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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended October 31, 2012

OR

" 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 1-12557

CASCADE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Oregon (State or other jurisdiction of

93-0136592 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

2201 N.E. 201st Ave. Fairview, Oregon (Address of principal executive office)

97024-9718 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (503) 669-6300

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 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 x No "

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 x No "

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 the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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 "No x

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant s common stock as of November 15, 2012 was 11,199,400.

CASCADE CORPORATION

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Quarter Ended October 31, 2012

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Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q, including Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (Item 2), contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that, if they never materialize or prove incorrect, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. All statements that do not constitute statements of historical fact are deemed forward-looking statements, including any projections or statements of expectations of market conditions, revenue, gross profit, expenses, earnings or losses from operations or other financial items; any discussion of expectations regarding future profitability of operations in particular regions or product lines; any statements of plans, strategies, and objectives of management for future operations; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements of expectation or belief; any discussion of expectations or future occurrences with respect to our proposed acquisition by Toyota Industries Corporation (TICO); and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that could cause material differences from expectations include, but are not limited to:

General business and economic conditions globally;
Competitive factors and the cyclical nature of the materials handling industry and lift truck orders;
Risks and complexities associated with international operations, including foreign currency fluctuations and international tax considerations;
Impact of acquisitions;
Environmental matters;
Cost and availability of raw materials;
Assumptions relating to pension and other postretirement costs; and
The impact of our pending acquisition by TICO, including the potential for diversion of management attention and disruption of our operations and customer relationships, as well as the possibility that conditions to completion of the acquisition, including receipt of required regulatory and, if required by applicable law, shareholder approvals, may not be satisfied or waived, which could delay or prevent the acquisition.

We undertake no obligation to publicly revise or update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date of this report. See Risk Factors under Item 1A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2012, for additional information on risk factors with the potential to impact our financial results and business operations.

PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

CASCADE CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Th	Three Months Ended October 31			Nine Months Ende October 31			
	20	012)11		2012		2011
Net sales	\$ 13	7,193	\$ 13	8,024	\$ 4	414,838	\$ 4	409,843
Cost of goods sold	9	5,105	9	2,841		287,396	2	276,976
Gross profit	4	2,088	4	5,183		127,442		132,867
Selling and administrative expenses	2	3,678	2	1,784		68,282		63,984
Operating income	1	8,410	2	3,399		59,160		68,883
Interest expense (income), net		(56)		20		155		477
Foreign currency loss		22		378		257		1,037
Income before provision for income taxes	1	8,444	2	3,001		58,748		67,369
Provision for income taxes		5,153		3,426		17,610		17,519
Net income	\$ 1	3,291	\$ 1	9,575	\$	41,138	\$	
Basic earnings per share	\$	1.19	\$	1.78	\$	3.71	\$	4.54
Diluted earnings per share	\$	1.16	\$	1.74	\$	3.61	\$	4.42
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	1	1,124	1	1,016		11,090		10,979
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	1	1,423		1,256		11,392		11,280
Cash dividends per share	\$.35	\$.25	\$	1.05	\$.65

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

CASCADE CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited - in thousands)

	Thr	Three Months Ended October 31			Nine			
		2012		2011		2012		2011
Net income	\$	13,291	\$	19,575	\$	41,138	\$	49,850
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:								
Currency translation adjustment		3,360		(6,733)		(630)		2,986
Comprehensive income	\$	16,651	\$	12,842	\$	40,508	\$	52,836

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

CASCADE CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited - in thousands, except per share amounts)

	October 31 2012	January 31 2012
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,248	\$ 24,928
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,149 and \$1,211	84,048	77,752
Inventories	89,461	86,660
Deferred income taxes	4,470	3,822
Assets available for sale		7,572
Prepaid expenses and other	13,635	11,353
Total current assets	226,862	212,087
Property, plant and equipment, net	80,510	71,439
Goodwill	88,324	88,174
Deferred income taxes	22,231	18,964
Other assets	5,601	3,895
Total assets	\$ 423,528	\$ 394,559
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Notes payable to banks	\$	\$ 99
Current portion of long-term debt		590
Accounts payable	27,174	28,280
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	10,042	9,473
Accrued incentive pay	2,119	2,496
Other accrued expenses	12,821	15,580
Total current liabilities	52,156	56,518
Long-term debt, net of current portion	3,200	4,950
Accrued environmental expenses	1,275	2,279
Deferred income taxes and other tax liabilities	11,608	8,626
Employee benefit obligations	8,384	8,228
Other liabilities	2,831	3,231
Total liabilities	79,454	83,832
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		
Shareholders equity:		
Common stock, \$.50 par value, 40,000 authorized shares; 11,199 and 11,088 shares issued and outstanding	5,600	5,544
Additional paid-in capital	17,753	13,252
Retained earnings	280,700	251,280
Accumulated other comprehensive income	40,021	40,651
Total shareholders equity	344,074	310,727
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 423,528	\$ 394,559

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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CASCADE CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

(Unaudited in thousands, except per share amounts)

						cumulated		
			Additional			Other		Total
	Commo	n Stock	Paid-In	Retained	Com	prehensive	Sha	areholders
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Earnings]	Income		Equity
Balance at January 31, 2012	11,088	\$ 5,544	\$ 13,252	\$ 251,280	\$	40,651	\$	310,727
Net income				41,138				41,138
Dividends (\$1.05 per share)				(11,718)				(11,718)
Common stock issued	111	56	786					842
Share-based compensation			2,141					2,141
Tax effect on stock-based compensation			1,574					1,574
Currency translation adjustment						(630)		(630)
Balance at October 31, 2012	11,199	\$ 5,600	\$ 17,753	\$ 280,700	\$	40,021	\$	344,074

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

CASCADE CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited - in thousands)

