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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

ý QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 29, 2012

or

o 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 1-31429

Valmont Industries, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

47-0351813

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

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

One Valmont Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska

68154-5215

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(402) 963-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 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 ý No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ý No o

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

Large accelerated filer ý

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller

reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o $\,$ No \circ

26,631,353

Outstanding shares of common stock as of October 23, 2012

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VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Thirteen V September 29, 2012	Veeks Ended September 24, 2011	Thirty-nine V September 29, 2012	Weeks Ended September 24, 2011
Product sales	\$ 652,822	\$ 595,064	\$ 1,983,502	\$ 1,685,440
Services sales	77,017	77,128	231,002	223,310
Net sales	729,839	672,192	2,214,504	1,908,750
Product cost of sales	488,739	453,462	1,490,885	1,285,629
Services cost of sales	48,698	51,340	145,508	151,256
Total cost of sales	537,437	504,802	1,636,393	1,436,885
Gross profit	192,402	167,390	578,111	471,865
Selling, general and administrative expenses	102,020	95,357	307,559	285,912
Operating income	90,382	72,033	270,552	185,953
Other income (expenses):				
Interest expense	(8,429)	(7,671)	(23,657)	(26,715)
Interest income	2,093	3,141	6,081	6,919
Other	1,307	(1,670)	907	(776)
	(5,029)	(6,200)	(16,669)	(20,572)
Earnings before income taxes and equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	85,353	65,833	253,883	165,381
Income tax expense (benefit):				
Current	27,928	25,119	90,942	62,156
Deferred	519	(1,346)	(3,937)	(11,544)
	28,447	23,773	87,005	50,612
Earnings before equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	56,906	42,060	166,878	114,769
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	1,536	2,354	5,311	4,509
Net earnings	58,442	44,414	172,189	119,278
Less: Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1,711)	,	(3,153)	(5,701)
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Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$ 56,731	\$ 42,141	\$ 169,036	\$ 113,577
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.60	\$ 6.39	\$ 4.32

Diluted	\$ 2.12	\$ 1.59	\$ 6.32	\$ 4.28
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.225	\$ 0.180	\$ 0.630	\$ 0.525
Weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding Basic (000 omitted)	26,502	26,351	26,455	26,318
Weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding Diluted (000 omitted)	26,806	26,579	26,748	26,567

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended					Thirty-nine Weeks Ende			
	September 29, 2012		September 24, 2011		September 29, 2012		Se	ptember 24, 2011	
Net earnings	\$	58,442	\$	44,414	\$	172,189	\$	119,278	
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:									
Foreign currency translation adjustments:									
Unrealized translation gains (losses)		23,747		(53,223)		22,488		(20,246)	
Actuarial gain (loss) in defined benefit pension plan		1,962		(1,092)		2,595		(27)	
(Loss) and amortization of loss on cash flow hedge		100		133		300		(3,435)	
Other comprehensive income (loss)		25,809		(54,182)		25,383		(23,708)	
Comprehensive income (loss)		84,251		(9,768)		197,572		95,570	
Comprehensive loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests		(2,958)		2,418		(5,439)		(3,870)	
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Valmont									
Industries, Inc.	\$	81,293	\$	(7,350)	\$	192,133	\$	91,700	
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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except shares and per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Sej	otember 29, 2012	De	ecember 31, 2011
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	427,080	\$	362,894
Receivables, net		470,240		426,683
Inventories		432,689		393,782
Prepaid expenses		30,106		25,765
Refundable and deferred income taxes		49,692		43,819
Total current assets		1,409,807		1,252,943
Property, plant and equipment, at cost		965,326		911,642
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		489,335		456,765
Net property, plant and equipment		475,991		454,877
Goodwill		319,057		314,662
Other intangible assets, net		162,279		168,083
Other assets		127,326		115,511
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Total assets	\$	2,494,460	\$	2,306,076
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:				
Current installments of long-term debt	\$	226	\$	235
Notes payable to banks		15,730		11,403
Accounts payable		217,688		234,537
Accrued employee compensation and benefits		87,978		83,613
Accrued expenses		85,720		73,515
Dividends payable		5,991		4,767
Total current liabilities		413,333		408,070
Deferred income taxes		80,980		85,497
Long-term debt, excluding current installments		473,227		474,415
Defined benefit pension liability		62,667		68,024
Deferred compensation		34,320		30,741
Other noncurrent liabilities		42,039		41,418
Shareholders' equity:		12,039		11,110
Preferred stock of \$1 par value				
Authorized 500,000 shares; none issued				
Common stock of \$1 par value				
Authorized 75,000,000 shares; 27,900,000 issued		27,900		27,900
Retained earnings		1,238,840		1,079,698
Accumulated other comprehensive income		87,149		64,052
Treasury stock		(23,018)		(24,688)
Treasury Stock		(23,018)		(24,000)

Total Valmont Industries, Inc. shareholders' equity	1,330,871	1,146,962
Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries	57,023	50,949
Total shareholders' equity	1,387,894	1,197,911
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,494,460	\$ 2.306.076

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Thirty-nine Weeks Ender September 29, September 2012 2011		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net earnings	\$ 172,189	\$	119,278
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash flows from operations:			
Depreciation and amortization	52,262		53,193
Stock-based compensation	4,517		3,962
Defined benefit pension plan expense	3,076		4,544
Contribution to defined benefit pension plan	(11,591)		(11,754)
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	(187)		(295)
Equity in earnings in nonconsolidated subsidiaries	(5,311)		(4,509)
Deferred income taxes	(3,937)		(11,544)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Receivables	(46,663)		(41,606)
Inventories	(36,507)		(99,559)
Prepaid expenses	(3,657)		(5,378)
Accounts payable	(35)		33,782
Accrued expenses	15,989		11,484
Other noncurrent liabilities	(723)		(4,492)
Income taxes payable	(21,740)		17,009
Net cash flows from operating activities	117,682		64,115
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(58,700)		(46,366)
Proceeds from sale of assets	5,597		2,903
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired			(1,539)
Dividends from nonconsolidated subsidiaries			590
Other, net	80		793
Net cash flows from investing activities	(53,023)		(43,619)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net borrowings under short-term agreements	4,096		2,152
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	39,126		213,832
Principal payments on long-term borrowings	(39,280)		(187,234)
Purchase of noncontrolling interest			(25,253)
Proceeds from sale of partial ownership interest	1,404		
Settlement of financial derivative			(3,568)
Dividends paid	(15,530)		(13,467)
Dividends to noncontrolling interest	(1,379)		(4,958)
Debt issuance costs	(1,703)		(1,284)
Proceeds from exercises under stock plans	19,527		18,659
Excess tax benefits from stock option exercises	4,212		2,799
Purchase of treasury shares			(4,802)
Purchase of common treasury shares stock plan exercises	(19,116)		(19,829)

Net cash flows from financing activities	(8,643)	(22,953)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	8,170	(7,539)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	64,186	(9,996)
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	362,894	346,904
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$ 427,080	\$ 336,908

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)

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Balance at September 29,

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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 29, 2012, the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2012 and September 24, 2011, and the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and Shareholders' Equity for the thirty-nine week periods then ended have been prepared by the Company, without audit. In the opinion of management, all necessary adjustments (which include normal recurring adjustments) have been made to present fairly the financial statements as of September 29, 2012 and for all periods presented.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted. These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. The accounting policies and methods of computation followed in these interim financial statements are the same as those followed in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. The results of operations for the period ended September 29, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

Inventories

Approximately 38% and 40% of inventory is valued at the lower of cost, determined on the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method, or market as of September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. All other inventory is valued at the lower of cost, determined on the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method or market. Finished goods and manufactured goods inventories include the costs of acquired raw materials and related factory labor and overhead charges required to convert raw materials to manufactured and finished goods. The excess of replacement cost of inventories over the LIFO value is approximately \$47,406 and \$49,536 at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

Inventories consisted of the following:

	Sep	tember 29, 2012	De	cember 31, 2011
Raw materials and purchased parts	\$	218,177	\$	202,953
Work-in-process		40,298		28,053
Finished goods and manufactured goods		221,620		212,312
Subtotal		480,095		443,318
Less: LIFO reserve		47,406		49,536
	\$	432,689	\$	393,782
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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income Taxes

Earnings before income taxes and equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2012 and September 24, 2011, were as follows:

	Thirteen End	eeks		/eeks		
	2012	2011		2012		2011
United States	\$ 48,524	\$ 33,005	\$	179,351	\$	95,325
Foreign	36,829	32,828	32,828			70,056
	\$ 85,353	\$ 65,833	\$	253,883	\$	165,381

Stock Plans

The Company maintains stockbased compensation plans approved by the shareholders, which provide that the Human Resource Committee of the Board of Directors may grant incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, non-vested stock awards and bonuses of common stock. At September 29, 2012, 623,496 shares of common stock remained available for issuance under the plans. Shares and options issued and available are subject to changes in capitalization.

