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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 29, 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 0-20388

LITTELFUSE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

36-3795742

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

8755 W. Higgins Road, Suite 500

Chicago, Illinois

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

60631

(773) 628-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 (Section 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

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

As of October 26, 2012, 23,471,470 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of the registrant were outstanding.

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

LITTELFUSE, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands of USD, except share amounts)

| | September 29, 2012 (unaudited) | December 31, 2011 |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 207,398 | \$164,016 |
| Short-term investments | - | 13,997 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowances | 109,179 | 92,088 |
| Inventories | 81,073 | 75,575 |
| Deferred income taxes | 11,174 | 11,895 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 13,982 | 14,219 |
| Assets held for sale | 6,936 | 6,592 |
| Total current assets | 429,742 | 378,382 |
| Property, plant and equipment: | | |
| Land | 6,226 | 4,888 |
| Buildings | 54,426 | 52,730 |
| Equipment | 302,785 | 281,521 |
| | 363,437 | 339,139 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (245,407) | (220,255) |
| Net property, plant and equipment | 118,030 | 118,884 |
| Intangible assets, net of amortization: | | |
| Patents, licenses and software | 15,779 | 10,753 |
| Distribution network | 19,397 | 19,307 |
| Customer lists, trademarks and tradenames | 15,319 | 14,523 |
| Goodwill | 133,356 | 115,697 |
| Investments | 26,819 | 14,867 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,719 | 4,191 |
| Other assets | 2,186 | 1,820 |
| Total assets | \$ 763,347 | \$678,424 |

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 27,389 | \$ 19,934 |
| Accrued payroll | 20,145 | 23,048 |
| Accrued expenses | 10,316 | 8,861 |
| Accrued severance | 1,145 | 1,843 |
| Accrued income taxes | 12,991 | 10,591 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 88,534 | 85,000 |
| Total current liabilities | 160,520 | 149,277 |
| Accrued post-retirement benefits | 10,691 | 15,292 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 11,608 | 12,752 |
| Total equity | 580,528 | 501,103 |
| | | |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 763,347 | \$ 678,424 |

Common
 shares issued
 and
 outstanding
 of
 21,958,405
 and
 21,552,529,
 at September
 29, 2012,
 and
 December
 31, 2011,
 respectively.

See accompanying notes.

LITTELFUSE, INC.**Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

(In thousands of USD, except per share data, unaudited)

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 |
| Net sales | \$ 172,688 | \$ 173,987 | \$ 509,119 | \$ 517,762 |
| Cost of sales | 104,052 | 105,516 | 310,059 | 314,594 |
| Gross profit | 68,636 | 68,471 | 199,060 | 203,168 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 30,601 | 32,015 | 90,199 | 87,851 |
| Research and development expenses | 5,505 | 5,297 | 15,553 | 14,754 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 1,599 | 1,585 | 4,457 | 4,780 |
| | 37,705 | 38,897 | 110,209 | 107,385 |
| Operating income | 30,931 | 29,574 | 88,851 | 95,783 |
| Interest expense | 454 | 414 | 1,298 | 1,271 |
| Other (income) expense, net | (516)) | (1,897)) | (1,172)) | (1,934)) |
| Income before income taxes | 30,993 | 31,057 | 88,725 | 96,446 |
| Income taxes | 6,995 | 6,118 | 23,234 | 24,660 |
| Net income | \$ 23,998 | \$ 24,939 | \$ 65,491 | \$ 71,786 |
| Net income per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.09 | \$ 1.13 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 3.25 |
| Diluted | \$ 1.08 | \$ 1.12 | \$ 2.96 | \$ 3.19 |
| Weighted average shares and equivalent shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 21,923 | 22,000 | 21,770 | 22,023 |
| Diluted | 22,162 | 22,287 | 22,055 | 22,407 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 34,320 | \$ 7,301 | \$ 76,674 | \$ 69,133 |

See accompanying notes.

LITTELFUSE, INC.**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(In thousands of USD, unaudited)

| | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| | September | October |
| | 29, 2012 | 1, 2011 |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net income | \$65,491 | \$71,786 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 19,029 | 19,030 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 4,457 | 4,780 |
| Impairment of assets held for sale | 549 | 2,320 |
| Stock-based compensation | 5,574 | 4,501 |
| Non-cash inventory charge | 567 | 3,678 |
| Excess tax benefit on share-based compensation | (2,471) | (3,873) |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets | 62 | (258) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (12,756) | (12,266) |
| Inventories | 58 | (4,370) |
| Prepaid expenses and other | (748) | (1,504) |
| Accounts payable | 5,640 | 1,023 |
| Accrued expenses (including post-retirement) | (5,234) | (28) |
| Accrued payroll and severance | (4,646) | (4,918) |
| Accrued taxes | 479 | 4,052 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 76,051 | 83,953 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchases of property, plant, and equipment | (12,797) | (12,381) |
| Business acquisition settlement | | 50 |
| Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired | (34,016) | (11,127) |
| Purchase of investment | (10,000) | (3,000) |
| Purchase of short-term investments | (4,616) | |
| Proceeds from sales of short-term investments | 17,805 | |
| Proceeds from sale of assets | 495 | 574 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (43,129) | (25,884) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Proceeds from debt | 20,251 | 110,000 |
| Payments of term debt | | (49,000) |
| Payments of revolving credit facility | (17,500) | (42,000) |
| Purchases of common stock | | (37,091) |
| Debt issuance costs | | (716) |

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| | | |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| Cash dividends paid | (12,181) | (10,633) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 13,411 | 21,738 |
| Excess tax benefit on share-based compensation | 2,471 | 3,873 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 6,452 | (3,829) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 4,008 | (536) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | 43,382 | 53,704 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 164,016 | 109,720 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$207,398 | \$163,424 |

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of Littelfuse, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the company) have been prepared in accordance with U.S. *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (GAAP) for interim financial information. Accordingly, certain information and disclosures normally included in the statement of financial information, results of operations and cash flows prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted as permitted by such rules and regulations. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the period ended September 29, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 29, 2012. For further information, refer to the company's consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto incorporated by reference in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. The company evaluated subsequent events through the date of its financial statements when filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

2. Acquisition of Businesses*Cole Hersee Company*

On December 17, 2010, the company acquired the Cole Hersee Company (Cole Hersee), a leading manufacturer of power management products and heavy duty electromechanical and solid-state switches, for approximately \$50.0 million. The acquisition allows the company to further expand its off-road, truck and bus business. Cole Hersee is located in Boston, Massachusetts with manufacturing operations in Melchor Muzquiz, Mexico. The company funded the acquisition with available cash.

