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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

# x QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED September 30, 2013

# TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 000-24575

# AMERICAN ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### Florida (State or other jurisdiction

### 59-3410234 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

**Identification No.)** 

6410 Long Drive, Houston, TX 77087

(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 644-8182

(Registrant s telephone number)

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 x No  $\ddot{}$ 

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 (S. 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  $x = No^{-1}$ 

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

Large accelerated filer "

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer "Smaller reporting company x Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

As of November 5, 2013, the registrant had 8,004,932 shares of its Common Stock outstanding.

# AMERICAN ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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# PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# **ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### American Electric Technologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

#### (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	-	ber 30, 2013 audited)	Dec	ember 31, 2012
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,176	\$	4,477
Accounts receivable-trade, net of allowance of \$354 and \$225 at				
September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012		10,647		9,731
Inventories, net		7,454		5,616
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted				
contracts		4,757		2,205
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		216		318
Total current assets		27,250		22,347
Property, plant and equipment, net		5,172		4,922
Investments in foreign joint ventures		13,088		11,408
Other assets		200		297
Total assets	\$	45,710	\$	38,974
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	6,166	\$	4,438
Accrued payroll and benefits		1,474		1,519
Other accrued expenses		504		513
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted				
contracts		4,010		3,576
Short-term notes payable		500		54
Other current liabilities		14		9
Total current liabilities		12,668		10,109
Notes payable		,		500
Deferred income taxes		3,672		3,058
Deferred compensation		193		122
Total liabilities		16,533		13,789
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Convertible preferred stock:		
Redeemable convertible preferred stock, Series A, net of discount of		
\$775 at September 30, 2013 and \$806 at December 31, 2012; \$0.001		
par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding at		
September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012	4,225	4,194
Stockholders equity:		
Common stock; \$0.001 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized,		
8,004,173 and 7,919,032 shares issued and outstanding at		
September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012	8	8
Treasury stock, at cost (49,863 shares at September 30, 2013 and		
20,222 shares at December 31, 2012)	(238)	(92)
Additional paid-in capital	10,043	9,597
Accumulated other comprehensive income	942	900
Retained earnings; including accumulated statutory reserves in equity		
method investments of \$1,857 and \$1,620 at September 30, 2013 and		
December 31, 2012	14,197	10,578
Total stockholders equity	\$ 24,952	\$ 20,991
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 45,710	\$ 38,974

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

# American Electric Technologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

#### Unaudited

# (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30 Jine Months Ended Se							ptember 30,
		2013		2012		2013		2012
Net sales	\$	17,585	\$	11,725	\$	47,184	\$	39,029
Cost of sales		14,718		10,036		38,941		33,395
Gross profit		2,867		1,689		8,243		5,634
Operating expenses:								
Research and development		112				356		36
Selling and marketing		626		471		1,997		1,831
General and administrative		1,373		1,095		4,136		3,675
Total operating expenses		2,111		1,566		6,489		5,542
Income (loss) from domestic operations		756		123		1,754		92
Net equity income from foreign joint ventures operations:								
Equity income from foreign joint ventures operations		434		746		3,140		2,571
Foreign joint ventures operations related								
expenses		(66)		(23)		(204)		(246)
Net equity income from foreign joint ventures operations		368		723		2,936		2,325
Income from domestic operations and net equity income from foreign joint ventures								
operations		1,124		846		4,690		2,417
Interest expense and other, net		(27)		(29)		(72)		(116)
Income before income taxes		1,097		817		4,618		2,301
Provision for income taxes		110		232		745		566
Net income before dividends on redeemable								
convertible preferred stock		987		585		3,873		1,735
Dividends on redeemable convertible								
preferred stock		(86)		(85)		(256)		(140)

Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$	901	\$ 500	\$ 3,617	\$ 1,595
Earnings per common share:					
Basic	\$	0.11	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.20
Diluted	\$	0.10	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.19
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:					
Basic	:	8,004,026	7,915,039	7,985,438	7,895,318
Diluted	9	9,497,056	8,223,410	9,450,719	8,252,835

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

# American Electric Technologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

# Unaudited

#### (in thousands)

	Nine	Months End 2013	ed Sep	tember 30, 2012
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	3,873	\$	1,735
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in)				
operating activities:				
Deferred income tax provision		745		566
Equity income from foreign joint ventures operations		(3,140)		(2,571)
Depreciation and amortization		620		676
Stock based compensation		425		326
Provision for bad debt		66		90
Allowance for obsolete inventory		64		25
Loss (gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment		5		(17)
Deferred compensation costs		71		5
Change in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		(913)		2,969
Income taxes payable		5		
Inventories		(1,902)		(657)
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		(2,552)		540
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		1,674		(2,088)
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts		434		(774)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		14		328
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(511)		1,153
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and other assets		(779)		(813)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		1		17
Repayments of advances and dividends from foreign joint ventures operations		1,391		907
Purchase of intangible assets				(104)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		613		7
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		22		39
Proceeds from sale of preferred stock and warrants				4,961
Treasury stock purchase, in accordance with the employee stock incentive plan		(146)		(92)
Preferred stock cash dividend		(225)		(116)

Capital lease obligation payment	(54)	(117)
Principal payments on short-term notes payable		
Principal payments on revolving credit facility		(3,500)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(403)	1,175
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(301)	2,335
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	4,477	3,749
Cash and cash equivalents, end of quarter	\$ 4,176	\$ 6,084
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 21	\$ 97
Income taxes paid	\$ 139	\$ 116
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Common stock issuance to acquire intangible assets	\$	\$ 219

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

#### AMERICAN ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and per share amount)

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed unaudited consolidated financial statements of American Electric Technologies, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries ( AETI , the Company , our , we , us ) as of September 30, 2013 and for the three months and nine months then ended have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( U.S. GAAP ) for interim financial information and include all adjustments which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of financial position as of September 30, 2013 and results of operations for the three months and nine months ending September 30, 2013 and 2012. All adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for a full year. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted. The statements should be read in conjunction with the Company s consolidated financial statements included in on our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, which was filed on March 28, 2013.