Under the plans, the exercise price of each option equals the closing market price at the date of the grant. Options vest beginning on the first anniversary of the grant in equal amounts over three to six years or on the fifth anniversary of the grant.

Expiration of grants is from six to ten years from the date of grant. The Company's compensation expense (included in selling, general and administrative expenses) and associated income tax benefits related to stock options for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2012 and September 24, 2011, respectively, were as follows:

	Thirteen Weeks		Thir	teen Weeks	Thirty	-nine Weeks	Thirty-nine Weeks		
	Ended		Ended			Ended	Ended		
	Septeml	oer 29, 2012	Septen	nber 24, 2011	Septer	nber 29, 2012	Septen	nber 24, 2011	
Compensation expense	\$	1,245	\$	1,265	\$	3,735	\$	3,732	
Income tax benefits		479		487		1,438		1,437	

Fair Value

The Company applies the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurements* ("ASC 820") which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The provisions of ASC 820 apply to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. As defined in ASC 820, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value will be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

Trading Securities: The assets and liabilities recorded for the investments held in the Valmont Deferred Compensation Plan represent mutual funds, invested in debt and equity securities, classified as trading securities in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 320, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities, considering the employee's ability to change investment allocation of their deferred compensation at any time. Quoted market prices are available for these securities in an active market and therefore categorized as a Level 1 input.

		Fair Value Measurement Using:									
	Carrying Value September 29, 2012		ted Prices in ive Markets r Identical ets (Level 1)	Obsei Inp	nt Other rvable outs vel 2)	Significant Unobservab Inputs (Level 3)					
Assets:											
Trading Securities	\$ 22,512	\$	22,512	\$		\$					

			Fair Value Measurement Using:									
	rying Value ember 31, 2011	Acti for	ted Prices in ive Markets Identical ets (Level 1)		nificant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)						
Assets:												
Trading Securities	\$ 19,152	\$	19,152	\$		\$						

Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income includes net income, currency translation adjustments, certain derivative-related activity and changes in net actuarial gains/losses from a pension plan. Results of operations for foreign subsidiaries are translated using the average exchange rates during the period. Assets and

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

liabilities are translated at the exchange rates in effect on the balance sheet dates. Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of the following at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

	September 29, 2012			cember 31, 2011
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$	36,272	\$	16,070
Actuarial gain in defined benefit pension plan		53,912		51,317
Loss on cash flow hedge, net of amortization		(3,035)		(3,335)
	\$	87,149	\$	64,052

(2) GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Amortized Intangible Assets

The components of amortized intangible assets at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were as follows:

	September 29, 2012							
		Gross Carrying Amount		umulated ortization	Weighted Average Life			
Customer Relationships	\$	159,060	\$	59,951	13 years			
Proprietary Software & Database		3,077		2,773	6 years			
Patents & Proprietary Technology		9,796		5,142	8 years			
Non-compete Agreements		1,800		1,496	6 years			
	\$	173,733	\$	69,362				

	December 31, 2011								
		Gross Carrying Amount	cumulated ortization	Weighted Average Life					
Customer Relationships	\$	155,629	\$	50,107	13 years				
Proprietary Software & Database		3,116		2,711	6 years				
Patents & Proprietary Technology		9,489		3,863	8 years				
Non-compete Agreements		1,812		1,307	6 years				
	\$	170,046	\$	57,988					

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(2) GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

Amortization expense for intangible assets for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2012 and September 24, 2011, respectively was as follows:

Weel Septe	nirteen ks Ended ember 29, 2012	Wee	hirteen eks Ended ember 24, 2011	We	hirty-nine eeks Ended otember 29, 2012	We	nirty-nine eks Ended tember 24, 2011	
\$	3.582	\$	3,659	\$	10.751	\$	10.855	

Estimated annual amortization expense related to finitelived intangible assets is as follows:

	Estimated Amortization
	Expense
2012	\$ 14,324
2013	13,462
2014	13,045
2015	12,129
2016	11,554

The useful lives assigned to finitelived intangible assets included consideration of factors such as the Company's past and expected experience related to customer retention rates, the remaining legal or contractual life of the underlying arrangement that resulted in the recognition of the intangible asset and the Company's expected use of the intangible asset.

Non-amortized intangible assets

Intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized. The carrying values of trade names at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were as follows:

	-	ember 29, 2012	December 31, 2011	Year Acquired
Webforge	\$	17,501	\$ 16,659	2010
Newmark		11,111	11,111	2004
Ingal EPS/Ingal Civil Products		9,237	8,792	2010
Donhad		6,968	6,633	2010
PiRod		1,750	1,750	2001
Industrial Galvanizers		4,051	3,856	2010
Other		7,290	7,224	
	\$	57,908	\$ 56,025	

In its determination of these intangible assets as indefinitelived, the Company considered such factors as its expected future use of the intangible asset, legal, regulatory, technological and competitive factors that may impact the useful life or value of the intangible asset and the expected costs to maintain the value of the intangible asset. The Company expects that these intangible assets will maintain their value indefinitely. Accordingly, these assets are not amortized.

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(2) GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

The Company's trade names were tested for impairment in the third quarter of 2012. The values of the trade names were determined using the relief-from-royalty method. Based on this evaluation, the Company determined that its trade names were not impaired.

Goodwill

The carrying amount of goodwill by segment as of September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Infr P	gineered astructure roducts egment	S St	Utility Support ructures egment		Coatings egment		rigation egment		Other		Total
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$	151,558	\$	77.141	\$	64,820	\$	2.576	\$	18,567	\$	314,662
Foreign currency translation	Ψ	4,236	Ψ	,,,111	Ψ	(215)	Ψ	(54)	Ψ	428	Ψ	4,395
Balance at September 29, 2012	\$	155,794	\$	77,141	\$	64,605	\$	2,522	\$	18,995	\$	319,057

The Company's goodwill was tested for impairment during the third quarter of 2012. As a result of that testing, the Company determined that its goodwill was not impaired, as the valuation of the reporting units exceeded their respective carrying values. The Company continues to monitor changes in the global economy that could impact future operating results of its reporting units. If such conditions arise, the Company will test a given reporting unit for impairment prior to the annual test.

(3) CASH FLOW SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Company considers all highly liquid temporary cash investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents. Cash payments for interest and income taxes (net of refunds) for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2012 and September 24, 2011 were as follows:

	2012	2011
Interest	\$ 15,797	\$ 17,597
Income taxes	106,887	46,605

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(4) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table provides a reconciliation between Basic and Diluted earnings per share (EPS):

	Dilutive					
	Basic		Effect of			Diluted
		EPS	St	Stock Options		EPS
Thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2012:						
Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$	56,731	\$		\$	56,731
Shares outstanding		26,502		304		26,806
Per share amount	\$	2.14	\$	(0.02)	\$	2.12
Thirteen weeks ended September 24, 2011:						
Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$	42,141	\$		\$	42,141
Shares outstanding		26,351		228		26,579
Per share amount	\$	1.60	\$	(0.01)	\$	1.59
Thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2012:						
Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$	169,036	\$		\$	169,036
Shares outstanding		26,455		293		26,748
Per share amount	\$	6.39	\$	(0.07)	\$	6.32
Thirty-nine weeks ended September 24, 2011:						
Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$	113,577	\$		\$	113,577
Shares outstanding		26,318		249		26,567
Per share amount	\$	4.32	\$	(0.04)	\$	4.28

At September 29, 2012, there were no outstanding stock options with exercise prices exceeding the market price of common stock. At September 24, 2011 there were 218,007 shares of outstanding stock options with exercise prices exceeding the market price of common stock that were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 24, 2011.

