UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 13, 2020 Commission File Number 01-13697

MOHAWK INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	52-1604305
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

160 S. Industrial Blvd., Calhoun, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)

30701 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (706) 629-7721

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

11 1	ntended to simultaneously satisfy the sions (see General Instruction A.2.	ne filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following below):
Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under Secur	rities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Ex-	change Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)	
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14	4d-2(b) under the Exchange Act CI	FR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13	3e-4(c) under the Exchange Act CF	FR 240.17R 240.13e-4(c))
r Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240. merging growth company □	120-2 of this chapter).	
Securities I	Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:
Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	MHK	New York Stock Exchange
Floating Rate Notes due 2020		New York Stock Exchange
Floating Rate Notes due 2021		New York Stock Exchange
2.000% Senior Notes due 2022		New York Stock Exchange

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information, including the Exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On February 13, 2020, Mohawk Industries Inc., issued a press release to report the Company's earnings for the fiscal quarter and year ended December 31, 2019, which is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated February 13, 2020.

SIGNATURES

ursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchar ereunto duly authorized.	ange Act of 1934, the registrant has d	duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned
		Mohawk Industries, Inc.
Date: February 13, 2020	By:	/s/ James F. Brunk
		James F. Brunk
		Senior V.P. & Corporate Controller

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit

99.1 <u>Press release dated February 13, 2020</u>

NEWS RELEASE

For Release: Immediately

Contact: Glenn Landau, Chief Financial Officer (706) 624-2025

MOHAWK INDUSTRIES REPORTS Q4 RESULTS

Calhoun, Georgia, February 13, 2020 - Mohawk Industries, Inc. (NYSE: MHK) today announced 2019 fourth quarter net earnings of \$265 million and diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$3.68, including a one-time tax benefit of \$136 million. Adjusted net earnings were \$162 million, and EPS was \$2.25, excluding restructuring, acquisition and other charges. Net sales for the fourth quarter of 2019 were \$2.4 billion, down 1.0% as reported and 1.7% on a constant currency and days basis. For the fourth quarter of 2018, net sales were \$2.45 billion, net earnings were \$229 million and EPS was \$3.05, adjusted net earnings were \$188 million, and EPS was \$2.53, excluding restructuring, acquisition and other charges.

For the twelve months ending December 31, 2019, net earnings and EPS were \$744 million and \$10.30, including the one-time fourth quarter tax benefit. Net earnings excluding restructuring, acquisition and other charges were \$725 million and EPS was \$10.04. For the year, net sales were approximately \$10 billion, flat versus prior year as reported or an increase of 2% on a constant currency and days basis. For the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2018, net sales were approximately \$10 billion, net earnings were \$862 million and EPS was \$11.47; excluding restructuring, acquisition and other charges, net earnings and EPS were \$922 million and \$12.33.

Commenting on Mohawk Industries' fourth quarter performance, Jeffrey S. Lorberbaum, Chairman and CEO, stated, "Our fourth quarter results were as we expected, with sales flat to last year and very strong cash generation. Operating and free cash flow for the quarter were \$440 million and \$300 million, respectively. For the full year, operating and free cash flow were about \$1.4 billion and \$870 million, respectively. Our leverage is approaching historical lows, which provides us with the flexibility to pursue additional opportunities. Under our stock repurchase program, we bought approximately \$23 million in the fourth quarter, for a total of about \$375 million since the inception of the buyback program.

"As we anticipated, our businesses remained challenged by soft demand, greater competition and reduced production volume. In the U.S., markets continued to be influenced by the strong dollar, the impact of LVT on other products and positive trends in housing that should be a tailwind. Competition has increased in our global markets, impacting our pricing and mix as we leverage investments in sales and marketing to drive growth. Many countries where we operate are stimulating their economies with lower interest rates to encourage greater consumer spending and economic growth this year. In the near term we still anticipate that most of our markets will have continued pressure in our product categories.

"Throughout the period, we implemented changes to increase sales and reduce costs. We have enhanced our LVT manufacturing in the U.S. and Europe and realigned our U.S. carpet operations. We have decreased our ceramic production and inventories and are taking out wood flooring plants in the U.S. and Europe. We are reducing the complexity of our operations, enhancing processes to reduce costs and increasing automation to improve efficiencies. We continue to improve the productivity and volume of our new LVT, U.S. countertop, Russian sheet vinyl and European carpet tile investments. Our acquisitions in Australia and Brazil are installing state-of-the-art equipment that will expand their product portfolios. We are introducing new design and performance innovations to enhance our market positions and broaden our customer base. To promote both new and existing products, we are making higher levels of sales and marketing investments.

