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**Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2012**

THE TORO COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation)

1-8649
(Commission File Number)

41-0580470
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
Number)

**8111 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420-1196
Telephone number: (952) 888-8801**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share	New York Stock Exchange
	Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
	None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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.

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

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price of the common stock on May 4, 2012, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, was approximately \$2.1 billion.

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of December 12, 2012 was 58,345,572.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders expected to be held March 12, 2013 are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Introduction

The Toro Company was incorporated in Minnesota in 1935 as a successor to a business founded in 1914 and reincorporated in Delaware in 1983. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms "company," "Toro," "we," "us," and "our" refer to The Toro Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. Our executive offices are located at 8111 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, Minnesota, 55420-1196, and our telephone number is (952) 888-8801. Our web site for corporate and investor information is www.thetorocompany.com, which also contains links to our branded product sites. The information contained on our web sites or connected to our web sites is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K and should not be considered part of this report.

We design, manufacture, and market professional turf maintenance equipment and services, turf irrigation systems, landscaping equipment and lighting, agricultural micro-irrigation systems, rental and construction equipment, and residential yard and snow removal products. We produced our first mower for golf course use in 1921 when we mounted five reel mowers on a Toro tractor, and we introduced our first lawn mower for residential use in 1935. We have continued to enhance our product lines ever since. We classify our operations into three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. Our Distribution segment, which consists of our company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with our corporate activities and is shown as "Other." Net sales of our three reportable segments accounted for the following percentages of our consolidated net sales for fiscal 2012: Professional, 68 percent; Residential, 31 percent; and Other, 1 percent.

Our products are advertised and sold at the retail level under the primary trademarks of Toro®, Exmark®, Irritrol®, Hayter®, Pope®, Unique Lighting Systems®, Lawn-Boy®, and Lawn Genie®, most of which are registered in the United States and/or in the primary countries outside the United States where we market such products. This report also contains trademarks, trade names, and service marks that are owned by other persons or entities, such as The Home Depot.

We emphasize quality and innovation in our products, customer service, manufacturing, and marketing. We strive to provide well-built, dependable products supported by an extensive service network. We have committed funding for research, development, and engineering in order to improve existing products and develop new products. Through these efforts, we seek to be responsive to trends that may affect our target markets now and in the future. A significant portion of our revenues have historically been, and we expect will continue to be, attributable to new and enhanced products. We define new products as those introduced in the current and previous two fiscal years. We plan to continue to pursue targeted acquisitions using a disciplined approach that adds value while considering our existing brands and product portfolio.

Our purpose is to help our customers enrich the beauty, productivity, and sustainability of the land. Our mission is to be the leading worldwide provider of outdoor landscaping products, support services, and integrated systems that help customers preserve and beautify their outdoor landscapes with environmentally responsible solutions of customer-valued quality and innovation.

Products by Market

We strive to be a leader in adapting advanced technologies to products and services that provide solutions for turf care maintenance, landscapes, agricultural fields, construction, and residential demands. The following is a summary of our products, by market, for the professional segment and our products for the residential segment:

Professional We design professional turf, landscape, construction, and agricultural products and market them worldwide through a network of distributors and dealers as well as directly to government customers, rental companies, and large retailers. These channel partners then sell our products primarily to professional users engaged in creating and renovating landscapes; irrigating turf and agricultural fields; installing, repairing, and replacing underground utilities; and maintaining turf, such as golf courses, sports fields, municipal properties, and residential and commercial landscapes.

Landscape Contractor Market. Products for the landscape contractor market include zero-turn radius riding mowers, heavy-duty walk behind mowers, mid-size walk behind mowers, stand-on mowers, and turf renovation and tree care equipment. We market products to landscape contractors under the Toro and Exmark brands. In fiscal 2012, we introduced the new Z Master® Commercial 2000 Series mower, featuring our exclusive TURBO FORCE® cutting decks, integrated pump, and wheel motors designed for professional results, performance, and durability. In fiscal 2012, we also introduced the new Exmark Quest® S-Series 50" mower, which is engineered using many of the same elements and features we use in our larger commercial-grade mowers, featuring a hydrostatic drive system and zero-turn radius technology. Additionally, in fiscal

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2012 we introduced the new Exmark Pioneer® S-Series 60" mower, featuring a patented cutting deck designed to yield professional results and improve cutting efficiency.

Sports Fields and Grounds Market. Products for the sports fields and grounds market include riding rotary mowers and attachments, aerators, and debris management products, which include

versatile debris vacuums, blowers, and sweepers. Other products include multipurpose vehicles, such as the Toro Workman®, that can be used for turf maintenance, towing, and industrial hauling. These products are sold through distributors, who then sell to owners and/or managers of sports fields, governmental properties, and residential and commercial landscapes.

Golf Market. Products for the golf course market include large reel and rotary riding products for fairway, rough and trim cutting; riding and walking mowers for putting greens and specialty areas; greens rollers; turf sprayer equipment; utility vehicles; aeration equipment; and bunker maintenance equipment. In late fiscal 2011, we introduced the Greensmaster eFlex, which utilizes lithium-ion battery technology in conjunction with superior cutting performance intended to combine to deliver a highly efficient, extremely quiet, no carbon emissions greens mower. In fiscal 2012, we also introduced the GreensPro 1200, a riding greens roller that is designed to improve the playing conditions of fine turf surfaces, such as golf greens and turf tennis courts.

We also manufacture and market underground irrigation systems for the golf course market, including sprinkler heads, controllers, turf sensors, and electric, battery-operated, and hydraulic valves. These irrigation systems are designed to use computerized management systems and a variety of other technologies to help customers manage their consumption of water. Our 835S/855S Series golf sprinklers are equipped with a unique TruJectory feature that provides enhanced water distribution control as well as uniformity, nozzle flexibility, and system efficiency. Our Network VP® Satellite combines modular flexibility, ease of use, and increased control in a single controller with programming to the individual station level that supports station-based flow management. Our Turf Guard® wireless soil monitoring systems are designed to measure soil moisture, salinity, and temperature through buried wireless sensors that communicate through an Internet server for processing and presentation to a user through the web. Our R Series conversion assemblies enable the upgrade of select competitive sprinklers to our patented technologies, such as our TruJectory sprinklers with adjustable height of spray capability. Our popular Lynx® central control system allows superintendents to control the irrigation of their course from a web-enabled device, or via our National Support Network, which provides remote troubleshooting.

Residential/Commercial Irrigation and Lighting Market. Turf irrigation products marketed under the Toro and Irritrol brands include rotors; sprinkler bodies and nozzles; plastic, brass, and hydraulic valves; drip tubing and subsurface irrigation; electric control devices; and wired and wireless rain, freeze, climate, and soil sensors. These products are designed for use in residential and commercial turf irrigation applications and can be installed into new systems or used to replace or retrofit existing systems. Most of the product lines are designed for professionally installed, underground automatic irrigation. Electric controllers activate hydraulic valves and sprinklers in a typical irrigation system. Our Irritrol Climate Logic® smart device automatically adjusts irrigation system watering times based on real-time weather data from an on-site sensor combined with historical averages, while our award-winning Toro Precision Soil Sensor wirelessly transmits soil moisture content to any modern day irrigation controller and signals whether or not a watering cycle is needed. In fiscal 2012, both the Toro and Irritrol brands achieved Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") WaterSense certification for numerous irrigation controller families and models.

Our retail irrigation products are marketed under the Toro and Lawn Genie brand names. These products are designed for homeowner installation and include sprinkler heads, valves, timers, sensors, and drip irrigation systems. The XTRA SMART® ECXTRA sprinkler timer and its intuitive, online Scheduling Advisor recommends the proper watering schedule based on the local weather, plant type, and sprinkler type.

We manufacture and market lighting products under the Unique Lighting Systems brand name consisting of a line of high quality, professionally installed lighting fixtures and transformers for residential and commercial landscapes. Our lighting product line is offered through distributors and landscape contractors that also purchase our irrigation products. In fiscal 2012, we introduced the new line of FLEX Series drop-in LED lamps featuring our Thermal Management System, which is scientifically designed to dissipate heat for a long life LED while substantially reducing energy consumption and maintenance costs in applications where high quality lighting is desired.

Micro-Irrigation Market. Products for the micro-irrigation market include products that regulate the flow of water for drip irrigation, including Aqua-Traxx® PBX drip tape, Aqua-Traxx® PC (pressure-compensating) drip tape, Blue Stripe® polyethylene tubing, BlueLine® drip line, and NGE® emitters, all used in agriculture, mining, and landscape applications. In addition to these core products, we offer a full complement of control devices and connection options to complete the system. These products are sold primarily through dealers and distributors who then sell to end-users for use primarily in vegetable fields, fruit and nut orchards, vineyards, landscapes, and mines. In fiscal 2012, we introduced the Neptune thinwall dripline, a medium-durability dripline that enables growers to install a subsurface drip irrigation system that is designed to last for up to ten years, and allow growers of medium-length crops to adopt drip irrigation at a more economical cost than other traditional irrigation methods. Also in fiscal 2012, we began operations at our new micro-irrigation facility in Ploiesti, Romania in order to support the anticipated global growth of our micro-irrigation business and enable future capacity expansion.

Rental and Construction Market. Products for the rental market include compact utility loaders, walk-behind trenchers, stump grinders, and tree care and turf renovation products, many of which are

also sold to landscape contractors. Our compact utility loaders are the cornerstone products for our Toro Sitework Systems business, which are designed to improve the efficiency in creation and renovation of landscapes. We offer over 35 attachments for our compact utility loaders, including trenchers, augers, vibratory plows, and backhoes. Our Toro Sitework Systems business also offers a line of turf renovation equipment, including aerators, seeders, and power rakes. In fiscal 2012, we introduced the 30" Dual Hydro Ride-On aerator, which features zero-turn maneuverability, variable speed, and reversible traction drive. We also expanded our rental market presence with the April 2012 acquisition of a line of products featuring concrete and mortar mixers, material handlers, compaction equipment, and other concrete power tools. In February 2012, we also entered the construction market with the acquisition of an equipment line of vibratory plows, trenchers, and horizontal directional drills, all of which are used in the installation, repair, and replacement of underground utilities with minimal impact on surrounding landscapes or structures.

Residential We market our residential products to homeowners through a variety of distribution channels, including outdoor power equipment dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, mass retailers, and over the Internet. These products are sold mainly in North America, Europe, and Australia, with the exception of snow removal products that are sold primarily in North America and Europe. We also license our trade name to other manufacturers and retailers on certain riding and home solutions products as a means of expanding our brand presence.

Walk Power Mower Products. We manufacture and market numerous walk power mower models under our Toro and Lawn-Boy brand names, as well as the Pope brand in Australia and the Hayter brand in the United Kingdom. Models differ as to cutting width, type of starter mechanism, method of grass clipping discharge, deck type, operational controls, and power sources, and are either self-propelled or push mowers. We also offer a line of rear-roller walk power mowers, a design that provides a striped finish, for the United Kingdom market. In fiscal 2012, we introduced the TimeMaster® walk power mower featuring a 30" deck with a dual blade timed cutting system and a Quick-Stow lever, which are designed to work together to reduce the amount of time spent mowing while allowing for easy compact storage.

Riding Products. We manufacture and market riding products under the Toro brand name. Riding products primarily consist of zero-turn radius mowers that are designed to save homeowners time by using superior maneuverability to cut around obstacles more quickly and easily than tractor technology. Our TimeCutter® SS zero-turn radius mowers are equipped with our innovative Smart Speed® control system, which is designed to allow the operator to choose different ground speed ranges with the flip of a lever and without changing the blade or engine speed. In fiscal 2012, we introduced the TimeCutter® MX zero-turn radius mower featuring the speed and agility of the TimeCutter® SS with a heavy-duty fabricated deck design and a larger transmission. We also sell lawn and garden tractor riding products, as well as rear engine and direct-collect riding mowers that are manufactured and sold in the European market. Many models of our riding products are available with a variety of engines, decks, transmissions, and accessories.

Home Solutions Products. We design and market home solutions products under the Toro and Pope brand names, including electric, gas, and cordless grass trimmers, electric and cordless hedge trimmers, electric and gas blower-vacuums, and electric snow throwers. In Australia, we also design and market underground and hose-end retail irrigation products under the Pope brand name. In fiscal 2012, we introduced a new line of lithium-ion battery powered cordless grass and hedge trimmers which require no gas or oil and are virtually maintenance free. In fiscal 2012, we also introduced the 1500 Power Curve® electric snow thrower featuring Qwik-Key starting mechanism and intuitive controls while weighing just 25 pounds, making it easy to use and maneuver.

Gas Snow Removal Products. We manufacture and market a range of gas-powered single-stage and two-stage snow thrower models. Single-stage snow throwers are walk behind units with lightweight four-cycle gasoline engines. Most single-stage snow thrower models include Power Curve® snow thrower technology and some feature our Quick Shoot control system that enables operators to quickly change snow-throwing direction. Our innovative pivoting scraper is designed to keep the rotor in constant contact with the pavement. Our two-stage snow throwers are generally designed for relatively large areas of deep, heavy snow and use four-cycle engines. Our two-stage snow throwers include a line of innovative models featuring our patented Anti-Clogging System and Quick Stick® chute control technology. In fiscal 2012, we enhanced our portfolio of two-stage snow throwers by introducing a new line of Power Max® snow throwers featuring a unique one-piece frame designed to provide maximum strength and durability.

Financial Information about International Operations and Business Segments

We currently manufacture our products in the United States, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Romania for sale throughout the world. We maintain sales offices in the United States, Belgium, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Singapore, Japan, China, Italy, Korea, and Germany. New product development is pursued primarily in the United States. Our net sales outside the United States were 30.3 percent, 32.3 percent, and 31.8 percent of total consolidated net sales for fiscal 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively.

A portion of our cash flow is derived from sales and purchases denominated in foreign currencies. To reduce the uncertainty of foreign currency exchange rate movements on these sales and purchase commitments, we enter into foreign currency exchange

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contracts for select transactions. For additional information regarding our foreign currency exchange contracts, see Part II, Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" of this report. For additional financial information regarding our international operations and each of our three reportable business segments, see Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, in the section entitled "Segment Data," included in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" of this report.

Engineering and Research

We are committed to an ongoing engineering program dedicated to developing innovative new products and improvements in the quality and performance of existing products. However, a focus on innovation also carries certain risks that new technology could be slow to be accepted or not accepted by the marketplace. We attempt to mitigate these risks through our focus on and commitment to understanding our customers' needs and requirements. We invest time upfront with customers, using "Voice of the Customer" tools, to help us develop innovative products that are intended to meet or exceed customer expectations. We use Design for Manufacturing and Assembly ("DFM/A") tools to ensure early manufacturing involvement in new product designs intended to reduce production costs. DFM/A focuses on reducing the number of parts required to assemble new products, as well as designing products to move more efficiently through the manufacturing process. We strive to make improvements to our new product development system as part of our continuing focus on Lean methods to shorten development time, reduce costs, and improve quality.

Our engineering expenses are primarily incurred in connection with the development of new products that may have additional applications or represent extensions of existing product lines, improvements to existing products, and cost reduction efforts. Our expenditures for engineering and research were \$60.1 million (3.1 percent of net sales) in fiscal 2012, \$57.0 million (3.0 percent of net sales) in fiscal 2011, and \$53.3 million (3.2 percent of net sales) in fiscal 2010.

Manufacturing and Production

In some areas of our business we serve as a fully integrated manufacturer, while in others we are primarily an assembler. We have strategically identified specific core manufacturing competencies for vertical integration and have chosen outside vendors to provide other services. We design component parts in cooperation with our vendors, contract with them for the development of tooling, and then enter into agreements with these vendors to purchase component parts manufactured using the tooling. In addition, our vendors regularly test new technologies to be applied in the design and production of component parts. Manufacturing operations include robotic and computer-automated equipment to speed production, reduce costs, and improve the quality, fit, and finish of our products. Operations are also designed to be flexible enough to accommodate product design changes that are necessary to respond to market demand.

In order to utilize our manufacturing facilities and technology more effectively, we pursue continuous improvements in our manufacturing processes with the use of Lean methods that are intended to streamline work and eliminate waste. We also have flexible assembly lines that can handle a wide product mix and deliver products to meet customer demand. Additionally, we spend considerable effort to reduce manufacturing costs through Lean methods and process improvement, product and platform design, application of advanced technologies, enhanced environmental management systems, SKU consolidation, safety improvements, and improved supply-chain management. We also have agreements with other third party manufacturers to manufacture products on our behalf.

