance is evaluated based on its pre-tax operating contribution, or segment income. Segment income is defined as net sales less cost of sales, and segment selling, general and administrative expenses, and does not include amortization of intangibles, stock-based compensation, customer related asset impairment charges, restructuring charges, the new revenue standard adoption impact, legal and other, interest and other, net and other charges (income), net.

Selected financial information by segment is in the table below.

	Three-Month Periods Ended		Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
(In thousands)				
Net sales:				
High Reliability Solutions	\$ 1,244,715	\$ 1,206,352	\$ 3,611,389	\$ 3,629,749
Industrial & Emerging Industries	1,988,865	1,658,925	5,411,347	4,671,188
Communications & Enterprise Compute	1,881,411	2,260,228	5,468,857	6,355,311
Consumer Technologies Group	1,346,396	1,797,322	4,233,787	5,328,139
	<u>\$ 6,461,387</u>	<u>\$ 6,922,827</u>	<u>\$ 18,725,380</u>	<u>\$ 19,984,387</u>
Segment income and reconciliation of income before tax:				
High Reliability Solutions	\$ 82,111	\$ 95,751	\$ 252,743	\$ 278,874
Industrial & Emerging Industries	124,420	78,782	331,231	196,000
Communications & Enterprise Compute	53,086	62,590	110,867	171,463
Consumer Technologies Group	24,654	39,023	81,762	96,792
Corporate and Other	(28,233)	(19,768)	(85,563)	(75,513)
Total segment income	<u>256,038</u>	<u>256,378</u>	<u>691,040</u>	<u>667,616</u>
Reconciling items:				
Intangible amortization	15,598	20,308	48,903	57,059
Stock-based compensation	19,215	21,027	53,332	61,061
Customer related asset impairments (1)	3,754	50,153	95,210	67,517
Restructuring charges (Note 17)	14,616	65,843	199,123	100,433
New revenue standard adoption impact (Note 4)	—	—	—	9,291
Legal and other (2)	6,864	4,994	28,012	25,363
Interest and other, net	36,207	54,087	135,650	136,889
Other charges (income), net (Note 9)	14,395	71,879	17,005	(8,515)
Income (loss) before income taxes	<u>\$ 145,389</u>	<u>\$ (31,913)</u>	<u>\$ 113,805</u>	<u>\$ 218,518</u>

- (1) Customer related asset impairments for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 primarily relate to non-cash impairments of certain property and equipment for customers we have disengaged or are in the process of disengaging, additional provision for doubtful accounts receivable, charges for other asset impairments, and reserves for excess and obsolete inventory for certain customers experiencing financial difficulties and/or related to inventory that will not be recovered due to significant reductions in future customer demand as the Company reduces its exposure to certain higher volatility businesses.
- (2) Legal and other during the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 primarily consists of direct and incremental costs associated with certain wind-down activities related to the disengagement of a certain customer primarily in China and India.

Legal and other during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018 primarily consists of costs incurred relating to the independent investigation undertaken by the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors which was completed in June 2018. In addition, for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018, Legal and other also includes certain charges of the China based Multek operations that was divested in the second quarter of fiscal year 2019.

Corporate and other primarily includes corporate services costs that are not included in the Chief Operating Decision Maker's ("CODM") assessment of the performance of each of the identified reporting segments.

The Company provides an overall platform of assets and services, which the segments utilize for the benefit of their various customers. The shared assets and services are contained within the Company's global manufacturing and design operations and include manufacturing and design facilities. Most of the underlying manufacturing and design assets are co-mingled on the operating campuses and are compatible across segments and highly interchangeable throughout the platform. Given the highly interchangeable nature of the assets, they are not separately identified by segments nor reported by segment to the Company's CODM.

17. RESTRUCTURING CHARGES

During fiscal year 2019, the Company took actions to optimize its portfolio with greater focus to be placed on higher margin, less volatile businesses. During the first half of fiscal year 2020 in connection with the recent geopolitical developments and uncertainties, primarily impacting one customer in China, the Company experienced a reduction in demand for products assembled for that customer. As a result, the Company accelerated its strategic decision to reduce its exposure to certain high-volatility products in both China and India. The Company also initiated targeted activities to restructure its business to further reduce and streamline its cost structure. During the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019, the Company recognized \$14.6 million and \$199.1 million, respectively, of restructuring charges. The Company incurred cash charges of approximately \$14.9 million and \$142.7 million, respectively, that were predominantly for employee severance, in addition to non-cash charges of an immaterial amount and \$56.4 million, respectively, primarily related to asset impairments during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019.

During the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018, the Company recognized \$65.8 million and \$100.4 million, respectively, for charges primarily associated with the wind down of its NIKE operations in Mexico, the majority of which were for non-cash asset impairments.

The following table summarizes the provisions, respective payments, and remaining accrued balance as of December 31, 2019 for charges incurred during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019:

	Severance	Long-Lived Asset Impairment	Other Exit Costs	Total
(In thousands)				
Balance as of March 31, 2019	\$ 23,234	\$ —	\$ 9,200	\$ 32,434
Provision for charges incurred during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019	107,598	44,746	46,779	199,123
Cash payments for charges incurred in the fiscal year 2019 and prior	(13,267)	—	(2,800)	(16,067)
Cash payments for charges incurred during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019	(96,827)	—	(34,125)	(130,952)
Non-cash charges incurred during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019	—	(44,746)	(12,344)	(57,090)
Balance as of December 31, 2019	20,738	—	6,710	27,448
Less: Current portion (classified as other current liabilities)	20,738	—	6,710	27,448
Accrued restructuring costs, net of current portion (classified as other liabilities)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Unless otherwise specifically stated, references in this report to “Flex,” “the Company,” “we,” “us,” “our” and similar terms mean Flex Ltd., and its subsidiaries.

