

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended DECEMBER 31, 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 1-2299

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APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Ohio  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

34-0117420  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

One Applied Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio  
(Address of principal executive offices)

44115  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 426-4000

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

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

There were 42,106,725 (no par value) shares of common stock outstanding on January 15, 2013.



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## PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM I: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

|  | Three Months Ended |           | Six Months Ended |             |
|--|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
|  | December 31,       |           | December 31,     |             |
|  | 2012               | 2011      | 2012             | 2011        |
| Net Sales  | \$589,517          | \$570,397 | \$1,200,036      | \$1,149,971 |
| Cost of Sales  | 426,598            | 414,928   | 872,584          | 835,798     |
| Gross Profit   | 162,919            | 155,469   | 327,452          | 314,173     |
| Selling, Distribution and Administrative, including depreciation   | 122,350            | 122,134   | 242,565          | 237,571     |
| Operating Income   | 40,569             | 33,335    | 84,887           | 76,602      |
| Interest Expense, net  | 15                 | 10        | 40               | 57          |
| Other (Income) Expense, net  | (427               | ) 778     | (886             | ) 2,710     |
| Income Before Income Taxes   | 40,981             | 32,547    | 85,733           | 73,835      |
| Income Tax Expense   | 13,938             | 11,612    | 29,158           | 26,518      |
| Net Income   | \$27,043           | \$20,935  | \$56,575         | \$47,317    |
| Net Income Per Share - Basic                                       | \$0.64             | \$0.50    | \$1.35           | \$1.12      |
| Net Income Per Share - Diluted                                     | \$0.64             | \$0.49    | \$1.33           | \$1.11      |
| Cash dividends per common share                                    | \$0.21             | \$0.19    | \$0.42           | \$0.38      |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding for basic computation   | 42,052             | 41,965    | 42,009           | 42,181      |
| Dilutive effect of potential common shares                         | 442                | 669       | 477              | 620         |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding for diluted computation | 42,494             | 42,634    | 42,486           | 42,801      |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

|   | Three Months Ended<br>December 31, |          | Six Months Ended<br>December 31, |           |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2012                               | 2011     | 2012                             | 2011      |
| Net income per the condensed statements of consolidated income  | \$27,043                           | \$20,935 | \$56,575                         | \$47,317  |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax:  |                                    |          |                                  |           |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments  | (594 )                             | (8,117 ) | 8,408                            | (11,159 ) |
| Postemployment benefits:  |                                    |          |                                  |           |
| Actuarial loss on remeasurement   |                                    | (492 )   |                                  | (492 )    |
| Reclassification of actuarial losses and prior service cost into SD&A expense and included in net periodic pension costs                  | 218                                | 467      | 436                              | 934       |
| Impact of reduction in postemployment benefit liability (as forecasted salary increases will not be realized) due to the plan curtailment |                                    | 8,860    |                                  | 8,860     |
| Reclassification of prior service cost into SD&A expense upon plan curtailment  |                                    | 3,117    |                                  | 3,117     |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on investment securities available for sale  |                                    | 47       | 23                               | (175 )    |
| Total of other comprehensive income (loss), before tax  | (376 )                             | 3,882    | 8,867                            | 1,085     |
| Income tax expense related to items of other comprehensive income   | 85                                 | 4,619    | 179                              | 4,717     |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax   | (461 )                             | (737 )   | 8,688                            | (3,632 )  |
| Comprehensive income, net of tax  | \$26,582                           | \$20,198 | \$65,263                         | \$43,685  |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

|   | December 31,<br>2012 | June 30,<br>2012 |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                      |                  |
| Current assets  |                      |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$51,845             | \$78,442         |
| Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$8,106 and \$8,332                       | 304,628              | 307,043          |
| Inventories   | 294,651              | 228,506          |
| Other current assets  | 46,820               | 51,771           |
| Total current assets  | 697,944              | 665,762          |
| Property, less accumulated depreciation of \$155,455 and \$148,623                | 85,596               | 83,103           |
| Intangibles, net  | 100,914              | 84,840           |
| Goodwill  | 105,026              | 83,080           |
| Deferred tax assets   | 26,209               | 26,424           |
| Other assets  | 21,937               | 18,974           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$1,037,626</b>   | <b>\$962,183</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                       |                      |                  |
| Current liabilities   |                      |                  |
| Accounts payable  | \$123,796            | \$120,890        |
| Short-term debt   | 33,000               | —                |
| Compensation and related benefits   | 52,935               | 63,149           |
| Other current liabilities   | 45,763               | 46,130           |
| Total current liabilities   | 255,494              | 230,169          |
| Postemployment benefits   | 35,038               | 39,750           |
| Other liabilities   | 24,982               | 20,133           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>  | <b>315,514</b>       | <b>290,052</b>   |
| Shareholders' Equity  |                      |                  |
| Preferred stock—no par value; 2,500 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding |                      |                  |
| Common stock—no par value; 80,000 shares authorized; 54,213 shares issued         | 10,000               | 10,000           |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 151,508              | 150,070          |
| Income retained for use in the business   | 782,236              | 743,360          |
| Treasury shares—at cost (12,108 and 12,246 shares)                                | (225,751             | ) (226,730       |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)                                     | 4,119                | (4,569           |
| <b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   | <b>722,112</b>       | <b>672,131</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                 | <b>\$1,037,626</b>   | <b>\$962,183</b> |
| See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.                         |                      |                  |

