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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 8, 2012

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 001-33987

HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation

26-0351454
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2175 Point Boulevard
Suite 375
Elgin, IL 60123
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 836-5670

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, or a non-accelerated filer. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company

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

On October 12, 2012, there were outstanding 18,068,352 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, of Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.

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PART I

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.
 Consolidated Balance Sheets
 (In Thousands, Except Share and Par Value Amounts)
 (Unaudited)

| | September 8, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$46,379 | \$2,186 |
| Accounts receivable - net | 29,044 | 17,047 |
| Inventory - net | 26,415 | 21,260 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,301 | 986 |
| Income tax receivables - current | 174 | 1,040 |
| Other current assets | 3,409 | 1,955 |
| Total Current Assets | 108,722 | 44,474 |
| Property, plant and equipment - net | 71,740 | 66,653 |
| Equipment at customers - net | 17,744 | 16,408 |
| Software and intangible assets - net | 4,424 | 4,469 |
| Goodwill | 1,798 | 1,798 |
| Income tax receivables - noncurrent | — | 254 |
| Total Assets | \$204,428 | \$134,056 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$18,596 | \$21,266 |
| Accrued salaries, wages, and benefits | 3,074 | 2,930 |
| Taxes payable | 1,310 | 1,121 |
| Current maturities of long-term debt and term loan | 1,678 | 1,053 |
| Other accrued expenses | 2,545 | 2,562 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 27,203 | 28,932 |
| Term loan, less current maturities | 18,625 | 19,500 |
| Long-term debt, less current maturities | 953 | 1,338 |
| Contingent consideration, less current portion | 580 | 1,027 |
| Deferred income taxes | 7,802 | 4,706 |
| Total Liabilities | 55,163 | 55,503 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Common stock - 22,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.01 par value, 18,062,091 and 14,448,331 shares issued and outstanding at September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively | \$181 | \$144 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 141,217 | 73,065 |
| Retained earnings | 7,867 | 5,344 |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | 149,265 | 78,553 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$204,428 | \$134,056 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income
(In Thousands, Except per Share Amounts)
(Unaudited)

| | Third Quarter Ended, | | First Three Quarters Ended, | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 8, 2012 | September 10, 2011 | September 8, 2012 | September 10, 2011 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product revenues | 31,348 | 10,919 | 84,505 | 20,670 |
| Service revenues | 30,718 | 26,325 | 90,341 | 77,281 |
| Total revenues | \$62,066 | \$37,244 | \$174,846 | \$97,951 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Operating costs | 52,718 | 30,197 | 146,963 | 77,438 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | 5,575 | 4,886 | 17,569 | 14,242 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,904 | 1,208 | 5,587 | 3,533 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets - net | — | 1 | (3 |) (11 |
| Operating income | 1,869 | 952 | 4,730 | 2,749 |
| Interest expense – net | 112 | 9 | 445 | 23 |
| Income before income taxes | 1,757 | 943 | 4,285 | 2,726 |
| Provision for income taxes | 723 | 335 | 1,762 | 1,061 |
| Net income | \$1,034 | \$608 | \$2,523 | \$1,665 |
| Net income per share: basic | \$0.06 | \$0.04 | \$0.15 | \$0.12 |
| Net income per share: diluted | \$0.06 | \$0.04 | \$0.15 | \$0.11 |
| Number of weighted average shares outstanding: basic | 18,060 | 14,325 | 16,412 | 14,293 |
| Number of weighted average shares outstanding: diluted | 18,412 | 14,822 | 16,783 | 14,674 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.
 Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity
 (In Thousands, Except Share Amounts)
 (Unaudited)

| | Shares | Par Value Common | Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Total |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | 14,448,331 | \$144 | \$73,065 | \$5,344 | \$78,553 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 2,523 | 2,523 |
| Issuance of common stock - net | 3,400,000 | 34 | 65,479 | — | 65,513 |
| Issuance of common stock - ESPP | 19,300 | — | 330 | — | 330 |
| Exercise of stock options | 141,789 | 2 | 1,581 | — | 1,583 |
| Share-based compensation | 52,671 | 1 | 762 | — | 763 |
| Balance, September 8, 2012 | 18,062,091 | \$181 | \$141,217 | \$7,867 | \$149,265 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.
 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
 (In Thousands)
 (Unaudited)

| | First Three Quarters Ended, | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 8, 2012 | September 10, 2011 |
| Cash flows from Operating Activities: | | |
| Net income | \$2,523 | \$1,665 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 5,587 | 3,533 |
| Bad debt provision | 694 | 459 |
| Share-based compensation | 763 | 766 |
| Deferred rent | 21 | 43 |
| Non-cash interest expense | 30 | 27 |
| Deferred taxes | 781 | 127 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Increase in accounts receivable | (12,691 |) (4,065 |
| Decrease (increase) in income tax receivables | 1,120 | (840 |
| Increase in inventory | (5,155 |) (6,520 |
| Increase in prepaid and other current assets | (1,454 |) (445 |
| Increase in accounts payable | 3,883 | 3,099 |
| (Decrease) increase in accrued expenses | (152 |) 2,897 |
| Cash (used in) provided by operating activities | (4,050 |) 746 |
| Cash flows from Investing Activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (17,997 |) (28,331 |
| Software and intangible asset expenditures | (521 |) (473 |
| Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired | — | (921 |
| Cash used in investing activities | (18,518 |) (29,725 |
| Cash flows from Financing Activities: | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | 65,843 | 182 |
| Proceeds from the exercise of stock options | 1,583 | 23 |
| (Repayments of) proceeds from term loan | (250 |) 20,000 |
| Borrowings under revolving credit facility | 28,180 | — |
| Repayments of revolving credit facility | (28,180 |) — |
| Repayments of notes payable | (415 |) (280 |
| Cash provided by financing activities | 66,761 | 19,925 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 44,193 | (9,054 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 2,186 | 21,757 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$46,379 | \$12,703 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: | | |
| Income taxes paid | 230 | 179 |
| Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest of \$65 and \$58, respectively | 519 | — |
| Supplemental disclosure of non-cash information: | | |

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|---|-------|-------|
| Payables for construction in progress | 1,497 | 5,046 |
| Business acquisitions, liabilities assumed | — | 15 |
| Business acquisitions, notes issued | — | 2,384 |
| Business acquisitions, common stock issued | — | 800 |
| See accompanying notes to financial statements. | | |

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HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 8, 2012

(1) ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc., a Delaware corporation and its subsidiary (collectively the "Company"), operates in two reportable segments: "Environmental Services" and "Oil Business." The Company's Environmental Services programs include parts cleaning, containerized waste management, and vacuum truck services. The Company's Oil Business includes used oil collection and re-refining. The Company conducts its primary business operations through Heritage-Crystal Clean, LLC, its wholly owned subsidiary, and all intercompany balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company's fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to December 31. The most recent fiscal year ended on December 31, 2011. The current fiscal year will end on December 29, 2012. Each of the Company's first three fiscal quarters consists of twelve weeks while the last fiscal quarter consists of sixteen or seventeen weeks.

The Company has adjusted the presentation of the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2011 to present Total Assets and Total Liabilities to reflect noncurrent deferred income tax items on a net basis, rather than presenting them separately as a noncurrent deferred tax asset and a noncurrent deferred tax liability, which were previously reported as \$18.4 million and \$23.1 million, respectively, at December 31, 2011. The Balance Sheet has been adjusted to include a net noncurrent deferred tax liability of \$4.7 million for December 31, 2011. This new presentation does not affect the reported December 31, 2011 net income, cash flow from operations, and stockholders' equity. The Company has concluded that the previous presentation did not materially misstate the Company's December 31, 2011 consolidated financial statements.