This report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The words “expects,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “intends,” “plans” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements which refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly disclose any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring subsequent to filing this Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, those risks and uncertainties discussed in this section, as well as any risks and uncertainties discussed in Part II, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” of this report on Form 10-Q, and in Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” and in Part II, Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2019. In addition, new risks emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors or to assess the impact of such risk factors on our business. Accordingly, our future results may differ materially from historical results or from those discussed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, the reader should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

OVERVIEW

We are a globally-recognized, provider of *Sketch-to-Scale*® services - innovative design, engineering, manufacturing, and supply chain services and solutions - from conceptual sketch to full-scale production. We design, build, ship and manage complete packaged consumer and enterprise products, for companies of all sizes in various industries and end-markets, through our activities in the following segments:

- High Reliability Solutions ("HRS"), which is comprised of our health solutions business, including surgical equipment, drug delivery, diagnostics, telemedicine, disposable devices, imaging and monitoring, patient mobility and ophthalmology; and our automotive business, including vehicle electrification, connectivity, autonomous, and smart technologies;
- Industrial and Emerging Industries ("IEI"), which is comprised of energy including advanced metering infrastructure, energy storage, smart lighting, smart solar energy; and industrial, including semiconductor and capital equipment, office solutions, household industrial and lifestyle, industrial automation and kiosks;
- Communications & Enterprise Compute ("CEC"), which includes our telecom business of radio access base stations, remote radio heads and small cells for wireless infrastructure; our networking business, which includes optical, routing, and switching products for data and video networks; our server and storage platforms for both enterprise and cloud-based deployments; next generation storage and security appliance products; and rack-level solutions, converged infrastructure and software-defined product solutions; and
- Consumer Technologies Group ("CTG"), which includes our consumer-related businesses in IoT enabled devices, audio and consumer power electronics, mobile devices; and various supply chain solutions for consumer, computing and printing devices.

Our strategy is to provide customers with a full range of cost competitive, vertically-integrated global supply chain solutions through which we can design, build, ship and manage a complete packaged product for our customers. This enables our customers to leverage our supply chain solutions to meet their product requirements throughout the entire product life cycle.

Over the past few years, we have seen an increased level of diversification by many companies, primarily in the technology sector. Some companies that have historically identified themselves as software providers, Internet service providers or e-commerce retailers have entered the highly competitive and rapidly evolving technology hardware markets, such as mobile devices, home entertainment and wearable devices. This trend has resulted in a significant change in the manufacturing and supply chain solutions requirements of such companies. While the products have become more complex, the supply chain solutions required by such companies have become more customized and demanding, and it has changed the manufacturing and supply chain landscape significantly.

We use a portfolio approach to manage our extensive service offerings. As our customers change the way they go to market, we have the capability to reorganize and rebalance our business portfolio in order to align with our customers' needs and requirements in an effort to optimize operating results. The objective of our business model is to allow us to be flexible and redeploy and reposition our assets and resources as necessary to meet specific customer's supply chain solutions needs across all the markets we serve and earn a return on our invested capital above the weighted average cost of that capital.

During the past several years, we have evolved our long-term portfolio towards a mix of businesses which possess longer product life cycles and higher segment operating margins such as reflected in our IEI and HRS businesses. We have expanded our design and engineering relationships through our product innovation centers and global design centers.

During fiscal year 2019, we took actions to optimize our portfolio with greater focus to be placed on higher margin, less volatile businesses. During the first half of fiscal year 2020 in connection with the recent geopolitical developments and uncertainties, primarily impacting one customer in China, we experienced a reduction in demand for products assembled for that customer. As a result, we accelerated our strategic decision to reduce our exposure to certain high-volatility products in both China and India. We also initiated targeted activities to restructure our business to further reduce and streamline our cost structure. We recognized \$199 million of charges during the first three quarters of fiscal year 2020, comprised of approximately \$143 million of cash charges predominantly for employee severance, and \$56 million of non-cash charges primarily related to asset impairments. While the bulk of the restructuring charges were executed in the first three quarters of fiscal year 2020, we expect to incur additional restructuring charges as we continue to optimize our portfolio with the majority of these activities planned to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

We believe that our continued business transformation is strategically positioning us to take advantage of the long-term, future growth prospects for outsourcing of advanced manufacturing capabilities, design and engineering services and after-market services.

We are one of the world's largest providers of global supply chain solutions, with revenues of \$18.7 billion for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019 and \$26.2 billion in fiscal year 2019. The following tables set forth the relative percentages and dollar amounts of net sales and net property and equipment, by country, based on the location of our manufacturing sites:

Net sales:	Three-Month Periods Ended					Nine-Month Periods Ended						
	December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018		December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018					
	(In millions)											
China	\$	1,638	25%	\$	1,779	26%	\$	4,535	24%	\$	5,179	26%
Mexico		1,171	18%		1,187	17%		3,408	18%		3,477	17%
U.S.		966	15%		886	13%		2,677	14%		2,173	11%
Brazil		480	7%		512	7%		1,524	8%		1,632	8%
Malaysia		398	6%		541	8%		1,233	7%		1,559	8%
India		298	5%		448	6%		1,091	6%		1,333	7%
Other		1,510	24%		1,570	23%		4,257	23%		4,631	23%
	\$	6,461		\$	6,923		\$	18,725		\$	19,984	

Amounts may not sum due to rounding.

As previously disclosed, we have made certain immaterial corrections to net sales previously reported for the first, second, and third quarters of fiscal year 2019 primarily to reflect revenue from certain contracts with customers on a net basis. As a result of correcting these errors, net sales and cost of sales in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018 have been reduced by \$22 million and \$95 million, respectively, from previously reported amounts. These corrections had no impact on gross profit, segment income or net income for the periods presented.

<u>Property and equipment, net:</u>	As of		As of			
	December 31, 2019		March 31, 2019			
	(In millions)					
Mexico	\$	553	25%	\$	537	23%
China		399	18%		523	22%
U.S.		375	17%		361	15%
India		209	9%		219	9%
Malaysia		120	5%		138	6%
Hungary		102	5%		103	4%
Other		448	21%		454	21%
	\$	2,206		\$	2,336	

Amounts may not sum due to rounding.

We believe that the combination of our design and engineering services, advanced supply chain management solutions and services, significant scale and global presence, and manufacturing campuses in low-cost geographic areas provide us with a competitive advantage and strong differentiation in the market for designing, manufacturing and servicing consumer and enterprise products for leading multinational and regional customers. Most of the underlying manufacturing and design assets are co-mingled on the operating campuses and are compatible across our sites and business and highly interchangeable throughout the platform. We continue to leverage our existing assets to redeploy installed capacity where it is needed, which is a notable strength of our global system. In addition, we continue to reposition and optimize our global footprints while maximizing efficiency and return of our asset base by entering into asset disposals and/or sales leaseback arrangements as needed.

Our operating results are affected by a number of factors, including the following:

- changes in the macro-economic environment and related changes in consumer demand;

- the mix of the manufacturing services we are providing, the number, size, and complexity of new manufacturing programs, the degree to which we utilize our manufacturing capacity, seasonal demand, shortages of components and other factors;
- the effects on our business when our customers are not successful in marketing their products, or when their products do not gain widespread commercial acceptance;
- our ability to achieve commercially viable production yields and to manufacture components in commercial quantities to the performance specifications demanded by our customers;
- the effects on our business due to certain customers' products having short product life cycles;
- our customers' ability to cancel or delay orders or change production quantities;
- our customers' decisions to choose internal manufacturing instead of outsourcing for their product requirements;
- our exposure to financially troubled customers;
- integration of acquired businesses and facilities;
- increased labor costs due to adverse labor conditions in the markets we operate;
- the impacts on our business due to component shortages or other supply chain related constraints;
- changes in tax legislation; and
- changes in trade regulations and treaties.

