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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended April 30, 2012

OR

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

For the Transition Period from to

Commission File Number 1-14959

BRADY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)
6555 West Good Hope Road,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
(Address of principal executive offices)

39-0178960
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)
53223
(Zip Code)

(414) 358-6600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

As of June 5, 2012, there were outstanding 49,041,259 shares of Class A Nonvoting Common Stock and 3,538,628 shares of Class B Voting Common Stock. The Class B Common Stock, all of which is held by affiliates of the Registrant, is the only voting stock.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BRADY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

| | April 30, 2012 (Unaudited) | July 31, 2011 |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 374,425 | \$ 389,971 |
| Accounts receivable net | 210,694 | 228,483 |
| Inventories: | | |
| Finished products | 65,322 | 62,152 |
| Work-in-process | 15,045 | 14,550 |
| Raw materials and supplies | 25,749 | 27,484 |
| Total inventories | 106,116 | 104,186 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 40,267 | 35,647 |
| Total current assets | 731,502 | 758,287 |
| Other assets: | | |
| Goodwill | 666,423 | 800,343 |
| Other intangible assets | 76,260 | 89,961 |
| Deferred income taxes | 48,578 | 53,755 |
| Other | 20,760 | 19,244 |
| Property, plant and equipment: | | |
| Cost: | | |
| Land | 6,119 | 6,406 |
| Buildings and improvements | 100,569 | 104,644 |
| Machinery and equipment | 303,666 | 305,557 |
| Construction in progress | 12,280 | 11,226 |
| | 422,634 | 427,833 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 295,017 | 287,918 |
| Property, plant and equipment net | 127,617 | 139,915 |
| Total | \$ 1,671,140 | \$ 1,861,505 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS INVESTMENT | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 75,303 | \$ 98,847 |
| Wages and amounts withheld from employees | 48,954 | 69,798 |
| Taxes, other than income taxes | 10,169 | 7,612 |
| Accrued income taxes | 20,939 | 9,954 |
| Other current liabilities | 41,926 | 54,406 |
| Current maturities on long-term debt | 61,264 | 61,264 |

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|---|--------------|--------------|
| Total current liabilities | 258,555 | 301,881 |
| Long-term obligations, less current maturities | 280,812 | 331,914 |
| Other liabilities | 68,191 | 71,518 |
| Total liabilities | 607,558 | 705,313 |
| Stockholders investment: | | |
| Class A nonvoting common stock Issued 51,261,487 and 51,261,487 shares, respectively and outstanding 49,031,625 and 49,284,252 shares, respectively | 513 | 513 |
| Class B voting common stock Issued and outstanding, 3,538,628 shares | 35 | 35 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 311,369 | 307,527 |
| Income retained in the business | 730,295 | 789,100 |
| Treasury stock 1,919,862 and 1,667,235 shares, respectively of Class A nonvoting common stock, at cost | (55,354) | (50,017) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 80,432 | 113,898 |
| Other | (3,708) | (4,864) |
| Total stockholders investment | 1,063,582 | 1,156,192 |
| Total | \$ 1,671,140 | \$ 1,861,505 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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BRADY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

| | Three Months Ended April 30, (Unaudited) | | | Nine Months Ended April 30, (Unaudited) | | |
|--|---|------------|----------------------|--|------------|----------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Percentage Change | 2012 | 2011 | Percentage Change |
| Net sales | \$ 331,629 | \$ 337,896 | (1.9)% | \$ 1,001,721 | \$ 996,493 | 0.5% |
| Cost of products sold | 171,582 | 170,258 | 0.8% | 520,538 | 505,333 | 3.0% |
| Gross margin | 160,047 | 167,638 | (4.5)% | 481,183 | 491,160 | (2.0)% |
| Operating expenses: | | | | | | |
| Research and development | 8,940 | 10,550 | (15.3)% | 28,721 | 32,226 | (10.9)% |
| Selling, general and administrative | 106,714 | 115,006 | (7.2)% | 320,489 | 332,394 | (3.6)% |
| Restructuring charges (See Note J) | 3,440 | 1,211 | 184.1% | 3,440 | 6,986 | (50.8)% |
| Impairment charge (See Note B) | | | N/A | 115,688 | | N/A |
| Total operating expenses | 119,094 | 126,767 | (6.1)% | 468,338 | 371,606 | 26.0% |
| Operating income | 40,953 | 40,871 | 0.2% | 12,845 | 119,554 | (89.3)% |
| Other income and (expense): | | | | | | |
| Investment and other income | 1,110 | 1,428 | (22.3)% | 1,720 | 2,892 | (40.5)% |
| Interest expense | (4,735) | (5,103) | (7.2)% | (14,715) | (16,640) | (11.6)% |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 37,328 | 37,196 | 0.4% | (150) | 105,806 | (100.1)% |
| Income taxes | 9,676 | 8,607 | 12.4% | 29,420 | 26,737 | 10.0% |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 27,652 | \$ 28,589 | (3.3)% | \$ (29,570) | \$ 79,069 | (137.4)% |
| Per Class A Nonvoting Common Share: | | | | | | |
| Basic net income (loss) | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.54 | (1.9)% | \$ (0.57) | \$ 1.50 | (138.0)% |
| Diluted net income (loss) | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.54 | (3.7)% | \$ (0.57) | \$ 1.49 | (138.3)% |
| Dividends | \$ 0.185 | \$ 0.18 | 2.8% | \$ 0.555 | \$ 0.54 | 2.8% |
| Per Class B Voting Common Share: | | | | | | |
| Basic net income (loss) | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.54 | (1.9)% | \$ (0.58) | \$ 1.48 | (139.2)% |
| Diluted net income (loss) | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.54 | (3.7)% | \$ (0.58) | \$ 1.47 | (139.5)% |
| Dividends | \$ 0.185 | \$ 0.18 | 2.8% | \$ 0.538 | \$ 0.523 | 2.9% |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands): | | | | | | |
| Basic | 52,513 | 52,701 | | 52,539 | 52,581 | |
| Diluted | 53,003 | 53,337 | | 52,539 | 53,067 | |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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BRADY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | Nine Months Ended April 30, (Unaudited) | |
|--|---|-------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$ (29,570) | \$ 79,069 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 32,921 | 37,522 |
| Non-cash portion of restructuring charges | 458 | 2,155 |
| Non-cash portion of stock-based compensation expense | 7,592 | 9,396 |
| Impairment charge | 115,688 | |
| Gain on divestiture of business | | (4,394) |
| Deferred income taxes | (3,192) | (9,018) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities (net of effects of business acquisitions/divestitures): | | |
| Accounts receivable | 11,050 | 211 |
| Inventories | (5,595) | (1,491) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (4,386) | 772 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (39,472) | (8,355) |
| Income taxes | 15,101 | 4,579 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 100,595 | 110,446 |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (14,498) | (13,671) |
| Payments of contingent consideration | (2,580) | (979) |
| Settlement of net investment hedges | (797) | |
| Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired | (3,039) | (7,970) |
| Divestiture of business, net of cash retained in business | | 12,979 |
| Other | (1,536) | (379) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (22,450) | (10,020) |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Payment of dividends | (29,235) | (28,500) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | 3,624 | 7,154 |
| Purchase of treasury stock | (12,309) | |
| Principal payments on debt | (42,514) | (42,514) |
| Debt issuance costs | (961) | |
| Income tax benefit from the exercise of stock options and deferred compensation distributions, and other | 754 | 1,075 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (80,641) | (62,785) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (13,050) | 21,497 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (15,546) | 59,138 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 389,971 | 314,840 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 374,425 | \$ 373,978 |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid during the period for: | | |

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| Interest, net of capitalized interest | \$ 15,746 | \$ 16,379 |
| Income taxes, net of refunds | 19,959 | 26,695 |
| Acquisitions: | | |
| Fair value of assets acquired, net of cash and goodwill | \$ 2,395 | \$ 4,624 |
| Liabilities assumed | (583) | (1,446) |
| Goodwill | 1,227 | 4,792 |
| Net cash paid for acquisitions | \$ 3,039 | \$ 7,970 |

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BRADY CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nine Months Ended April 30, 2012

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

NOTE A Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by Brady Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company or Brady) without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the opinion of the Company, the foregoing statements contain all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position of the Company as of April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, its results of operations for the three and nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011, and its cash flows for the nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of July 31, 2011 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of that date. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts therein. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making estimates, actual results in future periods may differ from the estimates.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted pursuant to rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, the condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statement presentation. It is suggested that these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's latest annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2011.

NOTE B Goodwill and Intangible Assets

In order to better allocate resources to align with sales growth initiatives, the Company reorganized its management reporting structure within the EMEA and Asia-Pacific operating segments. As a result of the reorganization and in accordance with ASC 350, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other, the Company's reporting units for purposes of goodwill impairment testing were updated during the quarter ended April 30, 2012. In the EMEA operating segment, the Emerging Platforms reporting unit was consolidated into the Brady EMEA and Direct Marketing EMEA reporting units. In the Asia-Pacific operating segment, the North/South Asia reporting unit was divided into Brady North/South Asia and Die-Cut Asia. Further, Brady North/South Asia has been aggregated with Australia as part of the Brady Asia reporting unit. There were no changes to the management structure within the Americas operating segment.

The Company performed the required initial (Step One) impairment test over the new reporting units by preparing a discounted cash flow model taking into account current projections, estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions primarily include, but are not limited to, projections of revenue growth, operating earnings, discount rates, terminal growth rates, and required capital for the reporting unit. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making these estimates, actual results could differ materially from the estimates. The estimated fair value of the reporting units was compared to the carrying amount including goodwill, and the results of the analysis indicated that there was no impairment as a result of the reorganization. Due to the reorganization, the Company has identified six reporting units within its three reporting segments for purposes of the annual goodwill impairment analysis: Brady Americas, Direct Marketing Americas, Brady EMEA, Direct Marketing EMEA, Brady Asia, and Die-Cut Asia.

