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Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 001-12488

Powell Industries, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

88-0106100
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)
77075-1180

8550 Mosley Road

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Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(713) 944-6900

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

At January 31, 2014, there were 11,998,693 outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

| | December 31, 2013 | September 30, 2013 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 103,724 | \$ 107,411 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$673 and \$572, respectively | 100,066 | 112,074 |
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts | 78,106 | 79,420 |
| Inventories, net | 28,557 | 28,963 |
| Income taxes receivable | 2,749 | 3,022 |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,407 | 4,490 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 5,057 | 6,551 |
| Current assets held for sale | 20,903 | 15,409 |
| Total Current Assets | 344,569 | 357,340 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 146,272 | 144,495 |
| Goodwill | 1,003 | 1,003 |
| Intangible assets, net | 2,289 | 11,612 |
| Deferred income taxes | 10,465 | 9,016 |
| Other assets | 14,849 | 7,293 |
| Long-term assets held for sale | 155 | 144 |
| Total Assets | \$ 519,602 | \$ 530,903 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Current maturities of long-term debt and capital lease obligations | \$ 400 | \$ 416 |
| Income taxes payable | 10,195 | 4,647 |
| Accounts payable | 50,539 | 55,528 |
| Accrued salaries, bonuses and commissions | 16,451 | 25,799 |
| Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts | 34,130 | 48,334 |
| Accrued product warranty | 5,010 | 5,282 |
| Other accrued expenses | 8,419 | 10,209 |
| Deferred credit-short term | 2,029 | — |
| Current liabilities held for sale | 19,006 | 17,848 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 146,179 | 168,063 |
| Long-term debt and capital lease obligations, net of current maturities | 2,800 | 3,200 |

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|--|------------|------------|
| Deferred compensation | 4,031 | 3,480 |
| Postretirement benefit obligation | 757 | 730 |
| Deferred credit-long term | 6,088 | – |
| Long-term liabilities held for sale | 191 | 204 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 160,046 | \$ 175,677 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note F) | | |
| Stockholders' Equity: | | |
| Preferred stock, par value \$.01; 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued | – | – |
| Common stock, par value \$.01; 30,000,000 shares authorized; 11,994,712 and 11,970,967 shares issued and outstanding, respectively | 120 | 119 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 43,854 | 43,193 |
| Retained earnings | 319,249 | 313,987 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (3,667) | (2,073) |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | 359,556 | 355,226 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$ 519,602 | \$ 530,903 |

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

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Revenues | \$ 171,872 | \$ 146,858 |
| Cost of goods sold | 136,714 | 114,456 |
| Gross profit | 35,158 | 32,402 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 21,632 | 19,686 |
| Research and development expenses | 1,839 | 1,714 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 416 | 415 |
| Operating income | 11,271 | 10,587 |
| Interest expense | 69 | 61 |
| Interest income | (3) | (19) |
| Income before income taxes | 11,205 | 10,545 |
| Income tax provision | 3,937 | 3,425 |
| Income from continuing operations | 7,268 | 7,120 |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax of \$502 and \$144 | 987 | 265 |
| Net income | \$ 8,255 | \$ 7,385 |
| Earnings per share: | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.61 | \$ 0.60 |
| Discontinued operations | 0.08 | 0.02 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.69 | \$ 0.62 |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.60 |
| Discontinued operations | 0.08 | 0.02 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.68 | \$ 0.62 |
| Weighted average shares: | | |
| Basic | 11,994 | 11,922 |
| Diluted | 12,054 | 12,000 |

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

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net income | \$8,255 | \$7,385 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (1,594) | (296) |
| Comprehensive income | \$6,661 | \$7,089 |

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

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

| | Common Shares | Stock Amount | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) | Total |
|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| Balance, September 30, 2013 | 11,971 | \$ 119 | \$ 43,193 | \$ 313,987 | \$ (2,073) | \$ 355,226 |
| Net income | - | - | - | 8,255 | - | 8,255 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | - | - | - | - | (1,594) | (1,594) |
| Stock-based compensation | 24 | 1 | 948 | - | - | 949 |
| Tax related to share-based compensation | - | - | (524) | - | - | (524) |
| Amortization of restricted stock | - | - | 237 | - | - | 237 |
| Dividends paid - \$0.25 per share | - | - | - | (2,993) | - | (2,993) |
| Balance, December 31, 2013 | 11,995 | \$ 120 | \$ 43,854 | \$ 319,249 | \$ (3,667) | \$ 359,556 |

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

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Operating Activities: | | |
| Net income | \$8,255 | \$7,385 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 2,562 | 2,657 |
| Amortization | 416 | 415 |
| Stock-based compensation | 1,185 | 942 |
| Bad debt expense (recovery) | 15 | (293) |
| Deferred income tax benefit | (2,362) | (180) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 7,577 | 7,569 |
| Costs and billings in excess of estimates on uncompleted contracts | (13,399) | 24,099 |
| Inventories | 405 | 1,611 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 1,631 | 798 |
| Accounts payable and income taxes payable | 1,053 | (11,459) |
| Accrued liabilities | (12,145) | (12,338) |
| Other, net | 10,156 | (2) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 5,349 | 21,204 |
| Investing Activities: | | |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | - | 24 |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (5,764) | (13,375) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (5,764) | (13,351) |
| Financing Activities: | | |
| Payments on industrial development revenue bonds | (400) | (400) |
| Taxes on stock-based compensation | (524) | - |
| Dividends paid | (2,993) | - |
| Payments on short-term and other financing | (16) | (275) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (3,933) | (675) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (4,348) | 7,178 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 661 | 149 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 107,411 | 90,040 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$103,724 | \$97,367 |

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

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

A. OVERVIEW AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Overview

Powell Industries, Inc. (we, us, our, Powell or the Company) was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 2004 as a successor to a Nevada company incorporated in 1968. The Nevada corporation was the successor to a company founded by William E. Powell in 1947, which merged into the Company in 1977. Our major subsidiaries, all of which are wholly-owned, include: Powell Electrical Systems, Inc.; Powell Industries International, B.V.; Switchgear & Instrumentation Limited (S&I) and Powell Canada Inc.