	Three Months Ended October 31		Nine Mont Octob	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Cash flows from operating activities:		A 10		
Net income	\$ 13,291	\$ 19,575	\$ 41,138	\$ 49,850
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	2,673	2,622	7,879	7,508
Share-based compensation	785	571	2,141	1,916
Deferred income taxes	(693)	(1,635)	(3,983)	(1,445)
Tax effect on share-based compensation		439	(1,574)	(261)
Gain on disposition of assets, net	(6)	(10)	(36)	(146)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisition:				
Accounts receivable	(884)	(555)	(8,396)	(17,794)
Inventories	845	(4,622)	(2,174)	(16,903)
Prepaid expenses and other	(692)	(2,148)	(1,780)	(6,719)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,929	906	(934)	8,679
Income taxes payable and receivable	(1,200)	3,761	(1,299)	2,088
Other assets and liabilities	(366)	804	1,854	2,172
Net cash provided by operating activities	15,682	19,708	32,836	28,945
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Capital expenditures	(3,604)	(3,482)	(9,361)	(9,190)
Proceeds from disposition of assets	45	122	156	1,174
Business acquisition	(68)		(1,266)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,627)	(3,360)	(10,471)	(8,016)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Cash dividends paid	(3,919)	(2,769)	(11,718)	(7,190)
Payments on long-term debt	(20,821)	(37,146)	(116,894)	(77,423)
Proceeds from long-term debt	9,000	10,500	114,700	57,000
Notes payable to banks, net	,	635	(98)	635
Common stock issued under share-based compensation plans	34		842	809
Tax effect on share-based compensation		(439)	1,574	261
Net cash used in financing activities	(15,706)	(29,219)	(11,594)	(25,908)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(450)	523	(451)	(263)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(4,101)	(12,348)	10,320	(5,242)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	39,349	32,143	24,928	25,037
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 35,248	\$ 19,795	\$ 35,248	\$ 19,795

${\bf Supplemental\ disclosure\ of\ cash\ flow\ information:}$

See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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CASCADE CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

Note 1 Description of Business

Cascade Corporation is an international company engaged in the manufacture of material handling products that are widely used on industrial fork lift trucks and, to a lesser extent, construction, mining and agricultural vehicles. Accordingly, our sales are largely dependent on sales of lift trucks and replacement parts. Our sales are made throughout the world. We are headquartered in Fairview, Oregon, employing approximately 1,900 people and maintaining operations in 17 countries outside the United States.

Note 2 Interim Financial Information

The accompanying consolidated financial statements for the interim periods ended October 31, 2012 and 2011 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated financial statements reflect normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for those interim periods. Results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year, and these financial statements do not contain the detail or footnote disclosures concerning accounting policies and other matters that would be included in full fiscal year financial statements. Therefore, these statements should be read in conjunction with our audited financial statements included in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2012.

Note 3 Segment Information

Our operating units have several similar economic characteristics and attributes, including products, distribution patterns and classes of customers. As a result, we aggregate our operating units related to the manufacturing, distribution and servicing of material handling load engagement products into four geographic operating segments, which we identify as the Americas, Europe, Asia Pacific and China. We evaluate the performance of each of our operating segments based on income or loss before interest, foreign currency gains or losses and income taxes. The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies contained in Note 2 of our consolidated financial statements included in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2012.

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Revenues and operating results are classified according to the country of origin. Transfers between areas represent sales between our geographic operating segments. The costs of our corporate office are included in the Americas. Identifiable assets are attributed to the geographic location in which the segments are located. Net sales and transfers, operating results and identifiable assets by geographic operating segment were as follows (in thousands):

Segment Information

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended October 31					
2012	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	China	er 31 Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 78,857	\$ 22,495	\$ 19,741	\$ 16,100	\$	\$ 137,193
Transfers between areas	5,299	222	15,741	7,590	(13,126)	ψ 137,193
Transfers between areas	3,299	222	13	7,390	(13,120)	
Net sales and transfers	\$ 84,156	\$ 22,717	\$ 19,756	\$ 23,690	\$ (13,126)	\$ 137,193
Gross profit	\$ 24,976	\$ 4,079	\$ 5,752	\$ 7,281		\$ 42,088
Selling and administrative	14,837	4,014	3,111	1,716		23,678
Operating income	\$ 10,139	\$ 65	\$ 2,641	\$ 5,565		\$ 18,410
Total assets	\$ 220,498	\$ 85,620	\$ 53,892	\$ 63,518		\$ 423,528
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 30,963	\$ 17,720	\$ 12,232	\$ 19,595		\$ 80,510
Capital expenditures	\$ 2,245	\$ 566	\$ 209	\$ 584		\$ 3,604
Depreciation expense	\$ 1,330	\$ 474	\$ 247	\$ 537		\$ 2,588
			Three Months	Ended Octob	er 31	
			Asia			
2011	Americas	Europe	Pacific	China	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 73,309	\$ 27,184	\$ 20,158	\$ 17,373	\$	\$ 138,024
Transfers between areas	6,946	107	15	9,016	(16,084)	
Net sales and transfers	\$ 80,255	\$ 27,291	\$ 20,173	\$ 26,389	\$ (16,084)	\$ 138,024
Gross profit	\$ 26,500	\$ 5.767	\$ 5,912	\$ 7,004		\$ 45,183
Selling and administrative	12,373	4,658	3,007	1,746		21,784
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Operating income	\$ 14,127	\$ 1,109	\$ 2,905	\$ 5,258		\$ 23,399
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Total assets	\$ 191,550	\$ 96,531	\$ 49,493	\$ 64,509		\$ 402,083
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 28,771	\$ 10,430	\$ 11,174	\$ 19,551		\$ 69,926
Capital expenditures	\$ 1,528	\$ 495	\$ 842	\$ 617		\$ 3,482
Depreciation expense	\$ 1,327	\$ 467	\$ 187	\$ 606		\$ 2,587
	Nine Months Ended October 31 Asia					
2012	Americas	Europe	Pacific	China	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 231,142	\$ 72,522	\$ 62,134	\$ 49,040	\$	\$ 414,838
Transfers between areas	18,995	672	55	24,149	(43,871)	
Net sales and transfers	\$ 250,137	\$ 73,194	\$ 62,189	\$ 73,189	\$ (43,871)	\$ 414,838