Prior to the reorganization effective April 1, 2012, the Company had identified seven reporting units within its three reporting segments for purposes of the annual goodwill impairment analysis: Brady Americas, Direct Marketing Americas, Brady Europe, Direct Marketing Europe, Emerging Platforms Europe, North/South Asia, and Australia. The Company's goodwill is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that goodwill might be impaired. The Company performs impairment reviews for its reporting units using the discounted cash flow model and market multiples model, as these methods provide a reasonable and meaningful fair value estimate based on the reporting units' projections of future operating results and cash flows and replicates how market participants would value the Company's reporting units. The projections of future operating results are based on both past performance and the projections and assumptions used in the Company's current and long-range operating plans. The Company's estimates can be materially impacted by factors such as significant negative industry or economic trends, disruptions to the Company's business, competitive forces, or changes in significant customers.

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In the quarter ended January 31, 2012, the former North/South Asia reporting unit experienced a sales decline and margin erosion due in large part to a major customer's loss of market share within the mobile handset industry. The impact of this sales decline was partially offset by additional opportunities within the mobile handset and other computing devices markets, but these sales were achieved at a lower gross margin percentage than was previously realized.

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The Company's plans to fill capacity and absorb overhead with these additional sales opportunities were partially successful; however, increased competition from local competitors drove down unit prices. While the Company continued to capture similar dollar value of sales, the gross margins were less than what was anticipated. The Company placed increased focus on cost reduction and material procurement strategies to reduce cost of goods sold; however, these efforts were not enough to return the reporting unit to previous levels of profitability. Based upon the economic environment within the mobile handset market, management determined that the events were not temporary and gross margins in the mobile handset market were not likely to improve materially in the near term.

Due to the convergence of these events, in connection with a reforecast of expected fiscal 2012 financial results completed during the quarter ended January 31, 2012, the Company determined the foregoing circumstances to be indicators of potential impairment under the guidance of ASC 350, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other. The Company completed the required initial (Step One) impairment test for the former North/South Asia reporting unit by preparing a discounted cash flow model taking into account updated projections, estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions primarily included, but are not limited to, projections of revenue growth, operating earnings, discount rates, terminal growth rates, and required capital for the reporting unit. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in these estimates, actual results could differ materially from the estimates. The Company evaluated the significant assumptions used to determine the fair value of the reporting unit with the assistance of a third party valuation firm and concluded that they were reasonable.

The estimated fair value of the reporting unit was compared to the carrying amount including goodwill, and the results of the analysis indicated that the former North/South Asia reporting unit was potentially impaired. Therefore, the Company proceeded to measure the amount of the potential impairment (Step Two) with the assistance of a third party valuation firm. In Step Two of the goodwill impairment test, the Company determined the implied fair value of the goodwill and compared it to the carrying value of the goodwill. The Company allocated the fair value of the former North/South Asia reporting unit to all of its assets and liabilities as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination. The excess fair value of the reporting unit over the fair value of its identifiable assets and liabilities was the implied fair value of goodwill. Upon completion of the assessment, the Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$115,688 during the quarter ended January 31, 2012.

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reportable segment for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, are as follows:

| | Americas | Europe | Asia-Pacific | Total |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Balance as of July 31, 2011 | \$ 425,578 | \$ 171,238 | \$ 203,527 | \$ 800,343 |
| Current year acquisitions | | 1,227 | | 1,227 |
| Translation adjustments | (5,409) | (10,521) | (3,529) | (19,459) |
| Impairment charge | | | (115,688) | (115,688) |
| Balance as of April 30, 2012 | \$ 420,169 | \$ 161,944 | \$ 84,310 | \$ 666,423 |

Goodwill decreased \$133,920 during the nine months ended April 30, 2012. Of the \$133,920 decrease, \$115,688 was due to the goodwill impairment charge recognized on the former North/South Asia reporting unit, and \$19,459 was due to foreign currency translation. The decrease was partially offset by an increase of \$1,227 from the acquisition of Grafo Wiremarkers Africa (Proprietary) Limited (Grafo) during the third quarter of fiscal 2012. Refer to Note L, Acquisitions and Divestitures for further discussion.

Other intangible assets include patents, trademarks, customer relationships, non-compete agreements and other intangible assets with finite lives being amortized in accordance with accounting guidance for goodwill and other intangible assets. The net book value of these assets was as follows:

| | April 30, 2012 | | July 31, 2011 | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| | Weighted Average Amortization | Gross | Weighted Average Amortization | Gross |

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| | Period (Years) | Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value | Period (Years) | Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Amortized other intangible assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Patents | 5 | \$ 10,215 | \$ (8,945) | \$ 1,270 | 5 | \$ 9,784 | \$ (8,556) | \$ 1,228 |
| Trademarks and other | 7 | 9,298 | (7,156) | 2,142 | 7 | 9,448 | (6,559) | 2,849 |
| Customer relationships | 7 | 160,748 | (127,764) | 32,984 | 7 | 165,566 | (119,977) | 45,589 |
| Non-compete agreements and other | 4 | 15,945 | (15,499) | 446 | 4 | 16,432 | (15,760) | 672 |
| Unamortized other intangible assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Trademarks | N/A | 39,418 | | 39,418 | N/A | 39,623 | | 39,623 |
| Total | | \$ 235,624 | \$ (159,364) | \$ 76,260 | | \$ 240,853 | \$ (150,892) | \$ 89,961 |

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The value of goodwill and other intangible assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at April 30, 2012, differs from the value assigned to them in the allocation of purchase price due to amortization, impairment charges, and the effect of fluctuations in the exchange rates used to translate financial statements into the United States Dollar between the date of acquisition and April 30, 2012. The acquisition completed during the nine months ended April 30, 2012, increased the customer relationships by \$961. Refer to Note L, Acquisitions and Divestitures for further discussion.

Amortization expense on intangible assets was \$3,944 and \$5,117 for the three-month periods ended April 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$12,102 and \$15,387 for the nine-month periods ended April 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Annual amortization expense is projected to be \$16,205, \$10,381, \$5,466, \$5,128 and \$4,058 for the years ending July 31, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively. The amount of amortization expense recognized in the periods indicated will differ due to acquisitions, divestitures, impairment charges, and the effect of fluctuations in the exchange rates used to translate financial statements into the United States Dollar.

NOTE C Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Total comprehensive income (loss) for the periods presented was as follows:

| | Three Months Ended April 30, | | Nine Months Ended April 30, | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 27,652 | \$ 28,589 | \$ (29,570) | \$ 79,069 |
| Unrealized (loss) gain on cash flow hedges | (499) | (315) | 1,179 | (1,206) |
| Amortization of (gain) loss on post-retirement medical plans | (391) | (31) | 124 | (126) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments (1) | (3,936) | 30,512 | (34,769) | 60,267 |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) | \$ 22,826 | \$ 58,755 | \$ (63,036) | \$ 138,004 |

- (1) The change in foreign currency translation adjustments for the three and nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year, was primarily due to a decrease in the exchange rates used to translate the Euro into the United States dollar.

NOTE D Net Income (Loss) Per Common Share

Reconciliations of the numerator and denominator of the basic and diluted per share computations for the Company's Class A and Class B common stock are summarized as follows:

| | Three Months Ended April 30, | | Nine Months Ended April 30, | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Numerator: (in thousands) | | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 27,652 | \$ 28,589 | \$ (29,570) | \$ 79,069 |
| Less: | | | | |
| Restricted stock dividends | (57) | (56) | (172) | (168) |
| Numerator for basic and diluted Class A net income (loss) per share | \$ 27,595 | \$ 28,533 | \$ (29,742) | \$ 78,901 |

Less:

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| | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Preferential dividends | | | (818) | (820) |
| Preferential dividends on dilutive stock options | | | (5) | (6) |
| Numerator for basic and diluted Class B net income (loss) per share | \$ 27,595 | \$ 28,533 | \$ (30,565) | \$ 78,075 |
| Denominator: (in thousands) | | | | |
| Denominator for basic net income (loss) per share for both Class A and Class B | 52,513 | 52,701 | 52,539 | 52,581 |
| Plus: Effect of dilutive stock options | 490 | 636 | | 486 |
| Denominator for diluted net income (loss) per share for both Class A and Class B | 53,003 | 53,337 | 52,539 | 53,067 |
| Class A Nonvoting Common Stock net income (loss) per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.54 | \$ (0.57) | \$ 1.50 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.54 | \$ (0.57) | \$ 1.49 |
| Class B Voting Common Stock net income (loss) per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.54 | \$ (0.58) | \$ 1.48 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.54 | \$ (0.58) | \$ 1.47 |

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In accordance with ASC 260, Earnings per Share, dilutive options for the nine-month period ended April 30, 2012, were not included in the computation of diluted net loss per share since to do so would reduce the calculated loss per share. Options to purchase approximately 3,182,000 and 4,419,000 shares of Class A Nonvoting Common Stock for the three and nine months ended April 30, 2012, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted net income (loss) per share because the impact of the inclusion of the options would have been anti-dilutive.

Options to purchase approximately 2,500,000 and 3,100,000 shares of Class A Nonvoting Common Stock for the three and nine months ended April 30, 2011, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted net income per share because the impact of the inclusion of the options would have been anti-dilutive.

NOTE E Segment Information

The Company evaluates short-term segment performance based on segment profit or loss and customer sales. Segment profit or loss does not include certain administrative costs, such as the cost of finance, information technology and human resources, which are managed as global functions. Restructuring charges, impairment charges, stock options, interest, investment and other income and income taxes are also excluded when evaluating performance.