Our professional products are manufactured throughout the year. Our residential lawn and garden products are also generally manufactured throughout the year. However, our residential snow removal products are generally manufactured in the summer and fall months but may be extended into the winter months depending upon demand. Our products are tested in conditions and locations similar to those in which they are used. We use computer-aided design and manufacturing systems to shorten the time between initial concept and final production. DFM/A principles are used throughout the product development process to optimize product quality and cost.

Our production levels and inventory management goals are based on estimates of retail demand for our products, taking into account production capacity, timing of shipments, and field inventory levels. In fiscal 2012, our production system utilized Kanban, supplier pull, and build-to-order methodologies in our manufacturing facilities as appropriate for the business units they support in order to better align the production of our products to meet customer demand. This has resulted in improved service levels for our participating suppliers, distributors, and dealers.

We periodically shut down production at our manufacturing facilities in order to allow for maintenance, rearrangement, capital equipment installation, and as needed, to adjust for market demand. Capital expenditures for fiscal 2013 are planned to be approximately \$60 million as we expect to continue to invest in new product tooling and replacement production equipment, as well as expansion of facilities.

Raw Materials

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During fiscal 2012, we experienced higher average commodity costs compared to the average prices paid for commodities in fiscal 2011, which hampered our gross margin growth rate in fiscal 2012 as compared to fiscal 2011. We anticipate that some of the increased commodity prices we experienced during fiscal 2012 will

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continue into fiscal 2013. Historically, we have mitigated, and we currently expect to continue to mitigate, commodity cost increases in part by engaging in proactive vendor negotiations, reviewing alternative sourcing options, substituting materials, engaging in internal cost reduction efforts, and increasing prices on some of our products, all as appropriate.

Most of the components of our products are also affected by commodity cost pressures and are commercially available from a number of sources. In fiscal 2012, we experienced no significant work stoppages because of shortages of raw materials or commodities. The highest raw material and component costs are generally for steel, engines, hydraulic components, transmissions, plastic resin, and electric motors, all of which we purchase from several suppliers around the world.

Service and Warranty

Our products are warranted to ensure customer confidence in design, workmanship, and overall quality. Warranty coverage is generally for specified periods of time and on select products' hours of usage, and generally covers parts, labor, and other expenses for non-maintenance repairs. Warranty coverage generally does not cover operator abuse or improper use. An authorized company distributor or dealer must perform warranty work. Distributors and dealers submit claims for warranty reimbursement and are credited for the cost of repairs, labor, and other expenses as long as the repairs meet our prescribed standards. Warranty expense is accrued at the time of sale based on the type and estimated number of products under warranty, historical average costs incurred to service warranty claims, the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, the historical length of time between the sale and resulting warranty claim, and other minor factors. Special warranty reserves are also accrued for major rework campaigns. Service support outside of the warranty period is provided by authorized distributors and dealers at the customer's expense. We sell extended warranty coverage on select products for a prescribed period after the original warranty period expires.

Product Liability

We have rigorous product safety standards and continually work to improve the safety and reliability of our products. We monitor for accidents and possible claims and establish liability estimates based on internal evaluations of the merits of individual claims. We purchase excess insurance coverage for catastrophic product liability claims for incidents that exceed our self-insured retention levels.

Patents and Trademarks

We own patents, trademarks, and trade secrets related to our products in the United States and certain countries outside the United States in which we conduct business. We expect to apply for future patents and trademarks, as appropriate, in connection with the development of innovative new products, services, and enhancements. Although we believe that, in the aggregate, our patents are valuable, and patent protection is beneficial to our business and competitive positioning, our patent protection will not necessarily deter or prevent competitors from attempting to develop similar products. We are not materially dependent on any one or more of our patents. However, certain Toro trademarks that contribute to our identity and the recognition of our products and services, including the Toro® name and logo, are an integral part of our business, and their loss could have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results.

We regularly review certain patents issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") and international patent offices to prevent possible infringement of our patents by others. Additionally, we periodically review competitors' products to help avoid potential liability with respect to others' patents. We believe these activities help us minimize our risk of being a defendant in patent infringement litigation. We are currently involved in patent litigation cases where we are asserting our patents against competitors and defending against patent infringement assertions by others.

Similarly, we periodically monitor various trademark registers and the market to prevent infringement of and damage to our trademarks by others. We are currently involved in trademark oppositions where we are asserting our trademarks against third parties who are attempting to establish rights in trademarks that are confusingly similar to ours. We believe these activities help minimize risk of harm to our trademarks, and help maintain distinct products and services that we believe are well regarded in the marketplace.

Seasonality

Sales of our residential products, which accounted for 31 percent of total consolidated net sales in fiscal 2012, are seasonal, with sales of lawn and garden products occurring primarily between February and May, depending upon seasonal weather conditions and demand for our products. Sales of snow removal products occur primarily between July and January, depending upon seasonal snow falls, product availability, and demand for our snow removal products. Opposite seasons in global markets in which we sell our products somewhat moderate this seasonality of our residential product sales. Seasonality of professional product sales also exists, but is tempered because the selling season in the Southern

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U.S. and in our markets in the Southern hemisphere continues for a longer portion of the year than in Northern regions of the world.

Overall, worldwide sales levels are historically highest in our fiscal second quarter and retail demand is generally highest in our fiscal third quarter. Typically, accounts receivable balances increase between January and April because of higher sales volumes and extended payment terms made available to our customers. Accounts receivable balances typically decrease between May and December when payments are received. Our financing requirements are subject to variations due to seasonal changes in

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working capital levels, which typically increase in the first half of our fiscal year and decrease in the second half of our fiscal year. Seasonal cash requirements of our business are financed from a combination of cash balances, cash flows from operations, and our bank credit lines.

The following table shows total consolidated net sales and net earnings for each fiscal quarter as a percentage of the total fiscal year.

Quarter	Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
	Net Sales	Net Earnings	Net Sales	Net Earnings
First	22%	16%	20%	15%
Second	35	53	33	51
Third	26	31	27	30
Fourth	17	0	20	4

Effects of Weather

From time to time, weather conditions in particular geographic regions or markets may adversely or positively affect sales of some of our products and field inventory levels and result in a negative or positive impact on our future net sales. If the percentage of our net sales from outside the United States increases, our dependency on weather in any one part of the world decreases. Nonetheless, weather conditions could materially affect our future net sales.

Working Capital

We fund our operations through a combination of cash and cash equivalents, cash flows from operations, short-term borrowings under our credit facilities, and long-term debt. Cash management is centralized and intercompany financing is used, wherever possible, to provide working capital to wholly owned subsidiaries as needed. In addition, our credit facilities are available for additional working capital needs, acquisitions, or other investment opportunities.

Distribution and Marketing

We market the majority of our products through approximately 40 domestic and 120 international distributors, as well as a large number of outdoor power equipment dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, and mass retailers in more than 90 countries worldwide.

Professional products are sold to distributors primarily for resale to golf courses, sports fields, industrial facilities, contractors, and government customers, and in some markets for resale to dealers. We also sell some professional segment products directly to government customers and rental companies, as well as to end-users in certain international markets. Select residential/commercial irrigation and lighting products are sold to professional irrigation and lighting distributors, and certain retail irrigation products are sold directly to home centers. Products for the rental and construction market are sold to directly to dealers and large rental companies. Toro and Exmark landscape contractor products are also sold directly to dealers in certain regions of the United States.

Residential products, such as walk power mowers, riding products, and snow throwers, are generally sold directly to home centers, dealers, hardware retailers, and mass retailers. In certain markets, these same products are sold to distributors for resale to hardware retailers and dealers. Home solutions products are primarily sold directly to home centers, mass retailers, and hardware retailers. We also sell selected residential products over the Internet. Internationally, residential products are sold directly to dealers and mass merchandisers in Australia, Canada, and select countries in Europe. In most other countries, residential products are mainly sold to distributors for resale to dealers and mass retailers.

During fiscal 2012, we owned two domestic distribution companies. Our primary purposes in owning domestic distributorships are to facilitate ownership transfers while improving operations and to test and deploy new strategies and business practices that could be replicated by our independent distributors.

Our distribution systems are intended to assure quality of sales and market presence, as well as to provide effective after-purchase service and support. We believe our distribution network provides a competitive advantage in marketing and selling our products, in part, because our primary distribution network is focused on selling and marketing our products, and because of the long-term relationships they have established

and experienced personnel they utilize to deliver high levels of customer satisfaction.

Our current marketing strategy is to maintain distinct brands and brand identification for Toro®, Exmark®, Irritrol®, Hayter®, Pope®, Unique Lighting Systems®, Lawn-Boy®, and Lawn Genie® products.

We advertise our residential products during appropriate seasons throughout the year mainly on television, on the radio, in print, and via the Internet. Professional products are advertised mainly in print and through direct mail programs, as well as on the Internet. Most of our advertising emphasizes our brand names. Advertising is purchased by us as well as through cooperative programs with distributors, dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, and mass retailers.

Customers

Overall, we believe that in the long-term we are not dependent on any single customer; however, the residential segment of our business is dependent on The Home Depot as a customer, which accounted for approximately 11 percent of our total consolidated gross sales in both fiscal 2012 and 2011. While the loss of any substantial customer, including The Home Depot, could have a material adverse short-term impact on our business, we believe that our diverse distribution channels and customer base should reduce the long-term impact of any such loss.

Backlog of Orders

Our backlog of orders is dependent upon when customers place orders, and is not necessarily an indicator of our expected results for our fiscal 2013 net sales. The approximate backlog of orders as of October 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$123.9 million and \$85.2 million, respectively, an increase of 45.4 percent. This increase was primarily from strong orders for our professional segment diesel engine products subject to Tier 4 emission requirements. As we prepare for the new emission requirements, we intend to implement price increases for our products subject to these regulations; therefore, many customers placed orders in advance of when price increases go into effect for products impacted by the new emission requirements, which resulted in the increase in backlog of orders as of October 31, 2012 compared to October 31, 2011. We expect the existing backlog of orders will be filled in early fiscal 2013.

Competition

Our products are sold in highly competitive markets throughout the world. The principal competitive factors in our markets are product innovation, quality and reliability, pricing, product support and customer service, warranty, brand awareness, reputation, distribution, shelf space, and financing options. We believe we offer total solutions and full service packages with high quality products that have the latest technology and design innovations. In addition, by selling our products through a network of distributors, dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, and mass retailers, we offer comprehensive service support during and after the warranty period. We compete in many product lines with numerous manufacturers, some of which have larger operations and financial resources than us. We believe that we have a competitive advantage because we manufacture a broad range of product lines, we are committed to product innovation and customer service, we have a strong history in and focus on maintaining turf and landscapes, and our distribution channels position us well to compete in various markets.

Internationally, residential segment products face more competition because many foreign competitors design, manufacture, and market products in their respective countries. We experience this competition primarily in Europe. In addition, fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar may affect the price of our products in foreign markets, thereby impacting their competitiveness. We provide pricing support, as needed, to foreign customers to remain competitive in international markets.

Environmental Matters and Other Governmental Regulation

We are subject to numerous federal, international, states, and other governmental laws, rules, and regulations relating to, among others, climate change; emissions to air and discharges to water; product and associated packaging; restricted substances, including recently-promulgated "conflict minerals" disclosure rules; import and export compliance, including country of origin certification requirements; worker and product user health and safety; energy efficiency; product life-cycles; and the generation, use, handling, labeling, collection, management, storage, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances, wastes, and other regulated materials. For example:

The United States EPA, the California Air Resources Board, and similar regulators in other U.S. states and foreign jurisdictions in which we sell our products have phased in, or are phasing in, emission regulations setting maximum emission standards for certain equipment. Specifically, the EPA has adopted increasingly stringent engine emission regulations, including Tier 4 emission requirements applicable to diesel engines in specified horsepower ranges that are used in some of our professional segment products. Beginning January 1, 2013, such requirements expand to additional horsepower categories and, accordingly, apply to more of our products.

The United States federal government, several U.S. states, and certain international jurisdictions in which we sell our products, including the European Union ("EU") and each of its member states, have implemented one or more of the following: (i) the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment ("WEEE") directive or similar product life-cycle management laws, rules, or regulations, which mandate the labeling, collection, and disposal of specified waste electrical and electronic equipment, including some of our products; (ii) the Restriction on the use of Hazardous Substances ("RoHS") directive or similar substance level laws, rules, or regulations, which restrict the use of several specified hazardous materials in the manufacture of specific types of electrical and electronic equipment, including some of our products; (iii) country of origin laws, rules, or regulations, which require certification of the geographic origin of our finished goods products and/or components used in our products through documentation and/or physical markings, as applicable; (iv) energy efficiency laws, rules, or regulations, which are intended to reduce the use and inefficiencies associated with energy and natural resource consumption and require specified efficiency ratings and capabilities for certain products, including some of our products; and (v) product life-cycle laws, rules, or regulations, which are intended to reduce waste and environmental and human health impact, and require manufacturers to collect, dispose, and recycle certain products, including some of our products, at the end of their useful life.

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Our products, when used by residential customers, may be subject to various federal, state, and international laws, rules, and regulations that are designed to protect consumers, including rules and regulations of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Although we believe that we are in substantial compliance with currently applicable laws, rules, and regulations, we are unable to predict the ultimate impact of adopted or future laws, rules, and regulations on our business. Such laws, rules, or regulations may

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cause us to incur significant expenses to achieve or maintain compliance, may require us to modify our products, may adversely affect the price of or demand for some of our products, and may ultimately affect the way we conduct our operations. Failure to comply with these current or future regulations could lead to fines and other penalties, including restrictions on the importation of our products into, or the sale of our products in, one or more jurisdictions until compliance is achieved.

We are also involved in the evaluation and clean-up of a limited number of properties currently and previously owned. We do not expect that these matters will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Customer Financing

Wholesale Financing. In fiscal 2009, we established Red Iron Acceptance, LLC ("Red Iron"), as a joint venture with TCF Inventory Finance, Inc. ("TCFIF"), a subsidiary of TCF National Bank. The purpose of Red Iron is to provide inventory financing, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to distributors and dealers of our products in the U.S. and to select distributors of our products in Canada. Under a separate arrangement, TCF Commercial Finance Canada, Inc. ("TCFCFC") provides inventory financing to dealers of our products in Canada. Under these financing arrangements, down payments are not required and, depending on the finance program for each product line, finance charges are incurred by us, shared between us and the distributor and/or the dealer, or paid by the distributor or dealer. Red Iron retains a security interest in the distributors' and dealers' financed inventories, and those inventories are monitored regularly. Floor plan terms to the distributors and dealers require payment as the equipment, which secures the indebtedness, is sold to customers, or when payment terms become due, whichever occurs first. Rates are generally indexed to LIBOR plus a fixed percentage that differs based on whether the financing is for a distributor or dealer. Rates may also vary based on the product that is financed.

We continue to provide financing in the form of open account terms directly to home centers and mass retailers; general line irrigation dealers; international distributors and dealers, other than the Canadian distributors and dealers to whom Red Iron provides financing arrangements; government customers; and rental companies. Some independent international dealers continue to finance their products with third party sources.

End-User Financing. We have agreements with third party financing companies to provide lease-financing options to golf course and sports fields and grounds equipment customers in the U.S. The purpose of these agreements is to increase sales by giving buyers of our products alternative financing options when purchasing our products.

We also have agreements with third party financing companies to provide financing programs under both generic and private label programs in the U.S. and Canada. These programs, offered primarily to Toro and Exmark dealers, provide end-user customers revolving and installment lines of credit for Toro and Exmark products, parts, and services.

Distributor Financing. Occasionally, we enter into long-term loan agreements with some distributors. These transactions are used for expansion of the distributors' businesses, acquisitions, refinancing working capital agreements, or ownership transitions. As of October 31, 2012, we had an outstanding note receivable from one distribution company in the amount of \$1.1 million.

Employees

During fiscal 2012, we employed an average of 5,066 employees. The total number of employees as of October 31, 2012 was 5,055. We consider our employee relations to be good. Three collective bargaining agreements, each expiring in October 2013, May 2014, and October 2014, cover approximately 18 percent of our total employees. We also retain temporary and seasonal workers, mainly at our distribution centers and manufacturing facilities, as well as part-time workers, independent contractors, and consultants.

Available Information

We are a U.S. public reporting company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), and file reports, proxy statements, and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Copies of these reports, proxy statements, and other information can be inspected and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Because we make filings to the SEC electronically, you may also access this information from the SEC's home page on the Internet at <http://www.sec.gov>.

