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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

x **Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
For Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2012

or,

¨ **Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 1-5415

A. M. Castle & Co.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	**36-0879160**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of incorporation of organization)	**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**
1420 Kensington Road, Suite 220, Oak Brook, Illinois	**60523**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	**(Zip Code)**

Registrant s telephone, including area code 847/455-7111

None

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

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

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No ¨

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

Large accelerated filer	¨	Accelerated filer	x
Non-accelerated filer	¨ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	¨

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

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

Class	**Outstanding at July 30, 2012**
Common Stock, $0.01 Par Value	23,092,184 shares

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Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)

Amounts in thousands, except par value and per share data

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of	
	June 30, 2012	**December 31, 2011**
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 20,449	$ 30,524
Accounts receivable, less allowances of $4,219 and $3,584	178,075	181,036
Inventories, principally on last-in, first-out basis (replacement cost higher by $144,979 and $138,882)	364,391	272,039
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	20,980	10,382
Income tax receivable	3,781	8,287
Total current assets	587,676	502,268
Investment in joint venture	39,736	36,460
Goodwill	69,851	69,901
Intangible assets	87,833	93,813
Prepaid pension cost	16,501	15,956
Other assets	22,323	21,784
Property, plant and equipment		
Land	5,194	5,194
Building	52,398	52,434
Machinery and equipment	174,485	172,833
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	232,077	230,461
Less - accumulated depreciation	(153,022)	(148,320)
Property, plant and equipment, net	79,055	82,141
Total assets	$ 902,975	$ 822,323
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 179,661	$ 116,874
Accrued liabilities	39,781	33,828
Income taxes payable	1,526	1,884
Current portion of long-term debt	212	192
Short-term debt	1,000	500
Total current liabilities	222,180	153,278
Long-term debt, less current portion	290,570	314,240
Deferred income taxes	32,635	25,650
Other non-current liabilities	7,156	7,252
Pension and post retirement benefit obligations	9,821	9,624
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders equity		

Preferred stock, $0.01 par value - 9,988 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011		
Common stock, $0.01 par value - 60,000 shares authorized; 23,211 shares issued and 23,092 outstanding at June 30, 2012 and 23,159 shares issued and 23,010 outstanding at December 31, 2011	232	232
Additional paid-in capital	220,181	184,596
Retained earnings	141,709	148,987
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(20,084)	(19,824)
Treasury stock, at cost - 119 shares at June 30, 2012 and 149 shares at December 31, 2011	(1,425)	(1,712)
Total stockholders equity	340,613	312,279
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	$ 902,975	$ 822,323

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND

COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net sales	$ 329,392	$ 282,568	$ 692,308	$ 555,356
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of materials (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	240,681	208,470	504,648	409,898
Warehouse, processing and delivery expense	38,474	33,874	77,000	67,016
Sales, general, and administrative expense	34,894	30,864	70,106	61,985
Depreciation and amortization expense	6,474	5,059	13,087	10,058
Operating income	8,869	4,301	27,467	6,399
Interest expense, net	(9,964)	(1,120)	(20,157)	(2,106)
Interest expense - unrealized loss on debt conversion option	(4,257)		(15,597)	
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint venture	(5,352)	3,181	(8,287)	4,293
Income taxes	641	(2,466)	(3,732)	(3,734)
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of joint venture	(4,711)	715	(12,019)	559
Equity in earnings of joint venture	1,733	2,982	4,741	5,841
Net (loss) income	(2,978)	3,697	(7,278)	6,400
Basic (loss) income per share	$ (0.13)	$ 0.16	$ (0.32)	$ 0.28
Diluted (loss) income per share	$ (0.13)	$ 0.16	$ (0.32)	$ 0.28
Dividends per common share	$	$	$	$
Comprehensive (loss) income	$ (6,462)	$ 4,565	$ (7,538)	$ 8,597

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Operating activities:		
Net (loss) income	$ (7,278)	$ 6,400
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	13,087	10,058
Amortization of deferred gain	15	(213)
Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt discount	3,028	342
Loss on sale of fixed assets	26	177
Unrealized loss on debt conversion option	15,597	
Unrealized losses on commodity hedges	876	
Equity in earnings of joint venture	(4,741)	(5,841)
Dividends from joint venture	1,465	1,336
Deferred tax benefit	(903)	(1,501)
Share-based compensation expense	1,943	1,906
Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	(63)	(145)
Increase (decrease) from changes in, net of acquisition:		
Accounts receivable	3,170	(33,420)
Inventories	(92,270)	(41,920)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(10,751)	(593)
Other assets	757	(327)
Prepaid pension costs	(905)	(920)
Accounts payable	61,735	47,768
Income taxes payable and receivable	4,174	6,194
Accrued liabilities	8,490	(6,004)
Postretirement benefit obligations and other liabilities	(3,081)	165
Net cash used in operating activities	(5,629)	(16,538)
Investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(4,689)	(4,819)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	6	64
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,683)	(4,755)
Financing activities:		
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	500	15,163
Net (repayments) borrowings on previously existing revolving lines of credit		1,616
Proceeds from long-term debt, including new revolving credit facility	337,135	
Repayments of long-term debt, including new revolving credit facility	(336,120)	(214)
Payment of debt issue costs	(1,503)	
Excess tax benefits (deficiencies) from share-based payment arrangements	63	145
Exercise of stock options	104	240
Net cash from financing activities	179	16,950
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	58	(307)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(10,075)	(4,650)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	30,524	36,716
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	$ 20,449	$ 32,066

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Unaudited - Amounts in thousands except per share data and percentages

(1) Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by A. M. Castle & Co. and subsidiaries (the Company), without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2011 is derived from the audited financial statements at that date. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. In the opinion of management, the unaudited statements, included herein, contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of financial results for the interim period. It is suggested that these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company s latest Annual Report on Form 10-K. The 2012 interim results reported herein may not necessarily be indicative of the results of the Company s operations for the full year.

(2) New Accounting Standards

Standards Updates Adopted

Effective January 1, 2012, the Company adopted ASU No. 2011-08, Intangibles Goodwill and Other. The objective of this ASU is to simplify how entities test goodwill for impairment. The amendments allow entities to assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test per Topic 350, Intangibles Goodwill and Other. The more-likely-than-not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50 percent. The adoption of this ASU impacts the way the Company tests goodwill for impairment. As allowed by this ASU for its January 1, 2012 annual impairment test, the Company did not elect the option to perform a qualitative evaluation about the likelihood of goodwill impairment to determine whether it should calculate the fair value of a reporting unit. Instead the Company followed the two-step method. Refer to *Note 7* for the results of the annual goodwill impairment test.

Effective January 1, 2012, the Company adopted ASU No. 2011-05, Presentation of Comprehensive Income. The amendments in this ASU impact all entities that report items of other comprehensive income and are effective retrospectively for public entities. The amendments in this ASU eliminate the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders equity. The amendments provide the entity with the option to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. Both options require an entity to present each component of net income along with total net income, each component of other comprehensive income along with total other comprehensive income and a total amount for comprehensive income. The subsequent issuance of ASU 2011-12, Comprehensive Income in December 2011 deferred the changes in ASU 2011-05 that relate to the presentation of reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income. All other provisions in ASU 2011-05 were effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. The presentation requirements associated with the adoption of ASU 2011-05 are reflected in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive (Loss) Income herein.

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Effective January 1, 2012, the Company adopted ASU No. 2011-04, Fair Value Measurement. The amendments in this ASU apply to all reporting entities that are required or permitted to measure or disclose the fair value of an asset, a liability, or an instrument classified in a reporting entity s shareholders equity in the financial statements. The amendments in this ASU clarify the requirements of the existing standard and include some changes to principles or requirements for measuring or disclosing information about fair value measurements. Refer to *Note 5* for required disclosures related to this ASU.

Standards Updates Issued Not Yet Effective

During December 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-11, Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. The amendments in this ASU require an entity to disclose information to enable users of its financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements on its financial position, including the effect or potential effect of rights of set off associated with an entity s recognized assets and recognized liabilities within the scope of Topic 210. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and interim periods within those annual periods. The adoption of this ASU may impact the Company s disclosures in future interim and annual financial statements issued.

(3) Earnings Per Share

Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock plus common stock equivalents. Common stock equivalents consist of employee and director stock options, restricted stock awards, other share-based payment awards, and contingently issuable shares related to the Company s convertible debt which are included in the calculation of weighted average shares outstanding using the treasury stock method, if dilutive. The following table is a reconciliation of the basic and diluted earnings per share calculations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Numerator:				
Net (loss) income	$ (2,978)	$ 3,697	$ (7,278)	$ 6,400
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic (loss) earnings per share:				
Weighted average common shares outstanding	22,989	22,820	22,963	22,800
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Outstanding common stock equivalents		532		405
Denominator for diluted earnings per share	22,989	23,352	22,963	23,205
Basic (loss) earnings per share	$ (0.13)	$ 0.16	$ (0.32)	$ 0.28
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	$ (0.13)	$ 0.16	$ (0.32)	$ 0.28
Excluded outstanding shared-based awards having an anti-dilutive effect	916	20	916	20

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The Convertible Notes are dilutive to the extent the Company generates net income and the average stock price during the period is greater than $10.28, the conversion price of the Convertible Notes (see *Note 4*). The Convertible Notes are only dilutive for the in the money portion of the Convertible Notes that could be settled with the Company s stock. In future periods, absent a fundamental change, (as defined in the Convertible Notes agreement), the outstanding Convertible Notes could increase diluted average shares outstanding by a maximum of approximately 5,600 shares. As of June 30, 2012, 651 shares were excluded from diluted average shares outstanding as there would have been an anti-dilutive effect.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, the participating securities, which represent certain non-vested shares granted by the Company, were less than one percent of total securities. These securities do not participate in the Company s net (loss) income.

(4) Debt

Short-term and long-term debt consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
SHORT-TERM DEBT		
Foreign	$ 1,000	$ 500
Total short-term debt	1,000	500
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Senior Secured Notes due December 15, 2016	225,000	225,000
Convertible Notes due December 15, 2017	57,500	57,500
New Revolving Credit Facility due December 15, 2015	36,300	35,500
Other, primarily capital leases	547	244
Total long-term debt	319,347	318,244
Plus: derivative liability for conversion feature associated with convertible debt		26,440
Less: unamortized discount	(28,565)	(30,252)
Less: current portion	(212)	(192)
Total long-term portion	290,570	314,240
TOTAL SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEBT	$ 291,782	$ 314,932

During December 2011, in conjunction with the completion of the acquisition of Tube Supply, the Company issued $225,000 aggregate principal amount of 12.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2016 (the Secured Notes), issued $57,500 aggregate principal amount of 7.0% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (the Convertible Notes) and entered into a $100,000 senior secured asset based revolving credit facility (the New Revolving Credit Facility). Net proceeds from these transactions (collectively referred to as the Debt Transactions) were used to complete the Acquisition, repay existing debt and for general corporate purposes.

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Secured Notes

The Company filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form S-4 on April 11, 2012. The registration statement was declared effective on June 12, 2012.

On June 12, 2012, the Company commenced an offer to exchange $225,000 principal amount of 12.75% Secured Notes due 2016, which are registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the New Secured Notes), for $225,000 principal amount of outstanding 12.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2016, which had not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Old Secured Notes). The terms of the New Secured Notes issued are identical in all material respects to the Old Secured Notes, except that the New Secured Notes are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, do not have any of the transfer restrictions, registration rights and additional interest provisions relating to the Old Secured Notes and bear a different CUSIP number from the Old Secured Notes. The Company did not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer.

The New Secured Notes will mature on December 15, 2016. The Company will pay interest on the New Secured Notes at a rate of 12.75% per annum in cash semi-annually. The first payment of $14,344 was made on June 15, 2012. The New Secured Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by certain 100% owned domestic subsidiaries of the Company (the Note Guarantors). The New Secured Notes and the related guarantees are secured by a lien on substantially all of the Company s and the Note Guarantors assets, subject to certain exceptions and permitted liens pursuant to a pledge and security agreement. The terms of the New Secured Notes contain numerous covenants imposing financial and operating restrictions on the Company s business. These covenants place restrictions on the Company s ability and the ability of its subsidiaries to, among other things, pay dividends, redeem stock or make other distributions or restricted payments; incur indebtedness or issue common stock; make certain investments; create liens; agree to payment restrictions affecting certain subsidiaries; consolidate or merge; sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of assets, including equity interests of certain subsidiaries; enter into transactions with affiliates, enter into sale and leaseback transactions; and use the proceeds of permitted sales of the Company s assets. Refer to *Note 15* for Guarantor Financial Information disclosure.

On or after December 15, 2014, the Company may redeem some or all of the New Secured Notes at a redemption premium of 106.375% of the principal amount for the 12-month period beginning December 15, 2014 and 100% thereafter, plus accrued and unpaid interest. Prior to December 15, 2014, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the New Secured Notes at a redemption price of 112.75% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings. In addition, the Company may, at its option, redeem some or all of the New Secured Notes at any time prior to December 15, 2014, by paying a make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

The New Secured Notes also contain a provision that allows holders of the New Secured Notes to require the Company to repurchase all or any part of the New Secured Notes if a change of control triggering event occurs. Under this provision, the repurchase of the New Secured Notes will occur at a purchase price of 101% of the outstanding principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on such New Secured Notes to the date of repurchase. In addition, upon certain asset sales, the Company may be required to offer to use the net proceeds thereof to purchase some of the New Secured Notes at 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Subject to certain conditions, within 95 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Company must make an offer to purchase New Secured Notes with certain of its excess cash flow (as defined in the indenture) for such fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012, at 103% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Convertible Notes

The Convertible Notes will mature on December 15, 2017. The Company will pay interest on the Convertible Notes at a rate of 7.0% in cash semi-annually. The first payment of $2,013 was made on June 15, 2012. The initial conversion rate for the Convertible Notes will be 97.2384 shares of the Company s common stock per $1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes, equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately $10.28 per share of common stock. The conversion rate will be subject to adjustment, but will not be adjusted for accrued and unpaid interest, if any. In addition, if an event constituting a fundamental change occurs, the Company will in some cases increase the conversion rate for a holder that elects to convert its Convertible Notes in connection with such fundamental change. Upon conversion, the Company will pay and/or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of common stock or a combination of cash and shares of common stock, at the Company s election, together with cash in lieu of fractional shares.

Holders may convert their Convertible Notes at their option on any day prior to the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately preceding June 15, 2017 only under the following circumstances: (1) during the five business-day period after any five consecutive trading-day period (the measurement period) in which the trading price per note for each day of that measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company s common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such day; (2) during any calendar quarter (and only during such calendar quarter) after the calendar quarter ending December 31, 2011, if the last reported sale price of the Company s common stock for 20 or more trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter is equal to or greater than 130% of the applicable conversion price in effect for each applicable trading day; (3) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events, including certain dividends and distributions; or (4) if the Company calls the Convertible Notes for redemption on or after December 20, 2015. The Convertible Notes will be convertible, regardless of the foregoing circumstances, at any time from, and including, June 15, 2017 through the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date.

On April 26, 2012, at the Company s Annual Meeting of Stockholders, shareholder approval was obtained for the issuance of shares in excess of 20% of the Company s outstanding common stock to satisfy any conversions of the Convertible Notes. Additionally, shareholder approval was obtained to amend the Company s charter to authorize additional shares of common stock from 30,000 to 60,000. With these approvals, the Company now has the ability to share-settle the conversion option in full and therefore, the embedded conversion option is no longer required to be separately valued and accounted for as a derivative liability. The mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option for the period from March 31, 2012 through April 26, 2012 (the final valuation date) was a loss of $4,257. As of April 26, 2012, the conversion option s cumulative value of $42,037 was reclassified to additional paid-in capital and will no longer be marked-to-market through earnings. The deferred tax benefit of $8,264 associated with the temporary difference between the financial reporting basis of the derivative liability and its tax basis at the date of issuance (December 15, 2011) was also reclassified to additional paid-in capital.

Upon a fundamental change, subject to certain exceptions, holders may require the Company to repurchase some or all of their Convertible Notes for cash at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes being repurchased, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

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The Company may not redeem the Convertible Notes prior to December 20, 2015. On or after December 20, 2015, the Company may redeem all or part of the Convertible Notes (except for the Convertible Notes that we are required to repurchase as described above) if the last reported sale price of the Company s common stock exceeds 135% of the applicable conversion price for 20 or more trading days in a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the trading day immediately prior to the date of the redemption notice. The redemption price will equal the sum of 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, plus a make-whole premium payment. The Company must make the make-whole premium payments on all Convertible Notes called for redemption including Convertible Notes converted after the date we delivered the notice of redemption. The Company will pay the redemption price in cash except for any non-cash portion of the make-whole premium.

New Revolving Credit Facility

The New Revolving Credit Facility consists of a $100,000 senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility (subject to adjustment pursuant to a borrowing base described below), of which (a) up to an aggregate principal amount of $20,000 will be available for a Canadian subfacility, (b) up to an aggregate principal amount of $20,000 will be available for letters of credit and (c) up to an aggregate principal amount of $10,000 will be available for swingline loans. Loans under the New Revolving Credit Facility will be made available to the Company and certain domestic subsidiaries (the U.S. Borrowers) in U.S. dollars and the Canadian Borrowers in U.S. dollars and Canadian dollars. The New Revolving Credit Facility will mature on December 15, 2015.

The New Revolving Credit Facility will rank *pari passu* in right of payment with the Secured Notes, but, pursuant to the intercreditor agreement, the Secured Notes will be effectively subordinated to the indebtedness under the New Revolving Credit Facility with respect to the collateral.

At the Company s election, borrowings under the New Revolving Credit Facility will bear interest at variable rates based on (a) a customary base rate plus an applicable margin of between 0.50% and 1.00% (depending on quarterly average undrawn availability under the New Revolving Credit Facility) or (b) an adjusted LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin of between 1.50% and 2.00% (depending on quarterly average undrawn availability under the New Revolving Credit Facility). The weighted average interest rate for borrowings under the New Revolving Credit Facility for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was 2.66%. The Company will pay certain customary recurring fees with respect to the New Revolving Credit Facility.

The New Revolving Credit facility contains a springing financial maintenance covenant requiring the Company to maintain the ratio (as defined in the agreement) of EBITDA to fixed charges of 1.1 to 1.0 when excess availability is less than the greater of 10% of the calculated borrowing base (as defined in the agreement) or $10,000. In addition, if excess availability is less than the greater of 12.5% of the calculated borrowing base (as defined in the agreement) or $12,500, the lender has the right to take full dominion of the Company s cash collections and apply these proceeds to outstanding loans under the New Revolving Credit Agreement. As of June 30, 2012, the Company s excess availability of $53,990 was above such thresholds.

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(5) Fair Value Measurements

The three-tier value hierarchy the Company utilizes, which prioritizes the inputs used in the valuation methodologies, is:

Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 Valuations based on observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Valuations based on unobservable inputs reflecting our own assumptions, consistent with reasonably available assumptions made by other market participants.

The fair value of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their carrying values. The fair value of cash equivalents are determined using the fair value hierarchy described above. Cash equivalents consisting of money market funds are valued based on quoted prices in active markets and as a result are classified as Level 1. The Company s pension plan asset portfolio as of June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 is primarily invested in fixed income securities, which generally fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Fair Value Measurements of Debt

The fair value of the Company s fixed rate debt as of June 30, 2012 was estimated to be $318,835 compared to a carrying value of $253,935, net of unamortized discount. The fair value for the Senior Secured Notes is determined based on recent trades of the bonds and fall within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The fair value of the Convertible Notes, which fall within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, is determined based on similar debt instruments that do not contain a conversion feature. The main inputs and assumptions into the binomial lattice model are the Company s stock price at the end of the period ($10.62), expected volatility (41.4%), credit spreads (12.02%) and the risk-free interest rate (0.81%). These inputs and assumptions are determined based on current market data and are not viewed as having significant sensitivity.

As of June 30, 2012, the estimated fair value of the Company s debt outstanding under its revolving credit facilities, which falls within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, is $34,300 compared to its carrying value of $37,300, assuming the current amount of debt outstanding at the end of the year was outstanding until the maturity of the Company s facility in December 2015. Although borrowings could be materially greater or less than the current amount of borrowings outstanding at the end of the year, it is not practical to estimate the amounts that may be outstanding during the future periods since there is no predetermined borrowing or repayment schedule.

Fair Value Measurements of Commodity Hedges

During the second quarter of 2011, the Company implemented a commodity hedging program to mitigate risks associated with certain commodity price fluctuations. At June 30, 2012, the Company had executed forward contracts that extend through 2015. The sole counterparty to these contracts is not considered a credit risk by the Company. At June 30, 2012, the notional value associated with forward contracts was $15,822. The Company recorded losses of $1,387 and $1,011 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively, as a result of changes in the fair value of the contracts. There were no gains or losses recorded for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011. Refer to *Note 13* for letters of credit outstanding for collateral associated with commodity hedges.

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The Company uses information which is representative of readily observable market data when valuing derivatives liabilities associated with commodity hedges. The derivative liabilities are classified as Level 2 in the table below.

The assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
As of June 30, 2012:				
Derivative liability for commodity hedges	$	$ 3,207	$	$ 3,207
Derivative liability for conversion feature associated with convertible debt	$	$	$	$
As of December 31, 2011:				
Derivative liability for commodity hedges	$	$ 2,331	$	$ 2,331
Derivative liability for conversion feature associated with convertible debt	$	$	$ 26,440	$ 26,440

The following reconciliation represents the change in fair value of Level 3 liabilities from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012:

	Derivative liability for conversion feature associated with convertible debt
Fair value as of January 1	$ 26,440
Mark-to-Market adjustment on conversion feature	15,597
Reclassification from long-term debt, less current portion to additional paid-in capital	(42,037)
Fair value as of June 30	$

(6) Segment Reporting

The Company distributes and performs processing on both metals and plastics. Although the distribution processes are similar, the customer markets, supplier bases and types of products are different. Additionally, the Company s Chief Executive Officer, the chief operating decision-maker, reviews and manages these two businesses separately. As such, these businesses are considered reportable segments and are reported accordingly.

In its Metals segment, the Company s marketing strategy focuses on distributing highly engineered specialty grades and alloys of metals as well as providing specialized processing services designed to meet very precise specifications. Core products include alloy, aluminum, nickel, stainless steel, carbon and titanium. Inventories of these products assume many forms such as plate, sheet, extrusions, round bar, hexagon bar, square and flat bar, tubing and coil. Depending on the size of the facility and the nature of the markets it serves, service centers are equipped as needed with bar saws, plate saws, oxygen and plasma arc flame cutting machinery, trepanning machinery, boring machinery, honing equipment, water-jet cutting, stress relieving and annealing furnaces, surface grinding equipment and sheet shearing equipment.

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The Company s Plastics segment consists exclusively of a wholly-owned subsidiary that operates as Total Plastics, Inc. (TPI) headquartered in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. The Plastics segment stocks and distributes a wide variety of plastics in forms that include plate, rod, tube, clear sheet, tape, gaskets and fittings. Processing activities within this segment include cut-to-length, cut-to-shape, bending and forming according to customer specifications. The Plastics segment s diverse customer base consists of companies in the retail (point-of-purchase), automotive, marine, office furniture and fixtures, safety products, life sciences applications, and general manufacturing industries. TPI has locations throughout the upper northeast and midwest regions of the U.S. and one facility in Florida from which it services a wide variety of users of industrial plastics.

The accounting policies of all segments are the same as described in *Note 1*, Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. Management evaluates the performance of its business segments based on operating income.

Segment information for the three months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

	Net Sales	Operating Income	Capital Expenditures	Depreciation & Amortization
2012				
Metals segment (a)	$ 297,244	$ 11,210	$ 1,668	$ 6,117
Plastics segment	32,148	1,064	370	357
Other (b)		(3,405)		
Consolidated	$ 329,392	$ 8,869	$ 2,038	$ 6,474
2011				
Metals segment	$ 252,256	$ 5,095	$ 2,626	$ 4,737
Plastics segment	30,312	1,062	384	322
Other		(1,856)		
Consolidated	$ 282,568	$ 4,301	$ 3,010	$ 5,059

Segment information for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

	Net Sales	Operating Income	Capital Expenditures	Depreciation & Amortization
2012				
Metals segment (a)	$ 629,136	$ 31,763	$ 3,320	$ 12,423
Plastics segment	63,172	1,601	771	664
Other (b)		(5,897)		
Consolidated	$ 692,308	$ 27,467	$ 4,091	$ 13,087
2011				
Metals segment	$ 496,845	$ 8,681	$ 3,943	$ 9,422
Plastics segment	58,511	1,624	876	636
Other		(3,906)		
Consolidated	$ 555,356	$ 6,399	$ 4,819	$ 10,058

(a) The results of Tube Supply, Inc. (Tube Supply), acquired on December 15, 2011, are included in the Company s Metals segment.
(b) Other Operating income includes the costs of executive, legal and finance departments, which are shared by both the Metals and Plastics segments.

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Below are reconciliations of segment data to the consolidated financial statements for the three months ended June 30:

	2012	2011
Operating income	$ 8,869	$ 4,301
Interest expense, net	(9,964)	(1,120)
Interest expense - unrealized loss on debt conversion option	(4,257)	
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint venture	(5,352)	3,181
Equity in earnings of joint venture	1,733	2,982
Consolidated (loss) income before income taxes	$ (3,619)	$ 6,163

Below are reconciliations of segment data to the consolidated financial statements for the six months ended June 30:

	2012	2011
Operating income	$ 27,467	$ 6,399
Interest expense, net	(20,157)	(2,106)
Interest expense - unrealized loss on debt conversion option	(15,597)	
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint venture	(8,287)	4,293
Equity in earnings of joint venture	4,741	5,841
Consolidated (loss) income before income taxes	$ (3,546)	$ 10,134

Segment information for total assets is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Metals segment	$ 803,974	$ 729,692
Plastics segment	59,265	56,171
Other (a)	39,736	36,460
Consolidated	$ 902,975	$ 822,323

(a) Other Total assets consist of the Company s investment in joint venture.

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(7) Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The changes in carrying amounts of goodwill during the six months ended June 30, 2012 were as follows:

	Metals Segment	Plastics Segment	Total
Balance as of January 1, 2012			
Goodwill	$ 117,145	$ 12,973	$ 130,118
Accumulated impairment losses	(60,217)		(60,217)
Balance as of January 1, 2012	56,928	12,973	69,901
Currency valuation	(50)		(50)
Balance as of June 30, 2012			
Goodwill	117,095	12,973	130,068
Accumulated impairment losses	(60,217)		(60,217)
Balance as of June 30, 2012	$ 56,878	$ 12,973	$ 69,851

The Company s annual test for goodwill impairment is completed as of January 1st each year. Based on the January 1, 2012 test, the Company determined that there was no impairment of goodwill. The Company s year-to-date operating results, among other factors, are considered in determining whether it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value for any reporting unit has declined below its carrying value, which would require the Company to perform an interim goodwill impairment test. Another recession or economic declines in specific industries could change management s expectations of future financial results and/or key valuation assumptions used in determining the fair-value of its reporting units which could result in a test for the impairment of goodwill prior to the Company s annual testing date of January 1st.

On December 15, 2011, the Company acquired 100 percent of the outstanding common shares of Tube Supply. The aggregate purchase price was $184,385. There were no changes in the purchase price allocation during the six months ended June 30, 2012. The purchase price allocation is preliminary and it is subject to change upon the finalization of items such as the determination of fair values of pre-acquisition contingencies, finalization of the working capital adjustments and certain tax related matters.

The following summarizes the components of intangible assets:

	June 30, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Customer relationships	$ 118,505	$ 40,079	$ 118,567	$ 34,960
Non-compete agreements	3,888	3,069	3,888	2,902
Trade name	8,240	799	8,249	410
Developed technology	1,400	253	1,400	19
Total	$ 132,033	$ 44,200	$ 132,104	$ 38,291

The weighted-average amortization period for the intangible assets is 10.8 years, 11.3 years for customer relationships, 9.4 years for trade names, 3 years for non-compete agreements and 3 years for developed technology. Substantially all of the Company s intangible assets were acquired as part of the acquisitions of Transtar on September 5, 2006 and Tube Supply on December 15, 2011. For the three-month periods ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, amortization expense was $2,956 and $1,659, respectively. For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, amortization expense was $5,918 and $3,322, respectively.

The following is a summary of the estimated annual amortization expense for 2012 and each of the next 4 years:

2012	$ 11,776
2013	11,776
2014	11,743
2015	10,976
2016	10,976

(8) Inventories

Approximately ninety percent of the Company s inventories are valued at the lower of LIFO cost or market. Final inventory determination under the LIFO costing method is made at the end of each fiscal year based on the actual inventory levels and costs at that time. Interim LIFO determinations, including those at June 30, 2012, are based on management s estimates of future inventory levels and costs. The Company values its LIFO increments using the cost of its latest purchases during the periods reported.

Current replacement cost of inventories exceeded book value by $144,979 and $138,882 at June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Income taxes would become payable on any realization of this excess from reductions in the level of inventories.

(9) Share-based Compensation

The Company accounts for its share-based compensation arrangements by recognizing compensation expense for the fair value of the share awards granted ratably over their vesting period. All compensation expense related to share-based compensation arrangements is recorded in sales, general and administrative expense. The unrecognized compensation cost as of June 30, 2012 associated with all share-based payment arrangements is $8,734 and the weighted average period over which it is to be expensed is 1.4 years.

Due to executive terminations that occurred during the first half of 2012, the Company revised its forfeiture rate for the active Long-Term Compensation Plans. The weighted average forfeiture rate is 30% and 18% at June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

2012 Long-Term Compensation Plan

On March 7, 2012, the Human Resources Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of the Company approved equity awards under the Company s 2012 Long-Term Compensation Plan (2012 LTC Plan) for executive officers and other select personnel. The 2012 LTC Plan awards included restricted stock units (RSUs) and performance share units (PSUs). All 2012 LTC Plan awards are subject to the terms of the Company s 2008 A.M. Castle & Co. Omnibus Incentive Plan, amended and restated as of April 28, 2011.

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The 2012 LTC Plan consists of three components of share-based payment awards as follows:

Restricted Share Units - the Company granted 181 RSUs with a grant date fair value of $10.02 per share unit, which was established using the market price of the Company s stock on the date of grant. The RSUs cliff vest on December 31, 2014. Each RSU that becomes vested entitles the participant to receive one share of the Company s common stock. The number of shares delivered may be reduced by the number of shares required to be withheld for federal and state withholding tax requirements (determined at the market price of Company shares at the time of payout).

Performance Share Units - the Company granted 362 PSUs, half of which contain a market- based performance condition and half of which contained a non-market-based performance condition.

PSUs containing a market-based performance condition - the potential award for PSUs containing a market-based performance condition is dependent on relative total shareholder return (RTSR), which is measured over a three-year performance period, beginning January 1st of the year of grant. RTSR is measured against a group of peer companies either in the metals industry or in the industrial products distribution industry (the RTSR Peer Group). The number of performance shares, if any, that vest based on the performance achieved during the three-year performance period, will vest at the end of the three-year performance period. Each performance share that becomes vested entitles the participant to receive one share of the Company s common stock. The number of shares delivered may be reduced by the number of shares required to be withheld for federal and state withholding tax requirements (determined at the market price of Company shares at the time of payout).

The grant date fair value for the PSUs containing the RTSR market-based performance condition under the 2012 LTC Plan of $13.78 was estimated using a Monte Carlo simulation with the following assumptions:

	2012
Expected volatility	85.0%
Risk-free interest rate	0.40%
Expected life (in years)	2.81
Expected dividend yield	

Compensation expense for performance awards containing a market-based performance condition is recognized regardless of whether the market condition is achieved to the extent the requisite service period condition is met.

PSUs containing a non-market-based performance condition - the potential award for PSUs containing a non-market-based performance condition is determined based on the Company s average actual performance versus Company-specific target goals for Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) (as defined in the 2012 LTC Plan) for the three-year performance period beginning on January 1st of the year of grant. Partial performance awards can be earned for performance less than the target goal, but in excess of minimum goals and award distributions twice the target can be achieved if the maximum goals are met or exceeded. The number of performance shares, if any, that vest based on the performance achieved during the three-year performance period, will vest at the end of the three-year performance period. Compensation expense recognized is based on management s expectation of future performance compared to the pre-established performance

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goals. If the performance goals are not expected to be met, no compensation expense is recognized and any previously recognized compensation expense is reversed. The grant date fair-value of the PSUs containing a non-market-based performance condition was established using the market price of the Company s stock on the date of grant.

The award information associated with market and non-market-based performance condition awards is summarized below:

Share type	Grant Date Fair Value	Estimated Number of PSUs to be Issued	Maximum Number of PSUs that could Potentially be Issued
Market-based performance condition	$ 13.78	138	266
Non-market-based performance condition	$ 10.02	215	266

(10) Comprehensive (Loss) Income

Comprehensive (loss) income includes net (loss) income and all other non-owner changes to equity that are not reported in net (loss) income. The Company s comprehensive (loss) income for the three months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

	June 30,	
	2012	2011
Net (loss) income	$ (2,978)	$ 3,697
Foreign currency translation (loss) gain	(3,374)	786
Pension cost amortization, net of tax	(110)	82
Total comprehensive (loss) income	$ (6,462)	$ 4,565

The Company s comprehensive income (loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

	June 30,	
	2012	2011
Net income (loss)	$ (7,278)	$ 6,400
Foreign currency translation gain (loss)	(41)	2,032
Pension cost amortization, net of tax	(219)	165
Total comprehensive income (loss)	$ (7,538)	$ 8,597

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss is as follows:

	June 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Foreign currency translation losses	$ (4,732)	$ (4,691)
Unrecognized pension and postretirement benefit costs, net of tax	(15,352)	(15,133)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	$ (20,084)	$ (19,824)

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(11) Employee Benefit Plans

Components of the net periodic pension and postretirement benefit cost for the three months ended June 30, 2012 are as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Service cost	$ 192	$ 176
Interest cost	1,750	1,904
Expected return on assets	(2,464)	(2,514)
Amortization of prior service cost	81	81
Amortization of actuarial loss	149	57
Net periodic pension and postretirement benefit	$ (292)	$ (296)

Components of the net periodic pension and postretirement benefit cost for the six months ended June 30, 2012 are as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Service cost	$ 384	$ 352
Interest cost	3,500	3,808
Expected return on assets	(4,928)	(5,028)
Amortization of prior service cost	162	162
Amortization of actuarial loss	298	114
Net periodic pension and postretirement benefit	$ (584)	$ (592)

As of June 30, 2012, the Company had not made any cash contributions to its pension plans for this fiscal year and does not anticipate making any significant cash contributions to its pension plans in 2012.

(12) Joint Venture

Kreher Steel Co., LLC is a 50% owned joint venture of the Company. It is a metals distributor of bulk quantities of alloy, special bar quality and stainless steel bars, headquartered in Melrose Park, Illinois.

The following information summarizes financial data for this joint venture for the three months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Net sales	$ 67,662	$ 67,080
Cost of materials	56,267	54,432
Income before taxes	4,433	6,782
Net income	3,466	5,964

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The following information summarizes financial data for this joint venture for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011:

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Net sales	$ 144,467	$ 130,679
Cost of materials	119,665	105,710
Income before taxes	11,534	13,510
Net income	9,482	11,682

(13) Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As of June 30, 2012, the Company had $6,622 of irrevocable letters of credit outstanding which primarily consisted of $3,800 for collateral associated with commodity hedges and $1,994 for compliance with the insurance reserve requirements of its workers compensation insurance carriers.

The Company is party to a variety of legal proceedings arising from the operation of its business. These proceedings are incidental and occur in the normal course of the Company s business affairs. It is the opinion of management, based upon the information available at this time, that the currently expected outcome of these proceedings will not have a material effect on the consolidated results of operations, financial condition or cash flows of the Company.

In 2011, the Company determined that it inadvertently exported certain aluminum alloy bar that are listed on the U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security s (BIS) Commerce Control List to countries where there is an export license requirement if an exception is not otherwise available. The exports, which occurred in 2011, had a total transaction value of approximately $13 and were made without export licenses. The exports involved shipments to the Company s wholly-owned subsidiary in China and to a customer in the Philippines. In response thereto, the Company has submitted a voluntary self-disclosure describing the nature of these shipments to the Office of Export Enforcement of the Department of Commerce (OEE) in accordance with applicable Export Administration Regulations. The Company previously disclosed similar incidents to BIS in 2008, which were resolved in September 2011 through the payment of a $775 civil penalty and a commitment to satisfy certain compliance and reporting obligations. If it is determined that the Company failed to comply with the applicable U.S. export regulations, the OEE could assess additional monetary penalties, restrict export privileges or provide an administrative warning. While the ultimate disposition of this matter cannot be predicted with certainty, it is the opinion of management, based on the information available at this time, that the outcome of this matter will not have a material effect on the Company s financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

(14) Income Taxes

The tax years 2008 through 2011 remain open to examination by the major taxing jurisdictions to which the Company is subject.

Audits of the Company s 2008 and 2009 U.S. federal income tax returns are in process as of June 30, 2012. To date, no material issues have been raised. Due to the potential for resolution of the examination or expiration of statutes of limitations, it is reasonably possible that the Company s gross unrecognized tax benefits may change within the next 12 months by a range of zero to $720.

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The Company received its 2010 federal tax refund of $2,025 during February 2012 and its 2009 federal income tax refund of $6,344 during January 2011.

(15) Guarantor Financial Information

The accompanying condensed consolidating financial information has been prepared and presented pursuant to Rule 3-10 of SEC Regulation S-X Financial Statements of Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities Registered or Being Registered. The consolidating financial information presents A. M. Castle & Co. (Parent) and subsidiaries. The consolidating financial information has been prepared on the same basis as the consolidated statements of the Parent. The equity method of accounting is followed within this financial information.

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2012

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,784	$ 1,774	$ 16,891	$	$ 20,449
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts	71,824	54,108	52,143		178,075
Receivables from affiliates	649	2,597	21	(3,267)	
Inventories	82,841	203,258	78,876	(584)	364,391
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	23,854	(8,544)	9,240	211	24,761
Total current assets	180,952	253,193	157,171	(3,640)	587,676
Investment in joint venture	39,736				39,736
Goodwill	7,458	47,018	15,375		69,851
Intangible assets		67,650	20,183		87,833
Other assets	33,589	881	4,354		38,824
Investment in subsidiaries	390,467	11,626		(402,093)	
Receivables from affiliates	88,419	80,658	4,835	(173,912)	
Property, plant and equipment, net	46,942	21,187	10,926		79,055
Total assets	$ 787,563	$ 482,213	$ 212,844	$ (579,645)	$ 902,975
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	$ 96,178	$ 55,843	$ 27,640	$	$ 179,661
Payables due to affiliates	1,440	116	1,711	(3,267)	
Other current liabilities	23,370	7,788	10,149		41,307
Current portion of long-term debt and short-term debt	181	21	1,010		1,212
Total current liabilities	121,169	63,768	40,510	(3,267)	222,180
Long-term debt, less current portion	286,544		4,026		290,570
Payables due to affiliates	13,976	37,278	122,658	(173,912)	
Deferred income taxes	13,882	19,203	(450)		32,635
Other non-current liabilities	11,379	4,994	604		16,977
Stockholders equity	340,613	356,970	45,496	(402,466)	340,613
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	$ 787,563	$ 482,213	$ 212,844	$ (579,645)	$ 902,975

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Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2011

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 11,528	$ 588	$ 18,408	$	$ 30,524
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts	68,334	57,587	55,115		181,036
Receivables from affiliates	273	3,495	146	(3,914)	
Inventories	57,643	155,113	59,547	(264)	272,039
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	19,080	(3,894)	3,483		18,669
Total current assets	156,858	212,889	136,699	(4,178)	502,268
Investment in joint venture	36,460				36,460
Goodwill	7,459	47,018	15,424		69,901
Intangible assets		72,633	21,180		93,813
Other assets	34,300	628	2,812		37,740
Investment in subsidiaries	379,622	12,151		(391,773)	
Receivables from affiliates	66,878	71,041	7,292	(145,211)	
Property, plant and equipment, net	49,701	21,981	10,459		82,141
Total assets	$ 731,278	$ 438,341	$ 193,866	$ (541,162)	$ 822,323
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	$ 53,469	$ 45,794	$ 17,611	$	$ 116,874
Payables due to affiliates	1,387	76	2,451	(3,914)	
Other current liabilities	21,073	9,281	5,358		35,712
Current portion of long-term debt and short-term debt	82	50	560		692
Total current liabilities	$ 76,011	55,201	$ 25,980	(3,914)	153,278
Long-term debt, less current portion	303,739	1	10,500		314,240
Payables due to affiliates	21,884	10,415	112,912	(145,211)	
Deferred income taxes	6,251	19,676	(277)		25,650
Other non-current liabilities	11,114	5,195	567		16,876
Stockholders equity	312,279	347,853	44,184	(392,037)	312,279
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	$ 731,278	$ 438,341	$ 193,866	$ (541,162)	$ 822,323

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations

For the Quarter ended June 30, 2012

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net Sales	$ 155,771	$ 112,771	$ 70,439	$ (9,589)	$ 329,392
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of materials (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	115,780	80,608	54,025	(9,732)	240,681
Warehouse, processing and delivery expense	20,042	12,390	6,042		38,474
Sales, general and administrative expense	17,931	10,622	6,341		34,894
Depreciation and amortization expense	1,986	3,497	991		6,474
Operating income	32	5,654	3,040	143	8,869
Interest expense, net	(6,170)		(3,794)		(9,964)
Interest expense - unrealized loss on debt conversion option	(4,257)				(4,257)
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint venture	(10,395)	5,654	(754)	143	(5,352)
Income taxes	2,506	(2,059)	194		641
Equity in earnings (losses) of subsidiaries	3,178	(277)		(2,901)	
Equity in earnings of joint venture	1,733				1,733
Net (loss) income	(2,978)	3,318	(560)	(2,758)	(2,978)
Comprehensive (loss) income	$ (6,462)	$ 3,318	$ 2,814	$ (6,132)	$ (6,462)

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations

For the Quarter ended June 30, 2011

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net Sales	$ 155,749	$ 71,291	$ 57,394	$ (1,866)	$ 282,568
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of materials (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	115,098	51,556	43,682	(1,866)	208,470
Warehouse, processing and delivery expense	20,447	8,451	4,976		33,874
Sales, general and administrative expense	18,171	8,364	4,329		30,864
Depreciation and amortization expense	2,141	2,229	689		5,059
Operating (loss) income	(108)	691	3,718		4,301
Interest expense, net	(229)		(891)		(1,120)
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint venture	(337)	691	2,827		3,181
Income taxes	(1,444)	(313)	(709)		(2,466)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	2,496	158		(2,654)	
Equity in earnings of joint venture	2,982				2,982
Net income	3,697	536	2,118	(2,654)	3,697
Comprehensive income	$ 4,565	$ 536	$ 2,904	$ (3,440)	$ 4,565

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations

For the Six Months ended June 30, 2012

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net Sales	$ 324,833	$ 241,180	$ 147,634	$ (21,339)	$ 692,308
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of materials (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	240,541	171,863	113,000	(20,756)	504,648
Warehouse, processing and delivery expense	40,461	24,628	11,911		77,000
Sales, general and administrative expense	36,652	21,527	11,927		70,106
Depreciation and amortization expense	4,042	7,056	1,989		13,087
Operating income	3,137	16,106	8,807	(583)	27,467
Interest expense, net	(13,169)		(6,988)		(20,157)
Interest expense - unrealized loss on debt conversion option	(15,597)				(15,597)
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint venture	(25,629)	16,106	1,819	(583)	(8,287)
Income taxes	2,729	(6,199)	(473)	211	(3,732)
Equity in earnings (losses) of subsidiaries	10,881	(241)		(10,640)	
Equity in earnings of joint venture	4,741				4,741
Net (loss) income	(7,278)	9,666	1,346	(11,012)	(7,278)
Comprehensive (loss) income	$ (7,538)	$ 9,666	$ 8,053	$ (17,719)	$ (7,538)

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations

For the Six Months ended June 30, 2011

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net Sales	$ 302,504	$ 140,895	$ 115,689	$ (3,732)	$ 555,356
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of materials (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	223,720	102,168	87,742	(3,732)	409,898
Warehouse, processing and delivery expense	40,266	16,851	9,899		67,016
Sales, general and administrative expense	36,601	16,623	8,761		61,985
Depreciation and amortization expense	4,268	4,463	1,327		10,058
Operating (loss) income	(2,351)	790	7,960		6,399
Interest expense, net	(405)		(1,701)		(2,106)
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in earnings of subsidiaries and joint venture	(2,756)	790	6,259		4,293
Income taxes	(1,948)	(323)	(1,463)		(3,734)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	5,263	391		(5,654)	
Equity in earnings of joint venture	5,841				5,841
Net income	6,400	858	4,796	(5,654)	6,400
Comprehensive income	$ 8,597	$ 858	$ 6,829	$ (7,687)	$ 8,597

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

For the Period ended June 30, 2012

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Operating activities:					
Net (loss) income	$ (7,278)	$ 9,666	$ 1,346	$ (11,012)	$ (7,278)
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	10,881	(241)		(10,640)	
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to cash provided by operating activities	11,804	(24,180)	(7,627)	21,652	1,649
Net cash used in operating activities	15,407	(14,755)	(6,281)		(5,629)
Investing activities:					
Capital expenditures and other	(2,053)	(1,276)	(1,354)		(4,683)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,053)	(1,276)	(1,354)		(4,683)
Financing activities:					
Proceeds from long-term debt, including new revolving credit facility	326,404		10,731		337,135
Repayments of long-term debt, including new revolving credit facility	(318,717)	(29)	(17,374)		(336,120)
Payment of debt issue costs	(1,503)				(1,503)
Net intercompany (repayments) borrowings	(29,449)	17,246	12,203		
Other financing	167		500		667
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	(23,098)	17,217	6,060		179
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			58		58
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(9,744)	1,186	(1,517)		(10,075)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	11,528	588	18,408		30,524
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	$ 1,784	$ 1,774	$ 16,891	$	$ 20,449

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

For the Period ended June 30, 2011

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Operating activities:					
Net income	$ 6,400	$ 858	$ 4,796	$ (5,654)	$ 6,400
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	5,263	391		(5,654)	
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to cash provided by operating activities	(20,743)	1,786	(15,289)	11,308	(22,938)
Net cash (used in) from operating activities	(9,080)	3,035	(10,493)		(16,538)
Investing activities:					
Capital expenditures and other	(3,013)	(916)	(826)		(4,755)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,013)	(916)	(826)		(4,755)
Financing activities:					
Short term borrowings	10,200		4,963		15,163
Net (repayments) borrowings on previously existing revolving lines of credit	(41)	(13)	1,456		1,402
Net intercompany (repayments) borrowings	(4,537)	(1,497)	6,034		
Other financing activities, net	385				385
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	6,007	(1,510)	12,453		16,950
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			(307)		(307)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,086)	609	827		(4,650)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	7,629	1,068	28,019		36,716
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	$ 1,543	$ 1,677	$ 28,846	$	$ 32,066

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

Amounts in millions except per share data

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Information provided and statements contained in this report that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements only speak as of the date of this report and the Company assumes no obligation to update the information included in this report. Such forward-looking statements include information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations, including descriptions of our business strategy. These statements often include words such as believe, expect, anticipate, intend, predict, plan, or similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of performance or results, and they involve risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. Although we believe that these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, there are many factors that could affect our actual financial results or results of operations and could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including those risk factors identified in Item 1A Risk Factors in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. All future written and oral forward-looking statements by us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to above. Except for our ongoing obligations to disclose material information as required by the federal securities laws, we do not have any obligations or intention to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances in the future or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company s condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto in ITEM 1 Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) .

Executive Overview

2011 Acquisition

On December 15, 2011, the Company acquired 100 percent of the outstanding common shares of Tube Supply, Inc. (Tube Supply). Tube Supply is a leading value-added distributor of specialty tubular and bar products for the oil and gas industry, based in Houston, Texas. Tube Supply provides high quality products and services primarily to the North American oilfield equipment manufacturing industry. Tube Supply operates two service centers, which are located in Houston, Texas and Edmonton, Alberta. The results and the assets of Tube Supply are included in the Company s Metals segment. Tube Supply had net sales of $45.3 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2012.

Economic Trends and Current Business Conditions

A. M. Castle & Co. and subsidiaries (the Company) experienced a slight increase in demand from its customer base in the second quarter of 2012 compared to the second quarter of 2011 in both the Metals and Plastics segments.

Metals segment sales increased 17.8% from the second quarter of 2011. Average tons sold per day, excluding Tube Supply, increased 1.1% compared to the prior year quarter, which was primarily driven by growth in carbon and alloy plate and nickel products. Virtually all key end-use markets experienced weaker demand

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in the second quarter of 2012 compared to 2011 with the exception of the heavy equipment and oil and gas sectors. The shift in demand is reflective of a slight build-up of inventory in the Company s target end markets.

The Company s Plastics segment reported a sales increase of 6.3% compared to the second quarter of 2011, reflecting continued strength in the automotive and office furniture sectors, partially offset by weaker demand in the store fixtures sector. The Plastics segment also experienced resin price increases during the first five months of the year, which began to soften in mid-May.

Management uses the PMI provided by the Institute for Supply Management (website is www.ism.ws) as an external indicator for tracking the demand outlook and possible trends in its general manufacturing markets. The table below shows PMI trends from the first quarter of 2010 through the second quarter of 2012. Generally speaking, an index above 50.0 indicates growth in the manufacturing sector of the U.S. economy, while readings under 50.0 indicate contraction. During June 2012, the PMI had a reading below 50.0 for the first month since July 2009.

YEAR	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
2010	58.2	58.8	55.4	56.8
2011	61.1	56.4	51.0	52.4
2012	53.3	52.7		

Material pricing and demand in both the Metals and Plastics segments of the Company s business have historically proven to be difficult to predict with any degree of accuracy. A favorable PMI trend suggests that demand for some of the Company s products and services, in particular those that are sold to the general manufacturing customer base in the U.S., could potentially be at a higher level in the near-term. The Company believes that its revenue trends typically correlate to the changes in PMI on a six to twelve month lag basis.

Results of Operations: Second Quarter 2012 Comparisons to Second Quarter 2011

Consolidated results by business segment are summarized in the following table for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 and 2011.

			Fav/(Unfav)	
	2012	2011	$ Change	% Change
Net Sales				
Metals	$ 297.2	$ 252.3	$ 44.9	17.8%
Plastics	32.2	30.3	1.9	6.3%
Total Net Sales	$ 329.4	$ 282.6	$ 46.8	16.6%
Cost of Materials				
Metals	$ 218.2	$ 187.5	$ (30.7)	(16.4)%
% of Metals Sales	*73.4%*	*74.3%*		
Plastics	22.5	21.0	(1.5)	(7.1)%
% of Plastics Sales	*69.9%*	*69.3%*		
Total Cost of Materials	$ 240.7	$ 208.5	$ (32.2)	(15.4)%
% of Total Sales	*73.1%*	*73.8%*		
Operating Costs and Expenses				
Metals	$ 67.8	$ 59.7	$ (8.1)	(13.6)%
Plastics	8.6	8.2	(0.4)	(4.9)%

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Other	3.4	1.9	(1.5)	(78.9)%
Total Operating Costs & Expenses	$ 79.8	$ 69.8	$ (10.0)	(14.3)%
% of Total Sales	*24.2%*	*24.7%*		
Operating Income				
Metals	$ 11.2	$ 5.1	$ 6.1	119.6%
% of Metals Sales	*3.8%*	*2.0%*		
Plastics	1.1	1.1		
% of Plastics Sales	*3.4%*	*3.6%*		
Other	(3.4)	(1.9)	(1.5)	(78.9)%
Total Operating Income	$ 8.9	$ 4.3	$ 4.6	107.0%
% of Total Sales	*2.7%*	*1.5%*		

Other includes the costs of executive, legal and finance departments which are shared by both segments of the Company.

Net Sales:

Consolidated net sales were $329.4 million, an increase of $46.8 million, or 16.6%, compared to the second quarter of 2011. Metals segment sales during the second quarter of 2012 of $297.2 million were $44.9 million, or 17.8%, higher than the same period last year. Tube Supply had net sales of $45.3 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2012. The decline in sales in the Metals segment, excluding the activity of Tube Supply, was the result of a slight increase in demand, offset by lower average prices for the Company s products. Average tons sold per day, excluding Tube Supply, increased 1.1% compared to the prior year quarter, which was primarily driven by growth carbon and alloy plate and nickel products. Virtually all key end-use markets experienced weaker demand in the second quarter of 2012 compared to 2011 with the exception of the heavy equipment and oil and gas sectors.

Plastics segment sales during the second quarter of 2012 of $32.2 million were $1.9 million, or 6.3% higher than the second quarter of 2011 due to increased pricing and higher sales volume reflecting continued strength in the automotive and office furniture sectors, partially offset by weaker demand in the store fixtures sector. In addition, the Plastics segment experienced resin price increases during the first five months of the year, which began to soften in mid-May.

Cost of Materials:

Cost of materials (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) during the second quarter of 2012 was $240.7 million, an increase of $32.2 million, or 15.4%, compared to the second quarter of 2011. Material costs for the Metals segment for the second quarter of 2012 were $218.2 million or 73.4% as a percent of net sales compared to $187.5 million or 74.3% as a percent of sales for the second quarter of 2011. Tube Supply cost of materials was $29.6 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2012. Excluding Tube Supply, cost of materials increased $2.6 million compared to the second quarter of 2011. Second quarter 2012 results include a $1.4 million loss associated with commodity hedges compared to no charge in the prior year period. The Metals segment recorded LIFO expense of $1.5 million in the second quarter of 2012 compared to $3.9 million in the second quarter of 2011. Material costs for the Plastics segment of 69.9% as a percent of net sales for the second quarter of 2012 were higher than 69.3% for the same period last year due to higher costs experienced in the automotive sector of the business.

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Operating Expenses and Operating Income:

On a consolidated basis, operating costs and expenses increased $10.0 million, or 14.3%, compared to the second quarter of 2011. Operating costs and expenses were $79.8 million, or 24.2% of net sales, compared to $69.8 million, or 24.7% of net sales during the second quarter of 2011.

During the second quarter of 2012, the Company incurred costs associated with executive employment transition in the amount of $1.6 million. As a result of the transition, share-based awards were forfeited, which resulted in a significant increase in the Company s forfeiture rate. The increase in the forfeiture rate estimate associated with the active Long-term Compensation Plans resulted in a decrease in sales, general and administrative cost of approximately $1.0 million. The net impact of the employment transition costs on sales, general and administrative expense was approximately $0.6 million.

There were overall increases in payroll related costs in the second quarter of 2012 compared to the prior year quarter, resulting from a change in the Company s 401(k) matching contribution to 100% of each dollar on eligible employee contributions up to the first 6% of the employee s pre-tax compensation, which was effective July 1, 2011. Other factors that contributed to increased payroll related costs in 2012 compared to 2011 included merit increases, which are effective in April of each year, and headcount increases.

The increase in operating expenses for the second quarter of 2012 compared to the second quarter of 2011 primarily relates to the following:

- Warehouse, processing and delivery costs increased by $4.6 million of which $4.2 million is associated with Tube Supply activity for the quarter. The remaining $0.4 million increase is primarily attributed to increased compensation and benefits expense as a result of headcount and merit increases;

- Sales, general and administrative costs increased by $4.0 million of which $2.7 million is associated with Tube Supply activity for the quarter. The remaining increase is primarily due to the net impact of the CEO transition costs of $0.6 million and an increase to bad debt reserves for customer bankruptcies of $0.8 million;

- Depreciation and amortization expense was $1.4 million higher than the second quarter of 2011 primarily due to the depreciation and amortization of Tube Supply s fixed and intangible assets acquired in December 2011.

Consolidated operating income for the second quarter of 2012 was $8.9 million compared to $4.3 million for the same period last year. Tube Supply contributed $7.0 million to the overall increase from the second quarter of 2011. The Company s second quarter 2012 operating income as a percent of net sales increased to 2.7% from 1.5% in the second quarter of 2011.

Other Income and Expense, Income Taxes and Net Income:

Interest expense was $14.2 million in the second quarter of 2012, an increase of $13.1 million versus the same period in 2011 as a result of interest charges on the Company s new senior secured notes, convertible notes and revolving line of credit, as well as the unrealized loss for the mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option associated with the convertible notes.

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Interest expense for the second quarter of 2012 includes the following new charges compared to the prior year period:

Non-cash interest charge of $4.3 million associated with the mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option associated with the convertible notes, which is not deductible for federal income tax purposes;

Interest on senior secured and convertible notes of $7.9 million; and

Amortization of debt discount of $0.8 million.

The Company recorded income tax benefit of $0.6 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 compared to tax expense of $2.5 million for the same period last year. The Company s effective tax rate is expressed as Income tax expense , which includes tax expense on the Company s share of joint venture earnings, as a percentage of Income *before* income taxes and equity in earnings of joint venture. The effective tax rate for the quarters ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 were 12.0% and 77.5%, respectively. The change in the effective tax rate compared to the second quarter of 2011 was primarily the result of the non-deductibility of the mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option associated with the convertible notes in the amount of $4.3 million.

Equity in earnings of the Company s joint venture was $1.7 million in the second quarter of 2012, which was $1.2 million less than the same period last year. An increase to bad debt reserves for customer bankruptcies impacted equity in earnings of the joint venture by approximately $0.6 million in the second quarter of 2012 compared to 2011. Lower demand for Kreher s products in virtually all end-use markets compared to the same period last year was another contributing factor to the decrease in equity in earnings of the Company s joint venture.

Consolidated net loss for the second quarter of 2012 was $3.0 million, or $0.13 per diluted share, compared to net income of $3.7 million, or $0.16 per diluted share, for the same period in 2011. The net loss for the second quarter of 2012 resulted from the mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option associated with the convertible debt.

Results of Operations: Six Months 2012 Comparisons to Six Months 2011

Consolidated results by business segment are summarized in the following table for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011.

			Fav/(Unfav)	
	2012	**2011**	**$ Change**	**% Change**
Net Sales				
Metals	$ 629.1	$ 496.9	$ 132.2	26.6%
Plastics	63.2	58.5	4.7	8.0%
Total Net Sales	$ 692.3	$ 555.4	$ 136.9	24.6%
Cost of Materials				
Metals	$ 460.3	$ 369.4	$ (90.9)	(24.6)%
% of Metals Sales	*73.2%*	*74.3%*		
Plastics	44.4	40.5	(3.9)	(9.6)%
% of Plastics Sales	*70.3%*	*69.2%*		
Total Cost of Materials	$ 504.7	$ 409.9	$ (94.8)	(23.1)%
% of Total Net Sales	*72.9%*	*73.8%*		
Operating Costs and Expenses				
Metals	$ 137.1	$ 118.8	$ (18.3)	(15.4)%

Plastics	17.2	16.4	(0.8)	(4.9)%
Other	5.9	3.9	(2.0)	(51.3)%
Total Operating Costs & Expenses	$ 160.2	$ 139.1	$ (21.1)	(15.2)%
% of Total Net Sales	*23.1%*	*25.0%*		
Operating Income (Loss)				
Metals	$ 31.7	$ 8.7	$ 23.0	264.4%
% of Metals Sales	*5.0%*	*1.8%*		
Plastics	1.6	1.6		
% of Plastics Sales	*2.5%*	*2.7%*		
Other	(5.9)	(3.9)	(2.0)	(51.3)%
Total Operating Income	$ 27.4	$ 6.4	$ 21.0	328.1%
% of Total Net Sales	*4.0%*	*1.2%*		

Other includes the costs of executive, legal and finance departments which are shared by both segments of the Company.

Net Sales:

Consolidated net sales were $692.3 million, an increase of $136.9 million, or 24.6%, compared to the same period last year. Higher net sales were primarily the result of higher shipping volumes and increased pricing in the metals and plastics markets. Metals segment sales during the first six months of 2012 of $629.1 million were $132.2 million, or 26.6%, higher than the same period last year. Tube Supply had net sales of $105.1 million for the first half of 2012. Average tons sold per day increased 5.2% compared to the prior year period. The increase in sales volume was driven primarily by carbon and alloy plate, nickel, stainless and tubing products. Key end-use markets that experienced increased demand in the first six months of 2012 include oil and gas, heavy equipment and general industrial equipment.

Plastics segment sales during the first six months of 2012 of $63.2 million were $4.7 million, or 8.0% higher than the same period last year due to increased pricing and higher sales volume reflecting continued strength in the automotive and office furniture sectors. In addition, the Plastics segment experienced resin price increases during the first five months of the year, which began to soften in mid-May.

Cost of Materials:

Cost of materials (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) during the first six months of 2012 were $504.7 million, an increase of $94.8 million, or 23.1%, compared to the same period last year. Material costs for the Metals segment for the first six months of 2012 were $460.3 million or 73.2% as a percent of net sales compared to $369.4 million or 74.3% as a percent of net sales for the first six months of 2011. Tube Supply cost of materials was $69.4 million for the first half of 2012. Cost of materials increased primarily as a result of increased sales activity for the period. Year-to-date 2012 results include a $1.0 million loss associated with commodity hedges compared to no charge in the prior year period. The Metals segment recorded LIFO expense of $6.1 million in 2012 compared to $6.9 million during the prior year period. Material costs for the Plastics segment were 70.3% and 69.2% as a percent of net sales for the first six months of 2012 and 2011, respectively. Management believes that consolidated material costs as a percentage of net sales will be comparable to first six months of 2012 levels for the balance of 2012.

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Operating Expenses and Operating Income:

On a consolidated basis, operating costs and expenses increased $21.1 million, or 15.2%, compared to the same period last year. Operating costs and expenses were $160.2 million, or 23.1% as a percent of sales, compared to $139.1 million, or 25.0% as a percent of sales last year. Second quarter 2011 results include a $0.8 million charge for export penalties related to product shipments that occurred from 2005 to 2008.

During the second quarter of 2012, the Company incurred costs associated with executive employment transition in the amount of $1.6 million. As a result of the transition, share-based awards were forfeited, which resulted in a significant increase in the Company s forfeiture rate. The increase in the forfeiture rate estimate associated with the active Long-term Compensation Plans resulted in a decrease in sales, general and administrative cost of approximately $1.0 million. The net impact of the employment transition costs on sales, general and administrative expense was approximately $0.6 million.

There were overall increases in payroll related costs in the first half of 2012 compared to the prior year period, resulting from a change in the Company s 401(k) matching contribution to 100% of each dollar on eligible employee contributions up to the first 6% of the employee s pre-tax compensation, which was effective July 1, 2011. Other factors that contributed to increased payroll related costs in 2012 compared to 2011 included merit increases, which are effective in April of each year, and headcount increases.

The increase in operating expenses for the first six months of 2012 compared to 2011 primarily relates to the following:

- Warehouse, processing and delivery costs increased by $10.0 million of which $8.5 million is associated with Tube Supply activity for the period. The remaining $1.5 million increase is primarily attributed to increased compensation and benefits expense as a result of headcount, merit and healthcare cost increases, partially offset by a decrease in workers compensation costs;

- Sales, general and administrative costs increased by $8.1 million of which $5.8 million is associated with Tube Supply activity for the period. The remaining increase is primarily due to the net impact of the CEO transition costs of $0.6 million, an increase to bad debt reserves for customer bankruptcies of $0.8 million and increased payroll costs of approximately $1.0 million as a result of headcount, merit, workers compensation and healthcare cost increases;

- Depreciation and amortization expense was $3.0 million higher than the first half of 2011 primarily due to the depreciation and amortization of Tube Supply s fixed and intangible assets acquired in December 2011.

Consolidated operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was $27.4 million compared to operating income of $6.4 million for the same period last year. Tube Supply contributed $17.9 million to the overall increase from the first half of 2011.

Other Income and Expense, Income Taxes and Net Income (Loss):

Interest expense was $35.8 million in the first half of 2012, an increase of $33.6 million versus the same period in 2011 as a result of interest charges on the Company s new senior secured notes, convertible notes and revolving line of credit, as well as the unrealized loss for the mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option associated with the convertible notes.

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Interest expense for the first half of 2012 includes the following new charges compared to the prior year period:

- Non-cash interest charge of $15.6 million associated with the mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option associated with the convertible notes, which is not deductible for federal income tax purposes;

- Interest on senior secured and convertible notes of $16.2 million; and

- Amortization of debt discount of $1.6 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, the Company recorded tax expense of $3.7 million and $3.7 million, respectively. The Company s effective tax rate is expressed as Income tax expense or benefit as a percentage of Income (loss) *before* income taxes and equity in earnings of joint venture. This calculation includes taxes on the joint venture income but excludes joint venture income. The effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 was (45.0)% and 87.0%, respectively. The change in the effective tax rate compared to the first six months of 2011 was primarily the result of the non-deductibility of the mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option associated with the convertible notes in the amount of $15.6 million. In addition, the effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2011 was significantly higher than the current period due to higher earnings of the Company s joint venture.

Equity in earnings of the Company s joint venture was $4.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012, compared to $5.8 million for the same period last year. An increase to bad debt reserves for customer bankruptcies impacted equity in earnings of the joint venture by approximately $0.6 million for the six months ended 2012 compared to 2011. Lower demand for Kreher s products in virtually all end-use markets compared to the same period last year was another contributing factor to the decrease in equity in earnings of the Company s joint venture.

Consolidated net loss for the first six months of 2012 was $7.3 million, or $0.32 per diluted share, versus net income of $6.4 million, or $0.28 per diluted share, for the same period in 2011. The net loss for the first half of 2012 resulted from the mark-to-market adjustment on the conversion option associated with the convertible debt.

Accounting Policies:

There have been no changes in critical accounting policies from those described in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and cash equivalents decreased by $10.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to a decrease of $4.7 million for the same period last year.

The Company s principal sources of liquidity are operating earnings, management of working capital and available borrowing capacity to fund working capital needs and growth initiatives. In times of economic downturn the Company typically has generated significant cash flow from operations due to net reductions in working capital while during times of economic prosperity, the Company typically has utilized cash flow from operations to fund net working capital increases to support the business growth. Cash used in operations for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was $5.6 million compared to cash used in operations of $16.5 million for

the six months ended June 30, 2011. Specific components of the change in working capital are highlighted below:

During the six months ended June 30, 2012, cash receipts from customers exceeded net sales resulting in a $3.2 million cash flow impact due to a decrease in accounts receivable for the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to a $33.4 million cash flow impact due to an increase in accounts receivable for the same period last year. Net sales increased 24.6% from the same period last year. Average receivable days outstanding was 48.4 days for the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to 48.7 for the six months ended June 30, 2011.

During the six months ended June 30, 2012, inventory purchases exceeded sales of inventory resulting in a $92.3 million cash flow impact due to an increase in inventory compared to a $41.9 million cash flow impact due to an increase in inventory in the six months ended June 30, 2011. Average days sales in inventory was 170.5 days for the six months ended June 30, 2012 compared to 120.4 days for the six months ended June 30, 2011.

During the six months ended June 30, 2012, purchases exceeded cash paid for inventories and other goods and services resulting in a $70.2 million cash flow impact due to a net increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities compared to a $41.8 million cash flow impact due to a net increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities for the same period last year.

The Company received its 2010 federal income tax refund of approximately $2.0 million during February 2012 and its 2009 federal income tax refund of approximately $6.3 million during January 2011.

In December 2011, in conjunction with the acquisition of Tube Supply, the Company issued $225.0 million aggregate principal amount of 12.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2016, $57.5 million aggregate principal amount of 7.0% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 and entered into a $100.0 million senior secured asset based revolving credit facility (the New Revolving Credit Facility). Net proceeds of $304.6 million were used to complete the Acquisition, pay-off amounts outstanding under our previous credit agreement and for general corporate purposes.

Historically, the Company s primary uses of liquidity and capital resources have been capital expenditures, payments on debt (including interest payments), acquisitions and dividend payments. Management believes the Company will be able to generate sufficient cash from operations and planned working capital improvements to fund its ongoing capital expenditure programs and meet its debt obligations for at least the next twelve months. Furthermore, the Company does have available borrowing capacity under the New Revolving Credit Agreement. The new debt agreements impose significant operating and financial restrictions which may prevent the Company from certain business opportunities such as, making acquisitions or paying dividends, among other things. The New Revolving Credit facility contains a springing financial maintenance covenant requiring the Company to maintain the ratio (as defined in the agreement) of EBITDA to fixed charges of 1.1 to 1.0 when excess availability is less than the greater of 10% of the calculated borrowing base (as defined in the agreement) or $10.0 million. In addition, if excess availability is less than the greater of 12.5% of the calculated borrowing base (as defined in the agreement) or $12.5 million, the lender has the right to take full dominion of the Company s cash collections and apply these proceeds to outstanding loans under the New Revolving Credit Agreement (cash dominion). Based on the Company s cash projections, it does not anticipate a scenario whereby cash dominion would occur.

The Company is committed to maintaining a strong financial position through maintaining sufficient levels of available liquidity, managing working capital and monitoring the Company s overall

capitalization. Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2012 were $20.4 million, and the Company had $54.0 million of available borrowing capacity under its New Revolving Credit Facility. Approximately 17% of the Company s consolidated cash and cash equivalents balance resides in the United States. As foreign earnings are permanently reinvested, availability under the Company s New Revolving Credit Facility would be used to fund operations in the United States should the need arise in the future.

Working capital at June 30, 2012 was $365.5 million compared to $349.0 million at December 31, 2011. The increase in working capital is primarily due to higher inventory of $92.4 million to support higher sales volumes and higher prepaid expenses and other current assets of $10.6 million, partially offset by a decrease in cash and income tax receivable of $10.1 million and $4.5 million, respectively, and increases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of $62.8 million and $6.0 million, respectively, from December 31, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

The Company monitors its overall capitalization by evaluating total debt to total capitalization. Total debt to total capitalization is defined as the sum of short- and long-term debt, divided by the sum of total debt and stockholders equity. Total debt to total capitalization was 46.1% at June 30, 2012 and 50.2% at December 31, 2011. As of April 26, 2012, the conversion option value of $42.0 million was reclassified from long-term debt, less current portion to additional paid-in capital, resulting in a decrease to the debt to total capitalization at June 30, 2012. The deferred tax benefit of $8.3 million associated with the temporary difference between the financial reporting basis of the derivative liability and its tax basis at the date of issuance (December 15, 2011) was also reclassified to additional paid-in capital. Over the long-term, the Company plans to continue to improve its total debt to total capitalization by improving operating results, managing working capital and using cash generated from operations to repay outstanding debt. Going forward, as and when permitted by term of agreements noted above, depending on market conditions, the Company may decide in the future to refinance, redeem or repurchase its debt and take other steps to reduce its debt or lease obligations or otherwise improve its overall financial position and balance sheet.

On November 5, 2009 the Company filed a universal shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which was declared effective on November 23, 2009. The registration statement gives the Company the flexibility to offer and sell from time to time in the future up to $100 million of equity, debt or other types of securities as described in the registration statement, or any combination of such securities. If securities are issued, the Company may use the proceeds for general corporate purposes, including acquisitions, capital expenditures, working capital and repayment of debt.

Cash paid for capital expenditures for the six months ended June 30, 2012 was $4.7 million, a decrease of $0.1 million compared to the same period last year. Management believes that annual capital expenditures will approximate $13.0 million in 2012, which is $2.0 million lower than the estimate at the beginning of the year.

The Company s principal payments on long-term debt, including the current portion of long-term debt, required during the next five years and thereafter are summarized below:

2012	$ 0.2
2013	0.3
2014	
2015	36.3
2016	225.0
2017 and beyond	57.5
Total debt	$ 319.3

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As of June 30, 2012, the Company had $6.6 million of irrevocable letters of credit outstanding, which primarily consisted of $3.8 million for collateral associated with commodity hedges and $2.0 million for compliance with the insurance reserve requirements of its workers compensation insurance carriers.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate, commodity price and foreign exchange rate risks that arise in the normal course of business. There have been no significant or material changes to such risks since December 31, 2011. Refer to Item 7a in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed for the year ended December 31, 2011 for further discussion of such risks.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

A review and evaluation was performed by the Company s management, including the interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) and have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended June 30, 2012 that materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company s internal control over financial reporting.

(c) Changes in Company Management

On May 10, 2012, Scott F. Stephens, was appointed interim President and Chief Executive Officer, replacing Michael H. Goldberg.
Mr. Stephens also retained his position as Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer. The change in Company management did not materially affect the Company s internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended June 30, 2012.

Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
2.3	Second Amendment to the Stock Purchase Agreement, dated January 13, 2012, by and among A. M. Castle & Co., Mr. Paul Sorensen, Mr. Jerry Willeford, and Tube Supply, LLC (as successor in interest to Tube Supply Inc.). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.3 to the Company s Form S-4/A filed with the SEC on May 25, 2012. Commission File No. 333-180662.
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101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document (1)
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document (1)
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document (1)

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SIGNATURE

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.

A. M. Castle & Co.
(Registrant)

Date: August 7, 2012

By: /s/ Patrick R. Anderson
Patrick R. Anderson
Vice President Controller and Chief Accounting Officer
(Mr. Anderson has been authorized to

sign on behalf of the Registrant.)

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