We are also subject to other risks as outline in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" and Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP" or "GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions.

Refer to the accounting policies under Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, where we discuss our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements. There were no changes to our accounting policies other than the adoption of ASC 842, as discussed below.

Leases

We are a lessee with several non-cancellable operating leases, primarily for warehouses, buildings, and other assets such as vehicles and equipment. We determine if an arrangement is a lease at contract inception. A contract is a lease or contains a lease when (1) there is an identified asset, and (2) the customer has the right to control the use of the identified asset.

Beginning with the adoption of ASC 842 on April 1, 2019, we recognize a right-of-use ("ROU") asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date for our operating leases. For operating leases, the lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the unpaid lease payments at the lease commencement date. We have elected the short-term lease recognition and measurement exemption for all classes of assets, which allows us to not recognize ROU assets and lease liabilities for leases with a lease term of 12 months or less and with no purchase option we are reasonably certain of exercising. We have also elected the practical expedient to account for the lease and nonlease components as a single lease component, for all classes of underlying assets. Therefore, the lease payments used to measure the lease liability include all of the fixed considerations in the contract. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following: fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), and variable payments that depend on an index or rate (initially measured using the index or rate at the lease commencement date). As we cannot determine the interest rate implicit in the lease for our leases, we use our estimate of the incremental borrowing rate as of the commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments.

Our estimated incremental borrowing rate is the rate of interest it would have to pay on a collateralized basis to borrow an amount equal to the lease payments under similar terms. The lease term for all of our leases includes the non-cancellable period of the lease plus any additional periods covered by either an option to extend (or not to terminate) the lease that we are reasonably certain to exercise, or an option to extend (or not to terminate) the lease controlled by the lessor.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain statements of operations data expressed as a percentage of net sales. The financial information and the discussion below should be read together with the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in this document. In addition, reference should be made to our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and related Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

	Three-Month Periods Ended		Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Net sales	100.0%	100.0 %	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	93.1	94.0	93.9	93.9
Restructuring charges	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.4
Gross profit	6.7	5.1	5.2	5.7
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6
Intangible amortization	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Restructuring charges	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Interest and other, net	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7
Other charges (income), net	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.0
Income (loss) before income taxes	2.3	(0.5)	0.6	1.0
Provision for income taxes	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3
Net income (loss)	1.8%	(0.7)%	0.2%	0.7%

Net sales

The following table sets forth our net sales by segment and their relative percentages:

Segments:	Three-Month Periods Ended				Nine-Month Periods Ended							
	December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018		December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018					
	(In millions)											
High Reliability Solutions	\$	1,245	19%	\$	1,207	17%	\$	3,611	19%	\$	3,630	18%
Industrial & Emerging Industries		1,989	31%		1,659	24%		5,411	29%		4,671	23%
Communications & Enterprise Compute		1,881	29%		2,260	33%		5,469	29%		6,355	32%
Consumer Technologies Group		1,346	21%		1,797	26%		4,234	23%		5,328	27%
	\$	6,461		\$	6,923		\$	18,725		\$	19,984	

Amounts may not sum due to rounding.

Net sales during the three-month period ended December 31, 2019 totaled \$6.5 billion, representing a decrease of approximately \$461 million, or 7% from \$6.9 billion during the three-month period ended December 31, 2018. The decrease in sales was driven by reduced demand in our CTG and CEC segments offset by increases in our IEI and HRS segments. Our CTG segment decreased \$451 million, primarily resulting from our targeted reduction to high volatility, low margin, short-cycle customers and product categories. Our CEC segment decreased \$379 million, driven by reduced demand in our networking and telecommunication businesses due to the slower roll-out of 5G technology and our previously announced disengagement with a customer primarily in China and India. Our IEI segment increased \$330 million, mainly driven by strong sales within our solar energy business and our home and lifestyle business. Our HRS segment increased \$38 million, primarily due to ramps in our automotive business that more than offset the modestly lower demand in our health solution business. Net sales decreased \$462 million to \$2.6 billion in Asia, \$14 million to \$1.3 billion in Europe, offset by a modest increase of \$15 million to \$2.6 billion in the Americas.

Net sales during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019 totaled \$18.7 billion, representing a decrease of approximately \$1.3 billion, or 6% from \$20.0 billion during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018. With the exception of our IEL segment that increased \$0.7 billion and offsets the overall decline in sales, all of our remaining segments declined from the year ago period. The most notable decreases were in our CTG and CEC segments of \$1.1 billion and \$0.9 billion, respectively versus the prior year nine-month period. The majority of the changes in segment results for the nine month periods are due to the same factors described above. Net sales decreased \$1.4 billion to \$7.5 billion in Asia, and \$102 million to \$3.6 billion in Europe, offset by an increase of \$196 million to \$7.7 billion in the Americas.

Our ten largest customers, during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019, accounted for approximately 40% and 39% of net sales, respectively. Our ten largest customers, during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018, accounted for approximately 43% of net sales. No customer accounted for more than 10% of net sales during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 or December 31, 2018.

Gross profit

Gross profit is affected by a number of factors, including the number and size of new manufacturing programs, product mix, component costs and availability, product life cycles, unit volumes, pricing, competition, new product introductions, capacity utilization and the expansion or consolidation of manufacturing facilities, as well as specific restructuring activities initiated from time to time. The flexible design of our manufacturing processes allows us to manufacture a broad range of products in our facilities and better utilize our manufacturing capacity across our diverse geographic footprint and service customers from all segments. In the cases of new programs, profitability normally lags revenue growth due to product start-up costs, lower manufacturing program volumes in the start-up phase, operational inefficiencies, and under-absorbed overhead. Gross margin for these programs often improves over time as manufacturing volumes increase, as our utilization rates and overhead absorption improve, and as we increase the level of manufacturing services content. As a result of these various factors, our gross margin varies from period to period.

Gross profit during the three-month period ended December 31, 2019 increased \$73 million to \$430 million, or 6.7% of net sales, from \$357 million, or 5.1% of net sales, during the three-month period ended December 31, 2018, with gross margin improving 160 basis points. The increase in both gross profit and gross margin is primarily the result of favorable product mix driven from revenue increases in some of our higher margin businesses in IEL, improved operational execution, reduced fixed costs resulting from prior restructuring activities, coupled with lower restructuring charges recorded during the three-month period ended December 31, 2019.