We make available, free of charge on our web site www.thetorocompany.com (select the "Investor Information" link and then the "Financials" link), our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statements on Schedule 14A, Section 16 reports, amendments to those reports, and other documents filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. The information contained on our web

site or connected to our web site is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K and should not be considered part of this report.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains, or incorporates by reference, not only historical information, but also forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, and that are subject to the safe harbor created by those sections. In addition, we or others on our behalf may make forward-looking statements from time to time in oral presentations, including telephone conferences and/or web casts open to the public, in press releases or reports, on our web sites or otherwise. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking and reflect expectations and assumptions. We try to identify forward-looking statements in this report and elsewhere by using words such as "expect," "strive," "looking ahead," "outlook," "forecast," "goal," "optimistic," "anticipate," "continue," "plan," "estimate," "believe," "should," "could," "will," "would," "possible," "may," "likely," "intend," and similar expressions or future dates. Our forward-looking statements generally relate to our future performance, including our anticipated operating results, liquidity requirements, and financial condition; our business strategies and goals; and the effect of laws, rules, regulations, new accounting pronouncements, and outstanding litigation on our business and future performance.

Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include factors that affect all businesses operating in a global market, as well as matters specific to our company. The most significant factors known to us that could materially adversely affect our business, operations, industry, financial position, or future financial performance are described below in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors." We wish to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement which speaks only as of the date made and to recognize that forward-looking statements are predictions of future results, which may not occur as anticipated. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements and from historical results, due to the risks and uncertainties described elsewhere in this report, including in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," as well as others that we may consider immaterial or do not anticipate at this time. The risks and uncertainties described in this report, including in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," are not exclusive and further information concerning our company and our businesses, including factors that potentially could materially affect our operating results or financial condition, may emerge from time to time.

We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements. We advise you, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our future Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K that we file with or furnish to the SEC.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The following are significant factors known to us that could materially adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition, or future financial performance.

If economic conditions and outlook in the United States and in other countries in which we conduct business do not improve or if they worsen, our net sales and earnings could be adversely affected.

Economic conditions and outlook in the U.S. and in other countries in which we conduct business can impact demand for our products and, ultimately, our net sales. These include but are not limited to recessionary conditions; slow or negative economic growth rates; the impact of state debt and sovereign debt defaults and austerity measures by certain European countries; slow down or reductions in levels of golf course development, renovation, and improvement; golf course closures; reduced levels of home ownership, construction, and sales; home foreclosures; negative consumer confidence; reduced consumer spending levels resulting from tax increases or otherwise; prolonged high unemployment rates; higher commodity and components costs and fuel prices; inflationary or deflationary pressures; reduced credit availability or unfavorable credit terms for our distributors, dealers, and end-user customers; higher short-term, mortgage, and other interest rates; and general economic and political conditions and expectations. In the past, some of these factors have caused our distributors, dealers, and end-user customers to reduce spending and delay or forego purchases of our products, which has had an adverse effect on our net sales and earnings. If economic conditions and outlook in the U.S., Europe, and in the other countries in which we conduct business do not further improve, or if they worsen, our net sales and earnings could be adversely affected in the future.

Weather conditions may reduce demand for some of our products and adversely affect our net sales or otherwise adversely affect our operating results.

From time to time, weather conditions in a particular geographic region may adversely affect sales and field inventory levels of some of our products. For example, in the past, drought conditions have had an adverse effect on sales of certain mowing equipment products, unusually rainy weather or severe drought conditions that result in watering bans have had an adverse effect on sales of our irrigation products, and lower snow fall accumulations in key markets have had an adverse effect on sales of our snow thrower products. Similarly, adverse weather conditions in one season may adversely affect customer purchasing patterns and our net sales for some of our products in another season. For example, lower

snow fall accumulations may result in lower winter season revenues for landscape contractor professionals, causing such customers to forego or postpone spring purchases of our mowing products. To the extent that unfavorable weather conditions are exacerbated by global climate change or otherwise, our sales and other operating results may be affected to a greater degree than we have previously experienced.

Increases in the cost, or disruption in the availability, of raw materials and components that we purchase and/or increases in our other costs of doing business, such as transportation costs, may adversely affect our profit margins and businesses.

We purchase raw materials such as steel, aluminum, fuel, petroleum-based resins, linerboard, and other commodities, and components, such as engines, transmissions, transaxles, hydraulics, and electric motors, for use in our products. In addition, we are a purchaser of components and parts containing various commodities, including steel, aluminum, copper, lead, rubber, and others that are integrated into our end products. To the extent that commodity prices increase and we do not have firm pricing from our suppliers, or our suppliers are not able to honor such prices, increases in the cost of such raw materials and components and parts may adversely affect our profit margins if we are unable to pass along to our customers these cost increases in the form of price increases or otherwise reduce our cost of goods sold. Historically, we have engaged in proactive vendor negotiations, used alternate sourcing options, substituted materials, engaged in internal cost reduction efforts, and introduced moderate price increases on some of our products to offset a portion of increased raw material, component, and other costs. However, we may not be able to fully offset such increased costs in the future. Further, if our price increases are not accepted by our customers and the market, our net sales, profit margins, earnings, and market share could be adversely affected. Increases in our other costs of doing business may also adversely affect our profit margins and business. For example, an increase in fuel costs may result in an increase in our transportation costs, which also could adversely affect our operating results and business. Although most of the raw materials and components used in our products are generally commercially available from a number of sources and in adequate supply, certain components are sourced from single suppliers. Any disruption in the availability of such raw materials and components from our suppliers, our inability to timely or otherwise obtain substitutes for such items, or any deterioration in our relationships with or the financial viability of our suppliers could adversely affect our business.

Our professional segment net sales are dependent upon golf course revenues and the amount of investment in golf course renovations and improvements; the level of new golf course development and golf course closures; the level of homeowners who outsource their lawn care; the level of residential and commercial construction; continued acceptance of and demand for micro-irrigation solutions for agricultural markets; the availability of credit to professional segment customers on acceptable terms to finance new product purchases; and the amount of government revenues, budget, and spending levels for grounds maintenance equipment.

Our professional segment products are sold by distributors or dealers, or directly to government customers, rental companies, and professional users engaged in maintaining and creating landscapes, such as golf courses, sports fields, residential and commercial landscapes, and governmental and municipal properties. Accordingly, our professional segment net sales are impacted by golf course revenues and the amount of investment in golf course renovations and improvements; the level of new golf course development and golf course closures; the level of homeowners' who outsource their lawn care; continued acceptance of and demand for micro-irrigation solutions for agricultural markets; the level of residential and commercial construction; availability of cash or credit on acceptable terms to finance new product purchases; and the amount of government spending for new grounds maintenance equipment. Among other things, any one or a combination of the following factors could have an adverse effect on our professional segment net sales:

reduced levels of investment in golf course renovations and improvements and new golf course development; reduced number of golf rounds played at public and private golf courses resulting in reduced revenue for such golf courses; decreased membership at private golf courses resulting in reduced revenue and, in certain cases, financial difficulties for such golf courses; and increased number of golf course closures, any one of which or any combination of which could result in a decrease in spending and demand for our products;

reduced consumer and business spending, causing homeowners and landscape contractor professionals to forego or postpone purchases of our products;

low or reduced levels of commercial and residential construction, resulting in a decrease in demand for our products;

continued acceptance of and demand for micro-irrigation solutions for agricultural markets;

reduced tax revenue, increased governmental expenses in other areas, tighter government budgets and government deficits, generally resulting in reduced government spending for grounds maintenance equipment; and

product availability issues if we underestimate or overestimate demand, which could negatively impact our net sales and hinder our ability to meet customer demand.

Additionally, lower sales of professional segment products that carry higher profit margins than our residential segment products could negatively impact our profit margins and net earnings.

Our residential segment net sales are dependent upon mass retailers and home centers, such as The Home Depot, Inc. as a major customer, the amount of product placement at retailers, consumer confidence and spending levels, and changing buying patterns of customers.

The elimination or reduction of shelf space assigned to our residential products by retailers could adversely affect our residential segment net sales. Our residential segment net sales are also dependent upon buying patterns of customers. For example, as consumers purchase products at home centers and mass retailers that offer broader and lower price points, this has resulted in increased demand and sales of our residential segment products purchased at retailers, such as The Home Depot, which accounted for approximately 11 to 13 percent of our total consolidated net sales in each of fiscal 2012, 2011, and 2010. We believe that our diverse distribution channels and customer base should reduce the long-term impact on us if we were to lose The Home Depot or any other substantial customer. However, the loss of any substantial customer, a significant reduction in sales to The Home Depot or other customers, or our inability to respond to future changes in buying patterns of customers or new distribution channels could have a material adverse impact on our business and operating results. Changing buying patterns of customers also could result in reduced sales of one or more of our residential segment products, resulting in increased inventory levels. Our residential lawn and garden products are generally manufactured throughout the year and our residential snow removal products are generally manufactured in the summer and fall months but may be extended into the winter months depending upon demand. However, our production levels and inventory management goals for our residential segment products are based on estimates of retail demand for our products, taking into account production capacity, timing of shipments, and field inventory levels. If we overestimate or underestimate demand during a given season, we may not maintain the appropriate inventory levels, which could negatively impact our net sales or working capital, and hinder our ability to meet customer demand.

A significant percentage of our consolidated net sales are generated outside of the United States, and we intend to continue to expand our international operations. Our international operations require significant management attention and financial resources, expose us to difficulties presented by international economic, political, legal, accounting, and business factors, and may not be successful or produce desired levels of net sales.

We currently manufacture our products in the United States, Mexico, Australia, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Romania for sale throughout the world. We maintain sales offices in the United States, Belgium, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Singapore, Japan, China, Italy, Korea, and Germany. Our net sales outside the United States were 30.3 percent, 32.3 percent, and 31.8 percent of our total consolidated net sales for fiscal 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively. International markets have, and will continue to be, a focus for us for revenue growth. We believe many opportunities exist in the international markets, and over time, we intend for international net sales to comprise a larger percentage of our total consolidated net sales. Several factors, including weakened international economic conditions or the impact of sovereign debt defaults by certain European countries, could adversely affect our international net sales. Additionally, the expansion of our existing international operations and entry into additional international markets require significant management attention and financial resources. Many of the countries in which we sell our products, or otherwise have an international presence are, to some degree, subject to political, economic, and/or social instability, including drug cartel-related violence, which may disrupt our production activities and maquiladora operations based in Juarez, Mexico. Our international operations expose us and our representatives, agents, and distributors to risks inherent in operating in foreign jurisdictions. These risks include:

increased costs of customizing products for foreign countries;

difficulties in managing and staffing international operations and increases in infrastructure costs including legal, tax, accounting, and information technology;

the imposition of additional U.S. and foreign governmental controls or regulations; new or enhanced trade restrictions and restrictions on the activities of foreign agents, representatives, and distributors; and the imposition of increases in, costly and lengthy import and export licensing and other compliance requirements, customs duties and tariffs, import and export quotas and other trade restrictions, license obligations, and other non-tariff barriers to trade;

the imposition of U.S. and/or international sanctions against a country, company, person, or entity with whom we do business that would restrict or prohibit our continued business with the sanctioned country, company, person, or entity;

international pricing pressures;

laws and business practices favoring local companies;

adverse currency exchange rate fluctuations;

longer payment cycles and difficulties in enforcing agreements and collecting receivables through certain foreign legal systems;

difficulties in enforcing or defending intellectual property rights; and

multiple, changing, and often inconsistent enforcement of laws, rules, and regulations, including rules relating to environmental, health, and safety matters.

Our international operations may not produce desired levels of net sales or one or more of the factors listed above may harm our business and operating results. Any material decrease in our international sales or profitability could also adversely impact our operating results.

In addition, a portion of our international net sales are financed by third parties. The termination of our agreements with these third parties, any material change to the terms of our agreements with these third parties or in the availability or terms of credit offered to our international customers by these third parties, or any delay in securing replacement credit sources, could adversely affect our sales and operating results.

Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates could result in declines in our reported net sales and net earnings.

Because the functional currency of our foreign operations is the applicable local currency, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk arising from transactions in the normal course of business, such as sales and loans to wholly owned subsidiaries as well as sales to third party customers, purchases from suppliers, and bank lines of credit with creditors denominated in foreign currencies. Our reported net sales and net earnings are subject to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Because our products are manufactured or sourced primarily from the United States and Mexico, a stronger U.S. dollar and Mexican peso generally have a negative impact on our operating results, while a weaker dollar and peso generally have a positive effect. Our primary foreign currency exchange rate exposure is with the Euro, the Australian dollar, the Canadian dollar, the British pound, the Mexican peso, the Japanese yen, the Chinese Yuan, and the Romanian New Leu against the U.S. dollar, as well as the Romanian New Leu against the Euro. While we actively manage the exposure of our foreign currency market risk in the normal course of business by entering into various foreign exchange contracts, these instruments involve risks and may not effectively limit our underlying exposure from foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations or minimize our net earnings and cash volatility associated with foreign currency exchange rate changes. Further, a number of financial institutions similar to those that serve as counterparties to our foreign exchange contracts have been adversely affected by the unprecedented distress in the worldwide credit markets. The failure of one or more counterparties to our foreign currency exchange rate contracts to fulfill their obligations to us could adversely affect our operating results.

Our business, properties, and products are subject to governmental regulation with which compliance may require us to incur expenses or modify our products or operations and non-compliance may expose us to penalties. Governmental regulation may also adversely affect the demand for some of our products and our operating results.

Our business, properties, and products are subject to numerous federal, international, states, and other governmental laws, rules, and regulations relating to, among other things; climate change; emissions to air and discharges to water; product and associated packaging; restricted substances, including recently-promulgated "conflict minerals" disclosure rules that are discussed in more detail below; import and export compliance, including country of origin certification requirements; worker and product user health and safety; energy efficiency; product life-cycles; and the generation, use, handling, labeling, collection, management, storage, transportation, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances, wastes, and other regulated materials. Although we believe that we are in substantial compliance with currently applicable laws, rules, and regulations, we are unable to predict the ultimate impact of adopted or future laws, rules, and regulations on our business, properties, or products. Any of these laws, rules, or regulations may cause us to incur significant expenses to achieve or maintain compliance, require us to modify our products, adversely affect the price of or demand for some of our products, and ultimately affect the way we conduct our operations. Failure to comply with any of these laws, rules, or regulations could lead to fines and other penalties, including restrictions on the importation of our products into, and the sale of our products in, one or more jurisdictions until compliance is achieved. In addition, our competitors may adopt strategies with respect to regulatory compliance that differ significantly from our strategies. This may have the effect of changing customer preferences and our markets in ways that we did not anticipate, which may adversely affect market demand for our products and, ultimately, our net sales and financial results.

The EPA has adopted increasingly stringent engine emission regulations, including Tier 4 emission requirements applicable to diesel engines in specified horsepower ranges that are used in some of our products. Beginning January 1, 2013, such requirements expand to additional horsepower categories and, accordingly, apply to more of our products. Although we have developed plans to achieve substantial compliance with these Tier 4 requirements, these plans are subject to many variables including, among others, the ability of our suppliers to provide compliant engines on

a timely basis and our ability to complete the necessary engineering and testing to meet our production schedule. If we are unable to successfully execute such plans, our ability to sell our products into the market may be inhibited, which could adversely affect our competitive position and financial results. Additionally, we have incurred and expect to continue to incur research, development, engineering, and other costs to design Tier 4 compliant products, which we currently expect will result in the implementation of price increases, some of which may be significant, on products subject to these regulations. The extent to which we are able to pass along to our customers these costs in the form of price increases may adversely affect market demand for our products and/or our profit margins, which may adversely affect our financial results. If our customers' buying patterns change to purchasing our products in advance of price increases resulting from the higher cost of compliance with such regulations, we may experience abnormal fluctuation in sales and our financial results of any one period may not be representative of expected financial results in subsequent periods. Alternatively, if our competitors implement different strategies with respect to compliance with Tier 4 requirements that, either in the short term or over the long term, enable them to limit price increases, introduce product modifications that gain widespread market acceptance, or otherwise change customer preferences and buying patterns in ways that we do not currently anticipate, we may experience lower market demand for our products that may, ultimately, adversely affect our net sales, profit margins, and overall financial results.

As required under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, in August 2012 the SEC promulgated final rules regarding disclosure of the use of certain minerals, known as "conflict minerals," which are mined from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjoining countries, as well as procedures regarding a manufacturer's efforts to prevent the sourcing of such minerals and metals produced from those minerals. These conflict minerals are commonly referred to as "3TG" and include tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold. The new rules will require us to engage in due diligence efforts for the 2013 calendar year, with initial disclosures required no later than May 31, 2014, and subsequent disclosures required no later than May 31 of each following year. We expect that we will incur additional costs and expenses, which may be significant, in order to comply with these rules, including for (i) due diligence to determine whether conflict minerals are necessary to the functionality or production of any of our products and, if so, verify the sources of such conflict minerals; and (ii) any changes that we may desire to make to our products, processes, or sources of supply as a result of such diligence and verification activities. Since our supply chain is complex, ultimately we may not be able to sufficiently verify the origins for any conflict minerals and metals used in our products through the due diligence procedures that we implement, which may adversely affect our reputation with our customers, shareholders, and other stakeholders. In such event, we may also face difficulties in satisfying customers who require that all of our products are certified as conflict mineral free. If we are not able to meet such requirements, customers may choose not to purchase our products, which could adversely affect our sales and the value of portions of our inventory. Further, there may be only a limited number of suppliers offering conflict free minerals and, as a result, we cannot be sure that we will be able to obtain metals, if necessary, from such suppliers in sufficient quantities or at competitive prices. Any one or a combination of these various factors could harm our business, reduce market demand for our products, and adversely affect our profit margins, net sales, and overall financial results.