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(5) LONG-TERM DEBT

	Sept	tember 29, 2012	De	cember 31, 2011
6.625% Senior Unsecured Notes(a)	\$	450,000	\$	450,000
Unamortized premium on senior unsecured notes(a)		13,063		14,100
Revolving credit agreement(b)				
IDR Bonds(c)		8,500		8,500
1.75% to 3.485% notes		1,890		2,050
Total long-term debt		473,453		474,650
Less current installments of long-term debt		226		235
Long-term debt, excluding current installments	\$	473,227	\$	474,415

- The senior unsecured notes include an aggregate principal amount of \$450,000 on which interest is paid and an unamortized premium balance of \$13,063 at September 29, 2012. The notes bear interest at 6.625% per annum and are due in April 2020. The premium is amortized against interest expense as interest payments are made over the term of the notes. These notes may be repurchased at specified prepayment premiums. These notes are guaranteed by certain subsidiaries of the Company.
- (b)
 On August 15, 2012, the Company entered into a new five-year multicurrency \$400,000 revolving credit agreement with a group of banks. The Company may increase the credit agreement by up to an additional \$200,000 at any time, subject to the participating banks increasing the amount of their lending commitments. The interest rate on outstanding borrowings is, at the Company's option, either:
 - (i)
 LIBOR (based on a 1, 2, 3 or 6 month interest period, as selected by the Company) plus 125 to 225 basis points (inclusive of facility fees), depending on the Company's ratio of debt to EBITDA, or;
 - (ii) the higher of

The higher of (a) the prime lending rate and (b) the Federal Funds rate plus 50 basis points plus, in each case, 25 to 125 basis points (inclusive of facility fees), depending on the Company's ratio of debt to EBITDA, or

LIBOR (based on a 1 month interest period) plus 125 to 225 basis points (inclusive of facility fees), depending on the Company's ratio of debt to EBITDA

At September 29, 2012, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit agreement. The revolving credit agreement has a termination date of August 15, 2017 and contains certain financial covenants that may limit additional borrowing capability under the agreement. At September 29, 2012, the Company had the ability to borrow an additional \$384,866 under this facility.

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(5) LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

(c)
The Industrial Development Revenue Bonds were issued to finance the construction of a manufacturing facility in Jasper, Tennessee.
Variable interest is payable until final maturity June 1, 2025. The effective interest rates at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were 0.34% and 0.24%, respectively.

The lending agreements include certain maintenance covenants, including financial leverage and interest coverage. The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants at September 29, 2012.

The minimum aggregate maturities of long-term debt for each of the four years following 2012 are: \$278, \$268, \$281 and \$289.

(6) BUSINESS SEGMENTS

The Company aggregates its operating segments into four reportable segments. Aggregation is based on similarity of operating segments as to economic characteristics, products, production processes, types or classes of customer and the methods of distribution. Net corporate expense is net of certain servicerelated expenses that are allocated to business units generally on the basis of employee headcounts and sales dollars.

Reportable segments are as follows:

ENGINEERED INFRASTRUCTURE PRODUCTS: This segment consists of the manufacture of engineered metal structures and components for the global lighting and traffic, wireless communication, roadway safety and access systems applications;

UTILITY SUPPORT STRUCTURES: This segment consists of the manufacture of engineered steel and concrete structures for the global utility industry;

COATINGS: This segment consists of galvanizing, anodizing and powder coating services on a global basis; and

IRRIGATION: This segment consists of the manufacture of agricultural irrigation equipment and related parts and services for the global agricultural industry.

In addition to these four reportable segments, the Company has other businesses and activities that individually are not more than 10% of consolidated sales. These include the manufacture of forged steel grinding media for the mining industry, tubular products for industrial customers, electrolytic manganese dioxide for disposable batteries and the distribution of industrial fasteners and are reported in the "Other" category.

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as those described in Note 1. The Company evaluates the performance of its business segments based upon operating income and invested capital. The Company does not allocate interest expense, non-operating income and deductions, or income taxes to its business segments.

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(6) BUSINESS SEGMENTS (Continued)

Summary by Business

	Se	Thirteen W ptember 29, 2012		s Ended September 24, 2011	Se	Thirty-nine veptember 29, 2012		s Ended ptember 24, 2011
SALES:								2011
Engineered Infrastructure Products segment:								
Lighting, Traffic, and Roadway Products	\$	152,672	\$	157,273	\$	434,510	\$	420,122
Communication Products		36,446		28,612		99,629		77,332
Access Systems		40,192		36,358		118,852		100,136
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Engineered Infrastructure Products segment		229,310		222,243		652,991		597,590
Utility Support Structures segment:		,		,_		0.2 = 4,7 7 2		
Steel		184,030		140,926		536,073		374,045
Concrete		33,465		18,889		84,891		47,977
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Utility Support Structures segment		217,495		159,815		620,964		422,022
Coatings segment		83,713		80,806		251,397		238,417
Irrigation segment		156,452		150,618		547,214		485,367
Other		72,500		88,870		245,757		246,977
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Total		759,470		702,352		2,318,323		1,990,373
INTERSEGMENT SALES:		735,170		702,332		2,310,323		1,770,373
Engineered Infrastructure Products		9,978		6,611		37,062		18,035
Utility Support Structures		625		4,480		3,072		6,739
Coatings		12,313		11,852		38,262		34,283
Irrigation		67		,		498		8
Other		6,648		7,217		24,925		22,558
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Total		29.631		30,160		103,819		81,623
NET SALES:		25,001		20,100		100,019		01,020
Engineered Infrastructure Products segment		219,332		215,632		615,929		579,555
Utility Support Structures segment		216,870		155,335		617,892		415,283
Coatings segment		71,400		68,954		213,135		204,134
Irrigation segment		156,385		150,618		546,716		485,359
Other		65,852		81,653		220,832		224,419
Total	\$	729,839	\$	672,192	\$	2,214,504	\$	1,908,750
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OPERATING INCOME:								
Engineered Infrastructure Products	\$	18,715	\$	17,189	\$	40,907	\$	30,907
Utility Support Structures	Ψ	30,223	Ψ	14,731	+	81,901	~	41,214
Coatings		18,542		14,238		54,571		39,600
Irrigation		27,140		23,765		103,155		80,623
Other		9,743		12,607		33,413		32,901
Corporate		(13,981)		(10,497)		(43,395)		(39,292)
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Total \$ 90,382 \$ 72,033 \$ 270,552 \$ 185,953

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VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Company has \$450,000 principal amount of senior unsecured notes outstanding at a coupon interest rate of 6.625% per annum. The notes are guaranteed, jointly, severally, fully and unconditionally by certain of the Company's current and future direct and indirect domestic and foreign subsidiaries (collectively the "Guarantors"), excluding its other current domestic and foreign subsidiaries which do not guarantee the debt (collectively referred to as the "Non-Guarantors"). All Guarantors are 100% owned by the parent company.

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(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Consolidated financial information for the Company ("Parent"), the Guarantor subsidiaries and the Non-Guarantor subsidiaries is as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Thirteen Weeks Ended September 29, 2012

				Non-		
	Parent	G	uarantors	uarantors	minations	Total
Net sales	\$ 301,667	\$	160,318	\$ 350,837	\$ (82,983)	\$ 729,839
Cost of sales	226,539		127,116	266,532	(82,750)	537,437
Gross profit	75,128		33,202	84,305	(233)	192,402
Selling, general and administrative expenses	41,747		13,449	46,824		102,020
Operating income	33,381		19,753	37,481	(233)	90,382
Other income (expense):						
Interest expense	(8,215)		(12,635)	(213)	12,634	(8,429)
Interest income	15		398	14,314	(12,634)	2,093
Other	883		15	409		1,307
	(7,317)		(12,222)	14,510		(5,029)
Earnings before income taxes and equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	26,064		7,531	51,991	(233)	05 252
nonconsolidated subsidiaries	20,004		7,331	31,991	(233)	85,353
Income tax expense (benefit):						
Current	8,096		4,786	15,701	(655)	27,928
Deferred	(1,063)		(558)	2,140	(033)	519
Belefica	(1,003)		(330)	2,110		31)
	7,033		4,228	17,841	(655)	28,447
Earnings before equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	19,031		3,303	34,150	422	56,906
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	37,700		18,557	918	(55,639)	1,536
Net earnings	56,731		21,860	35,068	(55,217)	58,442
Other comprehensive income (loss)	24,562		(14,977)	41,046	(24,822)	25,809
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Comprehensive income	81,293		6,883	76,114	(80,039)	84,251
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests				(2,958)		(2,958)
Comprehensive income attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc	\$ 81,293	\$	6,883	\$ 73,156	\$ (80,039)	\$ 81,293

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(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Thirty-nine Weeks Ended September 29, 2012