We develop, design, manufacture and service custom engineered-to-order equipment and systems for the management and control of electrical energy. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, we serve the transportation, energy, industrial and utility industries.

Basis of Presentation

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Powell and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Certain information and footnote disclosures, normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP), have been condensed or omitted pursuant to those rules and regulations. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to fairly state the financial position, results of operations and cash flows with respect to the interim consolidated financial statements have been included. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire fiscal year. We believe that these financial statements contain all adjustments necessary so that they are not misleading. The year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Powell and its subsidiaries included in Powell's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2013, which was filed with the SEC on December 4, 2013.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying footnotes. The most significant estimates used in our financial statements affect revenue and cost recognition for construction contracts, the allowance for doubtful accounts, provision for excess and obsolete inventory, goodwill and other intangible assets, self-insurance, warranty accruals and income taxes. The amounts recorded for insurance claims, warranties, legal, income taxes and other contingent liabilities require judgments regarding the amount of expenses that will ultimately be incurred. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions, as well as the specific circumstances surrounding these contingent liabilities, in evaluating the amount of liability that should be recorded. Estimates may change as new events occur, additional information becomes available or operating

environments change. Actual results may differ from our estimates.

New Accounting Standards

In August 2012, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) adopted a rule mandated by the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to require companies to publicly disclose their use of conflict minerals that originate in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country. The final rule applies to a company that uses minerals including tantalum, tin, gold or tungsten. The final rule requires companies to provide disclosure on a new form filed with the SEC, with the first specialized disclosure report due on May 31, 2014, for the 2013 calendar year, and annually on May 31 each year thereafter. We are implementing the processes and procedures to comply with this rule.

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In March 2013, the FASB issued accounting guidance to resolve the diversity in practice for accounting for the release of the cumulative translation adjustment into net income when a parent either sells a part or all of its investment in a foreign entity or no longer holds a controlling financial interest in a subsidiary or group of assets that is a nonprofit activity or a business (other than a sale of real estate or conveyance of oil and gas mineral rights) within a foreign entity. This guidance is effective prospectively for fiscal years (and interim reporting periods within those years) beginning after December 15, 2013, which would be our fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. We do not expect this guidance to have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In July 2013, the FASB issued accounting guidance on the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. The guidance states that an unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, should be presented in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward. To the extent a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward is not available at the reporting date under the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction to settle any additional income taxes that would result from the disallowance of a tax position or the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction does not require the entity to use, and the entity does not intend to use, the deferred tax asset for such purpose, the unrecognized tax benefit should be presented in the financial statements as a liability and should not be combined with deferred tax assets. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2013, which would be our fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. This guidance should be applied prospectively to all unrecognized tax benefits that exist at the effective date. Retrospective application is permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a significant impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Subsequent events

On January 15, 2014, we sold our wholly-owned subsidiary Transdyn, Inc. (Transdyn) to a global provider of electronic toll collection systems, headquartered in Vienna, Austria. See Note I for additional information about this transaction.

On February 3, 2014, our Board declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share payable to shareholders of record on February 19, 2014. This dividend will be approximately \$3.0 million and paid on March 19, 2014.

Business Segments

Due to the sale of Transdyn discussed above, we have reclassified the assets and liabilities of Transdyn as held for sale within the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013 and presented the results of these operations as income from discontinued operations, net of tax, for each of the accompanying statements of operations.

While this sale did not result in a material disposition of assets or material reduction to income before income taxes relative to Powell's consolidated financial statements, the revenues, gross profit, income before taxes and assets of Transdyn comprised a significant majority of those respective amounts previously reported in our Process Control Systems business segment. As we previously only reported two business segments, Electrical Power Products and

Process Control Systems, we have removed the presentation of segments in our Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

B. EARNINGS PER SHARE

We compute basic earnings per share by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common and potential common share includes the weighted average of additional shares associated with the incremental effect of dilutive restricted stock and restrictive stock units, as prescribed by the FASB guidance on earnings per share.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 2012 | |
|---|--|---------|
| Numerator: | | |
| Net income | \$8,255 | \$7,385 |
| Denominator: | | |
| Weighted average basic shares | 11,994 | 11,922 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock units | 60 | 78 |
| Weighted average diluted shares with assumed conversions | 12,054 | 12,000 |
| Net earnings per share: | | |
| Continuing operations | \$0.61 | \$0.60 |
| Discontinued operations | 0.08 | 0.02 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$0.69 | \$0.62 |
| Continuing operations | | |
| | \$0.60 | \$0.60 |
| Discontinued operations | | |
| | 0.08 | 0.02 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$0.68 | \$0.62 |