The following table sets forth the final purchase price allocation for Cole Hersee's net assets in accordance with the purchase method of accounting with adjustments to record the acquired net assets at their estimated fair market or net realizable values.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Cole Hersee final purchase price allocation (in thousands): | |
| Cash | \$1,708 |
| Current assets, net | 17,628 |

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 5,368 |
| Customer list | 10,700 |
| Distribution network | 500 |
| Trademarks | 2,900 |
| Goodwill | 15,564 |
| Other assets | 533 |
| Current liabilities | (2,575) |
| Other long-term liabilities | (2,376) |
| | \$49,950 |

All Cole Hersee goodwill and other assets and liabilities were recorded in the Automotive business unit segment and reflected in the Americas geographical area. The customer list is being amortized over 13 years. The distribution network is being amortized over five years. The trademarks are being amortized over 10 years. Goodwill for the above acquisition is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

As required by purchase accounting rules, the company recorded a \$3.7 million step-up of inventory to its fair value as of the acquisition date. During the first quarter of 2011, as the inventory was sold, cost of goods sold included \$3.7 million of non-cash charges for this step-up.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**2. Acquisition of Businesses, continued***Selco A/S*

On August 3, 2011, the company acquired 100% of Selco A/S (Selco), a manufacturer of relays and generator controls for the marine industry, for approximately \$11.1 million. The acquisition allows the company to further expand its global relay business within its Electrical business unit segment. Selco is located in Roskilde, Denmark with a sales office located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The company funded the acquisition with available cash.

The following table sets forth the purchase price allocation for Selco's acquisition-date net assets, in accordance with the purchase method of accounting with adjustments to record the acquired net assets at their estimated fair market or net realizable values.

Selco A/S purchase price allocation (in thousands):

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash | \$5 |
| Current assets, net | 3,815 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 183 |
| Distribution network | 3,547 |
| Trademarks | 389 |
| Patents and licenses | 1,439 |
| Goodwill | 6,303 |
| Current liabilities | (4,549) |
| | \$11,132 |

All Selco goodwill and other assets and liabilities were recorded in the Electrical business unit segment and reflected in the Europe geographical area. The goodwill resulting from this acquisition consists largely of the company's expected future product sales and synergies from combining Selco's products with the company's existing product offerings. The distribution network is being amortized over three to 10 years. The trademarks are being amortized over five years. The patents and licenses are being amortized over 10 years. Goodwill for the above acquisition is not expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

As required by purchase accounting rules, the company recorded a \$0.7 million step-up of inventory to its fair value as of the acquisition date. During the fourth quarter of 2011, as this inventory was sold, cost of goods sold included \$0.5 million of non-cash charges for this step-up. The remaining \$0.2 million was included in cost of goods sold for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Accel AB

On May 31, 2012, the company acquired 100% of ACCEL AB (*Accel*), a manufacturer of advanced electromechanical products, including sensors and switches primarily for the automotive industry, for approximately \$23.9 million. The acquisition allows the company to expand its automotive product offering and establish a presence in the growing automotive sensor market within its Automotive business unit segment. Accel is based in Vänersborg, Sweden with a manufacturing facility located in Kaunas, Lithuania. The company funded the acquisition with available cash.

The following table sets forth the preliminary purchase price allocation for Accel acquisition-date net assets, in accordance with the purchase method of accounting with adjustments to record the acquired net assets at their estimated fair market or net realizable values.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**2. Acquisition of Businesses, continued**

Accel AB preliminary purchase price allocation (in thousands):

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash | \$344 |
| Current assets, net | 8,643 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 3,437 |
| Other assets | 7 |
| Goodwill | 11,827 |
| Distribution network | 1,321 |
| Trademarks | 1,259 |
| Patents and licenses | 2,435 |
| Current liabilities | (5,408) |
| | \$23,865 |

All Accel goodwill and other assets and liabilities were recorded in the Automotive business unit segment and reflected in the Europe geographical area. The distribution network is being amortized over 3 to ten years. Trademarks are being amortized over 5 years. Patents and licenses are being amortized over 10 years. The goodwill resulting from this acquisition consists largely of the company's expected future product sales and synergies from combining Accel's products with the company's existing product offerings. Goodwill for the above acquisition is not expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

As required by purchase accounting rules, the company recorded a \$0.4 million step-up of inventory to its fair value as of the acquisition date. During the third quarter of 2012, as the inventory was sold, cost of goods sold included \$0.4 million of non-cash charges for this step-up.

Terra Power

On September 26, 2012, the company acquired 100% of Terra Power, a U.S. manufacturer of electromechanical components including power distribution modules and fuse holders for commercial vehicle products in the automotive industry for \$10.6 million. The acquisition allows the company to strengthen its position in the commercial vehicle products market by adding new products and new customers within its Automotive business unit segment. Terra Power is based in Bellingham, Washington. The company funded the acquisition with available cash.

All Terra Power goodwill and other assets and liabilities were recorded in the Automotive business unit segment and reflected in the Americas geographical area. The goodwill resulting from this acquisition consists largely of the company's expected future product sales and synergies from combining Terra Power's products with the company's existing commercial vehicle product offerings. Goodwill for the above acquisition is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

The following table sets forth the preliminary purchase price allocation for Terra Power acquisition-date net assets, in accordance with the purchase method of accounting with adjustments to record the acquired net assets at their estimated fair market or net realizable values. The preliminary purchase price allocation reflected below is based on initial internal estimates.

Terra Power preliminary purchase price allocation (in thousands):

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash | \$105 |
| Current assets, net | 1,625 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 457 |
| Goodwill | 4,435 |
| Other intangibles | 4,191 |
| Current liabilities | (213) |
| | \$10,600 |

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**2. Acquisition of Businesses, continued**

Pro forma financial information is not presented for the company's business acquisitions described above due to amounts not being material.

3. Inventories

The components of inventories at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are as follows (in thousands):

| | September | December |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | 29, 2012 | 31, 2011 |
| Raw material | \$ 26,057 | \$ 26,919 |
| Work in process | 13,776 | 10,704 |
| Finished goods | 41,240 | 37,952 |
| Total inventories | \$ 81,073 | \$ 75,575 |

4. Investments

Included in the company's investments are shares of Polytronics Technology Corporation Ltd. (Polytronics), a Taiwanese company whose shares are traded on the Taiwan Stock Exchange. The Polytronics investment was acquired as part of the Littelfuse GmbH acquisition. The fair value of the Polytronics investment was 8.4 million (approximately \$10.8 million) at September 29, 2012 and 6.8 million (approximately \$8.9 million) at December 31, 2011, based on the quoted market price at the close of business corresponding to each date. Included in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), for the nine months ended September 29, 2012, is an unrealized gain of \$2.0 million, due to the increase in fair market value. The remaining difference in fair market value of this investment was due to the impact of changes in exchange rates, which is included as a component of the currency translation adjustments of Other Comprehensive Income (Loss).