The Company is organized and managed on a geographic basis by region. Each of these regions, Americas, EMEA and Asia-Pacific, has a President that reports directly to the Company's chief operating decision maker, its Chief Executive Officer. Each region has its own distinct operations, is managed by its own management team, maintains its own financial reports and is evaluated based on regional segment profit. The Company has determined that these regions comprise its operating and reportable segments based on the information used by the Chief Executive Officer to allocate resources and assess performance.

Intersegment sales and transfers are recorded at cost plus a standard percentage markup. Intercompany profit is eliminated in consolidation. It is impracticable to disclose enterprise-wide revenue from external customers on the basis of product or service because the Company is organized and managed on a geographic basis by region, each of which has its own distinct operations and is managed locally by its own management team.

Following is a summary of segment information for the three and nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011:

| | Americas | EMEA | Asia-Pacific | Total Region | Corporate and Eliminations | Totals |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Three months ended April 30, 2012: | | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 150,629 | \$ 97,938 | \$ 83,062 | \$ 331,629 | \$ | \$ 331,629 |
| Intersegment revenues | 9,995 | 747 | 7,672 | 18,414 | (18,414) | |
| Segment profit | 38,887 | 25,571 | 6,598 | 71,056 | (388) | 70,668 |
| Three months ended April 30, 2011: | | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 149,217 | \$ 105,894 | \$ 82,785 | \$ 337,896 | \$ | \$ 337,896 |
| Intersegment revenues | 9,938 | 696 | 5,960 | 16,594 | (16,594) | |
| Segment profit | 38,292 | 28,938 | 9,976 | 77,206 | (3,561) | 73,645 |
| Nine months ended April 30, 2012: | | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 442,896 | \$ 290,887 | \$ 267,938 | \$ 1,001,721 | \$ | \$ 1,001,721 |
| Intersegment revenues | 30,211 | 2,779 | 22,435 | 55,425 | (55,425) | |
| Segment profit | 117,914 | 78,432 | 27,635(1) | 223,981 | (6,009) | 217,972 |
| Nine months ended April 30, 2011: | | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 431,216 | \$ 301,985 | \$ 263,292 | \$ 996,493 | \$ | \$ 996,493 |
| Intersegment revenues | 30,729 | 2,209 | 18,306 | 51,244 | (51,244) | |
| Segment profit | 108,666 | 82,165 | 38,330 | 229,161 | (12,087) | 217,074 |

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- (1) The Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$115,688 during the quarter ended January 31, 2012, related to the former North/South Asia reporting unit within the Asia-Pacific reporting segment, which is excluded from segment profit as presented in the table above. Refer to Note B, Goodwill and Intangible Assets for further discussion.

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Following is a reconciliation of segment profit to net income (loss) for the three months and nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011:

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| | April 30, | | April 30, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Total profit from reportable segments | \$ 71,056 | \$ 77,206 | \$ 223,981 | \$ 229,161 |
| Corporate and eliminations | (388) | (3,561) | (6,009) | (12,087) |
| Unallocated amounts: | | | | |
| Administrative costs | (26,275) | (31,563) | (85,999) | (90,534) |
| Restructuring charges | (3,440) | (1,211) | (3,440) | (6,986) |
| Impairment charge | | | (115,688) | |
| Investment and other income | 1,110 | 1,428 | 1,720 | 2,892 |
| Interest expense | (4,735) | (5,103) | (14,715) | (16,640) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 37,328 | 37,196 | (150) | 105,806 |
| Income taxes | (9,676) | (8,607) | (29,420) | (26,737) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 27,652 | \$ 28,589 | \$ (29,570) | \$ 79,069 |

NOTE F Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has an incentive stock plan under which the Board of Directors may grant nonqualified stock options to purchase shares of Class A Nonvoting Common Stock or grant restricted shares of Class A Nonvoting Common Stock to employees and non-employee directors. The stock options have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock at the date of grant and generally vest ratably over a three-year period, with one-third becoming exercisable one year after the grant date and one-third additional in each of the succeeding two years. Stock options issued under these plans, referred to herein as service-based stock options, generally expire 10 years from the date of grant. The Company also grants stock options to certain executives and key management employees that vest upon meeting certain financial performance conditions over the vesting schedule described above; these options are referred to herein as performance-based stock options. Performance-based stock options expire 10 years from the date of grant. The Company granted restricted shares in fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2011 that have an issuance price equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock at the date of grant. The restricted shares granted in fiscal 2008 were amended in fiscal 2011 to allow for vesting after a seven-year period upon meeting both performance and service conditions. The restricted shares granted in fiscal 2011 vest ratably at the end of years three, four and five upon meeting certain performance and service conditions. The restricted shares granted in fiscal 2008 and 2011 are referred to herein as performance-based restricted shares.

As of April 30, 2012, the Company has reserved 6,776,947 shares of Class A Nonvoting Common Stock for outstanding stock

options and restricted shares and 4,950,950 shares of Class A Nonvoting Common Stock for future issuance of stock options and restricted shares under the various plans. The Company uses treasury stock or will issue new Class A Nonvoting Common Stock to deliver shares under these plans.

The Company recognizes the compensation cost of all share-based awards on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the award. Compensation expense for performance-based stock options is recorded over the remaining vesting period when the Company determines that it is probable that the performance criteria will be met. Total stock compensation expense recognized by the Company during the three months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$2,102 (\$1,282 net of taxes) and \$2,527 (\$1,541 net of taxes), respectively, and expense recognized during the nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$7,592 (\$4,631 net of taxes), and \$9,396 (\$5,732 net of taxes), respectively. As of April 30, 2012, total unrecognized compensation cost related to share-based compensation awards was \$16,022 pre-tax, net of estimated forfeitures, which the Company expects to recognize over a weighted-average period of 2.0 years.

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The Company has estimated the fair value of its service-based and performance-based option awards granted during the nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011 using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The weighted-average assumptions used in the Black-Scholes valuation model are reflected in the following table:

| Black-Scholes Option Valuation Assumptions | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2012 | | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2011 | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| | Service-Based Option Awards | Performance- Based Option Awards | Service-Based Option Awards | Performance- Based Option Awards |
| Expected term (in years) | 5.89 | 6.57 | 5.91 | 6.57 |
| Expected volatility | 39.41% | 39.21% | 40.22% | 39.39% |
| Expected dividend yield | 2.07% | 1.99% | 1.94% | 1.96% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.16% | 2.05% | 1.65% | 2.35% |
| Weighted-average market value of underlying stock at grant date | \$ 27.05 | \$ 29.55 | \$ 29.10 | \$ 28.43 |
| Weighted-average exercise price | 27.05 | 29.55 | 29.10 | 28.35 |
| Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the period | 8.42 | 10.01 | 9.58 | 9.87 |

The Company uses historical data regarding stock option exercise behaviors to estimate the expected term of options granted based on the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. Expected volatilities are based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock. The expected dividend yield is based on the Company's historical dividend payments and historical yield. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect on the grant date for the length of time corresponding to the expected term of the option. The market value is calculated as the average of the high and the low stock price on the date of the grant.

The Company granted 100,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock to Frank M. Jaehnert, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, in August of 2010, with a grant price and fair value of \$28.35. The Company also granted 210,000 shares of performance-based restricted stock during fiscal 2008, with a grant price and fair value of \$32.83. As of April 30, 2012, 310,000 performance-based restricted shares were outstanding.

The Company granted 415,000 performance-based stock options during the nine months ended April 30, 2012, with a weighted average exercise price of \$29.55 and a weighted average fair value of \$10.01. The Company also granted 797,450 service-based stock options during the nine months ended April 30, 2012, with a weighted average exercise price of \$27.05 and a weighted average fair value of \$8.42.

A summary of stock option activity under the Company's share-based compensation plans for the nine months ended April 30, 2012 is presented below:

| Options | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at July 31, 2011 | 5,726,017 | \$ 29.24 | | |
| New grants | 1,212,450 | \$ 27.91 | | |
| Exercised | (254,357) | \$ 20.15 | | |
| Forfeited or expired | (217,163) | \$ 32.92 | | |

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|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----|-----------|
| Outstanding at April 30, 2012 | 6,466,947 | \$ 29.22 | 6.5 | \$ 22,069 |
| Exercisable at April 30, 2012 | 3,848,048 | \$ 29.67 | 5.0 | \$ 14,972 |

There were 3,848,048 and 3,359,215 options exercisable with a weighted average exercise price of \$29.67 and \$29.70 at April 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The cash received from the exercise of options during the quarters ended April 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$1,441 and \$2,244, respectively. The cash received from the exercise of options during the nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$3,624 and \$7,154, respectively. The cash received from the tax benefit on stock options exercised during the quarter ended April 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$166 and \$695, respectively. The cash received from the tax benefit on options exercised during the nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$761 and \$1,398, respectively.

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The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011, based upon the average market price at the time of exercise during the period, was \$2,987 and \$4,907, respectively. The total fair value of stock options vested during the nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011, was \$8,035 and \$6,775, respectively.

NOTE G Stockholders Investment

In fiscal 2009, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase plan for the Company's Class A Nonvoting Common Stock. The plan was implemented by purchasing shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, with repurchased shares available for use in connection with the Company's stock-based plans and for other corporate purposes. The Company did not repurchase any shares during fiscal 2011. As of July 31, 2011, there remained 204,133 shares to purchase in connection with this share repurchase plan.

On September 9, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an additional share repurchase program for up to two million additional shares of the Company's Class A Nonvoting Common Stock. The plan may be implemented by purchasing shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, with repurchased shares available for use in connection with the Company's stock-based compensation plans and for other corporate purposes. During the three months ended October 31, 2011, the Company purchased 457,360 shares of its Class A Nonvoting Common Stock under the plans for \$12,309. No shares were repurchased by the Company in the quarters ended January 31, 2012 and April 30, 2012, and there remained 1,746,773 shares to purchase in connection with the 2011 share repurchase plan.

