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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **October 25, 2012**

TRIMAS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**001-10716**	**38-2687639**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 130, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan	**48304**
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant’s telephone number, including area code **(248) 631-5400**

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

TriMas Corporation (the “Corporation”) issued a press release and held a teleconference on October 25, 2012, reporting its financial results for the third quarter ending September 30, 2012. A copy of the press release and teleconference visual presentation are attached hereto as exhibits and are incorporated herein by reference. The press release and teleconference visual presentation are also available on the Corporation's website at www.trimascorp.com.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release
99.2	The Corporation's visual presentation titled "Third Quarter 2012 Earnings Presentation"

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 hereunto duly authorized.

TRIMAS CORPORATION

Date:	October 25, 2012	By:	/s/ David M. Wathen
		Name:	David M. Wathen
		Title:	Chief Executive Officer

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TRIMAS CORPORATION REPORTS RECORD THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

Company Reports Growth in Sales of 21% and Income(1) of 18%

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Michigan, October 25, 2012 - TriMas Corporation (NASDAQ: TRS) today announced financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. The Company reported record third quarter net sales from continuing operations of $335.9 million, an increase of 21.0% compared to third quarter 2011. Third quarter 2012 diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation was $0.47, as compared to $0.49 during third quarter 2011. Excluding Special Items(1), third quarter 2012 diluted earnings per share from continuing operations would have been $0.51, a 4.1% improvement from third quarter 2011.

TriMas Highlights

- Reported record third quarter net sales of $335.9 million, an increase of 21.0% as compared to third quarter 2011, due to the successful execution of numerous growth initiatives and results from bolt-on acquisitions.
- Improved income from continuing operations(1) by 18.3%, excluding the impact of Special Items, compared to third quarter 2011. Improved diluted earnings per share,(1) while absorbing incremental costs related to several acquisitions and approximately 13% higher weighted average shares outstanding for third quarter 2012, as compared to third quarter 2011.
- Amended credit facilities to reduce borrowing rates, extend maturities and enhance liquidity and capital structure flexibility to best position the Company for future growth with significantly reduced borrowing costs.
- Continued to invest in a flexible manufacturing footprint to optimize manufacturing costs long-term, increase capacity, enhance customer service and drive future growth.
- Expanded geographic reach and related sales in faster growing end markets including China, Thailand, Brazil, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

"Our record third quarter sales demonstrates we are successfully executing on our growth strategies," said David Wathen, TriMas President and Chief Executive Officer. "We achieved sales growth of 21.0% during the third quarter, resulting from our bolt-on acquisitions, product innovation, market share gains and geographic expansion. In the midst of an uncertain global economic environment, we identify the bright spots where we believe we can capture growth for our businesses. We are making careful decisions to accelerate growth programs that are working, as we capitalize on opportunities that will drive long-term stakeholder value, while still mitigating and controlling risks."

"Our ongoing productivity and lean programs continue to generate savings that provide a source of funding for our growth initiatives," Wathen stated. "We are investing for the future as we expand our footprint to not only reduce our costs, but also secure additional business and better serve our global customers. While increasing investments in our businesses and absorbing costs related to several acquisitions, we generated $20.1 million in income from continuing operations(1), a 18.3% improvement from third quarter 2011, and $0.51 in diluted earnings per share(1). We believe that the consistent, positive performance we have achieved is the mark of leading businesses, solid plans and a great team."

Wathen continued, "We also significantly improved our capital structure. Following our May equity offering which enabled us to accelerate the pace of our initiatives, we recently refinanced our debt, significantly lowering our annual cash interest costs, extending our credit facility maturities and enhancing our liquidity and capital structure flexibility. We are committed to continuous improvement in all we do, including continued focus on debt and leverage ratio reductions and strong cash flow generation."

"Looking forward, we continue to expect economic uncertainty and choppy end market demand. Based on our results to date and current expectations, we are increasing our 2012 top-line growth estimate to be between 15% to 17%

compared to 2011. We reaffirm our full-year 2012 diluted earnings per share outlook range of $1.75 to $1.85 per share, excluding Special Items[1], despite the increase in share count and absorption of acquisition-related costs and decisions to accelerate growth initiatives. We are confident in our ability to grow the top-line faster than the economy, create sustainable operating leverage and generate strong cash flow," Wathen concluded.

Third Quarter Financial Results - From Continuing Operations

- TriMas reported record third quarter net sales of $335.9 million, an increase of 21.0% as compared to $277.7 million in third quarter 2011. During third quarter, net sales increased in all six reportable segments, primarily as a result of additional sales from bolt-on acquisitions, market share gains, new product introductions and geographic expansion as compared to third quarter 2011. The net sales increase was partially offset by approximately $2.7 million of unfavorable currency exchange, primarily in our Packaging, Energy and Cequent Asia Pacific segments.

- The Company reported operating profit of $36.6 million in third quarter 2012. Excluding Special Items[1] related to facility consolidation and relocation projects within the Cequent segments, third quarter 2012 operating profit would have been $38.7 million, as compared to $35.8 million during third quarter 2011, primarily as a result of higher sales levels. Third quarter 2012 operating profit margin was impacted by a less favorable product sales mix, costs related to recent acquisitions including purchase accounting related adjustments, and higher costs associated with our global growth initiatives. The Company continued to generate significant savings from capital investments, productivity projects and Lean initiatives, which funded growth initiatives and offset economic cost increases.

- Excluding noncontrolling interests related to Arminak & Associates, third quarter 2012 income from continuing operations was $18.7 million, or $0.47 per diluted share, compared to income from continuing operations of $17.0 million, or $0.49 per diluted share, during third quarter 2011. Excluding Special Items[1], third quarter 2012 income from continuing operations would have been $20.1 million, an improvement of 18.3%, and diluted earnings per share would have been $0.51, a 4.1% improvement from third quarter 2011.

- The Company reported Free Cash Flow (defined as Cash Flow from Operating Activities less Capital Expenditures) of $10.5 million for third quarter 2012, compared to $30.7 million in third quarter 2011. The Company expects to generate between $30 million and $40 million in Free Cash Flow for 2012, while increasing its capital expenditures and working capital investments in acquisitions and future growth and productivity programs.

