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FORM 10-Q**

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

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 No. 000-51728

AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Dakota
(State of Incorporation)

43-1481791
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Clark Street, St. Charles, Missouri
(Address of principal executive offices)

63301
(Zip Code)

(636) 940-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 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 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 definition 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 Non-accelerated filer 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

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, without par value, outstanding on November 1, 2011 was 21,352,297 shares.

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(In thousands, except share amounts)

	As of	
	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(unaudited)	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 284,099	\$ 318,758
Accounts receivable, net	32,441	21,002
Accounts receivable, due from related parties	3,473	4,981
Income taxes receivable	14,878	14,939
Inventories, net	114,628	50,033
Deferred tax assets	3,632	3,029
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,502	2,654
 Total current assets	 456,653	 415,396
 Property, plant and equipment, net	 175,630	 181,255
Deferred debt issuance costs	1,489	1,951
Interest receivable, due from related parties	308	187
Goodwill	7,169	7,169
Investments in and loans to joint ventures	45,319	48,169
Other assets	862	240
 Total assets	 \$ 687,430	 \$ 654,367
 Liabilities and Stockholders Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 66,417	\$ 29,334
Accounts payable, due to related parties	499	275
Accrued expenses and taxes	8,909	5,095
Accrued compensation	10,880	11,054
Accrued interest expense	1,719	6,875
 Total current liabilities	 88,424	 52,633
 Senior unsecured notes	 275,000	 275,000
Deferred tax liability	8,226	7,938
Pension and post-retirement liabilities	6,132	6,707
Other liabilities	2,700	4,313
 Total liabilities	 380,482	 346,591
 Commitments and contingencies		

Stockholders' equity:

Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, 21,352,297 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2011 and 21,316,296 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2010	214	213
Additional paid-in capital	239,608	238,947
Retained earnings	66,475	67,209
Accumulated other comprehensive income	651	1,407
 Total stockholders' equity	 306,948	 307,776
 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	 \$ 687,430	 \$ 654,367

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(In thousands, except per share amounts, unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Revenues:		
Manufacturing operations (including revenues from affiliates of \$0 and \$19,274 for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	\$ 108,615	\$ 48,404
Railcar services (including revenues from affiliates of \$6,916 and \$4,263 for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	17,169	16,393
Total revenues	125,784	64,797
Cost of revenues:		
Manufacturing operations	(98,211)	(49,366)
Railcar services	(12,618)	(13,141)
Total cost of revenues	(110,829)	(62,507)
Gross profit	14,955	2,290
Selling, administrative and other (including costs to a related party of \$145 and \$154 for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	(2,934)	(6,232)
Earnings (loss) from operations	12,021	(3,942)
Interest income (including income from related parties of \$717 for both the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010)	1,005	1,058
Interest expense	(4,478)	(5,316)
Other income (including income from a related party of \$4 for both the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010)	5	4
Loss from joint ventures	(2,170)	(1,946)
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	6,383	(10,142)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(2,357)	3,890
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 4,026	\$ (6,252)
Net earnings (loss) per common share basic and diluted	\$ 0.19	\$ (0.29)
Weighted average common shares outstanding basic and diluted	21,352	21,302
Dividends declared per common share	\$	\$

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(In thousands, except per share amounts, unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Revenues:		
Manufacturing operations (including revenues from affiliates of \$1,221 and \$65,401 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	\$ 271,908	\$ 127,262
Railcar services (including revenues from affiliates of \$19,049 and \$10,283 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	50,632	51,011
Total revenues	322,540	178,273
Cost of revenues:		
Manufacturing operations	(250,892)	(131,643)
Railcar services	(38,493)	(40,814)
Total cost of revenues	(289,385)	(172,457)
Gross profit	33,155	5,816
Selling, administrative and other (including costs to a related party of \$436 and \$462 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	(14,878)	(17,925)
Earnings (loss) from operations	18,277	(12,109)
Interest income (including income from related parties of \$2,111 and \$1,938 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	2,865	2,557
Interest expense	(15,143)	(15,956)
Other income (including income from a related party of \$11 and \$12 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively)	24	381
Loss from joint ventures	(7,241)	(5,999)
Loss before income taxes	(1,218)	(31,126)
Income tax benefit	484	11,969
Net loss	\$ (734)	\$ (19,157)
Net loss per common share basic and diluted	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.90)
Weighted average common shares outstanding basic and diluted	21,351	21,302
Dividends declared per common share	\$	\$

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(In thousands, unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (734)	\$ (19,157)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	16,872	17,777
Amortization of deferred costs	524	524
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	82	34
Stock based compensation	(1,128)	2,353
Change in interest receivable, due from related parties	(120)	837
Change in investments in joint ventures as a result of loss	7,241	5,999
Realized gain on short-term investments available-for-sale securities		(379)
Deferred income tax benefit	(312)	(12,320)
(Recovery) provision for doubtful accounts receivable	(26)	68
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(11,437)	(7,663)
Accounts receivable, due from related parties	1,448	(4,601)
Income taxes receivable	(12)	831
Inventories, net	(64,633)	(18,049)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(848)	1,032
Accounts payable	37,091	15,462
Accounts payable, due to related parties	224	(196)
Accrued expenses and taxes	(1,989)	(4,408)
Other	(1,463)	19
Net cash used in operating activities	(19,220)	(21,837)
Investing activities:		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(11,836)	(4,852)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	117	104
Proceeds from the sale of short-term investments available-for-sale securities		4,180
Investments in and loans to joint ventures	(4,453)	(14,298)
Net cash used in investing activities	(16,172)	(14,866)
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from stock option exercises	756	
Net cash provided by financing activities	756	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(23)	1
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(34,659)	(36,702)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	318,758	347,290

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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 284,099	\$ 310,588
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(unaudited)

Note 1 Description of the Business

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by American Railcar Industries, Inc. (a North Dakota corporation) and subsidiaries (collectively the Company or ARI), without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Certain information and footnote disclosure normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2010 has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheets as of that date. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's latest annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. In the opinion of management, the information contained herein reflects all adjustments necessary to make the results of operations for the interim periods fairly stated. The results of operations of any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a fiscal year.

ARI manufactures railcars, which are offered for sale or lease, custom designed railcar parts and other industrial products, primarily aluminum and special alloy steel castings. These products are sold to various types of companies including leasing companies, railroads, industrial companies and other non-rail companies. ARI provides railcar repair and maintenance services for railcar fleets. In addition, ARI provides fleet management and maintenance services for railcars owned by certain customers. Such services include inspecting and supervising the maintenance and repair of such railcars.

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of ARI and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries; Castings, LLC (Castings), ARI Component Venture, LLC (ARI Component), American Railcar Mauritius I (ARM I), American Railcar Mauritius II (ARM II) and ARI Longtrain, Inc. (Longtrain). From time to time, the Company makes investments through Longtrain. For further information on the Company's other wholly-owned subsidiaries, refer to Note 8. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. The Company's operations are located in the United States and Canada. The Company operates a railcar repair facility in Sarnia, Ontario Canada. Canadian revenues were 1.4% and 2.0% of total consolidated revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Canadian revenues were 1.5% and 2.3% of total consolidated revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Canadian assets were 1.7% of total consolidated assets as of both September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. In addition, the Company's subsidiaries ARM I and ARM II are located in Mauritius, through which the Company holds a 50% interest in an Indian joint venture. Refer to Note 8 for further information. Assets held by ARM I and ARM II were 1.2% and 1.5% of total consolidated assets as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

Note 2 Summary of Accounting Policies

Other than the accounting policies included below that were updated during the third quarter of 2011, there have been no material changes to the other accounting policies that were included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

Revenue recognition

Revenues from railcar sales are recognized following completion of manufacturing, inspection, customer acceptance and title transfer, which is when the risk for any damage or loss with respect to the railcars passes to the customer. Paint and lining work may be outsourced and, as a result, the sale for the railcar may be recorded after customer acceptance when it leaves the manufacturing plant and the sale for the lining work may be separately recorded following completion of that work by the independent contractor, customer acceptance and final shipment. Revenues from railcar leasing are recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease. Revenues from railcar and industrial components are recorded at the time of product shipment, in accordance with the Company's contractual terms. Revenue for railcar maintenance services is recognized upon completion and shipment of railcars from ARI's plants. The Company does not currently bundle railcar service contracts with new railcar sales. Revenue for fleet management services is recognized as performed.

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The Company records amounts billed to customers for shipping and handling as part of sales and records related costs in cost of revenue.

ARI presents any sales tax assessed by a governmental authority that is directly imposed on a revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer on a net basis.

Revenues related to consulting type contracts are accounted for under the percentage-of-completion method. Profits expected to be realized on these contracts are based on the total contract revenues and costs based on the estimate of the percentage of project completion. Revenues recognized in excess of amounts billed are recorded to unbilled revenues and included in other current assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Billings in excess of revenues recognized on in-progress contracts are recorded to unbilled costs and included in other current liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. These estimates are reviewed and revised periodically throughout the term of the contracts and any adjustments are recorded on a cumulative basis in the period the revisions are made.

Use of estimates

ARI has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Significant items subject to estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to, deferred taxes, workers compensation accrual, valuation allowances for accounts receivable and inventory obsolescence, depreciable lives of assets, goodwill impairment, stock based compensation fair values, the reserve for warranty claims and revenue recognized under the percentage-of-completion method. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In September 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued authoritative guidance related to intangibles goodwill and other, which allows for companies to first consider qualitative factors as a basis for assessing impairment and determining the necessity of a detailed impairment test. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011 with early adoption permitted. The Company plans on adopting the guidance for the first quarter of 2012. The adoption of the new guidance will not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued authoritative guidance to amend current comprehensive income guidance. The new guidance eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of shareholders' equity. Instead, the Company must report comprehensive income in either a single continuous statement of comprehensive income which contains two sections, net income and other comprehensive income, or in two separate but consecutive statements. This guidance is effective for the interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 with early adoption permitted. The Company plans on adopting the guidance for the first quarter of 2012. The adoption of the new guidance will not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements as it only requires a change in the format of the current presentation.

Note 3 Short-term Investments Available-for-Sale Securities

During January 2008, Longtrain purchased approximately 1.5 million shares of common stock in the open market for \$27.9 million. Subsequently, Longtrain sold a majority of the shares it owned. This investment was classified as a short-term investment available-for-sale security as the Company did not intend on holding the investment long-term. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the remaining approximately 0.4 million shares of common stock were sold for proceeds of \$4.1 million and realized gains totaling \$0.4 million. As the shares were sold in the first half of 2010, there was no effect on the three months ended September 30, 2010. The cost basis of the shares sold was determined through specific identification.