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 CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS  
 (Unaudited)  
 (In thousands)

|   | Six Months Ended<br>December 31, |          |
|---|----------------------------------|----------|
|   | 2012                             | 2011     |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities  |                                  |          |
| Net income  | \$56,575                         | \$47,317 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                  |          |
| Depreciation and amortization of property   | 6,036                            | 5,598    |
| Amortization of intangibles   | 6,207                            | 5,544    |
| Amortization of stock options and appreciation rights                             | 1,197                            | 1,139    |
| Gain on sale of property  | (193)                            | (492)    |
| Other share-based compensation expense  | 1,982                            | 2,523    |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions                  | (42,766)                         | (33,246) |
| Other, net  | (152)                            | 1,833    |
| Net Cash provided by Operating Activities   | 28,886                           | 30,216   |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities  |                                  |          |
| Property purchases  | (6,843)                          | (14,022) |
| Proceeds from property sales  | 429                              | 981      |
| Net cash paid for acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired                 | (66,055)                         | (1,241)  |
| Net Cash used in Investing Activities   | (72,469)                         | (14,282) |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities  |                                  |          |
| Borrowings under revolving credit facility  | 33,000                           | —        |
| Purchases of treasury shares  | —                                | (18,990) |
| Dividends paid  | (17,737)                         | (16,077) |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation                                 | 1,461                            | 569      |
| Acquisition holdback payments   | (1,845)                          | —        |
| Exercise of stock options and appreciation rights                                 | 497                              | 154      |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities                               | 15,376                           | (34,344) |
| Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash   | 1,610                            | (2,170)  |
| Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents   | (26,597)                         | (20,580) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period                                  | 78,442                           | 91,092   |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period  | \$51,845                         | \$70,512 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”, or “Applied”) as of December 31, 2012, and the results of its operations for the three and six month periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and its cash flows for the six months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, have been included. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2012 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements at that date. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2012.

Operating results for the three and six month periods ended December 31, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Inventory

The Company uses the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method of valuing U.S. inventories. An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method can be made only at the end of each year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time. Accordingly, interim LIFO calculations are based on management’s estimates of expected year-end inventory levels and costs and are subject to the final year-end LIFO inventory determination.

2. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

During the six month period ended December 31, 2012, the Company acquired four distributors to complement and extend its business.

In December 2012, the Company acquired substantially all of the net assets of Parts Associates, Inc., a distributor, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, of maintenance supplies and solutions. The acquired business is included in the Service Center Based Distribution segment from December 21, 2012.

In November 2012, the Company acquired substantially all of the net assets of HyQuip, Inc., a Wisconsin distributor of a broad line of hydraulic, rubber and plastic industrial hose and tubing, plus related accessories. The acquired business is included in the Fluid Power Businesses segment from November 1, 2012.

In September 2012, the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding stock of Bearings & Oil Seals Specialists Inc., a distributor, located in Hamilton, Ontario, of gaskets, seals, bearing and power transmission equipment for the manufacturing and service industries. The acquired business is included in the Service Center Based Distribution segment from October 1, 2012.

In August 2012, the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding stock of SKF Group's company-owned distribution business in Australia and New Zealand (“Applied Australia”). As one of the largest bearing suppliers in these markets, Applied Australia also distributes seals, lubrication products, and power transmission products. The acquired business



is included in the Service Center Based Distribution segment from August 1, 2012.

The results of operations for these acquisitions are not material for any period presented.

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## 3. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLES

The amounts of goodwill and intangible assets acquired during the six month period ended December 31, 2012 include acquisitions for which the allocation of the acquisition cost is preliminary and is subject to revision in future periods based on the final determination of fair values. The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for both the Service Center Based Distribution segment and the Fluid Power Businesses segment for the six month period ended December 31, 2012 are as follows:

|                                       | Service Centers | Fluid Power | Total     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Balance at July 1, 2012               | \$83,080        | \$—         | \$83,080  |
| Goodwill acquired during the period   | 19,814          | 825         | 20,639    |
| Other, primarily currency translation | 1,307           |             | 1,307     |
| Balance at December 31, 2012          | \$104,201       | \$825       | \$105,026 |

At December 31, 2012, accumulated goodwill impairment losses, subsequent to fiscal year 2002, totaled \$36,605 and related to the Fluid Power Businesses segment.

The Company's intangible assets resulting from business combinations are amortized over their estimated period of benefit and consist of the following:

| December 31, 2012              | Amount    | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Finite-Lived Intangibles:      |           |                          |                |
| Customer relationships         | \$103,635 | \$34,380                 | \$69,255       |
| Trade names                    | 26,324    | 8,537                    | 17,787         |
| Vendor relationships           | 15,696    | 4,930                    | 10,766         |
| Non-competition agreements     | 5,146     | 3,330                    | 1,816          |
| Total Finite-Lived Intangibles | 150,801   | 51,177                   | 99,624         |
| Indefinite-Lived Trade Names   | 1,290     |                          | 1,290          |
| Total Intangibles              | \$152,091 | \$51,177                 | \$100,914      |
|                                |           |                          |                |
| June 30, 2012                  | Amount    | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value |
| Finite-Lived Intangibles:      |           |                          |                |
| Customer relationships         | \$84,249  | \$29,905                 | \$54,344       |
| Trade names                    | 25,677    | 7,428                    | 18,249         |
| Vendor relationships           | 13,605    | 4,500                    | 9,105          |
| Non-competition agreements     | 4,740     | 2,888                    | 1,852          |
| Total Finite-Lived Intangibles | 128,271   | 44,721                   | 83,550         |
| Indefinite-Lived Trade Names   | 1,290     |                          | 1,290          |
| Total Intangibles              | \$129,561 | \$44,721                 | \$84,840       |

Amounts include the impact of foreign currency translation. Fully amortized amounts are written off.



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During the six month period ended December 31, 2012, the Company acquired intangible assets with a preliminary acquisition cost allocation and weighted-average life as follows:

|                            | Acquisition Cost<br>Allocation | Weighted-Average<br>Life |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Customer relationships     | \$18,411                       | 16 years                 |
| Trade names                | 458                            | 9 years                  |
| Vendor relationships       | 2,138                          | 10 years                 |
| Non-competition agreements | 388                            | 5 years                  |
| Total Intangibles Acquired | \$21,395                       | 15 years                 |

Estimated future amortization expense by fiscal year (based on the Company's intangible assets as of December 31, 2012) is as follows: \$6,800 for the remainder of 2013, \$14,100 for 2014, \$12,700 for 2015, \$11,400 for 2016, \$9,600 for 2017 and \$8,700 for 2018.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Marketable securities measured at fair value at December 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012 totaled \$10,817 and \$10,322. These marketable securities are held in a rabbi trust for a non-qualified deferred compensation plan. The marketable securities are included in other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets and their fair values were based upon quoted market prices (Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy).