				Non-		
		Parent	uarantors	ıarantors	iminations	Total
Net sales	\$	1,014,150	\$,	\$ 977,950	\$ (218,785) \$	2,214,504
Cost of sales		743,608	352,416	757,829	(217,460)	1,636,393
Gross profit		270,542	88,773	220,121	(1,325)	578,111
Selling, general and administrative expenses		128,781	40,414	138,364		307,559
Operating income		141,761	48,359	81,757	(1,325)	270,552
Other income (expense):						
Interest expense		(23,470)	(37,136)	(186)	37,135	(23,657)
Interest income		29	721	42,466	(37,135)	6,081
Other		1,888	40	(1,021)		907
		(21,553)	(36,375)	41,259		(16,669)
Earnings before income taxes and equity in earnings of						
nonconsolidated subsidiaries		120,208	11,984	123,016	(1,325)	253,883
Income tax expense (benefit):						
Current		44,644	10,082	36,871	(655)	90,942
Deferred		(3,832)	(419)	314		(3,937)
		40,812	9,663	37,185	(655)	87,005
Earnings before equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries		79,396	2,321	85,831	(670)	166,878
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries		89,640	64,918	4,850	(154,097)	5,311
Net earnings		169,036	67,239	90,681	(154,767)	172,189
Other comprehensive income (loss)		23,097	(17,221)	49,175	(29,668)	25,383
Comprehensive income		192,133	50,018	139,856	(184,435)	197,572
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests				(5,439)		(5,439)
Comprehensive income attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc	\$	192,133	\$ 50,018	\$ 134,417	\$ (184,435) \$	192,133
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(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Thirteen Weeks Ended September 24, 2011

			Non-		
	Parent	Guarantors	Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
Net sales	\$ 277,350	\$ 98,619	\$ 352,928	\$ (56,705)	
Cost of sales	205,787	83,008	272,671	(56,664)	504,802
Gross profit	71,563	15,611	80,257	(41)	167,390
Selling, general and administrative expenses	37,169	11,212	46,976		95,357
Operating income	34,394	4,399	33,281	(41)	72,033
Other income (expense):					
Interest expense	(7,562)		(109)		(7,671)
Interest income	9	204	2,928		3,141
Other	(1,297)	12	(385)		(1,670)
	(8,850)	216	2,434		(6,200)
Earnings before income taxes and equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	25,544	4,615	35,715	(41)	65,833
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Income tax expense (benefit):					
Current	12,153	(724)	13,690		25,119
Deferred	(1,397)	2,710	(2,659)		(1,346)
	10,756	1,986	11,031		23,773
	14.700	2 (20	24.604	(41)	12.060
Earnings before equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	14,788	2,629	24,684	(41, 921)	42,060
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	27,353	14,705	2,127	(41,831)	2,354
Net earnings	42,141	17,334	26,811	(41,872)	44,414
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(49,491)		(57,464)	52,773	(54,182)
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Comprehensive income (loss)	(7,350)	17,334	(30,653)	10,901	(9,768)
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests			2,418		2,418
Comprehensive income attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc	\$ (7,350)	\$ 17,334	\$ (28,235)	\$ 10,901	\$ (7,350)
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VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

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(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Thirty-nine Weeks Ended September 24, 2011

					Non-			
		arent	G	uarantors	uarantors	Eli	iminations	Total
Net sales		342,493	\$	259,733	\$ 947,843	\$	(141,319)	\$ 1,908,750
Cost of sales	6	527,802		209,827	740,621		(141,365)	1,436,885
Gross profit	2	214,691		49,906	207,222		46	471,865
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1	15,422		33,473	137,017			285,912
Operating income		99,269		16,433	70,205		46	185,953
Other income (expense):								
Interest expense	((26,417)			(298)			(26,715)
Interest income		43		204	6,672			6,919
Other		(1,105)		42	287			(776)
	((27,479)		246	6,661			(20,572)
Earnings before income taxes and equity in earnings of								
nonconsolidated subsidiaries		71,790		16,679	76,866		46	165,381
Income tax expense (benefit):								
Current		31,505		4,552	26,099			62,156
Deferred		(5,307)		1,742	(7,979)			(11,544)
		26,198		6,294	18,120			50,612
Earnings before equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries		45,592		10,385	58,746		46	114,769
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries		67,985		35,042	4,247		(102,765)	4,509
Net earnings	1	13,577		45,427	62,993		(102,719)	119,278
Other comprehensive income		(21,877)		73,727	(23,708)		21,877	(23,708)
Other comprehensive meonic	((21,077)			(23,700)		21,077	(23,700)
Comprehensive income		91,700		45,427	39,285		(80,842)	95,570
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests		,,,,,,,			(3,870)		(,,	(3,870)
Comprehensive income attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc	\$	91,700	\$	45,427	\$ 35,415	\$	(80,842)	\$ 91,700
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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS September 29, 2012

		Non-									
	Parent	G	uarantors	G	uarantors	E	liminations		Total		
ASSETS											
Current assets:											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 75,150	\$	42,164	\$	309,766	\$		\$	427,080		
Receivables, net	128,215		72,369		269,656				470,240		
Inventories	124,158		89,246		219,285				432,689		
Prepaid expenses	4,189		1,052		24,865				30,106		
Refundable and deferred income taxes	25,891		6,558		17,243				49,692		
Total current assets	357,603		211,389		840,815				1,409,807		
Total cultone assets	337,003		211,307		040,013				1,402,007		
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Property, plant and equipment, at cost	447,378		116,562		401,386				965,326		
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	294,278		58,314		136,743				489,335		
Net property, plant and equipment	153,100		58,248		264,643				475,991		
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Goodwill	20,108		107,542		191,407				319.057		
Other intangible assets	539		54,986		106,754				162,279		
Investment in subsidiaries and intercompany accounts	1,438,431		1,264,082		534,482		(3,236,995)		102,279		
Other assets	34.625		1,204,062		92,701		(3,230,993)		127,326		
Other assets	34,023				92,701				127,320		
Total assets	\$ 2,004,406	\$	1,696,247	\$	2,030,802	\$	(3,236,995)	\$	2,494,460		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY											
Current liabilities:											
Current installments of long-term debt	\$ 189	\$		\$	37	\$		\$	226		
Notes payable to banks				·	15,730				15,730		
Accounts payable	53,905		24,708		139,730		(655)		217,688		
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	51,277		8,325		28,376		()		87,978		
Accrued expenses	37,642		5,327		42,751				85,720		
Dividends payable	5,991		2,527		.2,701				5,991		
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Total current liabilities	149,004		38,360		226,624		(655)		413,333		
Deferred income taxes	19,808		27,582		33,590				80,980		
Long-term debt, excluding current installments	472,182		602,751		1,045		(602,751)		473,227		
Defined benefit pension liability					62,667				62,667		
Deferred compensation	27,587				6,733				34,320		
Other noncurrent liabilities	4,954				37,085				42,039		
Shareholders' equity:											
Common stock of \$1 par value	27,900		457,950		254,982		(712,932)		27,900		
Additional paid-in capital			150,286		893,274		(1,043,560)				
Retained earnings	1,238,840		437,497		345,880		(783,377)		1,238,840		
Accumulated other comprehensive income	87,149		(18,179)		111,899		(93,720)		87,149		
Treasury stock	(23,018)								(23,018)		
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Total Valmont Industries, Inc. shareholders' equity	1,330,871	1,027,554	1,606,035	(2,633,589)	1,330,871	
Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries			57,023		57,023	
Total shareholders' equity	1,330,871	1,027,554	1,663,058	(2,633,589)	1,387,894	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,004,406	\$ 1,696,247	\$ 2,030,802	\$ (3,236,995)	\$ 2,494,460	
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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

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(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2011