Gross profit	\$ 74,023	\$ 14,376	\$ 17,647	\$ 21,396		\$ 127,442
Selling and administrative	41,867	12,444	8,917	5,054		68,282
Operating income	\$ 32,156	\$ 1,932	\$ 8,730	\$ 16,342		\$ 59,160
Capital expenditures	\$ 5,262	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,362	\$ 1,530		\$ 9,361
Depreciation expense	\$ 3,892	\$ 1,376	\$ 701	\$ 1,667		\$ 7,636
			Nine Months I	Ended Octobe	r 31	
2011	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	China	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 212,038	\$ 83,967	\$ 59,417	\$ 54,421	\$	\$ 409,843
Transfers between areas	22,975	748	103	25,075	(48,901)	Ψ +02,0+3
Transfers between areas	22,773	7 10	103	23,073	(10,501)	
Net sales and transfers	\$ 235,013	\$ 84,715	\$ 59,520	\$ 79,496	\$ (48,901)	\$ 409,843
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Gross profit	\$ 73,189	\$ 18,289	\$ 18,985	\$ 22,404		\$ 132,867
Selling and administrative	37,015	14,073	8,168	4,728		63,984
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Operating income	\$ 36,174	\$ 4,216	\$ 10,817	\$ 17,676		\$ 68,883
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Capital expenditures	¢ 3.623	\$ 1.267	\$ 1,002	\$ 2308		\$ 0.100
Capital expenditures Depreciation expense	\$ 3,623 \$ 3,743	\$ 1,267 \$ 1,396	\$ 1,992 \$ 487	\$ 2,308 \$ 1,776		\$ 9,190 \$ 7,402

Note 4 Inventories

During the nine months ended October 31, 2012, inventories increased primarily due to additional product needed to meet expected customer demand and a business acquisition in Brazil. Inventories stated at the lower of average cost or market are presented below by major class (in thousands):

	October 31 2012	January 31 2012
Finished goods	\$ 34,758	\$ 31,913
Raw materials and components	54,703	54,747
	\$ 89,461	\$ 86,660

Note 5 Goodwill

During the nine months ended October 31, 2012, goodwill increased due to the impact of changes in foreign currencies. We have no goodwill recorded in China. The following table provides a breakdown of goodwill by geographic region (in thousands):

	October 31 2012	January 31 2012
Americas	\$ 75,115	\$ 74,914
Europe	10,275	10,332
Asia Pacific	2,934	2,928
	\$ 88,324	\$ 88,174

Note 6 Share-Based Compensation Plans

We have granted three types of share-based awards to officers, key managers and directors under our share based compensation plans; stock appreciation rights (SARS), restricted stock and stock options. The grant prices applicable to SARS and stock options are established by our Board of Directors Compensation Committee at the time the awards are granted. We have issued new common shares upon the exercise of all share-based awards, although we have the option of satisfying exercised SARs with cash.

SARS provide the holder the right to receive an amount, payable in our common shares, or at our election in cash, equal to the excess of the market value of our common shares on the date of exercise (intrinsic value) over the base price at the time the right was granted. The base price may not be less than the market price of our common shares on the date of grant. All SARS vest ratably over a four-year period and have a term of ten years.

Restricted stock is a grant of common shares to a recipient, subject to restrictions on transfer and possible forfeiture until vesting conditions are satisfied. Regardless of vesting, restricted shares have full voting rights and any dividends declared will be paid to the restricted stock recipient free of restrictions. Restricted shares granted to officers vest ratably over a period of three years. Restricted shares granted to directors prior to June 1, 2010 vest ratably over a period of four years and grants after May 31, 2010 vest after one year.

Stock options provide the holder the right to receive our common shares at an established price. No additional stock options can be granted under the terms of our plans. All outstanding stock options are fully vested and have a term of ten years from date of grant.

The following table provides the number of shares to be issued under our share-based plans, based on outstanding awards as of October 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Stock Options	SARS and Restricted Stock
Common stock previously issued	1,259	221
Restricted stock previously issued		203
Shares issuable upon exercise of SARS, based on \$64.99 share		
price at October 31, 2012		407
Shares issuable upon exercise of stock options	92	
Estimated shares to be issued	1,351	831
Maximum shares of common stock to be issued per plan document	1,400	1,000

A summary of the status of our plans at October 31, 2012, together with changes during the nine months then ended, is presented in the following tables (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Sto Outstanding Awards	Exer	ns ted Average rcise Price r Share	Outstanding Awards	Exer	ted Average cise Price r Share
Balance at January 31, 2012	151	\$	14.72	855	\$	35.85
Granted				115		50.12
Exercised	(59)		14.24	(18)		30.19
Forfeited				(5)		73.73
Balance at October 31, 2012	92	\$	15.03	947	\$	37.50

	Restricted Stock Awards		
		Weight	ted Average
		Gra	ant Date
	Number of	Fai	ir Value
	Shares	Pe	r Share
Unvested restricted stock at January 31, 2012	62	\$	41.14
Granted	44		45.42
Vested	(33)		39.44
Unvested restricted stock at October 31, 2012	73	\$	44.52

We calculate share-based compensation cost for stock options and SARS using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The range of assumptions used to compute share-based compensation is as follows:

	Granted in Fiscal 2013	Granted Prior to Fiscal 2013
Risk-free interest rate	1.6%	2.1% - 5.1%
Expected volatility	60.0%	40.0% - 56.0%
Expected dividend yield	2.8%	0.6% - 2.8%
Expected life (in years)	6	5 - 7
Weighted average fair value at date of grant	\$ 22.44	\$4.16 - \$33.31

We calculate share-based compensation cost for restricted stock by multiplying the fair market value of our common shares on the grant date by the number of restricted shares expected to vest. Share-based compensation is expensed ratably over the applicable vesting period. Additional information regarding the assumptions used to calculate fair value under our share-based compensation plans is presented in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2012.