Gross profit during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019 decreased \$165 million to \$972 million, or 5.2% of net sales, from \$1,137 million, or 5.7% of net sales, during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018, with gross margin declining 50 basis points. The decrease in both gross profit and gross margin is primarily due to the geopolitical challenges and uncertainties which impacted specific customers resulting in restructuring charges recorded in the first half of fiscal year 2020 as well as the write down of inventory in the second quarter of fiscal year 2020 that will not be recovered due to significant reductions in future customer demand as we reduce our exposure to certain higher volatility businesses. These were partially offset by the favorable product mix and the increased revenues and gross profit from our IEL segment, the wind-down of our NIKE Mexico operations in the second half of fiscal year 2019, and benefits realized from our earlier restructuring activities initiated in fiscal year 2019.

Segment Income

An operating segment's performance is evaluated based on its pre-tax operating contribution, or segment income. Segment income is defined as net sales less cost of sales, and segment selling, general and administrative expenses, and does not include amortization of intangibles, stock-based compensation, customer related asset impairment charges, restructuring charges, the new revenue standard adoption impact, legal and other, interest and other, net and other charges (income), net. A portion of depreciation is allocated to the respective segment, together with other general corporate research and development and administrative expenses.

The following table sets forth segment income and margins. Historical information has been recast to reflect realignment of customers and/or products between segments:

	Three-Month Periods Ended				Nine-Month Periods Ended							
	December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018		December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018					
	(In millions)											
Segment income and reconciliation of income before tax:												
High Reliability Solutions	\$	82	6.6%	\$	96	7.9%	\$	253	7.0%	\$	279	7.7%
Industrial & Emerging Industries		124	6.3%		79	4.7%		331	6.1%		196	4.2%
Communications & Enterprise Compute		53	2.8%		63	2.8%		111	2.0%		171	2.7%
Consumer Technologies Group		25	1.8%		39	2.1%		82	1.9%		97	1.8%
Corporate and Other		(28)			(20)			(86)			(76)	
Total segment income		256	4.0%		256	3.7%		691	3.7%		668	3.3%
Reconciling items:												
Intangible amortization		16			20			49			57	
Stock-based compensation		19			21			53			61	
Customer related asset impairments (1)		4			50			95			68	
Restructuring charges (Note 17)		15			66			199			100	
New revenue standard adoption impact (Note 4)		—			—			—			9	
Legal and other (2)		7			5			28			25	
Interest and other, net		36			54			136			137	
Other charges (income), net (Note 9)		14			72			17			(9)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	145		\$	(32)		\$	114		\$	219	

Amounts may not sum due to rounding.

- (1) Customer related asset impairments for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 primarily relate to non-cash impairments of certain property and equipment for customers we have disengaged or are in the process of disengaging, additional provision for doubtful accounts receivable, charges for other asset impairments, and reserves for excess and obsolete inventory for certain customers experiencing financial difficulties and/or related to inventory that will not be recovered due to significant reductions in future customer demand as the Company reduces its exposure to certain higher volatility businesses.
- (2) Legal and other during the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 primarily consists of direct and incremental costs associated with certain wind-down activities related to the disengagement of a certain customer primarily in China and India.

Legal and other during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018 primarily consists of costs incurred relating to the independent investigation undertaken by the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors which was completed in June 2018. In addition, for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018, Legal and other also includes certain charges of the China based Multek operations that was divested in the second quarter of fiscal year 2019.

HRS segment margin decreased 130 basis points, to 6.6% for the three-month period ended December 31, 2019, from 7.9% for the three-month period ended December 31, 2018. HRS segment margin decreased 70 basis points, to 7.0% for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, from 7.7% for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018. The decrease in HRS segment margin during the periods is primarily the result of accelerated investments and costs associated with new program ramps and pricing pressure with demand declines in the global market that impacted product mix.

IEI segment margin increased 160 basis points, to 6.3% for the three-month period ended December 31, 2019, from 4.7% for the three-month period ended December 31, 2018. IEI segment margin increased 190 basis points, to 6.1% for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, from 4.2% for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018. The increase in IEI's margin is primarily due to a favorable business mix resulting from increased demand from new business particularly in Energy and in Home & Lifestyle, greater levels of design and engineering led engagements and improved operational execution.

CEC segment margin remained consistent at 2.8% for the three-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018. CEC segment margin decreased 70 basis points, to 2.0% for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, from 2.7% for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018. The decrease in CEC's margin during the nine-month period is

primarily due to geopolitical challenges and uncertainties which impacted demand from specific customers as well as a drop in demand in our networking and telecommunication businesses due to the slower roll-out of 5G technology which created elevated levels of unabsorbed manufacturing overhead costs.

CTG segment margin decreased 30 basis points to 1.8% for the three-month period ended December 31, 2019, from 2.1% for the three-month period ended December 31, 2018, as it remained pressured during our portfolio transition and ongoing repositioning of our operating structure. CTG segment margin increased 10 basis points, to 1.9% for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, from 1.8% for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018, which reflected lower losses from our former strategic partnership with NIKE versus the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018 and mix improvements as we continued to rationalize and prune underperforming accounts to improve our portfolio mix.

Restructuring charges

During fiscal year 2019, we took actions to optimize our portfolio with greater focus to be placed on higher margin, less volatile businesses. During the first half of fiscal year 2020 in connection with the recent geopolitical developments and uncertainties, primarily impacting one customer in China, we experienced a reduction in demand for products assembled for that customer. As a result, we accelerated our strategic decision to reduce our exposure to certain high-volatility products in both China and India. We also initiated targeted activities to restructure our business to further reduce and streamline our cost structure. During the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019, we recognized \$15 million and \$199 million, respectively, of restructuring charges. We incurred cash charges of approximately \$15 million and \$143 million, respectively, that were predominantly for employee severance, in addition to non-cash charges for an immaterial amount and \$56 million, respectively, primarily related to asset impairments during the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019. While the bulk of the restructuring charges were executed in the first three quarters of fiscal year 2020, we expect to incur additional restructuring charges throughout the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020, and expect to complete the majority of these activities by the end of the fiscal year.

During the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018, we recognized \$66 million and \$100 million, respectively, for charges primarily associated with the wind down of our NIKE operations in Mexico, the majority of which were for non-cash asset impairments.

Selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses (“SG&A”) was \$218 million, or 3.4% of net sales, during the three-month period ended December 31, 2019, decreasing \$20 million from \$238 million, or 3.4% of net sales, during the three-month period ended December 31, 2018. SG&A was \$633 million, or 3.4% of net sales, during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, decreasing \$90 million from \$723 million, or 3.6% of net sales, during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018. These decreases were primarily due to strict cost discipline focused on driving further productivity improvements and a refined cost structure benefiting from prior restructuring initiatives.