# 2. Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012. Diluted earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, plus the incremental shares that would have been outstanding upon the assumed conversion of convertible instruments, exercise of all potentially dilutive stock options and other stock units subject to anti-dilution limitations.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share:

Three Months Ended Septemberine, Months Ended September 3										
	20	013		2012		2013	2012			
Net income attributable to common										
stockholders	\$	901	\$	500	\$	3,617	\$	1,595		
Weighted-average basic shares	8,0	04,026	7	,915,039	7,	985,438	7,895,318			
Basic earnings per common share	\$	0.11	\$	0.06	\$	0.45	\$	0.20		
Add back preferred dividends	\$	86	\$	**	\$	256	\$	**		
Net income after assumed conversions		987		500		3,873		1,595		
Dilutive effect of :										
Convertible preferred stock	1,0	00,000		**	1,	000,000		**		
Stock options and restricted stock units	4	59,358		308,371		453,997		357,517		
Warrants		33,672		**		11,224		**		
Total weighted-average diluted shares	9,4	97,056	8	,223,410	9,	450,719	8	,252,835		

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Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.10	\$	0.06	\$	0.41	\$	0.19	

\*\* These items were excluded because they were determined to be non-dilutive during these periods.3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) No. 2011-11, *Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*. ASU No. 2011-11 was issued to provide enhanced disclosures that will enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements on an entity s financial position. The amendments under ASU No. 2011-11 require enhanced disclosures by requiring entities to disclose both gross information and net information about both instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. This scope would include derivatives, sale and repurchase agreements, reverse sale and repurchase agreements, and securities borrowing and lending arrangements. ASU No. 2011-11 is effective retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and interim periods within those periods. The adoption of ASU No. 2011-11 did not have an impact on the Company s condensed consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In July 2012, the FASB issued ASU No. 2012-02, *Intangible Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment*. ASU No. 2012-02 permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that an indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the quantitative impairment test in accordance with Subtopic 350-30, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other General Intangibles Other than Goodwill*.

The more likely than not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50 percent. Under ASU No. 2012-02, an entity is not required to calculate the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset unless the entity determines it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying value. ASU No. 2012-02 is effective for annual periods beginning after September 15, 2012. The adoption of ASU No. 2012-02 did not have an impact on the Company s condensed consolidated financial position or results of operations.

# 4. Segment Information

The Company follows the guidance prescribed by ASC Topic 280, *Segment Reporting*, which governs the way the Company reports information about its operating segments.

Management has organized the Company around its products and services and has three reportable segments: Technical Products and Services (TP&S), Electrical and Instrumentation Construction (E&I) and American Access Technologies (AAT). TP&S develops, manufactures, provides and markets switchgear and variable speed drives. The service component of this segment includes retrofitting, equipment upgrades, startups, testing and troubleshooting electrical substations, switchgear, drives and control systems. The E&I segment installs electrical equipment for the energy, water, industrial, marine and commercial markets. The AAT segment manufactures and markets zone cabling and formed metal products of varying designs.

The following are selected financial details regarding the Company s reportable segments:

	Three Mont 2013	ths Ended Septembe 2012	er 30,	Nine Mont 2013	hs Ended September 2012	r 30,
Revenue:						
Technical Products and Services	\$13,970	\$ 8,903		\$35,607	\$27,373	
Electrical and Instrumentation						
Construction	2,266	1,495		7,136	7,102	
American Access Technologies	1,349	1,327		4,441	4,554	
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	\$17,585	\$11,725		\$47,184	\$ 39,029	
Gross profit:						
Technical Products and Services	\$ 2,428	17% \$ 1,507	17%	\$ 6,117	17% \$ 4,464	16%
Electrical and Instrumentation						
Construction	331	15% 61	4%	1,496	21% 593	8%
American Access Technologies	108	8% 121	9%	630	14% 577	13%
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	\$ 2,867	16% \$ 1,689	14%	\$ 8,243	17% \$ 5,634	14%

Percentages are based on respective revenues.

Income (loss) from domestic operations and net equity income from foreign joint ventures operations:								
Technical Products and Services	\$ 2,188	16%	\$ 1,389	16%	\$ 5,372	15%	\$ 3,941	14%
Electrical and Instrumentation								
Construction	331	15%	61	4%	1,496	21%	593	8%
American Access Technologies	(215)	-16%	(227)	-17%	(350)	-8%	(530)	-12%
Corporate and other unallocated								
expenses	(1,548)	-9%	(1,100)	-9%	(4,764)	-10%	(3,912)	-10%
Income (loss) from domestic operations	756	4%	123	1%	1,754	4%	92	0%
Equity income from BOMAY	475		624		2,123		2,385	
Equity income (loss) from MIEFE	(12)		(1)		146		19	
Equity income (loss) from AAG	(29)		123		871		167	
Foreign operations expenses	(66)		(23)		(204)		(246)	
Net equity income from foreign joint ventures operations	368		723		2,936		2,325	
	\$ 1,124		\$ 846		\$ 4,690		\$ 2,417	

Income from domestic operations and net equity income from foreign joint ventures operations

The Company s management does not separately review and analyze its assets on a segment basis for TP&S, E&I, and AAT and all assets for the segments are recorded within the corporate segment s records. Corporate and other unallocated expenses include compensation costs and other expenses that cannot be meaningfully associated with the individual segments. All other costs, expenses and other income have been allocated to their respective segments.

# 5. Investments in Foreign Joint Ventures

We have interests in three joint ventures outside of the United States which are accounted for on the equity method:

BOMAY Electric Industries Company, Ltd. (BOMAY), in which the Company holds a 40% interest, Baoji Oilfield Machinery Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary of China National Petroleum Corporation) holds a 51% interest and AA Energies, Inc., holds a 9% interest.

M&I Electric Far East, Ltd. ( MIEFE ), in which the Company holds a 41% interest, MIEFE s general manager holds an 8% interest and Sonepar Asia Pacific Limited, holds a 51% interest.

AETI Alliance Group do Brazil Sistemas E Servicos Em Energia LTDA. ( AAG ), in which the Company holds a 49% interest and Beppe Hans Eddy Askerbo, of Brazil, holds a 51% interest. Sales to joint ventures are made on an arms-length basis.