"For the quarter, our Global Ceramic Segment sales were flat as reported and decreased 1.5% on a constant currency and days basis. The segment's operating margin was 6% as reported, declining year over year primarily due to inflation and lower production rates partially offset by productivity. Most of the segment's markets faced soft demand and excess industry capacity, that is compressing market prices and margins. Our U.S. ceramic business remained under pressure from LVT taking share and high industry inventories from ceramic purchases ahead of tariffs. To align our own inventory levels, we meaningfully reduced production in our North American ceramic plants, which increased our costs. To improve sales, we are rolling out multiple new products and adding sales representatives and design consultants in major markets. We have begun manufacturing our proprietary new click tile in multiple sizes and designs, and we have already received commitments from major customers. Our quartz countertop sales increased as we ramped up productivity at our new plant. In Mexico, we continued to gain market share by expanding our brands, distribution and product offering with larger sizes, porcelain products and a more

comprehensive wall tile collection. In Brazil, we had good sales growth in the period and initiated a new porcelain line to create larger sizes for our premium collections. The southern European economies remain slow, impacting our primary ceramic markets and industry pricing. In Europe, we increased our volume and are expanding our activities in the commercial and outdoor channels. In Russia, we grew our sales in a soft market, and we are starting up additional porcelain production to make super large sizes as well as a new plant to produce coordinated premium sanitary ware.

"During the quarter, our Flooring North America Segment's sales decreased 4% as reported and 5% on a constant days basis with an operating margin of 3% as reported and 7% excluding restructuring and other charges. Operating income for the segment declined primarily due to lower volume, price and mix. We have executed many initiatives to align the business with the present conditions, including closing three plants, consolidating high cost operations and reducing wood manufacturing. The effects of these actions will increase and flow through inventory with full cost benefit in the third quarter of 2020. In the quarter, our residential carpet sales performed best in the new home construction and multi-family channels. We are leveraging our strengths in design and fiber technology to deliver differentiated new collections in both premium and value carpet categories. To create greater value for our commercial customers and improve our cost, we invested in new design capabilities, proprietary carpet tile backings and material manufacturing. We have increased the production and speeds of our LVT operations, and ongoing initiatives will further improve formulations and throughput. During the period, U.S. tariffs on click LVT were removed, and the market has adjusted pricing to reflect this change. To expand our price points and highlight our unique visuals and features, we are introducing new rigid and flexible LVT collections for both residential and commercial markets. The virus in China is postponing the start-up of some production and could potentially disrupt some LVT service, depending on when product shipments resume. Sales of our water-proof laminate products are expanding, and we anticipate continued growth due to their realistic appearance, durability and ease of installation. To support higher laminate sales, we are upgrading our HDF board production to expand capacity and improve our costs.

"For the quarter, our Flooring Rest of the World Segment's sales increased 3% as reported and 4% on a constant currency and days basis. The segment's operating margin was 13% as reported and 14% excluding restructuring and other charges, due to volume growth, reduced start-up cost and lower inflation partially offset by price and mix. Across the segment, our investments in product innovation, cost

improvements, acquisitions and new businesses strengthened our results. We are outperforming the European laminate market, and sales of our new Signature collection are ramping up quickly due to an enhanced level of sophistication. We announced the consolidation of wood manufacturing to our facility in Malaysia, which will improve our costs and increase our flexibility to better satisfy our customers. Our LVT sales grew as our manufacturing productivity significantly improved. Our new rigid collections are being well received and our next generation of flexible LVT provides our most realistic wood and stone visuals. Our panels and insulation businesses had good results in a more competitive environment. In Australia and New Zealand, our soft and hard surface sales grew in a difficult environment and we are launching many new carpet collections to enhance our offering.