Intangible amortization

Amortization of intangible assets was \$16 million during the three-month period ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$20 million for the three-month period ended December 31, 2018, and \$49 million during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$57 million for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018. The decline in both periods was primarily due to certain intangibles now being fully amortized.

Interest and other, net

Interest and other, net was \$36 million during the three-month period ended December 31, 2019 compared to \$54 million during the three-month period ended December 31, 2018, primarily due to a lower average borrowing levels and lower short term rates during the period.

Interest and other, net was \$136 million during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019 compared to \$137 million during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018, which primarily resulted from increases in net foreign exchange gains coupled with lower average borrowing levels, offset by higher expenses from our asset-backed securitization programs in addition to debt extinguishment costs incurred during fiscal year 2020.

Other charges (income), net

Other charges (income), net was \$14 million of net expense during the three-month period ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$72 million of net expense during the three-month period ended December 31, 2018, primarily as a result of the \$70 million charge related to an investment in an unrelated third-party venture backed company, determined to be impaired in fiscal year 2019. Other charges (income), net was \$17 million of net expense during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, compared to \$9 million of net income during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018, primarily as a result of the non-cash gain from the deconsolidation of Bright Machines recognized in fiscal year 2019.

Income taxes

Certain of our subsidiaries, at various times, have been granted tax relief in their respective countries, resulting in lower income taxes than would otherwise be the case under ordinary tax rates. Refer to note 13, "Income Taxes" of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 for further discussion.

Our policy is to provide a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets that in our estimation are not more likely than not to be realized.

The consolidated effective tax rate was 23% and 65% for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and (42)% and 28% for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018. The effective rate varies from the Singapore statutory rate of 17% as a result of recognition of earnings in different jurisdictions (we generate most of our revenues and profits from operations outside of Singapore), operating loss carryforwards, income tax credits, release of previously established valuation allowances for deferred tax assets, liabilities for uncertain tax positions, as well as the effect of certain tax holidays and incentives granted to our subsidiaries primarily in China, Malaysia, Costa Rica, India, the Netherlands and Israel. The effective tax rate for the three-month period ended December 31, 2019 is significantly higher than the effective tax rate for the three-month period ended December 31, 2018, due to a changing jurisdictional mix of income, and our recognition of approximately \$194 million in restructuring charges, impairment of non-core investment, and customer related asset impairments with minimal associated tax benefit for the three-month period ended December 31, 2018. The effective tax rate for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019 is significantly higher than the effective tax rate for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018, due to a changing jurisdictional mix of income and the company's recognition of approximately \$155 million in additional restructuring charges, impairment of non-core investments, and customer related asset impairments in the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019 compared to the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018. The charges for both respective periods generate minimal associated tax benefits.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of December 31, 2019, we had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$1.8 billion and bank and other borrowings of approximately \$2.8 billion. We have a \$1.75 billion revolving credit facility that expires in June 2022, under which there were no borrowings outstanding as of the end of the quarter. We also entered into a JPY 33.525 billion term loan due April 2024, at three-month Yen LIBOR plus 0.50%, which was then swapped to U.S. dollars. In addition, we issued \$650 million of 4.875% Notes in fiscal year 2020. The proceeds were used to repay the outstanding balance of our existing 4.625% Notes due February 2020, and the Term Loan due November 2021, resulting in a net debt reduction of \$200 million. Refer to note 7 to the condensed consolidated financial statement for details. As of December 31, 2019, we were in compliance with the covenants under all of our credit facilities and indentures.

Cash used in operating activities was \$1.7 billion during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, primarily driven by cash outflows related to accounts receivable. Cash collections from the deferred purchase price on our ABS sales program, prior to amendment and including collection on the repurchased deferred purchase price receivables, of \$2.5 billion were included in cash from investing activities (refer to note 12 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for discussion of the amendment). This was coupled with \$39 million of net income for the period, partially offset by \$579 million of non-cash charges such as depreciation, amortization, restructuring and impairment charges, and stock-based compensation.

We believe net working capital and net working capital as a percentage of annualized net sales are key metrics that measure our liquidity. Net working capital is calculated as current quarter accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts, adding back the reduction in accounts receivable resulting from non-cash accounts receivable sales, plus inventories and contract assets, less accounts payable and certain other current liabilities related to vendor financing programs. Net working capital decreased \$175 million as of December 31, 2019, from \$1.7 billion as of March 31, 2019. This decrease is primarily driven by a \$284 million increase in accounts payable, offset by a \$154 million increase in net receivables. Our current quarter net working capital as a percentage of annualized net sales for the quarter ended December 31, 2019, decreased to 5.8% from 6.7% of annualized net sales for the quarter ended March 31, 2019. We generally operate in a net working capital targeted range between 6% to 8% of annualized revenue for the quarter.

Cash provided by investing activities was \$2.3 billion during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019. This was primarily driven by \$2.5 billion of cash collections on deferred purchase price receivables from our ABS programs during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, offset by approximately \$274 million of net capital expenditures for property and equipment to continue expanding capabilities and capacity in support of our expanding IEI and HRS businesses.

We believe adjusted free cash flow is an important liquidity metric because it measures, during a given period, the amount of cash generated that is available to repay debt obligations, make investments, fund acquisitions, repurchase company shares and for certain other activities. Our adjusted free cash flow is defined as cash from operations, plus cash collections of deferred purchase price receivables, less net purchases of property and equipment to present adjusted cash flows on a consistent basis for investor transparency (refer to note 12 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for discussion of the amendment of the ABS programs). We also excluded the impact to cash flows related to certain vendor programs that is required for US GAAP presentation. Our adjusted free cash flows for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019 was \$538 million compared to a use of \$126 million for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2018. Adjusted free cash flow is not a measure of liquidity under U.S. GAAP, and may not be defined and calculated by other companies in the same manner. Adjusted free cash flow should not be considered in isolation or as an alternative to net cash provided by operating activities. Adjusted free cash flows reconcile to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure of cash flows from operations as follows:

	Nine-Month Periods Ended	
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
	(In millions)	
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,699)	\$ (2,329)
Cash collection of deferred purchase price and other	2,511	2,708
Purchases of property and equipment	(376)	(592)
Proceeds from the disposition of property and equipment	102	87
Adjusted free cash flow	\$ 538	\$ (126)

Cash used by financing activities was \$462 million during the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, which was primarily driven by \$663 million of proceeds, net of discount and premium, received following the issuance of the 2029 Notes, \$300 million of proceeds following the execution of our term loan agreement due April 2024 during the first quarter of fiscal year 2020, coupled with \$54 million of proceeds from drawdowns from our India term loan facility. For further information, see note 7 to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Partially offsetting the proceeds described above were i) \$500 million of cash paid for the repurchase of the outstanding balance of our 4.625% Notes due February 2020, ii) \$672 million of cash paid for the repayment of the term loan due November 2021, iii) \$91 million of cash paid for the outstanding balance of our short-term bank borrowings facility in India, and iv) \$173 million of cash paid for the repurchase of our ordinary shares.