Summary unaudited financial information of our foreign joint ventures (100%) in U.S. dollars was as follows at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

	BOMAY		MIEFE		AA	AG
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Assets:						
Total current assets	\$100,829	\$87,127	\$4,200	\$3,726	\$3,109	\$ 1,983
Total non-current assets	5,122	5,025	135	120	1,595	347
Total assets	\$ 105,951	\$92,152	\$ 4,335	\$ 3,846	\$4,704	\$ 2,330
Liabilities and equity:						
Total liabilities	\$ 79,312	\$69,154	\$1,460	\$1,257	\$1,728	\$1,474
Total equity	26,639	22,998	2,875	2,589	2,976	856
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 105,951	\$95,152	\$4,335	\$ 3,846	\$4,704	\$ 2,330

	Three Months Ended, September 30, 2013 and 2012								
	BOM	<b>IAY</b>	MI	EFE	AAG				
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012			
Revenue	\$ 17,995	\$20,069	\$1,530	\$ 743	\$1,434	\$2,275			
Gross profit	\$ 2,853	\$ 3,452	\$ 372	\$ 441	\$ 259	\$ 842			
Earnings	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,561	\$ (29)	\$	\$ (59)	\$ 329			

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012									
	BOM	<b>IAY</b>	MI	EFE	AAG					
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012				
Revenue	\$ 82,986	\$77,078	\$7,021	\$ 5,823	\$9,433	\$4,940				
Gross profit	\$ 10,451	\$11,948	\$1,659	\$1,185	\$3,691	\$1,715				
Earnings	\$ 5,308	\$ 5,962	\$ 356	\$ 46	\$1,777	\$ 419				

The following is a summary of activity in AETI s investment in foreign joint ventures for the nine months ended September 30, 2013:

	BOMAY**	MIEFE (in thou	AAG (sands)	TOTAL
Investments in foreign joint ventures:				
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 9,531	\$ 1,063	\$ 814	\$ 11,408
Equity in earnings (loss) in 2013	2,123	146	871	3,140
Repayment of advances			(179)	(179)
Dividend distributions in 2013	(1,320)		(23)	(1,343)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	212	(29)	(121)	62

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Investments, end of period	\$ 10,546	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,362	\$ 13,088
Components of investments in foreign joint ventures:				
Investment in foreign joint ventures	\$ 2,033	\$ 15	\$ 53	\$ 2,101
Undistributed earnings	7,203	901	1,509	9,613
Foreign currency translation	1,310	264	(200)	1,374
Investments, end of period	\$ 10,546	\$ 1,180	\$1,362	\$ 13,088

\*\* Accumulated statutory reserves in equity method investments of \$1,857 at September 30, 2013 and \$1,620 at December 31, 2012 are included in AETI s consolidated retained earnings. In accordance with the People s Republic of China s ( PRC ), regulations on enterprises with foreign ownership an enterprise established in the PRC with foreign ownership is required to provide for certain statutory reserves, namely: (i) General Reserve Fund, (ii) Enterprise Expansion Fund and (iii) Staff Welfare and Bonus Fund, which are appropriated from net profit as reported in the enterprise s PRC statutory accounts. A non-wholly owned foreign invested enterprise is permitted to provide for the above allocation at the discretion of its board of directors. The aforementioned reserves can only be used for specific purposes and are not distributable as cash dividends.

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Under the equity method, the Company s share of the foreign joint ventures operations earnings or loss is recognized in the condensed consolidated statement of operations as equity income (loss) from foreign joint ventures operations. Joint venture income increases the carrying value of the joint venture investment and joint venture losses, as well as dividends received from the joint ventures, reduce the carrying value of the investment. Each reporting period, the Company evaluates the carrying value of these equity method investments as to whether an impairment adjustment may be necessary. In making this evaluation, a variety of quantitative and qualitative factors are considered including national and local economic, political and market conditions, industry trends and prospects, liquidity and capital resources and other pertinent factors. Based on this evaluation for this reporting period, the Company does not believe an impairment adjustment is necessary.

# 6. Notes Payable

# **Revolving Credit Agreement**

The Company entered into a \$10.0 million credit agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. ( Chase ) in October 2007. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 there was \$0.5 million of borrowings outstanding. There was additional borrowing capacity of \$5.2 million at September 30, 2013.

Under the current terms of the agreement, outstanding borrowings are due at maturity, July 1, 2014. Accordingly, amounts owed at September 30, 2013 are included in current liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheet. Management is negotiating a new facility with Chase which will be effective in the fourth quarter on similar terms. The Company is currently in compliance with all covenants under the current agreement. The current ratio test remains unchanged at a minimum of 2.0 to 1.0. The agreement is collateralized by the Company s real estate in Beaumont, Texas, trade accounts receivable, equipment, inventories, and work-in-progress, and the Company s U.S. subsidiaries are guarantors of the borrowings.

Under the agreement, the credit facility s interest rate is LIBOR (0.18% at September 30, 2013) plus 3.25% per annum and the Company is charged a commitment fee of 0.3% per annum of the unused portion of the credit limit each quarter. Additionally, the terms of the agreement contains covenants which provide for customary restrictions and limitations and restriction from paying dividends without prior written consent of the bank.

#### 7. Inventories

Inventories consisted of the following at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

	-	ber 30, 2013 audited)	Decem	ber 31, 2012
Raw materials	\$	1,606	\$	1,596
Work-in-progress		4,561		3,173
Finished goods		1,556		1,052
		7,723		5,821
Less: Allowance for obsolescence		(269)		(205)
Total inventories	\$	7.454	\$	5,616
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# 8. Income Taxes

It was determined in the fourth quarter of 2011 that due to the Internal Revenue Code s Section 382 limitations on our ability to utilize the net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$9.8 million generated by American Access Technologies, Inc., prior to the Company s merger in 2007 and subsequent net operating losses and foreign tax credit carry forwards, a full valuation allowance was warranted to offset the deferred tax assets generated by these items. As such, the tax provision on U.S. income generated in 2013 and 2012 is offset by a reduction of the valuation allowance. The tax provision for 2013 and 2012 reflects a 34% U.S. tax rate related to the equity in foreign joint ventures operations, net of dividends received for an effective rate of 16% and 25% because of the mix of domestic income or loss and foreign equity income and dividends.

In determining the realizability of its deferred tax assets, the Company has considered the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future earnings, and tax planning strategies and concluded the need for a valuation allowance. As of December 31, 2012 a valuation allowance has been recorded against deferred tax assets including tax loss carry forwards and foreign tax credits of approximately \$9.9 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.

# 9. Fair Value of Financial Instruments and Fair Value Measurements

ASC Subtopic 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, requires us to use valuation techniques to measure fair value that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. These inputs are prioritized as follows:

Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Other inputs that are observable directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or market-corroborated inputs.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data and which require us to develop our own assumptions about how market participants would price the assets or liabilities.

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 because of the relatively short maturity of these instruments.

The redeemable convertible preferred stock and warrants were sold in an arms-length transaction on May 2, 2012. Accordingly, we believe the recorded values approximate fair values for these instruments at September 30, 2013.

As discussed in Note 5. Investment in Foreign Joint Ventures, the carrying values of these investments are reviewed quarterly to ascertain that they are not impaired.

#### **10. Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock**

On May 2, 2012, the Company completed the issuance of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and warrants. The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock ranks senior to all other equity instruments of the Company, including the Company s common stock. The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock accrues cumulative dividends at a rate of 6% per annum, whether or not dividends have been declared by the Board of Directors and whether or not there are profits, surplus or other funds available for the payment of such dividends.

For the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 the amortization of the discount amounted to \$11 and \$10. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 the amortization of the discount amounted to \$31 and \$24.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-Q and the consolidated financial statements included in the 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 28, 2013. Historical results and percentage relationships set forth in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows, including trends that might appear, are not necessarily indicative of future operations or cash flows.

# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Except for historical and factual information, this document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include statements that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future, such as

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predictions of future financial performance. All forward-looking statements are based on assumptions made by us based on our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors we believe are appropriate under the circumstances.

These statements, including statements regarding our capital needs, business strategy, expectations and intentions, are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, including our ability to maintain key products sales or effectively react to other risks including those discussed in Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors, of our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 28, 2013. We urge you to consider that statements that use the terms believe, do not believe, anticipate, expect, plan, estimate, intend and similar expressions are intende forward-looking statements. No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed, and actual results may differ materially from those projected. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### BUSINESS

American Electric Technologies, Inc. (the Company, AETI, our, us or we) was incorporated on October 21, 199 Florida corporation under the name American Access Technologies, Inc. On May 15, 2007, we completed a business combination (the M&I Merger) with M&I Electric Industries, Inc. (M&I), a Texas corporation, and changed our name to American Electric Technologies, Inc. Our principal executive offices are located at 6410 Long Drive, Houston, Texas 77087 and our telephone number is 713-644-8182. Prior to the M&I Merger, our business consisted of the operations of the American Access segment described below.

Our corporate structure currently consists of American Electric Technologies, Inc., which owns 100% of both M&I Electric Industries, Inc. and American Access Technologies, Inc. ( AAT ). The Company reports financial data for three operating segments: the Technical Products and Services ( TP&S ) segment and the Electrical and Instrumentation Construction ( E&I ) segment; which together encompass the operations of M&I, including its wholly-owned subsidiary, South Coast Electric Systems, LLC and its interest in international joint ventures operations in China, Singapore and Brazil; and the American Access segment, which encompasses the operations of our wholly-owned subsidiary, American Access Technologies, Inc., including its Omega Metals division.

#### **Foreign Joint Ventures**

We have interests in three joint ventures outside of the U.S. which are accounted for on the equity method:

BOMAY Electric Industries Company, Ltd. (BOMAY), in which the Company holds a 40% interest, Baoji Oilfield Machinery Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary of China National Petroleum Corporation) holds a 51% interest, and AA Energies, Inc., holds a 9% interest;

M&I Electric Far East, Ltd. ( MIEFE ), in which the Company holds a 41% interest; MIEFE s general manager holds an 8% interest and Sonepar Asia Pacific Limited, holds a 51% interest, and;

AETI Alliance Group do Brazil Sistemas E Servicos Em Energia LTDA. ( AAG ), in which the Company holds a 49% interest and, Beppe Hans Eddy Askerbo, of Brazil, holds a 51% interest. Domestic Operations

We are a leading provider of power delivery solutions to the global energy industry.

The principal markets and representative customer types that we serve include:

Oil & gas

Upstream which include land and offshore drilling, and offshore production, all primarily related to exploration and production (E&P)

Midstream which includes oil & gas pipelines along with fractionation plants

Downstream which includes refining and petrochemical, as well as Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plants

Power generation and distribution

Distributed power generation such as remote power stations, and co-generation

Renewable power generation including solar power, geothermal, and biomass

Power distribution including substations

Marine and industrial

Marine Vessel including Platform Supply Vessels (PSV), Offshore supply vessels (OSV), tankers and other various work boats

Industrial including non-oil & gas industrial markets such as steel, heavy commercial, and other non-oil & gas segments

A key component of our Company s strategy is our international focus. We have two primary models for conducting our international business. First, we sell directly and through foreign sales agents that we have appointed. Many of those international partners also provide local service and support for our products in those overseas markets. Second, where local market conditions dictate, we have expanded internationally by forming joint venture operations with local companies in key markets such as China, Brazil and Singapore, where there are local content requirements or we need to do local manufacturing.

Our business strategy is to grow through organic growth in our key energy markets, to expand our solution set to our current market segments, to continue our international expansion, and to accelerate those efforts with acquisitions, while at the same time increasing earnings and cash flow per share to enhance overall stockholder value.

We have recently designed and brought to market products for utility level solar energy projects, including solar inversion systems and utility interconnect systems. We also provide installation and commissioning services for these systems.

We are uniquely positioned to be the turn-key supplier for power delivery projects for our customers, where we are able to offer custom-designed power distribution and power conversion systems, power services, and electrical and instrumentation construction, all from one company.

# **Industry Conditions**

Our power distribution products which support the oil and gas industry are capital-intensive and cyclical in nature. The U.S. shale drilling activity and related production continues to favorably impact the demand for our technical products and services. Our products through our joint ventures in China, Singapore and Brazil are experiencing slowing market conditions related to the energy demands in these countries.

# <u>TP&S</u>

Our M&I Electric business has provided sophisticated custom-designed power distribution, power conversion and control and automation systems for the energy industry since 1946. Our products are used to safely distribute and control the flow of electricity from the source of the power being generated (e.g. a diesel generator or the utility grid) to whatever mechanical device needs to use the power (machinery, equipment, etc.) at low, medium and high voltages.

Our power distribution products include low and medium voltage switchgear that provide power distribution and protection for electrical systems from electrical faults for both ANSI ( American National Standards Institute ) and IEC ( International Electrotechnical Commission ) markets. Other power distribution products offered by us include motor control centers, powerhouses, bus ducts, program logic control ( PLC ) based automation systems, human machine interface ( HMI ) and specialty panels.

Our Analog, Digital SCR (silicon controlled rectifier) and Alternating Current Variable Frequency Drive (AC VFD) systems are electronic power conversion systems that are used to adjust the speed and torque of an electric motor to match various user applications.

Our power distribution and control products are generally custom-designed to our customers specific requirements, and we do not maintain an inventory of such products.

We have the technical expertise to provide these products in compliance with a number of applicable industry standards such as NEMA ( National Electrical Manufacturers Association ) and ANSI or IEC equipment to meet ABS ( American Bureau of Shipping ), USCG ( United States Coast Guard ), Lloyd s Register, a provider of marine certification services, and Det Norske Veritas (a leading certification body/registrar for management systems certification services) standards. These products are generally provided to customers on a worldwide basis.

Our customers for these products are typically large and sophisticated generators and users of electrical power.

Our technical services group provides low, medium and high voltage services to commission and maintain our customers electrical infrastructures. We provide low, medium and high voltage start-up/commissioning, preventative maintenance, emergency call out services, and breaker and switchgear refurbishment shop services to the Gulf Coast industrial market. We have expanded our services business to provide start-up and maintenance services for renewable projects, including wind and solar. We also provide power services to support our power distribution and power conversion products globally.

On March 8, 2012, the Company acquired the technology of Amnor Technologies, Inc. This technology provides automation and control system technologies for land and offshore drilling monitoring and control (auto-driller); marine automation including ballast control, tank monitoring, and machinery plant control and monitoring systems; Internet Protocol (IP)-based Controlled Circuit TV systems; and vessel management software systems, all proven in multiple installations.

# <u>E&I</u>

The Electrical and Instrumentation Construction ( E&I ) segment provides a full range of electrical and instrumentation construction and installation services to the Company s markets. This segment s services include new construction as well as electrical and instrumentation turnarounds, maintenance and renovation projects. Applications include installation of switchgear, AC and DC motors, drives, motor controls, lighting systems and high voltage cable.

Marine based oil and gas services include complete electrical system rig-ups, modifications, start-ups and testing for vessels, drilling rigs, and production modules. In 2012, the Company announced it was phasing out of the municipal water wastewater construction market, which was completed in the third quarter of 2013. The Company is focusing its construction efforts on strategic segments including oil & gas; power generation and distribution; and marine and other (non-oil & gas) industrial.

# <u>AAT</u>

This segment manufactures and markets zone cabling enclosures and custom formed metal products. The zone cabling product line provides state-of-the-art flexible cabling and wireless solutions for the high-speed communication networks found throughout office buildings, hospitals, schools, industrial complexes and government buildings. Our patented enclosures mount in ceilings, walls, raised floors, and certain modular furniture to facilitate the routing of telecommunication network cabling, fiber optics and wireless

solutions in a streamlined, flexible, and cost effective fashion. Omega Metals operates a precision sheet metal fabrication and assembly operation and provides services such as precision CNC (Computer Numerical Controlled) punching, laser cutting, bending, assembling, painting, powder coating and silk screening to a diverse client base including, engineering, technology and electronics companies, primarily in the Southeast region of the United States. Representative customers of AAT include Chatsworth Products, Inc., Tyco Electronics and Panduit.

# **Locations**

The Company has facilities and sales offices in Texas, Mississippi and Florida. We have minority interests in foreign joint ventures which have facilities in Singapore; Xian, China; and Macae, Rio and Angra, Brazil.

# CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

We have adopted various critical accounting policies that govern the application of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) in the preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Although these estimates are based on management s knowledge of current events and actions it may undertake in the future, they may ultimately differ from actual results.

Certain accounting policies involve significant estimates and assumptions by us that have a material impact on our financial condition or operating performance. Management believes the following critical accounting policies reflect its most significant estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements. We do not have off-balance sheet arrangements, financings, or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or other persons, also known as special purpose entities , nor do we have any variable interest entities .

**Inventories** Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, with material value determined using an average cost method. Inventory costs for finished goods and work-in-process include direct material, direct labor, production overhead and outside services. TP&S and E&I indirect overhead is apportioned to work in process based on direct labor incurred. AAT production overhead, including indirect labor, is allocated to finished goods and work-in-process based primarily on material consumption, which is an estimate that could be subject to change in the near term as additional information is obtained and as our operating environment changes.

Allowance for Obsolete and Slow-Moving Inventory The Company regularly reviews the value of inventory on hand using specific aging categories, and records a provision for obsolete and slow-moving inventory based on historical usage and estimated future usage. As actual future demand or market conditions may vary from those projected, adjustments to our inventory reserve may be required.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the failure of our customers to make required payments. The estimate is based on management s assessment of the collectability of specific customer accounts and includes consideration for credit worthiness and financial condition of those specific customers. We also review historical experience with the customer, the general economic environment and the aging of our receivables. We record an allowance to reduce receivables to the amount that we reasonably believe to be collectible. Based on our assessment, we believe our allowance for doubtful accounts is adequate.

**Revenue Recognition** The Company reports earnings from fixed-price and modified fixed-price long-term contracts on the percentage-of-completion method. Earnings are accrued based on the ratio of costs incurred to total estimated

costs. However, for TP&S, we have determined that labor incurred provides an improved measure of percentage-of-completion. Costs include direct material, direct labor, and job related overhead. Losses expected to be incurred on contracts are charged to operations in the period such losses are determined. A contract is considered complete when all costs except insignificant items have been incurred and the facility has been accepted by the customer. Revenue from non-time and material jobs of a short-term nature (typically less than one month) is recognized on the completed-contract method after considering the attributes of such contracts. This method is used because these contracts are typically completed in a short period of time and the financial position and results of operations do not vary materially from those which would result from use of the percentage-of-completion method. The asset, Work-in-process, which is included in inventories, represents the cost of labor, material, and overhead on jobs accounted for under the completed-contract method. For contracts accounted for under the percentage-of-completion method, the asset, Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts, represents revenue recognized in excess of amounts billed and the liability, Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings in excess of revenue recognized.

**Foreign Currency Gains and Losses** Foreign currency translations are included as a separate component of comprehensive income. We have determined the local currency of foreign joint ventures to be the functional currency. In accordance with ASC 830, the assets and liabilities of the foreign equity investees, denominated in foreign currency, are translated into United States dollars at exchange rates in effect at the condensed consolidated balance sheet date and revenue and expenses are translated at the average exchange rate for the period. Related translation adjustments are reported as comprehensive income which is a separate component of stockholders equity, whereas gains and losses resulting from foreign currency transactions are included in results of operations.

**Federal Income Taxes** The liability method is used in accounting for federal income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. The realizability of deferred tax assets are evaluated annually and a valuation allowance is provided if it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will not give rise to future benefits in the Company s tax returns.

**Contingencies** We record an estimated loss from a loss contingency when information indicates that it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Contingencies are often resolved over long time periods, are based on unique facts and circumstances, and are inherently uncertain. We regularly evaluate current information available to us to determine whether such accruals should be adjusted or other disclosures related to contingencies are required. We are a party to a number of legal proceedings in the normal course of our business for which we have made appropriate provisions where we believe an ultimate loss is probable. The ultimate resolution of these matters, individually or in the aggregate, is not likely to have a material impact on the Company s financial position.

**Equity Income from Foreign Joint Ventures Operations** The Company accounts for its investments in foreign joint ventures operations using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, the Company s share of the joint ventures operations earnings or loss is recognized in the condensed consolidated statements of operations as equity income (loss) from foreign joint ventures operations. Joint venture income increases the carrying value of the joint venture investment and joint venture losses, as well as dividends received from the joint ventures, reduce the carrying value of the investment.

**Carrying Value of Foreign Joint Venture Investments** The Company evaluates the carrying value of these equity method investments as to whether an impairment adjustment may be necessary. In making this evaluation, a variety of quantitative and qualitative factors are considered including national and local economic, political and market conditions, industry trends and prospects, liquidity and capital resources and other pertinent factors.

# **OVERALL RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table represents revenue and income (loss) from domestic operations and equity in foreign joint ventures attributable to the business segments for the periods indicated (in thousands, except percentages):

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Ended 30,			
	2013		2012		2013	2	2012	
Revenue:								
Technical Products and Services	\$13,970	\$	8,903		\$35,607	\$ 2	27,373	
Electrical and Instrumentation								
Construction	2,266		1,495		7,136		7,102	
American Access Technologies	1,349		1,327		4,441		4,554	
	\$ 17,585	\$	11,725		\$47,184	\$3	9,029	
Gross profit:								
Technical Products and Services	\$ 2,428	17% \$	1,507	17%	\$ 6,117	17% \$	4,464	16%
Electrical and Instrumentation								
Construction	331	15%	61	4%	1,496	21%	593	8%
American Access Technologies	108	8%	121	9%	630	14%	577	13%
	\$ 2,867	16% \$	1,689	14%	\$ 8,243	17% \$	5,634	14%

Percentages are based on respective revenues.

Income (loss) from domestic operations and net equity income								
from foreign joint ventures operations:								
Technical Products and Services	\$ 2,188	16%	\$ 1,389	16%	\$ 5,372	15%	\$ 3,941	14%
Electrical and Instrumentation								
Construction	331	15%	61	4%	1,496	21%	593	8%
American Access Technologies	(215)	-16%	(227)	-17%	(350)	-8%	(530)	-12%
Corporate and other unallocated								
expenses	(1,548)	-9%	(1,100)	-9%	(4,764)	-10%	(3,912)	-10%
Income (loss) from domestic operations	756	4%	123	1%	1,754	4%	92	0%
Equity income from BOMAY	475		624		2,123		2,385	
Equity income (loss) from MIEFE	(12)		(1)		146		19	
Equity income (loss) from AAG	(29)		123		871		167	
Foreign operations expenses	(66)		(23)		(204)		(246)	

Net equity income from foreign joint ventures operations	368	723	2,936	2,325
Income from domestic operations and net equity income from foreign joint ventures operations	\$ 1,124	\$ 846	\$ 4,690	\$ 2,417

The Company s management does not separately review and analyze its assets on a segment basis for TP&S, E&I, and AAT and all assets for the segments are recorded within the corporate segment s records. Corporate and other unallocated expenses include compensation costs and other expenses that cannot be meaningfully associated with the individual segments. All other costs, expenses and other income have been allocated to their respective segments.

Sales to foreign joint ventures are made on an arm s length basis. See Footnote 5 in Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for detailed financial information on the foreign joint ventures.

# **Non-US GAAP Financial Measures**

A non-US GAAP financial measure is generally defined as one that purports to measure historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows, but excludes or includes amounts that would not be so adjusted in the most comparable US GAAP measure. In this report, we define and use the non-US GAAP financial measure EBITDA as set forth below.

# **EBITDA**

We define EBITDA as follows:

# Net income (loss) before:

provision (benefit) for income taxes;

non-operating (income) expense items;

depreciation and amortization; and

dividends on redeemable convertible preferred stock. *Management s Use of EBITDA* 

We use EBITDA to assess our overall financial and operating performance. We believe this non-US GAAP measure, as we have defined it, is helpful in identifying trends in our day-to-day performance because the items excluded have little or no significance on our day-to-day operations. This measure provides an assessment of controllable expenses and affords management the ability to make decisions which are expected to facilitate meeting current financial goals as well as achieving optimal financial performance. It provides an indicator for management to determine if adjustments to current spending decisions are needed.

#### Limitations of EBITDA

AETI s calculation of EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measurements used by other companies. Please see the Company s 10-K filed with the SEC on March 28, 2013 for more information in the use and risks of EBITDA.

The table below shows the reconciliation of Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders to EBITDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months ended September 30,				Nine Months ended September 30,		
	2	013	2	012	2013	2012	
Net Income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$	901	\$	500	\$3,617	\$ 1,595	
Add: Dividends on redeemable convertible preferred stocks		86		85	256	140	
Depreciation and amortization		233		209	620	676	
Interest expense and other, net		27		29	72	116	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		110		232	745	566	
EBITDA	\$	1,357	\$	1,055	\$ 5,310	\$ 3,093	

# **Business Sectors Disclosures**

Based on the increasing importance of the oil and gas sector for our business, management has begun capturing our financial results in three major market sectors in 2013. These sectors are: Oil and Gas; Power Generation and Distribution; and Marine and other Industrials as discussed in Domestic Operations on page 13. This information is supplemental and provided to allow investors to follow our future success at marketing to various customer groups and is not used by management in the decision making process.

		or the Three M September 3 (in thous Power Generation &	ed	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands) Marine Power & Generation & Other						
	Oil & Gas	<b>Distribution I</b>	ndustrial	Total	Oil & Gas	Distribution	Industrial	Total		
Revenue	\$10,600	\$ 3,480	\$ 3,505	\$17,585	\$28,408	\$ 5,433	\$ 13,343	\$47,184		
Gross profit	1,646	765	456	2,867	5,119	1,199	1,925	8,243		
Gross profit as										
% of revenue	16%	22%	13%	16%	18%	b 22%	14%	17%		
<u>Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 (in</u> <u>thousands)</u>										

**Consolidated net revenue** increased \$5,860, or 50% to \$17,585 for the three months ended September 30, 2013 over the comparable period in 2012. The increase was primarily attributable to the TP&S segment s net revenue increase of \$5,067 and the E&I segment s revenue increase of \$771.