Financial Position

As of September 30, 2012, TriMas reported total indebtedness of $430.0 million, as compared to $469.9 million as of December 31, 2011. TriMas ended the third quarter with $217.2 million of cash and aggregate availability under its revolving credit and accounts receivable facilities.

On October 11, 2012, the Company announced the closing of its amended and restated credit facilities. The amended and restated credit facilities are comprised of a $250 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit facility, a $200 million Senior Secured Term Loan A facility and a $200 million Senior Secured Term Loan B facility. As a result of the refinance and a reduction in borrowing rates, the Company significantly lowered its future annual cash interest costs, extended credit facility maturities and enhanced liquidity and capital structure flexibility. Proceeds from the borrowings under the amended and restated facilities were used to refinance the Company's existing $125 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility and $225 million Senior Secured Term Loan B and to pay related fees and expenses. In addition, $176.5 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 9.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2017 have been tendered and retired. TriMas intends to redeem all of the remaining outstanding Notes not tendered in the tender offer. As a result, no Notes will remain outstanding following the redemption.

Business Segment Results - From Continuing Operations[2]

Packaging - *(Consists of Rieke Corporation including Arminak & Associates, Innovative Molding and the foreign subsidiaries of Englass, Rieke Germany, Rieke Italia and Rieke China)*

Net sales for third quarter increased 67.6% compared to the year ago period primarily as a result of the acquisitions of Arminak in February 2012 and Innovative Molding in August 2011. Specialty systems product sales unrelated to the acquisitions also increased due to additional demand from North American dispensing customers. In addition, sales of industrial closures, rings and levers increased, as an increase in North American sales more than offset a decline in European sales resulting from weak economic conditions. These increases in sales were partially offset by the impact of unfavorable currency exchange. Operating profit and the related margin percentage for the quarter increased primarily due to higher sales levels as a result of the acquisitions, savings from ongoing productivity initiatives and the recognition of a previously deferred gain relating to the segment's post-retirement benefit plan, partially offset by a less favorable product sales mix and higher selling, general and administrative costs. The Company continues to develop specialty dispensing and closure applications for growing end markets, including personal care, cosmetic, pharmaceutical, nutrition and food/beverage, and expand into complementary products.

Energy - *(Consists of Lamons including South Texas Bolt & Fitting and CIFAL)*

Third quarter net sales increased 6.5% compared to the year ago period due to continued market share gains within the highly-engineered bolt product line, the acquisition of CIFAL in Brazil in July 2012 and additional sales generated by newer branches. Third quarter operating profit and the related margin percentage decreased primarily due to costs related to the acquisition, including purchase accounting adjustments, increased sales at newer branches, which typically have lower margins due to more aggressive market pricing and additional launch costs, and higher selling, general and administrative costs in support of branch expansion. The Company continues to grow its sales and service branch network in support of its global customers.

Aerospace & Defense - *(Consists of Monogram Aerospace Fasteners and NI Industries)*

Net sales for the third quarter increased 2.4% compared to the year ago period primarily due to improved demand for blind bolts and temporary fasteners from aerospace distribution customers resulting from new programs with airplane frame manufacturers, the recent introduction of new products and sales growth in China. This sales increase was partially offset by lower sales in the defense business related to decreased activity associated with managing the relocation to and establishment of the U.S. Army's new defense facility, which is now in the final stages of completion. Third quarter operating profit and the related margin percentage increased primarily due to the fact the aerospace product sales comprised a larger percentage of the total sales for this segment, with aerospace products yielding significantly higher margins than the defense business, as well as lower selling, general and administrative expenses. The Company continues to invest in this segment by developing and marketing highly-engineered products for aerospace applications, as well as bidding on new projects for defense customers.

Engineered Components - *(Consists of Arrow Engine and Norris Cylinder)*

Third quarter net sales increased 12.8% compared to the year ago period primarily due to improved demand for engines, gas compression products and other well site content related to increased levels of oil drilling activity as compared to 2011, and the successful introduction of additional products for the well-site. Sales of industrial cylinders also increased primarily due to continued market share gains. Third quarter operating profit and the related margin percentage decreased compared to the prior year period primarily due to a less favorable product sales mix and lower fixed cost absorption in the engine business. The Company continues to develop new products and expand its international sales efforts.

Cequent Asia Pacific - *(Consists of Cequent operations in Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and South Africa)*

Net sales for third quarter increased 44.0% compared to the year ago period, due to new business awards in Thailand, the July 2012 acquisition of New Zealand-based Trail Com and the fourth quarter 2011 acquisition in South Africa, as well as additional demand aided by improved consumer spending and increased vehicle availability, partially offset by the unfavorable impact of currency exchange. Third quarter operating profit and the related margin percentage decreased primarily as the profit earned on the higher sales levels was offset by acquisition-related costs and purchase accounting adjustments, manufacturing inefficiencies associated with the new facility and wind-down of the two former manufacturing facilities, and a recovery of tooling costs in third quarter 2011 that did not recur in third quarter 2012. The Company continues to reduce fixed costs and leverage Cequent's strong brand positions to capitalize on growth opportunities in new markets.

Cequent Americas - *(Consists of Cequent Performance Products and Cequent Consumer Products)*

The Company renamed the "Cequent North America" segment to "Cequent Americas" effective third quarter 2012 to more appropriately reflect the expanding geography covered by the businesses in this segment.

Net sales for third quarter increased 6.7% compared to the year ago period, resulting primarily from increased sales within the original equipment and retail channels. Sales increases were the result of newer product launches and continued market share gains. Third quarter operating profit increased compared to the prior year period as a result of higher sales levels, excluding the costs incurred related to the relocation of certain production to a lower cost country. Third quarter operating profit margin declined slightly primarily due to an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in support of an acquisition in Brazil and other growth initiatives, and a less favorable product sales mix. The Company continues to reduce fixed costs and leverage Cequent's strong brand positions and new products for increased market share in the United States and faster growing markets.

2012 Outlook

The Company provided updated expectations for full-year 2012 and raised its 2012 sales outlook from an increase of 10% to 14% to a range of 15% to 17% compared to 2011. The Company reaffirmed its 2012 diluted earnings per share (EPS) from continuing operations range to be between $1.75 and $1.85 per share, excluding any events that may be considered Special Items. In addition, the Company expects 2012 Free Cash Flow, defined as Cash Flow from Operating Activities less Capital Expenditures, to be between $30 million and $40 million.

Conference Call Information

TriMas Corporation will host its third quarter 2012 earnings conference call today, Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The call-in number is (888) 430-8705. Participants should request to be connected to the TriMas Corporation third quarter 2012 earnings conference call (Conference ID #4056170). The conference call will also be simultaneously webcast via TriMas' website at www.trimascorp.com, under the "Investors" section, with an accompanying slide presentation. A replay of the conference call will be available on the TriMas website or by dialing (888) 203-1112 (Replay Code #4056170) beginning October 25, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. ET through November 1, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. ET.

Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-looking Statements

Any "forward-looking" statements contained herein, including those relating to market conditions or the Company's financial condition and results, expense reductions, liquidity expectations, business goals and sales growth, involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, risks and uncertainties with respect to general economic and currency conditions, various conditions specific to the Company's business and industry, the Company's substantial leverage, liabilities imposed by the Company's debt instruments, market demand, competitive factors, supply constraints, material and energy costs, technology factors, litigation, government and regulatory actions, the Company's accounting policies, future trends, and other risks which are detailed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, and in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. These risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements made herein are based on information currently available, and the Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

In this release, certain non-GAAP financial measures are used. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure may be found at the end of this this release. Additional information is available at www.trimascorp.com under the “Investors” section.

About TriMas

Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, TriMas Corporation (NASDAQ: TRS) provides engineered and applied products for growing markets worldwide**.** TriMas is organized into six reportable segments: Packaging, Energy, Aerospace & Defense, Engineered Components, Cequent Asia Pacific and Cequent Americas. TriMas has approximately 4,500 employees at more than 60 different facilities in 17 countries. For more information, visit *www.trimascorp.com*.

(1) Appendix I provides income and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation. The Company presents income from continuing operations and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation and operating profit excluding certain costs, expenses and other charges, collectively described as “Special Items,” that are included in the most directly comparable measures under GAAP, but that management considers important in evaluating the Company's or a segment's operating performance, as applicable, including the quality of operating results. Management also believes the exclusion of these Special Items facilitates the comparison of the Company's core business operations. A reconciliation of these non-GAAP numbers can be found elsewhere in this release, including in Appendix I.

(2) Business Segment Results include Operating Profit that excludes the impact of Special Items. For a complete schedule of Special Items by segment, see Appendix “Company and Business Segment Financial Information - Continuing Operations.”

TriMas Corporation
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 26,090	$ 88,920
Receivables, net	185,040	135,610
Inventories	220,450	178,030
Deferred income taxes	18,510	18,510
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,150	10,620
Total current assets	460,240	431,690
Property and equipment, net	180,100	159,210
Goodwill	269,260	215,360
Other intangibles, net	208,910	155,670
Other assets	26,780	24,610
Total assets	$ 1,145,290	$ 986,540
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities, long-term debt	$ 17,950	$ 7,290
Accounts payable	148,890	146,930
Accrued liabilities	79,480	70,140
Total current liabilities	246,320	224,360
Long-term debt	412,040	462,610
Deferred income taxes	66,340	64,780
Other long-term liabilities	78,780	61,000
Total liabilities	803,480	812,750
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	26,370	—
Total shareholders' equity	315,440	173,790
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$ 1,145,290	$ 986,540

TriMas Corporation
Consolidated Statement of Operations
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended September 30, 2012	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Net sales	$ 335,870	$ 277,660	$ 971,870	$ 824,310
Cost of sales	(245,730)	(195,720)	(706,930)	(582,260)
Gross profit	90,140	81,940	264,940	242,050
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(53,550)	(46,170)	(156,730)	(137,180)
Net gain on dispositions of property and equipment	10	20	330	50
Operating profit	36,600	35,790	108,540	104,920
Other expense, net:				
Interest expense	(9,450)	(10,730)	(30,420)	(34,370)
Debt extinguishment costs	—	—	(6,560)	(3,970)
Other income (expense), net	140	540	(2,410)	(1,170)
Other expense, net	(9,310)	(10,190)	(39,390)	(39,510)
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense	27,290	25,600	69,150	65,410
Income tax expense	(7,330)	(8,620)	(19,770)	(21,730)
Income from continuing operations	19,960	16,980	49,380	43,680
Income from discontinued operations, net of income tax expense	—	1,290	—	3,430
Net income	19,960	18,270	49,380	47,110
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,290	—	1,560	—
Net income attributable to TriMas Corporation	$ 18,670	$ 18,270	$ 47,820	$ 47,110
Basic earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.48	$ 0.49	$ 1.29	$ 1.28
Discontinued operations	—	0.04	—	0.10
Net income per share	$ 0.48	$ 0.53	$ 1.29	$ 1.38
Weighted average common shares—basic	39,045,282	34,417,879	36,994,192	34,182,592
Diluted earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.47	$ 0.49	$ 1.28	$ 1.26
Discontinued operations	—	0.03	—	0.10
Net income per share	$ 0.47	$ 0.52	$ 1.28	$ 1.36
Weighted average common shares—diluted	39,508,503	34,901,277	37,379,292	34,736,307

TriMas Corporation
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income	$ 49,380	$ 47,110
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisition impact:		
Gain on dispositions of property and equipment	(330)	(30)
Depreciation	18,990	19,160
Amortization of intangible assets	14,460	10,780
Amortization of debt issue costs	2,240	2,230
Deferred income taxes	(3,480)	14,420
Debt extinguishment costs	6,560	3,970
Non-cash compensation expense	6,640	2,580
Excess tax benefits from stock based compensation	(2,310)	(3,840)
Increase in receivables	(38,750)	(39,080)
Increase in inventories	(31,440)	(13,500)
Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets	(600)	(2,320)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(6,130)	(4,750)
Other, net	170	(1,180)
Net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisition impact	15,400	35,550
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(36,440)	(23,520)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(84,600)	(28,620)
Net proceeds from disposition of assets	2,950	2,240
Net cash used for investing activities	(118,090)	(49,900)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from sale of common stock in connection with the Company's equity offering, net of issuance costs	79,040	—
Proceeds from borrowings on term loan facilities	140,370	226,520
Repayments of borrowings on term loan facilities	(130,850)	(250,170)
Proceeds from borrowings on revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable facility	555,300	551,900
Repayments of borrowings on revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable facility	(555,300)	(547,020)
Repurchase of 9¾% senior secured notes	(50,000)	—
Senior secured notes redemption premium and debt financing fees	(4,880)	(6,680)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(820)	—
Shares surrendered upon vesting of options and restricted stock awards to cover tax obligations	(990)	(830)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	5,680	960
Excess tax benefits from stock based compensation	2,310	3,840
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	39,860	(21,480)
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Decrease for the period	(62,830)	(35,830)
At beginning of period	88,920	46,370
At end of period	$ 26,090	$ 10,540
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	$ 20,990	$ 25,350
Cash paid for taxes	$ 23,000	$ 12,140

TriMas Corporation
Company and Business Segment Financial Information
Continuing Operations
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Packaging				
Net sales	$ 77,240	$ 46,090	$ 202,250	$ 137,890
Operating profit	$ 18,240	$ 10,240	$ 44,700	$ 37,140
Energy				
Net sales	$ 45,460	$ 42,690	$ 143,220	$ 125,810
Operating profit	$ 3,780	$ 4,560	$ 14,520	$ 14,920
Aerospace & Defense				
Net sales	$ 20,810	$ 20,330	$ 58,000	$ 60,160
Operating profit	$ 6,030	$ 5,420	$ 15,710	$ 14,000
Engineered Components				
Net sales	$ 51,880	$ 46,010	$ 154,180	$ 126,870
Operating profit	$ 6,310	$ 7,730	$ 22,620	$ 19,010
Cequent Asia Pacific				
Net sales	$ 37,480	$ 26,020	$ 94,230	$ 67,390
Operating profit	$ 3,950	$ 5,250	$ 9,000	$ 9,720
Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit:				
Severance and business restructuring costs	$ 600	$ —	$ 2,880	$ —
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	$ 4,550	$ 5,250	$ 11,880	$ 9,720
Cequent Americas				
Net sales	$ 103,000	$ 96,520	$ 319,990	$ 306,190
Operating profit	$ 8,430	$ 9,580	$ 28,090	$ 30,630
Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit:				
Severance and business restructuring costs	$ 1,500	$ —	$ 3,840	$ —
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	$ 9,930	$ 9,580	$ 31,930	$ 30,630
Corporate Expenses				
Operating loss	$ (10,140)	$ (6,990)	$ (26,100)	$ (20,500)
Total Company				
Net sales	$ 335,870	$ 277,660	$ 971,870	$ 824,310
Operating profit	$ 36,600	$ 35,790	$ 108,540	$ 104,920
Total Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit:	$ 2,100	$ —	$ 6,720	$ —
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	$ 38,700	$ 35,790	$ 115,260	$ 104,920

Appendix I

TriMas Corporation
Additional Information Regarding Special Items Impacting
Reported GAAP Financial Measures
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Income from continuing operations, as reported	$ 19,960	$ 16,980	$ 49,380	$ 43,680
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,290	—	1,560	—
Income from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation	18,670	16,980	47,820	43,680
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of income from continuing operations:				
Severance and business restructuring costs	1,420	—	4,520	—
Debt extinguishment costs	—	—	4,400	2,460
Excluding Special Items, income from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been	$ 20,090	$ 16,980	$ 56,740	$ 46,140

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation, as reported	$ 0.47	$ 0.49	$ 1.28	$ 1.26
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of EPS from continuing operations:				
Severance and business restructuring costs	0.04	—	0.12	—
Debt extinguishment costs	—	—	0.12	0.07
Excluding Special Items, EPS from continuing operations would have been	$ 0.51	$ 0.49	$ 1.52	$ 1.33
Weighted-average shares outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011	39,508,503	34,901,277	37,379,292	34,736,307

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Operating profit from continuing operations, as reported	$ 36,600	$ 35,790	$ 108,540	$ 104,920
Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of earnings:				
Severance and business restructuring costs	2,100	—	6,720	—
Excluding Special Items, operating profit from continuing operations would have been	$ 38,700	$ 35,790	$ 115,260	$ 104,920

TRIMAS CORPORATION

Third Quarter 2012 Earnings Presentation

October 25, 2012

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Forward Looking Statements

Any “forward-looking” statements contained herein, including those relating to market conditions or the Company’s financial condition and results, expense reductions, liquidity expectations, business goals and sales growth, involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, risks and uncertainties with respect to general economic and currency conditions, various conditions specific to the Company’s business and industry, the Company’s substantial leverage, liabilities imposed by the Company’s debt instruments, market demand, competitive factors, supply constraints, material and energy costs, technology factors, litigation, government and regulatory actions, the Company’s accounting policies, future trends, and other risks which are detailed in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, and in the Company’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. These risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements made herein are based on information currently available, and the Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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Agenda

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Opening Remarks – Third Quarter Results

- Record quarterly sales of $336 million – up 21% compared to Q3 2011
  - Continued to gain market share in multiple businesses via rapid responses to short term customer needs
  - Investments in new products and higher growth markets showing results
  - Bolt-on acquisitions performed well – achieving revenue and cost synergies
- Q3 income(1) increased 18% and Q3 EPS(1) increased 4% on 13% higher shares, compared to Q3 2011
- Accelerating growth programs and investments today to capitalize on opportunities
- Achieving 3% total cost productivity; Lean initiatives gaining traction
- Additional investments in flexible and productive manufacturing footprint closer to our customers

We are making decisions to capture growth and invest for the future.

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Current Environment

Positives

- New product sales in majority of businesses
- Aircraft build rates driving record production and backlogs at Monogram
- Additional sales in Asia in multiple businesses
- Oil drilling up ~7%
- Customers require speed – opportunities to increase market share
- Global customers want global suppliers with local plants
- Solid pipeline of bolt-on acquisitions
- Emerging markets still attractive

Headwinds

- European downturn continues
- New geographies take time to penetrate (eg. Brazil)
- Overall industrial production – "holding pattern until election"
- Currency translation
- Costs related to capacity adds at Monogram and Rieke
- Customers and growth strategy create upward pressure on capex and working capital

Uncertain economy and some tough markets – increased focus on "bright spots."

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Financial Highlights

Third Quarter Summary

(unaudited, $ in millions, except per share amounts)

(from continuing operations)	Q3 2012		Q3 2011		% Chg
Revenue	$	335.9	$	277.7	21.0%
Operating Profit	$	36.6	$	35.8	2.3%
Excl. Special Items [(1)], Operating Profit would have been:	*$*	*38.7*	*$*	*35.8*	*8.1%*
Excl. Special Items [(1)], Operating Profit margin would have been:		*11.5%*		*12.9%*	*-140 bps*
Income	$	20.0	$	17.0	17.6%
Income attributable to TriMas Corporation [(1)]	*$*	*18.7*	*$*	*17.0*	*10.0%*
Excl. Special Items [(1)], Income attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been:	*$*	*20.1*	*$*	*17.0*	*18.3%*
Diluted earnings per share, attributable to TriMas Corporation	$	0.47	$	0.49	-4.1%
Excl. Special Items [(1)], diluted earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been:	*$*	*0.51*	*$*	*0.49*	*4.1%*
Free Cash Flow [(2)]	$	10.5	$	30.7	-65.9%
Total Debt	$	430.0	$	476.0	-9.7%

- Sales increased 21.0% compared to Q3 2011 – sales increased in all six segments
  - Investments in bolt-on acquisitions, new products and geographic expansion driving positive results
- Productivity efforts continued to fund growth initiatives – productivity savings in line with target of 3%
- Operating profit margin negatively impacted by acquisition-related costs and less favorable product sales mix
- Q3 income[(1)] and EPS[(1)] increased 18% and 4%, respectively, while absorbing costs related to acquisitions and taking into account incremental shares compared to Q3 2011
- Continued focus on cash flow and working capital management

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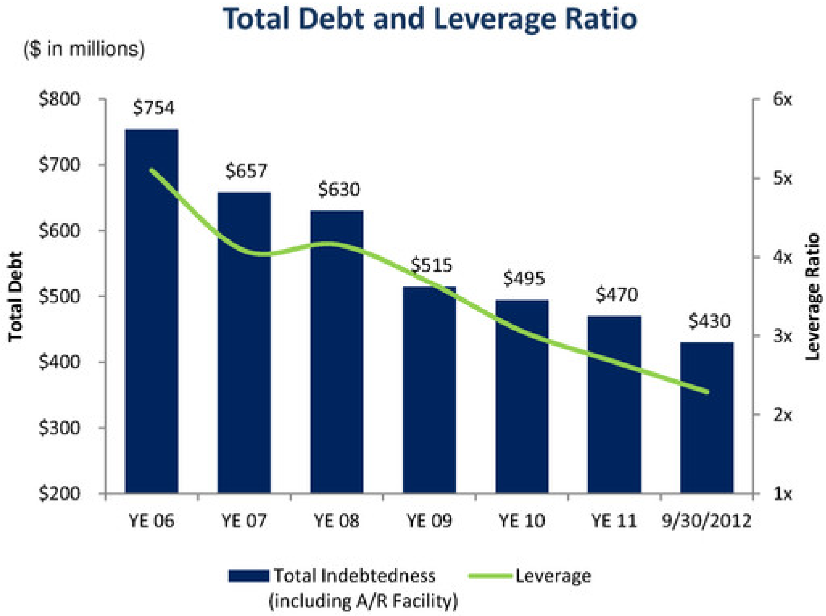
Capitalization



Comments:

- Reduced interest expense by $1.3M in Q3 2012 as compared to Q3 2011
- Q3 2012 leverage ratio of 2.29x
- Continued focus on deleveraging
- Refinance largely complete

As of September 30, 2012, TriMas had $217.2 million of cash and available liquidity under its revolving credit and accounts receivable facilities.

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Refinance Summary

As of 9/30/2012[1]	Amount	Rate	Maturity
Revolving Credit Facility	$125M[2]	LIBOR plus 3.25%	June 2016
Term Loan B	$217M	LIBOR plus 3.00% *(LIBOR floor of 1.25%)*	June 2017
Senior Secured Notes	$197M	9.75%	December 2017

Post Refinance[1]	Amount	Rate	Maturity
Revolving Credit Facility	$250M	LIBOR plus 2.00% [3]	October 2017
Term Loan A	$200M	LIBOR plus 2.00% [3]	October 2017
Term Loan B	$200M	LIBOR plus 2.75% *(LIBOR floor of 1.00%)*	October 2019

(1) The Company did not refinance Non-U.S. Bank Debt or the A/R Facility during the recent transaction.
(2) No amount outstanding as of 9/30/12.
(3) Subject to a step-up to LIBOR plus 2.5% or step-down to LIBOR plus 1.5% based on leverage ratio.

- Substantial support from both existing and new lenders
- Reduced rates, extended maturities and increased financial flexibility
- Moody's upgraded TriMas with a positive outlook
- Possible efforts to fix variable interest rates

On a pro forma basis, we estimate annual cash interest savings of $14 million.

Segment Highlights

Packaging

($ in millions)

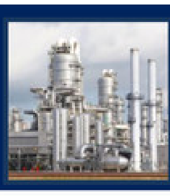
<u>Q3 2012 Results</u>:

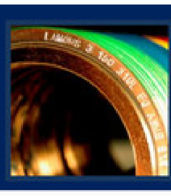
- Sales increased primarily as a result of acquisitions and specialty systems product sales gains
  - Increase in North America industrial product sales offset declines in Europe
  - Impact of unfavorable currency exchange
- Operating profit and margin increased primarily due to higher sales, the recognition of a benefit plan deferred gain and ongoing productivity initiatives
- Margins impacted by less favorable product sales mix
  - Innovative Molding and Arminak businesses have lower margins than the rest of business – margins improving
  - Decrease in European industrial closure sales

<u>Key Initiatives</u>:

- Target specialty dispensing and closure products in higher growth end markets
  - Food, beverage, nutrition, cosmetic, personal care and pharmaceutical
- Increase focus on Asian market and cultivate other geographic opportunities
- Integrate bolt-on acquisitions into global sales network, while growing margins
- Provide customized solutions focused on customer needs, differentiation and delivery speed
- Increase low-cost country sourcing and expand flexible manufacturing footprint
- Ensure new products continue to have barriers to entry

Energy





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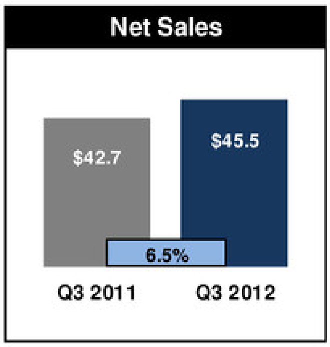


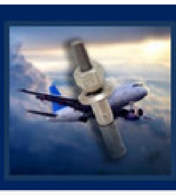
Q3 2012 Results:

- Sales increased as a result of continued market share gains of highly-engineered bolts, the July acquisition in Brazil and additional sales generated by newer branches
- Operating profit decreased due to costs related to the acquisition, increased sales at new branches which typically have lower margins and higher SG&A in support of branch expansion

Key Initiatives:

- Replicate U.S. branch strategy – expand business capabilities with major customers globally
- Execute on growth initiatives in Brazil
- Increase sales of specialty products
- Maximize supply chain for cost and delivery
- Improve margins through successful ramp-up of new branches

Aerospace & Defense



($ in millions)

Q3 2012 Results:

- Double-digit sales increase in the aerospace business more than offset lower sales in the defense business
- Increased order activity and backlogs as airplane frame manufacturers ramp-up build rates
- Operating profit and margin increased compared to Q3 2011 as aerospace product sales comprised a larger percentage of total sales and have significantly higher margins
- Margins also benefited from productivity gains, as well as lower SG&A expenses

Key Initiatives:

- Expand aerospace fastener product lines to increase content and applications per aircraft
- Leverage positive end market trends including composite aircraft and robotic assembly
- Capture incremental opportunities in emerging markets
- Drive ongoing Lean initiatives to lower working capital and reduce costs
- Consider complementary bolt-on acquisitions
- Transition defense business from base relocation management to bidding on new projects

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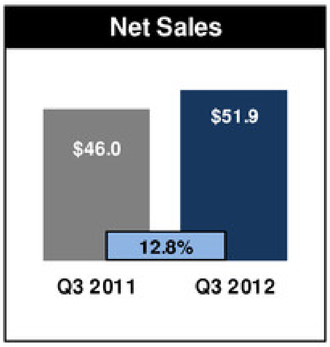
MONOGRAM AEROSPACE FASTENERS

Engineered Components

($ in millions)



Q3 2012 Results:

- Engines, compressors and other well site content sales increased due to increased levels of oil drilling and new products
- Industrial cylinder sales increased primarily due to market share gains
- Operating profit and related margin decreased due to a less favorable product sales mix in the engine business

Key Initiatives:

- Expand complementary product lines at well site and grow compression products – product diversification decreases cyclicality
- Grow products to support the shift toward increased use of natural gas and production in shale formations
- Expand into new markets for cylinder business
- Continue to expand product offering and geographies
- Continue to reduce costs and improve working capital turnover

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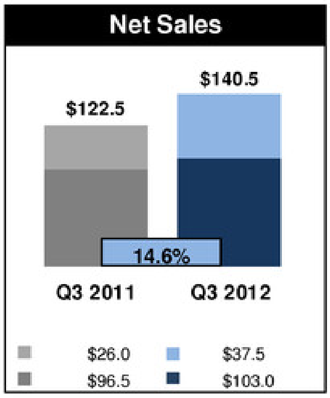
Arrow Engineered Products

Norris Cylinder

Cequent (Americas & Asia Pacific)

($ in millions)



Q3 2012 Results:

- Sales in Americas increased in the original equipment and retail channels as a result of new products and increased market share
- Americas operating profit[1] increased due to higher sales levels, while operating profit margin[1] declined slightly due to higher SG&A in support of the acquisition in Brazil and other growth initiatives
- Asia Pacific sales increased due to new business awards in Thailand, the acquisitions in New Zealand and South Africa, and an improved economy
- Asia Pacific operating profit[1] decreased as a result of acquisition costs and additional costs related to the manufacturing plant consolidation
- Productivity projects continued in Q3 to improve the manufacturing footprint in Americas and Asia Pacific

Key Initiatives:

- Leverage full product line and strong brands for additional market share and cross-selling
- Expand sales in new growing geographies
- Continue to improve utilization of low cost country manufacturing footprint in Thailand and Mexico
- Integrate opportunistic, bolt-on acquisition to capture synergies
- Continue to reduce fixed costs and simplify the businesses
- Improve processes for better customer service and support
- Continue to reduce working capital requirements

(1) Excluding "Special Items" for each period which are provided in the Appendix.

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Outlook and Summary

YTD 2012 Summary

- Tenth consecutive quarter over quarter of double-digit sales and income growth(1)
- Strong organic growth through product innovation, geographic expansion, market share gains and increased end market demand
- Acquisitions on schedule with revenue and cost synergies
- Follow our customers in growing, global markets; Brazil, China, Mexico, South Africa and Thailand are priorities
- New plants and expansions in Australia, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico and U.S.
- Underlying margins solid – acquisitions and new programs have margin ramp-up plans
- Continuous productivity initiatives fund investments for long-term growth
- Improved capital structure with continued focus on cash flow, working capital and leverage

More and faster!

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2012 Outlook

	Outlook as of 2/27/12 and 4/26/12	Outlook as of 7/30/12	Outlook as of 10/25/12
Sales Growth	7% to 10%	10% to 14%	15% to 17%
Earnings Per Share, diluted(1)	\$1.75 to \$1.85	\$1.75 to \$1.85 *(Post May equity offering and 4 million incremental shares)*	\$1.75 to \$1.85
Free Cash Flow(2)	\$40 to \$50 million	\$40 to \$50 million	\$30 to \$40 million
Capital Expenditures	3% - 4% of sales	3.5% - 4% of sales	~ 4% of sales

Increasing our investments (bolt-ons, capex and people) for future growth and productivity.

(1) Excluding Special Items

(2) 2012 Free Cash Flow is defined as Cash Flow from Operating Activities less Capital Expenditures.

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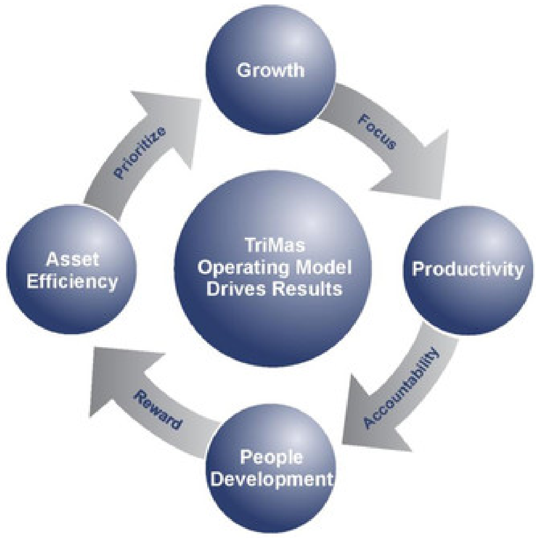
Strategic Aspirations

- Generate high single-digit top-line growth
- Invest in growing end markets through new products, global expansion and acquisitions
- Drive 3% to 5% total gross cost productivity gains annually – utilize savings to fund growth
- Grow earnings faster than revenue growth
- Continue to decrease leverage ratio
- Strive to be a great place to work



Strategic aspirations are the foundation for 2013.

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Questions & Answers

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YTD Summary

(unaudited, $ in millions, except per share amounts)

(from continuing operations)	Q3 YTD 2012	Q3 YTD 2011	% Chg
Revenue	$ 971.9	$ 824.3	17.9%
Operating Profit	$ 108.5	$ 104.9	3.5%
Excl. Special Items (1), Operating Profit would have been:	*$ 115.3*	*$ 104.9*	*9.9%*
Excl. Special Items (1), Operating Profit margin would have been:	*11.9%*	*12.7%*	*-80 bps*
Income	$ 49.4	$ 43.7	13.0%
Income attributable to TriMas Corporation (1)	*$ 47.8*	*$ 43.7*	*9.5%*
Excl. Special Items (1), Income attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been:	*$ 56.7*	*$ 46.1*	*23.0%*
Diluted earnings per share, attributable to TriMas Corporation	$ 1.28	$ 1.26	1.6%
Excl. Special Items (1), diluted earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been:	*$ 1.52*	*$ 1.33*	*14.3%*
Free Cash Flow (2)	$ (21.0)	$ 12.0	*unfav*
Total Debt	$ 430.0	$ 476.0	-9.7%

- Sales increased 18% as compared to YTD Q3 2011 as a result of the successful execution of the Company's growth initiatives
- Productivity efforts continue to fund growth and offset commodity inflation
- Income[1] and EPS[1] increased 23% and 14% compared to YTD Q3 2011 due to increased sales levels and improved debt structure – Record YTD earnings
- Continued focus on cash flow and debt reduction

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(2) Free Cash Flow is defined as Cash Flows from Operating Activities Less Capital Expenditures.

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 26,090	$ 88,920
Receivables, net of reserves	185,040	135,610
Inventories	220,450	178,030
Deferred income taxes	18,510	18,510
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,150	10,620
Total current assets	460,240	431,690
Property and equipment, net	180,100	159,210
Goodwill	269,260	215,360
Other intangibles, net	208,910	155,670
Other assets	26,780	24,610
Total assets	$ 1,145,290	$ 986,540
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities, long-term debt	$ 17,950	$ 7,290
Accounts payable	148,890	146,930
Accrued liabilities	79,480	70,140
Total current liabilities	246,320	224,360
Long-term debt	412,040	462,610
Deferred income taxes	66,340	64,780
Other long-term liabilities	78,780	61,000
Total liabilities	803,480	812,750
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	26,370	-
Total shareholders' equity	315,440	173,790
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$ 1,145,290	$ 986,540

Capitalization

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 26,090	$ 88,920
Term loan	217,190	223,870
Receivables securitization facility	-	-
Revolving credit facilities	-	-
Non-U.S. bank debt and other	15,780	140
	232,970	224,010
9 $^{3}/_{4}$% senior secured notes, due December 2017	197,020	245,890
Total Debt	$ 429,990	$ 469,900
Key Ratios:		
Bank LTM EBITDA	$ 195,560	$ 176,380
Interest Coverage Ratio	5.08 x	4.37 x
Leverage Ratio	2.29 x	2.67 x
Bank Covenants:		
Minimum Interest Coverage Ratio	*2.75 x*	*2.50 x*
Maximum Leverage Ratio	*3.75 x*	*4.00 x*

As of September 30, 2012, TriMas had $217.2 million of cash and available liquidity under its revolving credit and accounts receivable facilities.

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Consolidated Statement of Operations

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands, except for per share amounts)

	Three months ended September 30, 2012	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Net sales	$ 335,870	$ 277,660	$ 971,870	$ 824,310
Cost of sales	(245,730)	(195,720)	(706,930)	(582,260)
Gross profit	90,140	81,940	264,940	242,050
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(53,550)	(46,170)	(156,730)	(137,180)
Net gain on dispositions of property and equipment	10	20	330	50
Operating profit	36,600	35,790	108,540	104,920
Other expense, net:				
Interest expense	(9,450)	(10,730)	(30,420)	(34,370)
Debt extinguishment costs	-	-	(6,560)	(3,970)
Other income (expense), net	140	540	(2,410)	(1,170)
Other expense, net	(9,310)	(10,190)	(39,390)	(39,510)
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense	27,290	25,600	69,150	65,410
Income tax expense	(7,330)	(8,620)	(19,770)	(21,730)
Income from continuing operations	19,960	16,980	49,380	43,680
Income from discontinued operations, net of income tax expense	-	1,290	-	3,430
Net income	19,960	18,270	49,380	47,110
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,290	-	1,560	-
Net income attributable to TriMas Corporation	$ 18,670	$ 18,270	$ 47,820	$ 47,110
Earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation - basic:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.48	$ 0.49	$ 1.29	$ 1.28
Discontinued operations	-	0.04	-	0.10
Net income per share	$ 0.48	$ 0.53	$ 1.29	$ 1.38
Weighted average common shares - basic	39,045,282	34,417,879	36,994,192	34,182,592
Earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation - diluted:				
Continuing operations	$ 0.47	$ 0.49	$ 1.28	$ 1.26
Discontinued operations	-	0.03	-	0.10
Net income per share	$ 0.47	$ 0.52	$ 1.28	$ 1.36
Weighted average common shares - diluted	39,508,503	34,901,277	37,379,292	34,736,307

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income	$ 49,380	$ 47,110
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisition impact:		
Gain on dispositions of property and equipment	(330)	(30)
Depreciation	18,990	19,160
Amortization of intangible assets	14,460	10,780
Amortization of debt issue costs	2,240	2,230
Deferred income taxes	(3,480)	14,420
Debt extinguishment costs	6,560	3,970
Non-cash compensation expense	6,640	2,580
Excess tax benefits from stock based compensation	(2,310)	(3,840)
Increase in receivables	(38,750)	(39,080)
Increase in inventories	(31,440)	(13,500)
Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets	(600)	(2,320)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(6,130)	(4,750)
Other, net	170	(1,180)
Net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisition impact	15,400	35,550
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(36,440)	(23,520)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(84,600)	(28,620)
Net proceeds from disposition of assets	2,950	2,240
Net cash used for investing activities	(118,090)	(49,900)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from sale of common stock in connection with the Company's equity offering, net of issuance	79,040	-
Proceeds from borrowings on term loan facilities	140,370	226,520
Repayments of borrowings on term loan facilities	(130,850)	(250,170)
Proceeds from borrowings on revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable facility	555,300	551,900
Repayments of borrowings on revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable facility	(555,300)	(547,020)
Retirement of 9¾% senior secured notes	(50,000)	-
Senior secured notes redemption premium and debt financing fees	(4,880)	(6,680)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(820)	-
Shares surrendered upon vesting of options and restricted stock awards to cover tax obligations	(990)	(830)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	5,680	960
Excess tax benefits from stock based compensation	2,310	3,840
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	39,860	(21,480)
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Decrease for the period	(62,830)	(35,830)
At beginning of period	88,920	46,370
At end of period	$ 26,090	$ 10,540
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	$ 20,990	$ 25,350
Cash paid for taxes	$ 23,000	$ 12,140

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Additional Information Regarding Special Items Impacting Reported GAAP Financial Measures

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

	Three months ended September 30, 2012	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Income from continuing operations, as reported	$ 19,960	$ 16,980	$ 49,380	$ 43,680
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,290	-	1,560	-
Income from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation	18,670	16,980	47,820	43,680
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of income from continuing operations:				
Severance and business restructuring costs	1,420	-	4,520	-
Debt extinguishment costs	-	-	4,400	2,460
Excluding Special Items, income from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been	$ 20,090	$ 16,980	$ 56,740	$ 46,140

	Three months ended September 30, 2012	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation, as reported	$0.47	$0.49	$1.28	$1.26
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of EPS from continuing operations:				
Severance and business restructuring costs	0.04	-	0.12	-
Debt extinguishment costs	-	-	0.12	0.07
Excluding Special Items, EPS from continuing operations would have been	$0.51	$0.49	$1.52	$1.33
Weighted-average shares outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011	39,508,503	34,901,277	37,379,292	34,736,307

	Three months ended September 30, 2012	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Operating profit from continuing operations, as reported	$ 36,600	$ 35,790	$ 108,540	$ 104,920
Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of earnings:				
Severance and business restructuring costs	2,100	-	6,720	-
Excluding Special Items, operating profit from continuing operations would have been	$ 38,700	$ 35,790	$ 115,260	$ 104,920

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Company and Business Segment Financial Information – Cont. Ops

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended September 30, 2012	Three months ended September 30, 2011	Nine months ended September 30, 2012	Nine months ended September 30, 2011
Packaging				
Net sales	$ 77,240	$ 46,090	$ 202,250	$ 137,890
Operating profit	$ 18,240	$ 10,240	$ 44,700	$ 37,140
Energy				
Net sales	$ 45,460	$ 42,690	$ 143,220	$ 125,810
Operating profit	$ 3,780	$ 4,560	$ 14,520	$ 14,920
Aerospace & Defense				
Net sales	$ 20,810	$ 20,330	$ 58,000	$ 60,160
Operating profit	$ 6,030	$ 5,420	$ 15,710	$ 14,000
Engineered Components				
Net sales	$ 51,880	$ 46,010	$ 154,180	$ 126,870
Operating profit	$ 6,310	$ 7,730	$ 22,620	$ 19,010
Cequent Asia Pacific				
Net sales	$ 37,480	$ 26,020	$ 94,230	$ 67,390
Operating profit	$ 3,950	$ 5,250	$ 9,000	$ 9,720
Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit:				
- Severance and business restructuring costs	$ 600	$ -	$ 2,880	$ -
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	$ 4,550	$ 5,250	$ 11,880	$ 9,720
Cequent Americas				
Net sales	$ 103,000	$ 96,520	$ 319,990	$ 306,190
Operating profit	$ 8,430	$ 9,580	$ 28,090	$ 30,630
Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit:				
- Severance and business restructuring costs	$ 1,500	$ -	$ 3,840	$ -
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	$ 9,930	$ 9,580	$ 31,930	$ 30,630
Corporate Expenses				
Operating loss	$ (10,140)	$ (6,990)	$ (26,100)	$ (20,500)
Total Company				
Net sales	$ 335,870	$ 277,660	$ 971,870	$ 824,310
Operating profit	$ 36,600	$ 35,790	$ 108,540	$ 104,920
Total Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit	$ 2,100	$ -	$ 6,720	$ -
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	$ 38,700	$ 35,790	$ 115,260	$ 104,920

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LTM Bank EBITDA as Defined in Credit Agreement

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

Net income attributable to TriMas Corporation for the twelve months ended September 30, 2012	$	61,070
Net income attributable to partially-owned subsidiaries		(3,650)
Interest expense, net (as defined)		40,530
Income tax expense		30,000
Depreciation and amortization		41,240
Non-cash compensation expense		7,570
Other non-cash expenses or losses		4,650
Non-recurring expenses or costs in connection with acquisition integration		300
Debt extinguishment costs		6,560
Non-recurring expenses or costs for cost saving projects		5,730
Negative EBITDA from discontinued operations		1,840
Permitted dispositions		(1,250)
Permitted acquisitions		970
Bank EBITDA - LTM Ended September 30, 2012 (1)	$	195,560

(1) As defined in the Credit Agreement dated June 21, 2011.