Because we own and lease real property, various environmental laws may impose liability on us for the costs of cleaning up and responding to hazardous substances that may have been released on our property, including releases unknown to us. These environmental laws and regulations also could require us to pay for environmental remediation and response costs at third-party locations where we disposed of or recycled hazardous substances. We are currently involved in the evaluation and clean-up of a limited number of properties we either currently or previously owned. Although we do not expect that these current matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial position or operating results, our future costs of complying with the various environmental requirements, as they now exist or may be altered in the future, could adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

In addition, governmental restrictions placed on water usage, as well as water availability, may adversely affect demand for our irrigation products. Changes in laws and regulations, including changes in accounting standards, taxation changes, including tax rate changes, new tax laws, revised tax law interpretations, and reenactment or extension of the domestic research tax credit, also may adversely affect our operating results.

If we are unable to continue to enhance existing products and develop and market new products that respond to customer needs and preferences and achieve market acceptance, we may experience a decrease in demand for our products, and our net sales, which have historically benefited from sales of new products, may be adversely affected.

One of our growth strategies is to develop innovative, customer-valued products to generate revenue growth. In the past, our sales from new products, which we define as those introduced in the current and previous two fiscal years, have represented a significant component of our net sales and are expected to continue to represent a significant component of our future net sales. We may not be able to compete as effectively with our competitors, and ultimately satisfy the needs and preferences of our customers, unless we can continue to enhance existing products and develop new innovative products in the markets in which we compete.

Product development requires significant financial, technological, and other resources. Although we have implemented Lean manufacturing and other productivity improvement initiatives to provide investment funding for product enhancements and new products, we cannot be certain that we will be able to continue to do so in the future. Product improvements and new product introductions also require significant research, planning, design, development, engineering, and testing at the technological, product, and manufacturing process levels and we may not be able to timely develop and introduce product improvements or new products. Our competitors' new products may beat our products to market, be higher quality or more reliable, be more effective with more features and/or less expensive than our products, obtain better market acceptance, or render our products obsolete. Any new products that we develop may not receive market acceptance or otherwise generate any meaningful net sales or profits for us relative to our expectations based on, among other things, existing and anticipated investments in manufacturing capacity and commitments to fund advertising, marketing, promotional programs, and research and development.

Our reliance upon patents, trademark laws, and contractual provisions to protect our proprietary rights may not be sufficient to protect our intellectual property from others who may sell similar products. Our products may infringe the proprietary rights of others.

We hold patents relating to various aspects of our products and believe that proprietary technical know-how is important to our business. Proprietary rights relating to our products are protected from unauthorized use by third parties only to the extent that they are covered by valid and enforceable patents or are maintained in confidence as trade secrets. We cannot be certain that we will be issued any patents from any pending or future patent applications owned by or licensed to us or that the claims allowed under any issued patents will be sufficiently broad to protect our technology. In the absence of enforceable patent protection, we may be vulnerable to competitors who attempt to copy our products or gain access to our trade secrets and know-how. Others may initiate litigation to challenge the validity of our patents, or allege that we infringe their patents, or they may use their resources to design comparable products that do not infringe our patents. We may incur substantial costs if our competitors initiate litigation to challenge the validity of our patents, or allege that we infringe their patents, or if we initiate any proceedings to protect our proprietary rights. If the outcome of any such litigation is unfavorable to us, our business, operating results, and financial condition could be adversely affected. We also cannot be certain that our products or technologies have not infringed or will not infringe the proprietary rights of others. Any such infringement could cause third parties, including our competitors, to bring claims against us, resulting in significant costs, possible damages and substantial uncertainty. We could also be forced to develop an alternative that could be costly and time-consuming, or acquire a license, which we might not be able to do on terms favorable to us, or at all.

We also rely on trade secrets and proprietary know-how that we seek to protect, in part, by confidentiality agreements with our employees, suppliers, and consultants. These agreements may be breached, and we may not have adequate remedies for any such breach. Even if these confidentiality agreements are not breached, our trade secrets may otherwise become known or be independently developed by competitors.

We manufacture our products at and distribute our products from several locations in the United States and internationally. Any disruption at any of these facilities or in our inability to cost-effectively expand existing, open and manage new, and/or move production between manufacturing facilities could adversely affect our business and operating results.

We currently manufacture most of our products at seven locations in the United States, two locations in Mexico, and one location in each of Australia, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Romania. We also have several locations that serve as distribution centers, warehouses, test labs, and corporate offices. In addition, we have agreements with other third-party manufacturers to manufacture products on our behalf. These facilities may be affected by natural or man-made disasters and other external events, including drug cartel-related violence that may disrupt our production activities and maquiladora operations based in Juarez, Mexico. In the event that one of our manufacturing facilities was affected by a disaster or other event, we could be forced to shift production to one of our other manufacturing facilities. Although we maintain insurance for damage to our property and disruption of our business from casualties, such insurance may not be sufficient to cover all of our potential losses. Any disruption in our manufacturing capacity could have an adverse impact on our ability to produce sufficient inventory of our products or may require us to incur additional expenses in order to produce sufficient inventory, and therefore, may adversely affect our net sales and operating results. Any disruption or delay at our manufacturing facilities, including a work slowdown, strike, or similar action at any one of our three facilities operating under a collective bargaining agreement or the failure to renew or enter into new collective bargaining agreements, including one that expires in October 2013, could impair our ability to meet the demands of our customers, and our customers may cancel orders or purchase products from our competitors, which could adversely affect our business and operating results.

Our operating results may also be adversely affected if we are unable to cost-effectively open and manage new manufacturing and distribution facilities, and move production between such facilities as needed from time to time. In fiscal 2012, we began operations at our new micro-irrigation facility in Ploiesti, Romania in

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order to support the anticipated growth of our micro-irrigation business and enable future capacity expansion. If the facility does not produce the anticipated manufacturing and operational efficiencies, or if the micro-irrigation products produced at this facility are not accepted into new geographic markets at expected levels, we may not recover the costs of the new facility and our operating results may be adversely affected.

We intend to grow our business through acquisitions and alliances, stronger customer relations, and new joint ventures and partnerships, which could be risky and may harm our business.

One of our growth strategies is to drive growth in our businesses and accelerate opportunities to expand our global presence through targeted acquisitions and alliances, stronger customer relations, and new joint ventures and partnerships that add value while considering our existing brands and product portfolio. The benefits of an acquisition or new alliance, joint venture, or partnership may take more time than expected to develop or integrate into our operations, and we cannot guarantee that previous or future acquisitions, alliances, joint ventures, or partnerships will in fact produce any benefits. In addition, acquisitions, alliances, joint ventures, and partnerships may involve a number of risks, including:

diversion of management's attention;

difficulties in integrating and assimilating the operations and products of an acquired business or in realizing projected efficiencies, cost savings, and synergies;

inability to successfully integrate or develop a distribution channel for acquired product lines;

potential loss of key employees or customers of the acquired businesses or adverse effects on existing business relationships with suppliers and customers;

adverse impact on overall profitability if acquired businesses do not achieve the financial results projected in our valuation models;

reallocation of amounts of capital from other operating initiatives and/or an increase in our leverage and debt service requirements to pay the acquisition purchase prices, which could in turn restrict our ability to access additional capital when needed or to pursue other important elements of our business strategy;

inaccurate assessment of additional post-acquisition investments, undisclosed, contingent or other liabilities or problems, unanticipated costs associated with an acquisition, and an inability to recover or manage such liabilities and costs; and

incorrect estimates made in the accounting for acquisitions, incurrence of non-recurring charges, and write-off of significant amounts of goodwill or other assets that could adversely affect our operating results.

Our ability to grow through acquisitions will depend, in part, on the availability of suitable candidates at acceptable prices, terms, and conditions, our ability to compete effectively for these acquisition candidates, and the availability of capital and personnel to complete such acquisitions and run the acquired business effectively. These risks could be heightened if we complete a large acquisition or multiple acquisitions within a relatively short period of time. In addition, some acquisitions may require the consent of the lenders under our credit agreements. We cannot predict whether such approvals would be forthcoming or the terms on which the lenders would approve such acquisitions. Any potential acquisition could impair our operating results, and any large acquisition could, among other things, impair our financial condition.

We rely on our management information systems for inventory management, distribution, and other key functions. If our information systems fail to adequately perform these functions, or if we experience an interruption in their operation, our business and operating results could be adversely affected.

The efficient operation of our business is dependent on our management information systems. We rely on our management information systems to, among other things, effectively manage our accounting and financial functions, including maintaining our internal controls; to manage our manufacturing and supply chain processes; and to maintain our research and development data. The failure of our management information systems to perform properly could disrupt our business and product development, which may result in decreased sales, increased overhead costs, excess or obsolete inventory, and product shortages, causing our business and operating results to suffer. Although we take steps to secure our management information systems, including our computer systems, intranet and internet sites, email and other telecommunications and data networks, the security measures we have implemented may not be effective and our systems may be vulnerable to theft, loss, damage and interruption from a number of potential sources and events, including unauthorized access or security breaches, natural or man-made disasters, cyber attacks, computer viruses, power loss, or other disruptive events. Our reputation, brand, and financial condition could be adversely affected if, as a result of a significant cyber event or otherwise, our operations are disrupted or shutdown; our confidential, proprietary information is stolen or disclosed; we incur costs or are required to pay fines in connection with stolen customer, employee, or other confidential information; we must dedicate significant resources to system repairs or increase cyber security protection; or we otherwise incur significant litigation or other costs.

We face intense competition in all of our product lines with numerous manufacturers, including some that have larger operations and financial resources than us. We may not be able to compete effectively against competitors' actions, which could harm our business and operating results.

Our products are sold in highly competitive markets throughout the world. Principal competitive factors in our markets include product innovation, quality and reliability, pricing, product support and customer service, warranty, brand awareness, reputation, distribution, product placement and shelf space, and financing options. We compete in all of our product lines with numerous manufacturers, some of which have substantially larger operations and financial resources than us. As a result, they may be able to adapt more quickly to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer preferences, or devote greater resources to the development, promotion, and sale of their products than we can. In addition, competition could increase if new companies enter the market or if existing competitors expand their product lines or intensify efforts within existing product lines. Our current products, products under development, and our ability to develop new and improved products may be insufficient to enable us to compete effectively with our competitors. Internationally, our residential segment products typically face more competition where foreign competitors design, manufacture, and market products in their respective countries. We experience this competition primarily in Europe. In addition, fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar may affect the price of our products in foreign markets, thereby impacting their competitiveness. We may not be able to compete effectively against competitors' actions, which may include the movement by competitors with manufacturing operations to low cost countries for significant cost and price reductions, and could harm our business and operating results.

We are subject to product liability claims, product quality issues, and other litigation from time to time that could adversely affect our operating results or financial condition.

The manufacture, sale, and usage of our products expose us to significant risks associated with product liability claims. If a product liability claim or series of claims is brought against us for uninsured liabilities or in excess of our insurance coverage, and it is ultimately determined that we are liable, our business could suffer. While we believe that we appropriately instruct our customers on the proper usage of our products, we cannot ensure that they will implement our instructions accurately or completely. If our products are defective or used incorrectly by our customers, injury may result and this could give rise to product liability claims against us or adversely affect our brand image or reputation. Any losses that we may suffer from any liability claims, and the effect that any product liability litigation may have upon the reputation and marketability of our products, may have a negative impact on our business and operating results. Some of our products or product improvements were developed relatively recently and defects or risks that we have not yet identified may give rise to product liability claims. Additionally, we could experience a material design or manufacturing failure in our products, a quality system failure, other safety issues, or heightened regulatory scrutiny that could warrant a recall of some of our products. A recall of some of our products could also result in increased product liability claims. Unforeseen product quality problems in the development and production of new and existing products could also result in loss of market share, reduced sales, rework costs, and higher warranty expense.

We are also subject to other litigation from time to time that could adversely affect our operating results or financial condition.

If we are unable to retain our key employees, and attract and retain other qualified personnel, we may not be able to meet strategic objectives and our business could suffer.

Our ability to meet our strategic objectives and otherwise grow our business will depend to a significant extent on the continued contributions of our leadership team. Our future success will also depend in large part on our ability to identify, attract, and retain other highly qualified managerial, technical, sales and marketing, and customer service personnel. Competition for these individuals is intense, and we may not succeed in identifying, attracting, or retaining qualified personnel. The loss or interruption of services of any of our key personnel, the inability to identify, attract, or retain qualified personnel in the future, delays in hiring qualified personnel, or any employee work slowdowns, strikes, or similar actions could make it difficult for us to conduct and manage our business and meet key objectives, which could harm our business, financial condition, and operating results.

As a result of our financing joint venture with TCFIF, we are dependent upon the joint venture to provide competitive inventory financing programs, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to certain distributors and dealers of our products. Any material change in the availability or terms of credit offered to our customers by the joint venture, any termination or disruption of our joint venture relationship or any delay in securing replacement credit sources could adversely affect our net sales and operating results.

In fiscal 2009, we established a financing joint venture with TCFIF for the purpose of providing reliable, competitive financing to our distributors and dealers in the U.S. and to select distributors of our

products in Canada to support their businesses and increase our net sales, as well as to free up our working capital for our other strategic purposes. As a result, we are dependent upon the joint venture for our inventory financing programs, including floor plan and open account receivable financing. Additionally, we are dependent upon TCFFCFC to provide inventory financing to dealers of our products in Canada.

The availability of financing from our joint venture or otherwise will be affected by many factors, including, among others, the overall credit markets, the credit worthiness of our dealers and distributors, and regulations that may affect TCFIF, as the majority owner of the joint venture and a subsidiary of TCF National Bank, a national banking association. Any material change in the availability or terms of credit offered to our customers by the joint venture, any termination or disruption of our joint venture relationship or any delay in securing replacement credit sources could adversely affect our sales and operating results.

The terms of our credit arrangements and the indentures governing our senior notes and debentures could limit our ability to conduct our business, take advantage of business opportunities and respond to changing business, market, and economic conditions. Additionally, we are subject to counterparty risk in our credit arrangements.

Our credit arrangements and the indentures governing our 6.625% senior notes and 7.800% debentures include a number of financial and operating restrictions. For example, our credit arrangements contain financial covenants that, among other things, require us to maintain a minimum interest coverage ratio and a maximum debt to earnings ratios. Our credit arrangements and/or indentures also contain provisions that restrict our ability, subject to specified exceptions, to, among other things:

make loans and investments, including acquisitions and transactions with affiliates;

create liens or other encumbrances on our assets;

dispose of assets;

enter into contingent obligations;

engage in mergers or consolidations; and

pay dividends that are significantly higher than those currently being paid, make other distributions to our shareholders or redeem shares of our common stock.

These provisions may limit our ability to conduct our business, take advantage of business opportunities, and respond to changing business, market, and economic conditions. In addition, they may place us at a competitive disadvantage relative to other companies that may be subject to fewer, if any, restrictions or may otherwise adversely affect our business. Transactions that we may view as important opportunities, such as significant acquisitions, may be subject to the consent of the lenders under our credit arrangements, which consent may be withheld or granted subject to conditions specified at the time that may affect the attractiveness or viability of the transaction.

Although we have in place a \$150 million revolving credit facility that does not expire until July 2015, market deterioration or other factors could jeopardize the counterparty obligations of one or more of the banks participating in our facility, which could have an adverse effect on our business if we are not able to replace such credit facility or find other sources of liquidity on acceptable terms.

If we are unable to comply with the terms of our credit arrangements and indentures, especially the financial covenants, our credit arrangements could be terminated and our senior notes and debentures could become due and payable.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to comply with all of the terms of our credit arrangements and indentures, especially the financial covenants. Our ability to comply with such terms depends on the success of our business and our operating results. Various risks, uncertainties, and events beyond our control could affect our ability to comply with the terms of our credit arrangements and/or indentures. If we were out of compliance with any covenant required by our credit arrangements following any applicable cure periods, the banks could terminate their commitments unless we could negotiate a covenant waiver. The banks could condition such waiver on amendments to the terms of our credit arrangements that may be unfavorable to us. In addition, our 6.625% senior notes and 7.800% debentures could become due and payable if we were unable to obtain a covenant waiver or refinance our medium-term debt under our credit arrangements. If our credit rating falls below investment grade and/or our average debt to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio rises above 2.00, the interest rate we currently pay on outstanding debt under our credit arrangements would increase, which could adversely affect our operating results.