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The fair value hierarchical disclosure framework prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments and non-recurring nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities at fair value. Market price observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of investment and the characteristics specific to the investment or nonfinancial assets and liabilities. Investments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value.

Financial assets and liabilities measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical financial assets and/or liabilities as of the reporting date. The type of financial assets and/or liabilities included in Level 1 include listed equities and listed derivatives. The Company does not adjust the quoted price for these financial assets and/or liabilities, even in situations where they hold a large position and a sale could reasonably impact the quoted price.

Level 2 Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. Financial assets and/or liabilities that are generally included in this category include corporate bonds and loans, less liquid and restricted equity securities and certain over-the-counter derivatives.

Level 3 Pricing inputs are unobservable for the financial assets and/or liabilities and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the financial assets and/or liabilities. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, financial assets and/or liabilities level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. ARI's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the financial assets and/or liabilities. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other current assets, and accounts payable approximate fair value, due to their short-term nature.

Note 5 Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(in thousands)	
Raw materials	\$ 75,035	\$ 30,676
Work-in-process	32,766	14,270
Finished products	8,948	7,183
Total inventories	116,749	52,129
Less reserves	(2,121)	(2,096)
Total inventories, net	\$ 114,628	\$ 50,033

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The following table summarizes the components of property, plant and equipment.

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(in thousands)	
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings	\$ 149,077	\$ 149,021
Machinery and equipment	185,873	177,217
	334,950	326,238
Less accumulated depreciation	(164,718)	(149,304)
Net property, plant and equipment	170,232	176,934
Land	3,335	3,335
Construction in process	2,063	986
Total property, plant and equipment	\$ 175,630	\$ 181,255

Depreciation expense

Depreciation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$5.4 million and \$5.9 million, respectively. Depreciation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$16.9 million and \$17.8 million, respectively.

Capitalized interest

In conjunction with the interest costs incurred related to the Unsecured Senior Fixed Rate Notes offering described in Note 10, the Company has been recording capitalized interest on certain property, plant and equipment capital projects. ARI also capitalizes interest related to the Unsecured Senior Fixed Rate Notes for investments made in equity method joint ventures but only for those investments made while the joint venture is in the development phase.

Lease agreements

The Company leases railcars to third parties under multiple year agreements. Certain leases include provisions that allow the lessee to purchase the leased railcars for stated market prices, which approximate fair value. These agreements have been classified as operating leases and the leased railcars have been included in machinery and equipment and are depreciated in accordance with the Company's depreciation policy.

Note 7 Goodwill

Goodwill is not amortized but it is tested for impairment at least annually by comparing the fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying value. The Company has \$7.2 million of goodwill related to the acquisition of Custom Steel in 2006. The results of Custom Steel are included in the manufacturing operations segment.

The Company performs an annual goodwill impairment test as of March 1 of each year utilizing the market and income approaches and significant assumptions are discussed below:

Market Approach

The market approach produces indications of value by applying multiples of enterprise value to revenue as well as enterprise value to earnings before depreciation, amortization, interest and taxes. The multiples indicate what investors are willing to pay for comparable publicly held companies. When adjusted for the risk level and growth potential of the subject company relative to the guideline companies, these multiples are a reasonable indication of the value an investor would attribute to the subject company.

Income Approach

The income approach considers the subject company's future sales and earnings growth potential as the primary source of future cash flow. ARI prepared a five year financial projection for the reporting unit and used a discounted net cash

flow method to determine the fair value. Net cash flow consists of after-tax operating income, plus depreciation, less capital expenditures and working capital needs. The discounted cash flow method considers a five-year projection of net cash flow and adds to those cash flows a residual value at the end of the projection period.

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Significant estimates and assumptions used in the evaluation were forecasted revenues and profits, the weighted average cost of capital and tax rates. Forecasted revenues of reporting unit were estimated based on historical trends of the ARI plants that the reporting unit supplies parts to, which are driven by the railcar market forecast. Forecasted margins were based on historical experience. The reporting unit does not have a selling, administrative or executive staff; therefore, an estimate of salaries and benefits for key employees was added to selling, administrative and other costs. The weighted average cost of capital was calculated using ARI's estimated cost of equity and debt.

All of the above estimates and assumptions were determined by management to be reasonable based on the knowledge and information at the time of the evaluation. As such, this carries a risk of uncertainty. There could be significant fluctuations in the cost of raw materials, unionization of the Company's workforce or other factors that might significantly affect the reporting unit's cost structure and negatively impact the projection of financial performance. If the railcar industry forecasts or ARI's market share were to change significantly, the fair value of the reporting unit would be materially adversely impacted. Other events that might occur that could have a negative effect would be a natural disaster that would render the facility unusable, a significant litigation settlement, a significant workers compensation claim or other event that would result in a production shut down or significant expense to the reporting unit.

The March 1, 2011 evaluation equally weighted the values derived from each approach to arrive at the fair value of the reporting unit. The reporting unit with a goodwill balance passed Step 1 of the March 1, 2011 goodwill impairment analysis. All Step 1 results had fair values in excess of carrying values by at least 60%, resulting in no impairment of goodwill.

Note 8 Investments in and Loans to Joint Ventures

As of September 30, 2011, the Company was party to three joint ventures: Ohio Castings LLC (Ohio Castings), Axis LLC (Axis) and Amtek Railcar Industries Private Limited (Amtek Railcar). Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Castings, the Company has a one-third ownership interest in Ohio Castings, a limited liability company formed to produce various steel railcar parts for use or sale by the ownership group. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, ARI Component, the Company has a 41.9% ownership interest in Axis, a limited liability company formed to produce railcar axles, for use or sale by the ownership group. The Company has a wholly-owned subsidiary, ARM I that wholly-owns ARM II. Through ARM II, the Company has a 50.0% ownership interest in Amtek Railcar, a joint venture that was formed to produce railcars and railcar components in India for sale by the joint venture.

The Company accounts for these joint ventures using the equity method. Under this method, the Company recognizes its share of the earnings and losses of the joint ventures as they accrue. Advances and distributions are charged and credited directly to the investment accounts.

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The carrying amount of investments in and loans to joint ventures are as follows:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
	(in thousands)	
Carrying amount of investments in and loans to joint ventures		
Ohio Castings	\$ 5,778	\$ 5,232
Axis	30,156	33,436
Amtek Railcar	9,385	9,501
Total investments in and loans to joint ventures	\$ 45,319	\$ 48,169

The maximum exposure to loss as a result of investments in and loans to joint ventures are as follows:

	September 30, 2011
	(in thousands)
Maximum exposure to loss by joint venture	
Ohio Castings	
Investment	\$ 5,284
Note and accrued interest receivable ¹	545
Total Ohio Castings exposure	5,829
Axis	
Investment	
Loans, accrued interest receivable and accrued unused line fee ¹	30,450
Total Axis exposure	30,450
Amtek Railcar exposure	9,385
Total exposure to loss due to joint ventures	\$ 45,664

¹ Accrued interest receivable is included in interest receivable, due from related parties, and accrued unused line fee is included in accounts receivable, due from related parties, on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Ohio Castings

In June 2009, Ohio Castings temporarily idled its manufacturing facility due to the decline in the railcar industry. Due to the facility remaining temporarily idle, as of August 31, 2010, Ohio Castings performed an analysis of its long-lived assets and concluded that no impairment existed. ARI updated its evaluation of its investment in Ohio Castings and determined that the decrease in value was temporary and there was no impairment as of September 30, 2010.

Ohio Castings first reported a loss in the first quarter of 2009 and continued to report losses due to its temporarily idled state. ARI obtained Ohio Castings' long-lived asset impairment analysis and reviewed it for reasonableness. The assumptions used in the impairment analysis are consistent with the market data reported by an independent third party analyst and historical financial results. The decline in earnings capacity is consistent with industry forecasts, as reported by an independent third party analyst, and is considered temporary. The Company and Ohio Castings will continue to monitor for impairment. During the second quarter of 2011, ARI and the other joint venture partners agreed to restart production at Ohio Castings and Ohio Castings began shipping product in the third quarter of 2011.

Ohio Castings has notes payable to ARI and the other two partners, with a current balance of \$0.5 million, each, that were due February 2012. Interest continued to accrue but interest payments had been deferred until August 2011. Accrued interest for this note as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 was less than \$0.1 million. Ohio Castings and the joint venture partners renegotiated the terms during the third quarter of 2011 and the notes are now due November 2012. Interest will continue to accrue but interest payments have been deferred until May 2012. During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, ARI made capital contributions totaling \$2.1 million to Ohio Castings to fund the restart of production. The other two partners made matching contributions. In 2010, ARI made capital contributions to Ohio Castings totaling \$0.6 million to fund expenses including debt payments during the temporary plant idling. The other two partners made matching contributions.

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The Company, along with the other members of Ohio Castings, guaranteed a state loan issued to Ohio Castings by the state of Ohio and bonds payable to the state of Ohio. The state loan and bonds payable were paid off in June 2011 and December 2010, respectively, and ARI was released from the respective guarantees. The value of the guarantee of the state loan was less than \$0.1 million as of December 31, 2010.

The Company accounts for its investment in Ohio Castings using the equity method. The Company has determined that, although the joint venture is a variable interest entity (VIE), this method is appropriate given that the Company is not the primary beneficiary, does not have a controlling financial interest and does not have the ability to individually direct the activities of Ohio Castings that most significantly impact its economic performance. The significant factors in this determination were that neither the Company nor Castings, has rights to the majority of returns, losses or votes, all major and strategic decisions are decided between the partners, and the risk of loss to Castings and the Company is limited to the Company's investment through Castings, the note and related accrued interest due to ARI.

See Note 17 for information regarding financial transactions among the Company, Ohio Castings and Castings.

Summary financial results for Ohio Castings, the investee company, in total, are as follows:

	Three months ended September 30, 2011 2010 (in thousands)		Nine months ended September 30, 2011 2010 (in thousands)	
Results of operations				
Revenues	\$ 11,516	\$	\$ 11,548	\$
Gross loss	(1,748)		(1,748)	
Loss before interest	(1,707)	(915)	(4,633)	(2,126)
Net loss	\$ (1,722)	\$ (918)	\$ (4,661)	\$ (2,185)

Axis

In June 2007, ARI, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into an agreement with another partner to form a joint venture, Axis, to manufacture and sell railcar axles. In February 2008, the two original partners sold equal equity interests in Axis to two new minority partners. During 2010, one of the minority partners sold its interest to the other initial partner. Although the other initial partner's interest in Axis is greater than ARI's as a result of the sale, the sale did not result in the other initial partner gaining a controlling interest in Axis.

Under the terms of the joint venture agreement, ARI and the other initial partner are required, and the other member is entitled, to contribute additional capital to the joint venture, on a pro rata basis, of any amounts approved by the joint venture's executive committee, as and when called by the executive committee. Further, until 2016, the seventh anniversary of completion of the axle manufacturing facility, and subject to other terms, conditions and limitations of the joint venture agreement, ARI and the other initial partner are also required, in the event production at the facility has been curtailed, to contribute capital to the joint venture, on a pro rata basis, in order to maintain adequate working capital.

During 2010, the executive committee of Axis issued a capital call. The minority partner(s) elected not to participate in the capital call and ARI and the other initial partner equally contributed the necessary capital, which amounted to \$0.5 million each for 2010. The capital contributions were utilized for working capital. The partners' ownership percentages have been adjusted accordingly. As of September 30, 2011, ARI's ownership interest was 41.9%. Effective August 5, 2009, ARI Component and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the other initial partner acquired a loan to Axis (Axis Credit Agreement), with each party acquiring a 50.0% interest in the loan. Under the Axis Credit Agreement, the original lenders made financing available to Axis in an aggregate amount of up to \$70.0 million, consisting of up to \$60.0 million in term loans and up to \$10.0 million in revolving loans. The purchase price paid by the Company for its 50.0% interest was approximately \$29.5 million, which equaled the then outstanding principal

amount of the portion of the loan acquired by the Company.

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The Axis Credit Agreement was amended on March 31, 2011. Under the amendment, the commitment to make term loans expires on December 31, 2011. The first payment on the term loans will become due and payable on March 31, 2012. Thereafter payments are due each fiscal quarter in equal installments, with the last payment due on December 31, 2016.

The commitment to make revolving loans under the Axis Credit Agreement will expire and the revolving loans will become due and payable on December 28, 2012. Axis may borrow revolving loans up to \$10.0 million, subject to borrowing base availability.

Subject to certain limitations, at the election of Axis, the interest rate for the loans under the Axis Credit Agreement, as amended, is based on LIBOR or the prime rate. For LIBOR-based loans, the interest rate is equal to the greater of 7.75% or adjusted LIBOR plus 4.75%. For prime-based loans, the interest rate is equal to the greater of 7.75% or the prime rate plus 2.5%. Interest on LIBOR-based loans is due and payable, at the election of Axis, every one, two, three or six months, and interest on prime-based loans is due and payable monthly. In accordance with the terms of the agreement as amended, Axis has satisfied interest on the term loan by increasing the outstanding principal by the amount of interest that was otherwise due and payable in cash. Axis' ability to satisfy the term loan interest by increasing the principal balance ceased on September 30, 2011. The first interest payment is due and payable October 31, 2011.

ARI currently intends to fund the cash needs of Axis through loans and capital contributions through at least March 31, 2012. The other initial joint venture partner has also indicated its intent to fund the cash needs of Axis through loans and capital contributions through at least March 31, 2012.

The balance outstanding on these loans, due to ARI Component, was \$31.4 million in principal and \$5.7 million of accrued interest as of September 30, 2011 and \$31.9 million in principal and \$3.6 million of accrued interest as of December 31, 2010. ARI Component is responsible for funding 50.0% of the loan commitments. ARI Component's share of the remaining commitment on these loans, term and revolving, was \$3.6 million as of September 30, 2011.

The Company accounts for its investment in Axis using the equity method. The Company has determined that, although the joint venture is a VIE, this method is appropriate given that the Company is not the primary beneficiary, does not have a controlling financial interest and does not have the ability to individually direct the activities of Axis that most significantly impact its economic performance. The significant factors in this determination were that the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary do not have the rights to the majority of votes or the rights to the majority of returns or losses, the executive committee and board of directors of the joint venture are comprised of one representative from each initial partner with equal voting rights and the risk of loss to the Company and subsidiary is limited to its investment in Axis and the loans, related accrued interest and related accrued unused line fees due to the Company under the Axis Credit Agreement. The Company also considered the factors that most significantly impact Axis' economic performance and determined that ARI does not have the power to individually direct the majority of those activities.

See Note 17 for information regarding financial transactions among the Company, ARI Component and Axis.

Summary financial results for Axis, the investee company, in total, are as follows:

	Three months ended September 30, 2011		Nine months ended September 30, 2011	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Financial Results				
Revenues	\$ 9,478	\$ 5,681	\$ 27,298	\$ 11,849
Gross loss	(1,176)	(1,723)	\$ (6,398)	(7,125)
Operating loss	(1,391)	(2,000)	(7,072)	(7,749)
Net loss	\$ (2,800)	\$ (3,438)	\$ (11,252)	\$ (11,633)

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Revenues for Axis have improved as production volumes have increased. However, Axis' net loss remains consistent due to inefficiencies from the ramp up of production. The recent downturn has also begun to improve consistent with industry forecasts, as reported by an independent third party analyst. As such, Axis has not performed a long-lived asset impairment analysis.

As of September 30, 2011, the investment in Axis was comprised entirely of ARI's term loan, revolver, related accrued interest and related accrued unused line fees due from Axis. Based on the discussion above, this loan has been evaluated to currently be fully recoverable. The Company will continue to monitor its investment in Axis for impairment.

Amtek Railcar

In June 2008, the Company, through ARM I and ARM II, entered into an agreement with a partner in India to form a joint venture company to manufacture, sell and supply freight railcars and their components in India and other countries to be agreed upon at a facility to be constructed in India by the joint venture. In March 2010, the Company made a \$9.8 million equity contribution to Amtek Railcar. ARI's ownership in this joint venture is 50.0%. Amtek Railcar is considered a development stage enterprise as it has not completed construction of its manufacturing facility nor started production.

The Company accounts for its investment in Amtek Railcar using the equity method. The Company has determined that, although the joint venture is a VIE, this method is appropriate given that the Company is not the primary beneficiary, does not have a controlling financial interest and does not have the ability to individually direct the activities of Amtek Railcar that most significantly impact its economic performance. The significant factors in this determination were that Amtek Railcar is a development stage enterprise, the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries do not have the rights to the majority of returns, losses or votes and the risk of loss to the Company and subsidiaries is limited to its investment in Amtek Railcar.

Summary financial results for Amtek Railcar, the investee company, are as follows:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Financial Results				
Revenues	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross profit				
Loss before interest	(908)	(180)	(2,099)	(322)
Net loss	\$ (842)	\$ (180)	\$ (1,692)	\$ (322)

USRC

In February 2010, ARI, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, ARI DMU LLC, formed USRC, a joint venture with two other partners that the Company expected would design, manufacture and sell diesel multiple units (DMUs) to public transit authorities and communities upon order. DMUs are self-propelled passenger railcars in both single- and bi-level configurations. During the fourth quarter of 2010, ARI dissolved USRC due to market conditions. The Company made equity contributions totaling \$0.3 million throughout 2010 and those contributions were fully offset by losses.

Note 9 Warranties

The Company's standard warranty is up to one year for parts and services and five years for new railcars. Factors affecting the Company's warranty liability include the number of units sold, historical and anticipated rates of claims and historical and anticipated costs per claim. Fluctuations in the Company's warranty provision and experience of warranty claims are the result of variations in these factors. The Company assesses the adequacy of its warranty

liability based on changes in these factors.

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The overall change in the Company's warranty reserve is reflected on the condensed consolidated balance sheet in accrued expenses and taxes and is detailed as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Liability, beginning of period	\$ 1,160	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,094
Provision for warranties issued during the year, net of adjustments	278	303	756	758
Provision for warranties issued during the previous years, net of adjustments	(39)	(109)	(40)	(185)
Warranty claims	(230)	(119)	(698)	(532)
Liability, end of period	\$ 1,169	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,169	\$ 1,135

Note 10 Long-term Debt

In February 2007, the Company issued \$275.0 million unsecured senior fixed rate notes that were subsequently exchanged for registered notes in March 2007 (Notes). The fair value of these Notes was approximately \$269.5 million as of September 30, 2011, based on the closing market price as of that date, which is a Level 1 input. For definition and discussion of a Level 1 input for fair value measurement, refer to Note 4.

The Notes bear a fixed interest rate that is set at 7.5% and are due in 2014. Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on March 1 and September 1. The terms of the Notes contain restrictive covenants that limit the Company's ability to, among other things, incur additional debt, make certain restricted payments and enter into certain significant transactions with stockholders and affiliates. Based on certain financial ratios, certain of these covenants, including the Company's ability to incur additional debt, have been more restricted since the first quarter of 2010 and remain so through September 30, 2011. The Company was in compliance with all of its covenants under the Notes as of September 30, 2011.

Since March 1, 2011, the Company has been able to redeem the Notes in whole or in part at a redemption price equal to 103.75% of the principal amount of the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest. The redemption price declines annually until it is reduced to 100.0% of the principal amount of the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest beginning on March 1, 2013. The Notes are due in full plus accrued unpaid interest on March 1, 2014.

Note 11 Income Taxes

For Federal purposes, the Company's tax years 2008 to 2010 remain open to examination. For state purposes, the Company's tax years 2006 to 2010 remain open to examination by various taxing jurisdictions with the latest statute of limitations expiring in 2014. The Company's foreign tax returns for years 2008 to 2010 remain open to examination.

Note 12 Employee Benefit Plans

The Company is the sponsor of two defined benefit pension plans that cover certain employees at designated repair facilities. One plan, which covers certain salaried and hourly employees, is frozen and no additional benefits are accruing thereunder. The second plan, which covers only certain of the Company's union employees, is currently active and benefits will continue to accrue thereunder until January 1, 2012, when the plan will be frozen. The assets of all funded plans are held by independent trustees and consist primarily of equity and fixed income securities. The Company is also the sponsor of an unfunded, non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plan (SERP) in which several of its current and former employees are participants. The SERP is frozen and no additional benefits are accruing thereunder.

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The Company also provides postretirement healthcare benefits for certain of its retired employees and life insurance benefits for certain of its union employees. Employees may become eligible for healthcare benefits and union employees may become eligible for life insurance benefits, only if they retire after attaining specified age and service requirements. These benefits are subject to deductibles, co-payment provisions and other limitations. During 2009, postretirement healthcare premium rates for retirees were increased. This change resulted in a decrease to the postretirement benefit liability of \$2.8 million that was recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income as of December 31, 2009. This adjustment is being recognized over the remaining weighted-average service period of active plan participants.

The components of net periodic benefit cost for the pension and postretirement plans are as follows:

	Pension Benefits			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Service cost	\$ 79	\$ 66	\$ 237	\$ 200
Interest cost	254	257	762	769
Expected loss on plan assets	(249)	(222)	(748)	(664)
Amortization of unrecognized net loss	94	86	283	258
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	2	2	6	6
Adjustment to benefits		15		43
Net periodic benefit cost recognized	\$ 180	\$ 204	\$ 540	\$ 612

	Postretirement Benefits			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Service cost	\$	\$	\$ 1	\$ 1
Interest cost	1	1	3	4
Amortization of prior service credit	(98)	(97)	(294)	(293)
Amortization of gain (loss)	(22)	(25)	(67)	(75)
Net periodic income recognized	\$ (119)	\$ (121)	\$ (357)	\$ (363)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Pension	\$ 180	\$ 204	\$ 540	\$ 612
Postretirement	(119)	(121)	(357)	(363)
Total net periodic benefit cost recognized for all plans	\$ 61	\$ 83	\$ 183	\$ 249

The Company also maintains qualified defined contribution plans, which provide benefits to ARI's employees based on employee contributions, years of service, and employee earnings with discretionary contributions allowed. Expenses related to these plans were \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Expenses related to these plans were \$0.6 million for both the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

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Note 13 Commitments and Contingencies

The Company's Axis joint venture entered into a credit agreement in December 2007. Effective August 5, 2009, the Company and the other initial partner acquired this loan from the lenders party thereto, with each party acquiring a 50.0% interest in the loan. The total commitment under the term loan is \$60.0 million with an additional \$10.0 million commitment under the revolving loan. ARI Component is responsible to fund 50.0% of the loan commitments. The balance outstanding on these loans, due to ARI Component, was \$31.4 million of principal and \$5.7 million of accrued interest, both as of September 30, 2011. ARI Component's share of the remaining commitment on these loans was \$3.6 million as of September 30, 2011. See Note 8 for further information regarding this transaction and the terms of the underlying loan.

The Company is subject to comprehensive federal, state, local and international environmental laws and regulations relating to the release or discharge of materials into the environment, the management, use, processing, handling, storage, transport or disposal of hazardous materials and wastes, or otherwise relating to the protection of human health and the environment. These laws and regulations not only expose ARI to liability for the environmental condition of its current or formerly owned or operated facilities, and its own negligent acts, but also may expose ARI to liability for the conduct of others or for ARI's actions that were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time these actions were taken. In addition, these laws may require significant expenditures to achieve compliance and are frequently modified or revised to impose new obligations. Civil and criminal fines and penalties and other sanctions may be imposed for non-compliance with these environmental laws and regulations. ARI's operations that involve hazardous materials also raise potential risks of liability under common law. Management believes that there are no current environmental issues identified that would have a material adverse effect on the Company. Certain real property ARI acquired from ACF Industries LLC (ACF) in 1994 has been involved in investigation and remediation activities to address contamination. ACF is an affiliate of Mr. Carl Icahn, the chairman of ARI's board of directors and, through Icahn Enterprises L.P. (IELP), its principal beneficial stockholder. Substantially all of the issues identified relate to the use of this property prior to its transfer to ARI by ACF and for which ACF has retained liability for environmental contamination that may have existed at the time of transfer to ARI. ACF has also agreed to indemnify ARI for any cost that might be incurred with those existing issues. As of the date of this report, ARI does not believe it will incur material costs in connection with any investigation or remediation activities relating to these properties, but it cannot assure that this will be the case. If ACF fails to honor its obligations to ARI, ARI could be responsible for the cost of such remediation. The Company believes that its operations and facilities are in substantial compliance with applicable laws and regulations and that any noncompliance is not likely to have a material adverse effect on its operations or financial condition.

ARI is a party to collective bargaining agreements with labor unions at two repair facilities that expire in January 2013 and September 2013. ARI is also party to a collective bargaining agreement with a labor union at a parts manufacturing facility that expires in April 2014.

In the first half of 2011, the Company entered into agreements to purchase certain railcar parts during 2011 for current railcar orders that contain minimum purchase commitments. The remaining commitments under these agreements, in the aggregate, were approximately \$20.6 million as of September 30, 2011.

On December 16, 2010, a complaint was filed by Steve Garvin, Deloris Garvin, and Garvin Enterprise, Inc. (the Plaintiffs) against the Company's subsidiaries Southwest Steel I, LLC, Southwest Steel II, LLC and Southwest Steel III, LLC, d/b/a Southwest Steel Casting Co., in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, 295th Judicial District. On July 25, 2011, the complaint was amended to include ARI as a party to the litigation. The Plaintiffs allege that ARI improperly used their former employees to source components from Chinese suppliers in contravention of contractual relationships among the parties and in a manner that compromised the Plaintiffs' relationships with the Chinese suppliers. The Plaintiffs seek direct, consequential and other damages for breach of contract, tortious interference with an existing contract, trade secret misappropriation, civil conspiracy, civil theft, conversion and unfair competition. The Plaintiffs also seek declaratory judgment with respect to the parties' rights under certain agreements. The lawsuit is in the discovery stage and it is not currently possible to estimate the amount of the loss, if any, that could result from this case.

Certain claims, suits and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business have been filed or are pending against ARI. In the opinion of management, all such claims, suits, and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business are without merit or would not have a significant effect on the future liquidity, results of operations or financial position of ARI if disposed of unfavorably.

Table of Contents**Note 14 Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The components of comprehensive income (loss), net of related tax, are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 4,026	\$ (6,252)	\$ (734)	\$ (19,157)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(864)	311	(526)	145
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 3,162	\$ (5,941)	\$ (1,260)	\$ (19,012)

Note 15 Earnings (Loss) per Share

The shares used in the computation of the Company's basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 are reconciled as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Weighted average basic common shares outstanding	21,352,297	21,302,296	21,351,325	21,302,296
Dilutive effect of employee stock options		(1)	(1)	(1)
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding	21,352,297	21,302,296	21,351,325	21,302,296

¹ Stock options to purchase 390,353 shares of common stock were not included in the calculation for diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. These options were excluded as the exercise price exceeded the average market price and because ARI reported a net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. Refer to Note 16 for further discussion of these stock options.

Note 16 Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock based compensation granted under the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the 2005 Plan) based on the fair values calculated using the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing formula. Stock based compensation is expensed using a graded vesting method over the vesting period of the instrument.

The following table presents the amounts incurred by ARI for stock based compensation and the corresponding line items on the condensed consolidated statement of operations that they are classified within:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(\$ in thousands)		(\$ in thousands)	
Stock-based compensation (income) expense				
Cost of revenues: manufacturing operations	\$ (253)	\$ 350	\$ 126	\$ 523
Cost of revenues: railcar services	(571)	59	(568)	88
Selling, administrative and other	(2,263)	1,123	(686)	1,742

Total stock-based compensation (income) expense	\$	(3,087)	\$	1,532	\$	(1,128)	\$	2,353
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Stock options

No stock options were exercised during the three months ended September 30, 2011. Options to purchase 36,001 shares of the Company's common stock were exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2011, was less than \$0.1 million. No stock options were exercised during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2010. All stock options fully vested in January 2009 and expired in January 2011. As such, the Company did not recognize any compensation expense related to stock options during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

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The following is a summary of option activity under the 2005 Plan from January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

	Shares Covered by Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Grant-date Fair Value of Options Granted	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (\$000)
Outstanding at the beginning of the period, January 1, 2011	376,353	\$ 21.00			
Exercised	(36,001)	\$ 21.00			
Expired	(340,352)	\$ 21.00			
Outstanding and exercisable at the end of the period, September 30, 2011		\$		\$	\$

As of September 30, 2011, an aggregate of 855,476 shares were available for issuance in connection with future grants under the Company's 2005 Plan. Shares issued under the 2005 Plan may consist in whole or in part of authorized but unissued shares or treasury shares.

Stock appreciation rights

The compensation committee of the board of directors of the Company granted awards of stock appreciation rights (SARs) to certain employees pursuant to the 2005 Plan during April 2007, April 2008, September 2008, March 2009, March 2010 and May 2011. On May 14, 2010, ARI completed an exchange offer and exchanged 190,200 eligible SARs granted on April 4, 2007 at an exercise price per SAR of \$29.49 for 95,100 SARs granted on May 14, 2010 at an exercise price per SAR of \$14.12.

All of the SARs granted in 2007, 196,900 of the SARs granted in 2008 and 212,850 of the SARs granted in 2009 vest in 25.0% increments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. The SARs granted in March and May 2010 vest in three equal increments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. Each holder must remain employed by the Company through each such date in order to vest in the corresponding number of SARs. Additionally, 77,500 of the SARs granted in 2008 and 93,250 of the SARs granted in 2009 similarly vest in 25.0% increments on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, but only if the closing price of the Company's common stock achieves a specified price target during the applicable twelve month period for twenty trading days during any sixty day trading day period. If the Company's common stock does not achieve the specified price target during the applicable twelve-month period, the related portion of these performance-based SARs will not vest. Each holder must further remain employed by the Company through each anniversary of the grant date in order to vest in the corresponding number of SARs.

All of the SARs granted in 2011 vest in three equal increments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, but only if the Company achieves a specified adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (Adjusted EBITDA) target for the fiscal year preceding the applicable anniversary date. Each holder must further remain employed by the Company through each such date in order to vest in the corresponding number of SARs. The Company concluded that the satisfaction of the first Adjusted EBITDA target is remote. Based on this conclusion, the Company did not record compensation expense related to the first one-third portion of these SARs.