The Company has adjusted presentation of the Income Statement to separately present revenues from the sale of tangible products and revenues from services. In the Company's Environmental Services segment, product revenues include sales of solvent, machines, and accessories to customers, and service revenues include drum waste removal services, servicing of parts cleaning machines, vacuum truck services, and other services. In the Company's Oil Business segment, product revenues include sales of re-refined base oil, byproducts, and used oil, and service revenues include revenues from collecting and disposing of waste water.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2012, the Company raised net proceeds, after offering costs, of approximately \$65.5 million in a follow-on public offering of common stock. Further details regarding this transaction can be found in Footnote 13, "Stockholders' Equity."

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") requires the use of certain estimates by management in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of sales and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions are the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, valuation of inventory at lower of cost or market, valuation of goodwill and other intangible assets, and income taxes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Operating Costs

Within operating costs are cost of sales. Cost of sales in the Environmental Services segment includes the costs of the materials the Company sells and provides in its services, such as solvent and other chemicals, cleaning machines sold to customers, transportation of inventory and waste, and payments to third parties to recycle or dispose of the waste materials that the Company collects. The Company's used solvent that it retrieves from customers in its product reuse program is accounted for as a reduction in net cost of solvent under cost of sales, whether placed in inventory or sold to a purchaser for reuse. If the used solvent is placed in inventory it is recorded at its net realizable value. Cost of sales in the Oil Business include the costs paid to customers for used oil, transportation, and costs to operate the used oil re-refinery, including personnel costs and utilities.

Operating costs also include the Company's costs of operating its branch system and hubs. These costs include personnel

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costs (including commissions), facility rent and utilities, and truck leases, fuel, and maintenance. Operating costs are not presented separately for products and services.

Acquisitions

The Company accounts for acquired businesses using the purchase method of accounting, which requires that the assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and contingent consideration be recorded at the date of acquisition at their respective fair values. It further requires that acquisition-related costs be recognized separately from the acquisition and expensed as incurred and restructuring costs to be expensed in periods subsequent to the acquisition date. The Company records a preliminary purchase price allocation for its acquisitions and finalizes purchase price allocations as additional information relative to the fair values of the assets acquired becomes known.

Identifiable Intangible Assets

The fair value of identifiable intangible assets is based on significant judgments made by management. The Company may engage third party valuation appraisal firms to assist the Company in determining the fair values and useful lives of the assets acquired. Such valuations and useful life determinations require the Company to make significant estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and information obtained from the management of the acquired companies and also include, but are not limited to, future expected cash flows to be earned from the continued operation of the acquired business and discount rates applied in determining the present value of those cash flows. Unanticipated events and circumstances may occur that could affect the accuracy or validity of such assumptions, estimates, or actual results. Acquisition-related finite lived intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated economic lives. The Company evaluates the estimated benefit periods and recoverability of its intangible assets when facts and circumstances indicate that the lives may not be appropriate and/or the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable. If the carrying value is not recoverable, impairment is measured as the amount by which the carrying value exceeds its estimated fair value.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company uses a three-tier fair value hierarchy to classify and disclose all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as well as assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, in periods subsequent to their initial measurement. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2, defined as inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The Company's financial instruments consist primarily of cash, trade receivables, trade payables, and short term debt. As of September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the carrying values of cash, trade receivables, trade payables, and short term debt are considered to be representative of their respective fair values due to the short maturity of these instruments.

Goodwill

Goodwill is measured as a residual amount as of the acquisition date, which in most cases results in measuring goodwill as an excess of the purchase consideration transferred plus the fair value of any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the net assets acquired, including any contingent consideration. The Company tests goodwill for impairment annually in the fourth quarter and in interim periods if changes in circumstances indicate that

the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable. The Company's determination of fair value requires certain assumptions and estimates regarding future profitability and cash flows of acquired businesses and market conditions. In fiscal 2011, the Company tested goodwill for impairment and determined goodwill not to be impaired. In the third quarter of fiscal 2012 there were no triggering events that would require the Company to test for impairment. However, due to the inherent uncertainties associated with using these assumptions, impairment charges could occur in future periods.

(3) BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

On February 23, 2011, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities of Warrior Oil Service, Inc., JBS Oil, Inc., C&J Recovery, LLC, and affiliates, a group of related companies (collectively, "Warrior Group") in exchange for \$0.9 million in cash, \$0.8 million of the Company's common stock, and \$2.6 million in subordinated notes with maturity dates of February 1,

2014 and November 1, 2015. The Company recorded the purchase price allocation of \$2.0 million to property, plant and equipment, \$1.2 million to goodwill, \$0.8 million to intangible assets, and \$0.1 million to inventory for a total of \$4.1 million. The difference between the consideration of \$4.3 million and the allocation of \$4.1 million is due to the non-interest bearing promissory notes being recorded at their net present value which is \$0.2 million less than the face value of the notes. The Company recorded expense of less than \$0.1 million in transaction costs in fiscal 2011 related to this acquisition. The Company acquired the Warrior Group to add used oil collection volume primarily in the states of Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. The Company's balance sheet as of December 31, 2011 has been retrospectively adjusted to reflect the final valuation of the Warrior Group.

On December 1, 2011, the Company acquired certain assets of Crystal Flash Limited Partnership of Michigan ("Crystal Flash") in exchange for \$1.7 million in cash at the time of closing and \$2.1 million in future payments which will be tied to the continued performance of the acquired assets. The Company recorded the future payments at their net present value of \$1.6 million. The preliminary purchase price allocation resulted in \$1.1 million allocated to intangible assets, \$0.9 million to property, plant, and equipment, \$0.6 million to goodwill, \$0.4 million to accounts receivable, and \$0.3 million to inventory. The Company acquired Crystal Flash to add used oil collection volume in Michigan.

The Company is continuing to evaluate the purchase price allocations for the Crystal Flash acquisition and will adjust the allocations if additional information relative to the fair values of the assets and liabilities becomes known.

The operating results of the acquisitions are included in the Company's consolidated results of operations and also in the Oil Business segment from the date of acquisition. In addition, the Company has allocated the assets acquired, including goodwill, to the Oil Business segment for both the Warrior and Crystal Flash acquisitions.

(4) ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | September 8, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Trade | \$28,947 | \$16,988 |
| Less allowance for doubtful accounts | (981 |) (698 |
| Trade - net | 27,966 | 16,290 |
| Related parties | 597 | 197 |
| Other | 481 | 560 |
| Total accounts receivable - net | \$29,044 | \$17,047 |

The following table provides the changes in the Company's allowance for doubtful accounts for the first three quarters ended September 8, 2012 and the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

| | September 8, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Balance at beginning of period | \$698 | \$647 |
| Provision for bad debts | 694 | 493 |
| Accounts written off, net of recoveries | (411 |) (442 |
| Balance at end of period | \$981 | \$698 |

(5) INVENTORY

The carrying value of inventory consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | September 8, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Oil | \$12,400 | \$8,009 |
| Solvents | 8,948 | 7,906 |
| Machines | 2,486 | 2,658 |
| Drums | 1,391 | 1,440 |
| Accessories | 1,374 | 1,406 |
| Total inventory | 26,599 | 21,419 |
| Less reserves | (184 |) (159 |
| Total inventory - net | \$26,415 | \$21,260 |

Inventory consists of used oil and re-refined oil products, new and used solvents, new and refurbished parts cleaning machines, drums, accessories and absorbents, and repair parts. Inventories are valued at the lower of first-in, first-out (FIFO) cost or market, net of any reserves for excess, obsolete, or unsalable inventory. The Company continually monitors its inventory levels at each of its locations and evaluates inventories for excess or slow-moving items. If circumstances indicate the cost of inventories exceed their recoverable value, inventories are reduced to net realizable value.