Legislative enactments could impact the competitive landscape within our markets and affect demand for our products.

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Various legislative proposals, if enacted, could put us in a competitively advantaged or disadvantaged position and affect customer demand for our products relative to the product offerings of our competitors. For example, any fiscal-stimulus or other legislative enactment that inordinately impacts the lawn and garden, outdoor power equipment, or irrigation industries generally by promoting the purchase, such as through customer rebate or other incentive programs, of certain types of mowing or irrigation equipment or other products that we sell, could impact us positively or negatively, depending on whether we manufacture products that meet

the specified legislative criteria, including in areas such as fuel efficiency, alternative energy or water usage, or if, as a result of such legislation, customers perceive our product offerings to be relatively more or less attractive than our competitors' product offerings. We cannot currently predict whether any such legislation will be enacted, what any such legislation's specific terms and conditions would encompass, how any such legislation would impact the competitive landscape within our markets, or how, if at all, any such legislation might ultimately affect customer demand for our products or our operating results.

Our business is subject to a number of other miscellaneous risks that may adversely affect our operating results, financial condition, or business.

Other miscellaneous risks that could affect our business include:

our ability to achieve the revenue growth, operating earnings, and employee engagement goals of our new, multi-year employee initiative called "Destination 2014";

natural or man-made disasters or global pandemics, which may result in shortages of raw materials and components, higher fuel and commodity costs, delays in shipments to customers, and increase in insurance premiums;

financial viability of distributors and dealers, changes in distributor ownership, changes in channel distribution of our products, relationships with our distribution channel partners, our success in partnering with new dealers, and our customers' ability to pay amounts owed to us;

a decline in retail sales or financial difficulties of our distributors or dealers, which could cause us to repurchase financed product; and

continued threat of terrorist acts and war, which may result in heightened security and higher costs for import and export shipments of components or finished goods, reduced leisure travel, and contraction of the U.S. and worldwide economies.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

As of October 31, 2012, we utilized manufacturing, distribution, warehouse, and office facilities totaling approximately 6 million square feet of space worldwide. We also had approximately 72 acres of excess land in Wisconsin adjacent to a distribution center, 36 acres of land in Minnesota utilized as a testing and storage facility, 15 acres of land in Minnesota held for future expansion, and 21 acres of land in California used as a testing site. Plant utilization varies during the year depending on the production cycle. We consider each of our current facilities to be in good operating condition. Management believes we have sufficient manufacturing capacity for fiscal 2013. Our significant facilities are listed below by location, ownership, and function as of October 31, 2012:

Location	Ownership	Products Manufactured / Use
Bloomington, MN	Owned/Leased	Corporate headquarters, warehouse, and test lab
El Paso, TX	Owned/Leased	Components for professional and residential products and distribution center
Ankeny, IA	Leased	Residential and professional distribution center
Plymouth, WI	Owned	Professional and residential parts distribution center
Juarez, Mexico	Leased	Professional and residential products
Tomah, WI	Owned/Leased	Professional products and distribution center
Windom, MN	Owned/Leased	Residential and professional products and warehouse
Beatrice, NE	Owned/Leased	Professional products, test facility, distribution center, and office
Riverside, CA	Owned/Leased	Professional products, test facility, distribution center, and office
Lakeville, MN	Leased	Residential and professional distribution center
Hertfordshire, United Kingdom	Owned	Professional and residential products, distribution center, test lab, and office
Ploiesti, Romania	Owned	Professional products, distribution center, test lab, and office
Shakopee, MN	Owned	Components for professional and residential products
Braeside, Australia	Leased	Distribution center, service area, and office
El Cajon, CA	Owned/Leased	Professional and residential products, distribution center, test lab, and office
Brooklyn Center, MN	Leased	Distribution facility, service area, and office
St. Louis, MO	Leased	Distribution facility, service area, and office
Sanford, FL	Leased	Professional products and distribution center
Fiano Romano, Italy	Owned	Professional products, distribution center, and office
Beverley, Australia	Owned	Professional products, distribution center, service area, and office
Baraboo, WI	Leased	Professional distribution center
Capena, Italy	Leased	Distribution center
Oevel, Belgium	Owned	Distribution center, service area, and office
Kent, WA	Leased	Distribution facility, service area, and office
Abilene, TX	Leased	Office, professional products, and service center

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are a party to litigation in the ordinary course of business. Litigation occasionally involves claims for punitive as well as compensatory damages arising out of use of our products. Although we are self-insured to some extent, we maintain insurance against certain product liability

losses. We are also subject to litigation and administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to claims involving asbestos and the discharge of hazardous substances into the environment. Some of these claims assert damages and liability for personal injury, remedial investigations or clean-up, and other costs and damages. We are also typically involved in commercial disputes, employment disputes, and patent litigation cases in the ordinary course of business. To prevent possible infringement of our patents by others, we periodically review competitors' products. To avoid potential liability with respect to others' patents, we regularly review certain patents issued by the USPTO and foreign patent offices. We believe these activities help us minimize our risk of being a defendant in patent infringement litigation. We are currently involved in patent litigation cases where we are asserting and defending against patent infringement.

For a description of our material legal proceedings, see Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under the heading "Commitments and Contingent Liabilities - Litigation" included in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated into this Item 3 by reference.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The list below identifies those persons designated by our Board of Directors as executive officers of the company. The list sets forth each such person's age and position with the company as of December 12, 2012, as well as other positions held by them for at least the last five years. There are no family relationships between any director, executive officer, or person nominated to become a director or executive officer of the company. There are no arrangements or understandings between any executive officer and any other person pursuant to which he or she was selected as an officer of the company.

Name, Age, and Position with the Company	Business Experience During the Last Five or More Years
<p>Michael J. Hoffman 57, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer</p>	<p>Chairman of the Board since March 2006, Chief Executive Officer since March 2005 and President since October 2004.</p>
<p>Judy L. Altmaier 51, Vice President, Operations and Quality Management</p>	<p>Vice President, Operations and Quality Management since October 2011. From October 2009 to October 2011, she served as Vice President, Operations. From January 2009 to October 2009, she served as Vice President/General Manager of Operations, Auto Group Americas for Eaton Corporation, a diversified industrial manufacturer. From July 2007 to January 2009, she served as Vice President/General Manager of Global Engine Valve Division in Turin, Italy for Eaton Corporation.</p>
<p>William E. Brown, Jr. 51, Group Vice President, International and Commercial Businesses</p>	<p>Group Vice President, International and Commercial Businesses since March 2012. From August 2010 to March 2012, he served as Vice President, International Business. From February 2009 to July 2010, he served as Vice President, Residential and Landscape Contractor Businesses. From November 2006 to February 2009, he served as Vice President, Consumer and Landscape Contractor Business Toro.</p>
<p>Philip A. Burkart 50, Vice President, Irrigation Business</p>	<p>Vice President, Irrigation Business since September 2010, which includes responsibility for our Western-based distributor. From November 2006 to September 2010, he served as Vice President, Irrigation Businesses.</p>
<p>Timothy P. Dordell 50, Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel</p>	<p>Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel since May 2007.</p>
<p>Michael D. Drazan 54, Vice President, Global Micro-Irrigation Business</p>	<p>Vice President, Global Micro-Irrigation Business since March 2012. From February 2009 to March 2012, he served as Vice President, Contractor Business and Chief Information Officer, which included responsibility for our Exmark and Sitework Systems Businesses and our Information Services function. In September 2010, he also assumed responsibility for our Micro-Irrigation Business and Corporate Accounts. From November 2007 to February 2009, he served as Chief Information Officer and Vice President, Corporate Services.</p>
<p>Blake M. Grams 45, Vice President, Corporate Controller</p>	<p>Vice President, Corporate Controller since December 2008. From February 2006 to December 2008, he served as Managing Director, Corporate Controller.</p>
<p>Michael J. Happe 41, Group Vice President, Residential and Contractor Businesses</p>	<p>Group Vice President, Residential and Contractor Businesses since March 2012, which includes responsibility for our Residential and Landscape Contractor Toro, Exmark, and Sitework Systems Businesses and our Midwestern-based distributor. From August 2010 to March 2012, he served as Vice President, Residential and Landscape Contractor Businesses. From December 2008 to July 2010, he served as Vice President, Commercial Business. From November 2007 to December 2008, he served as General Manager, Commercial Business.</p>
<p>Thomas J. Larson 55, Vice President, Treasurer</p>	<p>Vice President, Treasurer since December 2008. From February 2006 to December 2008, he served as Treasurer.</p>

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Richard M. Olson

48, Vice President, Exmark

Vice President, Exmark since March 2012. From September 2010 to March 2012, he served as General Manager, Exmark. From April 2008 to September 2010, he served as Managing Director, Operations. From November 2006 to April 2008, he served as Director, Operations.

Renee J. Peterson

51, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer since August 2011. In March 2012, she also assumed responsibility for our Information Services function. From July 2009 to August 2011, she served as Vice President Finance and Planning for the Truck and Automotive Segments of Eaton Corporation, a diversified industrial manufacturer. From September 2008 to July 2009, she served as Vice President Finance, Information Technology and Business Development for the Automotive Segment of Eaton Corporation. From July 2005 to September 2008, she served as Vice President Finance of Defense and Space Operations in the Aerospace Business at Honeywell International Inc.

Peter M. Ramstad

55, Vice President, Human Resources and Business Development

Vice President, Human Resources and Business Development since November 2007.

Darren L. Redetzke

48, Vice President, Commercial Business

Vice President, Commercial Business since August 2010. From December 2008 to July 2010, he served as Vice President, International Business. From November 2007 to December 2008, he served as General Manager, International Business.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS, AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Our common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange and trades under the symbol "TTC." The high, low, and last sales prices for our common stock and cash dividends paid for each of the quarterly periods for fiscal 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

Fiscal year ended October 31, 2012	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Market price per share of common stock¹				
High sales price	\$ 33.135	\$ 36.525	\$ 40.338	\$ 42.360
Low sales price	25.890	30.000	32.750	35.640
Last sales price	32.650	35.305	37.910	42.220
Cash dividends per share of common stock^{1,2}	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11

Fiscal year ended October 31, 2011	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Market price per share of common stock¹				
High sales price	\$32.395	\$ 33.975	\$34.215	\$28.280
Low sales price	27.980	28.790	25.930	22.525
Last sales price	30.355	33.955	26.915	27.020
Cash dividends per share of common stock^{1,2}	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10

1
Market prices and per share data have been adjusted for all periods presented to reflect the impact of the company's two-for-one stock split effective June 29, 2012.

2
Future cash dividends will depend upon our financial condition, capital requirements, results of operations, and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors.

Common Stock 100,000,000 shares authorized, \$1.00 par value, 58,266,482 and 59,206,190 shares outstanding as of October 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Preferred Stock 1,000,000 voting shares and 850,000 non-voting shares authorized, \$1.00 par value, no shares outstanding.

Shareholders As of December 12, 2012, we had approximately 3,917 shareholders of record.

Purchases of Equity Securities The following table sets forth information with respect to shares of our common stock purchased by the company during each of the three fiscal months in our fourth quarter ended October 31, 2012.

Period	Total Number of	Average Price	Total Number of	Maximum Number of
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	Shares Purchased ^{1,2,3}	Paid Per Share	Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ¹	Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ¹
August 4, 2012 through August 31, 2012	53,964	\$ 37.07	48,992	2,078,115
September 1, 2012 through September 28, 2012	166,323	39.25	165,863	1,912,252
September 29, 2012 through October 31, 2012	441,701	39.73	437,575	1,474,677
Total	661,988	\$ 39.39	652,430	

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On December 1, 2010, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of 6,000,000 shares of our common stock (as adjusted from the original amount of 3,000,000 shares in connection with our two-for-one stock split effective June 29, 2012) in open-market or in privately negotiated transactions. This program has no expiration date but may be terminated by the Board at any time.

2

Includes 8,666 shares of our common stock surrendered by employees to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations upon vesting of restricted stock granted under our stock-based compensation plans. These 8,666 shares were not repurchased under our repurchase program, described in footnote 1 above.

3

Includes 892 units (shares) of our common stock purchased in open-market transactions at an average price of \$39.99 per share on behalf of a rabbi trust formed to pay benefit obligations to participants in deferred compensation plans. These 892 shares were not repurchased under our repurchase program, described in footnote 1 above.

On December 11, 2012, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional 5,000,000 shares of our common stock in open-market or in privately negotiated transactions. This repurchase program has no expiration date but may be terminated by the Board at any time.

The Toro Company Common Stock Comparative Performance Graph

The information contained in The Toro Company Common Stock Comparative Performance Graph section shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or "filed" or incorporated by reference in future filings with the SEC, or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically request that it be treated as soliciting material or incorporate it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

The following graph and table depict the cumulative total shareholder return (assuming reinvestment of dividends) on \$100 invested in each of Toro common stock, the S&P 500 Index, and an industry peer group for the five-year period from October 31, 2007 through October 31, 2012.

COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN*
Among The Toro Company, the S&P 500 Index
and a Peer Group

*\$100 invested on 10/31/07 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends.

Fiscal year ending October 31.

Fiscal year ending October 31	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
The Toro Company	\$100.00	\$61.28	\$68.75	\$106.94	\$103.23	\$ 163.36
S&P 500	100.00	63.90	70.17	81.76	88.37	101.81
Peer Group	100.00	47.30	64.11	87.36	94.98	97.88

The industry peer group is based on the companies previously included in the Fortune 500 Industrial and Farm Equipment Index, which was discontinued after 2002 and includes: AGCO Corporation, The Alpine Group, Briggs & Stratton Corporation, Caterpillar Inc., Crane Co., Cummins Inc., Deere & Company, Dover Corporation, Flowserve Corporation, General Cable Corporation, Harsco Corporation, Illinois Tool Works Inc., International Game Technology, IIT Corporation, Kennametal Inc., Lennox International Inc., Milacron Inc., NACCO Industries, Inc., Pall Corporation, Parker-Hannifin Corporation, Pentair Ltd., Snap-On Inc., The Shaw Group Inc., Tecumseh Products Company, Teleflex Inc., Terex Corporation, The Timken Company, and Walter Energy Inc.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table presents our selected financial data for each of the fiscal years in the five-year period ended October 31, 2012. The table should be read in conjunction with Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data," of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
OPERATING RESULTS:					
Net sales	\$ 1,958,690	\$ 1,883,953	\$ 1,690,378	\$ 1,523,447	\$ 1,878,184
Net sales growth (decline) from prior year	4.0%	11.5%	11.0%	(18.9)%	0.1%
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales	34.4%	33.8%	34.1%	33.5%	34.8%
Selling, general, and administrative expense as a percentage of net sales	23.9%	24.0%	25.1%	26.0%	24.2%
Operating earnings	\$ 205,613	\$ 184,487	\$ 151,266	\$ 115,197	\$ 198,409
As a percentage of net sales	10.5%	9.8%	9.0%	7.5%	10.6%
Net earnings	\$ 129,541	\$ 117,658	\$ 93,237	\$ 62,837	\$ 119,651
As a percentage of net sales	6.6%	6.2%	5.5%	4.1%	6.4%
Basic net earnings per share ¹	\$ 2.18	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.41	\$ 0.88	\$ 1.59
Diluted net earnings per share ¹	2.14	1.85	1.39	0.87	1.55
Return on average stockholders' equity	44.7%	43.4%	31.6%	18.5%	32.6%
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION:					
Total assets	\$ 935,199	\$ 870,663	\$ 885,622	\$ 872,682	\$ 932,260
Average net working capital as a percentage of net sales ²	15.2%	15.0%	13.9%	26.2%	27.5%
Long-term debt, including current portion	\$ 225,340	\$ 227,156	\$ 225,548	\$ 228,811	\$ 230,791
Stockholders' equity	312,402	266,767	275,810	315,212	364,675
Debt-to-capitalization ratio	41.9%	46.0%	45.1%	42.5%	39.0%
CASH FLOW DATA:					
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 185,798	\$ 113,877	\$ 193,507	\$ 251,470	\$ 215,722
Repurchases of Toro common stock	93,395	129,955	135,777	115,283	110,355
Cash dividends per share of Toro common stock ¹	0.44	0.40	0.36	0.30	0.30
OTHER STATISTICAL DATA:					
Market price range					
High sales price ¹	\$ 42.360	\$ 34.215	\$ 29.250	\$ 21.015	\$ 29.580
Low sales price ¹	25.890	22.525	18.235	10.130	13.580
Average number of employees	5,066	4,947	4,724	4,612	5,133

Per share data and sales prices have been adjusted for all periods presented to reflect the impact of the company's two-for-one stock split effective June 29, 2012.

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Average net working capital is defined as monthly average accounts receivable plus inventory less trade payables.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides material historical and prospective disclosures intended to enable investors and other readers to assess our financial condition and results of operations. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking and involve risks and uncertainties, including those discussed in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this report. These risks could cause our actual results to differ materially from any future performance suggested below.

OVERVIEW

We design, manufacture, and market professional turf maintenance equipment and services, turf irrigation systems, landscaping equipment and lighting, agricultural micro-irrigation systems, rental and construction equipment, and residential yard and snow removal products. We sell our products worldwide through a network of distributors, dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, mass retailers, and over the Internet. Our businesses are organized into three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. Our Distribution segment, which consists of our company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with our corporate activities and is shown as "Other." We strive to provide innovative, well-built, and dependable products supported by an extensive service network. A significant portion of our revenues have historically been, and we expect will continue to be, attributable to new and enhanced products. We define new products as those introduced in the current and previous two fiscal years.

Summary of Fiscal 2012 Results

In fiscal 2012, we achieved record net sales and double digit net earnings growth. Our fiscal 2012 results included the following items of significance:

Net sales for fiscal 2012 increased by 4.0 percent compared to fiscal 2011 to a record of \$1,958.7 million. This increase was primarily attributable to increased demand for our products largely resulting from the successful introduction of new and enhanced products that were well received by customers, as well as incremental sales of \$22.1 million from acquisitions. However, a continuing sluggish economy in Europe hampered our international net sales in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011.

Professional segment net sales, which represented 68 percent of our total consolidated net sales in fiscal 2012, grew 7.3 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. Shipments increased due to higher demand for most of our domestic professional segment products largely resulting from the successful introduction of new and enhanced products, strong demand for domestic golf and landscape contractor equipment, continued growth in the micro-irrigation market, and incremental sales of \$22.1 million from acquisitions.

In fiscal 2012, we completed three acquisitions within our professional segment to help us expand our presence in the rental and construction market and add to our golf product line-up. Specifically, we acquired a product line that includes vibratory plows, trenchers, and horizontal directional drills; a line of concrete and mortar mixers, material handlers, compaction equipment, and other concrete power tools; and a greens roller product line for the golf market.

Our residential segment net sales were down by 2.6 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 due primarily from lower shipments of snow thrower products and service parts due to reduced demand resulting from the lack of snowfall during the 2011-2012 winter season. However, sales of walk power mowers, zero-turn radius riding mowers, and trimmers were up due to positive customer response to newly introduced products and favorable weather conditions that drove strong demand.

International net sales for fiscal 2012 were down 5.6 percent compared to fiscal 2011 due mainly to lower sales in Europe as a result of continuing economic weakness and uncertainty in that region. In fiscal 2012, we began operations at our new micro-irrigation manufacturing facility in Romania for our water conserving drip irrigation products for agricultural markets. International net sales comprised 30.3 percent of our total consolidated net sales in fiscal 2012 compared to 32.3 percent in fiscal 2011 and 31.8 percent in fiscal 2010.

Fiscal 2012 net earnings of \$129.5 million rose 10.1 percent compared to fiscal 2011, and diluted net earnings per share increased 15.7 percent in fiscal 2012 to \$2.14 compared to \$1.85 in fiscal 2011.

Gross margin was 34.4 percent in fiscal 2012, an increase of 60 basis points from 33.8 percent in fiscal 2011. Price increases on some products and manufacturing efficiencies from increased production and demand for our products contributed to the improvement in gross margin. However, higher average commodity prices and unfavorable product mix hindered our gross margin growth rate in fiscal 2012 as compared to fiscal 2011.

Although selling, general, and administrative ("SG&A") expense was up 3.4 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011, SG&A expense as a percentage of net sales in fiscal 2012 was down to 23.9 percent compared to 24.0 percent in fiscal 2011, reflecting further leveraging of our SG&A costs over higher sales volumes.

Receivables decreased slightly by 0.5 percent as of the end of fiscal 2012 compared to the end of fiscal 2011. However, our inventory levels were up by 12.6 percent as of the end of fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 as we prebuilt inventory for anticipated higher demand before Tier 4 emission requirements go into effect, which impact our products having diesel engines with greater than 25 but less than 75 horsepower manufactured after January 1, 2013, as well as \$12.6 million of incremental inventory from acquisitions as of the end of fiscal 2012. Average net working capital (accounts receivable plus inventory less trade payables) as a percent of net sales was 15.2 percent as of the end of fiscal 2012 compared to 15.0 percent as of the end of fiscal 2011. This increase was due mainly to higher average inventory levels in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 as we prebuilt inventory in anticipation of strong demand for our products, mainly for products impacted by new Tier 4 emissions requirements, as well as incremental inventory from acquisitions. Our domestic field inventory levels were slightly higher as of the end of fiscal 2012 compared to the end of fiscal 2011 due in part to anticipated increase in retail demand.

On May 24, 2012, our Board of Directors declared a two-for-one stock split of our common stock, effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend paid on June 29, 2012. This was our third stock split in the past ten fiscal years. Earnings and dividends declared per share and weighted average shares outstanding are presented in this report after the effect of the 100 percent stock dividend. The two-for-one stock split is also reflected in the share amounts in all periods presented in this report.

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We continued our history of paying quarterly cash dividends in fiscal 2012. We increased our fiscal 2012 quarterly cash dividend by 10 percent to \$0.11 per share compared to our quarterly cash dividend in fiscal 2011 of \$0.10 per share.

Our stock repurchase program returned \$92.7 million in cash to our shareholders during fiscal 2012, which reduced our number of shares outstanding. This reduction resulted in a benefit to our diluted net earnings per share of approximately \$0.10 per share in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011.

Destination 2014

Our multi-year initiative, "Destination 2014," will take us to our centennial in 2014 and into our second century. This four-year initiative, which began with our 2011 fiscal year, is intended to focus our efforts on driving our legacy of excellence through building caring relationships and engaging in innovation. Through our Destination 2014 initiative, we strive to achieve our goals by pursuing a progression of annual milestones. Each fiscal year we set forth associated organic revenue growth, operating earnings, and employee engagement goals, such as continuous improvement projects with cross-functional collaboration, and we also strive to continue to focus on the progress we made through our previous initiatives, such as working capital.

Organic Revenue Growth. We intend to pursue strategic growth of our existing businesses and product categories with an annual organic revenue growth goal. One of our goals of our Destination 2014 initiative is to achieve \$100 million in organic revenue growth in each of fiscal 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. We define organic revenue growth as the increase in net sales, less net sales from acquisitions that occurred in the prior twelve-month period. While we exceeded our organic revenue growth goal of \$100 million for fiscal 2011, we fell short of achieving that goal in fiscal 2012.

Operating Earnings Growth. As part of our Destination 2014 growth goals, we have also set a bold earnings goal to raise operating earnings as a percentage of net sales to 12 percent by the end of fiscal 2014. In fiscal 2012 and 2011, we made progress towards this goal by achieving operating earnings as a percentage of net sales of 10.5 percent and 9.8 percent, respectively.

Outlook for Fiscal 2013

Our focus for fiscal 2013 is on generating customer demand for our innovative products, in spite of continuing economic uncertainty, particularly in the United States and Europe. We have taken, and continue to take, proactive measures with investments intended to help us gain market share and achieve strong financial results. We believe the key drivers for our fiscal 2013 financial performance will include, among many others, the following main factors:

We anticipate fiscal 2013 net sales in our professional segment to increase compared to fiscal 2012, led by anticipated continued growth in the worldwide micro-irrigation market for products that help our customers conserve the use of water as the need to become more efficient in water use is expected to drive demand for our products. We plan to continue to invest globally in new micro-irrigation products, manufacturing capacity, and infrastructure as we expect that products used for water conservation to be a long-term focus for us. We also anticipate higher sales of domestic golf and grounds equipment and landscape contractor equipment as we plan to introduce an array of innovative new products and expect customers to continue to replace aged inventory in fiscal 2013. As we continued to prepare for the phase-in of additional Tier 4 emission requirements affecting our products having diesel engines with greater than 25 but less than 75 horsepower manufactured after January 1, 2013 and sold in the U.S. and Canada, we prebuilt inventory in anticipation of higher demand before we implement expected price increases for our products subject to these regulations. Accordingly, we anticipate stronger demand prior to price increases going into effect for products subject to Tier 4 emission requirements, which is expected to result in higher sales volumes of our diesel engine products, mainly in the first quarter of fiscal 2013, than we have experienced in the past or expect to experience in the future. Additionally, we anticipate that our recent acquisitions in fiscal 2012 will expand our market presence in the rental and construction market and contribute incremental sales in fiscal 2013.

We expect our residential segment net sales to increase slightly in fiscal 2013 compared to fiscal 2012 as we anticipate the domestic economy to continue its slow rate of recovery. We anticipate higher demand for our innovative zero-turn radius riding mowers in fiscal 2013 as we believe customers will continue to migrate to zero-turn radius mowers from lawn and garden tractors. We also anticipate new products, such as our new two-stage snow thrower products and extension of our lithium-ion battery-powered home solutions products, to be well received by customers in fiscal 2013.

International markets will remain a focus for us to grow our revenues. However, as the European economic conditions remained weak in fiscal 2012, we anticipate uncertainty with the European economy to continue into fiscal 2013, which is expected to hamper our international net sales growth. We plan to continue investing in new products designed specifically for international markets and in infrastructure around the world, connecting us more closely to international customers and increasing our global presence. In fiscal 2012 we began operations at our new micro-irrigation manufacturing facility in Romania as we anticipate future worldwide market demand to increase for our water conserving drip irrigation products for agricultural markets, as previously discussed. A long-term goal is for international sales to comprise a larger percentage of our total consolidated net sales.

During fiscal 2013, we anticipate our gross margin rate to improve compared to fiscal 2012 as we continue to focus on productivity improvements intended to reduce production costs while realizing greater efficiencies in our processes. In addition, we expect to

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increase prices on some of our products.

We expect net earnings and diluted net earnings per share to be up in fiscal 2013 compared to fiscal 2012, driven mainly by our expectation of sales growth and an improvement in our gross margin rate, as well as an anticipated further reduction in our diluted shares outstanding due to repurchases of our common stock.

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In fiscal 2013, we plan to continue to place emphasis on asset utilization with a focus on minimizing the amount of working capital in the supply chain. As of the end of fiscal 2012, our inventory levels were higher compared to inventory levels as of the end of fiscal 2011 as we prebuilt inventory in anticipation of higher demand for our products that will be subject to Tier 4 emission requirements, which go into effect for products manufactured after January 1, 2013. Therefore, as we sell through this prebuilt inventory during fiscal 2013, our average inventory levels are expected to be higher in fiscal 2013 compared to our average inventory levels in 2012; but we expect that inventory levels as of the end of fiscal 2013 will be lower compared to inventory levels as of the end of fiscal 2012. We anticipate our average net working capital as a percentage of net sales in fiscal 2013 to be slightly lower as compared to fiscal 2012. Consistent with our focus on asset management, we believe our domestic field inventory levels are currently appropriate and we anticipate field inventory levels to be approximately equivalent as of the end of fiscal 2013 compared to the field inventory levels as of the end of fiscal 2012.

We will continue to keep a cautionary eye on the global economic environment, particularly in the United States and Europe, retail demand, field inventory levels, commodity prices, weather conditions, competitive actions, expenses, and other factors identified in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of this report, which could cause our actual results to differ from our anticipated outlook.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Fiscal 2012 net earnings were \$129.5 million compared to \$117.7 million in fiscal 2011, an increase of 10.1 percent. Fiscal 2012 diluted net earnings per share were \$2.14, an increase of 15.7 percent from \$1.85 per share in fiscal 2011. The primary factors contributing to the net earnings improvement were higher net sales, an increase in gross profit, leveraging of fixed SG&A costs over higher sales volumes, and a pre-tax charge of \$4.7 million last fiscal year associated with a rework for a non-safety quality issue for our walk power mowers that was not duplicated this fiscal year. However, our tax rate in fiscal 2012 was higher compared to our tax rate in fiscal 2011 due to the expiration of the domestic research tax credit on December 31, 2011. Our net earnings per diluted share were also benefited by approximately \$0.10 per share in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 as a result of reduced shares outstanding from repurchases of our common stock.

Fiscal 2011 net earnings were \$117.7 million compared to \$93.2 million in fiscal 2010, an increase of 26.2 percent. Fiscal 2011 diluted net earnings per share were \$1.85, an increase of 32.1 percent from \$1.40 per share in fiscal 2010. The primary factors contributing to the net earnings improvement were sales growth in all of our businesses, leveraging of fixed SG&A costs over higher sales volumes, and a lower effective tax rate, somewhat offset by higher commodity and freight expense that negatively impacted our gross margin rate, as well as a pre-tax charge of \$4.7 million during fiscal 2011 due to costs associated with a rework for a non-safety quality issue that affected a large number of our residential segment walk power mowers. In addition, our net earnings per diluted share were benefited by approximately \$0.09 per share in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010 as a result of reduced shares outstanding from repurchases of our common stock.

The following table summarizes our results of operations as a percentage of our consolidated net sales.

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	(65.6)	(66.2)	(65.9)
Gross margin	34.4	33.8	34.1
SG&A expense	(23.9)	(24.0)	(25.1)
Operating earnings	10.5	9.8	9.0
Interest expense	(0.9)	(0.9)	(1.0)
Other income, net	0.4	0.3	0.4
Provision for income taxes	(3.4)	(3.0)	(2.9)
Net earnings	6.6%	6.2%	5.5%

Fiscal 2012 Compared With Fiscal 2011

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Net Sales. Worldwide net sales in fiscal 2012 were \$1,958.7 million compared to \$1,884.0 million in fiscal 2011, an increase of 4.0 percent. This net sales improvement was attributable to the following factors:

Increased shipments of professional segment products largely resulting from the successful introduction of new and enhanced products that were well received by customers and resulted in increased sales, strong demand for domestic golf and landscape contractor equipment as customers replaced their aged inventory, continued acceptance and demand for our drip irrigation solutions for agricultural markets, and incremental sales of \$22.1 million from acquisitions. Additionally, a weaker average U.S. dollar compared to other currencies in which we transact business accounted for approximately \$2 million of our overall net sales increase.

Higher shipments and demand of walk power mowers, zero-turn radius riding mowers, and trimmers in our residential segment due to positive customer response to newly introduced products and favorable weather conditions that drove strong demand. Additionally, sales of Pope products in Australia were up due to more favorable weather conditions in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011.

Somewhat offsetting those sales increases were:

A decline in overall residential segment net sales primarily from lower shipments of snow thrower products and service parts due to reduced demand resulting from the lack of snowfall during the 2011-2012 winter season.

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A decrease in international net sales in both our professional and residential segments due mainly to lower sales in Europe as a result of economic weakness and uncertainty in that region.

Gross Margin. Gross margin represents gross profit (net sales less cost of sales) as a percentage of net sales. See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, in the section entitled "Cost of Sales," for a description of expenses included in cost of sales. Gross margin increased by 60 basis points to 34.4 percent in fiscal 2012 from 33.8 percent in fiscal 2011. This improvement was mainly the result of the following factors:

Price increases on some of our products.

Lower manufacturing costs from higher plant utilization, mainly related to increased production and demand for our products.

Rework costs in fiscal 2011 for a non-safety quality issue that affected a large number of our residential segment walk power mowers that was not duplicated in fiscal 2012.

Somewhat offsetting those positive factors were:

Higher average prices paid for commodities in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011.

Unfavorable product mix and lower gross margins on product sales from acquisitions in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expense. SG&A expense increased \$15.3 million, or 3.4 percent, in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, in the section entitled "Selling, General, and Administrative Expense," for a description of expenses included in SG&A expense. SG&A expense rate represents SG&A expense as a percentage of net sales. SG&A expense rate in fiscal 2012 decreased by 10 basis points to 23.9 percent compared to 24.0 percent in fiscal 2011 due to fixed SG&A costs spread over higher sales volumes. However, the increase in SG&A expense of \$15.3 million was driven mainly by the following factors:

Incremental costs from acquisitions of \$7.2 million.

Higher self-insured health care expenses mainly from unfavorable claims experience.

Somewhat offsetting those increases in SG&A expense were:

A decline in marketing expenses of \$6.3 million due mainly to incentive programs last year that were not duplicated to the same degree this fiscal year.