Our cash balances are generated and held in numerous locations throughout the world. Liquidity is affected by many factors, some of which are based on normal ongoing operations of the business and some of which arise from fluctuations related to global economics and markets. Local government regulations may restrict our ability to move cash balances to meet cash needs under certain circumstances; however, any current restrictions are not material. We do not currently expect such regulations and restrictions to impact our ability to pay vendors and conduct operations throughout the global organization. We believe that our existing cash balances, together with anticipated cash flows from operations and borrowings available under our credit facilities, will be sufficient to fund our operations through at least the next twelve months. As of December 31, 2019, and March 31, 2019, over half of our cash and cash equivalents were held by foreign subsidiaries outside of Singapore. Although substantially all of the amounts held outside of Singapore could be repatriated under current laws, a significant amount could be subject to income tax withholdings. We provide for tax liabilities on these amounts for financial statement purposes, except for certain of our foreign earnings that are considered indefinitely reinvested outside of Singapore (approximately \$1.6 billion as of March 31, 2019). Repatriation could result in an additional income tax payment; however, for the majority of our foreign entities, our intent is to permanently reinvest these funds outside of Singapore and our current plans do not demonstrate a need to repatriate them to fund our operations in jurisdictions outside of where they are held. Where local restrictions prevent an efficient intercompany transfer of funds, our intent is that cash balances would remain outside of Singapore and we would meet our liquidity needs through ongoing cash flows, external borrowings, or both.

Future liquidity needs will depend on fluctuations in levels of inventory, accounts receivable and accounts payable, the timing of capital expenditures for new equipment, the extent to which we utilize operating leases for new facilities and equipment, and the levels of shipments and changes in the volumes of customer orders.

We maintain global paying services agreements with several financial institutions. Under these agreements, the financial institutions act as our paying agents with respect to accounts payable due to our suppliers who elect to participate in the

program. The agreements allow our suppliers to sell their receivables to one of the participating financial institutions at the discretion of both parties on terms that are negotiated between the supplier and the respective financial institution. Our obligations to our suppliers, including the amounts due and scheduled payment dates, are not impacted by our suppliers' decisions to sell their receivables under this program. The cumulative payments due to suppliers participating in the programs amounted to approximately \$0.2 billion and \$0.6 billion for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019, respectively, and approximately \$0.1 billion and \$0.3 billion for the three and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2018, respectively. Pursuant to their agreement with one of the financial institutions, certain suppliers may elect to be paid early at their discretion. We are not always notified when our suppliers sell receivables under these programs. The available capacity under these programs can vary based on the number of investors and/or financial institutions participating in these programs at any point in time.

In addition, we maintain various uncommitted short-term financing facilities including but not limited to credit import advance facility and revolving sale and repurchase of subordinated note established under the securitization facility, under which there were no borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2019.

Historically, we have funded operations from cash and cash equivalents generated from operations, proceeds from public offerings of equity and debt securities, bank debt and lease financings. We also sell a designated pool of trade receivables under asset-backed securitization ("ABS") programs and sell certain trade receivables, which are in addition to the trade receivables sold in connection with these securitization agreements. We anticipate that we will enter into debt and equity financings, sales of accounts receivable and lease transactions to fund acquisitions and anticipated growth.

The sale or issuance of equity or convertible debt securities could result in dilution to current shareholders. Further, we may issue debt securities that have rights and privileges senior to those of holders of ordinary shares, and the terms of this debt could impose restrictions on operations and could increase debt service obligations. This increased indebtedness could limit our flexibility as a result of debt service requirements and restrictive covenants, potentially affect our credit ratings, and may limit our ability to access additional capital or execute our business strategy. Any downgrades in credit ratings could adversely affect our ability to borrow as a result of more restrictive borrowing terms. We continue to assess our capital structure and evaluate the merits of redeploying available cash to reduce existing debt or repurchase ordinary shares.

Under our current share repurchase program, our Board of Directors authorized repurchases of our outstanding ordinary shares for up to \$500 million in accordance with the share purchase mandate approved by our shareholders at the date of the most recent Annual General Meeting which was held on August 20, 2019. During the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019, we paid \$173 million to repurchase shares under the current and prior repurchase plans at an average price of \$10.66 per share. As of December 31, 2019, shares in the aggregate amount of \$402 million were available to be repurchased under the current plan.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

Information regarding our long-term debt payments, operating lease payments, capital lease payments and other commitments is provided in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of our Annual Report on our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

During the fiscal year 2020, we entered into a JPY 33.525 billion term loan agreement due April 2024, at three-month Yen LIBOR plus 0.50%, which was then swapped to U.S. dollars. In addition, we issued \$650 million of 4.875% Notes due June 15, 2029. Part of the proceeds obtained were used to repay the outstanding balance of our existing 4.625% Notes due February 2020, and the Term Loan due November 2021.

Other than the changes discussed above, there were no material changes in our contractual obligations and commitments since March 31, 2019.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We sell designated pools of trade receivables to unaffiliated financial institutions under our ABS programs. Effective November 2019, we amended the structure and removed the requirement for the deferred purchase price receivable. Under the New ABS Programs, the entire purchase price of sold receivables are paid in cash and are guaranteed. For further information on the amendment see note 12 to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Prior to November 26, 2019, under the old ABS structure, in addition to cash, we received a deferred purchase price receivable for each pool of the receivables sold. Each of these deferred purchase price receivables served as additional credit support to the financial institutions and was recorded at its estimated fair value. As of March 31, 2019, the fair value of our deferred purchase price receivable was approximately \$293 million. There are no deferred purchase price receivables outstanding as of December 31, 2019.

As of December 31, 2019, and March 31, 2019, the outstanding balance on receivables sold for cash was \$1.2 billion and \$1.3 billion, respectively, under our asset-backed securitization programs and accounts receivable factoring program, which are not included in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. For further information, see note 12 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 3. *QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK*

There were no material changes in our exposure to market risks for changes in interest and foreign currency exchange rates for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019.