Antidilutive Common Stock Equivalents

In the three and six month periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, stock options and stock appreciation rights related to the acquisition of 171 and 251 shares of common stock in the three month periods and 171 and 276 shares of common stock in the six month periods were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share for the periods then ended as they were anti-dilutive.

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## 6. BENEFIT PLANS

The following table provides summary disclosures of the net periodic postemployment costs recognized for the Company's postemployment benefit plans:

|                                      | Pension Benefits |         | Retiree Health Care Benefits |       |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------|------------------------------|-------|
|                                      | 2012             | 2011    | 2012                         | 2011  |
| Three Months Ended December 31,      |                  |         |                              |       |
| Components of net periodic cost:     |                  |         |                              |       |
| Service cost                         | \$20             | \$127   | \$20                         | \$8   |
| Interest cost                        | 315              | 588     | 47                           | 59    |
| Expected return on plan assets       | (101             | ) (99   | )                            |       |
| Recognized net actuarial loss (gain) | 184              | 265     | (14                          | ) (18 |
| Amortization of prior service cost   | 21               | 185     | 27                           | 35    |
| Curtailment loss                     |                  | 3,117   |                              |       |
| Net periodic cost                    | \$439            | \$4,183 | \$80                         | \$84  |
| Six Months Ended December 31,        |                  |         |                              |       |
| Components of net periodic cost:     |                  |         |                              |       |
| Service cost                         | \$39             | \$254   | \$40                         | \$15  |
| Interest cost                        | 630              | 1,176   | 94                           | 118   |
| Expected return on plan assets       | (202             | ) (198  | )                            |       |
| Recognized net actuarial loss (gain) | 368              | 529     | (27                          | ) (36 |
| Amortization of prior service cost   | 42               | 370     | 54                           | 70    |
| Curtailment loss                     |                  | 3,117   |                              |       |
| Net periodic cost                    | \$877            | \$5,248 | \$161                        | \$167 |

The Company contributed \$4,711 to its pension benefit plans and \$105 to its retiree health care plans in the six months ended December 31, 2012. Expected contributions for the remainder of fiscal 2013 are \$1,300 for the pension benefit plans to fund scheduled retirement payments and \$135 for retiree health care plans.

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## 7. SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The accounting policies of the Company's reportable segments are generally the same as those used to prepare the condensed consolidated financial statements. Intercompany sales primarily from the Fluid Power Businesses segment to the Service Center Based Distribution segment of \$4,803 and \$3,708, in the three months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$8,732 and \$7,955 in the six months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, have been eliminated in the Segment Financial Information tables below.

| Three Months Ended                        | Service Center<br>Based Distribution | Fluid Power<br>Businesses | Total       |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| December 31, 2012                         |                                      |                           |             |
| Net sales                                 | \$480,476                            | \$109,041                 | \$589,517   |
| Operating income for reportable segments  | 28,367                               | 8,615                     | 36,982      |
| Depreciation and amortization of property | 2,565                                | 449                       | 3,014       |
| Capital expenditures                      | 2,880                                | 71                        | 2,951       |
| December 31, 2011                         |                                      |                           |             |
| Net sales                                 | \$458,315                            | \$112,082                 | \$570,397   |
| Operating income for reportable segments  | 29,280                               | 10,151                    | 39,431      |
| Depreciation and amortization of property | 2,353                                | 427                       | 2,780       |
| Capital expenditures                      | 6,546                                | 334                       | 6,880       |
| Six Months Ended                          | Service Center<br>Based Distribution | Fluid Power<br>Businesses | Total       |
| December 31, 2012                         |                                      |                           |             |
| Net sales                                 | \$978,302                            | \$221,734                 | \$1,200,036 |
| Operating income for reportable segments  | 62,088                               | 19,151                    | 81,239      |
| Assets used in business                   | 834,839                              | 202,787                   | 1,037,626   |
| Depreciation and amortization of property | 5,129                                | 907                       | 6,036       |
| Capital expenditures                      | 6,594                                | 249                       | 6,843       |
| December 31, 2011                         |                                      |                           |             |
| Net sales                                 | \$922,173                            | \$227,798                 | \$1,149,971 |
| Operating income for reportable segments  | 58,674                               | 21,388                    | 80,062      |
| Assets used in business                   | 681,019                              | 216,994                   | 898,013     |
| Depreciation and amortization of property | 4,651                                | 947                       | 5,598       |
| Capital expenditures                      | 13,346                               | 676                       | 14,022      |

The company is in the process of implementing a new ERP system (SAP). ERP related assets are included in assets used in business and capital expenditures within the Service Center Based Distribution segment. Expenses associated with the development and implementation of the ERP are included in Corporate and other expense (income) net, line in the reconciliation of operating income for reportable segments to the consolidated income before income taxes table below.



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A reconciliation of operating income for reportable segments to the condensed consolidated income before income taxes is as follows:

|   | Three Months Ended |          | Six Months Ended |          |
|---|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|   | December 31,       |          | December 31,     |          |
|   | 2012               | 2011     | 2012             | 2011     |
| Operating income for reportable segments                  | \$36,982           | \$39,431 | \$81,239         | \$80,062 |
| Adjustment for:   |                    |          |                  |          |
| Intangible amortization—Service Center Based Distribution | 1,304              | 841      | 2,527            | 1,718    |
| Intangible amortization—Fluid Power Businesses            | 1,847              | 1,894    | 3,680            | 3,826    |
| Corporate and other expense (income), net                 | (6,738             | ) 3,361  | (9,855           | ) (2,084 |
| Total operating income                                    | 40,569             | 33,335   | 84,887           | 76,602   |
| Interest expense, net                                     | 15                 | 10       | 40               | 57       |
| Other (income) expense, net                               | (427               | ) 778    | (886             | ) 2,710  |
| Income before income taxes                                | \$40,981           | \$32,547 | \$85,733         | \$73,835 |

Corporate and other expense (income) net, for fiscal 2011 included approximately \$4,400 of non-recurring SD&A expense, mostly pertaining to the curtailment loss recognized upon freezing our Supplemental Executive Retirement Benefits Plan as well as certain one-time CEO transition related expenses. Additional fluctuations in corporate and other expense (income), net are due to changes in the amounts and levels of expenses being allocated to the segments. The expenses being allocated include corporate charges for working capital, logistics support and other items.