"Market conditions remain challenging across most of our businesses and geographies. In response, we are adjusting our business strategies, enhancing our product offering and restructuring operations. We are increasing our investments in sales and marketing, expanding our commercial participation and enhancing both our premium and value collections. To broaden our distribution into new channels and geographies, we are bringing many new product innovations and categories to market. Our new LVT, countertop, sheet vinyl and carpet tile plants are improving their productivity as we invest to expand our customer base and sales volume. As our LVT manufacturing capacity grows with higher speeds and efficiencies, we are enhancing design and features and increasing sales of our rigid and flexible offerings. We are limiting the traditional inventory build that we typically do in the first quarter, as we manage our production with market demand. Taking all of this into account, our EPS guidance for the first quarter of 2020 is \$1.90 to \$2.00, excluding any one-time charges.

"LVT growth in the U.S., exchange rates and excess global capacity continue as headwinds for our businesses. We are executing specific initiatives to adapt to shifting consumer preferences, changing markets and competitive pressures. For the full year of 2020, we expect that our actions to increase sales and distribution, reduce costs and enhance utilization of our new plants will deliver improved year-over-year results, with our performance accelerating during the second half of the year. Our balance sheet should continue to improve with ongoing strong cash generation, and we remain focused on delivering long-term value to our shareholders."

ABOUT MOHAWK INDUSTRIES

Mohawk Industries is the leading global flooring manufacturer that creates products to enhance residential and commercial spaces around the world. Mohawk's vertically integrated manufacturing and distribution processes provide competitive advantages in the production of carpet, rugs, ceramic tile, laminate, wood, stone and vinyl flooring. Our industry leading innovation has yielded products and technologies that differentiate our brands in the marketplace and satisfy all remodeling and new construction requirements. Our brands are among the most recognized in the industry and include American Olean, Daltile, Durkan, Eliane, Feltex, Godfrey Hirst, IVC, Karastan, Marazzi, Mohawk, Mohawk Group, Pergo, Quick-Step and Unilin. During the past decade, Mohawk has transformed its business from an American carpet manufacturer into the world's largest flooring company with operations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Europe, India, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

Certain of the statements in the immediately preceding paragraphs, particularly anticipating future performance, business prospects, growth and operating strategies and similar matters and those that include the words "could," "should," "believes," "anticipates," "expects," and "estimates," or similar expressions constitute "forward-looking statements." For those statements, Mohawk claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. There can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements will be accurate because they are based on many assumptions, which involve risks and uncertainties. The following important factors could cause future results to differ: changes in economic or industry conditions; competition; inflation and deflation in raw material prices and other input costs; inflation and deflation in consumer markets; energy costs and supply; timing and level of capital expenditures; timing and implementation of price increases for the Company's products; impairment charges; integration of acquisitions; international operations; introduction of new products; rationalization of operations; taxes and tax reform, product and other claims; litigation; and other risks identified in Mohawk's SEC reports and public announcements.

Conference call Friday, February 14, 2020, at 11:00 AM Eastern Time

The telephone number is 1-800-603-9255 for US/Canada and 1-706-634-2294 for International/Local. Conference ID # 3678629. A replay will be available until March 14, 2020, by dialing

1-855-859-2056 for US/local calls and 1-404-537-3406 for International/Local calls and entering Conference ID # 3678629.	

MOHAWK INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Unaudited)

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Data	Three Months Ended		nths Ended	Twelve Months Ended		
(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)	Dec	ember 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	
Net sales	\$	2,424,512	2,448,618	9,970,672	9,983,634	
Cost of sales		1,801,705	1,802,228	7,294,629	7,145,564	
Gross profit		622,807	646,390	2,676,043	2,838,070	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		467,993	433,014	1,848,819	1,742,744	
Operating income		154,814	213,376	827,224	1,095,326	
Interest expense		10,962	14,411	41,272	38,827	
Other (income) expense, net		(9,522)	504	36,407	7,298	
Earnings before income taxes		153,374	198,461	749,545	1,049,201	
Income tax expense		(111,299)	(31,582)	4,974	184,346	
Net earnings including noncontrolling interest		264,673	230,043	744,571	864,855	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		6	704	360	3,151	
Net earnings attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.	\$	264,667	229,339	744,211	861,704	
Basic earnings per share attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.						
Basic earnings per share attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.	\$	3.69	3.07	10.34	11.53	
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic		71,640	73,856	71,986	74,413	
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.						
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.	\$	3.68	3.05	10.30	11.47	
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted		71,954	74,183	72,264	74,773	
Other Financial Information						
(Amounts in thousands)						
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	440,675	286,859	1,418,761	1,181,344	
Depreciation and amortization	\$	153,759	139,092	576,452	521,765	
Capital expenditures	\$	139,849	151,161	545,462	794,110	