**Consolidated gross profit** for the three months ended September 30, 2013, increased \$1,178 to \$2,867 compared to gross profit of \$1,689 in the comparable prior year period. The increase in gross profit is primarily attributable to the TP&S segment s increased activity levels and demand for its power delivery products.

**The TP&S segment** s improved financial results reflect the increase in the demand for both our power conversion and distribution equipment for energy related projects.

**The E&I segment** reported net revenue of \$2,266 in the third quarter of 2013, an increase of \$771 from the third quarter of 2012. This increase reflects its focus on industrial and energy projects.

**The AAT segment** reported net revenue of \$1,349 in the third quarter of 2013, up \$22 from the comparable prior year period. Gross profit declined \$13 to \$108 from \$121 in the prior year period. The AAT segment is focusing on continued cost containment as well as marketing efforts to increase revenue.

**Selling and marketing expenses** for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 were \$626 compared to the prior year quarter ended September 30, 2012 of \$471. The increase related primarily to commissions related to increased revenue.

**General and administrative expenses** were up for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 over the same period in 2012 by \$277 from staff changes and increased level of operations and higher variable compensation expenses.

**Research and development** costs during the quarter were up \$112 from the prior year period based on ongoing development of the Company s automation technology.

**Net equity income from foreign joint ventures operations** decreased in the quarter ended September 30, 2013 by \$355 as compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2012. The decrease resulted from lower performance at BOMAY by \$149, MIEFE by \$11 and AAG by \$152. The BOMAY operations in China reflect a slowing demand for its products. AAG reflects completion of several large projects.

#### Consolidated net other expense was comparable to 2012 level at \$27.

The effective tax expense rates for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were 10% and 28%, respectively. Because of the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets, the tax provision on U.S. income generated in 2013 and 2012 is offset by a reduction of the valuation allowance previously provided. The tax provision for 2013 reflects a 34% U.S. tax rate related to the income from the equity in joint ventures less foreign dividends received in the current year.

# Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 (in thousands)

**Consolidated net revenue** increased \$8,155, or 21%, to \$47,184 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 over the comparable period in 2012. The TP&S segment recorded an \$8,234 increase in net revenue, or 30%. This improvement was offset by a decline in the AAT segment which recorded a \$113 decrease in net revenue.

**Consolidated gross profit** increased \$2,609 to \$8,243, or 17% of net revenue as compared to 14% gross profit percentage for the prior year nine month period. This increase was mainly attributable to the TP&S segment s increased revenue and improvement in direct margin. This performance reflects the improving conditions in the oil & gas markets.

**The TP&S segment** s revenue of \$35,607 generated gross profit of \$6,117 for the first nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared to revenue of \$27,373 and gross profit of \$4,464 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2012. This segment s financial improvement reflects the increased business activity, primarily related to oil and gas projects.

**The E&I segment** reported net revenue of \$7,136 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$34 over the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Gross profit for the E&I segment during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was \$1,496, compared to \$593 in the corresponding prior year period. Gross profit as a percentage of net revenue increased to 21% from 8% in the comparable prior period. The E&I segment s gross profit improved due to the decision to exit the water/wastewater business. This business was non-core to the Company s products and had low profit margins. This revenue has been largely replaced with revenue from oil and gas customers.

**The AAT segment** reported revenue of \$4,441 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, down \$113 from the comparable prior year period. Gross profit improved by \$53 driven substantially by a shift in demand for some of its products and lower costs. The AAT segment is focusing on continued cost containment for the remainder of the year as well as marketing efforts to increase revenue.

**Selling and marketing expenses** for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 were \$1,997 compared to the prior nine month period ended September 30, 2012 of \$1,831. The small increase in expenses is primarily attributed to the commissions related to increased revenues.

**General and administrative expenses** were higher for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 over the same period in 2012 by \$461. The 2013 nine months reflected higher variable compensation costs and increased staffing from 2012.

**Research and development costs** for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased to \$356 from \$36 in the previous year to date due to the Company s ongoing technology development.

**Net equity income from foreign joint ventures** increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 by \$611 as compared to the prior nine month period ended September 30, 2012. The increase resulted from increases at MIEFE of \$127 and AAG of \$704 partially offset by lower performance at BOMAY of \$262. AAG was able to deliver on large, labor intensive projects that yielded better margins. The BOMAY operations in China reflected slowing demand.

**Consolidated net other expense** for the nine month period was \$72, a decrease of \$44 from the comparable prior year due to the \$2.7 million reduction in the average revolving credit balance and corresponding interest expense from 2012 resulting from the \$5.0 million convertible preferred stock transaction that closed in May 2012.

The effective tax expense rates for the nine month period ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were 16% and 24% respectively.

The tax provision on U.S. income generated in 2013 is offset by a reduction of the valuation allowance. The tax provision for 2013 reflects a 34% U.S. tax rate related to the income from the equity in foreign joint ventures operations, net of dividends paid in 2013 for an effective rate of 16% for 2013.

# BACKLOG

The Company s backlog as of September 30, 2013 was \$31.1 million compared to \$15.5 million at December 31, 2012. The backlog for the TP&S segment was \$25.6 million as of September 30, 2013, an increase of approximately \$10.7 million as compared to the backlog at December 31, 2012. Approximately 60% of this total backlog is expected to be realized as revenue during the remainder of the fiscal year.