The following table shows the share-based compensation costs to be recognized in future periods for awards granted to date as of October 31, 2012 (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amount
2013*	\$ 757
2014	2,554
2015	1,782
2016	864
2017	96

\$ 6,053

Note 7 Commitments and Contingencies

Environmental Matters

We are subject to environmental laws and regulations, which include obligations to remove or mitigate environmental effects of past disposal and release of certain wastes and substances at various sites. We record liabilities for affected sites when environmental assessments indicate probable cleanup and the costs can be reasonably estimated. Other than for costs of assessments themselves, the timing and amount of these liabilities is determined based on the estimated costs of remediation activities and our commitment to a formal plan of action, such as an approved remediation plan. The reliability and precision of the loss estimates are affected by numerous factors, such as different stages of site evaluation and reevaluation of the degree of remediation required. We adjust our liabilities as new remediation requirements are defined, as information becomes available permitting reasonable estimates to be made and to reflect new and changing facts.

It is reasonably possible that changes in estimates will occur in the near term and the related adjustments to environmental liabilities may have a material impact on our operating results. Unasserted claims are not currently reflected in our environmental remediation liabilities. It is also reasonably possible that these claims may also have a material impact on our operating results if asserted. We cannot predict when the additional expense will be necessary or the amount of any additional loss or range of loss that may reasonably be possible.

^{*} Represents last three months of fiscal 2013.

Our specific environmental matters consist of the following:

Fairview, Oregon

In 1996, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued two Records of Decision affecting our Fairview, Oregon manufacturing facility. The Records of Decision required us to initiate remediation activities related to the cleanup of groundwater contamination at and near the facility. Remediation activities have been conducted since 1996 and current estimates provide for some level of activity to continue through 2019. Costs of certain remediation activities at the facility are shared with The Boeing Company, with Cascade paying 70% of these costs. The recorded liability for ongoing remediation activities at our Fairview facility was \$1.6 million at October 31, 2012 and \$2.4 million at January 31, 2012.

Springfield, Ohio

In March 2010, we signed a Facility Lead Corrective Action Agreement (Action Agreement) with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, which outlines a more comprehensive remediation plan at our Springfield, Ohio facility. We had previously been performing our remediation activities under a consent order signed in 1994, which had required the installation of remediation systems for the cleanup of groundwater contamination. The Action Agreement specifies an action plan that would allow us to be more proactive in our environmental cleanup efforts. The current estimate is that the remediation activities will continue through 2019. The recorded liability for ongoing remediation activities in Springfield was \$1 million at October 31, 2012 and \$1.1 million at January 31, 2012.

As of October 31, 2012 and January 31, 2012, a total of \$1.3 million of environmental costs are included on the consolidated balance sheet as a component of other accrued expenses.

Legal Proceedings

We are subject to legal proceedings, claims and litigation, in addition to the items discussed, arising in the ordinary course of business. While the outcome of these matters is currently not determinable, management does not expect the ultimate costs to be material to our consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

Two lawsuits have been filed against Cascade in connection with the proposed acquisition of Cascade by TICO as follows:

On November 1, 2012, a shareholder class action complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, captioned IBEW Local 98 Pension Fund v. Cascade Corporation, et al., Case No. 1211-13867. The complaint names as defendants Cascade, TICO, Purchaser, and each of the Cascade directors (Individual Defendants). The complaint alleges generally that the Individual Defendants have breached their fiduciary duties and that Cascade, TICO and Purchaser aided and abetted the purported breaches of fiduciary duties. The complaint includes, among others, allegations that the Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by initiating a sales process that undervalued Cascade, vesting themselves with benefits not shared equally by Cascade or the public shareholders, capping the price of Cascade at a level that does not adequately reflect Cascade as true value and failing to ensure a fair process and maximization of shareholder value. The relief sought includes, among other things, an injunction prohibiting consummation of the proposed transaction, rescission (to the extent the proposed transaction has already been consummated) and the payment of plaintiffs attorneys fees and costs. Because this complaint is at a very early stage, it is not possible for us to determine whether there is a reasonable possibility that a loss has been incurred nor can we estimate the amount or range of potential loss.

On November 2, 2012, a second shareholder class action complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, captioned Joseph Polyak v. Robert C. Warren, Jr., et al., Case No. 1211-13933. On November 9, 2012, an amended complaint was filed in this matter alleging generally that Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties and that Cascade, TICO, and Purchaser aided and abetted the purported breaches of fiduciary duties. The amended complaint includes, among others, allegations that the Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by attempting to sell Cascade to TICO by means of an unfair process and for an unfair price. The amended complaint also generally alleges that the Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to disclose in the Schedule 14D-9 all information material to the decisions confronting Cascade s shareholders in the Schedule 14D-9. The relief sought includes, among other things, an injunction prohibiting the consummation of the proposed transaction, rescission (to the extent that the proposed transaction has already been consummated), an accounting to plaintiff and other members of the class for damages resulting from any breach of fiduciary duties, and the payment of plaintiffs attorneys fees and costs. Because this complaint is at a very early stage, it is not possible for us to determine whether there is a reasonable possibility that a loss has been incurred nor can we estimate the amount or range of potential loss.

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Note 8 Earnings Per Share

The following table presents the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Thre	ee Months E 2012	nded (October 31 2011	Nine	e Months E 2012	anded (October 31 2011
Basic earnings per share:								
Net income	\$	13,291	\$	19,575	\$	41,138	\$	49,850
Weighted average shares outstanding		11,124		11,016		11,090		10,979
	\$	1.19	\$	1.78	\$	3.71	\$	4.54
Diluted earnings per share:								
Net income	\$	13,291	\$	19,575	\$	41,138	\$	49,850
Weighted average shares outstanding		11,124		11,016		11,090		10,979
Dilutive effect of stock awards		299		240		302		301
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding		11,423		11,256		11,392		11,280
	\$	1.16	\$	1.74	\$	3.61	\$	4.42

Basic earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted weighted average common shares includes the incremental shares that would be issued upon the assumed exercise of stock options and SARS and the amount of unvested restricted stock. All unvested restricted stock was included in our calculation of incremental shares for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2012 because they were dilutive. The number of unexercised SARS that were not included in the calculation as the impact would be antidilutive are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended October 31		Nine Months Ended October 3		
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Excluded Awards:					
Unexercised SARS awards	259	231	259	188	
Note 9 Supplemental Cash Flow Information					