(6) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | September 8, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Buildings and storage tanks | \$46,548 | \$26,306 |
| Machinery, vehicles and equipment ^(a) | 27,228 | 21,256 |
| Leasehold improvements | 2,188 | 1,755 |
| Land | 715 | 677 |
| Construction in progress | 6,301 | 25,309 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 82,980 | 75,303 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (11,240 |) (8,650 |
| Property, plant and equipment - net | \$71,740 | \$66,653 |

| | September 8, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Equipment at customers | \$40,553 | \$36,803 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (22,809 |) (20,395 |
| Equipment at customers - net | \$17,744 | \$16,408 |

^(a) Includes preliminary fair value of assets acquired in the Crystal Flash acquisition described in Note 3 that may be adjusted as additional information becomes known.

(7) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consisted of the following (in thousands):

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| | September 8, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Accounts payable | \$18,251 | \$20,678 |
| Accounts payable - related parties | 345 | 588 |
| Total accounts payable | \$18,596 | \$21,266 |

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(8) DEBT AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

Bank Credit Facility

The Company's secured bank credit facility as of September 8, 2012 allows for up to \$39.8 million in borrowings. As of September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company's total borrowings were \$19.8 million and \$20.0 million, under the term loan which has a maturity date of March 15, 2016. The remaining portion of the credit facility is in the form of a revolving loan which expires on December 14, 2012 under which up to an additional \$20.0 million is available. There were no amounts outstanding under the revolver at September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2012 the Company raised net proceeds of approximately \$65.5 million in a follow-on public offering of common stock and paid off the outstanding balance of its revolving credit facility of approximately \$12.4 million.

During the first three quarters of 2012, the Company recorded interest of \$0.4 million on both the term loan and revolving credit facility, of which \$0.1 million was capitalized for various capital projects.

Under the terms of the credit facility, interest is payable monthly at the prime rate plus 25 basis points, unless the total leverage ratio is greater than or equal to 2.75 to 1, in which case the rate would be the prime rate plus 50 basis points. The Company also has the option to lock in a portion of its borrowing at the prevailing LIBOR rate plus a variable margin of between 2.0% and 3.0% depending on the Company's leverage ratio. The allowed total leverage ratio is on a graduated scale that allows for maximum total leverage ratios from 3.25 to 1 to 4.0 to 1. The credit facility also includes an excess cash flow provision that requires additional principal payments on the term loan if the excess earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") for the fiscal year exceeds the formula rate set forth in the credit facility. Amounts borrowed under the credit facility are secured by substantially all of the Company's tangible and intangible assets. The Company's weighted average interest rate as of September 8, 2012 was 2.77%.

As of September 8, 2012, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the credit facility. As of September 8, 2012, and December 31, 2011, the Company had \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million of standby letters of credit issued, respectively, and \$19.7 million and \$11.4 million was available for borrowing under the bank credit facility, respectively.

Notes Payable

At September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company has outstanding notes payable related to the Warrior Acquisition of approximately \$1.5 million and \$1.9 million, of which \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, were recorded as current maturities.

(9) SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company reports in two segments: "Environmental Services" and "Oil Business." The Environmental Services segment consists of the Company's parts cleaning, containerized waste management and vacuum truck service activities. The Oil Business segment consists of the Company's used oil collection and used oil re-refining activities. No single customer accounted for more than 10% of consolidated revenues in the third quarter or first three quarters of fiscal 2012. Revenues from one customer in the Oil Business segment represented approximately 20.5% and 11.5% of the Company's consolidated revenues for the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2011, respectively. There were no intersegment revenues.

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Operating segment results for the third quarter and first three quarters ended September 8, 2012 and September 10, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

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For the Quarter Ended,
September 8, 2012

| | Environmental Services | Oil Business | Corporate and Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product revenues | \$2,638 | \$28,710 | | \$31,348 |
| Service revenues | 29,501 | 1,217 | | 30,718 |
| Total revenues | \$32,139 | \$29,927 | | \$62,066 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Operating costs | 24,985 | 27,733 | — | 52,718 |
| Operating depreciation and amortization | 1,084 | 665 | — | 1,749 |
| Profit before corporate selling, general, and administrative expenses | 6,070 | 1,529 | — | 7,599 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | — | — | 5,575 | 5,575 |
| Depreciation and amortization from SG&A | — | — | 155 | 155 |
| Total selling, general, and administrative expenses | | | 5,730 | 5,730 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets - net | | | — | — |
| Operating income | | | | 1,869 |
| Interest expense - net | — | — | 112 | 112 |
| Income before income taxes | | | | 1,757 |
| Provision for income taxes | — | — | 723 | 723 |
| Net income | | | | \$1,034 |

For the Quarter Ended,
September 10, 2011

| | Environmental Services | Oil Business | Corporate and Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product revenues | \$2,065 | \$8,854 | | \$10,919 |
| Service revenues | 25,564 | 761 | | 26,325 |
| Total revenues | \$27,629 | \$9,615 | \$— | \$37,244 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Operating costs | 22,145 | 8,052 | — | 30,197 |
| Operating depreciation and amortization | 977 | 90 | — | 1,067 |
| Profit (loss) before corporate selling, general, and administrative expenses | 4,507 | 1,473 | | 5,980 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | — | — | 4,886 | 4,886 |
| Depreciation and amortization from SG&A | — | — | 141 | 141 |
| Total selling, general, and administrative expenses | | | 5,027 | 5,027 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets - net | | | 1 | 1 |
| Operating income | | | | 952 |
| Interest expense - net | — | — | 9 | 9 |

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| | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|-----|--------|
| Income before income taxes | | | | 943 |
| Provision for income taxes | — | — | 335 | 335 |
| Net income | | | | \$ 608 |

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First Three Quarters Ended,
September 8, 2012

| | Environmental Services | Oil Business | Corporate and Eliminations | Consolidated |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product revenues | \$ 7,813 | \$ 76,692 | | \$ 84,505 |
| Service revenues | 86,886 | 3,455 | | 90,341 |
| Total revenues | \$ 94,699 | \$ 80,147 | | \$ 174,846 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Operating costs | 73,053 | 73,910 | — | 146,963 |
| Operating depreciation and amortization | 3,195 | 1,956 | — | 5,151 |
| Profit before corporate selling, general, and administrative expenses | 18,451 | 4,281 | — | 22,732 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | — | — | 17,569 | 17,569 |
| Depreciation and amortization from SG&A | — | — | 436 | 436 |
| Total selling, general, and administrative expenses | | | 18,005 | 18,005 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets - net | | | (3 |) (3 |
| Operating income | | | | 4,730 |
| Interest expense - net | — | — | 445 | 445 |
| Income before income taxes | | | | 4,285 |
| Provision for income taxes | — | — | 1,762 | 1,762 |
| Net income | | | | \$ 2,523 |

First Three Quarters Ended,
September 10, 2011

| | Environmental Services | Oil Business | Corporate and Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product revenues | \$ 6,219 | \$ 14,451 | | \$ 20,670 |
| Service revenues | 75,163 | 2,118 | | 77,281 |
| Total revenues | \$ 81,382 | \$ 16,569 | \$— | \$ 97,951 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Operating costs | 61,342 | 16,096 | — | 77,438 |
| Operating depreciation and amortization | 2,871 | 217 | — | 3,088 |
| Profit (loss) before corporate selling, general, and administrative expenses | 17,169 | 256 | | 17,425 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | — | — | 14,242 | 14,242 |
| Depreciation and amortization from SG&A | — | — | 445 | 445 |
| Total selling, general, and administrative expenses | | | 14,687 | 14,687 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets - net | | | (11 |) (11 |
| Operating income | | | | 2,749 |

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| | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|-------|---------|
| Interest expense - net | — | — | 23 | 23 |
| Income before income taxes | | | | 2,726 |
| Provision for income taxes | — | — | 1,061 | 1,061 |
| Net income | | | | \$1,665 |

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Total assets by segment as of September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

| | September 8, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total Assets: | | |
| Environmental Services | \$ 34,895 | \$ 32,208 |
| Oil Business | 79,192 | 67,008 |
| Unallocated Corporate Assets | 90,341 | 34,840 |
| Total | \$ 204,428 | \$ 134,056 |

Segment assets for the Environmental Services and Oil Business segments consist of property, plant, and equipment, intangible assets, and inventories allocated to each segment. Oil Business segments include goodwill from the acquisitions discussed in Note 3. Assets for the corporate unallocated amounts consist of property, plant, and equipment used at the corporate headquarters, as well as cash, accounts receivable, and net deferred tax assets.

(10) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company may enter into purchase obligations with certain vendors. These purchase obligations are generally cancelable with or without notice, without penalty, although certain vendor agreements provide for cancellation fees or penalties depending on the terms of the contract.

The Company has purchase obligations in the form of open purchase orders of \$11.1 million as of September 8, 2012, primarily for used oil, solvent, machine purchases, disposal and transportation expenses, and capital expenditures.

The Company may be subject to investigations, claims or lawsuits as a result of operating its business, including matters governed by environmental laws and regulations. When claims are asserted, the Company evaluates the likelihood that a loss will occur and records a liability for those instances when the likelihood is deemed probable and the exposure is reasonably estimable. The Company carries insurance at levels it believes are adequate to cover loss contingencies based on historical claims activity. When the potential loss exposure is limited to the insurance deductible and the likelihood of loss is determined to be probable, the Company accrues for the amount of the required deductible, unless a lower amount of exposure is estimated. As of September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had accrued \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million related to loss contingencies, respectively.

In October 2010, Ecological Services, Inc. ("ESI"), a non-hazardous wastewater treatment facility in Indiana, filed a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has determined that the Company was the third largest Potential Responsible Party ("PRP") contributor of waste to the site over the last six years of ESI's operation and assigned the Company the proportional share of the costs related to the cleanup of the ESI site. The Company joined with other PRPs to form a cooperative group to undertake the removal of waste and chemicals remaining at the site. The total cost of remediation at the site was \$10.0 million. The Company incurred expenses of \$0.6 million for the clean-up, beginning in the second quarter of fiscal 2011. The Company did not experience additional expenses in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 related to ESI. The Company filed a claim with its insurance carrier for coverage under an existing policy. The Company has also filed a claim under ESI's environmental insurance policy under which it is listed as an additional insured. The Company received \$5,000 from its insurance carrier in the second quarter of fiscal 2011 for its obligation, but the Company's insurance provider has declined to make subsequent payments. In October 2012, the Company received notification from the EPA that the remediation work at the site had been completed. The Company does not expect to experience additional liabilities related to this site.

(11) INCOME TAXES

In fiscal 2011, the Company deducted for federal income tax purposes bonus depreciation on the majority of its capital expenditures for assets placed in service in fiscal 2011. The Company recorded a noncurrent deferred tax liability to reflect the book-tax difference for the resulting inability to deduct the federal income tax depreciation on 2011 capital expenditures in future years. In addition, as a result of the temporary differences related to the tax treatment of the federal bonus depreciation, the Company recorded a gross Net Operating Loss ("NOL") of \$44.7 million, which will expire in 2031. The balance remaining on the NOL as of September 8, 2012 was \$40.3 million. The Company recorded a deferred tax asset as of December 31, 2011 related to its net NOL federal tax effected of \$15.2 million.

The Company recognizes windfall tax benefits associated with the exercise of stock options directly to stockholders' equity only when realized. Consequently, deferred tax assets are not recognized for NOLs resulting from windfall tax benefits. At September 8, 2012, deferred tax assets do not include \$0.5 million of excess tax benefits from share-based compensation.

The Company's effective tax rate for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 was 41.1% compared to 35.5% in the third quarter of fiscal 2011. The Company's effective tax rate for the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was 41.1% compared to 38.9% in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. Such increase in the effective tax rate was, in part, the result of recording a federal research tax credit in fiscal 2011 and not in fiscal 2012, as this credit has not yet been extended beyond 2011.

(12) SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

The aggregate number of shares of common stock which may be issued under the Company's 2008 Omnibus Plan ("Plan") is 1,902,077 plus any common stock that becomes available for issuance pursuant to the reusage provision of the Plan. As of September 8, 2012, the number of shares available for issuance under the Plan was 801,585 shares.

Stock Option Awards

A summary of stock option activity under this Plan is as follows:

| Stock Options | Number of Options Outstanding | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value as of Date Listed (in thousands) |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2011 | 771,337 | \$ 10.83 | 6.38 | 4,421 |
| Granted | — | | | |
| Exercised | (141,789) | \$ 11.16 | | |
| Options outstanding at September 8, 2012 | 629,548 | \$ 10.75 | 5.71 | 5,356 |
| Nonvested stock options at September 8, 2012 | 39,403 | \$ 7.33 | 6.55 | 470 |
| Options vested and exercisable at September 8, 2012 | 590,145 | \$ 10.98 | 5.65 | 4,886 |

| Stock Options | Number of Options | Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Option |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Nonvested stock options outstanding at December 31, 2011 | 78,805 | \$ 3.24 |
| Less: Shares vested during period | 39,402 | 3.24 |
| Nonvested stock options at September 8, 2012 | 39,403 | \$ 3.24 |

The Company estimates the fair value of stock options granted using the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing model. This fair value is then amortized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service periods of the awards, which is generally the vesting period.

At September 8, 2012, there was less than \$0.1 million of unrecognized compensation expense for stock options which will be recorded through the first quarter of 2013. In each of the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 and 2011, less than \$0.1 million was recorded as expense related to these stock options.

On January 31, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved an amendment to certain fully vested stock options for a member of management. The amendment extended the period of time the option holder has to exercise the options upon termination from the Company due to death or disability. As a result of the modification, the Company re-valued the modified awards as a new grant, which resulted in total incremental non-cash stock-based compensation expense of \$0.1 million which was recorded in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012.

Restricted Stock Compensation/Awards

The Company grants restricted shares to its Board of Directors that become fully vested one year from their grant date. The fair value of each restricted stock grant is based on the closing price of the Company's stock on the date of grant and the expense is amortized over its vesting period. In May 2012, the Company granted 12,222 restricted shares to its Board of Directors, which vest fully after one year of service from their grant date. In July 2012, the Board of Directors voted to accelerate the vesting of 2,037 of these shares upon the retirement of one of the directors. The Company expensed the entire fair value of the stock award in the third quarter of 2012. In addition, in July 2012, the Board of Directors granted 1,308 restricted shares to a new director. These shares will vest in May 2013, along with the remaining shares originally granted to the Board of Directors in May 2012. At September 8, 2012, there was \$0.1 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to these awards which will be recorded through in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. Expense related to this restricted stock in the third quarter of 2012 was \$0.1 million.

In March 2011, the Company granted 92,909 restricted shares to certain members of management under the Company's 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). These restricted shares are subject to a graded vesting schedule over a three year period starting January 1, 2012. In addition to the shares awarded in March, in October 2011, the Company granted 12,783 restricted shares based on the completion of the front part of the used oil re-refinery. As of September 8, 2012, there was approximately \$0.5 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to these awards. The Company continues to record compensation expense through the vesting period of these awards. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011, approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million were recorded as expense related to these awards, respectively.

In February 2012, the Company granted 59,502 restricted shares to certain members of management under the Company's 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). The restricted shares will be subject to a graded vesting schedule over a three year period. Based on the relevant guidance, the Company determined that the service inception date for these awards was prior to the grant date and therefore the Company began accruing compensation expense in fiscal 2011, based on the Company's assessment in fiscal 2011 as to the probability that the performance criteria would be achieved. These restricted shares are subject to a graded vesting schedule over a three year period starting January 1, 2013. There was approximately \$0.8 million of unrecognized compensation expense remaining related to these awards as of September 8, 2012. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 and 2011, \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million of compensation expense was recorded related to these awards, respectively.

The Company approved future restricted stock awards of 10,000 shares to be granted at the end of fiscal 2012 based on the performance of a member of management. The restricted shares will be subject to a graded vesting schedule over a three year period. Based on the relevant guidance, the Company determined that the service inception date is prior to the grant date and therefore the Company began accruing compensation expense related to these awards in fiscal 2012. As of the end of the third quarter of 2012, the Company believed the performance criteria to be achievable. There was approximately \$0.2 million of unrecognized compensation expense remaining related to this award as of September 8, 2012. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, less than \$0.1 million of compensation expense was recorded related to this award.

In April 2012, as part of management's annual compensation for fiscal 2012, the Company approved a plan to grant certain members of management restricted shares in the future based on the Company's performance in fiscal 2012. Based on the relevant guidance, the Company determined that the service inception date for these awards was prior to the grant date and therefore began accruing compensation expense in fiscal 2012, based on the Company's assessment as to the probability that the performance criteria would be achieved. As such, there was approximately \$0.5 million in unrecognized compensation expense remaining related to these awards as of September 8, 2012. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, \$0.1 million of compensation expense was recorded related to these awards.

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The following table summarizes information about restricted stock awards for the period ended September 8, 2012:

| Restricted Stock (Nonvested Shares) | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Share |
|--|------------------|--|
| Nonvested shares outstanding at December 31, 2011 | 114,038 | 12.82 |
| Granted | 73,032 | 21.16 |
| Vested | (45,599 |) 13.80 |
| Forfeited | (202 |) 16.53 |
| Nonvested shares outstanding at September 8, 2012 | 141,269 | 17.11 |

Performance Restricted Stock Awards

In February 2007, the Company granted to certain key employees in one of the Company's operating divisions 55,000 restricted stock awards. These restricted shares were originally subject to forfeiture if certain performance goals were not achieved by fiscal year end 2011, but in 2010 were modified to eliminate the performance condition, and the awards vest in four tranches over four years.

On September 8, 2012, all of these awards had vested except for 11,000 shares, which will vest on May 17, 2013. As of September 8, 2012, there was less than \$0.1 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to these awards which will be recorded through May 2013. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 and 2011, less than \$0.1 million was recorded as expense related to these awards, respectively.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

As of September 8, 2012, the Company had reserved 14,818 shares of common stock available for purchase under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan of 2008. In addition, on May 3, 2012, 60,000 additional shares were made available for purchase under the Plan at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, employees purchased 19,300 shares of the Company's common stock with a weighted average fair market value of \$18.04 per share.

(13) STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

In the second quarter of fiscal 2012, the Company completed a follow-on public offering of common stock. In the follow-on offering, the Company sold 3,400,000 additional shares of common stock at \$20.50, raising net proceeds of approximately \$65.5 million, after underwriting discounts and transaction costs. The Company used a portion of the net proceeds to pay off the outstanding balance of its revolving credit facility of approximately \$12.4 million.

(14) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table reconciles the number of shares outstanding for the third fiscal quarters and first three quarters of 2012 and 2011, respectively, to the number of weighted average basic shares outstanding and the number of weighted average diluted shares outstanding for the purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Third Quarter Ended, | | First Three Quarters Ended, | |
|--|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | September 8, | September 10, | September 8, | September 10, |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net income | \$ 1,034 | \$ 608 | \$ 2,523 | \$ 1,665 |
| Weighted average basic shares outstanding | 18,060 | 14,325 | 16,412 | 14,293 |
| Dilutive shares for share-based compensation plans | 352 | 497 | 371 | 381 |
| Weighted average diluted shares outstanding | 18,412 | 14,822 | 16,783 | 14,674 |
| Net income per share: basic | \$0.06 | \$0.04 | \$0.15 | \$0.12 |
| Net income per share: diluted | \$0.06 | \$0.04 | \$0.15 | \$0.11 |

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

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 29, 2012. In addition to historical information, this discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations. These statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as "aim," "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "project," "should," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," "would" and other words and terms of similar meaning in conjunction with a discussion of future or estimated operating or financial performance. You should read statements that contain these words carefully, because they discuss our future expectations, contain projections of our future results of operations or of our financial position or state other "forward-looking" information. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this quarterly report. Factors that could cause such differences include those described in the section titled "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2011 filed with the SEC on February 29, 2012. Except as required under federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC, we do not have any intention, and do not undertake, to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date of this quarterly report, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. As a result of these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements included in this quarterly report or that may be made elsewhere from time to time by, or on behalf of, us. All forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified by these cautionary statements. Certain tabular information may not foot due to rounding. Our fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to December 31. Interim results are presented for the twelve week periods and twenty-four week periods ended September 8, 2012 and September 10, 2011, each referred to as "quarter ended" or "third quarter ended" or "third fiscal quarter" and "first three quarters" respectively.

Overview

We provide parts cleaning, containerized waste management, used oil collection, vacuum truck services, and own and operate a used oil re-refinery. We are the second largest provider of industrial and hazardous waste services to small and mid-sized customers in both the vehicle maintenance and manufacturing services, and we have the second largest used oil re-refining capacity in North America. Our services help our customers manage their used chemicals and liquid and solid wastes, while also helping to minimize their regulatory burdens. We operate from a network of 71 branch facilities providing services to customers in 42 states. We conduct business through two principal operating segments: Environmental Services and Oil Business.

Our Environmental Services sales are generated primarily from providing parts cleaning and waste removal services for our customers. Our Oil Business segment consists of our used oil collection and used oil re-refining activities. No single customer accounted for more than 10% of consolidated revenues in the third quarter or first three quarters of fiscal 2012. Revenues from one customer in the Oil Business segment represented approximately 20.5% and 11.5% of our consolidated revenues for the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2011, respectively. There were no intersegment revenues during the third quarter or first three quarters of fiscal 2011 or fiscal 2012.

We use profit before corporate selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") as a key measure of segment profitability. We define profit before SG&A as sales less operating costs and depreciation and amortization.

In fiscal 2011, we completed the construction of our used oil re-refinery located in Indianapolis, Indiana, through which we recycle used oil into high quality lubricant base oil and byproducts. We supply the base oil to firms that produce and market finished lubricants. Our used oil re-refinery has an input capacity of approximately 50 million gallons of used oil feedstock per year with an expected production of about 30 million gallons of base oil per year when operating at full capacity. The cost to construct the used oil re-refinery was approximately \$54 million.

Following mechanical completion of the second phase of the used oil re-refinery at the end of 2011, the re-refinery began to produce base oil during the first quarter of 2012. By the end of the first quarter, we had commenced regular operation of the re-refinery and began to produce high quality Group II base oil. We continued to increase our rate of production during the third quarter. During the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, we sold approximately 6.3 million gallons and 14.2 million gallons of base oil, respectively.

In fiscal 2011, we acquired certain assets and liabilities of several used oil collectors for a total consideration of \$8.1

million in order to increase used oil collection volume. The operating results of these acquisitions are included in our consolidated results of operations from the dates of the acquisition. For further discussion see Note 3 in our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this document.

Critical Accounting Policies

Critical accounting policies are those that both are important to the accurate portrayal of a company's financial condition and results and require subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain.

In order to prepare financial statements that conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, commonly referred to as GAAP, we make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our financial statements and accompanying notes. Certain estimates are particularly sensitive due to their significance to the financial statements and the possibility that future events may be significantly different from our expectations.

We have identified the following accounting policies as those that require us to make the most subjective or complex judgments in order to fairly present our consolidated financial position and results of operations. Actual results in these areas could differ materially from management's estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

Acquisitions

We account for acquired businesses using the purchase method of accounting, which requires that the assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and contingent consideration be recorded at the date of acquisition at their respective fair values. It further requires acquisition-related costs to be recognized separately from the acquisition and expensed as incurred and restructuring costs to be expensed in periods subsequent to the acquisition date.

Identifiable Intangible Assets

The fair value of identifiable intangible assets may be based on significant judgments made by management. We sometimes engage third party valuation appraisal firms to assist us in determining the fair values and useful lives of the assets acquired. Such valuations and useful life determinations require us to make significant estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and information obtained from the management of the acquired companies, and also include, but are not limited to, future expected cash flows to be earned from the continued operation of the acquired business and discount rates applied in determining the present value of those cash flows. Unanticipated events and circumstances may occur that could affect the accuracy or validity of such assumptions, estimates, or actual results. Acquisition-related finite lived intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated economic lives.

Goodwill

Goodwill is measured as a residual amount as of the acquisition date, which in most cases results in measuring goodwill as an excess of the purchase consideration transferred plus the fair value of any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the net assets acquired, including any contingent consideration. We test goodwill for impairment annually and in interim periods if changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable. In fiscal 2011, we tested goodwill for impairment. In the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 there were no triggering events that would require us to test for impairment. Our determination of fair value requires certain assumptions and estimates regarding future profitability and cash flows of acquired businesses and market conditions. However, due to the inherent uncertainties associated with using these assumptions, impairment charges could occur in future periods.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

General

The following table sets forth certain operating data as a percentage of revenues for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

| | For the Quarter Ended, | | | | First Three Quarters Ended, | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| | September 8, 2012 | | September 10, 2011 | | September 8, 2012 | | September 10, 2011 | | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Product revenues | \$31,348 | 50.5 | % | \$10,919 | 29.3 | % | \$84,505 | 48.3 | % | \$20,670 | 21.1 | % |
| Service revenues | 30,718 | 49.5 | % | 26,325 | 70.7 | % | 90,341 | 51.7 | % | 77,281 | 78.9 | % |
| Total Revenues | \$62,066 | 100.0 | % | \$37,244 | 100.0 | % | \$174,846 | 100.0 | % | \$97,951 | 100.0 | % |
| Operating expenses - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating costs | 52,718 | 84.9 | % | 30,197 | 81.1 | % | 146,963 | 84.1 | % | 77,438 | 79.1 | % |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 5,575 | 9.0 | % | 4,886 | 13.1 | % | 17,569 | 10.0 | % | 14,242 | 14.5 | % |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,904 | 3.1 | % | 1,208 | 3.2 | % | 5,587 | 3.2 | % | 3,533 | 3.6 | % |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets - net | — | — | % | 1 | — | % | (3) | — | % | (11) | — | % |
| Operating income | 1,869 | 3.0 | % | 952 | 2.6 | % | 4,730 | 2.7 | % | 2,749 | 2.8 | % |
| Interest expense – net | 112 | 0.2 | % | 9 | — | % | 445 | 0.3 | % | 23 | — | % |
| Income before income taxes | 1,757 | 2.8 | % | 943 | 2.5 | % | 4,285 | 2.5 | % | 2,726 | 2.8 | % |
| Provision for income taxes | 723 | 1.2 | % | 335 | 0.9 | % | 1,762 | 1.0 | % | 1,061 | 1.1 | % |
| Net income | \$1,034 | 1.7 | % | \$608 | 1.6 | % | \$2,523 | 1.4 | % | \$1,665 | 1.7 | % |

Revenues

For the third quarter of fiscal 2012, revenues increased \$24.8 million, or 66.6%, to \$62.1 million from \$37.2 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2011. For the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, revenues increased \$76.9 million, or 78.5%, to \$174.8 million from \$98.0 million for the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. The increase was the result of sales of base oil and re-refinery byproducts at our used oil re-refinery in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, compared to the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2011, when the re-refinery was under construction or producing intermediate products and byproducts only. In addition, revenues grew for both segments in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011 as we continued to add customers.

Operating expenses

Operating costs

The increase in operating costs as a percentage of sales in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was in part related to the production of base oil and by-products at the used oil re-refinery, which was running at higher capacity throughout the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2011, when it was only operating at partial capacity and was not producing base oil. We continue to ramp up our Oil Business which allows

us to leverage fixed cost. We expect to continue to run the re-refinery on a more consistent basis during the remainder of 2012 allowing us to leverage the fixed costs associated with our re-refinery. We expect the oil collection routes that we have added at the end of last year and in the first three quarters of this year to become more efficient, which should also improve margins. The margin erosion in the Oil Business is primarily due to the decline in base oil pricing as the spread from crude price to posted base oil prices has declined during the third quarter.

The increase in the price of diesel fuel impacted the cost of operating our service and collection fleet and caused our transportation costs of our overall branch and hub network to increase due to higher freight rates due to higher fuel surcharges from our vendors. Reuse solvent sales had a negative impact on operating costs during the third quarter of 2012 of \$0.2 million

compared to a benefit of less than \$0.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2011 and a negative impact on operating costs during the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 of less than \$0.1 million compared to a benefit of \$0.8 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011, as reuse prices experienced greater pricing volatility on higher volumes in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011 compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, where inventory volumes were increasing and reuse prices had declined.

Selling, general, and administrative expenses

Overall, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales declined to 10.0% in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 from 14.5% in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses declined as a percentage of sales primarily as a result of our ability to utilize efficiencies and hold certain costs stable while we grew revenue 78.5% during the first three quarters of the fiscal year. In particular, the Oil Business segment was able to leverage our selling, general and administrative costs with high-value product sales that do not require the same level of administrative costs.

Interest expense

Interest expense for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 was \$0.1 million, compared to less than \$0.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2011. Interest expense for the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was \$0.4 million, compared to less than \$0.1 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. The increase in interest expense in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was a result of the completion of the used oil re-refinery, as we capitalized a much smaller portion of the interest incurred on our term note in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012 compared to the same periods in fiscal 2011. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 and 2011, we capitalized less than \$0.1 million of interest on our outstanding debt that was used to fund various capital projects.

Provision for income taxes

In fiscal 2011, we deducted for federal income tax purposes bonus depreciation on the majority of our capital expenditures for assets placed in service in fiscal 2011. We recorded a noncurrent deferred tax liability to reflect the book-tax difference for the resulting inability to deduct the federal income tax depreciation on 2011 capital expenditures in future years. In addition, as a result of the temporary differences related to the tax treatment of the federal bonus depreciation, we recorded a gross Net Operating Loss ("NOL") of \$44.7 million, which will expire in 2031. The balance remaining on the NOL as of September 8, 2012 was \$40.3 million. We recorded a deferred tax asset as of December 31, 2011 related to our net NOL federal tax effected of \$15.2 million.

Our effective tax rate for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 was 41.1% compared to 35.5% in the third quarter of fiscal 2011. Our effective tax rate for the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was 41.1% compared to 38.9% in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. Such increase in the effective tax rate was, in part, the result of recording a federal research tax credit in fiscal 2011 and not in fiscal 2012, as this credit has not yet been extended beyond 2011.

Segment Information

The following table presents sales by operating segment (dollars in thousands):

| | Third Quarter Ended, | | Increase | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|---|
| | September 8, 2012 | September 10, 2011 | \$ | % | |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Environmental Services | \$ 32,139 | \$ 27,629 | \$ 4,510 | 16.3 | % |
| Oil Business | 29,927 | 9,615 | 20,312 | 211.3 | % |
| Total | \$ 62,066 | \$ 37,244 | \$ 24,822 | 66.6 | % |

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| | First Three Quarters Ended, | | Increase | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------|---|
| | September 8, 2012 | September 10, 2011 | \$ | % | |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Environmental Services | 94,699 | 81,382 | 13,317 | 16.4 | % |
| Oil Business | 80,147 | 16,569 | 63,578 | 383.7 | % |
| Total | 174,846 | 97,951 | 76,895 | 78.5 | % |

For the third quarter of fiscal 2012, Environmental Services revenues increased \$4.5 million, or 16.3%, to \$32.1 million from \$27.6 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2011. For the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, Environmental Services revenues increased \$13.3 million, or 16.4%, to \$94.7 million from \$81.4 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. Revenues grew in all Environmental Services product lines which included parts cleaning, containerized waste, and vacuum truck services in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012. We continued to add customers through the expansion of our branch network and increased penetration of markets at our existing branches.

At the end of the third quarter of 2012, the Environmental Services segment was operating 71 branch locations compared with 66 at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2011. There were 66 branches that were in operation during both the third quarter of fiscal 2012 and the third quarter of fiscal 2011, which collectively experienced an increase of \$3.7 million, or 13.6% in same-branch sales during the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period of fiscal 2011. Excluding the three branches in this group that gave up customers to new branch openings, the remaining 63 branches experienced a collective increase in sales of \$4.1 million, or 16.5% during the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2011. On a year-to-date basis, same branch sales increased \$10.7 million, or 13.2%, for these same 66 branches. Excluding the three branches in this group that gave up customers to new branch openings, the remaining 63 branches experienced an increase of \$11.6 million, or 15.8%.

Oil Business revenues increased \$20.3 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2011 due to the sales of re-refined base oil, intermediate products, and re-refinery byproducts. During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we fed 10.0 million gallons of used oil into the re-refinery, which allowed us to produce and sell intermediate and base oil products. During the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, we sold approximately 6.3 million gallons and 14.2 million gallons of base oil, respectively. For the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, Oil Business sales increased \$63.6 million compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011.

Segment Profit (Loss) Before Corporate Selling, General and Administrative Expenses ("SG&A")

The following table presents profit before SG&A by operating segment (dollars in thousands)

| | Third Quarter Ended, | | Increase | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------|---|
| | September 8, 2012 | September 10, 2011 | \$ | % | |
| Profit before corporate SG&A* | | | | | |
| Environmental Services | \$6,070 | \$4,507 | \$1,563 | 34.7 | % |
| Oil Business | 1,529 | 1,473 | 56 | 3.8 | % |
| Total | \$7,599 | \$5,980 | \$1,619 | 27.1 | % |
| | First Three Quarters Ended, | | Increase | | |
| | September 8, 2012 | September 10, 2011 | \$ | % | |
| Profit before corporate SG&A* | | | | | |
| Environmental Services | \$18,451 | \$17,169 | \$1,282 | 7.5 | % |
| Oil Business | 4,281 | 256 | 4,025 | 1,571.5 | % |
| Total | \$22,732 | \$17,425 | \$5,307 | 30.5 | % |

*Includes depreciation and amortization related to operating activity but not depreciation and amortization related to corporate selling, general and administrative activity. For further discussion see Note 9 in our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this document.

Environmental Services profit before corporate SG&A increased 34.7% in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, as compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2011. The increase was a result of increased sales of 16.3% and increased ability to leverage fixed costs against higher revenues. Environmental services profit before SG&A increased 7.5% in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, as compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011 due to increased sales of 16.4% offset by higher costs for materials and disposal costs. Environmental services profit before SG&A as a percentage of sales declined from 22.5% in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 to 18.9% in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 as a result of solvent inventory write-downs and disposal costs.

Oil Business profit before corporate SG&A increased \$0.1 million and \$4.0 million in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, respectively, from \$1.5 million and \$0.3 million in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2011, respectively, to \$1.5 million and \$4.3 million in the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, respectively. This was the result of increased margins from selling base oil, intermediate products, and byproducts from the used oil re-refinery compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011 when most of the Oil Business revenue came from lower value used oil. We continue to ramp up our Oil Business which we expect will allow us to leverage fixed cost. In addition, we expect to continue to run the re-refinery on a more consistent basis during the remainder of 2012 which we expect will allow us to leverage the fixed costs associated with our re-refinery. Profit before SG&A in the Oil Business was negatively impacted by a decline in our base oil selling price. The average spot market price for base oil declined approximately \$0.44 per gallon or 10% during the quarter. Also, we expect our oil collection route trucks will become more efficient over time, which should improve margins. In addition, we continued to experience higher costs in areas such as transportation, used oil collection costs, and maintenance at the re-refinery.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011, cash and cash equivalents were \$46.4 million and \$2.2 million, respectively. Our primary sources of liquidity are cash flows from operations and funds available to borrow under our term loan and revolving bank credit facility.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we raised net proceeds of approximately \$65.5 million in a follow-on public offering of common stock and paid off the outstanding balance of our revolving credit facility of approximately \$12.4 million. We intend to use the remainder of the net proceeds for general corporate purposes which may include the addition of re-refining capacity via expansion of our existing re-refinery, construction of a new re-refinery, or investments in existing re-refineries. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds to fund possible acquisitions. Any development of additional re-refining capacity may require an amendment to the capital expenditure limit in our existing credit facility.