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Data

	De	ecember 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	134,785	119,050
Receivables, net		1,526,619	1,606,159
Inventories		2,282,328	2,287,615
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		485,725	496,472
Total current assets		4,429,457	4,509,296
Property, plant and equipment, net		4,698,917	4,699,902
Right of use operating lease assets		323,003	_
Goodwill		2,570,027	2,520,966
Intangible assets, net		928,879	961,810
Deferred income taxes and other non-current assets		436,397	407,149
Total assets	\$	13,386,680	13,099,123
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Current portion of long-term debt and commercial paper	\$	1,051,498	1,742,373
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,559,140	1,523,866
Current operating lease liabilities		101,945	_
Total current liabilities		2,712,583	3,266,239
Long-term debt, less current portion		1,518,388	1,515,601
Non-current operating lease liabilities		228,155	_
Deferred income taxes and other long-term liabilities		801,106	877,224
Total liabilities		5,260,232	5,659,064
Total stockholders' equity		8,126,448	7,440,059
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	13,386,680	13,099,123

Segment Information	nt Information Three Months Ended			As of or for the Twelve Months Ended		
(Amounts in thousands)	Dec	ember 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	
Net sales:						
Global Ceramic	\$	858,337	861,238	3,631,142	3,552,856	
Flooring NA		936,387	973,680	3,843,714	4,029,148	
Flooring ROW		629,788	613,700	2,495,816	2,401,630	
Intersegment sales		_	_	_	_	
Consolidated net sales	\$	2,424,512	2,448,618	9,970,672	9,983,634	
Operating income (loss):						
Global Ceramic	\$	53,172	76,005	340,058	442,898	
Flooring NA		27,011	79,158	167,385	347,937	
Flooring ROW		83,036	72,467	359,428	345,801	
Corporate and intersegment eliminations		(8,405)	(14,254)	(39,647)	(41,310)	
Consolidated operating income	\$	154,814	213,376	827,224	1,095,326	
Assets:						
Global Ceramic				\$ 5,419,896	5,194,030	
Flooring NA				3,823,654	3,938,639	
Flooring ROW				3,925,246	3,666,617	
Corporate and intersegment eliminations				217,884	299,837	
Consolidated assets				\$ 13,386,680	13,099,123	

Reconciliation of Net Earnings Attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc. to Adjusted Net Earnings Attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc. and Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share Attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.

(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended		
	Dece	mber 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	
Net earnings attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.	\$	264,667	229,339	744,211	861,704	
Adjusting items:						
Restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other costs		49,802	20,412	99,679	78,449	
Acquisitions purchase accounting, including inventory step-up		222	6,721	3,938	15,359	
Acquisition interest expense		_	4,322	_	4322	
Deferred loan cost write off		601	_	601	_	
Impairment of net investment in a manufacturer and distributor of Ceramic tile in China $^{(1)}$		(5,226)	_	59,946	_	
Release of indemnification asset		603	2,857	(57)	4,606	
Income taxes - reversal of uncertain tax position		(603)	(2,857)	56	(4606)	
European tax restructuring (2)		(136,194)	_	(136,194)	_	
Income taxes		(12,183)	(73,282)	(46,842)	(37,817)	
Adjusted net earnings attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.		161,689	187,512	725,338	922,017	
Adjusted diluted earnings per share attributable to Mohawk Industries, Inc.	\$	2.25	2.53	10.04	12.33	
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted		71,954	74,183	72,264	74,773	

⁽¹⁾ In September, the US commerce department imposed a 104% countervailing duty on top of the 25% general tariffs on all ceramic produced in China. As a consequence, ceramic purchases from China will dramatically decline and Mohawk took a \$60 million write off to our investment in a Chinese manufacturer and distributor, of which \$5 million was recovered in Q4 2019.
(2) The Company implemented select operational, administrative and financial restructurings that centralized certain business processes and intangible assets in various European jurisdictions into a new entity. The restructurings resulted in a current tax liability of \$136 million, calculated by measuring the fair value of intangible assets transferred. The Company offset the tax liability with the utilization of \$136 million of deferred tax assets from accumulated net operating loss carry forwards. The restructurings also resulted in the Company recording a \$136 million deferred tax asset, and a corresponding deferred tax benefit, related to the tax basis of the intangible assets transferred.