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

	Septer	nber 30, 2013	December 31, 2012			
	(in thousands except percentages and ratios)					
Working capital	\$	14,581	\$	12,239		
Current ratio		2.15 to 1		2.2 to 1		
Debt as a percent of total						
capitalization		2%		2%		

# **Notes Payable**

The Company entered into a credit agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. ( Chase ) in October 2007. The credit agreement currently has a maturity on July 1, 2014. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, there were \$0.5 million of borrowings outstanding and at September 30, 2013, there was additional borrowing capacity of \$5.2 million. The agreement is collateralized by the Company s real estate in Beaumont, Texas, trade accounts receivable, equipment, inventories, and work-in-process, and the Company s subsidiaries are guarantors of the borrowings. Under the agreement, the Company pays a commitment fee of 0.3% of the unused portion of the credit limit each quarter. Additionally, the terms of the agreement contain covenants which provide for customary restrictions and limitations, the maintenance of certain financial ratios, including maintenance of a minimum current ratio and leverage ratio and restriction from paying dividends without prior written consent of the bank. On July 27, 2012, the Company amended its interest rate on the Company s borrowings to the 30 day LIBOR rate (0.18% at September 30, 2013) plus 3.25% per annum. Prior to July 27, 2012, the interest rate on the Company s borrowings was 30 day LIBOR rate plus 2.75% per year. See Note 6. Notes Payable to the condensed consolidated financial statements for more information on this facility.

# **Operating Activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company used cash of \$0.5 million from operations as compared to providing \$1.2 million for the same period in 2012. The impact on cash from the operating income was burdened by the consumption of cash by working capital of \$3.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 the change in working capital provided \$0.2 million. The reduction in cash required for working capital is a result of decreased accounts payable in excess of increased accounts receivable since December 31, 2012.

# **Investing Activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company realized \$0.6 million in cash for investing activities compared to \$0.0 million provided in the comparable period in 2012 due to reduction in asset purchases and increased dividends and loan repayments from equity investments.

# **Financing Activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company utilized \$0.4 million in cash from financing activities as compared to \$1.2 million provided for the comparable period in 2012. The difference was primarily the preferred stocks issued and partially offset by credit facility payments in 2012.

On May 2, 2012, the Company issued convertible preferred stock for \$5 million in a private equity financing with JCH Crenshaw Holdings, LLC. The convertible preferred stock accrue cumulative dividends at a rate of 6% per annum, whether or not dividends have been declared by the Board of Directors and whether or not there are profits, surplus or other funds available for the payment of such dividends. The convertible preferred stock (1,000,000 shares) is convertible into 1,000,000 shares of common stock at a conversion price of \$5.00 per share, subject to adjustment. The Company also issued to the investor warrants to purchase 125,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.00 per share and 200,000 shares at an exercise price of \$7.00 per share.

The Company raised this capital for general corporate purposes including expansion of its manufacturing capacity to meet growing demand for its power delivery products, accelerating its international expansion in key energy markets including Brazil and China and making additional acquisitions. The ongoing expansion of the Beaumont facility is

expected to be financed with a term loan secured by the facility.

The Company believes its existing cash, working capital and unused credit facility combined with operating earnings will be sufficient to meet its working capital needs for the next twelve months. The Company continues to review growth opportunities and depending on the cash needs may raise cash in the form of debt, equity, or a combination of both.

# ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

#### **Interest Rates**

Our market risk sensitive items do not subject us to material risk exposures. Our revolving credit facility remains available through July 1, 2014. At September 30, 2013, the Company had \$0.5 million of variable-rate debt outstanding. At this borrowing level, a hypothetical relative increase of 10% in interest rates would have had an unfavorable but insignificant impact on the Company s pre-tax earnings and cash flows. The primary interest rate exposure on variable-rate debt is based on the LIBOR rate (0.18% at September 30, 2013) plus 3.25% per year. The agreement is collateralized by real estate, trade accounts receivable, equipment, inventory and work-in-process, and guaranteed by our operating subsidiaries.

# **Foreign Currency Transaction Risk**

AETI maintains equity method investments in its Singapore, Chinese and Brazilian joint ventures, MIEFE, BOMAY, and AAG, respectively. The functional currencies of the joint ventures are the Singapore Dollar, the Chinese Yuan and the Brazilian Real, respectively. Investments are translated into United States Dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the end of each quarterly reporting period. The resulting translation adjustment is recorded as accumulated other comprehensive income in AETI s condensed consolidated balance sheets. In the current nine months this item increased from \$900 at December 31, 2012 to \$942 at September 30, 2013 due principally to the weakness of the United States Dollar against the Chinese Yuan, partially offset by the weakening of the Brazilian Real. Each of the BOMAY investors may be required to guarantee the bank loans of BOMAY in proportion to their investment, and at this time, no guarantees have been provided by AETI.

Other than the aforementioned items, we do not believe we are exposed to foreign currency exchange risk because all of our net sales and purchases are denominated in United States Dollars.

# **Commodity Price Risk**

We are subject to market risk from fluctuating market prices of certain raw materials. While such materials are typically available from numerous suppliers, commodity raw materials are subject to price fluctuations. We endeavor to recoup these price increases from our customers on an individual contract basis to avoid operating margin erosion. Although historically we have not entered into any contracts to hedge commodity risk, we may do so in the future. Commodity price changes can have a material impact on our prospective earnings and cash flows. Copper, steel and aluminum represents a significant element of our material cost. Significant increases in the prices of these materials could reduce our estimated operating margins if we are unable to recover such increases from our customers.

# **Other Market Risk**

During the third quarter of 2013, both the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission began an investigation of several members of China National Petroleum Company (CNPC) relative to violations of discipline policies and allegations of corruption. This investigation so far has resulted in the removal of several CNPC executives. Our Joint Venture Partner in China is BOMCO, a subsidiary of CNPC. It is to our understanding that BOMCO and our Joint Venture BOMAY are not involved with these allegations. However, because of the investigation and the possibility of further organizational changes in CNPC it is likely that BOMAY will see more project delays as a result.

# **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

An evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2013. Based on this evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2013.

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2013 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Company becomes involved in various legal proceedings and claims in the normal course of business. In management s opinion, the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

# **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

There have been no material changes during the period ended September 30, 2013 in the risk factors as set forth in Item 1A. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

# ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

# **ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

# **ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

None

#### **ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

# **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

#### (a) Index to Exhibits

#### Exhibit No.

Rule 13a-14(a) / 15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer.
Rule 13a-14(a) / 15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer.
Section 1350 Certifications of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer.
XBRL Instance Document.
XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

**Exhibit Description** 

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- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document.
- 101.PRE XBRL Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

# SIGNATURES

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

Date: November 14, 2013

AMERICAN ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Charles M. Dauber Charles M. Dauber President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Andrew L. Puhala Andrew L. Puhala Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)