Lower incentive compensation expense of \$4.2 million attributable to lower than planned financial results.

Interest Expense. Interest expense for fiscal 2012 slightly decreased by 0.4 percent compared to fiscal 2011 as a result of lower average debt levels.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net consists mainly of our proportionate share of income or losses from equity investments (affiliates), currency exchange rate gains and losses, litigation settlements and recoveries, interest income, and retail financing revenue. Other income for fiscal 2012 was \$7.6 million compared to \$7.3 million in fiscal 2011, an increase of \$0.3 million, or 3.4 percent. This increase in other income, net was due mainly to an increase in income from our equity investment in Red Iron, somewhat offset by lower interest income in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011.

Provision for Income Taxes. The effective tax rate for fiscal 2012 was 34.0 percent compared to 32.7 percent in fiscal 2011. The increase in the effective tax rate was primarily the result of the expiration of the domestic research tax credit on December 31, 2011.

We anticipate our tax rate for fiscal 2013 to be slightly lower than our fiscal 2012 tax rate.

Fiscal 2011 Compared With Fiscal 2010

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Net Sales. Worldwide net sales in fiscal 2011 were \$1,884.0 million compared to \$1,690.4 million in fiscal 2010, an increase of 11.5 percent. This net sales improvement was primarily driven by:

Higher shipments of worldwide professional segment products largely resulting from the successful introduction of new products that were well received by customers and resulted in increased sales, strong worldwide demand for golf equipment and irrigation systems, additional manufacturing capacity that increased production and enabled higher sales of our water conserving products for agricultural markets to meet increased worldwide demand, particularly in Eastern Europe, and incremental sales of \$19 million from acquisitions.

An increase in residential segment net sales attributable to strong demand for snow thrower products as our channel partners purchased product to fill depleted field inventory levels for the 2011-2012 snow season following strong sales from heavy snow falls during the 2010-2011 snow season, as well as additional product placement. In addition, riding product sales increased primarily from positive customer acceptance for our new line of zero-turn radius riding mowers. However, sales of walk power mowers and electric blowers were down due mainly to unfavorable weather conditions.

An increase in international net sales in for both our professional and residential segments due to increased demand primarily from improved market conditions in our key international regions and the successful introduction of new products that were well received by customers. Additionally, a weaker average U.S. dollar compared to other currencies in which we transact business accounted for approximately \$21 million of our net sales increase.

Gross Margin. Gross margin decreased by 30 basis points to 33.8 percent in fiscal 2011 from 34.1 percent in fiscal 2010. This decline was mainly the result of the following factors:

Higher average prices paid for commodities in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010.

An increase in freight expense due to higher fuel prices.

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Rework costs for a non-safety quality issue that affected a large number of our residential segment walk power mowers.

Somewhat offsetting those negative factors were:

Lower manufacturing costs from higher plant utilization, mainly related to increased demand for our products.

Favorable product mix from increased sales of products that carry higher average gross margins.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expense. SG&A expense increased \$27.0 million, or 6.4 percent, from fiscal 2010. SG&A expense rate in fiscal 2011 decreased 110 basis points to 24.0 percent compared to 25.1 percent in fiscal 2010 due to fixed SG&A costs spread over higher sales volumes and lower product liability expense of nearly \$5 million due to favorable claims experience in fiscal 2011. However, marketing expenses increased by \$19 million in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010 due to higher sales volumes and incentive programs designed to promote sales growth.

Interest Expense. Interest expense for fiscal 2011 slightly decreased by 0.8 percent compared to fiscal 2010 as a result of lower average debt levels.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net for fiscal 2011 was \$7.3 million compared to \$7.1 million in fiscal 2010, an increase of \$0.2 million, or 2.7 percent. This increase in other income, net was due mainly to an increase in income from affiliates, somewhat offset by higher foreign currency exchange rate losses in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010.

Provision for Income Taxes. The effective tax rate for fiscal 2011 was 32.7 percent compared to 34.0 percent in fiscal 2010. The decrease in the effective tax rate was primarily the result of the retroactive reenactment of the domestic research tax credit in fiscal 2011.

PERFORMANCE BY BUSINESS SEGMENT

As more fully described in Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, we operate in three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. Our Distribution segment, which consists of our company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with our corporate activities and is shown as "Other." Operating earnings for our Professional and Residential segments are defined as earnings from operations plus other income, net. Operating loss for the Other segment includes earnings (loss) from our wholly owned domestic distribution companies, corporate activities, other income, and interest expense.

The following information provides perspective on our business segments' net sales and operating results.

Professional

Professional segment net sales represented 68 percent of consolidated net sales for fiscal 2012, 66 percent for fiscal 2011, and 64 percent for fiscal 2010. The following table shows the professional segment net sales, operating earnings, and operating earnings as a percent of net sales.

(Dollars in millions)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
Net sales	\$ 1,329.5	\$ 1,239.1	\$ 1,085.5
% change from prior year	7.3%	14.2%	12.4%
Operating earnings	\$ 232.1	\$ 205.0	\$ 173.8
As a percent of net sales	17.5%	16.5%	16.0%

Net Sales. Worldwide net sales for the professional segment in fiscal 2012 were up by 7.3 percent compared to fiscal 2011 primarily as a result of the following factors:

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Successful introduction of new and enhanced products that were well received by customers and resulted in increased sales and demand.

Higher shipments and demand for domestic golf and landscape contractor equipment as customers replaced their aged inventory. Additionally, golf rounds played were up in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 resulting in increased revenue for golf courses and related investments in equipment, which contributed to higher sales of our golf equipment products.

Increased net sales of micro-irrigation products due to continued acceptance and demand for our drip irrigation solutions for agricultural markets, additional manufacturing capacity that increased production and enabled higher sales of our micro-irrigation products, and dealer expansion that assisted us to better meet the growing market demand for agricultural irrigation.

Incremental sales of \$22.1 million from acquisitions.

Somewhat offsetting those sales increases were lower sales in Europe as a result of economic weakness and uncertainty in that region.

Worldwide net sales for the professional segment in fiscal 2011 were up by 14.2 percent compared to fiscal 2010 primarily from higher shipments for most domestic and international products as a result of improved market conditions in our professional segment during fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010. In addition, professional segment sales increased due to the successful introduction of new products that were well received by customers, as well as higher shipments and demand of worldwide golf maintenance equipment and irrigation systems due to new golf development projects in key international markets, particularly in Asia, and domestic renovation projects. Net sales of micro-irrigation products were also up due to increased market demand, particularly in Eastern Europe, and additional manufacturing capacity that increased production and enabled higher sales of our water conserving products for agricultural markets. Sales of Sitework Systems products were strong as a result of the rebound in the rental market and the successful introduction of new products. Additionally, incremental sales of \$12 million from acquisitions and a weaker average U.S. dollar compared to most other currencies in which we transact

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business contributed to our professional segment net sales growth for fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010.

Operating Earnings. Operating earnings for the professional segment in fiscal 2012 increased 13.2 percent compared to fiscal 2011 due primarily to higher sales volumes. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, professional segment operating margins increased 100 basis points to 17.5 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to 16.5 percent in fiscal 2011. The following factors impacted professional segment operating earnings:

Higher gross margin in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 as a result of price increases on some products and manufacturing efficiencies from higher plant utilization, mainly related to increased production and demand for our products. Those gross margin improvements were somewhat offset by higher average commodity prices and lower gross margins on product sales from acquisitions.

A decline in SG&A expense rate in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 due mainly to leveraging fixed SG&A costs over higher sales volumes and a decline in marketing expenses, somewhat offset by higher warranty expense.

Operating earnings for the professional segment in fiscal 2011 increased 18.0 percent compared to fiscal 2010 due primarily to higher sales volumes. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, professional segment operating margins increased 50 basis points to 16.5 percent in fiscal 2011 compared to 16.0 percent in fiscal 2010. The operating profit improvement was due to a decline in SG&A expense rate primarily from leveraging fixed SG&A costs over higher sales volumes and a decline in product liability expense. However, lower gross margin as a result of higher average commodity prices and increased freight expense driven by higher fuel prices hampered our professional segment operating profit improvement.

Residential

Residential segment net sales represented 31 percent of consolidated net sales for fiscal 2012, 33 percent for fiscal 2011, and 35 percent for fiscal 2010. The following table shows the residential segment net sales, operating earnings, and operating earnings as a percent of net sales.

(Dollars in millions)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
Net sales	\$ 607.4	\$ 623.9	\$ 589.7
% change from prior year	(2.6)%	5.8%	10.7%
Operating earnings	\$ 57.9	\$ 54.4	\$ 58.0
As a percent of net sales	9.5%	8.7%	9.8%

Net Sales. Worldwide net sales for the residential segment in fiscal 2012 were down by 2.6 percent compared to fiscal 2011 primarily as a result of:

Lower shipments and demand for our snow thrower products and service parts due to the lack of snowfall during the 2011-2012 winter season.

Somewhat offsetting the decrease in residential segment net sales included the following factors:

Higher shipments and demand of walk power mowers, zero-turn radius riding mowers, and trimmers due to positive customer response to newly introduced products and favorable weather conditions that drove strong demand.

Increased sales of Pope products in Australia due to more favorable weather conditions in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011.

Worldwide net sales for the residential segment in fiscal 2011 were up by 5.8 percent compared to fiscal 2010 primarily as a result of strong demand for our snow thrower products as our channel partners purchased product to fill depleted field inventory levels for the 2011-2012 snow season following strong sales from heavy snow falls during the 2010-2011 snow season, as well as additional product placement. Additionally, an increase in shipments of zero-turn radius riding mowers attributable to strong demand, resulting primarily from customer acceptance of new products, as well as a weaker average U.S. dollar compared to most other currencies in which we transact business, benefited our residential segment net sales in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010. Somewhat offsetting those increases was a decline in sales of walk power mowers and electric blowers due mainly to unfavorable weather conditions.

Operating Earnings. Operating earnings for the residential segment in fiscal 2012 increased 6.4 percent compared to fiscal 2011. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, residential segment operating margins increased 80 basis points to 9.5 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to 8.7 percent in fiscal 2011. The following factors impacted residential segment operating earnings:

Higher gross margins from costs incurred in fiscal 2011 associated with a rework for a non-safety quality issue that affected a large number of our walk power mowers that was not duplicated in fiscal 2012, somewhat offset by unfavorable product mix and higher commodity costs.

Lower SG&A expense due to a decrease in marketing and warranty expense related to costs incurred in fiscal 2011 for incentive programs and special warranty modifications, respectively, that were not duplicated in fiscal 2012.

Operating earnings for the residential segment in fiscal 2011 decreased 6.1 percent compared to fiscal 2010. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, residential segment operating margins declined 110 basis points to 8.7 percent in fiscal 2011 compared to 9.8 percent in fiscal 2010 due to lower gross margins primarily as a result of costs associated with a rework for a non-safety quality issue that affected a large number of our walk power mowers, higher average commodity prices, and increased freight expense. Those increases were somewhat offset by lower manufacturing costs from higher plant utilization, mainly related to increased demand for our products. Additionally, an increase in SG&A

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expense mainly from an increase in warranty expense due to special warranty modifications, as well as higher spending for marketing, warehousing, and engineering, somewhat offset by a decline in product liability expense contributed to our residential segment operating margin decrease in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010.

Other

(Dollars in millions)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
Net sales	\$ 21.8	\$ 21.0	\$ 15.2
% change from prior year	3.6%	37.7%	(38.5)%
Operating loss	\$ (93.7)	\$ (84.6)	\$ (90.4)

Net Sales. Net sales for the other segment includes sales from our wholly owned domestic distribution companies less sales from the professional and residential segments to those distribution companies. The other segment net sales in fiscal 2012 increased 3.6 percent compared to fiscal 2011 due to increased sales at our U.S. Midwestern-based distribution company.

The other segment net sales in fiscal 2011 increased 37.7 percent compared to fiscal 2010 due to incremental sales from the addition of a U.S. Western-based distribution company that was acquired on October 29, 2010.

Operating Loss. Operating loss for the other segment in fiscal 2012 increased by 10.8 percent compared to fiscal 2011. This loss increase was primarily attributable to an increase in our self-insured health care costs and higher bad debt expense, somewhat offset by an increase in income from our equity investment in Red Iron and lower incentive compensation expense.

Operating loss for the other segment in fiscal 2011 decreased by 6.5 percent compared to fiscal 2010. This loss decrease was primarily attributable to improved profitability of our wholly owned domestic distribution companies and an increase in income from affiliates. Somewhat offsetting those factors were higher foreign currency exchange rate losses in fiscal 2011 as compared to fiscal 2010.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Working Capital

In fiscal 2012, we placed, and we intend to continue to place, emphasis on asset utilization with a focus on minimizing the amount of working capital in the supply chain, adjusting production plans, and maintaining or improving order replenishment and service levels to end users. As we continue to prepare for the phase-in of additional Tier 4 emission requirements, we prebuilt inventory in anticipation of higher demand before Tier 4 emission requirements go into effect. This resulted in higher inventory levels and an increase in working capital in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. We expect that we will implement price increases, some of which may be significant, for our products subject to these regulations. Therefore, we anticipate that some customers may purchase products impacted by these requirements prior to the emission requirement changes and price increases going into effect for products manufactured after January 1, 2013.

The following table highlights several key measures of our working capital performance.

(Dollars in millions)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011
Average cash and cash equivalents	\$ 104.3	\$ 114.6
Average receivables, net	185.2	188.7
Average inventories, net	260.8	242.5
Average accounts payable	149.0	149.0
Average days outstanding for receivables	35	37

Average inventory turnover (times)**4.93**

5.14

Average net receivables decreased slightly by 1.9 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 and our average days outstanding for receivables improved to 35 days in fiscal 2012 compared to 37 days in fiscal 2011 primarily as a result of lower international sales in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 that generally have longer payment terms. Average net inventories increased by 7.5 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 as we prebuilt inventory for anticipated higher demand before Tier 4 emission requirements go into effect, as previously discussed, which also resulted in our average inventory turnover ratio to decrease by 4.1 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. Additionally, incremental inventory from acquisitions resulted in higher average inventory and inventory levels of \$12.6 million as of the end of fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. As a result of higher average inventory levels, our average net working capital (accounts receivable plus inventory less trade payables) as a percentage of net sales was 15.2 percent as of the end of fiscal 2012 compared to 15.0 percent as of the end of fiscal 2011.

In fiscal 2013, we intend to continue our efforts on efficient asset management, with an increased focus on minimizing the amount of working capital in the supply chain and maintaining or improving order replenishment and service levels to end users. Notwithstanding these efforts, we expect average receivables to increase in fiscal 2013 compared to fiscal 2012 as we anticipate higher sales volumes in fiscal 2013 compared to fiscal 2012. We anticipate average inventory turnover to improve; however, we expect average inventory levels to be higher in fiscal 2013 compared to fiscal 2012 due in part to prebuilt inventory carried as of the end of fiscal 2012 in anticipation of higher demand for our products subject to Tier 4 emission requirements, as previously discussed. We also anticipate average accounts payable to increase in fiscal 2013 compared to fiscal 2012 driven by our continued focus on our supply chain initiatives.

Capital Expenditures and Other Long-Term Assets

Fiscal 2012 capital expenditures of \$43.2 million were 24.7 percent lower compared to fiscal 2011. This decrease was primarily attributable to capital expenditures in fiscal 2011 for our new manufacturing facility in Romania. Capital expenditures for fiscal 2013 are planned to be approximately \$60 million as we expect to continue to invest in new product tooling and replacement production equipment, as well as expansion of facilities.

Long-term assets as of October 31, 2012 were \$323.1 million compared to \$337.8 million as of October 31, 2011, a decrease of 4.4 percent. This decrease was due primarily to a decline in capital expenditures in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011, as discussed previously.

Capital Structure

The following table details the components of our total capitalization and key ratios.

(Dollars in millions)

October 31	2012	2011
Long-term debt, including current portion	\$ 225.3	\$ 227.2
Stockholders' equity	312.4	266.8
Debt-to-capitalization ratio	41.9%	46.0%

Our debt-to-capitalization ratio decreased in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 due to an increase in stockholders' equity from higher net earnings and lower repurchases of shares of our common stock in fiscal 2012 as compared to fiscal 2011.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our businesses are seasonally working capital intensive and require funding for purchases of raw materials used in production, replacement parts inventory, payroll and other administrative costs, capital expenditures, establishment of new facilities, expansion and upgrading of existing facilities, as well as for financing of receivables from customers that are not financed with Red Iron. We believe that anticipated cash generated from operations, together with our fixed rate long-term debt, bank credit lines, and cash on hand, will provide us with adequate liquidity to meet our anticipated operating requirements. We believe that the funds available through existing financing arrangements and forecasted cash flows will be sufficient to provide the necessary capital resources for our anticipated working capital needs, capital expenditures, investments, debt repayments, quarterly cash dividend payments, and stock repurchases for at least the next twelve months. As of October 31, 2012, cash and short-term investments held by our foreign subsidiaries that are not available to fund domestic operations unless repatriated were \$13.0 million. We currently do not intend to repatriate this cash held by our foreign subsidiaries; however, if circumstances changed and these funds were needed for our U.S. operations, we would be required to accrue and pay U.S. taxes to repatriate these funds.