Net sales are presented in geographic areas based on the location of the facility shipping the product are as follows:

|                   | Three Months Ended |           | Six Months Ended |             |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
|                   | December 31,       |           | December 31,     |             |
|                   | 2012               | 2011      | 2012             | 2011        |
| Geographic Areas: |                    |           |                  |             |
| United States     | \$478,318          | \$478,222 | \$977,854        | \$965,650   |
| Canada            | 74,140             | 73,502    | 148,351          | 147,075     |
| Other countries   | 37,059             | 18,673    | 73,831           | 37,246      |
| Total             | \$589,517          | \$570,397 | \$1,200,036      | \$1,149,971 |

Other countries consisted of Mexico, Australia and New Zealand for the periods ended December 31, 2012, and Mexico for the periods ended December 31, 2011.

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(Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

## 8. OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE , NET

Other (income) expense, net consists of the following:

|   | Three Months Ended<br>December 31, |          | Six Months Ended<br>December 31, |           |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2012                               | 2011     | 2012                             | 2011      |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on assets held in rabbi trust<br>for a nonqualified deferred compensation plan | \$(140                             | ) \$(374 | ) \$(580                         | ) \$1,006 |
| Foreign currency transaction (gains) losses   | (343                               | ) 1,047  | (425                             | ) 1,556   |
| Other, net  | 56                                 | 105      | 119                              | 148       |
| Total other (income) expense, net   | \$(427                             | ) \$778  | \$(886                           | ) \$2,710 |

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been reviewed by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, whose report covering their reviews of the condensed consolidated financial statements follows.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of  
Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc.  
Cleveland, Ohio

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2012, and the related condensed statements of consolidated income and consolidated comprehensive income for the three-month and six-month periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, and of consolidated cash flows for the six-month periods ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of June 30, 2012, and the related statements of consolidated income, consolidated comprehensive income, consolidated shareholders' equity, and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated August 15, 2012, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2012 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Cleveland, Ohio  
February 8, 2013



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Applied Industrial Technologies (“Applied,” the “Company,” “We,” “Us” or “Our”) is a leading industrial distributor serving MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Operations), OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) and government markets. Applied is an authorized source for a diverse range of products, including bearings, power transmission components, fluid power components and systems, industrial rubber products, linear motion components, tools, safety products, and general maintenance and mill supply products. The Company also provides customized shop services for mechanical, fabricated rubber and fluid power products, as well as services to meet storeroom management and maintenance training needs. We have a long tradition of growth dating back to 1923, the year our business was founded in Cleveland, Ohio. During the second quarter of fiscal 2013, business was conducted in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Australia and New Zealand from 524 facilities.

The following is Management's Discussion and Analysis of significant factors which have affected our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows during the periods included in the accompanying condensed statements of consolidated income, consolidated comprehensive income and consolidated cash flows. When reviewing the discussion and analysis set forth below, please note that the majority of SKUs we sell in any given period were not necessarily sold in the comparable period of the prior year, resulting in the inability to quantify certain commonly used comparative metrics analyzing sales, such as changes in product mix and volume.

Overview

Consolidated sales for the quarter ended December 31, 2012 increased \$19.1 million or 3.4% compared to the prior year quarter, with acquisitions contributing \$25.3 million or 4.4% and a favorable foreign currency translation of \$2.5 million increasing sales by 0.4%. Operating margin increased to 6.9% of sales from 5.8% for the prior year quarter largely driven by an increase in sales without a commensurate increase in SD&A costs. Net income of \$27.0 million increased 29.2% compared to the prior year quarter. Shareholders' equity was \$722.1 million at December 31, 2012, up from the June 30, 2012 level of \$672.1 million. The current ratio was 2.7 to 1 at December 31, 2012 and 2.9 to 1 at June 30, 2012.

Applied monitors several economic indices that have been key indicators for industrial economic activity in the United States. These include the Industrial Production and Manufacturing Capacity Utilization (MCU) indices published by the Federal Reserve Board and the Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) published by the Institute for Supply Management (ISM). Historically, our performance correlates well with the MCU, which measures productivity and calculates a ratio of actual manufacturing output versus potential full capacity output. When manufacturing plants are running at a high rate of capacity, they tend to wear out machinery and require replacement parts.

In the December quarter, Industrial Production increased at an annual rate of 1%. The MCU for December was 77.4, up from the September 2012 revised reading of 76.7. The ISM PMI averaged 50.7 in the December quarter, a slight decrease from 51.5 in the September quarter, and above 50 (its expansionary threshold).

The number of Company associates was 5,160 at December 31, 2012, 4,664 at June 30, 2012, and 4,682 at December 31, 2011. The number of operating facilities totaled 524 at December 31, 2012 and 476 at June 30, 2012 and 475 at December 31, 2011.

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## Results of Operations

Three months Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

The following table is included to aid in review of Applied's condensed statements of consolidated income.

|   | Three Months Ended December              |         | Change in \$'s Versus Prior Period - %<br>Increase |   |
|---|--|---------|--|---|
|   | 31,<br>As a Percent of Net Sales<br>2012 | 2011    |  |   |
| Net Sales                                 | 100.0                                    | % 100.0 | % 3.4  | % |
| Gross Profit                              | 27.6                                     | % 27.3  | % 4.8  | % |
| Selling, Distribution &<br>Administrative | 20.8                                     | % 21.4  | % 0.2  | % |
| Operating Income                          | 6.9                                      | % 5.8   | % 21.7   | % |
| Net Income                                | 4.6                                      | % 3.7   | % 29.2   | % |

During the quarter ended December 31, 2012, sales increased \$19.1 million or 3.4% compared to the prior year quarter, with acquisitions accounting for \$25.3 million or 4.4%, and foreign currency translation increasing sales by \$2.5 million or 0.4%. There were 62 selling days in the quarter ended December 31, 2012 versus 61 selling days in the quarter ended December 31, 2011 which would approximate a 1.6% increase in sales. Offsetting these increases are slight overall declines in sales in our businesses not acquired in the current year.