C. DETAIL OF SELECTED BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Activity in our allowance for doubtful accounts receivable consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 2012 | |
|---|--|---------|
| Balance at beginning of period | \$572 | \$1,297 |
| Increase (decrease) to bad debt expense | 15 | (293) |
| Uncollectible accounts written off, net of recoveries | 88 | (77) |
| Change in foreign currency translation | (2) | 1 |
| Balance at end of period | \$673 | \$928 |

Inventories:

The components of inventories are summarized below (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | September 30, 2013 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Raw materials, parts and subassemblies | \$ 29,327 | \$ 30,077 |
| Work-in-progress | 3,967 | 3,818 |
| Provision for excess and obsolete inventory | (4,737) | (4,932) |
| Total inventories | \$ 28,557 | \$ 28,963 |

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Cost and Estimated Earnings on Uncompleted Contracts

The components of costs and estimated earnings and related amounts billed on uncompleted contracts are summarized below (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | September 30, 2013 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Costs incurred on uncompleted contracts | \$654,050 | \$618,570 |
| Estimated earnings | 164,678 | 159,962 |
| | 818,728 | 778,532 |
| Less: Billings to date | (774,752) | (747,446) |
| Net underbilled position | \$43,976 | \$31,086 |

Included in the accompanying balance sheets under the following captions:

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts – underbilled | \$78,106 | \$79,420 |
| Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts – overbilled | (34,130) | (48,334) |
| Net underbilled position | \$43,976 | \$31,086 |

Warranty Accrual

Activity in our product warranty accrual consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 2012 | |
|---|--|---------|
| Balance at beginning of period | \$5,282 | \$5,548 |
| Increase to warranty expense | 464 | 685 |
| Deduction for warranty charges | (731) | (622) |
| Decrease due to foreign currency translations | (5) | (1) |
| Balance at end of period | \$5,010 | \$5,610 |

D. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets balances, subject to amortization, at December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013 consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | | | September 30, 2013 | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Gross Carrying Value | Accumulated Amortization | Net Carrying Value | Gross Carrying Value | Accumulated Amortization | Net Carrying Value |
| Purchased technology | \$ 11,749 | \$ (9,608) | \$ 2,141 | \$ 11,749 | \$ (9,489) | \$ 2,260 |
| Trade name | 1,136 | (988) | 148 | 1,136 | (967) | 169 |

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|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|---|-----------|
| Supply agreement | – | – | – | 17,580 | (8,397 |) | 9,183 |
| Total | \$ 12,885 | \$ (10,596 |) \$ 2,289 | \$ 30,465 | \$ (18,853 |) | \$ 11,612 |

Amortization of intangible assets recorded for the three months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

On August 7, 2006, we purchased certain assets related to the manufacturing of ANSI medium-voltage switchgear and circuit breaker business from General Electric Company (GE). In connection with the acquisition, we entered into a 15 year supply agreement with GE pursuant to which GE would purchase from the Company all of its requirements for ANSI medium-voltage switchgear and circuit breakers and other related equipment and components (the Products) In connection with the acquisition, we recorded an intangible asset related to this supply agreement. On December 30, 2013, the Company and GE amended the supply agreement to allow GE to manufacture similar Products for sale immediately and allow GE to begin purchasing Products from other suppliers beginning December 31, 2014. In return, GE paid us \$10 million upon execution of the amended supply agreement and agreed to pay an additional \$7 million over three years. We have written off the intangible asset related to the original supply agreement and recorded a deferred credit in the amount of \$8.1 million, the amount by which the proceeds from GE exceeded the unamortized balance of our intangible asset. We will be amortizing this deferred credit over the four year life of the agreement.

E. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | September 30, 2013 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Industrial development revenue bonds | \$ 3,200 | \$ 3,600 |
| Capital lease obligations | – | 16 |
| Subtotal long-term debt and capital lease obligations | 3,200 | 3,616 |
| Less current portion | (400) | (416) |
| Total long-term debt and capital lease obligations | \$ 2,800 | \$ 3,200 |

US Revolver

In December 2013, we amended and restated our existing credit agreement (Amended Credit Agreement) with a major domestic bank. We entered into this Amended Credit Agreement to, among other things, allow for the payment of dividends and to extend the termination date of the facility. The Amended Credit Agreement provides for a \$72.0 million revolving credit facility (U.S. Revolver). Obligations are collateralized by the stock of certain of our subsidiaries.

The interest rate for amounts outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement for the U.S. Revolver is a floating rate based upon the higher of the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%, the bank's prime rate, or the Eurocurrency rate plus 1.00%. Once the applicable rate is determined, a margin ranging up to 1.75%, as determined by our consolidated leverage ratio, is added to the applicable rate.

The U.S. Revolver provides for the issuance of letters of credit which reduce the amounts that may be borrowed under this revolver. The amount available under the U.S. Revolver was reduced by \$19.1 million for our outstanding letters of credit at December 31, 2013.

There were no borrowings outstanding under the U.S. Revolver as of December 31, 2013. Amounts available under the U.S. Revolver were \$52.9 million at December 31, 2013. The U.S. Revolver expires on December 31, 2018.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains certain restrictive and maintenance-type covenants, such as restrictions on the amount of capital expenditures allowed. It also contains financial covenants defining various financial measures and the levels of these measures with which we must comply, as well as a "material adverse change" clause. A "material adverse change" is defined as a material change in our operations, business, properties, liabilities or condition (financial or otherwise) or a material impairment of our ability to perform our obligations under our credit agreements.