ITEM 4. *CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES*

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of December 31, 2019. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of December 31, 2019, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Except for the implementation of certain internal controls related to our April 1, 2019 adoption of ASC 842, Leases, guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our first, second, and third quarters of fiscal year 2020 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

For a description of our material legal proceedings, see note 14 “Commitments and Contingencies” in the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties discussed in Part I, “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2019, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be not material also may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. We are including the following revised risk factors, which update and supersede the corresponding risk factors disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2019, and which should be read in conjunction with our description of risk factors in Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2019:

We conduct operations in a number of countries and are subject to the risks inherent in international operations.

The geographic distances between the Americas, Asia and Europe create a number of logistical and communications challenges for us. These challenges include managing operations across multiple time zones, directing the manufacture and delivery of products across distances, coordinating procurement of components and raw materials and their delivery to multiple locations, and coordinating the activities and decisions of the core management team, which is based in a number of different countries.

Facilities in several different locations may be involved at different stages of the production process of a single product, leading to additional logistical difficulties.

Because our manufacturing operations are located in a number of countries throughout the Americas, Asia and Europe, we are subject to risks of changes in economic and political conditions in those countries, including:

- fluctuations in the value of local currencies;
- labor unrest, difficulties in staffing and geographic labor shortages;
- longer payment cycles;
- cultural differences;
- increases in duties, tariffs, and taxation levied on our products including anti-dumping and countervailing duties;
- trade restrictions including limitations on imports or exports of components or assembled products, unilaterally or bilaterally;
- trade sanctions and related regulatory enforcement actions and other proceedings;
- potential trade wars;
- increased scrutiny by the media and other third parties of labor practices within our industry (including but not limited to working conditions) which may result in allegations of violations, more stringent and burdensome labor laws and regulations and inconsistency in the enforcement and interpretation of such laws and regulations, higher labor costs, and/or loss of revenues if our customers become dissatisfied with our labor practices and diminish or terminate their relationship with us;
- imposition of restrictions on currency conversion or the transfer of funds;
- expropriation of private enterprises;
- ineffective legal protection of our intellectual property rights in certain countries;

- natural disasters;
- exposure to infectious disease and epidemics, including the effects of the coronavirus outbreak on our business operations in geographic locations impacted by the outbreak and on the business operations of our customers and suppliers;
- inability of international customers and suppliers to obtain financing resulting from tightening of credit in international financial markets;
- political unrest; and
- a potential reversal of current favorable policies encouraging foreign investment or foreign trade by our host countries.

The attractiveness of our services to customers and our ability to conduct business with certain customers can be affected by changes in U.S. and other countries' trade policies. In 2018, the U.S. imposed tariffs on a large variety of products of Chinese origin. The U.S. government has also indicated a readiness to further expand the scope of the tariffs on Chinese goods if negotiations are not successful, and most recently, effective May 10, 2019, increased tariffs on \$200 billion of Chinese goods to 25% and on May 13, 2019 began imposing 15% tariffs on an additional list of thousands of Chinese goods. A "phase one" trade deal signed between the U.S. and China on January 15, 2020 accompanied a U.S. decision to cancel a plan to increase tariffs on an additional list of Chinese products and to reduce the tariffs imposed on May 13, 2019 from 15% to 7.5% effective February 14, 2020. While the signing of the agreement signals a cooling of tensions between the U.S. and China over trade, concerns over the stability of bilateral trade relations remain, particularly given the limited scope of the phase one agreement. Further, on May 15, 2019, President Trump issued an executive order designed to secure the information and communications technology and services supply chain, which would restrict the acquisition or use in the United States of information and communications technology or services designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of foreign adversaries. The executive order is subject to implementation by the Secretary of Commerce and applies to contracts entered into prior to the effective date of the order. In addition, the U.S. Commerce Department has implemented additional restrictions and may implement further restrictions that would affect conducting business with certain Chinese companies. Depending upon their duration and implementation, as well as our ability to mitigate their impact, these tariffs, the executive order and its implementation and other regulatory actions could materially affect our business, including in the form of increased cost of goods sold, decreased margins, increased pricing for customers, and reduced sales. Further, one of our former customers, Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., and some of its affiliates have been added to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Entity List, and we could be subject to reputational harm based on its business activities, including activities with sanctioned countries.

In addition, some countries in which we operate, such as Brazil, Hungary, India, Mexico, Malaysia and Poland, have experienced periods of slow or negative growth, high inflation, significant currency devaluations or limited availability of foreign exchange. Furthermore, in countries such as China, Brazil, India and Mexico, governmental authorities exercise significant influence over many aspects of the economy, and their actions could have a significant effect on us. We could be seriously harmed by inadequate infrastructure, including lack of adequate power and water supplies, transportation, raw materials and parts in countries in which we operate. In addition, we may encounter labor disruptions and rising labor costs, in particular within the lower-cost regions in which we operate. Any increase in labor costs that we are unable to recover in our pricing to our customers could adversely impact our operating results.

Operations in foreign countries also present risks associated with currency exchange and convertibility, inflation and repatriation of earnings. In some countries, economic and monetary conditions and other factors could affect our ability to convert our cash distributions to U.S. dollars or other freely convertible currencies, or to move funds from our accounts in these countries. Furthermore, the central bank of any of these countries may have the authority to suspend, restrict or otherwise impose conditions on foreign exchange transactions or to approve distributions to foreign investors.

We are subject to risks relating to litigation and regulatory investigations and proceedings, which may have a material adverse effect on our business.

From time to time, we are involved in various claims, suits, investigations and legal proceedings. Additional legal claims or regulatory matters may arise in the future and could involve matters relating to commercial disputes, government regulatory and compliance, intellectual property, antitrust, tax, employment or shareholder issues, product liability claims and other issues on a global basis. If we receive an adverse judgment in any such matter, we could be required to pay substantial damages and cease certain practices or activities. Regardless of the merits of the claims, litigation and other proceedings may be both time-consuming and disruptive to our business. The defense and ultimate outcome of any lawsuits or other legal proceedings may

result in higher operating expenses and a decrease in operating margin, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

On May 8, 2018, a putative class action was filed in the Northern District of California against the Company and certain officers alleging violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and Rule 10b-5, promulgated thereunder, alleging misstatements and/or omissions in certain of the Company's financial results, press releases and SEC filings made during the putative class period of January 26, 2017 through April 26, 2018. On October 1, 2018, the Court appointed lead plaintiff and lead plaintiff's counsel in the case. On November 28, 2018, lead plaintiff filed an amended complaint alleging misstatements and/or omissions in certain of the Company's SEC filings, press releases, earnings calls, and analyst and investor conferences and expanding the putative class period through October 25, 2018. On April 3, 2019, the Court vacated its prior order appointing lead plaintiff and lead plaintiff's counsel and reopened the lead plaintiff appointment process. On September 26, 2019, the Court appointed a new lead plaintiff and lead plaintiff's counsel in the case. On November 8, 2019, lead plaintiff filed a further amended complaint. On December 4, 2019, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint. Defendants' motion to dismiss is set for hearing on April 9, 2020. Any existing or future lawsuits could be time-consuming, result in significant expense and divert the attention and resources of our management and other key employees, as well as harm our reputation, business, financial condition or results of operations.