Sales from our Service Center Based Distribution segment, which, operates primarily in MRO markets, increased \$22.2 million or 4.8% during the quarter from the same period in the prior year, primarily attributed to acquisition related sales growth. Acquisitions within this segment increased sales by \$24.1 million or 5.3%.

Sales from our Fluid Power Businesses segment, which operates primarily in OEM markets, decreased \$3.0 million or 2.7% during the quarter from the same period in the prior year, primarily attributed to weakness within a few of our larger Fluid Power Businesses. Acquisitions within this segment increased sales by \$1.2 million or 1.0%.

Sales in our U.S. operations were flat, with acquisitions adding \$1.3 million or 0.3%. Sales from our Canadian operations increased \$0.6 million or 0.9%, with acquisitions adding \$5.7 million or 7.8% and a favorable foreign currency translation increasing Canadian sales by \$1.9 million or 2.5%. The ongoing Canadian operations were impacted by some slowing of sales to resource industry, transportation and agricultural-OEM customers. Comparisons to the prior year period were also impacted by unique project sales in the prior year period which did not recur. Consolidated sales from our other country operations, which include Mexico, Australia and New Zealand, were \$18.4 million or 98.5% above the prior year. Virtually all of this increase, relates to our new Australian and New Zealand operations. We also experienced a favorable foreign currency translation of \$0.6 million in Mexico.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2012, industrial products and fluid power products accounted for 72.3% and 27.7%, respectively, of sales as compared to 70.9% and 29.1%, respectively, for the same period in the prior year.

Our gross profit margin for the quarter was 27.6%, as compared to the prior year's quarter of 27.3%. The increase can largely be attributed to the impact of higher supplier support for U.S. service centers, along with the impact of

relatively higher margins from acquisitions.

Selling, distribution and administrative expense (SD&A) consists of associate compensation, benefits and other expenses associated with selling, purchasing, warehousing, supply chain management and providing marketing and distribution of the Company's products, as well as costs associated with a variety of administrative functions such as human resources, information technology, treasury, accounting, legal, and facility related expenses. SD&A was 20.8% of sales in the quarter ended December 31, 2012 compared to 21.4% in the prior year quarter. On an absolute basis, SD&A increased \$0.2 million or 0.2% compared to the prior year quarter. In the prior year quarter we incurred approximately \$4.4 million of non-recurring SD&A expense mostly pertaining to the curtailment loss pertaining to freezing our Supplemental Executive Retirement

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Benefits Plan as well as certain one-time CEO transition related expenses. Adjusting for these items, SD&A expenses increased 3.8% during the quarter. Our ongoing operations experienced SD&A expense declines as this increase is entirely the result of acquisitions.

Operating income increased 21.7% or \$7.2 million, and as a percent of sales increased to 6.9% from 5.8% during the prior year quarter. The quarterly increase in operating income primarily reflects the higher sales levels without an increase in SD&A expenses. The increase in the operating margin percentage is driven by an increase in sales of 3.4% as we lowered our SD&A as a percent of sales to 20.8% versus 21.4% in the second quarter of fiscal 2012.

Operating income as a percentage of sales for the Service Center Based Distribution segment decreased to 5.9% in the current year quarter, from 6.4% in the prior year quarter. This decrease is primarily attributable to an increase in the SD&A as a percentage of sales (representing 0.8% of the decrease) offset by improved gross profit margins, mostly as a result of acquisitions which operate at a higher gross margin (offsetting 0.3% of the decrease).

Operating income as a percentage of sales for the Fluid Power Business segment decreased to 7.9% in the current year quarter from 9.1% in the prior year quarter. This decrease is primarily attributable to a decrease in sales coupled with a slight increase in SD&A (representing 0.7% of the decrease) along with decreases in gross profit margin (representing 0.5% of the decrease)

Other income was \$0.4 million in the quarter which included unrealized gains on investments held by non-qualified deferred compensation trusts of \$0.1 million and net favorable foreign currency transaction gains of \$0.3 million. During the prior year quarter other expense was \$0.8 million which included net unfavorable foreign currency transaction losses of \$1.0 million, offset by unrealized gains on investments held by non-qualified deferred compensation trusts of \$0.4 million.

The effective income tax rate was 34.0% for the quarter ended December 31, 2012 compared to 35.7% for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. Lower effective tax rates in foreign jurisdictions favorably reduced our rate when compared to the U.S. federal statutory rate by approximately 0.6% in the quarter, along with reduced state and local taxes of 0.2% and other items which reduced the rate by 0.9%. We expect our full year tax rate to be in the 34.0% to 34.5% range.

As a result of the factors addressed above, net income increased \$6.1 million or 29.2% compared to the prior year quarter. Net income per share was \$0.64 per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2012, compared to \$0.49 in the prior year quarter.

## Six months Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

The following table is included to aid in review of Applied's condensed statements of consolidated income.

|              | Six Months Ended December 31, |         | Change in \$'s Versus Prior Period - % |   |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|--|---|
|              | As a Percent of Net Sales     |         | Increase                               |   |
|              | 2012                          | 2011    |  |   |
| Net Sales    | 100.0                         | % 100.0 | % 4.4                                  | % |
| Gross Profit | 27.3                          | % 27.3  | % 4.2                                  | % |
|              | 20.2                          | % 20.7  | % 2.1                                  | % |



Selling, Distribution &  
Administrative

|                  |     |       |        |   |
|------------------|-----|-------|--------|---|
| Operating Income | 7.1 | % 6.7 | % 10.8 | % |
| Net Income       | 4.7 | % 4.1 | % 19.6 | % |

During the six months ended December 31, 2012, sales increased \$50.1 million or 4.4% compared to the same period in the prior year, with acquisitions accounting for \$44.8 million or 3.9%, and foreign currency translation decreasing sales by \$2.8 million or 0.2%. There were 125 selling days in both the period ended December 31, 2012 and the period ended December 31, 2011.