The Amended Credit Agreement is collateralized by a pledge of 100% of the voting capital stock of each of our domestic subsidiaries and 66% of the voting capital stock of each non-domestic subsidiary, excluding Powell Canada. The Amended Credit Agreement provides for customary events of default and carries cross-default provisions with other existing debt agreements. If an event of default (as defined in the Amended Credit Agreement) occurs and is continuing, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Amended Credit Agreement, amounts outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement may be accelerated and may become immediately due and payable. As of December 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all of the financial covenants of the Amended Credit Agreement.

Canadian Revolver

We have a \$9.4 million credit agreement with a major international bank in Canada (the Canadian Revolver) to provide working capital support and letters of credit for our operations in Canada. The Canadian Revolver provides for the issuance of letters of credit which reduce the amounts that may be borrowed under this revolver. The amount available under the Canadian Revolver was reduced by \$0.1 million for an outstanding letter of credit at December 31, 2013.

There were no borrowings outstanding under the Canadian Revolver as of December 31, 2013. Amounts available under the Canadian Revolver were \$9.3 million at December 31, 2013. The Canadian Revolver expires on February 28, 2015. The interest rate for amounts outstanding under the Canadian Revolver is a floating interest rate based upon either the Canadian Prime Rate, or the lender's Bankers' Acceptance Rate. Once the applicable rate is determined, a margin of 0.50% to 1.75%, as determined by our consolidated leverage ratio, is added to the applicable rate.

The principal financial covenants are consistent with those described in our Amended Credit Agreement. The Canadian Revolver contains a "material adverse effect" clause. A "material adverse effect" is defined as a material change in the operations of Powell or Powell Canada in relation to our financial condition, property, business operations, expected net cash flows, liabilities or capitalization.

The Canadian Revolver is secured by the assets of our Canadian operations and provides for customary events of default and carries cross-default provisions with our existing debt agreements. If an event of default (as defined in the Canadian Revolver) occurs and is continuing, per the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Canadian Revolver, amounts outstanding under the Canadian Revolver may be accelerated and may become immediately due and payable. As of December 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all of the financial covenants of the Canadian Revolver.

Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

We borrowed \$8.0 million in October 2001 through a loan agreement funded with proceeds from tax-exempt industrial development revenue bonds (Bonds). These Bonds were issued by the Illinois Development Finance Authority and were used for the completion of our Northlake, Illinois facility. Pursuant to the Bond issuance, a reimbursement agreement between us and a major domestic bank required an issuance by the bank of an irrevocable direct-pay letter of credit (Bond LC), as collateral, to the Bonds' trustee to guarantee payment of the Bonds' principal and interest when due. The Bond LC is subject to both early termination and extension provisions customary to such agreements, as well as various covenants, for which we were in compliance at December 31, 2013. While the Bonds mature in 2021, the reimbursement agreement requires annual redemptions of \$0.4 million that commenced on October 25, 2002. A sinking fund is used for the redemption of the Bonds. At December 31, 2013, the balance in the restricted sinking fund was approximately \$0.1 million and was recorded in cash and cash equivalents. The Bonds bear interest at a floating rate determined weekly by the Bonds' remarketing agent, which was the underwriter for the Bonds and is an affiliate of the bank. This interest rate was 0.18% per year on December 31, 2013.

F. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Long-Term Debt

See Note E herein for discussion of our long-term debt.

Letters of Credit and Bonds

Certain customers require us to post bank letter of credit guarantees or performance bonds issued by a surety. These guarantees and performance bonds assure that we will perform under the terms of our contract. In the event of default, the counterparty may demand payment from the bank under a letter of credit or performance by the surety under a performance bond. To date, there have been no significant expenses related to either letters of credit or performance bonds for the periods reported. We were contingently liable for secured and unsecured letters of credit of \$19.2 million as of December 31, 2013. We also had performance and maintenance bonds totaling \$333.3 million that were outstanding, with additional bonding capacity of \$66.7 million available, at December 31, 2013.

We have an \$8.2 million facility agreement (Facility Agreement) between S&I and a large international bank. This Facility Agreement provides S&I the ability to enter into various guarantees, such as forward exchange contracts, currency options and performance bonds. At December 31, 2013, we had outstanding guarantees totaling \$4.6 million under this Facility Agreement.

The Facility Agreement provides for financial covenants and customary events of default, and carries cross-default provisions with our Amended Credit Facility. If an event of default (as defined in the Facility Agreement) occurs and is continuing, per the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Facility Agreement, obligations outstanding under the Facility Agreement may be accelerated and may become or be declared immediately due and payable. As of December 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all of the financial covenants of the Facility Agreement. The Facility Agreement expires in July 2014.

Litigation

We are involved in various legal proceedings, claims and other disputes arising in the ordinary course of business which, in general, are subject to uncertainties and the outcomes are not predictable. Although we can give no assurance about the outcome of pending or threatened litigation and the effect such outcomes may have on us, management believes that any ultimate liability resulting from the outcome of such proceedings, to the extent not otherwise provided or covered by insurance, will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations or liquidity.

G. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 for a full description of our existing stock-based compensation plans.