NOTE H Employee Benefit Plans

The Company provides postretirement medical benefits for eligible regular full and part-time domestic employees (including spouses) outlined by the plan. Postretirement benefits are provided only if the employee was hired prior to April 1, 2008, and retires on or after attainment of age 55 with 15 years of credited service. Credited service begins accruing at the later of age 40 or date of hire. All active employees first eligible to retire after July 31, 1992, are covered by an unfunded, contributory postretirement healthcare plan where employer contributions will not exceed a defined dollar benefit amount, regardless of the cost of the program. Employer contributions to the plan are based on the employee's age and service at retirement.

The Company funds benefit costs on a pay-as-you-go basis. There have been no changes to the components of net periodic benefit cost or the amount that the Company expects to fund in fiscal 2012 from those reported in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's latest annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2011.

NOTE I Fair Value Measurements

In accordance with fair value accounting guidance, the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair market value are classified in one of the following categories:

Level 1 Assets or liabilities for which fair value is based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical instruments as of the reporting date.

Level 2 Assets or liabilities for which fair value is based on valuation models for which pricing inputs were either directly or indirectly observable.

Level 3 Assets or liabilities for which fair value is based on valuation models with significant unobservable pricing inputs and which result in the use of management estimates.

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The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Company's financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis at April 30, 2012, and July 31, 2011, according to the valuation techniques the Company used to determine their fair values:

| | | Fair Value Measurements Using Inputs Considered As | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|--|----------------|--|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Fair Values | Balance Sheet Classifications |
| April 30, 2012: | | | | | | |
| Trading Securities | | \$ 12,759 | \$ | \$ | \$ 12,759 | Other assets |
| Foreign exchange contracts | cash flow hedges | | 181 | | 181 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets |
| Foreign exchange contracts | non-designated | | 23 | | 23 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets |
| Foreign exchange contracts | net investment hedges | | | | | Prepaid expenses and other current assets |
| Total Assets | | \$ 12,759 | \$ 204 | \$ | \$ 12,963 | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | cash flow hedges | \$ | \$ 144 | \$ | \$ 144 | Other current liabilities |
| Foreign exchange contracts | net investment hedges | | 23 | | 23 | Other current liabilities |
| Foreign exchange contracts | non-designated | | | | | Other current liabilities |
| Foreign currency denominated debt | net investment hedge | | 99,398 | | 99,398 | Long term obligations, less current maturities |
| Total Liabilities | | \$ | \$ 99,565 | \$ | \$ 99,565 | |
| July 31, 2011: | | | | | | |
| Trading Securities | | \$ 10,897 | \$ | \$ | \$ 10,897 | Other assets |
| Foreign exchange contracts | cash flow hedges | | 16 | | 16 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets |
| Foreign exchange contracts | non-designated | | 3 | | 3 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets |
| Total Assets | | \$ 10,897 | \$ 19 | \$ | \$ 10,916 | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | cash flow hedges | \$ | \$ 830 | \$ | \$ 830 | Other current liabilities |
| Foreign exchange contracts | net investment hedges | | 5,295 | | 5,295 | Other current liabilities |
| Foreign exchange contracts | non-designated | | 2 | | 2 | Other current liabilities |
| Foreign currency denominated debt | net investment hedge | | 107,985 | | 107,985 | Long term obligations less current maturities |
| Total Liabilities | | \$ | \$ 114,112 | \$ | \$ 114,112 | |

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The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

Trading Securities: The Company's deferred compensation investments consist of investments in mutual funds. These investments were classified as Level 1 as the shares of these investments trade with sufficient frequency and volume to enable the Company to obtain pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Foreign currency exchange contracts: The Company's foreign currency exchange contracts were classified as Level 2, as the fair value was based on the present value of the future cash flows using external models that use observable inputs, such as interest rates, yield curves and foreign currency exchange rates. See Note K, Derivatives and Hedging Activities for additional information.

Foreign currency denominated debt net investment hedge: The Company's foreign currency denominated debt designated as a net investment hedge was classified as Level 2, as the fair value was based on the present value of the future cash flows using external models that use observable inputs, such as interest rates, yield curves and foreign currency exchange rates. See Note K, Derivatives and Hedging Activities for additional information.

There were no transfers of assets or liabilities between the fair value hierarchy levels, outlined above, during the nine months ended April 30, 2012.

The Company's financial instruments, other than those presented in the disclosures above, include cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and short-term and long-term debt. The fair values of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities approximated carrying values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

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The estimated fair value of the Company's long-term obligations including current maturities, based on the quoted market prices for similar issues and on the current rates offered for debt of similar maturities, was \$363,616 and \$416,694 at April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, respectively, as compared to the carrying value of \$342,076 and \$393,178 at April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, respectively.

During the nine months ended April 30, 2012, goodwill with a carrying amount of \$163,702 in the former North/South Asia reporting unit was written down to its estimated implied fair value of \$48,014, resulting in a non-cash impairment charge of \$115,688. The implied fair value of goodwill of \$48,014 represents a Level 3 asset measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis subsequent to its original recognition. Refer to Note B, "Goodwill and Intangible Assets" for further information regarding the valuation inputs.

During the nine months ended April 30, 2011, the Company had no significant measurements of assets or liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis subsequent to their initial recognition other than for the acquisition of ID Warehouse, and the divestiture of the Teklynx business. Refer to Note L, "Acquisitions and Divestitures" for further information.

NOTE J Restructuring

During the three months ended April 30, 2012, the Company took various measures to address its cost structure in response to weaker sales forecasts across the Company, as well as the decline in operating results in the Asia die-cut business. As a result of these actions, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$3,440, which consisted of \$2,469 of employee separation costs, \$458 of fixed asset write-offs, and \$513 of other facility closure related costs. Of the \$3,440 of restructuring charges recorded during the three months ended April 30, 2012, \$1,709 was incurred in the Americas, \$1,601 was incurred in EMEA, and \$130 was incurred in Asia-Pacific. The charges for employee separation costs consisted of severance pay, outplacement services, medical and other related benefits. The costs related to these restructuring activities have been recorded on the condensed consolidated statements of income as restructuring charges. The Company expects the majority of the remaining cash payments to be made during the next twelve months.

In fiscal 2009, in response to the global economic downturn, the Company took several measures to address its cost structure. In addition to a company-wide salary freeze and decreased discretionary spending, the Company reduced its workforce by 25%. The Company reduced its workforce through voluntary and involuntary separation programs, voluntary retirement programs, and facility consolidations. The Company continued the execution of its restructuring actions during fiscal 2011. These actions included a reduction in its contract labor and decreased discretionary spending. As a result of these actions, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$1,211 and \$6,986 during the three and nine months ended April 30, 2011, respectively. The restructuring charges of \$6,986 during the nine months ended April 30, 2011 consisted of \$4,531 of employee separation costs, \$2,155 of fixed asset write-offs, and \$300 of other facility closure related costs and contract termination costs. Of the \$6,986 of restructuring charges recorded during the nine months ended April 30, 2011, \$4,401 was incurred in the Americas, \$2,457 was incurred in Europe, and \$128 was incurred in Asia-Pacific.

A reconciliation of the Company's restructuring activity during the nine months ended April 30, 2012 is as follows:

| | Employee Related | Asset Write-offs | Other | Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|----------|
| Beginning balance, July 31, 2011 | \$ 2,207 | \$ | \$ 49 | \$ 2,256 |
| Restructuring charge | 2,469 | 458 | 513 | 3,440 |
| Non-cash write-offs | | (458) | | (458) |
| Cash payments | (2,464) | | (490) | (2,954) |
| Ending balance, April 30, 2012 | \$ 2,212 | \$ | \$ 72 | \$ 2,284 |

NOTE K Derivatives and Hedging Activities

The Company utilizes forward foreign exchange currency contracts to reduce the exchange rate risk of specific foreign currency denominated transactions and net investments. These contracts typically require the exchange of a foreign currency for U.S. dollars at a fixed rate at a future date, with maturities of 18 months or less, which qualify as either cash flow hedges or net investment hedges under the accounting guidance for

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derivative instruments and hedging activities. The primary objectives of the Company's foreign currency exchange risk management are to minimize the impact of currency movements due to products purchased in other than the respective subsidiaries' functional currency and to minimize the impact of currency movements on the Company's net investment denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar. To achieve this objective, the Company hedges a portion of known exposures using forward foreign exchange currency contracts. As of April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, the notional amount of outstanding forward exchange contracts was \$50,999 and \$80,807, respectively.

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Hedge effectiveness is determined by how closely the changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument offset the changes in the fair value or cash flows of the hedged item. Hedge accounting is permitted only if the hedging relationship is expected to be highly effective at the inception of the hedge and on an on-going basis. Gains or losses on the derivative related to hedge ineffectiveness are recognized in current earnings. The amount of hedge ineffectiveness was not significant for the three-month or nine-month periods ended April 30, 2012 and 2011.

The Company hedges a portion of known exposure using forward exchange contracts. Main exposures are related to transactions denominated in the British Pound, the Euro, Canadian Dollar, Australian Dollar, Singapore Dollar, Malaysian Ringgit, Swedish Krona, Japanese Yen, Swiss Franc, and the Korean Won. Generally, these risk management transactions will involve the use of foreign currency derivatives to protect against exposure resulting from sales and identified inventory or other asset purchases.

The Company has designated a portion of its foreign exchange contracts as cash flow hedges and recorded these contracts at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. For these instruments, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative is reported as a component of other comprehensive income (OCI) and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. At April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, unrealized gains of \$177 and unrealized losses of \$1,535 have been included in OCI, respectively. All balances are expected to be reclassified from OCI to earnings during the next twelve months when the hedged transactions impact earnings.

At April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, the Company had \$181 and \$16 of forward exchange contracts designated as cash flow hedges included in Prepaid expenses and other current assets on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. At April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, the Company had \$144 and \$830, respectively, of forward exchange contracts designated as cash flow hedges included in Other current liabilities on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. At April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, the U.S. dollar equivalent of these outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts totaled \$24,326 and \$30,519, respectively, including contracts to sell Euros, Canadian Dollars, Australian Dollars, British Pounds, U.S. Dollars, and Swiss Franc.

The Company has also designated intercompany and third party foreign currency denominated debt instruments as net investments hedges. During the nine months ended April 30, 2012, the Company designated 4,581 of intercompany loans as net investment hedges to hedge portions of its net investment in European foreign operations. No intercompany loans were designated as net investment hedges as of July 31, 2011. On May 13, 2010, the Company completed the private placement of 75.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes to accredited institutional investors. This Euro-denominated debt obligation was designated as a net investment hedge to hedge portions of the Company's net investment in Euro-denominated foreign operations. As net investment hedges, the currency effects of the debt obligations are reflected in the foreign currency translation adjustments component of accumulated other comprehensive income where they offset gains and losses recorded on the Company's net investment in Euro-denominated operations. The Company's foreign denominated debt obligations are valued under a market approach using publicized spot prices.

Additionally, the Company utilizes forward foreign exchange currency contracts designated as hedge instruments to hedge portions of the Company's net investments in foreign operations. For hedges that meet the effectiveness requirements, the net gains or losses attributable to changes in spot exchange rates are recorded in the foreign exchange translation adjustment component of accumulated other comprehensive income where it offsets gains and losses recorded on the Company's net investment in Euro-denominated foreign operations. Any ineffective portions are recognized in earnings. Recognition in earnings of amounts previously recorded in cumulative translation is limited to circumstances such as complete or substantially complete liquidation of the net investment in the foreign operation. At April 30, 2012, and July 31, 2011, the Company had \$23 and \$5,295, respectively, of forward foreign exchange currency contracts designated as net investment hedges included in Other current liabilities on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. At April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, the U.S. dollar equivalent of these outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts totaled \$12,999 and \$50,000, respectively, including contracts to sell Euros, Singapore Dollars, and Malaysian Ringgit.

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Fair values of derivative instruments in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets were as follows:

| Derivatives designated as | Asset Derivatives | | | | Liability Derivatives | | | |
|--|---|------------|---|------------|--|------------|--|------------|
| | April 30, 2012 | | July 31, 2011 | | April 30, 2012 | | July 31, 2011 | |
| | Balance | | Balance | | Balance | | Balance | |
| hedging instruments | Sheet | Fair Value | Sheet | Fair Value | Sheet | Fair Value | Sheet | Fair Value |
| | Location | | Location | | Location | | Location | |
| Cash flow hedges | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 181 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 16 | Other current liabilities | \$ 144 | Other current liabilities | \$ 830 |
| Net investment hedges | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ | Other current liabilities | \$ 23 | Other current liabilities | \$ 5,295 |
| Foreign currency denominated debt | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ | Long term obligations, less current maturities | \$ 99,398 | Long term obligations, less current maturities | 107,985 |
| Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments | | \$ 181 | | \$ 16 | | \$ 99,565 | | \$ 114,110 |
| Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 23 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 3 | Other current liabilities | \$ | Other current liabilities | \$ 2 |
| Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments | | \$ 23 | | \$ 3 | | \$ | | \$ 2 |

The pre-tax effects of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income consisted of the following:

| Derivatives in | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in | Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified From | Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Cash Flow Hedging Relationships | OCI on Derivative (Effective Portion) | From Accumulated | Accumulated OCI | Recognized in | Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion) |

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| | OCI into Income (Effective Portion) | | | Into Income (Effective Portion) | | Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion) | | Nine months ended April 30, 2012 2011 | |
|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------|--|--|--|----|---|--|
| | Nine months ended April 30, 2012 | Nine months ended April 30, 2011 | | Nine months ended April 30, 2012 | Nine months ended April 30, 2011 | | | Nine months ended April 30, 2012 | Nine months ended April 30, 2011 |
| Foreign exchange contracts | \$ 177 | \$ (2,210) | Cost of goods sold | \$ (650) | \$ (887) | Cost of goods sold | \$ | \$ | |
| Total | \$ 177 | \$ (2,210) | | \$ (650) | \$ (887) | | \$ | \$ | |

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The pre-tax effects of derivative instruments designated as net investment hedges on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets consisted of the following:

| Derivatives in Net Investment Hedging Relationships | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivative (Effective Portion) | | Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified From Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion) | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified From Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion) | Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion) | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative (Ineffective Portion) |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Nine months ended April 30, 2012 | Nine months ended April 30, 2011 | | Nine months ended April 30, 2012 | | Nine months ended April 30, 2012 |
| Foreign currency intercompany debt | \$ 113 | \$ | Investment and other income net | \$ | Investment and other income net | \$ |
| Foreign currency denominated debt | 8,588 | (11,362) | Investment and other income net | | Investment and other income net | |
| Foreign exchange contracts | (1,166) | (14,069) | Investment and other income net | | Investment and other income net | |
| Total | \$ 7,535 | \$ (25,431) | | \$ | | \$ |

The pre-tax effects of derivative instruments not designated as hedge instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income consisted of the following:

| Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments | Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative |
|---|---|--|
| | | Nine months ended April 30, 2012 |
| Foreign exchange contracts | Other income (expense) | Nine months ended April 30, 2011 |
| | | \$ 227 |
| Total | | \$ (953) |
| | | \$ 227 |
| | | \$ (953) |

NOTE L Acquisitions and Divestitures

In March 2012, the Company acquired Grafo Wiremarkers Africa (Proprietary) Limited (Grafo), based in Johannesburg, South Africa for \$3,039. Grafo offers a comprehensive range of wire identification products and is the sole distributor in Africa of locally developed Dartag[®] ABS cablemarkers, and stainless steel ties and tags. Grafo has annual sales of approximately \$3,000 and is included in the Company's EMEA segment. The purchase price allocation resulted in \$1,227 assigned to goodwill, and \$961 assigned to customer relationships. The amount assigned to the customer relationships is being amortized over seven years. The Company expects the acquisition to provide a base in South Africa where it can further expand its business with the established distributors and customers throughout South Africa and the Southern African

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Development Community (SADC) countries.

The results of the operations of the acquired business have been included since the respective date of acquisition in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. The Company is continuing to evaluate the initial purchase price allocations for the acquisitions completed within the past 12 months and will adjust the allocations as additional information relative to the fair value of assets and liabilities of the acquired businesses becomes known. Pro-forma information related to the acquisition during the nine months ended April 30, 2012, is not included because the impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations is considered immaterial.

In November 2010, the Company acquired ID Warehouse, based in New South Wales, Australia for \$7,970. ID Warehouse offers security identification and visitor management products including identification card printers, access control cards, wristbands, tamper-evident security seals and identification accessories. The business is included in the Company's Asia-Pacific segment.

In December 2010, the Company sold its Teklynx business, a barcode software company. The Teklynx business had operations primarily in the Company's Americas and EMEA segments. The Company received proceeds of \$12,979, net of cash retained in the business. The transaction resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$4,394, which was accounted for in Selling, general, and administrative expenses (SG&A) on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the nine month period ended April 30, 2011. The divestiture of Teklynx was part of the Company's continued long-term growth strategy to focus the Company's energies and resources on growth of the Company's core business.

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NOTE M Subsequent Events

In May 2012, the Company acquired Runelandhs Försäljnings AB (Runelandhs), based in Kalmar, Sweden for approximately \$24,000. Runelandhs is a direct marketer of industrial and office equipment with annual sales of approximately \$19,000. Its products include lifting, transporting, and warehouse equipment; workbenches and material handling supplies; products for environmental protection; and entrance, reception, and office furnishings.

In May 2012, the Company acquired Pervaco AS (Pervaco), based in Kjeller, Norway for approximately \$12,000. Pervaco is a direct marketer of facility identification products with annual sales of approximately \$6,000.

On May 15, 2012, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend to shareholders of the Company's Class A and Class B Common Stock of \$0.185 per share payable on July 31, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 10, 2012.

NOTE N New Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-08, Intangibles Goodwill and Other (Topic 350), Testing Goodwill for Impairment, which permits an entity to make a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying value before applying the two-step goodwill impairment model that is currently in place. If it is determined through the qualitative assessment that a reporting unit's fair value is more likely than not greater than its carrying value, the remaining impairment steps would be unnecessary. The qualitative assessment is optional, allowing companies to go directly to the quantitative assessment. This update is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption permitted. The Company does not expect adoption of this ASU to have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05, Presentation of Comprehensive Income, which eliminates the option to present components of other comprehensive income (OCI) as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. The amendments in this standard require that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. Subsequently, in December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-12, Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, which indefinitely defers the requirements in ASU 2011-05 to present on the face of the financial statements adjustments for items that are reclassified from OCI to net income in the statement where the components of net income and the components of OCI are presented. The ASU does not change the items that must be reported in OCI. This update is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption permitted. The Company is in the process of determining its method of presentation; however, it does not anticipate the adoption of these updates to have a material impact on its financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04 Fair Value Measurement: Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS. The ASU is the result of joint efforts by the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) to develop a single, converged fair value framework. While the ASU is largely consistent with existing fair value measurement principles in U.S. GAAP, it expands existing disclosure requirements for fair value measurements and makes other amendments. Key additional disclosures include quantitative disclosures about unobservable inputs in Level 3 measures, qualitative information about sensitivity of Level 3 measures and valuation processes, and classification within the fair value hierarchy for instruments where fair value is only disclosed in the footnotes but the carrying amount is on some other basis. This update is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company does not expect adoption of this ASU to have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

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

Overview

Brady, a Wisconsin corporation, founded in 1914, is an international manufacturer of identification solutions and specialty materials that identify and protect premises, products and people. The Company is organized and managed on a geographic basis by region: Americas, EMEA (Europe, the Middle East and Africa), and Asia-Pacific. Across these regions, the Company conducts three primary businesses: Brady, Direct Marketing and Die-Cut.

