

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

February 23, 2015

<u>Via E-mail</u>
Ms. Renee J. Peterson
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
The Toro Company
8111 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420-1196

RE: The Toro Company

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2014

Filed December 22, 2014

Form 8-K dated and filed November 14, 2014

File No. 001-08649

Dear Ms. Peterson:

We have reviewed your filings and have the following comments. We have limited our review to only your financial statements and related disclosures and do not intend to expand our review to other portions of your documents. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. 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.

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Item 8. Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Related Data

Sales Promotions and Incentives, page 53

- 1. We note that the company has various sales promotions and incentive costs including rebates, volume discounts, retail financing support, floor planning, cooperative advertising, and commissions. In schedule II on page 75, you show that these costs were \$306.7 million, \$287.2 million, and \$214.5 million in fiscal 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively. Please respond to the following:
 - Please quantify for us the significant components of these costs for each period and tell us where you classify the costs in the statements of operations.
 - For the significant components listed above, please explain to us the significant terms of the programs, how you determine the amount to accrue each period, and when you record the associated costs. Refer to the GAAP you used to determine the accounting basis.
 - You disclose that you net commissions in sales. Please tell us why these
 costs are included in sales and not in selling, general and administrative
 expenses.
 - Please tell us why the costs have increased as a percentage of sales between 2012 and 2014.

Stock-based Compensation, page 54

2. You disclose that you classify share-based compensation expense in selling, general and administrative expense. Please tell us whether you classify the expense related to share-based payment arrangements in the same line or lines as cash compensation paid to the same employees. Refer to SAB Topic 14.F.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits, page 2

3. You disclosed that you would file any financial statements or pro forma financial information required by Item 9.01 of Form 8-K by amendment within 71 days. Please clarify for us whether you concluded that this financial information was or was not required and provide us with the analysis on which you based your conclusion.

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We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

You may contact Dennis Hult, at (202) 551-3618 or Kate Tillan, Assistant Chief Accountant, at (202) 551-3604 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact me with any other questions at (202) 551-3671.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kate Tillan for

Martin James Senior Assistant Chief Accountant