Restricted Stock Units

We issue restricted stock units (RSUs) to certain officers and key employees of the Company. The RSUs vest over a three-year period from their date of issuance. The fair value of the RSUs is based on the closing price of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market (NASDAQ) on the grant dates. Sixty-percent of the actual amount of the RSUs earned will be based on the cumulative earnings as reported relative to the three-year performance cycle which begins October 1 of the year granted, and ranges from 0% to 150% of the target RSUs granted. The remaining forty-percent of the RSUs are time-based and vest over a three-year period. At December 31, 2013, there were 137,255 RSUs outstanding. The RSUs do not have voting rights and do not receive dividends on common stock. Additionally, the shares of common stock underlying the RSUs are not considered issued and outstanding until actually issued.

RSU activity (number of shares) is summarized below:

| | Number of Restricted Stock Units | Weighted Average Fair Value Per Share |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Outstanding at September 30, 2013 | 81,555 | \$ 38.66 |
| Granted | 55,700 | 60.32 |
| Vested | — | — |
| Forfeited | — | — |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2013 | 137,255 | \$ 47.45 |

During the three months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, we recorded compensation expense of \$0.9 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, related to the RSUs.

Restricted Stock

We have a Restricted Stock Plan for the benefit of members of the Board of Directors of the Company who, at the time of their service are not employees of the Company or any of its affiliates.

The 2006 Equity Compensation Plan grants any employee of the Company and its subsidiaries the right to participate in the plan and receive awards. Awards can take the form of options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards and performance unit awards.

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2013, there was no restricted stock granted under the 2006 Plan.

During the three months ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we recorded compensation expense of \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, related to restricted stock grants.

H. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

We measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value. Fair value is defined as an “exit price” which represents the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants as of the measurement date. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be

determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in valuing an asset or liability. The accounting guidance requires the use of valuation techniques to measure fair value that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. As a basis for considering such assumptions and inputs, a fair value hierarchy has been established which identifies and prioritizes three levels of inputs to be used in measuring fair value.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 — Observable inputs such as quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 — Inputs other than the quoted prices in active markets that are observable either directly or indirectly, including: quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market data and require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

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The following table summarizes the fair value of our assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2013 (in thousands):

| Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2013 | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|------------------|
| Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Fair Value at December 31, 2013 | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash equivalents | \$ 10,231 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 10,231 |
| Total | \$ 10,231 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 10,231 |

The following table summarizes the fair value of our assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

| Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2013 | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|------------------|
| Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Fair Value at September 30, 2013 | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash equivalents | \$ 10,531 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 10,531 |
| Total | \$ 10,531 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 10,531 |

Cash equivalents, primarily funds held in money market savings instruments, are reported at their current carrying value which approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments and are included in cash and cash equivalents in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments

Fair value guidance requires certain fair value disclosures, such as those on our long-term debt, to be presented in both interim and annual reports. The estimated fair value amounts of financial instruments have been determined using available market information and valuation methodologies described below.

Industrial Development Revenue Bond – The fair value of our long-term debt depends primarily on the coupon rate of our industrial development revenue bonds. The carrying value of our long-term debt at December 31, 2013, approximates fair value based on the current coupon rate of the bonds, which is reset weekly, and is classified as a Level 2 input in the fair value measurement hierarchy as there is an active market for the trading of these industrial development revenue bonds.

There were no transfers between levels within the fair value measurement hierarchy during the three months ended December 31, 2013.

I. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On January 15, 2014, we sold our wholly-owned subsidiary Transdyn to a global provider of electronic toll collection systems, headquartered in Vienna, Austria. The purchase price from the sale of this subsidiary totaled \$16.0 million, subject to working capital adjustments. We received cash of \$14.4 million and the remaining \$1.6 million was placed into an escrow account until April 2015, to be released subject to certain contingent obligations. Transdyn's results were previously reflected in the Process Control Systems business segment.

We have reclassified the assets and liabilities of Transdyn as held for sale within the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013 and presented the results of these operations as income from discontinued operations, net of tax, for each of the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

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Summary comparative financial results of discontinued operations were as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 2012 | |
|---|--|---------|
| Revenues | \$12,365 | \$7,083 |
| Income from discontinued operations before income taxes | \$1,489 | \$409 |
| Taxes | 502 | 144 |
| Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax | \$987 | \$265 |
| Earnings per share information: | | |
| Basic | \$0.08 | \$0.02 |
| Diluted | \$0.08 | \$0.02 |

The following table presents the assets and liabilities of Transdyn as of December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | September 30, 2013 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 157 | \$ 337 |
| Accounts receivable | 10,959 | 7,346 |
| Contracts in progress | 9,132 | 7,201 |
| Inventories, net | 18 | 20 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 637 | 505 |
| Current assets held for sale | \$ 20,903 | \$ 15,409 |
| Long-term assets: | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | \$ 102 | \$ 93 |
| Other assets | 53 | 51 |
| Long-term assets held for sale | \$ 155 | \$ 144 |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 4,023 | \$ 2,973 |
| Accrued salaries, bonuses and commissions | 630 | 1,675 |
| Billings in excess of cost | 13,713 | 11,867 |
| Other accrued expenses and liabilities | 640 | 1,333 |
| Current liabilities held for sale | \$ 19,006 | \$ 17,848 |
| Long-term liabilities held for sale: | | |
| Other liabilities | \$ 191 | \$ 204 |

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We are including the following discussion to inform our existing and potential shareholders generally of some of the risks and uncertainties that can affect our Company and to take advantage of the “safe harbor” protection for forward-looking statements that applicable federal securities law affords.