Our secured bank credit facility allows for up to \$39.8 million in borrowings, of which \$20 million is available as a term loan having a maturity date of March 15, 2016. The remaining portion of the credit facility is in the form of a revolving loan under which up to an additional \$20 million is available. The revolving loan expires on December 14, 2012. As of September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011 we had \$19.8 million and \$20.0 million outstanding on borrowings on our term loan. We had no amounts outstanding under the revolver at September 8, 2012. During the third quarter and first three quarters of fiscal 2012, we recorded interest of \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2011 and 2012 less than \$0.1 million in interest was capitalized, respectively.

Under the terms of the credit facility, interest is payable monthly at the prime rate plus 25 basis points, unless the total leverage ratio is greater than or equal to 2.75 to 1, in which case the rate would be the prime rate plus 50 basis

points. We also have the option to lock in a portion of our borrowing at the prevailing LIBOR rate plus a variable margin of between 2.0% and 3.0% depending on our leverage ratio. The allowed total leverage ratio is on a graduated scale that allows for maximum total leverage ratios from 3.25 to 1 to 4.0 to 1. The credit facility also includes an excess cash flow provision that requires additional principal payments on the term loan if the excess earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") for the fiscal year exceeds the formula rate set forth in the credit facility. Amounts borrowed under the credit facility are secured by substantially all of our tangible and intangible assets.

As of September 8, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we were in compliance with all covenants under the credit facility. As of September 8, 2012, and December 31, 2011, we had \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million of standby letters of credit issued, respectively, and \$19.7 million and \$11.4 million was available for borrowing under the bank credit facility, respectively.

At September 8, 2012, we had notes payable related to the Warrior Acquisition of approximately \$1.5 million of which \$0.6 million is recorded as current maturities of long-term debt.

We believe that our existing cash, cash equivalents, available borrowings and other sources of financings will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash needs for working capital and capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months. We cannot assure you that this will be the case or that our assumptions regarding sales and expenses underlying this belief will be accurate. If, in the future, we require more liquidity than is available to us under our credit facility, we may need to raise additional funds through debt or equity offerings. Adequate funds may not be available when needed or may not be available on terms favorable to us, especially given the current condition of the financial credit markets. If additional funds are raised by issuing equity securities, dilution to existing stockholders may result. If we raise additional funds by obtaining loans from third parties, the terms of those financing arrangements may include negative covenants or other restrictions on our business that could impair our operational flexibility, and would also require us to fund additional interest expense. If funding is insufficient at any time in the future, we may be unable to develop or enhance our products or services, take advantage of business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Summary of Cash Flow Activity

| | First Three Quarters Ended, | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 8, 2012 | September 10, 2011 |
| Net cash provided by (used in): | | |
| Operating activities | \$(4,050 |) \$746 |
| Investing activities | (18,518 |) (29,725 |
| Financing activities | 66,761 | 19,925 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | \$44,193 | \$(9,054 |

Net Cash Used in Operating Activities — The most significant items affecting the comparison of our operating activities for the periods presented are summarized below:

Accounts Receivable — The increase of accounts receivable negatively affected cash flows from operations by \$8.6 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. During the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, we experienced an improvement in sales compared to the prior year, due in part to the sale of re-refined base oil and by-products from the start-up of the used oil re-refinery. This acceleration of sales led to a higher accounts receivable balance at the end of the third quarter of 2012.

Inventory — The increase in inventory negatively affected cash flows from operations by \$1.4 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. Inventory values increased due to the added value and volumes of re-refined base oil and by-product at our used oil re-refinery.

Earnings improvement — Our increase in net income for the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 positively impacted our net cash provided by operating activities by \$0.9 million compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. In addition, in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, net income would have been higher by \$2.1 million if not for the \$2.1 million increase in depreciation expense, primarily related to the start-up of the used oil re-refinery, compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011.

Accounts Payable — The increase in accounts payable positively affected cash flows from operations by \$0.8 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 compared to the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. The increase was the result of increased used oil collection efforts and increased payables related to operating expenses for the used oil re-refinery.

In addition, the Company's operational costs and related payables increased as a result of growth in the Environmental Services segment.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities — The most significant items affecting the comparison of our investing activities for the periods presented are summarized below:

Capital expenditures and software and intangible assets— We used \$18.5 million and \$29.7 million for capital expenditures and software and intangible assets during the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 and the first three quarters

of fiscal 2011, respectively. During the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, we spent approximately \$8.5 million for the completion of the used oil re-refinery. An additional \$2.3 million spent in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was for capital improvements at the used oil re-refinery. During the first three quarters of fiscal 2011, we spent approximately \$24.1 million on the construction of the used oil re-refinery. Additionally, in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012, approximately \$3.7 million of the capital expenditures were for purchases of parts cleaning machines compared to \$3.2 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011. In the first three quarters of fiscal 2011, we acquired the assets of the Warrior Group, net of cash for approximately \$0.9 million. The remaining \$3.4 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was for other items including capital expenditures, office equipment, leasehold improvements, software, and intangible assets compared to \$1.5 million in the first three quarters of fiscal 2011.

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities — The most significant items affecting the comparison of our financing activities for the periods presented are summarized below:

Follow-on Public Offering — During the first three quarters of 2012, we received approximately \$65.5 million in net proceeds from a follow-on public offering of common stock. We used these proceeds to pay off the outstanding balance of our revolving credit facility of approximately \$12.4 million.

Proceeds from note payable - bank — During the first three quarters of fiscal 2011, we drew \$20.0 million on our term loan.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to interest rate risks primarily through borrowings under our bank credit facility. Interest on these borrowings is based upon variable interest rates. Our weighted average borrowings under our bank credit facility during the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was \$22.9 million, and the annual effective interest rate for the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 was 2.9%. We currently do not hedge against interest rate risk. Based on the foregoing, a hypothetical 1% increase or decrease in interest rates would have resulted in a \$0.2 million change to our interest expense in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded, based on their evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this report, that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits 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, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding financial disclosures.

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the third fiscal quarter of 2012 that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II- OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Ecological Services Inc. ("ESI") CERCLA

In October 2010, Ecological Services, Inc. ("ESI"), a non-hazardous wastewater treatment facility in Indiana, filed a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has determined that we were the third largest Potential Responsible Party ("PRP") contributor of waste to the site over the last six years of ESI's operation and assigned us the proportional share of the costs related to the cleanup of the ESI site. We joined with other PRPs to form a cooperative group to undertake the removal of waste and chemicals remaining at the site. The total cost of remediation at the site was \$10.0 million. We incurred expenses of \$0.6 million for the clean-up, beginning in the second quarter of fiscal 2011. We did not experience additional expenses in the first three quarters of fiscal 2012 related to ESI. We filed a claim with our insurance carrier for coverage under an existing policy. We have also filed a claim under ESI's environmental insurance policy under which we are listed as an additional insured. We received \$5,000 from our insurance carrier in the second quarter of fiscal 2011 for our obligation, but our insurance provider has declined to make subsequent payments. In October 2012, we received notification from the EPA that the remediation work at the site had been completed. We do not expect to experience additional liabilities related to this site.

Except as set forth above, we are not currently party to any legal proceedings that we expect, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. From time to time, we are involved in lawsuits that are brought against us in the normal course of business.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 101.INS* XBRL Instance Document
- 101.SCH* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
- 101.CAL* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
- 101.LAB* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
- 101.PRE* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
- 101.DEF* XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

*In accordance with Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibits 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall be deemed to be "furnished" and not "filed."

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.

HERITAGE-CRYSTAL CLEAN, INC.

Date: October 18, 2012

By: /s/ Mark DeVita

Mark DeVita
Chief Financial Officer