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Sales from our Service Center Based Distribution segment, which, operates primarily in MRO markets, increased \$56.1 million or 6.1% during the six months ended December 31, 2012 from the same period in the prior year, primarily attributed to acquisition related sales growth. Acquisitions within this segment increased sales by \$43.6 million or 4.7%.

Sales from our Fluid Power Businesses segment, which operates primarily in OEM markets, decreased \$6.1 million or 2.7% during the six months ended December 31, 2012 from the same period in the prior year, primarily attributed to weakness within a few of our Fluid Power Businesses. Acquisitions within this segment increased sales by \$1.2 million or 0.5%.

During the six months ended December 31, 2012, sales in our U.S. operations were up \$12.2 million or 1.3% with acquisitions adding \$1.6 million or 0.2%. Sales from our Canadian operations increased \$1.3 million or 0.9%, with acquisitions adding \$10.5 million or 7.1% and an unfavorable foreign currency translation decreasing Canadian sales by \$0.8 million or 0.6%. Consolidated sales from our other country operations, which include Mexico, Australia and New Zealand, were \$36.6 million or 98.2% above the prior year, primarily driven by our new Australian and New Zealand operations. Mexican operations increased \$3.8 million or 10.2%. This increase consisted of a \$5.7 million increase in local currency sales partially offset by an unfavorable foreign currency translation of \$1.9 million.

During the six months ended December 31, 2012, industrial products and fluid power products accounted for 72.2% and 27.8%, respectively, of sales as compared to 70.7% and 29.3%, respectively, for the same period in the prior year.

Our gross profit margin for the period was 27.3% consistent with the prior year. The consistency in gross profit margin is attributable to consistent increases in both sales and cost of sales of 4.4%.

Selling, distribution and administrative expense (SD&A) consists of associate compensation, benefits and other expenses associated with selling, purchasing, warehousing, supply chain management and providing marketing and distribution of the Company's products, as well as costs associated with a variety of administrative functions such as human resources, information technology, treasury, accounting, legal, and facility related expenses. SD&A was 20.2% of sales for the six months ended December 31, 2012 compared to 20.7% in the prior year period. On an absolute basis, SD&A increased \$5.0 million or 2.1% compared to the prior year period. In the prior year period we incurred approximately \$4.5 million of non-recurring SD&A expense mostly pertaining to the curtailment loss pertaining to freezing our Supplemental Executive Retirement Benefits Plan as well as certain one-time CEO transition related expenses. Adjusting for these items, the adjusted SD&A expenses would have shown a 4.0% increase over the prior year period. This increase in adjusted SD&A is entirely the result of acquisitions as our ongoing operations experienced SD&A expense declines.

Operating income increased 10.8% or \$8.3 million, and as a percent of sales increased to 7.1% from 6.7% during the prior year period. The period increase in operating income primarily reflects higher sales levels. The increase in the operating margin percentage is driven by improved leverage of our SD&A expenses over a larger base, as we lowered our SD&A as a percent of sales to 20.2% versus 20.7% in the same period of fiscal 2012, all while maintaining a consistent gross margin.

Operating income as a percentage of sales for the Service Center Based Distribution segment decreased to 6.3% in the current year period, from 6.4% in the prior year period. The stability in operating income as a percentage of sales is due to an increase in sales coupled with commensurate increases in both SD&A and gross profit margin.

Operating income as a percentage of sales for the Fluid Power Business segment decreased to 8.6% in the current year period from 9.4% in the prior year period. The decrease is attributable to declining sales without a commensurate decrease in SD&A (representing 0.3% of the decrease) along with decreased gross profit margins (representing 0.4% of the decrease)

Other income was \$0.9 million in the period which included unrealized gains on investments held by non-qualified deferred compensation trusts of \$0.6 million and net favorable foreign currency transaction gains of \$0.4 million. During the prior year period other expense was \$2.7 million which included unrealized losses on investments held by non-qualified deferred compensation trusts of \$1.0 million and net unfavorable foreign currency transaction losses of \$1.6 million.

The effective income tax rate was 34.0% for the six month period ended December 31, 2012 compared to 35.9% for the six month period ended December 31, 2011. The impact of lower effective tax rates in foreign jurisdictions favorably reduced our rate when compared to the U.S. federal statutory rate by approximately 1.5% in the period, along with other tax items which reduced the rate by 0.4%. We expect our full year tax rate to be in the 34.0% to 34.5% range.

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As a result of the factors addressed above, net income increased \$9.3 million or 19.6% compared to the prior year period. Net income per share was \$1.33 per share for the six month period ended December 31, 2012, compared to \$1.11 in the prior year period.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of capital is cash flow from operations, supplemented as necessary by bank borrowings or other sources of debt. At December 31, 2012, we had \$33.0 million in outstanding borrowings. At December 31, 2011, we had no outstanding borrowings. Management expects that our existing cash, cash equivalents, funds available under the revolving credit facility, cash provided from operations, and the use of operating leases will be sufficient to finance normal working capital needs, payment of dividends, acquisitions, investments in properties, facilities and equipment, and the purchase of additional Company common stock. Management also believes that additional long-term debt and line of credit financing could be obtained based on the Company's credit standing and financial strength.

The Company's working capital at December 31, 2012 was \$442.5 million, compared to \$435.6 million at June 30, 2012. The current ratio was 2.7 to 1 at December 31, 2012 and 2.9 to 1 at June 30, 2012.

In the first quarter, the Company acquired SKF's company-owned distribution businesses in Australia and New Zealand for cash consideration. The Company funded this acquisition from its available cash.

In the second quarter, the Company acquired Parts Associates Inc. based in Cleveland, Ohio. The Company funded this acquisition with funds drawn on the Company's revolving credit facility. The company also acquired Bearings & Oil Seals Specialists Inc. based in Ontario, Canada, as well as HyQuip Inc. based in Wisconsin. The Company funded these acquisitions from its available cash.