Reconciliation of Total Debt to Net Debt

	Dece	ember 31, 2019
Current portion of long-term debt and commercial paper	\$	1,051,498
Long-term debt, less current portion		1,518,388
Less: Cash and cash equivalents		134,785
Net Debt	\$	2,435,101

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Adjusted EBITDA

(Amounts in thousands)						Trailing Twelve
	Three Months Ended					
		March 30, 2019	June 29, 2019	September 28, 2019	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2019
Operating income	\$	165,330	266,860	240,220	154,814	827,224
Other (expense)/income		3,736	3,048	(52,713)	9,522	(36,407)
Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest		10	(213)	(151)	(6)	(360)
Depreciation and amortization		137,291	140,482	144,920	153,759	576,452
EBITDA		306,367	410,177	332,276	318,089	1,366,909
Restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other cos	sts	39,495	8,840	1,542	49,802	99,679
Impairment of net investment in a manufacturer and distributor of Ceramic tile in China		_	_	65,172	(5,226)	59,946
Acquisitions purchase accounting, including inventory step-up		2,552	1,164	_	222	3,938
Release of indemnification asset		_	_	(659)	603	(56)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	348,414	420,181	398,331	363,490	1,530,416

Reconciliation of Net Sales to Net Sales on a Constant Exchange Rate and on Constant Shipping Days Excluding Acquisition Volume

(Amounts in thousands)

		Three Mor	nths Ended	Twelve Months Ended		
	Dec	ember 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	
Net sales	\$	2,424,512	2,448,618	9,970,672	9,983,634	
Adjustment to net sales on constant shipping days		(36,469)	_	713	_	
Adjustment to net sales on a constant exchange rate		18,721	_	178,290	_	
Net sales on a constant exchange rate and constant shipping days		2,406,764	2,448,618	10,149,675	9,983,634	
Less: impact of acquisition volume		(34,597)	_	(359,949)	_	
Net sales on a constant exchange rate and constant shipping days excluding acquisition volume	\$	2,372,167	2,448,618	9,789,726	9,983,634	

Reconciliation of Segment Net Sales to Segment Net Sales on a Constant Exchange Rate and on Constant Shipping Days Excluding Acquisition Volume

	Three Months Ended				
Global Ceramic		December 31, 2019 December			
Net sales	\$	858,337	861,238		
Adjustment to net sales on constant shipping days		(11,889)	_		
Adjustment to segment net sales on a constant exchange rate		1,969	_		
Segment net sales on a constant exchange rate and constant shipping days		848,417	861,238		
Less: impact of acquisition volume		(20,728)	_		
Segment net sales on a constant exchange rate and constant shipping days excluding acquisition volume	\$	827,689	861,238		

Reconciliation of Segment Net Sales to Segment Net Sales on Constant Shipping Days

(Amounts in thousands)

		Three Months Ended				
Flooring NA		December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018			
Net sales	\$	936,387	973,680			
Adjustment to net sales on constant shipping days		(14,631)	_			
Segment net sales on constant shipping days	\$	921,756	973,680			

Reconciliation of Segment Net Sales to Segment Net Sales on a Constant Exchange Rate and on Constant Shipping Days Excluding Acquisition Volume

(Amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended					
Flooring ROW		ember 31, 2019	December 31, 2018			
Net sales	\$	629,788	613,700			
Adjustment to net sales on constant shipping days		(9,948)	_			
Adjustment to segment net sales on a constant exchange rate		16,752	_			
Segment net sales on a constant exchange rate and constant shipping days		636,592	613,700			
Less: impact of acquisition volume		(13,869)	_			
Segment net sales on a constant exchange rate and constant shipping days excluding acquisition volume	\$	622,723	613,700			

Reconciliation of Selling, General and Administrative Expenses to Adjusted Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

(Amounts in thousands)

		Three Months Ended		
	Dece	mber 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$	467,993	433,014	
Adjustments to selling, general and administrative expenses:				
Restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other costs		(4,651)	(10,268)	
Release of indemnification asset		(2)	_	
Adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses	\$	463,340	422,746	