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The SARs have exercise prices that represent the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Upon the exercise of any SAR, the Company shall pay the holder, in cash, an amount equal to the excess of (A) the aggregate fair market value (as defined in the 2005 Plan) in respect of which the SARs are being exercised, over (B) the aggregate exercise price of the SARs being exercised, in accordance with the terms of the Stock Appreciation Rights Agreement (the SAR Agreement). The SARs are subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the 2005 Plan and the SAR Agreement, which contain non-solicitation, non-competition and confidentiality provisions. The following table provides an analysis of SARs granted in 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	2011 Grant	2010 Grants	2009 Grant	2008 Grants	2007 Grant
Grant date	5/9/2011	3/31/2010 & 5/14/2010	3/3/2009	4/28/2008 & 9/12/2008	4/4/2007
# SARs outstanding at September 30, 2011	238,837	223,731	227,190	157,078	11,100
Weighted average exercise price	\$24.45	\$12.95	\$6.71	\$20.80	\$29.49
Contractual term	7 years	7 years	7 years	7 years	7 years

September 30, 2011 SARs Black-Scholes-Merton valuation components:

Stock volatility range	70.7% 73.0%	73.0% 75.8%	63.3% 75.8%	65.3%	63.3%
Expected life range	3.6 4.6 years	2.8 3.6 years	2.2 2.9 years	1.8 2.4 years	1.2 years
Risk free interest rate range	0.4% 1.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Forfeiture rate	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%

The stock volatility rate was determined using the historical volatility rates of the Company's common stock. The expected life ranges represent the use of the simplified method prescribed by the SEC, which uses the average of the vesting period and expiration period of each group of SARs that vest equally over a three or four-year period. The interest rates used were the government Treasury bill rate on the date of valuation. Dividend yield was based on the indefinite suspension of dividends by the Company. The forfeiture rate was based on a Company estimate of expected forfeitures over the contractual life of each grant of SARs for each period.

The Company recognized compensation income of \$3.1 million and expense of \$1.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, related to SARs granted under the 2005 Plan. The Company recognized compensation income of \$1.1 million and expense of \$2.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, related to SARs granted under the 2005 Plan.

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The following is a summary of SARs activity under the 2005 Plan from January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011:

	Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Fair Value of SARs	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (\$000)
Outstanding at the beginning of the period, January 1, 2011	711,353	\$ 12.68			
Cancelled / Forfeited	(8,620)				
Granted	242,041	\$ 24.45			
Exercised	(86,838)				
Outstanding at the end of the period, September 30, 2011	857,936	\$ 16.16	62 months	\$ 6.78	\$ 2,506(1)
Exercisable at the end of the period, September 30, 2011	334,237	\$ 13.10	52 months	\$ 7.43	\$ 1,479(1)

(1) Based on the closing market price of \$15.38 per share of the Company's common stock on September 30, 2011, SARs granted in 2007, 2008 and 2011 have no intrinsic value and the SARs granted in 2009 and 2010 have a total intrinsic value of \$2.5 million, of which \$1.5 million relates to SARs that are exercisable.

As of September 30, 2011, unrecognized compensation costs related to the unvested portion of stock appreciation rights were estimated to be \$1.7 million and were expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 24 months.

Note 17 Related Party Transactions**Agreements with ACF**

The Company has or had the following agreements with ACF, a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder (through IELP) and chairman of the Company's board of directors:

Manufacturing Services Agreement

Under the manufacturing services agreement entered into in 1994 and amended in 2005, ACF agreed to manufacture and distribute, at the Company's instruction, various railcar components. In consideration for these services, the Company agreed to pay ACF based on agreed upon rates. In both the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, ARI purchased inventory of less than \$0.1 million of components from ACF. In the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, ARI purchased inventory of \$0.1 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, of components from ACF. The agreement automatically renews unless written notice is provided by the Company.

Asset Purchase Agreement

On January 29, 2010, ARI entered into an agreement to purchase certain assets from ACF for approximately \$0.9 million that will allow the Company to manufacture railcar components previously purchased from ACF. The purchase price of approximately \$0.9 million was determined using various factors, including but not limited to, independent appraisals that assessed fair market value for the purchased assets, each asset's remaining useful life and the replacement cost of each asset. Given that ACF and ARI have the same majority stockholder, the assets purchased were recorded at ACF's net book value and the remaining portion of the purchase price will be a reduction to stockholder's equity. As of September 30, 2010, all of the assets had been received and paid for in accordance with the agreement.

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Agreements with ARL

The Company has or had the following agreements with American Railcar Leasing LLC (ARL), a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder (through IELP) and chairman of the Company's board of directors:

Railcar Services Agreement and Fleet Services Agreement

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company entered into a fleet services agreement with ARL. Under the agreement, ARI provided ARL fleet management services for a fixed monthly fee and railcar repair and maintenance services for a charge of labor, components and materials. This agreement was replaced by a new agreement, the Railcar Services Agreement, which was effective April 16, 2011. Under the Railcar Services Agreement, ARI will provide ARL railcar repair, engineering, administrative and other services, on an as needed basis, for ARL's lease fleet at mutually agreed upon prices (the Railcar Services Agreement). The Railcar Services Agreement has a term of three years and will automatically renew for additional one year periods unless either party provides at least sixty days written prior notice of termination. There is no termination fee if the Company elects to terminate the agreement prior to the end of the term.

For the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, revenues of \$6.9 million and \$4.3 million were recorded under these agreements, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, revenues of \$19.0 million and \$10.3 million were recorded under these agreements, respectively. Such amounts are included under railcar services revenue from affiliates on the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The terms and pricing on services provided to related parties are not less favorable to ARI than the terms and pricing on services provided to unaffiliated third parties.

Rent and Building Services Extension Agreement

Pursuant to a rent and building services extension agreement effective December 31, 2007, ARL subleased to ARI the headquarters space owned by an entity owned by the Company's vice chairman of the board of directors. This agreement terminated on December 31, 2010 by mutual agreement. Total fees paid to ARL under this agreement were \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively. The fees paid to ARL are included in selling, administrative and other costs on the condensed consolidated statement of operations.

Railcar Orders

The Company from time to time manufactures and sells railcars to ARL under long-term agreements as well as on a purchase order basis. ARI did not sell any railcars to ARL during the three months ended September 30, 2011. Revenue for railcars sold to ARL was \$19.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. Revenue for railcars sold to ARL was \$1.2 million and \$65.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Revenue for railcars sold to ARL is included under manufacturing operations revenue from affiliates on the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. The terms and pricing on sales to related parties are not less favorable to ARI than the terms and pricing on sales to unaffiliated third parties.

ARL also has acted as an agent for the Company to source railcar leasing customers. In connection therewith, ARL has assigned orders to ARI for railcars to be manufactured and leased by ARI. The Company is currently negotiating the terms of its agency relationship with ARL. Any such agreement, including payments that ARI may agree to make to ARL for these services, will be on an arm's length basis and subject to the approval of the Company's audit committee.

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In September 2003, Castings loaned Ohio Castings \$3.0 million under a promissory note, which was due in January 2004. The note was renegotiated resulting in a new principal amount of \$2.2 million, bearing interest at a rate of 4.0% with a maturity date of August 2009. Due to the temporary idling of the facility, Ohio Castings advised the partners that it was unable to pay the notes when due. The notes were renegotiated and as a result were due February 2012. Interest continued to accrue but interest payments had been deferred until August 2011. Due to the continued need to use existing funds to restart the facility, the joint venture partners and Ohio Castings renegotiated the terms of the notes during the third quarter of 2011 and the notes are now due November 2012 with interest continuing to accrue and payments now deferred until May 2012. Total amounts due from Ohio Castings under this note were \$0.5 million as of both September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. Accrued interest on this note as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, was less than \$0.1 million. The other partners in the joint venture have made identical loans to Ohio Castings. The Company, along with the other members of Ohio Castings, had guaranteed both a state loan issued to Ohio Castings by the state of Ohio and bonds payable to the state of Ohio. The state loan and bonds payable were paid off in June 2011 and December 2010, respectively, and ARI was released from the respective guarantees. The value of the guarantee of the state loan was less than \$0.1 million as of December 31, 2010. The Company's Axis joint venture entered into a credit agreement in December 2007. Effective August 5, 2009, the Company and the other initial partner acquired this loan from the lenders party thereto, with each party acquiring a 50.0% interest in the loan. The total commitment under the term loan is \$60.0 million with an additional \$10.0 million commitment under the revolving loan. ARI Component is responsible to fund 50.0% of the loan commitments. The balance outstanding on these loans, due to ARI Component, was \$31.4 million of principal and \$5.7 million of accrued interest, both as of September 30, 2011. ARI Component's share of the remaining commitment on these loans was \$3.6 million as of September 30, 2011. See Note 8 for further information regarding this transaction and the terms of the underlying loan.

During 2010, ARI provided Axis various administrative services for an annual fee of \$0.3 million, payable in equal monthly installments. During 2011, ARI has and will continue to provide Axis the same services for an annual fee of \$0.3 million, payable in equal monthly installments.

Effective April 1, 2009, Mr. James J. Unger, the Company's former chief executive officer, assumed the role of vice chairman of the board of directors and became a consultant to the Company. In exchange for these services, Mr. Unger received an annual consulting fee of \$135,000 and an annual director fee of \$65,000 that were both payable quarterly, in advance. The Company also agreed to provide Mr. Unger with an automobile related to his role as vice chairman. Mr. Unger's consulting agreement terminated in accordance with its terms as of April 1, 2010. In his role as consultant, Mr. Unger reported to and served at the discretion of the Company's board of directors. Mr. Unger continues in his role as vice chairman in connection with which he is provided an annual director fee of \$65,000 and an automobile allowance.

The Company leases one of its parts manufacturing facilities from an entity owned by its vice chairman of the board of directors. Expenses paid for this facility were \$0.1 million for both the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. Expenses paid for this facility were \$0.3 million for both the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. These costs are included in manufacturing operations cost of revenue.

On October 29, 2010, ARI entered into a lease agreement with a term of eleven years with an entity owned by its vice chairman of the board of directors. The lease is for ARI's headquarters location in St. Charles, Missouri. The term under this lease agreement commenced January 1, 2011. The Company is required to pay monthly rent and a portion of all tax increases assessed or levied upon the property and increases to the cost of the utilities and other services it uses. The expenses recorded for this facility were \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. These fees are included in selling, administrative and other costs on the condensed consolidated statements of operations as costs to related parties.

In June 2011, ARI entered into a scrap agreement with M. W. Recycling (MWR), a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder (through IELP) and chairman of the Company's board of directors. Under the agreement, ARI sells and MWR purchases scrap metal from several plant locations. This agreement was entered into at arm's-length and was approved by the Company's audit committee. For both the three

and nine months ended September 30, 2011, MWR collected scrap material totaling \$1.1 million. As of September 30, 2011, accounts receivable of \$0.6 million were due from MWR.

Table of Contents**Financial information for transactions with related parties**

As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, accounts receivable of \$3.7 million and \$5.0 million, respectively, were due from related parties.

As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, interest receivable of \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, were due from related parties.

As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, accounts payable of \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, were due to related parties.

Cost of revenues for manufacturing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 included \$8.4 million and \$5.0 million, respectively, in railcar products produced by joint ventures. Cost of revenues for manufacturing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 included \$12.0 million and \$9.2 million, respectively, in railcar products produced by joint ventures.

Inventory as of September 30, 2011, included \$1.9 million of materials produced by joint ventures. Inventory as of December 31, 2010, included \$0.4 million of materials produced by joint ventures. As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, all profit from related parties for inventory still on hand was eliminated.

Note 18 Operating Segment and Sales/Credit Concentrations

ARI operates in two reportable segments: manufacturing operations and railcar services. Performance is evaluated based on revenue and operating profit. Intersegment sales and transfers are accounted for as if sales or transfers were to third parties. The information in the following tables is derived from the segments' internal financial reports used for corporate management purposes:

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2011	Manufacturing Operations	Railcar Services	Corporate & all other (in thousands)	Eliminations	Totals
Revenues from external customers	\$ 108,615	\$ 17,169	\$	\$	\$ 125,784
Intersegment revenues	216	50		(266)	
Cost of revenues - external customers	(98,211)	(12,618)			(110,829)
Cost of intersegment revenues	(385)	(109)		494	
Gross profit	10,235	4,492		228	14,955
Selling, administrative and other	(1,748)	(530)	(656)		(2,934)
Earnings (loss) from operations	\$ 8,487	\$ 3,962	\$ (656)	\$ 228	\$ 12,021

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2010	Manufacturing Operations	Railcar Services	Corporate & all other (in thousands)	Eliminations	Totals
Revenues from external customers	\$ 48,404	\$ 16,393	\$	\$	\$ 64,797
Intersegment revenues	449	56		(505)	
Cost of revenues - external customers	(49,366)	(13,141)			(62,507)
Cost of intersegment revenues	(353)	(61)		414	
Gross profit (loss)	(866)	3,247		(91)	2,290
Selling, administrative and other	(1,590)	(638)	(4,004)		(6,232)

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(Loss) earnings from operations	\$	(2,456)	\$	2,609	\$	(4,004)	\$	(91)	\$	(3,942)
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For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011	Manufacturing Operations	Railcar Services	Corporate & all other (in thousands)	Eliminations	Totals
Revenues from external customers	\$ 271,908	\$ 50,632	\$	\$	\$ 322,540
Intersegment revenues	715	217		(932)	
Cost of revenues external customers	(250,892)	(38,493)			(289,385)
Cost of intersegment revenues	(831)	(227)		1,058	
Gross profit	20,900	12,129		126	33,155
Selling, administrative and other	(4,473)	(1,504)	(8,901)		(14,878)
Earnings (loss) from operations	\$ 16,427	\$ 10,625	\$ (8,901)	\$ 126	\$ 18,277

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010	Manufacturing Operations	Railcar Services	Corporate & all other (in thousands)	Eliminations	Totals
Revenues from external customers	\$ 127,262	\$ 51,011	\$	\$	\$ 178,273
Intersegment revenues	833	273		(1,106)	
Cost of revenues external customers	(131,643)	(40,814)			(172,457)
Cost of intersegment revenues	(637)	(255)		892	
Gross profit (loss)	(4,185)	10,215		(214)	5,816
Selling, administrative and other	(4,328)	(1,722)	(11,875)		(17,925)
(Loss) earnings from operations	\$ (8,513)	\$ 8,493	\$ (11,875)	\$ (214)	\$ (12,109)

As of	Manufacturing Operations	Railcar Services	Corporate & all other (in thousands)	Eliminations	Totals
September 30, 2011					
Total assets	\$ 350,627	\$ 48,935	\$ 287,868	\$	\$ 687,430
December 31, 2010					
Total assets	\$ 281,779	\$ 49,133	\$ 323,455	\$	\$ 654,367

Manufacturing operations

Manufacturing revenues from affiliates were zero and 29.7% of total consolidated revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Manufacturing revenues from affiliates were 0.4% and 36.7% of total consolidated revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Manufacturing revenues from the most significant customer totaled 41.5% of total consolidated revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011. Manufacturing revenues from the most significant customer, an affiliate, totaled 29.7% of total consolidated revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2010. Manufacturing revenues from the most significant customer totaled 21.7% of total consolidated revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. Manufacturing revenues from the most significant customer, an affiliate, totaled 36.7% of total consolidated

revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Manufacturing revenues from the two most significant customers were 57.2% of total consolidated revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011. Manufacturing revenues from the two most significant customers (including an affiliate) were 58.3% of total consolidated revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2010.

Manufacturing revenues from the two most significant customers were 37.7% of total consolidated revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. Manufacturing revenues from the two most significant customers (including an affiliate) were 47.1% of total consolidated revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

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Manufacturing receivables from the most significant customer were 25.8% of total consolidated accounts receivable including due from related parties as of September 30, 2011. Manufacturing receivables from the most significant customer were 12.0% of total consolidated accounts receivable including due from related parties as of December 31, 2010. No other customer accounted for more than 10.0% of total consolidated accounts receivable as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

Railcar services

Railcar services revenues from affiliates were 5.5% and 6.6% of total consolidated revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Railcar services revenues from affiliates were 5.9% and 5.8% of total consolidated revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

No single railcar services customer accounted for more than 10.0% of total consolidated revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. No single railcar services customer accounted for more than 10.0% of total consolidated accounts receivable as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

Note 19 Consulting Contracts

During the first quarter of 2011, the Company entered into a technology services consulting agreement with SDS-Altaiwagon, a Russian railcar builder, to design a railcar for general service in Russia for a total contract price of \$1.5 million. The technology services consulting agreement is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2011.

During the second quarter of 2011, the Company entered into a consulting agreement with the Indian Railways Research Designs and Standards Organization to design and develop certain railcars for service in India for a total contract price of \$9.6 million. The consulting agreement is expected to continue through 2016.

For both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, revenues of \$1.5 million were recorded under these two consulting agreements. As of September 30, 2011, unbilled revenue of \$0.8 million was due from one of the consulting agreements and deferred revenue of \$0.1 million was remaining from the other consulting agreement.

Note 20 Supplemental Cash Flow Information

ARI received interest income of \$2.7 million and \$3.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

ARI paid interest expense, net of capitalized interest, of \$20.6 million for both the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

ARI paid taxes of \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

ARI paid \$1.4 million and \$0.1 million to employees related to SARs exercises during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Note 21 Subsequent Events

All subsequent events have been evaluated through the date these financial statements were available to be issued, November 1, 2011.

In October 2011, ARI, and the other partner, each advanced \$0.3 million to Axis from its revolving line of credit.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Some of the statements contained in this report are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), including statements regarding our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions. Such statements include, without limitation, statements regarding various estimates we have made in preparing our financial statements, statements regarding expected future trends relating to our industry, our results of operations and the sufficiency of our capital resources and statements regarding anticipated production schedules for our products and the anticipated construction and production schedules of our joint ventures. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated.

Risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect our business and prospects include without limitation:

any financial or other information included herein based upon or otherwise incorporating judgments or estimates based upon future performance or events;

the impact of the recent economic downturn, adverse market conditions and restricted credit markets and the impact of the continuation of these conditions;

our reliance upon a small number of customers that represent a large percentage of our revenues and backlog;

the health of and prospects for the overall railcar industry;

our prospects in light of the cyclical nature of our business;

anticipated trends relating to our shipments, leasing, railcar services, revenues, financial condition or results of operations;

our ability to manage overhead and variations in production rates;

the highly competitive nature of the railcar manufacturing industry;

fluctuations in the costs of raw materials, including steel and railcar components, and delays in the delivery of such raw materials and components;

fluctuations in the supply of components and raw materials we use in railcar manufacturing;

anticipated production schedules for our products and the anticipated financing needs, construction and production schedules of our joint ventures;

the risks associated with potential joint ventures, acquisitions or new business endeavors;

the risks associated with international operations and joint ventures;

the risk of the lack of acceptance of new railcar offerings by our customers and the risk of initial production costs for our new railcar offerings being significantly higher than expected;

the risk of the lack of customers entering into new railcar leases;

the sufficiency of our liquidity and capital resources;

the conversion of our railcar backlog into revenues;

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compliance with covenants contained in our unsecured senior notes;

the impact and anticipated benefits of any acquisitions we may complete;

the impact and costs and expenses of any litigation we may be subject to now or in the future; and

the ongoing benefits and risks related to our relationship with Mr. Carl Icahn (the chairman of our board of directors and, through Icahn Enterprises L.P. (IELP), our principal beneficial stockholder) and certain of his affiliates.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as may, will, should, could, would, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, projects, predicts, potential and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. Our actual results could be different from the results described in or anticipated by our forward-looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty of estimates, forecasts and projections and may be better or worse than anticipated. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. We expressly disclaim any duty to provide updates to forward-looking statements, and the estimates and assumptions associated with them, after the date of this report, in order to reflect changes in circumstances or expectations or the occurrence of unanticipated events except to the extent required by applicable securities laws. All of the forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the factors discussed above and under Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 1, 2011 (the Annual Report) and in Part II Item 1A of this report, as well as the risks and uncertainties discussed elsewhere in the Annual Report and in this report. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements. We caution you that these risks are not exhaustive. We operate in a continually changing business environment and new risks emerge from time to time.

OVERVIEW

We are a leading North American designer and manufacturer of hopper and tank railcars. We also lease, repair and refurbish railcars, provide fleet management services and design and manufacture certain railcar and industrial components. We provide our railcar customers with integrated solutions through a comprehensive set of high quality products and related services.

We operate in two segments: manufacturing operations and railcar services. Manufacturing operations consist of railcar manufacturing, railcar leasing and railcar and industrial component manufacturing. Railcar services consist of railcar repair and refurbishment services and fleet management services.

The North American railcar market has been, and we expect it to continue to be, highly cyclical. The recent economic downturn had a negative effect on the railcar manufacturing market in which we compete, resulting in increased competition and significant pricing pressures during the past couple of years.

As of September 30, 2011, we have a backlog of approximately 7,110 railcars, including approximately 1,700 railcars that we will lease, up from a total backlog of approximately 1,050 railcars as of December 31, 2010. This is our largest backlog since June 2008. In response to increased customer demand, we have and intend to continue to increase production rates at our railcar manufacturing facilities.