## Net Cash Flows

The following table is included to aid in review of Applied's condensed statements of consolidated cash flows; all amounts are in thousands.

|                                       | Six Months Ended December 31, |            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
|                                       | 2012                          | 2011       |
| Net Cash Provided by (Used in):       |                               |            |
| Operating Activities                  | \$28,886                      | \$30,216   |
| Investing Activities                  | (72,469)                      | (14,282)   |
| Financing Activities                  | 15,376                        | (34,344)   |
| Exchange Rate Effect                  | 1,610                         | (2,170)    |
| Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$(26,597)                    | \$(20,580) |

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$28.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2012 as compared to \$30.2 million for the same period a year ago. Improved net income of \$9.3 million was slightly more than offset by greater increases in working capital.

Net cash used in investing activities during the six months ended December 31, 2012 was \$72.5 million; \$6.8 million was used for capital expenditures (including capitalized costs associated with our ERP project) and \$66.1 million for acquisitions. These uses of cash were partially offset by \$0.4 million of proceeds from property sales. In the six months ended December 31, 2011, investing activities used \$14.3 million including \$1.2 million for acquisitions and

\$14.0 million for capital expenditures. These uses of cash were partially offset by \$1.0 million of proceeds from property sales.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$15.4 million for the six months ended December 31, 2012. Financing activities included \$17.7 million used to pay dividends, \$1.8 million used to make acquisition holdback payments, offset by \$33.0 million borrowed under the revolving credit facility, and \$1.5 million from tax benefits from share based compensation. During the same period in the prior year, financing activities used \$34.3 million of cash; repurchases of 644,100 shares of treasury stock used \$19.0 million and dividends paid used \$16.1 million.

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## ERP Project

In the second quarter of fiscal 2011, Applied commenced its ERP (SAP) project to transform the Company's technology platforms and enhance its business information and transaction systems for future growth. We have deployed our solution in a portion of our Canadian and U.S. operations. Deployments have continued in the second quarter with further deployments planned for fiscal 2013 and 2014.

## Share Repurchases

The Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of shares of the Company's common stock. These purchases may be made in open market and negotiated transactions, from time to time, depending upon market conditions. We did not acquire any shares of treasury stock in the six months ended December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2012, we had authorization to repurchase an additional 1,142,800 shares. During the six months ended December 31, 2011, we acquired 644,100 shares of treasury stock for \$19.0 million.

## Borrowing Arrangements

We have a \$150.0 million revolving credit facility with a group of banks expiring in May 2017. There is \$33.0 million outstanding under this facility at December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2012, unused capacity under this facility, net of outstanding letters of credit, was \$107.8 million and is available to fund future acquisitions or other capital and operating requirements.

At December 31, 2012, we had an uncommitted long-term financing shelf facility enabling us to borrow up to \$100 million with terms of up to fifteen years. This facility had no borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2012. In February 2013, prior to its expiration, the facility was extended to February 2016 and the available facility amount was increased to \$125 million.

## Accounts Receivable Analysis

The following table is included to aid in analysis of accounts receivable and the associated provision for losses on accounts receivable:

|   | December 31,<br>2012                  | June 30,<br>2012 |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Accounts receivable, gross                              | \$312,734                             | \$315,375        |   |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts                         | 8,106                                 | 8,332            |   |
| Accounts receivable, net                                | \$304,628                             | \$307,043        |   |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts, % of gross receivables | 2.6                                   | % 2.6            | % |
|   | For the six months ended December 31, |                  |   |
|   | 2012                                  | 2011             |   |
| Provision for losses on accounts receivable             | \$604                                 | \$1,525          |   |
| Provision as a % of net sales                           | 0.05                                  | % 0.13           | % |

Accounts receivable are reported at net realizable value and consist of trade receivables from customers. Management monitors accounts receivable by reviewing Days Sales Outstanding (DSO) and the aging of receivables for each of the Company's locations.

On a consolidated basis, DSO was 46.5 at December 31, 2012 versus 45.2 at June 30, 2012. Accounts receivable decreased 0.8% this year, compared to a 4.4% increase in sales in the six months ended December 31, 2012. We primarily attribute the increase in DSO to higher sales to large contract accounts.

Less than 3.4% of our accounts receivable balances are more than 90 days past due. On an overall basis, our provision for losses from uncollected receivables represent 0.05% of our sales in the six months ended December 31, 2012. Historically, this percentage is around 0.15%. Management believes the overall receivables aging and provision for losses on uncollected receivables are at reasonable levels.

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Inventory Analysis

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market, using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method for U.S. inventories and the average cost method for foreign inventories. Management uses an inventory turnover ratio to monitor and evaluate inventory. Management calculates this ratio on an annual as well as a quarterly basis and uses inventory valued at current costs. The annualized inventory turnover for the period ended December 31, 2012 was 4.1 versus 4.6 at June 30, 2012. We believe inventory turnover will improve through our June year-end, although it will not reach the levels achieved in the fiscal 2012. This slight decline in inventory turns pertains to our current year acquisitions as well as additions to core inventory in support of our strategic objectives.