Reconciliation of Operating Income to Adjusted Operating Income

		Three Mo	nths Ended	Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31, 2019		December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Operating income	\$	154,814	213,376	827,224	1,095,326
Adjustments to operating income:					
Restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other costs		49,802	20,613	106,954	78,650
Release of indemnification asset		2	_	247	_
Acquisitions purchase accounting, including inventory step-up		222	6,721	3,938	15,359
Adjusted operating income	\$	204,840	240,710	938,363	1,189,335

Reconciliation of Segment Operating Income to Adjusted Segment Operating Income

(Amounts in thousands)

		Three Months Ended			
Global Ceramic	Decemb	December 31, 2019			
Operating income	\$	53,172	76,005		
Adjustments to segment operating income:					
Restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other costs		1,204	4,162		
Acquisitions purchase accounting, including inventory step-up		_	6,721		
Adjusted segment operating income	\$	54,376	86,888		

Reconciliation of Segment Operating Income to Adjusted Segment Operating Income

(Amounts in thousands)

		Three Months Ended		
Flooring NA	Decen	nber 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	
Operating income	\$	27,011	79,158	
Adjustments to segment operating income:				
Restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other costs		42,149	7,159	
Adjusted segment operating income	\$	69,160	86,317	

Reconciliation of Segment Operating Income to Adjusted Segment Operating Income

(Amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended			
Flooring ROW	Decer	nber 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	
Operating income	\$	83,036	72,467	
Adjustments to segment operating income:				
Restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other costs		6,235	5,949	
Acquisitions purchase accounting, including inventory step-up		222	_	
Adjusted segment operating income	\$	89,493	78,416	

Reconciliation of Earnings Including Noncontrolling Interests Before Income Taxes to Adjusted Earnings Including Noncontrolling Interests Before Income Taxes

	Three Months Ended			Twelve Months Ended		
	December 31, 2019		December 31, 2019 December 31, 2018		December 31, 2018	
Earnings before income taxes	\$	153,374	198,461	749,545	1,049,201	
Noncontrolling interests		(6)	(704)	(360)	(3,151)	
Adjustments to earnings including noncontrolling interests before income taxes:						
Restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other costs		49,802	20,412	99,679	78,449	
Acquisitions purchase accounting, including inventory step-up		222	6,721	3,938	15,359	
Impairment of net investment in a manufacturer and distributor of Ceramic tile in China		(5,226)	_	59,946	_	
Release of indemnification asset		603	2,857	(57)	4,606	
Acquisition interest expense		_	4,322	_	4,322	
Deferred loan cost write off		601	_	601	_	
Adjusted earnings including noncontrolling interests before income taxes	\$	199,370	232,069	913,292	1,148,786	

Reconciliation of Income Tax Expense to Adjusted Income Tax Expense

(Amounts in thousands)

		Three Mon	iths Ended	Twelve Months Ended		
	Dece	ember 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	
Income tax expense	\$	(111,299)	(31,582)	4,974	184,346	
European tax restructuring		136,194	_	136,194	_	
Income taxes - reversal of uncertain tax position		603	2,857	(56)	4,606	
Income tax effect of adjusting items		12,183	73,282	46,842	37,817	
Adjusted income tax expense	\$	37,681	44,557	187,954	226,769	
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Adjusted income tax rate		18.9 %	19.2 %	20.6 %	19.7 %	

The Company supplements its condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared and presented in accordance with US GAAP, with certain non-GAAP financial measures. As required by the Securities and Exchange Commission rules, the tables above present a reconciliation of the Company's non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable US GAAP measure. Each of the non-GAAP measures set forth above should be considered in addition to the comparable US GAAP measure, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. The Company believes these non-GAAP measures, when reconciled to the corresponding US GAAP measure, help its investors as follows: Non-GAAP revenue measures that assist in identifying growth trends and in comparisons of revenue with prior and future periods and non-GAAP profitability measures that assist in understanding the long-term profitability trends of the Company's business and in comparisons of its profits with prior and future periods.

The Company excludes certain items from its non-GAAP revenue measures because these items can vary dramatically between periods and can obscure underlying business trends. Items excluded from the Company's non-GAAP revenue measures include: foreign currency transactions and translation and the impact of acquisitions.

The Company excludes certain items from its non-GAAP profitability measures because these items may not be indicative of, or are unrelated to, the Company's core operating performance. Items excluded from the Company's non-GAAP profitability measures include: restructuring, acquisition and integration-related and other costs, acquisition purchase accounting, including inventory step-up, release of indemnification assets and the reversal of uncertain tax positions.