Non-

			Non-									
		Parent	G	uarantors	G	uarantors	E	liminations		Total		
ASSETS												
Current assets:												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	27,545	\$	18,257	\$	317,092	\$		\$	362,894		
Receivables, net		122,409		53,567		250,707				426,683		
Inventories		125,862		77,838		190,082				393,782		
Prepaid expenses		3,448		1,009		21,308				25,765		
Refundable and deferred income taxes		22,053		6,218		15,548				43,819		
Total current assets		301,317		156,889		794,737				1,252,943		
Property, plant and equipment, at cost		427,398		107,315		376,929				911,642		
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		283,786		54,740		118,239				456,765		
Net property, plant and equipment		143,612		52,575		258,690				454,877		
rect property, plant and equipment		113,012		32,373		230,070				15 1,077		
G 1 71		20.100		107.540		107.010				214.662		
Goodwill		20,108		107,542		187,012				314,662		
Other intangible assets		661		59,389		108,033		(2.620.245)		168,083		
Investment in subsidiaries and intercompany accounts		1,338,299		695,745		596,301		(2,630,345)				
Other assets		30,192				85,319				115,511		
Total assets	\$	1,834,189	\$	1,072,140	\$	2,030,092	\$	(2,630,345)	\$	2,306,076		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY												
Current liabilities:												
Current installments of long-term debt	\$	187	\$		\$	48	\$		\$	235		
Notes payable to banks	Ψ	10,	Ψ		Ψ	11,403	Ψ		Ψ	11.403		
Accounts payable		85,974		21,428		127,135				234,537		
Accrued employee compensation and benefits		44,187		8,608		30,818				83,613		
Accrued expenses		28,154		5,651		39,710				73,515		
Dividends payable		4,767		3,031		37,710				4,767		
Dividends payable		4,707								4,707		
Total current liabilities		163,269		35,687		209,114				408,070		
Deferred income taxes		21,891		27,661		35,945				85,497		
Long-term debt, excluding current installments		473,419		,		996				474,415		
Defined benefit pension liability		.,,,,,,,				68,024				68,024		
Deferred compensation		24,142				6,599				30,741		
Other noncurrent liabilities		4,506				36,912				41,418		
Shareholders' equity:		1,500				30,712				11,110		
Common stock of \$1 par value		27,900		457,950		254,982		(712,932)		27,900		
Additional paid-in capital		21,700		181,542		893,884		(1,075,426)		21,700		
Retained earnings		1,079,698		370,258		407,677		(777,935)		1,079,698		
8		64,052										
Accumulated other comprehensive income				(958)		65,010		(64,052)		64,052		
Treasury stock		(24,688)								(24,688)		

Total Valmont Industries, Inc. shareholders' equity	1,146,962	1,008,792	1,621,553	(2,630,345)	1,146,962
Noncontrolling interest in consolidated subsidiaries			50,949		50,949
Total shareholders' equity	1,146,962	1,008,792	1,672,502	(2,630,345)	1,197,911
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,834,189	\$ 1,072,140	\$ 2,030,092	\$ (2,630,345)	\$ 2,306,076
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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

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(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Thirty-nine Weeks Ended September 29, 2012

				Non-			
]	Parent	Guarantors	Guarantors	Elim	inations	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:							
Net earnings	\$	169,036	\$ 67,239	\$ 90,681	\$	(154,767)	\$ 172,189
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash flows from operations:							
Depreciation and amortization		14,183	9,602	28,477			52,262
Stock-based compensation		4,517					4,517
Defined benefit pension plan expense				3,076			3,076
Contribution to defined benefit pension plan				(11,591)			(11,591)
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment		(66)	(58)	(63)			(187)
Equity in earnings in nonconsolidated subsidiaries		(461)		(4,850)			(5,311)
Deferred income taxes		(3,832)	(419)	314			(3,937
Changes in assets and liabilities:							
Receivables		(5,806)	(18,798)	(22,059)			(46,663)
Inventories		1,705	(11,409)	(26,803)			(36,507)
Prepaid expenses		(741)	(43)	(2,873)			(3,657)
Accounts payable		(14,260)	3,280	10,945			(35)
Accrued expenses		16,577	(607)	19			15,989
Other noncurrent liabilities		532		(1,255)			(723)
Income taxes payable (refundable)		(19,897)	273	(1,461)		(655)	(21,740)
Net cash flows from operating activities		161,487	49,060	62,557		(155,422)	117,682
Cash flows from investing activities:							
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(23,270)	(10,885)	(24,545)			(58,700
Proceeds from sale of assets		112	71	5,414			5,597
Other, net		(77,917)	(15,657)	(61,768)		155,422	80
Net cash flows from investing activities		(101,075)	(26,471)	(80,899)		155,422	(53,023)
Cash flows from financing activities:							
Net borrowings under short-term agreements				4,096			4,096
Proceeds from long-term borrowings		39,000		126			39,126
Principal payments on long-term borrowings		(39,197)		(83)			(39,280
Proceeds from sale of partial ownership interest				1,404			1,404
Dividends paid		(15,530)					(15,530)
Dividends to noncontrolling interest				(1,379)			(1,379)
Debt issuance costs		(1,703)					(1,703
Proceeds from exercises under stock plans		19,527					19,527
Excess tax benefits from stock option exercises		4,212					4,212
Purchase of common treasury shares stock plan exercises:		(19,116)					(19,116)
Net cash flows from financing activities		(12,807)		4,164			(8,643
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			1,318	6,852			8,170
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		47,605	23,907	(7,326)			64,186

Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year		27,545	18,257	317,092		362,894
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$	75,150	\$ 42,164	\$ 309,766	\$	\$ 427,080
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VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

(7) GUARANTOR/NON-GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Thirty-nine Weeks Ended September 24, 2011

			Non-		
	Parent	Guarantors	Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
Cash flows from operations:					
Net earnings	\$ 113,577	\$ 45,427	\$ 62,993	\$ (102,719)	\$ 119,278
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash flows from operations:					
Depreciation and amortization	15,758	9,416	28,019		53,193
Stock-based compensation	3,962				3,962
Defined benefit pension plan expense			4,544		4,544
Contribution to defined benefit pension plan			(11,754)		(11,754)
Loss (gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment	3	(56)	(242)		(295)
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries	(261)		(4,248)		(4,509)
Deferred income taxes	(5,307)	1,742	(7,979)		(11,544)
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Receivables	(10,659)	(320)	(30,627)		(41,606)
Inventories	(44,029)	(31,983)	(23,547)		(99,559)
Prepaid expenses	(1,753)	(325)	(3,300)		(5,378)
Accounts payable	9,850	6,450	17,482		33,782
Accrued expenses	17,225	3,805	(9,546)		11,484
Other noncurrent liabilities	1,202		(5,694)		(4,492)
Income taxes payable (refundable)	14,814		2,195		17,009
Not each flows from anoustions	114.382	34,156	18.296	(102,719)	64.115
Net cash flows from operations	114,362	34,130	18,290	(102,719)	04,113
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(10,133)	(9,358)	(26,875)		(46,366)
Proceeds from sale of assets	34	73	2,796		2,903
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired			(1,539)		(1,539)
Dividends from nonconsolidated subsidiaries	590				590
Other, net	(92,449)	(24,700)	15,223	102,719	793
Net cash flows from investing activities	(101,958)	(33,985)	(10,395)	102,719	(43,619)
The days now hom investing activities	(101,500)	(22,702)	(10,000)	102,719	(15,017)
Cash flows from financing activities:			2 1 5 2		2.152
Net borrowings under short-term agreements	212.022		2,152		2,152
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	213,832		(40)		213,832
Principal payments on long-term borrowings	(187,186)		(48)		(187,234)
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	(10.465)		(25,253)		(25,253)
Dividends paid	(13,467)	45.500	(45.500)		(13,467)
Intercompany dividends		17,730	(17,730)		(4.050)
Dividend to noncontrolling interests	(2.7.60)		(4,958)		(4,958)
Settlement of financial derivative	(3,568)				(3,568)
Debt issues fees	(1,284)				(1,284)
Proceeds from exercises under stock plans	18,659				18,659
Excess tax benefits from stock option exercises	2,799				2,799
Purchase of treasury shares	(4,802)				(4,802)
Purchase of common treasury shares stock plan exercises	(19,829)				(19,829)
Net cash flows from financing activities	5,154	17,730	(45,837)		(22,953)
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Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			(7,539)	(7,539)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	17,578	17,901	(45,475)	(9,996)
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	8,015	619	338,270	346,904
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$ 25,593 \$	18,520 \$	292,795 \$	\$ 336,908
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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Management's discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions that management has made in light of experience in the industries in which the Company operates, as well as management's perceptions of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors believed to be appropriate under the circumstances. These statements are not guarantees of performance or results. They involve risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond the Company's control) and assumptions. Management believes that these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions. Many factors could affect the Company's actual financial results and cause them to differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things, risk factors described from time to time in the Company's reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as future economic and market circumstances, industry conditions, company performance and financial results, operating efficiencies, availability and price of raw materials, availability and market acceptance of new products, product pricing, domestic and international competitive environments, and actions and policy changes of domestic and foreign governments.

This discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto, and the management's discussion and analysis included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

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Results of Operations

Dollars in millions, except per share amounts

		Thirte	een '	Weeks Ende	d				Weeks Ende	ed
	•		Sep	tember 24,	% Incr.	Sep	otember 29,	Sep		% Incr.
Consolidated		2012		2011	(Decr.)		2012		2011	(Decr.)
Net sales	\$	729.8	\$	672.2	8.6%	\$	2,214.5	\$	1,908.8	16.0%
Gross profit	<u> </u>	192.4	Ψ	167.4	14.9%		578.1	Ψ.	471.9	22.5%
as a percent of sales		26.49	6	24.9%	1, /0		26.1%	6	24.7%	2210 70
SG&A expense		102.0		95.4	6.9%		307.6		285.9	7.6%
as a percent of sales		14.09	6	14.2%			13.9%	o o	15.0%	
Operating income		90.4		72.0	25.6%		270.6		186.0	45.5%
as a percent of sales		12.49	6	10.7%			12.2%	6	9.7%	
Net interest expense		6.3		4.5	40.0%		17.6		19.8	(11.1)%
Effective tax rate		33.39	6	36.1%			36.2%	o o	30.6%	· í
Net earnings	\$	56.7	\$	42.1	34.7%	\$	169.0	\$	113.6	48.8%
Diluted earnings per share	\$	2.12	\$	1.59	33.3%	\$	6.32	\$	4.28	47.7%
Engineered Infrastructure										
Products	ф	210.2	ф	015.6	1.70	Ф	(1(0	Φ	570.6	6.20
Net sales	\$	219.3	\$	215.6	1.7%		616.0	\$	579.6	6.3%
Gross profit		57.3		53.3	7.5%		156.0		135.9	14.8%
SG&A expense		38.6		36.1	6.9%		115.1		105.0	9.6%
Operating income		18.7		17.2	8.7%		40.9		30.9	32.4%
Utility Support Structures	\$	216.0	ф	155.0	20.70	ф	(17.0	φ	415.2	40.007
Net sales	Þ	216.9 49.6	\$	155.3	39.7% 56.5%		617.9 138.6	\$	415.3	48.8%
Gross profit SG&A expense		19.4		31.7 17.0	36.3% 14.1%		56.7		91.5 50.3	51.5% 12.7%
Operating income		30.2		14.7			81.9		41.2	98.8%
Coatings		30.2		14./	105.4%		81.9		41.2	98.8%
Net sales	\$	71.4	\$	69.0	3.5%	Ф	213.1	\$	204.1	4.4%
Gross profit	Ф	26.3	ф	22.7	15.9%		79.0	ф	65.1	21.4%
SG&A expense		7.7		8.4	(8.3)%		24.4		25.5	(4.3)%
Operating income		18.6		14.3	30.1%		54.6		39.6	37.9%
Irrigation		16.0		14.3	30.1 /0		34.0		39.0	31.970
Net sales		156.4		150.6	3.9%	\$	546.7	\$	485.4	12.6%
Gross profit		44.5		42.4	5.0%		156.4	Ψ	131.1	19.3%
SG&A expense		17.3		18.7	(7.5)%		53.2		50.5	5.3%
Operating income		27.2		23.7	14.8%		103.2		80.6	28.0%
Other		27.2		23.1	11.070		103.2		00.0	20.070
Net sales		65.8		81.7	(19.5)%	6 \$	220.8	\$	224.4	(1.6)%
Gross profit		14.5		17.3	(16.2)9		47.9	Ψ.	48.2	(0.6)%
SG&A expense		4.8		4.7	2.1%		14.5		15.3	(5.2)%
Operating income		9.7		12.6	(23.0)%		33.4		32.9	1.5%
Net corporate expense					(=2.3)7					2.2 70
Gross profit		0.2			NM	\$	0.2	\$	0.1	NM
SG&A expense		14.2		10.4	36.5%		43.6		39.3	10.9%
Operating loss		(14.0)		(10.4)	(34.6)%	o o	(43.4)		(39.2)	(10.7)%
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Overview

On a consolidated basis, the increases in net sales in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, were due to the following factors:

Unit sales volumes increased approximately \$54 million and \$313 million in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, respectively, as compared with 2011. In the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, all reportable segments reported higher sales, as compared with the same periods in 2011. The segments with the most significant unit sales increases were the Utility Support Structures and Irrigation segments.

Sales prices and mix in the aggregate for the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012 were higher than 2011 by approximately \$20 million and \$27 million, respectively.

Foreign currency translation, in the aggregate, resulted in lower net sales and operating income in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011. On average, the U.S. dollar strengthened against most currencies in 2012, as compared to 2011. The most significant currencies that contributed to this movement were the euro, Australian dollar, Brazilian real and the South African rand. On a segment basis, the currency effects on net sales and operating income in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, were as follows (in millions):

	T	hird Qua	rter	Effect	Year-to-date Effect				
		Operating					$\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{I}}$	perating	
	Net	Sales	I	ncome	N	et Sales	I	ncome	
Engineered Infrastructure Products	\$	(6.4)	\$	(0.4)	\$	(13.8)	\$	(0.7)	
Coatings		(0.8)		(0.1)		(2.5)		(0.3)	
Irrigation		(5.6)		(0.8)		(10.9)		(1.6)	
Other		(3.4)		(0.4)		(7.0)		(0.8)	
Total	\$	(16.2)	\$	(1.7)	\$	(34.2)	\$	(3.4)	

The increase in gross profit margin (gross profit as a percent of sales) in fiscal 2012, as compared with 2011, was primarily due to improved sales pricing and mix and moderating raw material costs in 2012 as compared with 2011. Steel prices and zinc prices in 2012 were down slightly as compared with 2011. LIFO expense for the first three quarters of 2012 was \$10.3 million lower than the same period in 2011, contributing to the comparatively higher gross profit margin in 2012, as compared with 2011.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expense in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, increased mainly due to the following factors:

Increased employee incentive accruals of \$2.3 million and \$6.9 million, respectively, due to improved operating results;

Increased compensation expenses of \$6.0 million and \$14.3 million, respectively, associated with increased employment levels and increased employee benefit costs;

Increased commissions of \$0.3 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, related to higher sales;

Deferred compensation expense of \$2.2 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, incurred in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012 associated with the increase in deferred compensation plan liabilities. The corresponding increase in deferred compensation plan assets was recorded as a decrease in "Other" expense; and,

Australia stamp duty expense of \$1.2 million incurred in the first quarter of 2012 related to the legal restructuring that was completed in fiscal 2011. This expense was non-recurring in nature.

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These increases were offset to a degree by settlements related to property insurance claims and a settlement related to a vendor dispute aggregating \$1.4 million and \$3.7 million in the third quarter and first three quarters, respectively, of 2012. These expense decreases were considered non-recurring in nature. SG&A expense also decreased in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, due to foreign exchange translation effects of \$2.0 million and \$4.2 million, respectively.

The increase in operating income on a reportable segment basis in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, was due to improved operating performance in all reportable segments. The "Other" category reported lower operating income in the third quarter of 2012, as compared with 2011. Operating income in the "Other" category for the first three quarters of 2012 was comparable with 2011.

The increase in net interest expense in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, as compared with 2011, mainly was attributable to interest income received on certain income tax refunds in 2011 (approximately \$1.0 million) and \$0.4 million of unamortized debt issue costs that were written off when we renewed our revolving credit agreement in the third quarter of 2012. On a year-to-date basis, net interest expense is lower in 2012 as compared with 2011, due to interest savings realized from the refinancing of our \$150 million of senior subordinated debt in June 2011 and approximately \$2.8 million of expense incurred in the second quarter of 2011 related to the refinancing of our \$150 million of senior subordinated notes. Average borrowing levels in 2012 were comparable with 2011.

The decrease in "Other" expenses in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, as compared with 2011, was mainly due to investment returns in the assets held in our deferred compensation plan of \$2.2 million and \$3.2 million, respectively. The increase in the value of these assets was offset by a corresponding increase in our deferred compensation liabilities, which was reflected as an increase in SG&A expense. Accordingly, there was no effect on net earnings from these investment gains.

Our effective income tax rate in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 was lower than 2011, mainly due to a more favorable result this year in the reconciliation of our annual income tax filings and certain non-deductible currency losses in our Mexican operation in 2011 that did not occur in 2012. In the third quarter of 2012, the U.K. reduced its income tax rate from 26% to 24%. As a result, our income tax expense increased in the third quarter of 2012 by \$4.0 million, mainly due to the revaluation of deferred income tax assets. This effect on our third quarter 2012 income tax expense was largely mitigated by increased foreign tax credits and other tax benefits in 2012. On a year-to-date basis, our effective tax rate in 2012 was higher than 2011 due to a \$4.1 million tax benefit related to the acquisition of the 40% of our grinding media operation that we did not own, \$1.4 million of income tax contingencies that we reversed in 2011 due to the expiring of statutes of limitation and a higher share of our pre-tax earnings coming from our U.S. operations. Going forward, depending on our geographic mix of earnings and currently enacted income tax rates in the countries in which we operate, we expect our effective tax rate to approximate 34%.

Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests was lower in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, mainly due to lower net earnings in those consolidated operations that are less than 100% owned, partly due to currency translation effects. On a year-to-date basis, the 2012 decrease was also due to the purchase of the noncontrolling interest in our grinding media operation in June 2011. This operation was previously 40% owned by noncontrolling interests.

Our cash flows provided by operations were \$117.7 million in 2012, as compared with \$64.1 million in 2011. The increase in operating cash flow resulted from increased net income in 2012. Working capital increased somewhat is 2012, due mainly to increased sales levels, and results in operating cash flow being less than net earnings.

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Engineered Infrastructure Products (EIP) segment

The increase in EIP segment net sales in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, as compared with 2011, was due to improved sales volumes of approximately \$4 million and \$34 million, respectively, and \$6 million and \$17 million, respectively, of favorable pricing and sales mix changes. These increases were offset to a degree, by unfavorable foreign exchange translation effects of approximately \$6 million and \$14 million, respectively. North America lighting sales in the third quarter of 2012 were comparable with 2011, while sales in the first three quarters of 2012 were up modestly over last year. The increase in sales mainly resulted from higher sales prices and favorable sales mix. The transportation market for lighting and traffic structures continues to be steady but not particularly strong. While a two-year extension to the current U.S. highway funding legislation was enacted in the third quarter, this event has not yet affected the market for lighting and traffic structures. We also believe that state budget issues are limiting roadway project activity. Sales in other market channels such as sales to lighting fixture manufacturers and commercial construction projects in 2012 were comparable with 2011. In Europe, sales in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 were lower than the comparable periods in 2011. We divested of our Turkish and Italian operations in late 2011, resulting in lower sales in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, of \$5.2 million and \$13.6 million, respectively. Current economic conditions in Europe and weak and uncertain. As a result, public spending for streets and highways is under pressure, as governments dealing with lower tax receipts and budget deficits. However, lighting sales in local currency were higher in the the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011. Stronger sales in France, Scandinavia and the U.K. were offset somewhat by weaker sales volumes in northern Europe.

Communication product line sales in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 were improved over 2011. North America sales in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012 were \$8.4 million and \$20.3 million, respectively, higher in 2012, as compared with 2011. The increase in sales was attributable to improved market conditions (somewhat attributable to the build out of 4G wireless technology) and the resolution of the proposed AT&T/T-Mobile merger, which we believe slowed sales activity for structures and components in 2011. In China, sales of wireless communication structures in 2012 were comparable with 2011.

Sales in the access systems product line in 2012 were improved as compared with 2011, as industrial production investments in the mining and energy economic sectors are increasing in the Asia Pacific region.

Sales of highway safety products in the third quarter of 2012 was comparable with 2011, while year-to-date sales in 2012 were somewhat higher as compared with 2011. Floods in parts of Australia affected infrastructure spending in the first three quarters of 2011, as public spending priorities shifted from roadway development to supporting recovery from the floods. The improvement in 2012 reflects a more normal demand pattern for this product line. While public spending on roadways in Australia is down somewhat in 2012, establishment of sales channels in other countries in the Asia Pacific region has helped maintain sales volumes for the product line.

Operating income for the segment in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was higher than 2011. Improved operating income resulted from higher sales volumes, improved sales prices and moderating raw material costs (including \$2.6 million of lower year-to-date LIFO expense), offset somewhat by factory operational inefficiencies of \$5.2 million and \$12.3 million, respectively. The factory operational inefficiencies related mainly to start-up costs related to capacity expansion in the U.S. and certain production inefficiencies in Europe. The increase in SG&A spending in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, mainly was attributable to higher compensation costs of \$2.2 million and \$6.2 million, respectively, and increased employee incentives of \$1.1 million and \$2.8 million, respectively. These increases were offset to a degree by currency translation effects of \$1.2 million in the third quarter and \$2.4 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, as compared with the same periods in 2011.

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Utility Support Structures (Utility) segment

In the Utility segment, the sales increase in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, was primarily due to improved unit sales volumes of approximately \$49 million and \$211 million, respectively. In U.S. markets, investments in the electrical grid by utility companies is increasing, resulting in improved sales of transmission and substation structures. The effect of sales mix was favorable for the third quarter of 2012, as compared with 2011, by approximately \$13 million, while the year-to-date sales mix effect in fiscal 2012 was unfavorable, as compared with 2011, by approximately \$7 million. The unfavorable year-to-date mix effect reflected shipments on certain large orders that were taken in 2010, when market pricing was particularly low. As market conditions improved, pricing recovered to a degree, resulting in improved pricing and mix in the third quarter. Sales in international markets in the third quarter was comparable with 2011, while year-to-date fiscal 2012 sales were slightly lower than 2011. Sales in the Asia Pacific region are higher, offset to some extent by lower sales in Europe and the Middle East.

Operating income in fiscal 2012, as compared with 2011, increased due to the increase in North America sales volume, moderating raw material costs and leverage effects on fixed SG&A and factory expenses. These positive effects were offset to a degree in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012 by \$1.3 million and \$8.4 million, respectively, of additional costs associated with production inefficiencies and unanticipated costs related to certain large orders. The increase in SG&A expense for the segment in fiscal 2012 as compared with 2011, was mainly due to increased employee compensation of \$1.3 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, increased employee incentives of \$0.7 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, and increased sales commissions of \$0.3 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, all associated with the increase in business levels and operating income.

Coatings segment

The increase in net sales in the Coatings segment was due to improved sales in the United States, offset to a degree by slightly lower sales in the Asia Pacific region. In the United States, we experienced broad-based improved demand from customers, especially in the agriculture, petrochemical and energy economic sectors. Asia Pacific volumes in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012 were down modestly from 2011, due to slowness in the Australian industrial economy not related to mining. Average selling prices in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012 were comparable with 2011.

The increase in segment operating income in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, was mainly due to improved productivity and operating leverage through volume increases and lower zinc costs. The effect of lower zinc costs on segment operating income in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with the same periods in 2011, was approximately \$1.9 million and \$5.5 million, respectively. SG&A expenses for the segment in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, were slightly lower, due to a \$0.9 million favorable dispute settlement with a vendor in the second quarter of 2012 and a \$0.8 million insurance settlement in the third quarter of 2012.

Irrigation segment

The increase in Irrigation segment net sales in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, was mainly due to improved sales volumes of approximately \$10 million and \$55 million, respectively, and favorable pricing and sales mix of approximately \$2 million and \$19 million respectively. These increases were offset by unfavorable currency translation effects of \$5.6 million and \$10.9 million in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, respectively, as compared with 2011. The pricing and sales mix effect was generally due to sales price increases that took effect in the second half of 2011 to recover higher material costs in early 2011. In global markets,

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the sales growth was due to very strong agricultural economies around the world. Farm commodity prices continue to be favorable, with a positive outlook for net farm income in most markets around the world. We believe that farm commodity prices have been favorable due to strong demand, including consumption in the production of ethanol and other fuels, and traditionally low inventories of major farm commodities. We believe the drought conditions in much of the U.S. this summer contributed to the increased demand for irrigation equipment and related service parts in 2012. In international markets, the sales improvement in fiscal 2012, as compared with 2011, was realized in most markets, also due to generally favorable economic conditions in the global farm economy.

Operating income for the segment improved in the third quarter and first three quarters of 2012, as compared with 2011, due to improved sales unit volumes and improved sales prices in light of stable material costs. The higher average selling prices resulted from rising material costs in 2011, when sales price increases lagged material cost inflation. The stability in raw material purchase costs also resulted in \$4.7 million in lower LIFO expenses in the first three quarters of 2012, respectively, as compared with 2011. SG&A expenses in the third quarter of 2012 were slightly lower than the same period in 2011, due in part to foreign currency translation effects (\$0.5 million). On a year-to-date basis, SG&A spending increased in 2012 over 2011, due to increased compensation cost to support the increase in sales activity (\$2.4 million), offset to a degree by currency translation effects of approximately \$1.2 million.

Other

This category includes the grinding media, industrial tubing, electrolytic manganese and industrial fasteners operations. In the third quarter of 2012, sales and operating income were lower than 2011, mainly due lower sales volumes and profitability in the tubing and electrolytic manganese dioxide operations. On a year-to-date basis, fiscal 2012 sales and operating profits were, in the aggregate, comparable with 2011. Sales and operating income in our tubing operations were improved over 2011, while manganese dioxide sales and operating income were lower than 2011. Sales and operating income in the grinding media operations in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 were comparable with 2011.