The following table presents information that supplements the consolidated statements of cash flows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended October 31			Nine Months Ended October 31				
		2012	2	011		2012		2011
Cash paid during the period for:								
Interest	\$	109	\$	225	\$	468	\$	851
Income taxes	\$	6,938	\$	(93)	\$	19,984	\$	14,058

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Note 10 Benefit Plans

The following table represents the net periodic cost related to our defined benefit plans in England and France and our postretirement health benefit plan in the United States (in thousands):

		Defined Benefit Three Months Ended October 31		ment Benefit Ended October 31	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Net periodic benefit cost:					
Service cost	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 27	\$ 22	
Interest cost	96	115	85	95	
Expected return on plan assets	(119)	(118)			
Recognized prior service cost			(19)	(19)	
Recognized net actuarial loss	8	29	6		
	\$ (11)	\$ 30	\$ 99	\$ 98	

	Defined I Nine Months En 31		Postretirem Nine Mont Octob	hs Ended
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net periodic benefit cost:				
Service cost	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 81	\$ 66
Interest cost	285	348	255	285
Expected return on plan assets	(353)	(357)		
Recognized prior service cost			(57)	(57)
Recognized net actuarial loss	24	88	18	
	\$ (32)	\$ 91	\$ 297	\$ 294

Note 11 Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Impairment Test of Indefinite-Lived Intangible Asset

In July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an accounting update which amended how entities test for impairment of indefinite-lived intangible assets. The new guidance permits a company to assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the annual impairment test. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012, and is effective for our first quarter of fiscal 2014. The adoption of the guidance is not expected to have an impact on our results of operations or financial position.

Note 12 Warranty Obligations

We record a liability on our consolidated balance sheet for costs related to warranties with the sales of our products. This liability is estimated through historical customer claims, product failure rates, material usage and service delivery costs incurred in correcting defective products. Our warranty obligations, which are recorded in other accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheets, were as follows (in thousands):

	2012	2011
Balance at January 31	\$ 1,723	\$ 1,339
Accruals for warranties issued during the period	2,119	1,950
Accruals for pre-existing warranties	129	102
Settlements during the period	(2,377)	(1,759)

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Foreign currency changes	(9)	15
Balance at October 31	\$ 1,585	\$ 1,647

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Note 13 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

During the nine months ended October 31, 2012, accumulated other comprehensive income decreased due to fluctuations in foreign currencies. The following table presents the changes in and the components of accumulated other comprehensive income (in thousands):

	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Minimum Pension				
	Translation Adjustment	Liability	y Adjustment	Total	
Balance at January 31, 2012	\$ 41,530	\$	(879)	\$ 40,651	
Currency translation adjustment	(614)		(16)	(630)	
Balance at October 31, 2012	\$ 40,916	\$	(895)	\$ 40,021	

Note 14 Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the nine months ended October 31, 2012 was 30% compared with 26% for the nine months ended October 31, 2011 and 27% for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2012. For the first nine months of fiscal 2013, our effective tax rate was less than the US tax rate of 35% primarily due to lower tax rates in foreign jurisdictions where we earned income, and the first quarter release of a \$1.7 million valuation allowance recorded against deferred tax assets in The Netherlands. The effective tax for the nine months ended October 31, 2012 is higher than the effective tax rate for the full year ended January 31, 2012 mostly due to the release of a \$3.6 million valuation allowance relating to improved financial performance in The Netherlands in fiscal 2012, compared to the release of \$1.7 million in tax valuation allowance in The Netherlands during the current year.

In recent years, we have recorded significant deferred tax assets related to net operating losses in Europe. In assessing the ability to realize these deferred tax assets, we considered whether it is more-likely-than-not that some portion or all of our deferred tax assets will not be realized through the generation of future taxable income. Management quarterly assesses the need for valuation allowances on deferred tax assets based on all available positive and negative evidence. The primary negative evidence is continuing operating losses. Positive evidence consists of improved financial performance over time due to market conditions, restructuring activities and expected future taxable income. If the estimates of future taxable income vary from actual results, our assessment regarding the realization of these deferred tax assets could change. Future changes in the estimated amount of deferred taxes expected to be realized will be reflected in the Company s financial statements in the period the estimate is changed, with a corresponding adjustment to operating results. Changes in estimates may occur often and can have a significant favorable or unfavorable impact on the Company s operating results period-to-period.

At October 31, 2012, we continue to provide valuation allowances of \$25 million against deferred tax assets relating to net operating loss carryforwards generated in Europe that we currently do not expect to realize.

As of October 31, 2012, our liability for uncertain tax positions was \$5.8 million, excluding interest and penalties. We recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. As of October 31, 2012, we had approximately \$2.3 million of accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

We are subject to taxation primarily in the jurisdictions where we have operations. As of October 31, 2012, we remain subject to examination in various state and foreign jurisdictions for the 2003 2011 fiscal tax years.

Note 15 Australia Flood

Our operations in Brisbane, Australia, were significantly disrupted in January 2011 due to damage from flooding caused by heavy rainfall in the Queensland, Australia region. During fiscal 2012, we restored our operations to pre-flood conditions.

The flood resulted in charges of \$2.8 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2012. We have not incurred any charges during fiscal 2013. We received \$5.1 million of insurance proceeds during the first nine months of fiscal 2012. We may receive additional insurance proceeds in the fourth quarter of up to \$4 million for capital expenditures related to equipment not yet placed in service. We have not yet received any insurance proceeds during the current year.

The following table shows flood-related costs and insurance proceeds recorded during fiscal 2012 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended October 31, 2011		Nine Months End October 31, 2011	
Cost of Goods Sold Related				
Flood-related costs	\$	(9)	\$	630
Insurance proceeds				(2,666)
Net recovery		(9)		(2,036)
Selling, General & Administrative Related				
Flood-related costs		132		2,131
Insurance proceeds				(2,397)
Net expense (recovery)		132		(266)
Total Flood Related				
Flood-related costs		123		2,761
Insurance proceeds				(5,063)
Net recovery	\$	123	\$	(2,302)

Note 16 Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The fair value of our financial instruments represents the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced sale or liquidation. The carrying amount of our cash equivalents, trade receivables and payables and notes payable to banks approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments. The long-term debt balance recorded on the Company s balance sheet as of October 31, 2012 and January 31, 2012 approximates fair value, due to the variable interest rate on the debt and consideration of credit risk, and is a level 2 liability in the fair value hierarchy.

Note 17 Acquisition

In March 2012, we purchased the assets, including inventory, accounts receivable and intangible assets, of our exclusive distributor located in Santos, Brazil. The total purchase price was \$1.2 million.

Note 18 Proposed Sale of Cascade Corporation

On October 22, 2012, Cascade entered into a definitive agreement and plan of merger with TICO and Industrial Components and Attachments II, Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of TICO (Purchaser), pursuant to which TICO has agreed, subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, to acquire 100 percent of Cascade s outstanding shares of common stock for \$65 per share in cash, in a transaction with a total value of approximately \$759 million.

The merger agreement provides that the acquisition will be effected first through a tender offer by Purchaser (the Offer) to acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.50 per share, of Cascade, for \$65.00 per share (the Offer Price), followed by a second-step merger of Purchaser into Cascade, with Cascade surviving as an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of TICO. As a consequence of the merger, all Cascade shares not accepted for tender in the Offer will be converted into the right to receive the Offer Price.

Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, Purchaser commenced the Offer on November 2, 2012, and the Offer was originally scheduled to expire on December 3, 2012; however, the Offer is now expected to expire no earlier than December 4, 2012, due to TICO s withdrawal and re-filing of regulatory filings in the United States, unless extended beyond that date in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement.

The closing of the Offer is conditioned upon satisfaction or waiver of customary closing conditions, including, without limitation, Cascade s shareholders validly tendering at least a majority of Cascade s outstanding common shares (on a fully diluted basis), there being no legal restraints prohibiting the Offer, the second-step merger, or the other transaction contemplated by the merger agreement, and expiration or termination of the applicable waiting periods under the United States Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and the German Act Against Restraints on Competition.

The merger agreement includes customary termination provisions in favor of both Cascade and TICO and provides that, in connection with the termination of the merger agreement, under certain circumstances, Cascade must pay TICO a termination fee.

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Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Our businesses globally manufacture and distribute material handling load engagement products primarily for the lift truck industry and to a lesser extent the construction industry. We operate in four geographic segments: Americas, Europe, Asia Pacific and China. The Americas region includes activity in North, Central and South America.

All references to fiscal years are defined as the year ended January 31, 2012 (fiscal 2012) and the year ending January 31, 2013 (fiscal 2013).

RECENT TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING OUR RESULTS

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Global Economic & Lift Truck Market Conditions

Volatility in the global lift truck market is continuing. The Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific markets experienced flat to moderate growth. China s shipments were well below prior year shipments, which were at record levels.

The following tables show the quarter-over-quarter percent change in global lift truck shipments and orders by region:

	Lift Truck Shipments Q3 Fiscal 2013 vs 2012	Lift Truck Orders Q3 Fiscal 2013 vs 2012
Americas	(1%)	5%
Europe	(4%)	1%
Asia Pacific	0%	(1%)
China	(15%)	(8%)
Global	(5%)	(1%)

Currently, the lift truck market is the only direct economic or industrial indicator we have available for our markets. While results across this market do not correlate exactly with our business levels over the short term, since customers in the various end markets use our products to differing degrees, it does give us a good indication of trends over the year.

Additional information on lift truck industry trends can be found at www.cascorp.com/investor/industrytrends. This website address is intended to provide an inactive, textual reference only. The information at this website is not part of this Form 10-Q and is not incorporated by reference.

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COMPARISON OF THIRD QUARTER OF FISCAL 2013 AND FISCAL 2012

Executive Summary

	Three Months Ended October 31			
	2012	2011	Change	Change %
	(In t	housands except po	er share amounts	s)
Net sales	\$ 137,193	\$ 138,024	\$ (831)	(1%)
Gross profit %	31%	33%		
Operating income	\$ 18,410	\$ 23,399	\$ (4,989)	(21%)
Operating income %	13%	17%		
Income before taxes	\$ 18,444	\$ 23,001	\$ (4,557)	(20%)
Provision for income taxes	5,153	\$ 3,426	\$ 1,727	50%
Effective tax rate	28%	15%		
Net income	\$ 13,291	\$ 19,575	\$ (6,284)	(32%)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.74	\$ (0.58)	(33%)

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year quarter are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ 1,105	1%
Foreign currency change	(1,936)	(2%)
Total	\$ (831)	(1%)

The following is an overview for the three months ended October 31, 2012 and 2011. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Consolidated net sales increased slightly due to higher sales of products related to the construction industry in the Americas region.

Our consolidated gross profit percentage decreased to 31% during the third quarter of fiscal 2013 primarily due to proportionately higher sales of lower margin products.

Selling and administrative expense increased due primarily to approximately \$1.9 million of costs related to the pending acquisition by Toyota Industries Corporation.

Operating income decreased 21% primarily due to the combined effects of our lower gross proft percentage and increases in selling and administrative expenses primarily related to our proposed acquisition by TICO.

The effective tax rate of 28% during the third quarter of fiscal 2013 was higher than the effective tax rate of 15% in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 primarily due to the release of a \$3.6 million tax valuation allowance in The Netherlands in the prior period.

Americas

	Three Months I	Three Months Ended October 31		
	2012	2011	Change	Change %
Net sales	\$ 78,857	\$ 73,309	\$ 5,548	8%
Transfers between areas	5,299	6,946	(1,647)	(24%)
Net sales and transfers	84,156	80,255	3,901	5%
Cost of goods sold	59,180	53,755	5,425	10%
Gross profit	24,976	26,500	(1,524)	(6%)
Gross profit %	30%	33%		
Selling and administrative	14,837	12,373	2,464	20%
Operating income	\$ 10,139	\$ 14,127	\$ (3,988)	(28%)
Operating income %	12%	18%		

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year quarter are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ 5,499	8%
Foreign currency change	49	0%
Total	\$ 5,548	8%

The following summarizes financial results for the Americas for the third quarter of fiscal 2013. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Net sales increased 8% primarily due to higher sales volumes of products to the construction industry.

Our gross profit percentage was lower compared to the prior year due to proportionately higher sales of lower margin products, including to the construction industry.

Selling and administrative expense increased due primarily to approximately \$1.9 million of costs related to the pending acquisition by Toyota Industries Corporation.

Europe

	Three	Months En	nded O	ctober 31		
	20)12	2	2011	Change	Change %
Net sales	\$ 22	2,495	\$	27,184	\$ (4,689)	(17%)
Transfers between areas		222		107	115	107%
Net sales and transfers	22	2,717		27,291	(4,574)	(17%)
Cost of goods sold	18	8,638		21,524	(2,886)	(13%)
Gross profit	4	4,079		5,767	(1,688	(29%)
Gross profit %		18%		21%		
Selling and administrative	4	4,014		4,658	(644	(14%)
Operating income	\$	65	\$	1,109	\$ (1,044	(94%)
Operating income %		0%		4%		

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year quarter are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ (2,813)	(10%)
Foreign currency change	(1,876)	(7%)
Total	\$ (4.689)	(17%)

The following summarizes financial results for Europe for the third quarter of fiscal 2013. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Net sales decreased 10% primarily as a result of a weakening lift truck market reflective of economic conditions in Europe.

The decrease in our gross profit percentage is a result of lower cost absorption due to decreased sales volumes and higher product costs.

Selling and administrative costs decreased during the current year primarily due to foreign currency rate changes and lower personnel and consulting costs.

Asia Pacific

	Three Months En	nded October 31 2011	Change	Change %
Net sales	\$ 19,741	\$ 20,158	\$ (417)	(2%)
Transfers between areas	15	15		0%
Net sales and transfers	19,756	20,173	(417)	(2%)
Cost of goods sold	14,004	14,261	(257)	(2%)
Gross profit	5,752	5,912	(160)	(3%)
Gross profit %	29%	29%	, ,	, í
Selling and administrative	3,111	3,007	104	3%
Operating income	\$ 2,641	\$ 2,905	\$ (264)	(9%)
Operating income %	13%	14%		

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year quarter are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ (104)	0%
Foreign currency change	(313)	(2%)
Total	\$ (417)	(2%)

The following summarizes financial results for Asia Pacific for the third quarter of fiscal 2013. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Net sales in the region remained flat as an increase in sales in Australia was offset by sales decreases in Japan and Korea.

In general, operating results during the third quarter of fiscal 2012 were relatively consistent with the prior year as econcomic conditions in this region remained stable.

China

	Three Months En	nded October 31 2011	Change	Change %
Net sales	\$ 16,100	\$ 17,373	\$ (1,273)	(7%)
Transfers between areas	7,590	9,016	(1,426)	(16%)
Net sales and transfers	23,690	26,389	(2,699)	(10%)
Cost of goods sold	16,409	19,385	(2,976)	(15%)
Gross profit	7,281	7,004	277	4%
Gross profit %	31%	27%		
Selling and administrative	1,716	1,746	(30)	(2%)
Operating income	\$ 5,565	\$ 5,258	\$ 307	6%
Operating income %	23%	20%		

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year quarter are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ (1,477)	(8%)
Foreign currency change	204	1%
Total	\$ (1,273)	(7%)

The following summarizes financial results for China for the third quarter of fiscal 2013. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Net sales decreased 8% primarily due to a slowdown in the Chinese economy and the lift truck industry.

Our gross profit percentage increased due to an increased percentage of higher margin product sales and a reduction in the cost of steel.

COMPARISON OF THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF FISCAL 2013 AND FISCAL 2012

Executive Summary

	Nine Months End	Nine Months Ended October 31				
	2012	2011	Change	Change %		
	(In t	housands except p	er share amounts	s)		
Net sales	\$ 414,838	\$ 409,843	\$ 4,995	1%		
Gross profit %	31%	32%				
Operating income	\$ 59,160	\$ 68,883	\$ (9,723)	(14%)		
Operating income %	14%	17%				
Income before taxes	\$ 58,748	\$ 67,369	\$ (8,621)	(13%)		
Provision for income taxes	\$ 17,610	\$ 17,519	\$ 91	1%		
Effective tax rate	30%	26%				
Net income	\$ 41,138	\$ 49,850	\$ (8,712)	(17%)		
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 3.61	\$ 4.42	\$ (0.81)	(18%)		

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ 11,666	3%
Foreign currency change	(6,671)	(2%)
Total	\$ 4,995	1%

The following is an overview for the nine months ended October 31, 2012 and 2011. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Consolidated net sales increased 3% due to higher sales volumes as a result of increased demand in the construction industry and a strong lift truck market in the Americas and Asia Pacific regions.

Our consolidated gross profit percentage decreased during fiscal 2013 as a result of increased sales of lower margin product.

Operating income was impacted during the current year by a 9% increase in selling and administrative expenses primarily due to \$1.9 million of costs associated with the pending sale of the Company to Toyota Industries Corporation and higher personnel costs, professional and legal expenses, consulting fees, product liability costs and warranty charges.

The higher effective tax rate in the current year is primarily due to the release of a \$3.6 million tax valuation allowance in The Netherlands during the prior year, compared to the release of \$1.7 million in tax valuation allowance in The Netherlands during the current year.

Americas

	Nine Months En			
	2012	2011	Change	Change %
Net sales	\$ 231,142	\$ 212,038	\$ 19,104	9%
Transfers between areas	18,995	22,975	(3,980)	(17%)
Net sales and transfers	250,137	235,013	15,124	6%
Cost of goods sold	176,114	161,824	14,290	9%
Gross profit	74,023	73,189	834	1%
Gross profit %	30%	31%		
Selling and administrative	41,867	37,015	4,852	13%
Operating income	\$ 32,156	\$ 36,174	\$ (4,018)	(11%)
Operating income %	13%	15%		

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ 19,679	9%
Foreign currency change	(575)	0%
Total	\$ 19.104	9%

The following summarizes financial results for the Americas for the first nine months of fiscal 2013. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Net sales increased 9% due to higher sales volumes as a result of a strong lift truck market in the Americas, higher sales of products to the construction industry and sales price increases.