Cautionary Statement Under Private Securities Litigation Reform Act

Management's Discussion and Analysis and other sections of this report, including documents incorporated by reference, contain statements that are forward-looking, based on management's current expectations about the future. Forward-looking statements are often identified by qualifiers, such as "expect," "believe," "plan," "intend," "will," "should," "could," "would," "anticipate," "estimate," "forecast," "may," and derivative or similar words or expressions. Similarly, descriptions of objectives, strategies, plans, or goals are also forward-looking statements. These statements may discuss, among other things, expected growth, future sales, future cash flows, future capital expenditures, future performance, and the anticipation and expectations of the Company and its management as to future occurrences and trends. The Company intends that the forward-looking statements be subject to the safe harbors established in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and by the Securities and Exchange Commission in its rules, regulations and releases.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are based on current expectations regarding important risk factors, many of which are outside the Company's control. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements, and the making of those statements should not be regarded as a representation by the Company or any other person that the results expressed in the statements will be achieved. In addition, the Company assumes no obligation publicly to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether because of new information or events, or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

Important risk factors include, but are not limited to, the following: risks relating to the operations levels of our customers and the economic factors that affect them; risks and uncertainties associated with executing our strategic business plan; changes in the prices for products and services relative to the cost of providing them; reduction in supplier inventory purchase incentives; loss of key supplier authorizations, lack of product availability, or changes in supplier distribution programs; the cost of products and energy and other operating costs; changes in customer preferences for products and services of the nature and brands sold by us; changes in customer procurement policies and practices; competitive pressures; our reliance on information systems; our ability to implement our ERP system in a timely, cost-effective, and competent manner, and to capture its planned benefits while maintaining an adequate internal control environment; the impact of economic conditions on the collectability of trade receivables; reduced demand for our products in targeted markets due to reasons including consolidation in customer industries and the transfer of manufacturing capacity to foreign countries; our ability to retain and attract qualified sales and customer service personnel and other skilled professionals; our ability to identify and complete acquisitions, integrate them effectively, and realize their anticipated benefits; the variability and timing of new business opportunities including acquisitions, alliances, customer relationships, and supplier authorizations; the incurrence of debt and contingent



liabilities in connection with acquisitions; our ability to access capital markets as needed on reasonable terms; disruption of operations at our headquarters or distribution centers; risks and uncertainties associated with our foreign operations, including volatile economic conditions, political instability, cultural and legal differences, and currency exchange fluctuations; the potential for goodwill and intangible asset impairment; changes in accounting policies and practices; organizational changes within the Company; the volatility of our stock price and the resulting impact on our consolidated financial statements; risks related to legal proceedings to which we are a party; adverse regulation and legislation, including potential changes in tax regulations (e.g., those affecting the use of the LIFO inventory accounting method and the taxation of foreign-sourced income); and the occurrence of extraordinary events (including prolonged labor disputes, natural events and acts of God, terrorist acts, fires, floods, and accidents). Other factors and unanticipated events could also adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. We discuss certain of these matters more fully in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2012 .

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ITEM 3: QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

For quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk, see Item 7A "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2012.

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ITEM 4: CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company's management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. The Company has undertaken a multi-year ERP (SAP) project to transform the Company's technology platforms and enhance its business information and transaction systems. The Company began to implement SAP in parts of its Canadian and U.S. businesses to support both accounting and operating activities. The implementation at operating locations is expected to continue through the end of calendar year 2013. Changes in the Company's key business applications and financial processes as a result of the continuing implementation of SAP are being evaluated by management. The Company is designing processes and internal controls to address changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting as a result of the SAP implementation. This ongoing SAP implementation presents risks to maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. Other than as described above, there have not been any changes in internal control over financial reporting during the six months ended December 31, 2012 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 1. Legal Proceedings

The Company is a party to pending legal proceedings with respect to various product liability, commercial, and other matters. Although it is not possible to predict the outcome of these proceedings or the range of reasonably possible loss, the Company believes, based on circumstances currently known, that the likelihood is remote that the ultimate resolution of any of these proceedings will have, either individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

## ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Repurchases in the quarter ended December 31, 2012 were as follows:

| Period                                | (a) Total Number of Shares | (b) Average Price Paid per Share (\$) | (c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)(2) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| October 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012   | 0                          | —                                     | 0  | 1,142,800   |
| November 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012 | 0                          | —                                     | 0  | 1,142,800   |
| December 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 | 0                          | —                                     | 0  | 1,142,800   |
| Total                                 | 0                          | —                                     | 0  | 1,142,800   |

On October 25, 2011, the Board of Directors authorized the purchase of up to 1.5 million shares of the Company's (1) common stock. The Company publicly announced the authorization that day. Purchases can be made in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

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ITEM 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

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| 3.1     | Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc., as amended on October 25, 2005 (filed as Exhibit 3(a) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, SEC File No. 1-2299, and incorporated here by reference).   |
| 3.2     | Code of Regulations of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc., as amended on October 19, 1999 (filed as Exhibit 3(b) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, SEC File No. 1-2299, and incorporated here by reference).   |
| 4.1     | Certificate of Merger of Bearings, Inc. (Ohio) (now named Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc.) and Bearings, Inc. (Delaware) filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on October 18, 1988, including an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated September 6, 1988 (filed as Exhibit 4(a) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed May 23, 1997, Registration No. 333-27801, and incorporated here by reference). |
| 4.2     | Private Shelf Agreement dated as of November 27, 1996, between the Company and Prudential Investment Management, Inc. (assignee of The Prudential Insurance Company of America), conformed to show all amendments (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, SEC File No. 1-2299, and incorporated here by reference).   |
| 4.3     | Credit Agreement dated as of May 15, 2012, among Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc., KeyBank National Association as Agent, and various financial institutions (filed as Exhibit 4 to the Company's Form 8-K dated May 17, 2012, SEC File No. 1-2299, and incorporated here by reference).  |
| 10.1    | Second Amendment to Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc.'s Supplemental Executive Retirement Benefits Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K dated October 22, 2012, SEC File No. 1-2299, and incorporated here by reference).   |
| 10.2    | Amendment to Severance Agreement between Neil A. Schrimsher and Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K dated October 22, 2012, SEC File No. 1-2299, and incorporated here by reference).   |
| 15      | Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm's Awareness Letter.  |
| 31      | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) certifications.   |
| 32      | Section 1350 certifications.   |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document   |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document  |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document  |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document   |

101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

The Company will furnish a copy of any exhibit described above and not contained herein upon payment of a specified reasonable fee which shall be limited to the Company's reasonable expenses in furnishing the exhibit.

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SIGNATURES

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

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
(Company)

Date: February 8, 2013

By: /s/ Neil A.Schrimsher  
Neil A. Schrimsher  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 8, 2013

By: /s/ Mark O. Eisele  
Mark O. Eisele  
Vice President-Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer