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**FORM 10-Q**

**(Mark One)**

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

**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

**000-23115**

**CTI INDUSTRIES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Illinois

36-2848943

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

22160 N. Pepper Road

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60010

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(847) 382-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller Reporting Company

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

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock as of May 1, 2013 was 3,248,646.

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**PART 1 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****CTI Industries Corporation and Subsidiaries****Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

	March 31, 2013 (unaudited)	December 31, 2012
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (VIE \$23,000 and \$22,000, respectively)	\$ 447,932	\$ 351,064
Accounts receivable, (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$96,000 and \$99,000, respectively)	8,398,764	7,773,332
Inventories, net	15,823,912	15,813,276
Net deferred income tax asset	861,629	846,371
Prepaid expenses	1,564,929	1,525,092
Other current assets (VIE \$114,000 and \$108,000)	540,639	820,619
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>27,637,805</b>	<b>27,129,754</b>
Property, plant and equipment:		
Machinery and equipment (VIE \$741,000 and \$701,000, respectively)	25,899,777	25,530,893
Building	3,360,017	3,360,017
Office furniture and equipment	3,191,033	3,137,123
Intellectual property	432,070	432,070
Land	250,000	250,000
Leasehold improvements	444,917	431,644
Fixtures and equipment at customer locations	2,784,419	2,784,419
Projects under construction	663,143	644,948
	37,025,376	36,571,114
Less : accumulated depreciation and amortization	(28,431,579 )	(27,872,044 )
<b>Total property, plant and equipment, net</b>	<b>8,593,797</b>	<b>8,699,070</b>
Other assets:		
Deferred financing costs, net	198,382	216,292
Goodwill	1,033,077	1,033,077
Net deferred income tax asset	536,620	535,954
Other assets (due from related party \$10,000 and \$19,000, respectively)	141,917	132,996

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Total other assets	1,909,996	1,918,319
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 38,141,598</b>	<b>\$ 37,747,143</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Checks written in excess of bank balance	\$ 1,030,222	\$ 517,089
Trade payables (VIE \$0 and \$66,000, respectively)	5,203,796	5,708,271
Line of credit	6,321,151	6,254,648
Notes payable - current portion (net discount of \$112,000 and \$107,000, respectively) (VIE \$101,000 and \$101,000, respectively)	350,105	354,342
Notes payable - officers, current portion	-	1,123,742
Notes payable affiliates - current portion	8,828	8,113
Accrued liabilities (VIE \$39,000 and \$31,000, respectively)	3,176,794	2,997,242
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>16,090,896</b>	<b>16,963,447</b>
Long-term liabilities:		
Notes payable - affiliates	151,356	141,052
Notes payable, net of current portion (net discount of \$526,000 and \$555,000, respectively) (VIE \$508,000 and \$533,000, respectively)	7,753,919	7,839,351
Notes payable - officers, subordinated	1,098,742	-
<b>Total long-term debt, net of current portion</b>	<b>9,004,017</b>	<b>7,980,403</b>
Warrants Payable	837,487	721,247
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>9,841,504</b>	<b>8,701,650</b>
Equity:		
CTI Industries Corporation stockholders' equity:		
Preferred Stock — no par value 2,000,000 shares authorized 0 shares issued and outstanding	-	-
Common stock - no par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized, 3,320,773 and 3,320,773 shares issued and 3,248,646 and 3,248,646 outstanding, respectively	13,775,994	13,775,994
Paid-in-capital	1,082,607	1,045,987
Accumulated deficit	(136,040)	(266,372)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,201,982)	(2,171,582)
Less: Treasury stock, 72,127 shares	(141,289)	(141,289)
<b>Total CTI Industries Corporation stockholders' equity</b>	<b>12,379,290</b>	<b>12,242,738</b>
Noncontrolling interest	(170,092)	(160,692)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>12,209,198</b>	<b>12,082,046</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 38,141,598</b>	<b>\$ 37,747,143</b>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements

**CTI Industries Corporation and Subsidiaries****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)**

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2013	2012
Net Sales	\$ 13,344,766	\$ 13,807,144
Cost of Sales	10,370,749	10,712,073
Gross profit	2,974,017	3,095,071
Operating expenses:		
General and administrative	1,553,046	1,332,294
Selling	460,203	411,569
Advertising and marketing	430,617	508,445
Total operating expenses	2,443,866	2,252,308
Income from operations	530,151	842,763
Other (expense) income:		
Interest expense	(473,511)	(186,523)
Interest income	5,536	5,536
Foreign currency gain	144,524	2,225
Total other expense, net	(323,451)	(178,762)
Net income before taxes	206,700	664,001
Income tax expense	85,768	254,931
Net income	120,932	409,070
Less: Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(9,400)	20,442
Net income attributable to CTI Industries Corporation	\$ 130,332	\$ 388,628
Other Comprehensive Income		
Foreign currency adjustment	(30,400)	\$ 158,176
Comprehensive income	\$ 99,932	\$ 546,804
Basic income per common share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.12

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Diluted income per common share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.12
Weighted average number of shares and equivalent shares of common stock outstanding:		
Basic	3,248,646	3,204,506
Diluted	3,415,911	3,244,976

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements

**CTI Industries Corporation and Subsidiaries****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**

	For the Three Months Ended March	
	31,	
	2013	2012
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 120,932	\$ 409,070
Adjustment to reconcile net income to cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	479,403	414,339
Amortization of debt discount	26,968	-
Change in value of swap agreement	(14,012	) 158,090
Stock based compensation	36,620	21,942
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	19,611	9,754
Provision for losses on inventories	57,455	180,792
Deferred income taxes	(15,924	) 181,909
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(549,557	) (269,223
Inventories	60,167	(122,936
Prepaid expenses and other assets	251,099	(13,615
Trade payables	(360,535	) (808,666
Accrued liabilities	3,037	(25,396
Net cash provided by operating activities	115,264	136,060
Cash used in investing activities - purchases of property, plant and equipment	(460,170	) (213,239
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Change in checks written in excess of bank balance	512,706	1,051,948
Net change in revolving line of credit	57,657	(620,076
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	9,461	-
Repayment of long-term debt (related parties \$29,000 and \$297,000)	(145,584	) (353,916
Net cash provided by financing activities	434,240	77,956
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	7,534	26,383
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	96,868	27,160
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	351,064	338,523
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 447,932	\$ 365,683
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		



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Cash payments for interest	\$ 288,313	\$ 306,767
Cash payments for taxes	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000
Supplemental Disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activity Property, Plant & Equipment acquisitions funded by liabilities	\$ 106,793	\$ 49,380

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements

**CTI Industries Corporation and Subsidiaries****Condensed Consolidated Earnings per Share (unaudited)**

	For the Three Months Ended March	
	31, 2013	2012
<b>Basic</b>		
Average shares outstanding:		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	3,248,646	3,204,506
<b>Net income:</b>		
Net income attributable to CTI Industries Corporation	\$ 130,332	\$ 388,628
Per share amount	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.12
<b>Diluted</b>		
Average shares outstanding:		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	3,248,646	3,204,506
Effect of dilutive shares	167,265	40,470
Weighted average number of shares and equivalent shares of common stock outstanding	3,415,911	3,244,976
<b>Net income:</b>		
Net income attributable to CTI Industries Corporation	\$ 130,332	\$ 388,628
Per share amount	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.12

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements

CTI Industries Corporation and Subsidiaries

Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited but in the opinion of management contain all the adjustments (consisting of those of a normal recurring nature) considered necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position and the consolidated statements of comprehensive income and consolidated cash flows for the periods presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for interim consolidated financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 8 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. It is suggested that these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

Principles of consolidation and nature of operations:

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CTI Industries Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, CTI Balloons Limited, CTI Helium, Inc. and CTF International S.A. de C.V., its majority-owned subsidiaries CTI Mexico S.A. de C.V., Flexo Universal, S.A. de C.V. and CTI Europe gmbH, as well as the accounts of Venture Leasing S. A. de R. L. and Venture Leasing L.L.C (the "Company"). The last two entities have been consolidated as variable interest entities. All significant intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated in consolidation. The Company (i) designs, manufactures and distributes balloon products throughout the world and (ii) operates systems for the production, lamination, coating and printing of films used for food packaging and other commercial uses and for conversion of films to flexible packaging containers and other products.

Variable Interest Entities ("VIE's"):

The determination of whether or not to consolidate a variable interest entity under U.S. GAAP requires a significant amount of judgment concerning the degree of control over an entity by its holders of variable interest. To make these judgments, management has conducted an analysis of the relationship of the holders of variable interest to each other, the design of the entity, the expected operations of the entity, which holder of variable interests is most "closely associated" to the entity and which holder of variable interests is the primary beneficiary required to consolidate the entity. Upon the occurrence of certain events, management reviews and reconsiders its previous conclusion regarding

the status of an entity as a variable interest entity. Upon the adoption of amended accounting guidance applicable to variable interest entities on January 1, 2010, management continually reconsiders whether the Company is deemed to be a variable interest entity's primary beneficiary who consolidates such entity. There are two entities that have been consolidated as variable interest entities.

Use of estimates:

In preparing condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amount of revenue and expenses during the reporting period in the condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates. The Company's significant estimates include reserves for doubtful accounts, reserves for the lower of cost or market of inventory, reserves for deferred tax assets and recovery value of goodwill.

Earnings per share:

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each period.

Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing the net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock and equivalents (stock options and warrants), unless anti-dilutive, during each period.

As of March 31, 2013 and 2012, shares to be issued upon the exercise of options and warrants aggregated 218,500 and 162,500, respectively. The number of anti-dilutive shares (not included in the determination of earnings on a diluted basis) for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, were 80,000 and 84,000, respectively, all of which were represented by options.

Significant Accounting Policies:

The Company's significant accounting policies are summarized in Note 2 of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. There were no significant changes to these accounting policies during the three months ended March 31, 2013.

**Note 2 - Stock-Based Compensation; Changes in Equity**

The Company has adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 718 which requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the condensed consolidated financial statements based on their grant-date fair values.

The Company has applied the Black-Scholes model to value stock-based awards and recently issued warrants related to notes. That model incorporates various assumptions in the valuation of stock-based awards relating to the risk-free rate of interest to be applied, the estimated dividend yield and expected volatility of our common stock. The risk-free rate of interest is the related U.S. Treasury yield curve for periods within the expected term of the option at the time of grant. The dividend yield on our common stock is estimated to be 0%, as the Company did not issue dividends during 2012 and the first quarter of 2013. The expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the Company’s common stock.

The Company, at the discretion of the board, may issue options in excess of the total available, if options related to that stock plan are cancelled. In some cases, not all shares that are available to a stock plan are issued, as the Company is unable to issue options to a previous plan when a new plan is in place.

The Company's net income for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 includes approximately \$37,000 and \$22,000, respectively of compensation costs related to share based payments. As of March 31, 2013 there is \$187,000 of unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested stock option grants and stock grants. We expect approximately \$82,000 of additional stock-based compensation expense to be recognized over the remainder of 2013, \$70,000 to be recognized during 2014, \$25,000 to be recognized during 2015, \$8,000 to be recognized during 2016, and \$2,000 to be recognized during 2017.

As of March 31, 2013, the Company had three stock-based compensation plans pursuant to which stock options were, or may be, granted. The Plans provide for the award of options, which may either be incentive stock options ("ISOs") within the meaning of Section 422A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or non-qualified options ("NQOs") which are not subject to special tax treatment under the Code, as well as for stock grants.

On April 12, 2001, the Board of Directors approved for adoption, effective December 27, 2001, the 2001 Stock Option Plan ("2001 Plan"). The 2001 Plan authorizes the grant of options to purchase up to an aggregate of 119,050, shares of the Company's Common Stock. As of March 31, 2013, options for 139,958 shares (including cancelled shares re-issued under the Plan) have been granted and were fully vested at the time of grant and options for 2,000 shares remain outstanding.

On April 24, 2002, the Board of Directors approved for adoption, effective October 12, 2002, the 2002 Stock Option Plan ("2002 Plan"). The 2002 Plan authorizes the grant of options to purchase up to an aggregate of 142,860 shares of the Company's Common Stock. As of March 31, 2013, options for 123,430 shares have been granted and were fully vested at the time of grant and options for 27,500 shares remain outstanding.

On April 10, 2009, the Board of Directors approved for adoption, and on June 5, 2009, the shareholders of the Corporation approved, a 2009 Stock Incentive Plan ("2009 Plan"). The 2009 Plan authorizes the issuance of up to 250,000 shares of stock or options to purchase stock of the Company. As of March 31, 2013, options for 191,000 shares had been granted and options for 189,000 shares remain outstanding.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information is as follows:

	Shares under Option	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Balance at December 31, 2012	218,500	\$ 5.21		
Granted	-	-		
Cancelled	-	-		
Exercised	-	-		
Outstanding at March 31, 2013	218,500	\$ 5.21	3.70	\$ 182,405
Exercisable at March 31, 2013	49,668	\$ 4.13	2.80	\$ 92,175

On July 17, 2012, the Company entered into a Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement with BMO Equity pursuant to which (i) BMO Equity advanced to the Company the sum of \$5 million and (ii) the Company issued to BMO Equity a warrant to purchase up to Four Percent (4%) of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company on a fully-diluted basis (140,048 shares of common stock of the Company) at the price of One Cent (\$0.01) per share. The term of the loan provided for in this Agreement is five and a half years. Interest is payable on the outstanding balance of the loan at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

A summary of the Company's stock warrant activity and related information is as follows:

	Shares under Warrant	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Balance at December 31, 2012	-	-		
Granted	140,048	\$ 0.01		
Cancelled	-	-		
Exercised	-	-		
Outstanding at March 31, 2013	140,048	\$ 0.01	9.30	\$ 837,487
Exercisable at March 31, 2013	-	-	-	-

A summary of the Company's stock option activity by grant date as of March 31, 2013 is as follows:

Options Outstanding

Options Vested



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Options by Grant Date	Shares	Weighted Avg.	Remain. Life	Intrinsic Val	Shares	Weighted Avg.	Remain. Life	Intrinsic Val
Dec 2005	29,500	\$ 2.88	2.8	\$91,745	29,500	\$ 2.88	2.8	\$ 91,745
Dec 2010	72,000	6.14	2.8	1,040	17,500	5.97	2.8	350
Jan 2011	8,000	5.96	2.8	240	2,668	5.96	2.8	80
Nov 2012	109,000	5.17	4.7	89,380	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	218,500	\$ 5.21	3.7	\$182,405	49,668	\$ 4.13	2.8	\$ 92,175

The aggregate intrinsic value in the tables above represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (the difference between the closing price of the Company's common stock on the last trading day of the quarter ended March 31, 2013 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options) that would have been received by the option holders had all the holders exercised their options on March 31, 2013.

**Note 3 - Legal Proceedings**

The Company is party to certain claims or actions arising in the normal course of business. The ultimate outcome of these matters is unknown but, in the opinion of management, the resolution of these matters is not expected to have a significant effect on the future financial position or results of operations of the Company.

**Note 4 - Other Comprehensive Income**

In the three months ended March 31, 2013 the company had a comprehensive loss of \$30,000, all from foreign currency translation adjustments.

The following table sets forth the accumulated balance of other comprehensive loss and each component.

	Foreign Currency Items	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss)
Beginning balance as of January 1, 2013	\$ (2,172,000 )	\$ (2,172,000 )
Current period change, net of tax	(30,000 )	(30,000 )
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2013	\$ (2,202,000 )	\$ (2,202,000 )

**Note 5 - Inventories, Net**

March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
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Raw materials	\$3,646,000	\$3,486,000
Work in process	1,098,000	1,388,000
Finished goods	11,773,000	11,576,000
Allowance for excess quantities	(693,000 )	(636,000 )
Total inventories	\$15,824,000	\$15,814,000

**Note 6 - Geographic Segment Data**

The Company has determined that it operates primarily in one business segment which designs, manufactures and distributes film and film related products for use in packaging, storage and novelty balloon products. The Company operates in foreign and domestic regions. Information about the Company's operations by geographic areas is as follows:

	Net Sales to Outside Customers		Total Assets at	
	For the Three Months Ended		March 31,	December 31,
	March 31,	2012	March 31,	2012
	2013		2013	
United States	\$ 9,871,000	\$ 9,990,000	\$27,598,000	\$ 27,708,000
Europe	242,000	121,000	1,052,000	1,057,000
Mexico	2,586,000	2,963,000	8,366,000	7,849,000
United Kingdom	646,000	733,000	1,126,000	1,133,000
	\$ 13,345,000	\$ 13,807,000	\$38,142,000	\$ 37,747,000

### Note 7 - Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk with respect to trade accounts receivable is generally limited due to the number of entities comprising the Company's customer base. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations and provides an allowance for potential credit losses against the portion of accounts receivable which is estimated to be uncollectible. Such losses have historically been within management's expectations. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, there was one customer whose purchases represented more than 10% of the Company's consolidated net sales. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, there were two customers whose purchases represented more than 10% of the Company's consolidated net sales. Sales to the top customers for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

Customer	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2013		March 31, 2012	
	Net Sales	% of Net Sales	Net Sales	% of Net Sales
Customer A	\$4,873,000	36.5%	\$3,753,000	27.2%
Customer B	N/A	N/A	\$1,634,000	11.8%

As of March 31, 2013, the total amount owed to the Company by the largest customer was \$1,931,000 or 23.0% of the Company's consolidated accounts receivables. The amounts owed at March 31, 2012 by the largest customers were \$2,276,000 or 30.1% and \$557,000 or 7.4% of the Company's consolidated net accounts receivables, respectively.

### Note 8 - Related Party Transactions

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Stephen M. Merrick, President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, is of counsel to the law firm of Vanasco Genelly and Miller PC which provides legal services to the Company. Legal fees paid by the Company with this firm for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, were \$33,000 and \$16,000.

John H. Schwan, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Company, is a principal of Shamrock Specialty Packaging and affiliated companies. The Company made payments for packaging materials, rent and temporary employees supplied by Shamrock of approximately \$817,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and \$850,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2012. At March 31, 2013 and 2012, outstanding accounts payable balances were \$523,000 and \$595,000, respectively.

John H. Schwan, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Company, is the brother of Gary Schwan, one of the owners of Schwan Incorporated, which provides building maintenance and remodeling services to the Company. The Company made payments to Schwan Incorporated of approximately \$8,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and \$1,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Interest payments have been made to John H. Schwan for loans made to the Company. During the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 these interest payments totaled \$19,000 and \$25,000, respectively.

On July 1, 2011, Flexo Universal, S.A. de C.V. (“Flexo”) entered into a lease agreement with Venture Leasing S.A. de R.L. (“Venture Leasing Mexico”) for the lease of balloon production equipment financed and owned by Venture Leasing Mexico and used by Flexo for the production of latex balloons. Venture Leasing Mexico is wholly owned by entities owned by John H. Schwan, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Company and Stephen M. Merrick, President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Venture Leasing Mexico and Venture Leasing L.L.C., also owned by entities owned by Mr. Schwan and Mr. Merrick, are deemed variable interest entities and are consolidated with the accounts of the Company. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, Flexo made lease payments to Venture Leasing Mexico totaling \$36,000.

**Note 9 - Derivative Instruments; Fair Value**

The following table represents information about the Company’s assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2013, and indicate the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques utilized by the Company to determine such fair value:

Description	Amount as of 3/31/2013	Fair Value Hierarchy		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Interest Rate Swap	\$ 114,000	\$ -	\$ 114,000	\$ -
Warrant Liability	837,000	-	837,000	-
	\$ 951,000	\$ -	\$ 951,000	\$ -

Description	Amount as of			
	3/31/2012	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Interest Rate Swap	\$ (5,000 )	\$ -	\$(5,000)	\$ -
	\$ (5,000 )	\$ -	\$(5,000)	\$ -

The Company is exposed to certain market risks including the effect of changes in interest rates. The Company uses derivative instruments to manage financial exposures that occur in the normal course of business. It does not hold or issue derivatives for speculative trading purposes. The Company is exposed to non-performance risk from the counterparties in its derivative instruments. This risk would be limited to any unrealized gains on current positions. To help mitigate this risk, the Company transacts only with counterparties that are rated as investment grade or higher and all counterparties are monitored on a continuous basis. The fair value of the Company's derivatives reflects this credit risk.

On July 1, 2011, we entered into a swap agreement with BMO Capital Markets with respect to \$6,780,000 of our loan balances with Harris. This swap agreement limits the Company's exposure to interest rate fluctuations on the Company's floating rate loans. The swap agreement has the effect of fixing the interest rate on the loan balances covered by the swap at 4.65% per annum. The swap agreement is a derivative financial instrument and we determine and record the fair market value of the swap agreement each quarter. The value is recorded on the balance sheet of the Company and the amount of the unrealized gain or loss for each period is recorded as interest income or expense.

#### Fair Values of Derivative Instruments in the Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31	Liability Derivatives		2012	
	2013		2012	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under Statement 133	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Interest Rate Contracts	Accrued Liabilities	\$ 114,000	Accrued Liabilities	\$ (5,000 )

#### The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statement of Financial Performance for the 3 month period ending

September 30	2013		2012	
Derivatives not Designated as Hedging Instruments under Statement 133	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative
Interest Rate Contracts	Interest Expense	\$ (5,000 )	* Interest Expense	\$ (34,000 )
*Interest on fixed/variable rate variances		\$ 19,000		



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

**Forward Looking Statements**

This quarterly report includes both historical and “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future results. Words such as “may,” “should,” “could,” “would,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” “continue,” or similar words are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. Although we believe that our opinions and expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements, and our actual results may differ substantially from the views and expectations set forth in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. We disclaim any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this quarterly report to conform such statements to actual results or to changes in our opinions or expectations.

**Overview**

We produce film products for novelty, packaging and container applications. These products include metalized balloons, latex balloons and related latex toy products, films for packaging and custom product applications, and flexible containers for packaging and consumer storage applications. We produce all of our film products for packaging and container applications at our plant in Lake Barrington, Illinois. We produce all of our latex balloons and latex products at our facility in Guadalajara, Mexico. Substantially all of our film products for packaging and custom product applications are sold to customers in the United States. We market and sell our novelty items and flexible containers for consumer use in the United States, Mexico, Latin America, and Europe.

**Results of Operations**

Net Sales. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, net sales were \$13,345,000 compared to net sales of \$13,807,000 for the same period of 2012, a decrease of 3.3%. For the quarters ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, net sales by product category were as follows:

Three Months Ended			
March 31, 2013		March 31, 2012	
\$	% of	\$	% of

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Product Category	(000) Omitted	Net Sales	(000) Omitted	Net Sales
Metalized Balloons	6,782	51%	6,951	50%
Latex Balloons	2,992	22%	2,754	20%
Pouches	1,929	15%	1,930	14%
Film Products	1,188	9%	1,661	12%
Other	454	3%	511	4%
Total	13,345	100%	13,807	100%

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Metalized Balloons. During the three months ended March 31, 2013 revenues from the sale of metalized balloons decreased by 2.4% compared to the prior year period from \$6,951,000 to \$6,782,000. During the three months ended March 31, 2013 sales of metalized balloons sales to our largest customer increased to \$4,630,000 from \$3,834,000. Sales of metalized balloons to other customers were \$2,152,000 compared to \$3,117,000 for the same period last year. These included sales to customers in the United States, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Europe.

Latex Balloons. During the three months ended March 31, 2013 revenues from the sale of latex balloons increased by 8.6% compared to the prior year period from \$2,754,000 to \$2,992,000. The increase in the first quarter 2013 is attributable to increased sales in Mexico by Flexo Universal, our subsidiary there, as well as increased sales to various customers in the United States.

Vacuum Sealing Pouches and Machines. During the three months ended March 31, 2013 revenues from the sale of pouches were \$1,929,000 compared to \$1,930,000 for the same period in 2012. Virtually all of our pouch sales in 2013 and 2012 have been of vacuumable pouches in two categories: (i) zippered pouches and (ii) open-top pouches or rolls. For the three months ended 2013 and 2012, sales of pouch products in these categories have been as follows:

Pouches	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2013	March 31, 2012
Zippered	\$ 698,000	\$ 897,000
Open-Top or Rolls	1,231,000	1,033,000
Total	\$ 1,929,000	\$ 1,930,000

Most of our sales of zippered pouches have been of branded products to a principal customer, although we have had limited sales of our ZipVac® pouch line as well.

During 2010, we introduced a line of open-top pouches and rolls for use with existing vacuum sealing machines which we have sold under the ZipVac® label as well as on a private label basis.

In December, 2011, we entered into a Trademark License Agreement with S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. pursuant to which we received a license to market and sell vacuum sealing machines as well as pouches and rolls of film for use with those machines, under the Ziploc brand name. In the first quarter 2012, we introduced and began to market and sell that branded line of vacuum sealing machines and associated open-top bags and rolls. Over the course of the balance of 2012 and in the first quarter of 2013, we introduced this branded line of products for sale in retail outlets

and, by March 31, 2013, the products were being offered for sale in over 2,700 retail outlets, including in several major chains. In April 2013 we commenced a further roll-out of the product line to additional retail outlets and anticipate that the product line will be offered for sale in approximately 6,000 outlets by mid-2013.

As the chart indicates, our sales of open-top pouches and rolls increased from just over \$1 million in the first quarter 2012 to \$1.2 million in the first quarter this year. These sales amounts for the first quarter 2013 and 2012 include sales of vacuum sealing machines as well as of the open-top pouches and rolls. While most of the sales shown for the first quarter 2013 relate to sales of our branded line, they also include some sales of our Universal or private label lines of pouches.

**Films.** During the three months ended March 31, 2013 revenues from the sale of laminated film products decreased by 28.5% compared to the prior year period from \$1,661,000 to \$1,188,000. The decrease is attributable to a decrease in sales to a principal customer. Approximately 96.8% of the sales of laminated film products during the three months ended March 31, 2013 were to a principal customer.

Sales to a limited number of customers continue to represent a large percentage of our net sales. The table below illustrates the impact on sales of our top three and ten customers for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

	Three Months Ended % of Sales	
	March 31, 2013	March 31, 2012
Top 3 Customers	50.8%	45.1%
Top 10 Customers	69.9%	65.3%

During the three months ended March 31, 2013, there was one customer whose purchases represented more than 10% of the Company's consolidated net sales. Sales to this customer for the three months ended March 31, 2013 were \$4,873,000 or 36.5% of consolidated net sales. Sales to the top two customers in the same period of 2012 were \$3,753,000 or 27.2% and \$1,634,000 or 11.8% of consolidated net sales, respectively. As of March 31, 2013, the total amount owed to the Company by our largest customer was \$1,931,000 or 23.0% of the Company's consolidated net accounts receivables. The amounts owed at March 31, 2012 by our two largest customers were \$2,276,000 or 30.1% and \$557,000 or 7.4% of the Company's consolidated net accounts receivables, respectively.

**Cost of Sales.** During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the cost of sales represented 77.7% of net sales compared to 77.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

**General and Administrative.** During the three months ended March 31, 2013, general and administrative expenses were \$1,553,000 or 11.6% of net sales, compared to \$1,332,000 or 9.6% of net sales for the same period in 2012. The increase in general and administrative expenses is attributable to (i) an increase in administrative expenses at Flexo Universal of \$145,000 and (ii) an increase in administrative expenses at CTI Europe of \$59,000.

Selling. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, selling expenses were \$460,000 or 3.4% of net sales, compared to \$412,000 or 3.0% of net sales for the same period in 2012. The increase in selling expenses is attributable principally to an increase in consulting expenses of \$155,000 which was offset by (i) a decrease in salaries of \$57,000, (ii) a decrease in travel expenses of \$13,000, and (iii) a decrease in royalty expense of \$26,000.

Advertising and Marketing. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, advertising and marketing expenses were \$431,000 or 3.2% of net sales for the period, compared to \$508,000 or 3.7% of net sales for the same period of 2012. The decrease in advertising and marketing expense is attributable to (i) a decrease salary expense of \$42,000 and (ii) a decrease in commission expense of \$50,000.

Other Income (Expense). During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company incurred net interest expense of \$468,000, compared to net interest expense during the same period of 2012 in the amount of \$181,000. The increase in interest expense is attributable to interest on a Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement among the Company and BMO Private Equity (U.S.), Inc. (“BMO Equity”) under which BMO Equity loaned the sum of \$5 million to the Company in July, 2012 and also to the cost attributed to the increase in value of warrants issued to BMO Equity in that transaction.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company had a foreign currency transaction gain of \$145,000 compared to a foreign currency transaction gain of \$2,000 during the same period of 2012.

Income Taxes. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company reported a consolidated income tax expense of \$86,000, compared to a consolidated income tax expense of \$255,000 for the same period of 2012. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, this income tax provision was composed of provisions for United States income tax on the Company, income tax in Mexico of Flexo Universal, our Mexican subsidiary, income tax in the United Kingdom of CTI Balloons Limited, our United Kingdom subsidiary, and income tax in Germany of CTI Europe, our Germany subsidiary.

Net Income. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company had net income of \$130,000 or \$0.04 per share (basic and diluted), compared to net income of \$389,000 for the same period of 2012 or \$0.12 per share (basic and diluted).

## **Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### **Cash Flow Items.**

Operating Activities. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, net cash provided by operations was \$115,000, compared to net cash provided by operations during the three months ended March 31, 2012 of \$136,000.

Significant changes in working capital items during the three months ended March 31, 2013 consisted of (i) an increase in accounts receivable of \$550,000, (ii) a decrease in inventories of \$60,000, (iii) depreciation and amortization in the amount of \$479,000 (iv) a decrease in trade payables of \$361,000 and (v) a decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$251,000.

Investing Activity. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, cash used in investing activity for the purchase or improvement of equipment was \$460,000, compared to \$213,000 in the same period of 2012. Substantially all of this expense is related to equipment acquisition and maintenance, leasehold improvements,, tooling and related expense.



Financing Activities. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, cash provided by financing activities was \$434,000 compared to cash provided by financing activities for the same period of 2012 in the amount of \$78,000. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, financing activities included proceeds from issuance of short-term debt of \$570,000 and payment of \$146,000 on long-term debt obligations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources. At March 31, 2013, the Company had cash balances of \$448,000 compared to cash balances of \$366,000 for the same period in 2012 and there was \$3,720,000 available to advance under the Company's revolving line of credit.

At March 31, 2013, the Company had a working capital balance of \$11,547,000 compared to a working capital balance of \$10,166,000 at December 31, 2012.

The Company's liquidity is dependent significantly on its bank financing and the Company relies on its revolving line of credit to maintain liquidity. On April 29, 2010, the Company entered into a Credit Agreement with Harris N.A. ("Harris"). Under the Credit Agreement, Harris agreed to provide loans and credits to the Company in the aggregate maximum amount of \$14,417,000. The arrangement includes:

- i. A revolving credit up to a maximum amount of \$9,000,000 based upon a borrowing base of 85% of eligible receivables and 60% of eligible inventory (up to a maximum of \$5,000,000);
- ii. A mortgage loan in the principal amount of \$2,333,350, amortized over 25 years, the principal balance due on April 29, 2013;
- iii. A term loan in the principal amount of \$583,333 maturing in monthly principal installments of \$58,333; and  
An equipment loan commitment in the amount of up to \$2,500,000 providing for loan advances from time to time
- iv. until April 29, 2012 based upon 100% of the purchase price of equipment purchased, the loans to be amortized on a five year basis commencing April 29, 2012, the balance due on April 29, 2013.

The Credit Agreement includes various representations, warranties and covenants of the Company, including various financial covenants.

In connection with the Credit Agreement, the Company executed and delivered to Harris, a Term Loan Note, a Mortgage Loan Note, an Equipment Note and a Revolving Note, as well as a form of Mortgage, Security Agreement, Pledge Agreement (pursuant to which shares of capital stock of the Registrant's Mexico subsidiary were pledged as security for the loans), Patent Security Agreement and Trademark Security Agreement. Two officers and principal shareholders of the Company, John H. Schwan and Stephen M. Merrick each executed Limited Guaranties of the loans and also executed Subordination Agreements with respect to obligations of the Company to them.

The Credit Agreement provides that the outstanding balance of all loans under the agreement will bear interest with reference to a base rate or, at the option of the Company, with reference to an adjusted LIBOR. At March 31, 2013, the effective rate on the outstanding loan balances was 4.0%.

As of March 31, 2013, the outstanding balances on the loans with Harris were: (i) revolving line of credit, \$6,144,000, (ii) mortgage loan, \$2,061,000, and (iii) equipment loan, \$1,071,000.

On July 1, 2011, we entered into a swap agreement with BMO Capital Markets with respect to \$6,780,000 of our loan balances with Harris. This swap agreement is designated as a cash flow hedge to hedge the Company's exposure to interest rate fluctuations on the Company's floating rate loans. The swap agreement has the effect of fixing the interest rate on the loan balances covered by the swap at 4.65% per annum. The swap agreement is a derivative financial instrument and we will determine and record the fair market value of the swap agreement each quarter. This value will be recorded on the balance sheet of the Company and the amount of the unrealized gain or loss for each period will be recorded as interest income or expense.

On July 17, 2012, the Company entered into Amendment Number 3 to the Credit Agreement among the Company and BMO Harris Bank N.A. ("BMO Harris") pursuant to which (i) the amount of the loan commitment on the revolver loan of BMO Harris was increased from \$9 million to \$12 million, (ii) BMO Harris consented to a transaction among the Company and BMO Private Equity (U.S.), Inc. ("BMO Equity") and (iii) the term of credit and loans to the Company provided in the Credit Agreement and BMO Harris was extended to July 17, 2017.

Also, on July 17, 2012, the Company entered into a Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement with BMO Equity pursuant to which (i) BMO Equity advanced to the Company the sum of \$5 million and (ii) the Company issued to BMO Equity a warrant to purchase up to Four Percent (4%) of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company on a fully-diluted basis (140,048 shares of common stock of the Company) at the price of One Cent (\$0.01) per share. The term of the loan provided for in this Agreement is five and a half years. Interest is payable on the outstanding balance of the loan at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

The Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement included provisions for:

- (i) a closing fee of \$100,000
- (ii) payment of the principal amount in five and a half years with optional prepayment subject to certain prepayment premiums;
- (iii) security for the note obligations in all assets of the Company junior to the security interest of BMO Harris;

- (iv) various representations and warranties and covenants of the Company;
  
- (v) financial covenants including an applicable senior leverage ratio, fixed charge coverage ratio and tangible net worth amount.

Under the terms of the Credit Agreement and the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement, the Company is required to meet various financial covenants including a senior leverage ratio, fixed charge covenant ratio and tangible net worth. As of December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2013, the Company was not in compliance with certain of these covenants.

On April 12, 2013, the Company entered into Amendment No. 4 to the Credit Agreement among the Company and BMO Harris, and Amendment No. 1 to the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement among the Company and BMO Equity. In these Amendments, the violations by the Company of the financial covenants as of December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2013 were waived.

Further by this Amendment to the Credit Agreement, the Credit Agreement was amended (i) to modify the Senior Leverage Ratio and Total Leverage Ratio requirements for the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2013 and each quarter thereafter during the term of the Credit Agreement and (ii) to modify the definitions of EBITDA and Total Funded Debt in the Credit Agreement. The Amendment also provides for the Company to pay a fee of \$20,000 as consideration for the waiver and the amendments to the Credit Agreement.

By the Amendment to the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement, the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement was amended (i) to modify the Senior Leverage Ratio and Total Leverage Ratio requirements for the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2013 and for each fiscal quarter thereafter during the term of the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement and (ii) to modify the definitions of EBITDA and Total Funded Debt in the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement. The Amendment also provides for the Company to pay a fee of \$12,500 as consideration for the waiver and the amendment to the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement.

Management believes that the funds provided by this new financing arrangement as well as internally generated funds will be sufficient for the Company to meet its working capital needs for at least the next 12 months and that the Company will meet the revised financial covenants of the Credit Agreement and the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement during this period, as well.

#### Seasonality

In recent years, sales in the metalized balloon product line have historically been seasonal with approximately 40% occurring in the period from December through March and 24% being generated in the period from July through October. The sales of latex balloons and laminated film products have not historically been seasonal.

#### Critical Accounting Policies

Please see pages 24-26 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 for a description of policies that are critical to our business operations and the understanding of our results of operations. The impact and any associated risks related to these policies on our business operations is discussed throughout Management's

Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations where such policies affect our reported and expected financial results. No material changes to such information have occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2013.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures Regarding Market Risk**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Our management, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has reviewed and evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2013. Based on such review and evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2013, to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (a) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (b) is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. There were no material changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the first quarter of 2013 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal controls over financial reporting.

**Part II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

None.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information**

The Certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of Registrant Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached as Exhibits to this Report on Form 10-Q.



**Item 6. Exhibits**

The following are being filed as exhibits to this report:

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3.1	Third Restated Certificate of Incorporation of CTI Industries Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A contained in Registrant's Schedule 14A Definitive Proxy Statement for solicitation of written consent of shareholders, as filed with Commission on October 25, 1999).
3.2	By-laws of CTI Industries Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 contained in Registrant's Form SB-2 Registration Statement (File No. 333-31969) effective November 5, 1997).
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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.

Dated: May 15, 2013 CTI INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

By: /s/ John H. Schwan  
John H. Schwan  
Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Stephen M. Merrick  
Stephen M. Merrick  
President and Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ Timothy S. Patterson  
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