Railcar loadings have continued to increase and the number of railcars in storage has continued to decrease, as reported by an independent third party industry analyst. We believe that these improvements, which may or may not continue, indicate that the railcar market has begun and may continue to improve. During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, our railcar shipments and manufacturing revenues increased as compared to the same period in the prior year and the gross profit margin at both of our segments increased. Our railcar shipments for the first nine months of 2011 have surpassed our total 2010 shipments and we currently expect the upward trend to continue for the remainder of 2011. However, we cannot assure you that the railcar market will continue to improve or that our railcar orders and shipments will continue to increase.

Our railcar services segment has experienced increased volumes at railcar repair facilities and a decrease in railcar repair projects performed at our railcar manufacturing facilities. As railcar production increases at our railcar manufacturing facilities we expect repair projects performed at these facilities to continue to decrease.

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The following table summarizes our historical operations as a percentage of revenues for the periods shown. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of operating results that may be expected in the future.

	For the Three Months Ended, September 30,	
	2011	2010
Revenues:		
Manufacturing operations	86.4%	74.7%
Railcar services	13.6%	25.3%
Total revenues	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of revenues:		
Manufacturing operations	(78.1%)	(76.2%)
Railcar services	(10.0%)	(20.3%)
Total cost of revenues	(88.1%)	(96.5%)
Gross profit	11.9%	3.5%
Selling, administrative and other	(2.3%)	(9.6%)
Earnings (loss) from operations	9.6%	(6.1%)
Interest income	0.8%	1.7%
Interest expense	(3.6%)	(8.2%)
Other income	0.0%	0.0%
Loss from joint ventures	(1.7%)	(3.0%)
Earnings (loss) before income tax expense	5.1%	(15.6%)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(1.9%)	6.0%
Net earnings (loss)	3.2%	(9.6%)

Revenues

Our revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011 increased 94.1% to \$125.8 million from \$64.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. This increase was primarily due to increased revenues from our manufacturing operations.

Our manufacturing operations revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011 increased 124.4% to \$108.6 million from \$48.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. The primary reason for the increase in revenues was an increase in railcar shipments. During the three months ended September 30, 2011, we shipped approximately 1,340 railcars compared to approximately 420 railcars for the same period of 2010.

For the three months ended September 30, 2011, our manufacturing operations did not include any revenues from transactions with American Railcar Leasing LLC (ARL), compared to \$19.3 million, or 29.7% of our total consolidated revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2010. ARL is an affiliated company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn.

Our railcar services revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2011 increased 4.7% to \$17.2 million compared to \$16.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. The increase was primarily attributable to the increased volumes at our railcar repair facilities, partially offset by decreased railcar repair projects at the manufacturing facilities, as this capacity was returned to new railcar manufacturing. For the third quarter of 2011, our

railcar services revenues included \$6.9 million, or 5.5% of our total consolidated revenues, from transactions with ARL, compared to \$4.3 million, or 6.6% of our total consolidated revenues, for the third quarter of 2010.

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Gross Profit

Our gross profit increased to \$15.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 from \$2.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. Our gross profit margin increased to 11.9% for the third quarter of 2011 from 3.5% for the third quarter of 2010, driven primarily by an increase in gross profit margins from our manufacturing operations.

Gross profit from our manufacturing operations increased to \$10.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to a loss of \$1.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. Gross profit margin increased to 9.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to a loss of 2.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2010. These increases were due primarily to increased railcar shipments, improved pricing and leverage created by larger volumes.

Gross profit from our railcar services operations increased to \$4.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to \$3.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 primarily attributable to increased efficiencies due to a more favorable mix of work. Gross profit margin for our railcar services operations increased to 26.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2011 from 19.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2010. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in volumes and efficiencies at our railcar repair facilities partially offset by a decrease in railcar repair projects performed at our railcar manufacturing facilities.

Selling, Administrative and Other Expenses

Our total selling, administrative and other expenses decreased to \$2.9 million for the third quarter of 2011 compared to \$6.2 million for the third quarter of 2010. The decrease of \$3.3 million was primarily attributable to a decrease of \$3.4 million in stock-based compensation, as described below, partially offset by an increase in outside services. Stock based compensation decreased due to fluctuations in our stock price in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the same period for 2010, partially offset by the SARs granted during 2011. For the third quarter of 2011, we recognized income related to stock based compensation of \$2.3 million compared to stock based compensation expense of \$1.1 million for the same period in 2010.

Interest Expense and Income

Net interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2011 was \$3.5 million, representing \$4.5 million of interest expense and \$1.0 million of interest income, compared to \$4.3 million of net interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2010, representing \$5.3 million of interest expense and \$1.0 million of interest income. Interest expense decreased primarily due to an increase in the amount of capitalized interest related to our Unsecured Senior Fixed Rate Notes recorded for the investment in our joint venture for the three months ended September 30, 2011.

Other Income

Other income of less than \$0.1 million was recognized for both the third quarter of 2011 and 2010.

Loss from Joint Ventures

Our joint venture losses increased to \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to a loss of \$1.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010. This was primarily attributable to our share of Ohio Castings Company, LLC (Ohio Castings) losses increasing \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2010 due to the initial costs of resuming production. The remaining increase is due to our share of Amtek Railcar Industries Private Limited's (Amtek Railcar) losses increasing \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2010. These increases were partially offset by a \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million decrease in Axis LLC's (Axis) and US Railcar LLC's (USRC) losses, respectively, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2010. Axis's losses decreased as production levels continued to ramp up, decreasing inefficiencies. USRC's losses decreased due to its dissolution in 2010.

Table of Contents**Income Tax (Expense) Benefit**

Our income tax expense for the three months ended September 30, 2011 was \$2.4 million, or 36.9% of our earnings before income taxes, compared to an income tax benefit of \$3.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010, or 38.4% of our loss before income taxes. The change in our effective tax rate is primarily due to foreign joint venture losses not being benefitted and projected federal tax credits. According to the accounting rules, the tax rate could, and likely will, continue to fluctuate on a quarterly basis depending on the mix of income or loss in the US versus foreign and any changes in estimates.

Nine Months ended September 30, 2011 compared to Nine Months ended September 30, 2010

The following table summarizes our historical operations as a percentage of revenues for the periods shown. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of operating results that may be expected in the future.

	For the Nine Months Ended, September 30,	
	2011	2010
Revenues:		
Manufacturing operations	84.3%	71.4%
Railcar services	15.7%	28.6%
Total revenues	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of revenues:		
Manufacturing operations	(77.8%)	(73.8%)
Railcar services	(11.9%)	(22.9%)
Total cost of revenues	(89.7%)	(96.7%)
Gross profit	10.3%	3.3%
Selling, administrative and other	(4.6%)	(10.1%)
Earnings loss from operations	5.7%	(6.8%)
Interest income	0.9%	1.5%
Interest expense	(4.7%)	(9.0%)
Other income	0.0%	0.2%
Loss from joint ventures	(2.2%)	(3.3%)
Loss before income tax expense	(0.3%)	(17.4%)
Income tax benefit	0.2%	6.7%
Net loss	(0.1%)	(10.7%)

Revenues

Our revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 increased 80.9% to \$322.5 million from \$178.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. This increase was primarily due to increased revenues from our manufacturing operations, partially offset by decreased revenues from our railcar services segment.

Our manufacturing operations revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 increased 113.7% to \$271.9 million from \$127.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The primary reason for the increase in revenues was an increase in railcar shipments. During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we shipped approximately 3,060 railcars compared to approximately 1,130 railcars for the same period of 2010.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, our manufacturing operations included \$1.2 million, or 0.4%, of our total consolidated revenues, from transactions with ARL, compared to \$65.4 million, or 36.7% of our total consolidated revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Our railcar services revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 decreased to \$50.6 million compared to \$51.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The decrease was primarily attributable to the decreased railcar repair projects at the manufacturing facilities, as this capacity was returned to new railcar manufacturing, partially offset by an increase in revenues at our railcar repair facilities. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, our railcar services revenues included \$19.0 million, or 5.9% of our total consolidated revenues, from transactions with ARL, compared to \$10.3 million, or 5.8% of our total consolidated revenues, from transactions with affiliates, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

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Gross Profit

Our gross profit increased to \$33.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 from \$5.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Our gross profit margin increased to 10.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 from 3.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, driven primarily by an increase in our gross profit margins from our manufacturing operations.

Gross profit from our manufacturing operations increased to \$21.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to a loss of \$4.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Gross profit margin for our manufacturing operations increased to 7.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to a loss of 3.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. These increases were primarily attributable to an increase in railcar shipments, improved pricing and leverage created by larger volumes.

Gross profit from our railcar services operations increased to \$12.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to \$10.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 primarily due to increased efficiencies due to a more favorable mix of work. Gross profit margin for our railcar services operations increased to 24.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 from 20.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in volumes and efficiencies at our railcar repair facilities and a decrease in railcar repair projects performed at our railcar manufacturing facilities.

Selling, Administrative and Other Expenses

Our total selling, administrative and other expenses decreased to \$14.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to \$17.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The decrease of \$3.0 million was primarily attributable to a decrease of \$2.5 million in stock based compensation, as described below, and a decrease in outside services.

Stock based compensation expense decreased due to fluctuations in our stock price for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to the same period for 2010, partially offset by the SARs granted during 2011. During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we recognized stock based compensation income of \$0.7 million compared to stock based compensation expense of \$1.8 million for the same period in 2010.

Interest Expense and Income

Net interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$12.2 million, representing \$15.1 million of interest expense and \$2.9 million of interest income, compared to \$13.4 million of net interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, representing \$16.0 million of interest expense and \$2.6 million of interest income. Interest expense decreased due to an increase in the amount of capitalized interest related to our Unsecured Senior Fixed Rate Notes recorded for the investment in our joint venture for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. Interest income increased due to an increase in return on investments and loans.

Other Income

Other income of less than \$0.1 million was recognized for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 as compared to \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 related to realized gains on the sale of common stock.

Loss from Joint Ventures

Our joint venture losses increased to \$7.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to \$6.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. This was primarily attributable to our share of both Ohio Castings and Amtek Railcar's losses increasing \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Ohio Castings losses increased due to the initial costs of resuming production and Amtek Railcar's losses increased due to the continued development of its business. These increases were partially offset by our share of losses from Axis and USRC decreasing \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Axis losses decreased as production levels continued to ramp up, decreasing inefficiencies. USRC's losses decreased due to its dissolution in 2010.

