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Veritiv Corp., Atlanta, GA, reported sales for the third quarter of \$2.1 billion, a 4.2 percent decrease from the same quarter a year ago. Profit decreased 61.4 percent to \$5.6 million. For the first nine months, sales were \$6.2 billion, down 4.8 percent year-over-year. Profit increased 1.2 percent to \$16.8 million.

BlueLinx Holdings Inc., Atlanta, GA, reported sales for the third quarter of \$476 million, a decrease of 8.1 percent year-over-year. The company reported a profit of \$15 million, up from a profit of \$0.6 million in the prior year quarter. For the first nine months, the company reported sales of \$1.5 billion, down 2 percent from the same period in 2015. BlueLinx reported a profit of \$5.7 million, up from a loss of \$5.5 million last year.

Building materials distributor **Huttig Building Products Inc.**, St. Louis, MO, has announced the formation of a new division to expand its private label construction fastener and specialty building products line. The HuttiGrip division will be led by David Fishbein, Robert Furio, Ken Fishbein and Mona Zinman. It will focus on expanding the private label product line nationally.

A. M. Castle & Co., Franklin Park, IL, a global distributor of specialty metal and plastic products, reported third quarter sales of \$124.9 million, down 17.1 percent year-over-year. The company reported a loss of \$20 million, compared to a loss of \$27.8 million for the same quarter last year. Year-to-date, sales were \$419.4 million, down 17 percent compared to the prior year. The company reported a loss of \$78.1 million, down from a loss of \$892 million the prior-year period.

The Home Depot, Atlanta, GA, reported sales for the third quarter of \$23.2 billion, a 6.1 percent increase over the same period a year ago. Profit increased 14.1 percent to \$2 billion. For the first nine months, sales were \$72.4 billion, up 7.2 percent year-over-year. Profit increased 12.2 percent to \$6.2 billion.

Park-Ohio Holdings Corp., Cleveland, OH, reported sales for the third quarter of \$312.7 million, a 14.2 percent decrease over the same period a year ago. Profit increased 2.3 percent to \$13.5 million. For the nine month period, sales were \$970.1 million, down 13.1 percent year-over-year. Profit decreased 30.8 percent to \$25.2 million.

Calculation of MDM Inflation Index for October 2016

	BLS Price Indices Oct '16	BLS Price Indices Sept '16	BLS Price Indices Oct '15	Weighted % Sales Weight	Weighted Indices Oct '16 (1)X(4)	% Change Oct '16 Sept '16	% Change Oct '16 Oct '15
1136 Abr. Prod.	585.4	591.0	576.8	19.1	111.81	-0.95	1.49
1135 Cutting Tools	508.7	509.2	506.5	18.9	96.14	-0.11	0.43
1145 Power Trans.	812.6	812.6	813.8	15.4	125.14	0.00	-0.15
1081 Fasteners	516.6	516.6	514.7	9.0	46.50	0.00	0.37
1149.01 Valves, etc.	963.1	960.5	963.4	7.6	73.19	0.27	-0.03
1132 Power Tools	379.1	379.1	371.1	6.5	24.64	0.00	2.15
1144 Mat. Handling	600.1	599.8	596.0	6.2	37.20	0.05	0.67
0713.03 Belting	832.4	833.0	836.3	6.1	50.78	-0.08	-0.46
1042 Hand Tools	786.0	784.6	779.8	8.1	63.66	0.17	0.79
108 Misc. Metal	469.3	468.7	473.8	3.1	14.55	0.12	-0.95

"New" October Index	336.3	October Inflation Index	643.61	-0.14	0.45
"New" September Index	336.7	September Inflation Index	644.48		
		October 2015 Inflation Index	640.71		

New index reflects 1977-100 base other #: 1967 To convert multiply by .52247