In 2011, the company invested \$6.0 million in certain preferred stock of Shocking Technologies, Inc. (Shocking Technologies), a research and development company in the electronics industry located in San Jose, California. Shocking Technologies is a developer of circuit protection products for the computer and telecommunication markets.

In April 2012, the company made an additional \$10.0 million investment. The company has now invested \$16.0 million in Shocking Technologies for an ownership stake of approximately 18%. The company has accounted for its investment in Shocking Technologies, Inc. at cost as the company does not exert significant influence thereon and as the fair value of the investment is not readily determinable.

5. Debt

The carrying amounts of long-term debt at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are as follows (in thousands):

| | September 29, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Revolving credit facility | \$ 88,534 | \$ 85,000 |
| Less: Current maturities | 88,534 | 85,000 |
| Total long-term debt | \$ | \$ |

On June 13, 2011, the company entered into a new credit agreement with certain commercial banks that provides an unsecured revolving credit facility in an amount of up to \$150.0 million, with a potential to increase up to \$225.0 million. At September 29, 2012, the company had available \$61.9 million of borrowing capacity under the revolver credit agreement at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.25% (1.46% as of September 29, 2012). The credit agreement replaces the company's previous credit agreement dated July 21, 2006 and loan agreement dated September 29, 2008, and, unless terminated earlier, will terminate on June 13, 2016. During the second quarter of 2011, \$0.2 million of previously capitalized debt issuance costs were written off as a non-cash charge and \$0.7 million of new debt issuance costs incurred was capitalized and will be amortized over the life of the new credit agreement.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

5. Debt, continued

During the second quarter of 2011, as part of the new refinancing arrangement discussed above, \$47.0 million of indebtedness that was due on the previous term loan was settled and rolled-over into the revolving credit facility by the lender.

The company has a secured bank credit line in Sweden that provides a 1.0 million (approximately \$1.3 million) line of credit at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 2.1% (2.3% as of September 29, 2012). The company had available 0.2 million of borrowing capacity (approximately \$0.3 million) under this line of credit at September 29, 2012.

6. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

Occasionally, the company uses financial instruments to manage its exposures to movements in commodity prices, foreign exchange and interest rates. The use of these financial instruments modifies the company's exposure to these risks with the goal of reducing the risk or cost to the company. The company does not use derivatives for trading purposes and is not a party to leveraged derivative contracts.

The company recognizes all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities at fair value in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The fair value is based upon either market quotes for actively traded instruments or independent bids for non-exchange traded instruments. The company formally documents its hedge relationships, including identifying the hedging instruments and the hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge transaction. This process includes linking derivatives that are designated as hedges of specific assets, liabilities, firm commitments or forecasted transactions to the hedged risk. On the date the derivative is entered into, the company designates the derivative as a fair value hedge, cash flow hedge or a net investment hedge, and accounts for the derivative in accordance with its designation. The company also formally assesses, both at inception and at least quarterly thereafter, whether the derivatives are highly effective in offsetting changes in either the fair value or cash flows of the hedged item. If it is determined that a derivative ceases to be a highly effective hedge, or if the anticipated transaction is no longer likely to occur, the company discontinues hedge accounting, and any deferred gains or losses are recorded in the respective measurement period. At September 29, 2012, the company does not have any outstanding derivative instruments.

7. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

In determining fair value, the company uses various valuation approaches within the fair value measurement framework. Fair value measurements are determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. Applicable accounting literature establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Applicable accounting literature defines levels within the hierarchy based on the reliability of inputs as follows:

Level 1 Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;

Level 2 Valuations based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or identical assets or liabilities in less active markets, such as dealer or broker markets; and

Level 3 Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable, such as pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques not based on market, exchange, dealer or broker-traded transactions.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value and their classification in the valuation hierarchy.

Available-for-sale securities

Equity securities listed on a national market or exchange are valued at the last sales price and comprise the Company's investment in Polytronics. Such securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**7. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities, continued***Derivative instruments*

The fair value of commodity derivatives are valued based on quoted futures prices for the underlying commodity and are categorized as Level 2. The fair values of foreign exchange rate derivatives are determined based on inputs that are readily available in public markets or can be derived from information available in publicly quoted markets and are categorized as Level 2.

The company does not have any financial assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis categorized as Level 3, and there were no transfers in or out of Level 2 or Level 3 during the nine months ended September 29, 2012. There were no changes during the nine months ended September 29, 2012, to the company's valuation techniques used to measure asset and liability fair values on a recurring basis. As of September 29, 2012, the company held no non-financial assets or liabilities that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The following table presents assets measured at fair value by classification within the fair value hierarchy as of September 29, 2012 (in thousands):

| | Fair Value Measurements Using | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Quoted | Significant | Significant | Total |
| | Prices | Other | Unobservable | |
| | in | Observable | Inputs | |
| | Active | Inputs | (Level 3) | |
| | Markets | (Level 2) | | |
| | for | | | |
| | Identical | | | |
| | Assets | | | |
| | (Level | | | |
| | 1) | | | |
| Available-for-sale securities | \$10,819 | \$ | \$ | \$10,819 |
| Total | \$10,819 | \$ | \$ | \$10,819 |

The following table presents assets measured at fair value by classification within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

| | Fair Value Measurements Using | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| | Quoted | | | |
| | Prices | | | |
| | in | Significant | Significant | Total |
| | Active | Other | Unobservable | |
| | Markets | Observable | Inputs | |
| | for | Inputs | (Level 3) | |
| | Identical | (Level 2) | | |
| | Assets | | | |
| | (Level | | | |
| | 1) | | | |
| Available-for-sale securities | \$8,867 | \$ | \$ | \$8,867 |
| Short-term investments | 13,997 | | | 13,997 |
| Total | \$22,864 | \$ | \$ | \$22,864 |

The company's other financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, current portion of long-term debt, and long-term debt. Due to their short-term maturity, the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and current portion of long-term debt approximate their fair values. The company's long-term debt fair value approximates book value at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, as the long-term debt variable interest rates fluctuate along with market interest rates.

8. Earnings Per Share

In June 2008, the FASB issued authoritative guidance which states that unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities and shall be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**8. Earnings Per Share , continued**

Effective December 28, 2008, the company adopted the authoritative guidance. The company's unvested share-based payment awards, such as certain performance shares, restricted shares and restricted share units that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends, meet the criteria of a participating security. The adoption changed the methodology of computing the company's earnings per share to the two-class method from the treasury stock method. This change has not affected previously reported earnings per share, consolidated net earnings or net cash flows from operations. Under the two-class method, earnings are allocated between common stock and participating securities. The presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share is required only for each class of common stock and not for participating securities. As such, the company presents basic and diluted earnings per share for its one class of common stock.

The two-class method includes an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for each class of common stock according to dividends declared and undistributed earnings for the period. The company's reported net earnings is reduced by the amount allocated to participating securities to arrive at the earnings allocated to common stock shareholders for purposes of calculating earnings per share.

The dilutive effect of participating securities is calculated using the more dilutive of the treasury stock or the two-class method. The company has determined the two-class method to be the more dilutive. As such, the earnings allocated to common stock shareholders in the basic earnings per share calculation is adjusted for the reallocation of undistributed earnings to participating securities, as prescribed by the guidance, to arrive at the earnings allocated to common stock shareholders for calculating the diluted earnings per share.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share under the two-class method:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| | September 29, | October 1, | September 29, | October 1, |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| (in thousands except per share amounts) | | | | |
| Net income as reported | \$23,998 | \$24,939 | \$65,491 | \$71,786 |

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| | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Less: Distributed earnings available to participating securities | (9) | (6) | (21) | (11) |
| Less: Undistributed earnings available to participating securities | (19) | (68) | (102) | (257) |
| Numerator for basic earnings per share | | | | |
| Undistributed and distributed earnings available to common shareholders | \$23,970 | \$24,865 | \$65,368 | \$71,518 |
| Add: Undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities | 19 | 68 | 102 | 257 |
| Less: Undistributed earnings reallocated to participating securities | (19) | (67) | (100) | (253) |
| Numerator for diluted earnings per share | | | | |
| Undistributed and distributed earnings available to common shareholders | \$23,970 | \$24,866 | \$65,370 | \$71,522 |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share | | | | |
| Weighted-average shares | 21,923 | 22,000 | 21,770 | 22,023 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | | |
| Common stock equivalents | 239 | 287 | 285 | 384 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share | | | | |
| Adjusted for weighted-average shares & assumed conversions | 22,162 | 22,287 | 22,055 | 22,407 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$1.09 | \$1.13 | \$3.00 | \$3.25 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$1.08 | \$1.12 | \$2.96 | \$3.19 |

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**9. Restructuring**

During the period 2006 through 2009, the company announced closures of its facilities in Dundalk, Ireland, Irving, Texas, Des Plaines, Illinois, Elk Grove, Illinois, Matamoros, Mexico, Swindon, U.K., Dünsen, Germany, Utrecht, Netherlands, and Yangmei, Taiwan. These manufacturing and distribution center closures were part of a multi-year plan to improve the company's cost structure and margins by rationalizing the company's footprint, reducing labor costs and moving closer to customers. As of September 29, 2012, all of these facility closures have been completed except for Yangmei, Taiwan. Together, these initiatives have impacted approximately 946 employees and resulted in aggregate restructuring charges of \$53.9 million through September 29, 2012. The company does not expect to incur any significant additional costs associated with these facility closures and related restructuring activities.

A summary of activity of this liability for the year ended December 31, 2011, and nine months ended September 29, 2012 is as follows:

Littelfuse restructuring (in thousands)

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Balance at January 1, 2011 | \$3,765 |
| Additions | 594 |
| Payments | (2,941) |
| Exchange rate impact | 23 |
| Balance at December 31, 2011 | 1,441 |
| Additions | 59 |
| Payments | (1) |
| Exchange rate impact | 17 |
| Balance at March 31, 2012 | 1,516 |
| Additions | - |
| Payments | (193) |
| Exchange rate impact | (20) |
| Balance at June 30, 2012 | 1,303 |
| Additions | 61 |
| Payments | (399) |
| Exchange rate impact | 16 |
| Balance at September 29, 2012 | \$981 |

Additional costs recorded that are not related to the initial restructuring plans discussed above were \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million at September 29, 2012 and at December 31, 2011, respectively

10. Asset Impairments

During the third quarter of 2012, the company recorded an asset impairment charge of approximately \$0.5 million in operating income. This charge reflects the write-down of the company's previously closed manufacturing facility in Dünsen, Germany to its final anticipated net selling price for which the impending sale is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2012. Also, during the third quarter of 2012, the company reclassified its Yangmei, Taiwan facility to Assets held for sale. The carrying values of the company's Assets held for sale are \$5.5 million and \$0.3 million for the previously closed manufacturing facilities in Des Plaines, Illinois, and Dünsen, Germany, respectively, and \$1.2 million for the Yangmei, Taiwan facility as of September 29, 2012.

11. Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the third quarter of 2012 was 22.6% compared to an effective tax rate of 19.7% in the third quarter of 2011. The current quarter effective tax rate is below the statutory tax rate primarily due to the result of more income earned in low tax jurisdictions and favorable tax return to tax provision adjustments.

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12. Pensions

The components of net periodic benefit cost for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2012, compared with the three and nine months ended October 1, 2011, were (in thousands):

| | U.S. Pension Benefits | | | | Foreign Plans | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
| | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 |
| Service cost | \$150 | \$140 | \$450 | \$420 | \$192 | \$152 | \$575 | \$458 |
| Interest cost | 1,240 | 1,277 | 3,721 | 3,832 | 195 | 181 | 586 | 545 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (1,655) | (1,629) | (4,965) | (4,888) | (120) | (120) | (362) | (362) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | - | - | - | - | (1) | - | (1) | (1) |
| Amortization of net (gain) loss | 85 | 187 | 254 | 561 | 18 | 8 | 52 | 23 |
| Total cost (credit) of the plan | (180) | (25) | (540) | (75) | 284 | 221 | 850 | 663 |
| Expected plan participants' contribution | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net periodic benefit cost (credit) | \$(180) | \$(25) | \$(540) | \$(75) | \$284 | \$221 | \$850 | \$663 |

The expected rate of return assumption on domestic pension assets is approximately 7.8% and 8.5% in 2012 and 2011, respectively. The expected return on foreign pension assets is approximately 4.5% and 4.5% in 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Pension Buyout

The company has amended the Littelfuse Retirement Plan to allow participants who meet certain requirements to elect, during a limited window period that expires on October 31, 2012, to receive their vested retirement benefits in a lump sum on (or for certain participants annuity payments, on and after) December 1, 2012. This amendment is likely to trigger settlement accounting for those participants who elect to take the lump sum (or annuity) option, and will result in an accounting gain or loss when such settlements occur in the fourth quarter of 2012. The company is not currently able to estimate the amount of the settlement gain or loss until the population of eligible participants who elect this option is known.

13. Business Unit Segment Information

The company and its subsidiaries design, manufacture and sell circuit protection devices throughout the world. The company reports its operations by the following business unit segments: Electronics, Automotive, and Electrical. Each operating segment is directly responsible for sales, marketing and research and development. Manufacturing, purchasing, logistics, customer service, finance, information technology and human resources are shared functions that are allocated back to the three operating segments. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) allocates resources to and assesses the performance of each operating segment using information about its revenue and operating income (loss) before interest and taxes inclusive of depreciation and amortization, but does not evaluate the operating segments using discrete balance sheet information.

Sales, marketing and research and development expenses are charged directly into each operating segment. All other functions are shared by the operating segments and expenses for these shared functions are allocated to the operating segments and included in the operating results reported below. The company does not report inter-segment revenue because the operating segments do not record it. The company does not allocate interest and other income, interest expense, or taxes to operating segments. Although the CEO uses operating income (loss) to evaluate the segments, operating costs included in one segment may benefit other segments. Except as discussed above, the accounting policies for segment reporting are the same as for the company as a whole.

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13. Business Unit Segment Information, continued

An operating segment is defined as a component of an enterprise that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, and about which separate financial information is regularly evaluated by the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) in deciding how to allocate resources. The CODM is the company's President and CEO.

Business unit segment information for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 | September 1, 29, 2012 | October 2011 |
| Net sales | | | | |
| Electronics | \$87,779 | \$96,288 | \$254,342 | \$282,032 |
| Automotive | 51,878 | 47,703 | 155,954 | 151,957 |
| Electrical | 33,031 | 29,996 | 98,823 | 83,773 |
| Total net sales | \$172,688 | \$173,987 | \$509,119 | \$517,762 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | | | |
| Electronics | \$5,115 | \$5,940 | \$15,713 | \$16,616 |
| Automotive | 1,911 | 1,442 | 4,862 | 4,481 |
| Electrical | 943 | 923 | 2,911 | 2,713 |
| Total depreciation and amortization | \$7,969 | \$8,305 | \$23,486 | \$23,810 |
| Operating income (loss) | | | | |
| Electronics | \$17,186 | \$18,610 | \$43,075 | \$56,974 |
| Automotive | 7,018 | 6,456 | 23,489 | 24,580 |
| Electrical | 8,235 | 7,472 | 23,795 | 21,467 |
| Other ^(a) | (1,508) | (2,964) | (1,508) | (7,238) |
| Total operating income | 30,931 | 29,574 | 88,851 | 95,783 |
| Interest expense | 454 | 414 | 1,298 | 1,271 |
| Other (income) expense, net | (516) | (1,897) | (1,172) | (1,934) |
| Income before income taxes | \$30,993 | \$31,057 | \$88,725 | \$96,446 |

(a) Included in Other operating income for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2012 are acquisitions related fees of \$0.6 million, impairment charges of \$0.5 million as described in Note 10, and a non-cash charge of \$0.4 million for the sale of inventory that had been stepped-up to fair value at the acquisition date of Accel as required by purchase accounting rules. As the inventory was sold, the non-cash charge impacted operating income. Included in Other operating income for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2011 are asset impairment charges of \$2.3 million. Included in Other operating income for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 are acquisition related fees of \$1.0 million and a non-cash charge of \$3.7 million for the sale of inventory that had been stepped-up to fair value at the acquisition date of Cole Hersee in 2010 as required by purchase accounting rules. As the inventory was sold, the non-cash charge impacted operating income.

The company's significant net sales by country for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | For the Three Months Ended ^(a) | | For the Nine Months Ended ^(a) | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 | September 29, 2012 | October 1, 2011 |
| United States | \$56,043 | \$56,225 | \$170,653 | \$174,895 |
| China | 39,282 | 41,159 | 107,409 | 116,694 |
| Other countries | 77,363 | 76,603 | 231,057 | 226,173 |
| Total | \$172,688 | \$173,987 | \$509,119 | \$517,762 |

(a)Net sales by country represent sales to customer or distributor locations.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**13. Business Unit Segment Information, continued**

The company's significant long-lived assets by country as of September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | Long-lived assets ^(b) | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | September 29, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
| United States | \$98,603 | \$92,482 |
| China | 42,075 | 45,466 |
| Canada | 43,506 | 42,299 |
| Other countries | 117,698 | 98,917 |
| Total | \$301,882 | \$279,164 |

(b) Long-lived assets include net property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, net of amortization, and goodwill.

14. Comprehensive Income and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table sets forth the computation of comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively (in thousands):

| | For the Three Months Ended September 29, 2012 | | For the Nine Months Ended September 29, 2012 | |
|--|---|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| | October 1, 2011 | October 1, 2011 | October 1, 2011 | October 1, 2011 |
| Net income | \$23,998 | \$24,939 | \$65,491 | \$71,786 |
| Other comprehensive income items: | | | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | 11,522 | (14,678) | 9,270 | 354 |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities, net of \$0 income taxes | (1,127) | (3,037) | 1,993 | (2,759) |

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| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Pension liability adjustment, net tax | (73) | 77 | (80) | (248) |
| Comprehensive income | \$34,320 | \$7,301 | \$76,674 | \$69,133 |

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

| | September 29, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pension liability adjustment ^(a) | \$ (13,658) | \$(13,578) |
| Unrealized gain on investments ^(b) | 8,635 | 6,642 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | 24,837 | 15,567 |
| Total | \$ 19,814 | \$ 8,631 |

(a) Net of tax of \$7,229 and \$7,186 for 2012 and 2011, respectively.

(b) Net of tax of \$0 and \$0 for 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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15. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May, 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued authoritative guidance that provides a consistent definition of fair value and ensures that the fair value measurement and disclosure requirements are similar between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. The new guidance changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements particularly for Level 3 fair value measurements. The company adopted the new guidance on January 1, 2012 and will be applied prospectively. There was no significant impact on its consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

In June 2011, the FASB issued authoritative guidance that will require companies to present the components of net income and other comprehensive income either as one continuous statement or as two consecutive statements. It eliminates the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. The guidance does not change the items which must be reported in other comprehensive income, how such items are measured or when they must be reclassified to net income. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The company adopted the new guidance on January 1, 2012, which resulted in a different presentation in its consolidated financial statements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued authoritative guidance on testing goodwill for impairment. Under the revised guidance, entities testing goodwill for impairment have the option of performing a qualitative assessment before calculating the fair value of the reporting unit (i.e., step 1 of the goodwill impairment test). If entities determine, on the basis of qualitative factors, that the fair value of the reporting unit is more likely than not less than the carrying amount, the two-step impairment test would be required. The guidance does not change how goodwill is calculated or assigned to reporting units, nor does it revise the requirement to test goodwill annually for impairment. In addition, the guidance does not amend the requirement to test goodwill for impairment between annual tests if events or circumstances warrant; however, it does revise the examples of events and circumstances that an entity should consider. The amendments are effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. The company adopted the new guidance on January 1, 2012 and has determined that it will have no effect on its consolidated financial statements.

In July 2012, the FASB issued authoritative guidance on testing indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment. Under the revised guidance, entities testing indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment will have the option first to assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events and circumstances indicate that it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. If, after assessing the totality of events and circumstances, an entity concludes that it is not more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired, then the entity is not required to take further action. The amendment is effective for annual and interim indefinite-lived asset impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012. The company

believes that adoption of new guidance will have no effect on its consolidated financial statements

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

Littelfuse, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the company) design, manufacture, and sell circuit protection devices for use in the electronics, automotive and electrical markets throughout the world. The following table is a summary of the company's net sales by business unit and geography:

| Net Sales by Business Unit and Geography (in millions, unaudited) | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Business Unit | Third Quarter | | | Year-to-Date | | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change |
| Electronics | \$ 87.8 | \$ 96.3 | (9 %) | \$ 254.3 | \$ 282.0 | (10 %) |
| Automotive | 51.9 | 47.7 | 9 % | 156.0 | 152.0 | 3 % |
| Electrical | 33.0 | 30.0 | 10 % | 98.8 | 83.8 | 18 % |
| Total | \$ 172.7 | \$ 174.0 | (1 %) | \$ 509.1 | \$ 517.8 | (2 %) |

| Geography^(a) | Third Quarter | | | Year-to-Date | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change |
| Americas | \$ 75.8 | \$ 75.7 | 0 % | \$ 230.8 | \$ 222.2 | 4 % |
| Europe | 27.3 | 27.3 | 0 % | 82.1 | 91.0 | (10 %) |
| Asia-Pacific | 69.6 | 71.0 | (2 %) | 196.2 | 204.6 | (4 %) |
| Total | \$ 172.7 | \$ 174.0 | (1 %) | \$ 509.1 | \$ 517.8 | (2 %) |

(a) Sales by geography represent sales to customer or distributor locations.

Results of Operations Third Quarter, 2012 compared to 2011

Net sales decreased \$1.3 million or 1% to \$172.7 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$174.0 million in the third quarter of 2011 due primarily to a decline in the electronics business offset by stronger electrical and automotive sales. The decline in the electronics business was primarily attributable to a reduction of inventory levels in the distribution channels in 2012 compared to inventory build in 2011. Net sales in 2012 included an incremental \$5.5 million related to the company's acquisitions. The company also experienced \$3.7 million in unfavorable foreign currency effects in the third quarter of 2012 as compared to the third quarter of 2011. The unfavorable foreign currency impact primarily resulted from sales denominated in euros.

Electronics sales decreased \$8.5 million or 9% to \$87.8 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$96.3 million in the third quarter of 2011. The lower sales in 2012 was primarily the result of a significant channel inventory build in the third quarter of 2011, as discussed above. The electronics segment experienced \$1.3 million in unfavorable currency effects in the third quarter of 2012 primarily from sales denominated in euros.

Automotive sales increased \$4.2 million or 9% to \$51.9 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$47.7 million in the third quarter of 2011 due primarily to an incremental \$5.1 million in sales related to Accel. Excluding Accel, automotive net sales decreased \$0.9 million or 2% in the third quarter of 2012 as compared to the prior year's quarter. The automotive segment experienced \$1.9 million in unfavorable currency effects primarily from sales denominated in euros.

Electrical sales increased \$3.0 million or 10% to \$33.0 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$30.0 million in the third quarter of 2011 due to continued growth for protection relays and custom mining products and an upturn in solar sales reflecting the success of new products. The electrical segment experienced \$0.5 million in unfavorable currency effects in the third quarter of 2012 primarily from sales denominated in Canadian dollars.

On a geographic basis, sales in the Americas increased \$0.1 million or less than 1% to \$75.8 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$75.7 million in the third quarter of 2011 due to increased electrical and passenger vehicle sales offset by weaker electronics and commercial vehicle sales and \$0.3 million in unfavorable currency effects from sales denominated in Canadian dollars.

Europe sales were unchanged at \$27.3 million in both the third quarter of 2012 and the third quarter of 2011. Sales from the recently-acquired Accel and higher electrical sales were offset by lower sales of electronics and \$3.2 million in unfavorable currency effects.

Asia-Pacific sales decreased \$1.4 million or 2% to \$69.6 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$71.0 million in the third quarter of 2011 primarily due to lower demand in consumer electronics offset by stronger automotive sales and \$0.2 million in unfavorable currency effects primarily from sales denominated in Korean won.

Gross profit was \$68.6 million or 39.7% of net sales for the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$68.5 million or 39.4% of net sales in the same quarter last year. The slight increase in gross margin was primarily attributable to operating efficiencies and lower commodity costs partially offset by unfavorable currency effects.

Total operating expense was \$37.7 million or 22% of net sales for the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$38.9 million or 22% of net sales for the same quarter in 2011. The decrease in operating expenses primarily reflects operating expenses from impairment charges of \$2.3 million recorded during the third quarter of 2011 versus impairment charges of \$0.5 million in the third quarter of 2012 as discussed in Note 10.

Operating income for the third quarter of 2012 was approximately \$31.0 million compared to operating income of \$29.6 million for the same quarter in 2011 primarily due to higher gross margin and lower operating expenses as described above.

Interest expense was \$0.5 million in the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$0.4 million for the third quarter of 2011. Interest expense increased in the third quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter last year due to higher debt balances in 2012 as compared to 2011. Other (income) expense, net, consisting of interest income, royalties, non-operating income, asset impairments and foreign currency items was \$0.5 million of income for the third quarter of 2012 compared to \$1.9 million of income in the third quarter of 2011. The year over year change resulted primarily from foreign exchange revaluation.

Income before income taxes was \$31.0 million for the third quarter of 2012 compared to income before income taxes of \$31.1 million for the third quarter of 2011. Income tax expense was \$7.0 million with an effective tax rate of 22.6% for the third quarter of 2012 compared to income tax expense of \$6.1 million with an effective tax rate of 19.7% in the third quarter of 2011. Although both periods benefited from favorable tax adjustments, the adjustments were larger in the third quarter of 2011.

Net income for the third quarter of 2012 was \$24.0 million or \$1.08 per diluted share compared to net income of \$24.9 million or \$1.12 per diluted share for the same quarter of 2011.

Results of Operations Nine Months, 2012 compared to 2011

Net sales decreased \$8.7 million or 2% to \$509.1 million for the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$517.8 million in the first nine months of 2011 due primarily to swings in distributor inventory levels in the electronics business partially offset by growth in the electrical business and \$10.0 million of incremental revenue from the acquisitions of Accel and Selco. The company also experienced \$9.0 million in unfavorable currency effects primarily from sales denominated in euros and other currencies.

Electronics sales decreased \$27.7 million or 10% to \$254.3 million in the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$282.0 million in the first nine months of 2011. In addition to swings in distributor inventory levels, the electronics segment experienced \$2.9 million in unfavorable currency effects in the first nine months of 2012 as compared to the first nine months of 2011. This unfavorable impact primarily resulted from sales denominated in euros.

Automotive sales increased \$4.0 million or 3% to \$156.0 million in the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$152.0 million in the first nine months of 2011 primarily due to an incremental \$6.4 million of Accel sales offset by \$4.5 million in unfavorable currency effects primarily from sales denominated in euros.

Electrical sales increased \$15.0 million or 18% to \$98.8 million in the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$83.8 million in the first nine months of 2011 primarily due to continued growth in protection relays and custom products and an upturn in solar sales reflecting the success of new products. The electrical segment also experienced \$1.6 million in unfavorable currency effects primarily from sales denominated in Canadian dollars.

On a geographic basis, sales in the Americas increased \$8.6 million or 4% to \$230.8 million in the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$222.2 million in the first nine months of 2011 primarily due to increased sales in the electrical business segment. The Americas region also experienced \$1.3 million in unfavorable currency effects from sales denominated in Canadian dollars.

Europe sales decreased \$8.9 million or 10% to \$82.1 million in the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$91.0 million in the first nine months of 2011 due to decreased automotive and electronics sales partially offset by an increase in sales to the electrical market. The Europe region also experienced \$7.6 million in unfavorable currency effects primarily from sales denominated in euros.

Asia-Pacific sales decreased \$8.4 million or 4% to \$196.2 million in the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$204.6 million in the first nine months of 2011 primarily due to decreased electronic sales partially offset by increased automotive and electrical sales. The decline in electronics sales resulted from an inventory correction in the first nine months of 2012 and lower demand. The Asia-Pacific region also experienced \$0.1 million in unfavorable currency effects primarily from sales denominated in Japanese yen and Korean won.

Gross profit was \$199.1 million or 39% of net sales for the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$203.2 million or 39% of net sales in the first nine months of last year. Gross profit for the first nine months of 2011 was negatively impacted by a \$3.7 million charge which was the additional cost of goods sold for Cole Hersee inventory which had been stepped-up to fair value at the acquisition date as required by purchase accounting rules. Excluding the impact of this adjustment, gross profit was \$206.9 million or 40% of net sales for the first nine months of 2011. The decline in gross margin was attributable to lower sales volume and negative currency effects in 2012.

Total operating expense was \$110.2 million or 22% of net sales for the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$107.4 million or 21% of net sales for the first nine months in 2011. The increase in operating expense for 2012 primarily reflects incremental operating expenses of \$5.3 million from business acquisitions. Excluding the impact of acquisitions, operating expense was \$104.9 million or 21% of net sales for the first nine months of 2012.

Operating income for the first nine months of 2012 was approximately \$88.7 million compared to \$95.8 million for the first nine months in 2011 due to the decrease in sales and incremental operating expense discussed above.

Interest expense was \$1.3 million in both the first nine months of 2012 and 2011. Other expense (income), net, consisting of interest income, royalties, non-operating income and foreign currency items was \$1.2 million of income for the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$1.9 million of income in the first nine months of 2011. The year over year change resulted primarily from foreign exchange revaluation.

Income before income taxes was \$88.7 million for the nine months of 2012 compared to income before income taxes of \$96.4 million for the first nine months of 2011. Income tax expense was \$23.2 million with an effective tax rate of 26.2% for the first nine months of 2012 compared to \$24.7 million with an effective tax rate of 25.6% in the first nine months of 2011. The change in effective tax rate is primarily due to the mix of income by jurisdiction.

Net income for the first nine months of 2012 was \$65.5 million or \$2.96 per diluted share compared to net income of \$71.8 million or \$3.19 per diluted share for the first nine months of 2011.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The company historically has financed capital expenditures through cash flows from operations. Management expects that cash flows from operations and available lines of credit will be sufficient to support both the company's operations and its debt obligations for the foreseeable future.

Revolving Credit Facilities

On June 13, 2011 the company entered into a domestic unsecured financing agreement, which expires on June 13, 2016, consisting of a credit agreement with certain commercial banks that provides a \$150.0 million revolving credit facility, with a potential to increase up to \$225.0 million upon request of the company and agreement with the lenders. At September 29, 2012, the company had available \$61.9 million of borrowing capacity under the revolving credit facility at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.25% (1.46% as of September 29, 2012).

This arrangement contains covenants that, among other things, impose limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, and restrict future mergers, sales of assets, payment of dividends, and changes in control, as defined in the agreement. In addition, the company is required to satisfy certain financial covenants and tests relating to, among other things, interest coverage and leverage. At September 29, 2012, the company was in compliance with all covenants under the revolving credit facility.

The company also had \$0.8 million outstanding in letters of credit at September 29, 2012. No amounts were drawn under these letters of credit at September 29, 2012.

The company has a secured bank credit line in Sweden that provides a 1.0 million (approximately \$1.3 million) line of credit at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 2.1% (2.3% as of September 29, 2012). The company had available 0.2 million of borrowing capacity (approximately \$0.3 million) under this line of credit at September 29, 2012.

Other Obligations

The company started 2012 with \$164.0 million of cash and cash equivalents. Net cash provided by operating activities was approximately \$76.1 million for the first nine months of 2012 reflecting \$65.5 million in net income and \$27.8 million in non-cash adjustments (primarily \$23.5 million in depreciation and amortization) offset by \$17.1 million in net changes to various operating assets and liabilities. Changes in various operating assets and liabilities (including short-term and long-term items) that impacted cash flows negatively for the first nine months of 2012 consisted of net increases in accounts receivable (\$12.8 million) due to higher sales in the third quarter of 2012 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, prepaid and other assets (\$0.7 million), accrued payroll (\$4.6 million), and accrued expenses (\$5.2 million). The decrease in accrued expenses was due primarily to a \$5.0 million pension contribution made during the first quarter of 2012. Changes that had a positive impact on cash flows were increases in accounts payable (\$5.6 million), increases in accrued income taxes (\$0.5 million) and decreases in inventory (less than \$0.1 million).

Net cash used in investing activities was approximately \$43.1 million and included expenditures for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired of \$34.0 million, a \$10.0 million additional investment in Shocking Technologies and \$12.8 million in capital spending, offset by net proceeds of \$13.2 million for maturities of short-term investments and \$0.5 million in proceeds from sales of assets.

Net cash provided by financing activities was approximately \$6.5 million and included \$2.8 million in net payments from borrowing, the exercise of stock options including tax benefits of \$15.9 million offset by cash dividends paid of \$12.2 million. The effects of exchange rate changes increased cash and cash equivalents by approximately \$4.0 million. The net cash provided by operating activities combined with the effects of exchange rate changes less net cash used in investing and financing activities resulted in a \$43.4 million increase in cash, which left the company with a cash and cash equivalents balance of \$207.4 million at September 29, 2012.

The ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 2.7 to 1 at the end of the third quarter of 2012 compared to 2.5 to 1 at year-end 2011 and 2.3 to 1 at the end of the third quarter of 2011. Days sales outstanding in accounts receivable was approximately 58 days at the end of the third quarter of 2012 compared to 58 days at the end of the third quarter of 2011 and 57 days at year-end 2011. Days inventory outstanding was approximately 71 days at the end of the third quarter of 2012 compared to 73 days at the year-end 2011 and 71 days at end of the third quarter of 2011.

Outlook

Momentum in the company's sales and order rates has slowed. End demand has softened in several of the company's key markets including consumer electronics, commercial vehicle and passenger vehicle. As a result of this market weakness, the outlook for the fourth quarter of 2012 is for a somewhat greater-than-seasonal decline in sales and earnings compared to the third quarter of 2012.

The company continues to invest in plant and infrastructure in support of the company's growth initiatives. However, capital spending for 2012, which was previously estimated to be \$25 million, is now expected to be less than \$20 million due to the delay of several capacity-related projects.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA).

The statements in this section and the other sections of this report that are not historical facts are intended to constitute forward-looking statements entitled to the safe-harbor provisions of the PSLRA. These statements may involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, risks relating to product demand and market acceptance, economic conditions, the impact of competitive products and pricing, product quality problems or product recalls, capacity and supply difficulties or constraints, coal mining exposures reserves, failure of an indemnification for environmental liability, exchange rate fluctuations, commodity price fluctuations, the effect of the company's accounting policies, labor disputes, restructuring costs in excess of expectations, pension plan asset returns less than assumed, integration of acquisitions and other risks which may be detailed in the company's other Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results and outcomes may differ materially from those indicated or implied in the forward-looking statements. This report should be read in conjunction with information provided in the financial statements appearing in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. For a further discussion of the risk factors of the company, please see Item 1A. *Risk Factors* to the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

The company is exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and commodity prices.

Interest Rates

The company had \$88.5 million in debt outstanding under revolving credit facilities at September 29, 2012, at variable rates. While 100% of this debt has variable interest rates, the company's interest expense is not materially sensitive to changes in interest rate levels since debt levels and potential interest expense increases are small relative to earnings.

Foreign Exchange Rates

The majority of the company's operations consist of manufacturing and sales activities in foreign countries. The company has manufacturing facilities in Mexico, Canada, Denmark, Lithuania, China, Taiwan and the Philippines. During the first nine months of 2012, sales to customers outside the U.S. were 66.5% of total net sales. Substantially all sales in Europe are denominated in euros and substantially all sales in the Asia-Pacific region are denominated in U.S. dollars, Japanese yen, Korean won, Chinese yuan or Taiwanese dollars.

The company's foreign exchange exposures result primarily from sale of products in foreign currencies, foreign currency denominated purchases, employee-related and other costs of running operations in foreign countries and translation of balance sheet accounts denominated in foreign currencies. The company's most significant long exposure is to the euro, with lesser long exposures to the Canadian dollar, Japanese yen and Korean won. The company's most significant short exposures are to the Chinese yuan, Mexican peso and Philippine peso. Changes in foreign exchange rates could affect the company's sales, costs, balance sheet values and earnings. The company uses netting and offsetting intercompany account management techniques to reduce known foreign currency exposures where possible. From time to time, the company has utilized derivative instruments to hedge certain foreign currency exposures deemed to be material.

Commodity Prices

The company uses various metals in the manufacturing of its products, including copper, zinc, tin, gold and silver. Prices of these commodities can and do fluctuate significantly, which can impact the company's earnings. The most significant of these exposures is to copper, zinc, gold, and silver where at current prices and volumes, a 10% price change would affect annual pre-tax profit by approximately \$1.9 million for copper, \$0.6 million for zinc, \$0.6 million for gold, and \$1.0 million for silver. From time to time, the company has utilized derivative instruments to hedge certain commodity exposures deemed to be material.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

As of September 29, 2012, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the company evaluated the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures of the company and concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that material information relating to the company and its consolidated subsidiaries has been made known to them by the employees of the company and its consolidated subsidiaries during the period preceding the filing of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and that such information is accurately recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules. There were no changes in the company's internal control over financial reporting during the period covered by this Report 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

None.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

A detailed description of risks that could have a negative impact on our business, revenues and performance results can be found under the caption Risk Factors in our most recent Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on February 24, 2012. There have been no material changes from risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 in response to Item 1A to Part 1 of Form 10-K.

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

The company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 1,000,000 shares of the company's common stock under a program for the period May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. The company did not repurchase any shares of its common stock during the first nine months of fiscal 2012 and 1,000,000 shares may yet be purchased under the current authorization as of September 29, 2012. The company withheld 27,417 shares of stock in lieu of withholding taxes on behalf of employees who became vested in restricted stock option grants during the first nine months of 2012.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|----------------|---|
| 10.1 | First Amendment to the Littelfuse, Inc. Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2012. |
| 31.1 | Certification of Gordon Hunter, Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 31.2 | Certification of Philip G. Franklin, Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.1 | Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 101.INSXBRL | Instance Document |
| 101.SCHXBRL | Taxonomy Extension Schema Document |
| 101.CALXBRL | Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document |
| 101.DEF XBRL | Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document |
| 101.LAB XBRL | Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document |
| 101.PREXBRL | Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 29, 2012, to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Littelfuse, Inc.

Date: November 2, 2012

By: /s/ Philip G. Franklin
Philip G. Franklin
Vice President, Operations Support,
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(As duly authorized officer and as
the principal financial and accounting
officer)