On February 14, 2019, we submitted an initial notification of voluntary disclosure to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") regarding possible noncompliance with U.S. economic sanctions requirements among certain non-U.S. Flex-affiliated operations. We have initiated an internal investigation regarding this matter which is ongoing. We cannot predict the total costs to be incurred in response to any steps taken by OFAC, the potential impact on our personnel or to what extent we could be subject to penalties, which could be material. Nor can we predict how long it will take to complete our investigation and for a disposition by OFAC.

Weak global economic conditions, geopolitical uncertainty and instability in financial markets may adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, and access to capital markets.

Our revenue and gross margin depend significantly on general economic conditions and the demand for products in the markets in which our customers compete. Adverse worldwide economic conditions and geopolitical uncertainty may create challenging conditions in the electronics industry. For example, these conditions may be adversely impacted by the pending withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU ("Brexit"), which was originally scheduled to take place on October 31, 2019, following its referendum on EU membership. On October 22, 2019, the House of Commons of the United Kingdom voted for a withdrawal agreement to enact Brexit. The U.K. is now scheduled to leave the EU on January 31, 2020, followed by an 11-month transition period by which to leave the single market and customs union. The political and economic instability created by Brexit caused and may continue to cause significant volatility in global markets. Additionally, conditions may be adversely impacted by the actions that the U.S. or other countries have taken or may take with respect to certain treaty and trade relationships with other countries. The U.S. has thus far signaled a desire to reach a broad trade deal with a post-Brexit U.K. this year, but demands for concessions on issues like tariffs, non-tariff barriers, tax policies, and market access could present obstacles to achieving an agreement. Disagreements over similar issues, including market access, non-tariff barriers, and digital service taxes continue to raise the possibility of the U.S. imposing more tariffs on EU goods, even as the U.S. government signals a desire to reach a trade deal with the EU. These conditions may result in reduced consumer and business confidence and spending in many countries, a tightening in the credit markets, a reduced level of liquidity in many financial markets, high volatility in credit, fixed income and equity markets, currency exchange rate fluctuations, and global economic uncertainty. In addition, longer term disruptions in the capital and credit markets could adversely affect our access to liquidity needed for our business. If financial institutions that have extended credit commitments to us are adversely affected by the conditions of the U.S. and international capital markets, they may become unable to fund borrowings under their credit commitments to us, which could have an adverse impact on our financial condition and our ability to borrow additional funds, if needed, for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, research and development and other corporate purposes.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS***Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities***

The following table provides information regarding purchases of our ordinary shares made by us for the period from September 28, 2019 through December 31, 2019:

Period (2)	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
September 28, 2019 - November 1, 2019	1,198,161	\$ 10.40	1,198,161	\$ 450,516,689
November 2, 2019 - November 29, 2019	1,860,812	\$ 11.95	1,860,812	\$ 428,272,585
November 30, 2019 - December 31, 2019	2,225,906	\$ 11.79	2,225,906	\$ 402,022,827
Total	5,284,879		5,284,879	

- (1) During the period from September 28, 2019 through December 31, 2019, all purchases were made pursuant to the program discussed below in open market transactions. All purchases were made in accordance with Rule 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (2) On August 20, 2019, our Board of Directors authorized repurchases of our outstanding ordinary shares for up to \$500 million. This is in accordance with the share purchase mandate whereby our shareholders approved a repurchase limit of 20% of our issued ordinary shares outstanding at the Annual General Meeting held on the same date as the Board authorization. As of December 31, 2019, shares in the aggregate amount of \$402.0 million were available to be repurchased under the current plan.

ITEM 3. *DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES*

None

ITEM 4. *MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES*

Not applicable

ITEM 5. *OTHER INFORMATION*

None

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS
EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit	Form	Incorporated by Reference		Exhibit No.	Filed Herewith
			File No.	Filing Date		
4.1	Indenture, dated as of June 6, 2019, by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee	8-K	000-23354	6/6/2019	4.1	
4.2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 6, 2019, by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee	8-K	000-23354	6/6/2019	4.2	
4.3	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 7, 2019, by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee	8-K	000-23354	11/7/2019	4.3	
4.4	Form of 4.875% Global Note due 2029 (included in Exhibit 4.3)	8-K	000-23354	11/7/2019	4.4	
15.01	Letter in lieu of consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.					X
31.01	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
31.02	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
32.01	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*					X
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document					X
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document					X
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document					X
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document					X
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document					X
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document					X
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL with applicable taxonomy extension information contained in Exhibits 101)					

* This exhibit is furnished with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing of Flex Ltd. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

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.

FLEX LTD.

(Registrant)

/s/ REVATHI ADVAITHI

Revathi Advaiti

Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: January 31, 2020

/s/ CHRISTOPHER E. COLLIER

Christopher E. Collier

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: January 31, 2020

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We have reviewed, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the unaudited interim financial information of Flex Ltd. and subsidiaries for the three-month and nine-month periods ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, as indicated in our report dated January 31, 2020; because we did not perform an audit, we expressed no opinion on that information.

We are aware that our report referred to above, which is included in your Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2019, is incorporated by reference in Registration Statement No. 333-222773 on Form S-3ASR, and Registration Statement Nos. 333-220002, 333-212267, 333-207325, and 333-170710 on Form S-8.

We also are aware that the aforementioned report, pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, is not considered a part of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by an accountant or a report prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of that Act.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

San Jose, California

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Revathi Advaiti, certify that:

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

Date: January 31, 2020

/s/ Revathi Advaiti

Revathi Advaiti

Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Christopher E. Collier, certify that:

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

Date: January 31, 2020

/s/ Christopher E. Collier

Christopher E. Collier
Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

We, Revathi Advaiti and Christopher E. Collier, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Flex Ltd. (the “Company”), hereby certify, to the best of our knowledge, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the period ended December 31, 2019, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Report”), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement has been provided to Flex Ltd. and will be retained by it and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Date: January 31, 2020

/s/ Revathi Advaiti

Revathi Advaiti
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: January 31, 2020

/s/ Christopher E. Collier

Christopher E. Collier
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)