Net corporate expense

Net corporate expense in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was higher than 2011, mainly due to:

higher employee incentives associated with improved net earnings and share price, which affected long-term incentive plans (approximately \$1.4 million and \$3.5 million respectively);

higher deferred compensation expenses (approximately \$2.2 million and \$3.2 million, respectively) related to investment returns on assets in the deferred compensation plan. These increases are offset by decreases in "Other" expense, and;

increased expenses of \$0.5 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, related to less favorable experience in our health insurance plan.

These increases were offset by insurance settlements related to a fire and storm damage to one of our galvanizing facilities in Australia (\$0.6 million and \$2.0 million, respectively) and lower expenses in the Delta Pension Plan of \$0.4 million and \$1.4 million, respectively.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Flows

Working Capital and Operating Cash Flows Net working capital was \$996.5 million at September 29, 2012, as compared with \$844.9 million at December 31, 2011. The increase in net working capital in 2012 mainly resulted from increased receivables and inventories to support the increase in sales. Cash flow provided by operations was \$117.7 million in fiscal 2012, as compared with \$64.1 million in fiscal 2011. The increase in operating cash flow in 2012 was the result of higher net earnings, especially in the Utility Support Structures and Irrigation segments, offset to an extent by the increase in working capital and timing of income tax payments. Accounts receivable turns in 2012 were improved over 2011. The increase in inventory at the end of the second quarter compared with December 31, 2011 is associated mainly with the Utility Support Structures and EIP segments and is related to general business levels and seasonal factors.

Investing Cash Flows Capital spending in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was \$58.7 million, as compared with \$46.4 million for the same period in 2011. The most significant capital spending projects in 2012 included capacity expansions in the Utility segment. We expect our capital spending for the 2012 fiscal year to be approximately \$100 million, compared to \$83 million for the 2011 fiscal year. The increase in expected capital spending over 2011 is mainly due to capacity increases to meet the growing need for utility structures in the U.S. and additional manufacturing investment in the Irrigation segment.

Financing Cash Flows Our total interest-bearing debt increased slightly to \$489.2 million at September 29, 2012 from \$486.1 million at December 31, 2011. Financing cash flows in 2011 included the purchase of the 40% noncontrolling interest in our grinding operation for \$25.3 million, debt issuance costs of \$1.3 million and settlement of a financial derivative of \$3.6 million associated with the senior unsecured notes issued in the second quarter of 2011.

Financing and Capital

We have historically funded our growth, capital spending and acquisitions through a combination of operating cash flows and debt financing. We have an internal long-term objective to maintain long-term debt as a percent of invested capital at or below 40%. At September 29, 2012, our long-term debt to invested capital ratio was 24.2%, as compared with 26.8% at December 31, 2011. Subject to our level of acquisition activity and steel industry operating conditions (which could affect the levels of inventory we need to fulfill customer commitments), we plan to maintain this ratio below 40% in 2012.

Our debt financing at September 29, 2012 consisted primarily of long-term debt. We also maintain certain short-term bank lines of credit totaling \$63.9 million, \$51.8 million of which was unused at September 29, 2012. Our long-term debt principally consists of:

\$450 million face value (\$463 million carrying value) of senior unsecured notes that bear interest at 6.625% per annum and are due in April 2020. We are allowed to repurchase the notes at specified prepayment premiums. These notes are guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries.

\$400 million revolving credit agreement with a group of banks. We may increase the credit facility by up to an additional \$200 million at any time, subject to participating banks increasing the amount of their lending commitments. The interest rate on our borrowings will be, at our option, either:

- (a)

 LIBOR (based on a 1, 2, 3 or 6 month interest period, as selected by us) plus 125 to 225 basis points (inclusive of facility fees), depending on our ratio of debt to earnings before taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), or;
- (b) the higher of

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The higher of (a) the prime lending rate and (b) the Federal Funds rate plus 50 basis points plus in each case, 25 to 125 basis points (inclusive of facility fees), depending on our ratio of debt to EBITDA, or

LIBOR (based on a 1 week interest period) plus 125 to 225 basis points (inclusive of facility fees), depending on our ratio of debt to EBITDA

At September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we had no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit agreement. The revolving credit agreement has a termination date of August 15, 2017, and contains certain financial covenants that may limit our additional borrowing capability under the agreement. At September 29, 2012, we had the ability to borrow an additional \$384.9 million under this facility.

These debt agreements contain covenants that require us to maintain certain coverage ratios and may limit us with respect to certain business activities, including capital expenditures. Our key debt covenants are as follows:

Interest-bearing debt is not to exceed 3.50x EBITDA of the prior four quarters; and

EBITDA over the prior four quarters must be at least 2.50x our interest expense over the same period.

At September 29, 2012, we were in compliance with all covenants related to these debt agreements. The key covenant calculations at September 29, 2012 were as follows:

Interest-bearing debt	\$ 489,183
EBITDA last four quarters	431,496
Leverage ratio	1.13
EBITDA last four quarters	\$ 431,496
Interest expense last four quarters	33,117
Interest earned ratio	13.03

The calculation of EBITDA last four quarters (September 25, 2011 through September 29, 2012) is as follows:

Net cash flows from operations	\$	203,238
Interest expense		33,117
Income tax expense		40,983
Deferred income tax benefit		77,356
Noncontrolling interest		(6,369)
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated subsidiaries		8,861
Stock-based compensation		(6,486)
Pension plan expense		(3,981)
Contribution to pension plan		11,697
Changes in assets and liabilities		73,883
Other		(803)
EBITDA	¢	
	\$	431,496
Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$	431,496 283,767
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Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc. Interest expense Income tax expense	_	283,767 33,117 40,983
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Our businesses are cyclical, but we have diversity in our markets, from a product, customer and a geographical standpoint. We have demonstrated the ability to effectively manage through business cycles and maintain liquidity. We have consistently generated operating cash flows in excess of our capital expenditures. Based on our available credit facilities, recent issuance of senior unsecured notes and our history of positive operational cash flows, we believe that we have adequate liquidity to meet our needs.

We have not made any provision for U.S. income taxes in our financial statements on approximately \$565 million of undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiaries, as we intend to reinvest those earnings. Of our cash balances at September 29, 2012, approximately \$347 million is held in entities outside the United States. If we need to repatriate foreign cash balances to the United States to meet our cash needs, income taxes would be paid to the extent that those cash repatriations were undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiaries. The income taxes that we would pay if cash were repatriated depends on the amounts to be repatriated and from which country. If all of our cash outside the United States were to be repatriated to the United States, we estimate that we would pay approximately \$24.7 million in income taxes to repatriate that cash.

Financial Obligations and Financial Commitments

There have been no material changes to our financial obligations and financial commitments as described on page 39 in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

There have been no changes in our off balance sheet arrangements as described on page 39 in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Critical Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in our critical accounting policies as described on pages 41-44 in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 during the quarter ended September 29, 2012.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

There were no material changes in the company's market risk during the quarter ended September 29. 2012. For additional information, refer to the section "Risk Management" on page 40 in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is (1) accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures and (2) recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

No changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting occurred during the quarter covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

	(a) Total Number of Shares	(b) Average Price paid		Average Price paid		(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced	(d) Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the
Period	Purchased	p	er share	Plans or Programs	Plans or Programs		
July 1, 2012 to July 28, 2012	3,126	\$	125.17				
July 29, 2012 to August 1, 2012	34,796		126.86				
August 2, 2012 to September 29, 2012	1,705		131.67				
Total	39,627	\$	126.93				

During the third quarter, the only shares reflected above were those delivered to the Company by employees as part of stock option exercises, either to cover the purchase price of the option or the related taxes payable by the employee as part of the option exercise. The price paid per share was the market price at the date of exercise.

Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

- 10.1 Credit Agreement, dated as of August 15, 2012, among the Company, Valmont Industries Holland B.V. and Valmont Group Pty. Ltd., as Borrowers, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the other lenders party thereto, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 15, 2012.
- 31.1 Section 302 Certificate of Chief Executive Officer
- 31.2 Section 302 Certificate of Chief Financial Officer
- 32.1 Section 906 Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer
- The following financial information from Valmont's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 29, 2012, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iv) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (v) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity, (vi) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and (vii) document and entity information.

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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 and by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ TERRY J. MCCLAIN

Terry J. McClain

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated this 29th day of October, 2012.

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