Brady Business

Within the Brady business, the primary product categories include:

Workplace safety and compliance, which includes facility identification, spill control, lockout/tagout, and software services

Product identification, which includes materials and printing systems for product identification, brand protection labeling, tamper-evident labeling, work in process labeling, finished product identification, and bar coding that performs under harsh or demanding conditions

Wire identification, which includes handheld printers, wire markers, sleeves, and tags

People identification, which includes access control software and products, self-expiring name tags, badges, and lanyards. Products within the Brady business are sold under the Brady brand through multiple channels, which include distributors, resellers, and a dedicated direct sales force. The Brady business serves customers in many markets, which include industrial manufacturing, electronic manufacturing, chemical, oil, gas, food and beverage, aerospace defense, mass transit, electrical contractors, and telecommunications.

The Brady business provides differentiated, proprietary products, most of which have been internally developed and manufactured. These internally developed products include materials, printing systems, and software.

Direct Marketing Business

Within the Direct Marketing business, the primary product categories include:

Workplace safety and compliance, which include informational signs, tags, security and traffic related products, first aid supplies, material handling, asset identification, and regulatory products.

Products within the Direct Marketing business are sold under a variety of brands through multiple channels, which include catalog, on-line, phone, and telemarketing. The Direct Marketing business serves customers in many markets, which include process industries, manufacturers, government, education, construction, and utilities.

The Direct Marketing business consists primarily of stock and customer identification products, and also sells a broad range of related resale products.

Die-Cut Business

Within the Die-Cut business, the primary products include highly customized precision die-cut products used to seal, dissipate heat, insulate, protect, shield, or provide other mechanical performance properties.

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Products within the Die-Cut business are sold through a technical direct sales force, and are supported by global strategic account management. The Die-Cut business serves customers in many markets, which include mobile handset, hard disk drive, consumer electronics, other computing devices, as well as products for automotive, and medical.

The Die-Cut business consists of highly engineered customized products, manufactured to specific customer requirements.

The Company believes that its reputation for innovation, commitment to quality and service, and dedicated employees have made it a world leader in the markets it serves. The Company operates in Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, the Cayman Islands, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States. Brady sells through subsidiaries or sales offices in these countries, with additional sales through a dedicated team of international sales representatives in New Zealand, Russia, Taiwan, Vietnam, Central Europe, the Middle East, Africa and South America.

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Sales for the quarter ended April 30, 2012, decreased 1.9% to \$331.6 million, compared to \$337.9 million in the same period of fiscal 2011. Organic sales decreased 0.5%, acquisitions increased sales 0.2%, and the effects of fluctuations in the exchange rates used to translate financial results into the United States dollar reduced sales 1.6%. Net income for the quarter ended April 30, 2012, was \$27.7 million or \$0.52 per diluted Class A Nonvoting Common Share, down from net income of \$28.6 million, or \$0.54 per diluted Class A Nonvoting Common Share reported in the third quarter of last fiscal year.

Sales for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, increased 0.5% to \$1,001.7 million, compared to \$996.5 million in the same period of fiscal 2011. Organic sales increased 0.4%, divestitures net of acquisitions reduced sales 0.2%, and the effects of fluctuations in the exchange rates used to translate financial results into the United States dollar increased sales 0.3%. The net loss for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, was \$29.6 million or \$0.57 per diluted Class A Nonvoting Common Share, down from net income of \$79.1 million, or \$1.49 per diluted Class A Nonvoting Common Share reported in the same period of the prior fiscal year. The net loss was a result of a \$115.7 million non-cash goodwill impairment charge recorded during the quarter ended January 31, 2012, related to the former North/South Asia reporting unit within the Company's Asia-Pacific reporting segment. Refer to Note B, Goodwill and Intangible Assets in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion regarding the goodwill impairment charge.

Results of Operations

The comparability of the operating results for the three and nine months ended April 30, 2012, to the prior year has been impacted by the following acquisitions and divestiture completed in fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011.

Fiscal 2012

| Acquisition | Segment | Date Completed |
|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Grafo | EMEA | March 2012 |

Fiscal 2011

| Acquisition | Segment | Date Completed |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| ID Warehouse | Asia Pacific | November 2010 |

Divestiture

| | | |
|---------|---------------|---------------|
| Teklynx | Americas EMEA | December 2010 |
|---------|---------------|---------------|

Gross margin as a percentage of sales decreased to 48.3% from 49.6% for the quarter and to 48.0% from 49.3% for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods of the previous year. The primary driver of the gross margin decline continued to be the Asia-Pacific region, where competition within the die-cut market has been significant.

Research and development (R&D) expenses decreased 15.3% to \$8.9 million for the quarter and decreased 10.9% to \$28.7 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to \$10.6 million and \$32.2 million for the same periods in the prior year, respectively. As a percentage of sales, R&D expenses decreased to 2.7% in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 from 3.1% in the third quarter of fiscal 2011, and declined to 2.9% in the first nine months of fiscal 2012 compared to 3.2% in the first nine months of fiscal 2011. The decline in R&D expenses was primarily due to a decrease in variable incentive compensation for fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011, as well as reduced overall R&D spend due to an increased mix of materials projects, which have less development costs than printer and software projects.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses decreased 7.2% to \$106.7 million for the three months ended April 30, 2012, compared to \$115.0 million for the same period in the prior year, and decreased 3.6% to \$320.5 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to \$332.4 million for the same period in the prior year. As a percentage of sales, SG&A expenses decreased to 32.2% from 34.0% for the third quarter, primarily due to a pretax reduction of \$6.0 million in variable incentive compensation compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease in SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales to 32.0% from 33.4% for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year, was due to the reduction in variable incentive compensation and the continued focus on reducing SG&A expense through ongoing productivity initiatives. This reduction was partially offset by investments required for growth initiatives.

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During the three months ended April 30, 2012, the Company took various measures to address its cost structure in response to weaker sales forecasts across the Company, as well as the decline in operating results in the Asia die-cut business. As a result of these actions, the Company recorded restructuring expenses of \$3.4 million during the three months ended April 30, 2012, compared to \$1.2 million in the same period in the prior year. During the nine months ended April 30, 2012, restructuring expenses decreased to \$3.4 million from \$7.0 million, compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease in restructuring expenses for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, was a result of minimal restructuring charges recorded during the first six months of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period of fiscal 2011. Restructuring expenses are expected to continue for the next several quarters.

Investment and other income decreased to \$1.1 million from \$1.4 million for the three months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same period in the prior year, and decreased to \$1.7 million from \$2.9 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease was primarily due to losses on foreign currency exchange.

Interest expense decreased to \$4.7 million from \$5.1 million for the three months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same period in the prior year, and decreased to \$14.7 million from \$16.6 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease was due to the Company's lower principal balance under its outstanding debt agreements.

The Company's effective tax rate increased to 25.9% from 23.1% for the quarter and decreased to (196.1%) from 25.3% for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year. The effective tax rate for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, was significantly impacted by the non-deductible former North/South Asia goodwill impairment charge of \$115.7 million recognized during the three months ended January 31, 2012. Refer to Note B, Goodwill and Intangible Assets in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion. Excluding the goodwill impairment charge, the effective tax rate was 25.5% for the nine months ended April 30, 2012.

Net income for the three months ended April 30, 2012, decreased 3.3% to \$27.7 million, compared to \$28.6 million for the same quarter of the previous year. Net income as a percentage of sales decreased to 8.3% from 8.5% for the quarter ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same period in the prior year. Net income before restructuring-related expenses for the quarter ended April 30, 2012 was \$30.3 million, an increase of 2.7% from \$29.5 million for the same period in the prior year. The Company's net loss was \$29.6 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to net income of \$79.1 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2011. The Company's net loss before restructuring-related expenses for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, was \$26.9 million, a decrease from net income before restructuring-related expenses of \$84.1 million in the same period of the prior year. The net loss was a result of the goodwill impairment charge of \$115.7 million recorded during the three months ended January 31, 2012. Refer to Note B, Goodwill and Intangible Assets in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion. Net income before the impairment charge and restructuring charges was \$88.8 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to \$84.1 million for the same period in the prior year.

Business Segment Operating Results

The Company is organized and managed on a geographic basis by region. Each of these regions, Americas, EMEA and Asia-Pacific, has a President that reports directly to the Company's chief operating decision maker, its Chief Executive Officer. Each region has its own distinct operations, is managed locally by its own management team, maintains its own financial reports and is evaluated based on regional segment profit. The Company has determined that these regions comprise its operating and reportable segments based on the information used by the Chief Executive Officer to allocate resources and assess performance.