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Income Tax Benefit

Our income tax benefit for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$0.5 million, or 39.7% of our loss before income taxes, compared to \$12.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, or 38.5% of our losses before income taxes. The change in our effective tax rate is primarily due to foreign joint venture losses not being benefitted and projected federal tax credits. According to the accounting rules, the tax rate, could, and likely will, continue to fluctuate on a quarterly basis depending on the mix of income or loss in the US versus foreign and any changes in estimates.

BACKLOG

We define backlog as the number and value of railcars that our customers have committed in writing to purchase or lease from us that have not been shipped. As of September 30, 2011, our total backlog was approximately 7,110 railcars, of which approximately 5,410 railcars with an estimated value of \$450.4 million were to be sold and approximately 1,700 railcars with an estimated market value of \$164.9 million are orders for railcars that will be subject to lease. As of December 31, 2010, our total backlog was approximately 1,050 railcars with an estimated value of \$87.6 million, all of which were to be sold.

Railcars for Sale. We estimate that, as of September 30, 2011, approximately 76% of the total number of railcars in our backlog will be sold. Approximately 28% of the total number of railcars in our backlog will be sold by the end of 2011, with the remainder in 2012. Estimated backlog value for railcars to be sold reflects the total revenues expected as if such backlog were converted to actual revenues at the end of the particular period. We cannot guarantee that the actual revenue from these orders will equal our reported sales backlog value estimates or that our future revenue efforts will be successful.

Railcars for Lease. We estimate that, as of September 30, 2011, approximately 24% of the total number of railcars in our backlog will be leased. Approximately 3% of the total number of railcars in our backlog will be leased by the end of 2011, with the remainder in 2012. The estimated backlog value of railcars that will be subject to lease reflects the estimated market value of each railcar. Actual revenues for railcars subject to lease are recognized over the life of the lease and are not based on the estimated backlog value. We have firm orders to manufacture the railcars in our backlog as of September 30, 2011 that will be subject to lease.

Customer orders may be subject to requests for delays in deliveries, inspection rights and other customary industry terms and conditions, which could prevent or delay railcars in our backlog from being shipped. Historically, we have experienced little variation between the number of railcars ordered and the number of railcars actually delivered. As delivery dates could be extended on certain orders, we cannot guarantee that our reported railcar backlog will convert to revenue in any particular period, if at all.

The reported backlog includes railcars relating to purchase or lease obligations based upon an assumed product mix. Changes in product mix from what is assumed would affect the estimated value of our backlog and the total estimated revenues attributable to backlog. Estimated backlog value reflects known adjustments for material cost changes but does not reflect a projection of any future material price adjustments that are provided for in certain customer contracts.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary source of liquidity for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and for the foreseeable future is cash on hand from the unsecured senior notes we sold in February 2007, partially offset by cash used for operations, capital expenditures and investments in and loans to our joint ventures. As of September 30, 2011, we had working capital of \$368.2 million, including \$284.1 million of cash and cash equivalents.

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In February 2007, we issued \$275.0 million of unsecured senior notes that are due in 2014 (Notes). The offering resulted in net proceeds to us of \$270.7 million. The terms of the Notes contain restrictive covenants that limit our ability to, among other things, incur additional debt, make certain restricted payments and enter into certain significant transactions with stockholders and affiliates. Based on certain financial ratios certain of these covenants, including our ability to incur additional debt, have been more restricted since the first quarter of 2010 and remain so through September 30, 2011. We were in compliance with all of our covenants under the Notes as of September 30, 2011. During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we contributed \$2.1 million to Ohio Castings. The other partners contributed equal amounts during the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

We anticipate that any future expansion of our business will be financed through existing cash resources. We believe that these sources of funds will provide sufficient liquidity to meet our expected operating requirements over the next twelve months.

Our long-term liquidity is contingent upon future operating performance. We may require additional capital in the future to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions or other investments. These capital requirements could be substantial. Certain risks, trends and uncertainties may adversely affect our long-term liquidity.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our net cash provided by or used in operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the nine months ended September 30:

	2011
	(in thousands)
Net cash (used in) provided by:	
Operating activities	\$ (19,220)
Investing activities	(16,172)
Financing activities	756
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(23)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (34,659)

Net Cash Used In Operating Activities

Our net cash used in operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was \$19.2 million. Our net loss of \$0.7 million was impacted by items including but not limited to: depreciation expense of \$16.9 million, joint venture losses of \$7.2 million, stock based compensation of \$1.1 million and other smaller adjustments. Cash used in operating activities attributable to changes in our current assets and liabilities included an increase in total accounts receivable, including from related parties, of \$10.0 million and an increase in inventory of \$64.6 million. Cash provided by operating activities attributable to changes in our current assets and current liabilities included an overall increase in total accounts payable, including to related parties, of \$37.3 million.

The increase in total accounts receivable, including from related parties, was primarily due to an increase in railcar shipments and the timing of those shipments during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The increase in inventory was primarily attributable to more expensive raw material purchases for specialty orders to be shipped in the fourth quarter of 2011 and an increase in certain components in anticipation of shortages. The increase in total accounts payable, including to related parties, was related to increased inventory purchases.

Net Cash Used In Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$16.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, including \$11.8 million of capital expenditures for the purchase of property, plant and equipment and railcars leased to others, and \$4.5 million related to loan advances and capital contributions to our joint ventures.

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Capital Expenditures

We continuously evaluate facility requirements based on our strategic plans, production requirements and market demand and may elect to change our level of capital investments in the future. These investments are all based on an analysis of the estimated rates of return and impact on our profitability. We continue to pursue opportunities to reduce our costs through continued vertical integration of component parts. From time to time, we may expand our business, domestically or abroad, by acquiring other businesses or pursuing other strategic growth opportunities including, without limitation, joint ventures.

Capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 were \$11.8 million and our current capital expenditure plans for 2011 include projects that maintain equipment, improve efficiencies, and reduce costs as well as expenditures related to manufacturing railcars for lease to others. We cannot assure that we will be able to complete any of our projects on a timely basis or within budget, if at all.

Contingencies and Contractual Obligations

Refer to the updated status of contingencies and contractual obligations in Note 13 to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Except for the legal proceeding included below, our contingencies and contractual obligations did not materially change from the information disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

On December 16, 2010, a complaint was filed by Steve Garvin, Deloris Garvin, and Garvin Enterprise, Inc. (the Plaintiffs) against the Company's subsidiaries Southwest Steel I, LLC, Southwest Steel II, LLC and Southwest Steel III, LLC, d/b/a Southwest Steel Casting Co., in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, 295th Judicial District. On July 25, 2011, the complaint was amended to include us as a party to the litigation. The Plaintiffs allege that we improperly used their former employees to source components from Chinese suppliers in contravention of contractual relationships among the parties and in a manner that compromised the Plaintiffs' relationships with the Chinese suppliers. The Plaintiffs seek direct, consequential and other damages for breach of contract, tortious interference with an existing contract, trade secret misappropriation, civil conspiracy, civil theft, conversion and unfair competition. The Plaintiffs also seek declaratory judgment with respect to the parties' rights under certain agreements. This lawsuit is in the discovery stage and it is not currently possible to estimate the amount of loss, if any, that could result from this case.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The critical accounting policies and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements that we believe affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements presented in this report are described in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

Other than the critical accounting policies included below that was updated in September 2011, there have been no material changes to the other critical accounting policies or estimates that were included in Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

Revenue recognition

Revenues from railcar sales are recognized following completion of manufacturing, inspection, customer acceptance and title transfer, which is when the risk for any damage or loss with respect to the railcars passes to the customer. Paint and lining work may be outsourced and, as a result, the sale for the railcar may be recorded after customer acceptance when it leaves the manufacturing plant and the sale for the lining work may be separately recorded following completion of that work by the independent contractor, customer acceptance and final shipment. Revenues from railcar leasing are recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease. Revenues from railcar and industrial components are recorded at the time of product shipment, in accordance with our contractual terms.

Revenue for railcar maintenance services is recognized upon completion and shipment of railcars from our plants. We do not currently bundle railcar service contracts with new railcar sales. Revenue for fleet management services is recognized as performed.

We record amounts billed to customers for shipping and handling as part of sales and records related costs in cost of revenue.

We present any sales tax assessed by a governmental authority that is directly imposed on a revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer on a net basis.

Revenues related to consulting type contracts are accounted for under the percentage-of-completion method. Profits expected to be realized on these contracts are based on the total contract revenues and costs based on the estimate of the percentage of project completion. Revenues recognized in excess of amounts billed are recorded to unbilled revenues and included in other current assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Billings in excess of revenues recognized on in-progress contracts are recorded to unbilled costs and included in other current liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. These estimates are reviewed and revised periodically throughout the term of the contracts and any adjustments are recorded on a cumulative basis in the period the revisions are made.

Currently, we have two consulting contracts that are accounted for under the percentage-of-completion method.

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Use of estimates

ARI has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Significant items subject to estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to, deferred taxes, workers compensation accrual, valuation allowances for accounts receivable and inventory obsolescence, depreciable lives of assets, goodwill impairment, stock based compensation fair values, the reserve for warranty claims and revenue recognized under the percentage-of-completion method. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In September 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued authoritative guidance related to intangibles goodwill and other, which allows for companies to first consider qualitative factors as a basis for assessing impairment and determining the necessity of a detailed impairment test. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011 with early adoption permitted. We will adopt the guidance for the first quarter of 2012. The adoption of the new guidance will not have an impact on the consolidated financial statements. In June 2011, the FASB issued authoritative guidance to amend current comprehensive income guidance. The new guidance eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of shareholders equity. Instead, comprehensive income must be reported in either a single continuous statement of comprehensive income which contains two sections, net income and other comprehensive income, or in two separate but consecutive statements. This guidance is effective for the interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 with early adoption permitted. We plan on adopting the guidance for the first quarter of 2012. The adoption of the new guidance will not have an impact on the consolidated financial statements as it only requires a change in the format of the current presentation.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes in our market risks since December 31, 2010.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, our management evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report on Form 10-Q (the Evaluation Date). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Except for the legal proceeding included below, there have been no other material changes with respect to legal proceedings as previously disclosed in our 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

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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 by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES,
INC.**

Date: November 1, 2011

By: /s/ James Cowan
James Cowan, President and
Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Dale C. Davies
Dale C. Davies, Senior Vice President,
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