From time to time, our management or persons acting on our behalf make forward-looking statements to inform existing and potential shareholders about our Company. These statements may include projections and estimates concerning the timing and success of specific projects and our future backlog, revenues, income, acquisitions and capital spending. Forward-looking statements include information concerning future results of operations and financial condition. Statements that contain words such as “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “estimates,” “continues,” “should,” “could,” “may,” “plan,” “project,” “predict,” “will” or similar expressions may be forward-looking statements. In addition, sometimes we will specifically describe a statement as being a forward-looking statement and refer to this cautionary statement.

In addition, various statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including those that express a belief, expectation or intention, as well as those that are not statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report; we disclaim any obligation to update these statements unless required by securities law, and we caution you not to rely on them unduly. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and assumptions about future events. While our management considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks, contingencies and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These risks, contingencies and uncertainties relate to, among other matters, the following:

- Economic uncertainty and financial market conditions may impact our customer base, suppliers and backlog.
- Our backlog is subject to unexpected adjustments and cancellations and, therefore, may not be a reliable indicator of our future earnings.
- The use of percentage-of-completion accounting on our fixed-price contracts could result in volatility in our results of operations.
- A portion of our contracts contain terms with penalty provisions.
- Fluctuations in the price and supply of raw materials used to manufacture our products may reduce our profits and could materially impact our ability to meet commitments to our customers.
- Our industry is highly competitive.
- Our operations could be adversely impacted by the effects of government regulations.
- Our international operations expose us to risks that are different from, or possibly greater than, the risks we are exposed to domestically and may adversely affect our operations.
- Acquisitions involve a number of risks.
- Our operating results may vary significantly from quarter to quarter.
- The departure of key personnel could disrupt our business.
- Our business requires skilled labor, and we may be unable to attract and retain qualified employees.
- Actual and potential claims, lawsuits and proceedings could ultimately reduce our profitability and liquidity and weaken our financial condition.
- Unforeseen difficulties with our enterprise resource planning, engineering and manufacturing process systems (Business Systems) could adversely affect our internal controls and our business.
- We carry insurance against many potential liabilities, but our management of risk may leave us exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risks.
- Technological innovations by competitors may make existing products and production methods obsolete.
- Catastrophic events could disrupt our business.
- Unforeseen difficulties with the ramp-up of our two new facilities could adversely affect our operations.

We believe the items we have outlined above are important factors that could cause estimates included in our financial statements to differ materially from actual results and those expressed in a forward-looking statement made in this report or elsewhere by us or on our behalf. We have discussed many of these factors in more detail in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2013. These factors are not necessarily all of the factors that could affect us. Unpredictable or unanticipated factors we have not discussed in this report could also have material adverse effects on actual results. We do not intend to update our description of important factors each time a potential important factor arises, except as required by applicable securities laws and regulations. We advise our shareholders that they should (1) be aware that factors not referred to above could affect the accuracy of our forward-looking statements and (2) use caution when considering our forward-looking statements.

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

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2013 which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on December 4, 2013 and is available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Overview

We develop, design, manufacture and service custom engineered-to-order equipment and systems for the management and control of electrical energy. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, we serve the energy, industrial, utility and traction power industries. Revenues and costs are primarily related to custom engineered-to-order equipment and systems which precludes us from providing detailed price and volume information.

The markets in which we participate are capital intensive and cyclical in nature. Cyclicity is predominantly driven by customer demand, global economic conditions and anticipated environmental or regulatory changes which affect the manner in which our customers proceed with capital investments. Our customers analyze various factors including the demand for oil, gas and electrical energy, the overall financial environment, governmental budgets, regulatory actions and environmental concerns. These factors influence the release of new capital projects by our customers, which are traditionally awarded in competitive bid situations. Scheduling is matched to the customer requirements and projects may take a number of months to produce; schedules also may change during the course of any particular project. Our operating results are impacted by factors outside of our control, for example, many of our projects have contracting arrangements where the approval of engineering and design specifications may affect the timing of the project execution.

Our order backlog has strengthened and we entered fiscal year 2014 with a backlog of unfilled orders of \$437.9 million at September 30, 2013, an increase of \$72.0 million compared to our backlog of orders at September 30, 2012. Our backlog includes various projects, some of which are for complex petrochemical and oil and gas construction projects which take a number of months to produce.

The continued strength in the Canadian oil sands region continues to be a major contributor to our increase in our backlog and the expansion of our Canadian operations. We have completed the construction of our new facility and relocation from our previous facility which was leased. The ramp up and staffing of our Canadian operations is continuing and poses risks and challenges in the near term as we position our operations to respond to the strength in the Canadian markets.

On January 15, 2014, we sold our wholly-owned subsidiary Transdyn to a global provider of electronic toll collection systems, headquartered in Vienna, Austria. The purchase price from the sale of this subsidiary totaled \$16.0 million, subject to working capital adjustments. We received cash of \$14.4 million and the remaining \$1.6 million was placed into an escrow account until April 2015, to be released subject to certain contingent obligations. We have reclassified the assets and liabilities of Transdyn as held for sale within the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013 and presented the results of these operations as income from discontinued operations, net of tax, for each of the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. Accordingly, we have removed Transdyn from the Results of Operations discussions below.

Results of Operations

Revenue and Gross Profit

Revenues increased 17.0%, or \$25.0 million, to \$171.9 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013, primarily due to the expansion and ramp-up of our Canadian operations and the timing of projects in process. Domestic revenues increased by 2.3%, or \$2.0 million, to \$89.0 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013, and international revenues increased significantly by 38.4%, or \$23.0 million, to \$82.8 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. The increase in international revenues was primarily driven by the expansions of our Canadian operations and the timing of oil and gas construction projects. Revenues from commercial

and industrial customers increased \$18.0 million to \$124.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. Revenues from public and private utilities increased \$3.2 million to \$34.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. Revenues from municipal and transit projects increased \$3.8 million to \$12.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013.

Gross profit for the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 increased 8.5%, or \$2.8 million, to \$35.2 million, compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. Gross profit as a percentage of revenues decreased to 20.5% in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to 22.1% in the first quarter of fiscal year 2013 primarily due to costs and inefficiencies associated with the expansion and ramp-up of our Canadian operations.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses, as a percentage of revenues, decreased slightly to 12.6% during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to 13.4% during the first quarter of fiscal year 2013 due to the increase in revenues. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$1.9 million to \$21.6 million during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 when compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013 due to increased personnel costs and administrative expenses associated with increased volume. This increase in selling, general and administrative expenses was offset by a decrease in depreciation expense as our enterprise resource planning, engineering and manufacturing process systems (Business Systems) became fully depreciated in December 2012. Additionally, selling, general and administrative expense for the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 was favorably impacted by the capitalization of certain personnel costs associated with the development and implementation of our new Business Systems. However, the favorable impact of depreciation expense and capitalization of certain personnel costs will no longer be realized once the Business Systems are implemented later this fiscal year.

Income Tax Provision

Our provision for income taxes was \$3.9 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to \$3.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. The effective tax rate for the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 was 35.1% which approximates the U.S. federal statutory rate due to a disproportionate amount of income attributable to the U.S. The effective tax rate for the first quarter of fiscal year 2013 was 32.5% and was favorably impacted by the utilization of loss carryforwards on Canadian income and the domestic production activities deduction in the United States.

Income from continuing operations

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, we recorded income from continuing operations of \$7.3 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share, compared to \$7.1 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share, in the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. We continue to have strong performance from oil and gas related projects which offset the inefficiencies associated with the expansion and ramp-up of our Canadian operations.

Income from discontinued operations

In January 2014, we sold our wholly-owned subsidiary Transdyn to a global provider of electronic toll collection systems, headquartered in Vienna, Austria. We have reclassified the assets and liabilities of Transdyn as held for sale within the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013 and presented the results of these operations as income from discontinued operations, net of tax, for each of the accompanying statements of operations. In the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, we recorded \$0.9 million in discontinued operations compared to the \$0.3 million recorded in the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. For additional information about this disposition, see Note I in the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Backlog

The order backlog at December 31, 2013 was \$455.1 million, compared to \$437.9 million at September 30, 2013. New orders placed during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 totaled \$192.2 million compared to \$250.9 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. Backlog has increased primarily due to continued strength in oil and gas production projects, refining projects and traction power markets.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and cash equivalents decreased to \$103.7 million at December 31, 2013, compared to \$107.4 million at September 30, 2013. As of December 31, 2013, current assets exceeded current liabilities by 2.4 times and our debt to total capitalization was 0.88%.

We have a \$72.0 million revolving credit facility in the U.S. which expires in December 2018. As of December 31, 2013, there were no amounts borrowed under this line of credit. We also have a \$9.4 million revolving credit facility in Canada. At December 31, 2013, there was no balance outstanding under the Canadian revolving credit facility. Total long-term debt and capital lease obligations, including current maturities, totaled \$3.2 million at December 31, 2013, compared to \$3.6 million at September 30, 2013. Total letters of credit outstanding were \$19.2 million at December 31, 2013 compared to \$20.1 million at September 30, 2013, which reduced our availability under our U.S. credit facility and our Canadian revolving credit facility. Amounts available at December 31, 2013 under the U.S. and Canadian revolving credit facilities were \$52.9 million and \$9.3 million, respectively. For further information regarding our debt, see Notes E and F of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Approximately \$5.1 million of our cash at December 31, 2013, was held outside of the United States for international operations. It is our intention to indefinitely reinvest all current and future foreign earnings internationally in order to ensure sufficient working capital and support and expand these international operations. In the event that we elect to repatriate some or all of the foreign earnings that were previously deemed to be indefinitely reinvested outside the U.S., under current tax laws we would incur additional tax expense upon such repatriation.

We believe that cash available and borrowing capacity under our existing credit facilities should be sufficient to finance anticipated operating activities, capital improvements and expansions, as well as debt repayments, for the foreseeable future. We continue to monitor the factors that drive our markets and strive to maintain our leadership and competitive advantage in the markets we serve while aligning our cost structures with market conditions.

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities was \$5.3 million during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$21.2 million during the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. Cash flow from operations is primarily influenced by demand for our products and services and is impacted as our progress payment terms with our customers are matched with the payment terms with our suppliers. Cash flow from operations decreased during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year, primarily due to the billing and collection of contracts receivable based on the progress billing milestones offset by the \$10.0 million received from the amendment of the supply agreement previously discussed in Note D to the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investing Activities

Purchases of property, plant and equipment during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 totaled \$5.8 million compared to \$13.4 million during the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. This decrease results from the completion of the construction of our new facilities in fiscal year 2013.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$3.9 million during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 and \$0.7 million during the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. This increase in the use of cash in the first quarter of fiscal 2014 was primarily driven by the payment of a \$3.0 million cash dividend in December 2013.