Our gross profit percentage decreased slightly compared to the prior year as the benefit of higher sales volumes was more than offset by higher sales of lower margin product.

Selling and administrative expense increased due to \$1.9 million of costs associated with the pending sale of the Company to Toyota Industries Corporation and higher consulting, personnel, insurance and product liability costs.

Europe

	Nine Months En			
	2012	2011	Change	Change %
Net sales	\$ 72,522	\$ 83,967	\$ (11,445)	(14%)
Transfers between areas	672	748	(76)	(10%)
Net sales and transfers	73,194	84,715	(11,521)	(14%)
Cost of goods sold	58,818	66,426	(7,608)	(11%)
Gross profit	14,376	18,289	(3,913)	(21%)
Gross profit %	20%	22%		
Selling and administrative	12,444	14,073	(1,629)	(12%)
Operating income	\$ 1,932	\$ 4,216	\$ (2,284)	(54%)
Operating income %	3%	5%		

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year quarter are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ (5,052)	(6%)
Foreign currency change	(6,393)	(8%)
Total	\$ (11 445)	(14%)

The following summarizes financial results for Europe for the first nine months of fiscal 2013. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Net sales decreased 6% primarily as a result of a weakening lift truck market, due to economic conditions in the region.

The decrease in our gross profit percentage is a result of lower cost absorption due to decreased sales volumes and higher product costs from changes in foreign currency rates.

Asia Pacific

	Nine Months Ended October 31				
	2012	2011	Change	Change %	
Net sales	\$ 62,134	\$ 59,417	\$ 2,717	5%	
Transfers between areas	55	103	(48)	(47%)	
Net sales and transfers	62,189	59,520	2,669	4%	
Cost of goods sold	44,542	40,535	4,007	10%	
Gross profit	17,647	18,985	(1,338)	(7%)	
Gross profit %	28%	32%			

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Selling and administrative	8,917	8,168	749	9%
Operating income	\$ 8,730	\$ 10,817	\$ (2,087)	(19%)
Operating income %	14%	18%		

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Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ 3,543	6%
Foreign currency change	(826)	(1%)
Total	\$ 2,717	5%

The following summarizes financial results for Asia Pacific for the first nine months of fiscal 2013. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Net sales increased 6% primarily due to higher sales volumes as a result of a strong lift truck market throughout the region.

Our prior year gross profit percentage included net insurance proceeds of \$2 million related to the Australia flood. Without these insurance proceeds, the gross profit percentage would have been 28% for both years.

During the first nine months of fiscal 2012, operating income reflects \$2.3 million from net flood insurance proceeds related to the Australia flood. We did not receive any insurance proceeds and did not incur any significant flood related costs during the first nine months of fiscal 2013.

China

	Nine Months End				
	2012	2011	Change	Change %	
Net sales	\$ 49,040	\$ 54,421	\$ (5,381)	(10%)	
Transfers between areas	24,149	25,075	(926)	(4%)	
Net sales and transfers	73,189	79,496	(6,307)	(8%)	
Cost of goods sold	51,793	57,092	(5,299)	(9%)	
Gross profit	21,396	22,404	(1,008)	(4%)	
Gross profit %	29%	28%			
Selling and administrative	5,054	4,728	326	7%	
Operating income	\$ 16,342	\$ 17,676	\$ (1,334)	(8%)	
Operating income %	22%	22%			

Details of the change in net sales compared to the prior year are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount	Change %
Net sales change	\$ (6,504)	(12%)
Foreign currency change	1,123	2%
Total	\$ (5.381)	(10%)

The following summarizes financial results for China for the first nine months of fiscal 2013. All percentage change comparisons to the prior year exclude the impact of foreign currencies:

Net sales decreased 12% primarily due to a slowdown in the Chinese economy and lift truck industry.

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Our gross profit percentage increased compared to the prior year as the impact of lower cost absorption due to decreased sales volumes was more than offset by decreased sales volumes of lower margin product and decreases in steel prices.

CASH FLOWS

Statements of Cash Flows

The statements of cash flows reflect the changes in cash and cash equivalents for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2012 and October 31, 2011 by classifying transactions into three major categories of activities: operating, investing and financing.

The following table presents a summary of our cash flows:

	Three Months Ended October 31 2012 2011 (In thousands)			Nin	October 31 2011 s)			
Operating activities	\$	15,682	\$	19,708	\$	32,836	\$	28,945
Investing activities		(3,627)		(3,360)		(10,471)		(8,016)
Financing activities		(15,706)		(29,219)		(11,594)		(25,908)
Effect of exchange rate changes		(450)		523		(451)		(263)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(4,101)	\$	(12,348)	\$	10,320	\$	(5,242)

Operating Activities

Our primary source of liquidity is cash generated from operating activities, which is measured as net income adjusted for changes in working capital and non-cash operating items such as depreciation, amortization and share-based compensation.

The following are operating activity highlights:

Net income was lower during fiscal 2013 compared to fiscal 2012 primarily due to higher gross profit and lower selling and administrative costs during fiscal 2012 and flood insurance proceeds received in the prior year.

Inventories increased \$2 million during fiscal 2013 primarily due to product needed to meet expected customer demand and a business acquisition in Brazil, compared to an increase of \$17 million during fiscal 2012 as a result of a significant increase in customer demand.

During the first nine months of fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2012, accounts receivable increased primarily as a result of higher sales. However, the accounts receivable increase during fiscal 2012 was significantly higher.

Investing Activities

Our primary investing activity is capital expenditures, which are primarily for equipment and tooling related to product improvements, more efficient production methods and replacement for normal wear and tear. Capital expenditures by geographic segment were as follows (in thousands):

	Thre	Three Months Ended October 31			Nine Months Ended October 31				
		2012		2011		2012		2011	
Americas	\$	2,245	\$ 1,	528	\$	5,262	\$	3,623	
Europe		566		495		1,207		1,267	
Asia Pacific		209		842		1,362		1,992	
China		584		617		1,530		2,308	
	\$	3,604	\$ 3.	482	\$	9,361	\$	9,190	