



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

December 5, 2016

Mail Stop 4631

Via E-mail

Mr. Wayne Pensky
Chief Financial Officer
Hexcel Corporation
281 Tresser Boulevard
Stamford, Connecticut 06901

**Re: Hexcel Corporation
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015
Filed February 4, 2016
File No. 1-8472**

Dear Mr. Pensky:

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2015

General

1. You state on page 30 of the 10-K that Airbus and its subcontractors accounted for approximately 35% of your 2015 net sales. A "Customers & Operators List" on the Airbus.com website includes Sudan Airways and Syrian Air.

Sudan and Syria are designated by the Department of State as state sponsors of terrorism, and are subject to U.S. economic sanctions and export controls. Please describe to us the nature and extent of any past, current, and anticipated contacts with Sudan and Syria, whether through subsidiaries, affiliates, distributors, partners, customers, joint ventures or other direct or indirect arrangements. You should describe any services, products, information or technology you have provided to Sudan or Syria, directly or indirectly, and any agreements, commercial arrangements, or other contacts you have had with the governments of those countries or entities they control.

2. Please discuss the materiality of any contacts with Sudan and Syria you describe in response to the comment above, and whether those contacts constitute a material investment risk for your security holders. You should address materiality in quantitative terms, including the approximate dollar amounts of any associated revenues, assets, and liabilities for the last three fiscal years and the subsequent interim period. Also, address materiality in terms of qualitative factors that a reasonable investor would deem important in making an investment decision, including the potential impact of corporate activities upon a company's reputation and share value. Various state and municipal governments, universities, and other investors have proposed or adopted divestment or similar initiatives regarding investment in companies that do business with U.S.-designated state sponsors of terrorism. You should address the potential impact of the investor sentiment evidenced by such actions directed toward companies that have operations associated with Sudan and Syria.

We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact Ameen Hamady, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3891, or in his absence, me at (202) 551-3355, with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terence O'Brien

Terence O'Brien
Accounting Branch Chief
Office of Manufacturing and
Construction