New Accounting Standards

See Note A to our condensed consolidated financial statements included in this report for information on new accounting standards.

Critical Accounting Policies

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities known to exist at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We evaluate our estimates on an ongoing basis, based on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ from those estimates.

There have been no material changes to our critical accounting policies as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2013.

Outlook

The markets in which we participate are capital-intensive and cyclical in nature. Cyclicity is predominantly driven by customer demand, global economic conditions and anticipated environmental or regulatory changes which affect the manner in which our customers proceed with capital investments. Our customers analyze various factors including the demand for oil, gas and electrical energy, the overall financial environment, governmental budgets, regulatory actions and environmental concerns. These factors influence the release of new capital projects by our customers, which are traditionally awarded in competitive bid situations. Scheduling is matched to the customer requirements; and projects may take a number of months to produce; schedules also may change during the course of any particular project.

Growth in demand for energy is expected to continue over the long term. This, when coupled with the need for replacement of existing infrastructure that is at the end of its life cycle, demonstrates a continued need for products and services produced by us. Our orders over the past year have been solid, driven primarily by continued strength in oil and gas production projects, demand associated with the Canadian oil sands and refining projects. We continue to experience timing challenges in the near-term related to the awarding of large projects due to various global market conditions and industry constraints. However, the outlook for continued opportunities for our products and services remains positive; even though the timing and pricing of many of these projects are difficult to predict.

Our operating results are frequently impacted by the timing and resolution of change orders and project close-out which could cause gross margins to improve or deteriorate during the period in which these items are approved and finalized with customers. Our operating results are also impacted by factors outside of our control, such as our projects that have contract arrangements where the approval of engineering and design specifications may affect the timing of the project execution.

The continued strength in the Canadian oil sands region continues to be a major contributor to the increase in our backlog and the expansion of our Canadian operations. We have completed the construction of our new facility and relocation from our previous facility which was leased. The ramp-up and staffing of our Canadian operations continues and poses risks and challenges in the near term as we position our operations to respond to the strength in the Canadian markets.

We believe that cash available and borrowing capacity under our existing credit facilities should be sufficient to finance anticipated operating activities, capital improvements and debt repayments for the foreseeable future. We continue to monitor our markets and will strive to maintain our leadership and competitive advantage in the markets we serve while aligning our cost structures with market conditions.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to certain market risks arising from transactions we have entered into in the normal course of business. These risks primarily relate to fluctuations in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and commodity prices.

Interest Rate Risk

If we decide to borrow under one of our credit facilities, we will be subject to market risk resulting from changes in interest rates related to our floating rate bank credit facility. If we were to make such borrowings, a hypothetical 100 basis point increase in variable interest rates may result in a material impact to our financial statements. While we do not currently have any derivative contracts to hedge our exposure to interest rate risk, in the past we have entered and may in the future enter into such contracts. During each of the past three years, we have not experienced a significant effect on our business due to changes in interest rates.

Foreign Currency Transaction Risk

We have operations that expose us to currency risk in the British Pound Sterling, the Canadian Dollar and to a lesser extent the Euro. Amounts invested in our foreign operations are translated into U.S. Dollars at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. All revenues and expenses are translated at average rates during the respective period. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of stockholders' equity in our consolidated balance sheets. We believe the exposure to the effects that fluctuating foreign currencies have on our consolidated results of operations is limited because the foreign operations primarily invoice customers and collect obligations in their respective currencies or U.S. Dollars. Our international operations are financed utilizing local credit facilities denominated in local currencies. Additionally, expenses associated with these transactions are generally contracted and paid for in the same local currencies. A 10% unfavorable change in the U.S. Dollar exchange rate, relative to other functional currencies in which we operate, would not materially impact our consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2013.

Commodity Price Risk

We are subject to market risk from fluctuating market prices of certain raw materials. While such materials are typically available from numerous suppliers, commodity raw materials are subject to price fluctuations. We attempt to pass along such commodity price increases to our customers on a contract-by-contract basis to avoid a negative effect on profit margin. While we may do so in the future, we have not currently entered into any derivative contracts to hedge our exposure to commodity risk. We continue to experience price volatility with some of our key raw materials and components. Fixed-price contracts may limit our ability to pass cost increases to our customers, thus negatively impacting our earnings. Fluctuations in commodity prices may have a material impact on our future earnings and cash flows.

Market Risk

We are also exposed to general market risk and its potential impact on accounts receivable or costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts. The amounts recorded may be at risk if our customers' ability to pay these obligations is negatively impacted by economic conditions. Our customers and their industries are typically EPC firms, oil and gas producers, oil and gas pipelines, refineries, petrochemical plants, electrical power generators, public and private utilities, co-generation facilities, mining/metals operations, pulp and paper plants, transit authorities, governmental agencies and other large industrial customers. We maintain ongoing discussions with customers regarding contract status with respect to payment status, change orders and billing terms in an effort to monitor collections of amounts billed.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We have established and maintain a system of disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Management, with the participation of our CEO and CFO, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, our CEO and CFO have each concluded that as of the end of the period, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are involved in various legal proceedings, claims and other disputes arising in the ordinary course of business which, in general, are subject to uncertainties and the outcomes are not predictable. We do not believe that the ultimate conclusion of these disputes could materially affect our financial position or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There are no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.

Item 6. Exhibits

| Number | Description of Exhibits |
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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.

POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: February 5, 2014 By: /s/ Michael A. Lucas
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President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Don R. Madison
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