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Following is a summary of segment information for the three and nine months ended April 30, 2012 and 2011:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Americas | EMEA | Asia-Pacific | Total Regions | Corporate and Eliminations | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| SALES TO EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS | | | | | | |
| Three months ended: | | | | | | |
| April 30, 2012 | \$ 150,629 | \$ 97,938 | \$ 83,062 | \$ 331,629 | \$ | \$ 331,629 |
| April 30, 2011 | \$ 149,217 | \$ 105,894 | \$ 82,785 | \$ 337,896 | \$ | \$ 337,896 |
| Nine months ended: | | | | | | |
| April 30, 2012 | \$ 442,896 | \$ 290,887 | \$ 267,938 | \$ 1,001,721 | \$ | \$ 1,001,721 |
| April 30, 2011 | \$ 431,216 | \$ 301,985 | \$ 263,292 | \$ 996,493 | \$ | \$ 996,493 |
| SALES INFORMATION | | | | | | |
| Three months ended April 30, 2012 | | | | | | |
| Organic | 1.9% | (3.3)% | (1.2)% | (0.5)% | | (0.5)% |
| Currency | (0.9)% | (4.7)% | 1.5% | (1.6)% | | (1.6)% |
| Acquisitions/Divestitures | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.2% | | 0.2% |
| Total | 1.0% | (7.5)% | 0.3% | (1.9)% | | (1.9)% |
| Nine months ended April 30, 2012 | | | | | | |
| Organic | 3.5% | (2.0)% | (1.9)% | 0.4% | | 0.4% |
| Currency | (0.5)% | (1.1)% | 3.0% | 0.3% | | 0.3% |
| Acquisitions/Divestitures | (0.3)% | (0.6)% | 0.7% | (0.2)% | | (0.2)% |
| Total | 2.7% | (3.7)% | 1.8% | 0.5% | | 0.5% |
| SEGMENT PROFIT | | | | | | |
| Three months ended: | | | | | | |
| April 30, 2012 | \$ 38,887 | \$ 25,571 | \$ 6,598 | \$ 71,056 | \$ (388) | \$ 70,668 |
| April 30, 2011 | \$ 38,292 | \$ 28,938 | \$ 9,976 | \$ 77,206 | \$ (3,561) | \$ 73,645 |
| Percentage increase (decrease) | 1.6% | (11.6)% | (33.9)% | (8.0)% | | (4.0)% |
| Nine months ended: | | | | | | |
| April 30, 2012 | \$ 117,914 | \$ 78,432 | \$ 27,635(1) | \$ 223,981 | \$ (6,009) | \$ 217,972 |
| April 30, 2011 | \$ 108,666 | \$ 82,165 | \$ 38,330 | \$ 229,161 | \$ (12,087) | \$ 217,074 |
| Percentage increase (decrease) | 8.5% | (4.5)% | (27.9)% | (2.3)% | | 0.4% |

- (1) The Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$115.7 million during the quarter ended January 31, 2012, related to the former North/South Asia reporting unit within the Asia-Pacific reporting segment, which is excluded from segment profit as presented in the table above. Refer to Note B, Goodwill and Intangible Assets in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion.

NET INCOME RECONCILIATION

| (Dollars in thousands) | Three months ended: | | Nine months ended: | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| | April 30, | | April 30, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Total profit from reportable segments | \$ 71,056 | \$ 77,206 | \$ 223,981 | \$ 229,161 |
| Corporate and eliminations | (388) | (3,561) | (6,009) | (12,087) |
| Unallocated amounts: | | | | |
| Administrative costs | (26,275) | (31,563) | (85,999) | (90,534) |
| Restructuring charges | (3,440) | (1,211) | (3,440) | (6,986) |
| Impairment charge | | | (115,688) | |
| Investment and other income | 1,110 | 1,428 | 1,720 | 2,892 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Interest expense | (4,735) | (5,103) | (14,715) | (16,640) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 37,328 | 37,196 | (150) | 105,806 |
| Income taxes | (9,676) | (8,607) | (29,420) | (26,737) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 27,652 | \$ 28,589 | \$ (29,570) | \$ 79,069 |

The Company evaluates short-term segment performance based on segment profit or loss and customer sales. Segment profit or loss does not include certain administrative costs, such as the cost of finance, information technology and human resources, which are managed as global functions. Restructuring charges, impairment charges, stock options, interest, investment and other income and income taxes are also excluded when evaluating performance.

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Americas sales increased 1.0% to \$150.6 million for the quarter and increased 2.7% to \$442.9 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to \$149.2 million and \$431.2 million, respectively, for the same periods in the prior year. Organic sales increased 1.9% and 3.5% during the quarter and nine-month periods, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior year. Fluctuations in the exchange rates used to translate financial results into the United States dollar resulted in a negative impact on sales of 0.9% in the quarter, and 0.5% in the nine-month period. The decrease in sales resulting from the fiscal year 2011 divestiture of Teklynx was 0.3% in the nine-month period, and did not have an impact on the quarter ended April 30, 2012.

The increase in organic sales of 1.9% for the quarter and 3.5% for the nine-month period were driven primarily by the Brady business in the United States through new proprietary product launches and increased customer demand within the electrical and data communication markets. The strong Brady business sales growth was partially offset by a sales decline within the direct marketing business within the regulatory publishing products market.

Segment profit increased 1.6% to \$38.9 million from \$38.3 million for the quarter, and increased 8.5% to \$117.9 million from \$108.7 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year. As a percentage of sales, segment profit increased to 25.8% from 25.7% for the quarter, and increased to 26.6% from 25.2% for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year.

The profit improvement for the quarter and nine-month periods ended April 30, 2012, was driven by an improved gross margin due to selected price increases that went into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2012, along with increased productivity within the selling expense structure. The actions taken to reduce selling expenses were focused on improving the productivity and processes of inside sales, field sales, and inquiry management.

EMEA:

EMEA sales decreased 7.5% to \$97.9 million for the quarter and 3.7% to \$290.9 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to \$105.9 million and \$302.0 million, respectively, for the same periods in the prior year. Organic sales decreased 3.3% and 2.0% for the quarter and nine-month periods, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior year. Fluctuations in the exchange rates used to translate financial results into the United States dollar resulted in a negative impact on sales of 4.7% in the quarter, and 1.1% in the nine-month period. The acquisition of Grafo increased segment sales by 0.5% during the quarter ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same period in the prior year. The acquisition of Grafo net of the fiscal 2011 divestiture of Teklynx decreased segment sales by 0.6% during the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same period in the prior year.

The decrease in organic sales of 3.3% in the quarter ended April 30, 2012, was primarily due to the current economic uncertainty in Europe, compared to the relative stability in the European economy in the same period of the prior year. Specifically, businesses in the U.K., Spain and Italy experienced sales declines driven by the difficult economic circumstances. The organic sales decline was shared between the direct marketing and Brady businesses throughout the segment. Sales increased by 0.5% due to the acquisition of Grafo, a supplier of wire-marking products that enabled geographic expansion into South Africa.

Segment profit decreased 11.6% to \$25.6 million from \$28.9 million for the quarter, and decreased 4.5% to \$78.4 million from \$82.2 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year. As a percentage of sales, segment profit decreased to 27.0% from 27.3% for the quarter and decreased to 27.0% from 27.2% for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year.

The decrease in segment profit for the quarter and nine-month period ended April 30, 2012 was primarily due to the organic sales decline. The macroeconomic slowdown in Europe is difficult and trending downwards. During the quarter ended April 30, 2012, approximately one-half of the Company's restructuring charges related to the European die-cut business. The Company has reallocated resources within countries in order to focus on growing markets within the Middle East and Central Europe.

Asia-Pacific:

Asia-Pacific sales increased 0.3% to \$83.1 million from \$82.8 million for the quarter, and increased 1.8% to \$267.9 million from \$263.3 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year. Organic sales decreased 1.2% and 1.9% during the quarter and nine-month periods, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior year. Fluctuations in the exchange rates used to translate financial results into the United States dollar resulted in a positive impact on sales of 1.5% in the quarter, and 3.0% in the nine-month period.

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Segment sales increased 0.7% during the nine months ended April 30, 2012, due to the fiscal 2011 acquisition of ID Warehouse, which had no incremental effect on sales for the quarter ended April 30, 2012.

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The decrease in organic sales for the quarter and the year ended April 30, 2012, was primarily due to weak sales within the die-cut business, as sales to one of the Company's largest customers have declined significantly as a result of the customer's loss of market share. During the quarter ended April 30, 2012, the sales decline was partially offset by the timing of the Chinese New Year, which increased sales by approximately \$5.0 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year.

Segment profit decreased 33.9% to \$6.6 million from \$10.0 million for the quarter, and decreased 27.9% to \$27.6 million from \$38.3 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same periods in the prior year. As a percentage of sales, segment profit decreased to 7.9% from 12.1% in the quarter, and decreased to 10.3% from 14.6% for the nine-month period, compared to the same periods in the prior year.

The decrease in segment profit for the quarter and nine-month period ended April 30, 2012, was primarily due to increased competition and declines in sales to the Company's largest die-cut customer as a result of their market share decline. The reduction in segment profit associated with the die-cut business was partially offset by margin improvement and mix impact from the growing and more profitable Australian businesses.

In addition to the factors described above, the nine months ended April 30, 2012 were negatively impacted by the residual effects of the Thailand flood through delayed product launches and lower absorption of fixed costs within the segment. Losses caused by the flooding are expected to be partially covered by property and business interruption insurance. The timing of the insurance recoveries could fall into subsequent periods beyond fiscal year 2012.

Financial Condition

Cash and cash equivalents were \$374.4 million at April 30, 2012 and \$390.0 million at July 31, 2011, a decline of \$15.5 million as summarized below:

| (Dollars in thousands) | Nine months ended: | |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| | April 30, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net cash flow provided by (used in): | | |
| Operating activities | \$ 100,595 | \$ 110,446 |
| Investing activities | (22,450) | (10,020) |
| Financing activities | (80,641) | (62,785) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (13,050) | 21,497 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$ (15,546) | \$ 59,138 |

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$100.6 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, a decrease of \$9.8 million from cash provided by operating activities of \$110.4 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2011. Cash flows from operating activities are generated primarily from operating income and managing the components of working capital. The decrease in cash flows from operating activities during the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to the same period of the prior year was primarily due to a decrease in accounts payable and an increase in inventory levels.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$22.5 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, an increase of \$12.5 million from cash used in investing activities of \$10.0 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2011. The increase in cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, was primarily a result of the comparison to the prior year divestiture of Teklynx, which generated \$13.0 million in cash from the sale transaction. Capital expenditures were \$14.5 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, compared to \$13.7 million in the same period last year and \$20.5 million during the twelve months ended July 31, 2011. The Company expects capital expenditures of approximately \$20.0 million for the year ending July 31, 2012.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$80.6 million for the nine months ended April 30, 2012, an increase of \$17.8 million from cash used in financing activities of \$62.8 million during the nine months ended April 30, 2011. The change was primarily due to \$12.3 million used to repurchase common shares during the nine months ended April 30, 2012 compared to the same period of the prior year.

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On October 26, 2011, the Company filed a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which will allow the Company to issue and sell, from time to time in one or more offerings, an indeterminate amount of Class A Nonvoting Common Stock and debt securities as it deems prudent or necessary to raise capital at a later date. The shelf registration statement became effective upon filing with the SEC. The Company plans to use the proceeds from any future offerings under the shelf registration for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, acquisitions, capital expenditures, and refinancing of debt.

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During fiscal 2004 through fiscal 2007, the Company completed three private placement note issuances totaling \$500 million in ten-year fixed rate notes with varying maturity dates to institutional investors at interest rates varying from 5.14% to 5.33%. The notes must be repaid equally over seven years, with initial payment due dates ranging from 2008 to 2011, with interest payable on the notes due semiannually on various dates throughout the year, which began in December 2004. The private placements were exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. The notes were not registered for resale and may not be resold absent such registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and applicable state securities laws. The notes have certain prepayment penalties for repaying them prior to the maturity date.

On May 13, 2010, the Company completed a private placement of 75.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes to accredited institutional investors. The 75.0 million of senior notes consists of 30.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.71% Series 2010-A Senior Notes, due May 13, 2017 and 45.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.24% Series 2010-A Senior Notes, due May 13, 2020, with interest payable on the notes semiannually. This private placement was exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. The notes were not registered for resale and may not be resold absent such registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and applicable state securities laws. The notes have certain prepayment penalties for repaying them prior to maturity. The notes have been fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured basis by the Company's domestic subsidiaries. These unsecured notes were issued pursuant to a note purchase agreement, dated May 13, 2010.

On February 1, 2012, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries entered into an unsecured \$300 million multi-currency revolving loan agreement with a group of six banks that replaced and terminated the Company's previous credit agreement that had been entered into on October 5, 2006, and amended on March 18, 2008. Under the new credit agreement, which has a final maturity date of February 1, 2017, the Company has the option to select either a base interest rate (based upon the higher of the federal funds rate plus one-half of 1% or the prime rate of Bank of America plus a margin based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio) or a Eurocurrency interest rate (at the LIBOR rate plus a margin based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio). At the Company's option, and subject to certain conditions, the available amount under the new credit facility may be increased from \$300 million up to \$450 million. No borrowings have occurred under the new credit facility dated February 1, 2012.

The Company's debt and revolving loan agreements require it to maintain certain financial covenants. The Company's June 2004, February 2006, March 2007, and May 2010 private placement debt agreements require the Company to maintain a ratio of debt to the trailing twelve months EBITDA, as defined in the debt agreements, of not more than a 3.5 to 1.0 ratio (leverage ratio). The revolving loan agreement dated February 1, 2012, requires the Company to maintain a ratio of debt to trailing twelve months EBITDA, as defined by the debt agreement, of not more than a 3.25 to 1.0 ratio. The agreement requires the Company's trailing twelve months earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) to interest expense of not less than a 3.0 to 1.0 ratio (interest expense coverage). As of April 30, 2012, the Company was in compliance with the financial covenants of the revolving loan agreement, with the ratio of debt to EBITDA, as defined by the agreement, equal to 1.5 to 1.0 and the interest expense coverage ratio equal to 11.3 to 1.0.

Long-term obligations, less current obligations, as a percentage of long-term obligations, less current obligations, plus stockholders' investment were 20.9% at April 30, 2012 and 22.3% at July 31, 2011. Long-term obligations decreased by \$51.1 million from July 31, 2011 to April 30, 2012, which was primarily due to the \$42.5 million debt principal payments made during the nine months ended April 30, 2012. The remaining decrease of \$8.6 million from July 31, 2011 to April 30, 2012, was due to the positive impact of foreign currency translation on the Company's Euro-denominated debt.

Stockholders' investment decreased \$92.6 million during the nine months ended April 30, 2012, as a result of the Company's net loss of \$29.6 million, as well as the decrease in accumulated other comprehensive income of \$33.5 million due to the impact of foreign currency translation, and the payment of dividends on Class A and Class B Common Stock of \$27.3 million and \$1.9 million, respectively.

The Company's cash balances are generated and held in numerous locations throughout the world. At April 30, 2012 and July 31, 2011, approximately 68% and 69% of the Company's cash and cash equivalents were held outside the United States, respectively. The Company's growth has historically been funded by a combination of cash provided by operating activities and debt financing. The Company believes that its cash flow from operating activities, in addition to its borrowing capacity, are sufficient to fund its anticipated requirements for working capital, capital expenditures, restructuring activities, acquisitions, common stock repurchases, scheduled debt repayments, and dividend payments. The Company believes that its current credit arrangements are sound and that the strength of its balance sheet will allow financial flexibility to respond to both internal growth opportunities and those available through acquisition.

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Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements The Company does not have material off-balance sheet arrangements or related-party transactions. The Company is not aware of factors that are reasonably likely to adversely affect liquidity trends, other than the risk factors described in this and other Company filings. However, the following additional information is provided to assist those reviewing the Company's financial statements.

Operating Leases These leases generally are entered into for investments in facilities such as manufacturing facilities, warehouses and office space, computer equipment and Company vehicles.

Purchase Commitments The Company has purchase commitments for materials, supplies, services, and property, plant and equipment as part of the ordinary conduct of its business. In the aggregate, such commitments are not in excess of current market prices and are not material to the financial position of the Company. Due to the proprietary nature of many of the Company's materials and processes, certain supply contracts contain penalty provisions for early termination. The Company does not believe a material amount of penalties will be incurred under these contracts based upon historical experience and current expectations.

Other Contractual Obligations The Company does not have material financial guarantees or other contractual commitments that are reasonably likely to adversely affect liquidity.

Related-Party Transactions The Company evaluated its affiliated party transactions for the period ended April 30, 2012. Based on the evaluation the Company does not have material related party transactions that affect the results of operations, cash flow or financial condition.

Subsequent Events Affecting Financial Condition

In May 2012, the Company acquired Runelandhs Försäljnings AB (Runelandhs), based in Kalmar, Sweden for \$23.9 million. Runelandhs is a direct marketer of industrial and office equipment with annual sales of approximately \$19.0 million. Its products include lifting, transporting, and warehouse equipment; workbenches and material handling supplies; products for environmental protection; and entrance, reception, and office furnishings.

In May 2012, the Company acquired Pervaco AS (Pervaco), based in Kjeller, Norway for \$12.2 million. Pervaco is a direct marketer of facility identification products with annual sales of approximately \$6.0 million.

On May 15, 2012, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend to shareholders of the Company's Class A and Class B Common Stock of \$0.185 per share payable on July 31, 2012 to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 10, 2012.

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Forward-Looking Statements

Brady believes that certain statements in this Form 10-Q are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements related to future events included in this Form 10-Q, including, without limitation, statements regarding Brady's future financial position, business strategy, targets, projected sales, costs, earnings, capital expenditures, debt levels and cash flows, and plans and objectives of management for future operations are forward-looking statements. When used in this Form 10-Q, words such as may, will, expect, intend, estimate, anticipate, believe, should, project or plan or similar terminology are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain and are subject to risks, assumptions and other factors, some of which are beyond Brady's control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. For Brady, uncertainties arise from the length or severity of the current worldwide economic downturn or timing or strength of a subsequent recovery; future financial performance of major markets Brady serves, which include, without limitation, telecommunications, manufacturing, electrical, construction, laboratory, education, governmental, public utility, computer, transportation; difficulties in making and integrating acquisitions; risks associated with newly acquired businesses; Brady's ability to develop and successfully market new products; changes in the supply of, or price for, parts and components; increased price pressure from suppliers and customers; fluctuations in currency rates versus the US dollar; unforeseen tax consequences; potential write-offs of Brady's substantial intangible assets; Brady's ability to retain significant contracts and customers; risks associated with international operations; Brady's ability to maintain compliance with its debt covenants; technology changes; business interruptions due to implementing business systems; environmental, health and safety compliance costs and liabilities; future competition; interruptions to sources of supply; Brady's ability to realize cost savings from operating initiatives; difficulties associated with exports; risks associated with restructuring plans; risks associated with obtaining governmental approvals and maintaining regulatory compliance; and numerous other matters of national, regional and global scale, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive and regulatory nature contained from time to time in Brady's U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including, but not limited to, those factors listed in the Risk Factors section located in Item 1A of Part I of the Company's most recently filed Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2011. These uncertainties may cause Brady's actual future results to be materially different than those expressed in its forward-looking statements. Brady does not undertake to update its forward-looking statements.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Refer to the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2011. There has been no material change in this information since July 31, 2011.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Brady Corporation maintains a set of disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports filed by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports the Company files under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including its President and Chief Executive Officer and its Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act. Based on that evaluation, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) that occurred during the Company's most recently completed fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Frank M. Jaehnert

31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Thomas J. Felmer

32.1 Section 1350 Certification of Frank M. Jaehnert

32.2 Section 1350 Certification of Thomas J. Felmer

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SIGNATURES

Date: June 5, 2012

BRADY CORPORATION

/s/ Frank M. Jaehnert

Frank M. Jaehnert
President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 5, 2012

/s/ Thomas J. Felmer

Thomas J. Felmer
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)