Cash Dividends

Each quarter in fiscal 2012, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.11 per share, which was a 10 percent increase over our cash dividend of \$0.10 per share paid each quarter in fiscal 2011. As announced on December 11, 2012, our Board of Directors recently increased our fiscal 2013 first quarter quarterly cash dividend by 27.3 percent to \$0.14 per share from the quarterly cash dividend paid in the first quarter of fiscal 2012.

Stock Split

On May 24, 2012, we announced that our Board of Directors declared a two-for-one stock split of our common stock, effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend. The stock split was distributed or paid on June 29, 2012, to shareholders of record as of June 15, 2012. As a result of this action, approximately 29.4 million shares were issued to shareholders of record as of June 15, 2012. The par value of the common stock remains at \$1.00 per share and; accordingly, approximately \$29,390 was transferred from retained earnings to common stock. Earnings and

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dividends declared per share and weighted average shares outstanding are presented in this report after the effect of the 100 percent stock dividend. The two-for-one stock split is reflected in the share amounts in all periods presented in this report.

Cash Flow

Cash flows provided by (used in) operating, investing, and financing activities during the past three fiscal years are shown in the following table.

(Dollars in millions) Fiscal years ended October 31	Cash Provided by (Used in)		
	2012	2011	2010
Operating activities	\$ 185.8	\$ 113.9	\$ 193.5
Investing activities	(47.3)	(69.3)	(60.8)
Financing activities	(93.0)	(140.1)	(142.3)
Effect of exchange rates on cash	(0.5)	(1.0)	(0.8)
Net cash provided (used)	\$ 45.0	\$ (96.5)	\$ (10.4)
Cash and cash equivalents as of fiscal year end	\$ 125.9	\$ 80.9	\$ 177.4

Cash Flows From Operating Activities. Our primary source of funds is cash generated from operations. In fiscal 2012, cash provided by operating activities increased \$71.9 million, or 63.2 percent, from fiscal 2011. This increase was due mainly to an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as of the end of fiscal 2012 compared to the end of fiscal 2011, as well as higher net earnings.

Cash Flows From Investing Activities. Capital expenditures and acquisitions are our primary uses of capital resources. These investments are intended to enable sales growth for expanding markets and in new markets, help us to meet product demand, and increase our manufacturing efficiencies and capacity. Cash used in investing activities was down 31.7 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011 due mainly to lower levels of purchases of property, plant, and equipment and cash used for acquisitions.

Cash Flows From Financing Activities. Cash used in financing activities decreased by 33.6 percent in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. This decrease was primarily attributable to lower amounts of cash utilized to repurchase our common stock in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011, plus an increase in proceeds from exercises of stock options and tax benefits from stock-based awards.

Credit Lines and Other Capital Resources

Our businesses are seasonal, with accounts receivable balances historically increasing between January and April, as a result of typically higher sales volumes and extended payment terms made available to our customers, and typically decreasing between May and December when payments are received. The seasonality of production and shipments causes our working capital requirements to fluctuate during the year. Seasonal cash requirements are financed from operations, cash on hand, and with short-term financing arrangements, including our \$150.0 million unsecured senior four-year revolving credit facility that expires in July 2015. Included in our \$150.0 million revolving credit facility is a sublimit for standby letters of credit and a sublimit for swingline loans. At our election, and with the approval of the named borrowers on the revolving credit facility, the aggregate maximum principal amount available under the facility may be increased by an amount up to \$100.0 million in aggregate. Funds are available under the revolving credit facility for working capital, capital expenditures, and other lawful purposes, including, but not limited to, acquisitions and stock repurchases. Interest expense on this credit line is determined based on a LIBOR rate (or other rates quoted by the Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A.) plus a basis point spread defined in the credit agreement. In addition, our non-U.S. operations maintain unsecured short-term lines of credit in the aggregate amount of approximately \$13.5 million. These facilities bear interest at various rates depending on the rates in their respective countries of operation. As of October 31, 2012, we had no outstanding short-term debt under these lines of credit. As of October 31, 2012, we had \$12.8 million of outstanding letters of credit and \$150.7 million of unutilized availability under our credit agreements. Additionally, as of October 31, 2012, we had \$225.3 million outstanding in long-term debt that includes \$100 million in aggregate principal amount of 7.8% debentures due June 15, 2027, \$125 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior notes due May 1, 2037, and \$1.9 million of other long-term notes issued in connection with acquisitions that will be paid during fiscal 2013.

Our revolving credit facility contains standard covenants, including, without limitation, financial covenants, such as the maintenance of minimum interest coverage and maximum debt to earnings ratios; and negative covenants, which among other things, limit loans and investments, disposition of assets, consolidations and mergers, transactions with affiliates, restricted payments, contingent obligations, liens and other matters customarily restricted in such agreements. Most of these restrictions are subject to certain minimum thresholds and exceptions. Under the revolving credit facility, we are not limited to payments of cash dividends and stock repurchases as long as our debt to EBITDA ratio from the previous quarter compliance certificate is less than or equal to 2.75; however, we are limited to \$50 million per fiscal year if our debt to EBITDA ratio from the previous quarter compliance certificate is greater than 2.75. As of October 31, 2012, we are not limited to payments of cash dividends and stock repurchases as our debt to EBITDA ratio was below 2.75. We were in compliance with all covenants related to our credit agreement for our revolving credit facility as of October 31, 2012, and we expect to be in compliance with all covenants during fiscal 2013. If we were out of compliance with any debt covenant required by this credit agreement following the applicable cure period, the banks could terminate their commitments unless we could negotiate a covenant waiver from the banks. In addition, our long-term senior notes and debentures could become due and payable if we were unable to obtain a covenant waiver or refinance our short-term debt under our credit agreement. If our credit rating falls below investment grade and/or our average debt to EBITDA ratio rises above 2.00, the basis point spread over LIBOR (or other rates quoted by the Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A.) we currently pay on our outstanding short-term debt under the credit agreement would increase. However, the credit commitment could not be cancelled by the banks based solely on a ratings downgrade. Our debt rating for long-term unsecured senior, non-credit enhanced debt was raised to BBB from BBB- by Standard and Poor's Ratings Group on April 30, 2012, and unchanged during fiscal 2012 by Moody's Investors Service at Baa3.

Share Repurchase Plan

During fiscal 2012, we continued repurchasing shares of our common stock in the open market, thereby reducing our shares outstanding. In addition, our repurchase programs provided shares for use in connection with our equity compensation programs. As of October 31, 2012, 1,474,677 shares remained available for repurchase under our Board authorization.

On December 11, 2012, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional 5 million shares of our common stock in open market or privately negotiated transactions. This

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repurchase authorization has no expiration date but may be terminated by our Board of Directors at any time. We expect to continue repurchasing shares of our common stock in fiscal 2013 depending upon market conditions and our cash position.

The following table provides information with respect to repurchases of our common stock during the past three fiscal years.

(Dollars in millions, except per share data)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
Shares of common stock purchased¹	2,591,039	4,592,760	5,356,948
Cost to repurchase common stock	\$ 92.7	\$ 129.9	\$ 135.8
Average price paid per share	\$ 35.78	\$ 28.30	\$ 25.35

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Does not include shares of our common stock surrendered by employees to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations upon vesting of restricted stock granted under our stock-based compensation plans.

Customer Financing Arrangements

Wholesale Financing. In fiscal 2009, we established our Red Iron joint venture with TCFIF. The purpose of Red Iron is to provide inventory financing, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to distributors and dealers of our products in the U.S. and to select distributors of our products in Canada to enable our distributors and dealers to carry representative inventories of our products. Under a separate arrangement, TCFCFC provides inventory financing to dealers of our products in Canada. Under these financing arrangements, down payments are not required and, depending on the finance program for each product line, finance charges are incurred by us, shared between us and the distributor and/or the dealer, or paid by the distributor or dealer. Red Iron retains a security interest in the distributors' and dealers' financed inventories, and those inventories are monitored regularly. Floor plan terms to the distributors and dealers require payment as the equipment, which secures the indebtedness, is sold to customers, or when payment terms become due, whichever occurs first. Rates are generally indexed to LIBOR plus a fixed percentage that differs based on whether the financing is for a distributor or dealer. Rates may also vary based on the product that is financed. Red Iron financed \$1,191.3 million of new receivables for dealers and distributors during fiscal 2012, of which \$239.8 million was outstanding as of October 31, 2012.

Some independent international dealers continue to finance their products with a third party financing company. This third party financing company purchased \$23.7 million of receivables from us during fiscal 2012, of which \$9.7 million was outstanding as of October 31, 2012.

We also enter into limited inventory repurchase agreements with third party financing companies and Red Iron for receivables financed by them. As of October 31, 2012, we were contingently liable to repurchase up to a maximum amount of \$10.1 million of inventory related to receivables under these financing arrangements. We have repurchased immaterial amounts of inventory from third party financing companies and Red Iron over the past three fiscal years. However, a decline in retail sales or financial difficulties of our distributors or dealers could cause this situation to change and thereby require us to repurchase financed product up to but not exceeding our limited obligation, which could have an adverse effect on our operating results.

We continue to provide financing in the form of open account terms to home centers and mass retailers; general line irrigation dealers; international distributors and dealers other than the Canadian distributors and dealers to whom Red Iron provides financing arrangements; government customers; and rental companies.

End-User Financing. We have agreements with third party financing companies to provide lease-financing options to golf course and sports fields and grounds equipment customers in the U.S. and Europe. The purpose of these agreements is to increase sales by giving buyers of our products alternative financing options when purchasing our products. We have no contingent liabilities for residual value or credit collection risk under these agreements with third party financing companies.

From time to time, we enter into agreements where we provide recourse to third party finance companies in the event of default by the customer for lease payments to the third party finance company. Our maximum exposure for credit collection under those arrangements as of October 31, 2012 was \$2.9 million.

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Termination or any material change to the terms of our end-user financing arrangements, availability of credit for our customers, including any delay in securing replacement credit sources, or significant financed product repurchase requirements could have a material adverse impact on our future operating results.

Distributor Financing. From time to time, we enter into long-term loan agreements with some distributors. These transactions are used for expansion of the distributors' businesses, acquisitions, refinancing working capital agreements, or facilitation of ownership changes. As of October 31, 2012, we had an outstanding note receivable in the aggregate of \$1.1 million from one distribution company, which is included in other current and long-term assets on our consolidated balance sheets.

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of October 31, 2012.

(Dollars in thousands) Contractual Obligation	Payments Due By Period				Total
	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years	
Long-term debt¹	\$ 1,858	\$	\$	\$225,000	\$226,858
Interest payments	16,156	32,162	32,163	224,335	304,816
Deferred compensation arrangements²	834	1,144	988	581	3,547
Purchase obligations	13,257	1,280			14,537
Operating leases³	13,623	20,358	10,404	30,158	74,543
Total	\$ 45,728	\$54,944	\$43,555	\$480,074	\$624,301

1 Principal payments in accordance with our long-term debt agreements.

2 The unfunded deferred compensation arrangements, covering certain current and retired management employees, consists primarily of salary and bonus deferrals under our deferred compensation plans. Our estimated distributions in the contractual obligations table are based upon a number of assumptions including termination dates and participant elections. Deferred compensation balances are invested according to the election of the participant in an array of funds that is substantially similar to the array of funds offered under The Toro Company Investment, Savings and Employee Stock Ownership Plan, and are payable at the election of the participant.

3 Operating lease obligations do not include payments to property owners covering real estate taxes and common area maintenance.

As of October 31, 2012, we also had \$13 million in outstanding letters of credit issued, including standby letters of credit, during the normal course of business, as required by some vendor contracts. In addition to the above contractual obligations, we may be obligated for additional cash outflows of \$4.6 million of unrecognized tax benefits. The payment and timing of any such payments is affected by the ultimate resolution of the tax years that are under audit or remain subject to examination by the relevant taxing authorities.

Market Risk

Due to the nature and scope of our operations, we are subject to exposures that arise from fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, and commodity prices. We are also exposed to equity market risk pertaining to the trading price of our common stock. Additional information is presented in Part II, Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," and Note 14 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Inflation

We are subject to the effects of inflation, deflation, and changing prices. During fiscal 2012, we experienced higher average commodity costs compared to the average prices paid for commodities in fiscal 2011, which hampered our gross margin growth rate in fiscal 2012 as compared to fiscal 2011. We will continue to closely follow commodities that affect our product lines, and we anticipate average prices paid for some commodities to be higher in fiscal 2013 as compared to fiscal 2012. We expect to mitigate the impact of inflationary pressures by engaging in

proactive vendor negotiations, reviewing alternative sourcing options, substituting materials, engaging in internal cost reduction efforts, and increasing prices on some of our products, all as appropriate.

Acquisitions

On April 25, 2012, during the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we completed the acquisition of certain assets for an equipment line of concrete and mortar mixers, material handlers, compaction equipment, and other concrete power tools for the rental and construction market. On February 10, 2012, also during the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we completed the acquisition of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities for an equipment line of vibratory plows, trenchers, and horizontal directional drills for the construction market. On December 9, 2011, during the first quarter of fiscal 2012, we completed the acquisition of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities for a greens roller product line for the golf course market. The aggregate purchase price of these acquisitions was \$11.1 million and all were accounted for as business combinations.

These acquisitions were immaterial individually and, in the aggregate, based on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

In preparing our consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), we must make decisions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures. Such decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. In reaching such decisions, we apply judgments based on our understanding and analysis of the relevant circumstances, historical experience, and actuarial valuations. Actual amounts could differ from those estimated at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared.

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Some of those significant accounting policies require us to make difficult subjective or complex judgments or estimates. An accounting estimate is considered to be critical if it meets both of the following criteria: (i) the estimate requires assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the accounting estimate is made, and (ii) different estimates reasonably could have been used, or changes in the estimate that are reasonably likely to occur from period to period may have a material impact on the presentation of our financial condition, changes in financial condition, or results of operations. Our critical accounting estimates include the following:

Warranty Reserve. Warranty coverage on our products is generally for specified periods of time and on select products hours of usage, and generally covers parts, labor, and other expenses for non-maintenance repairs. Warranty coverage generally does not cover operator abuse or improper use. At the time of sale, we accrue a warranty reserve by product line for estimated costs in

connection with future warranty claims. We also establish reserves for major rework campaigns. The amount of our warranty reserves is based primarily on the estimated number of products under warranty, historical average costs incurred to service warranty claims, the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, and the historical length of time between the sale and resulting warranty claim. We periodically assess the adequacy of our warranty reserves based on changes in these factors and record any necessary adjustments if actual claim experience indicates that adjustments are necessary. Actual claims could be higher or lower than amounts estimated, as the amount and value of warranty claims are subject to variation due to such factors as performance of new products, significant manufacturing or design defects not discovered until after the product is delivered to customers, product failure rates, and higher or lower than expected service costs for a repair. We believe that analysis of historical trends and knowledge of potential manufacturing or design problems provide sufficient information to establish a reasonable estimate for warranty claims at the time of sale. However, since we cannot predict with certainty future warranty claims or costs associated with servicing those claims, our actual warranty costs may differ from our estimates. An unexpected increase in warranty claims or in the costs associated with servicing those claims would result in an increase in our warranty accrual and a decrease in our net earnings.

Sales Promotions and Incentives. At the time of sale to a customer, we record an estimate for sales promotion and incentive costs that are classified as a reduction from gross sales or as a component of SG&A expense. Examples of sales promotion and incentive programs include rebate programs on certain professional products sold to distributors, volume discounts, retail financing support, floor planning, cooperative advertising, commissions, and other sales discounts and promotional programs. The estimates for sales promotion and incentive costs are based on the terms of the arrangements with customers, historical payment experience, field inventory levels, volume purchases, and expectations for changes in relevant trends in the future. Actual results may differ from these estimates if competitive factors dictate the need to enhance or reduce sales promotion and incentive accruals or if customer usage and field inventory levels vary from historical trends. Adjustments to sales promotions and incentive accruals are made from time to time as actual usage becomes known in order to properly estimate the amounts necessary to generate consumer demand based on market conditions as of the balance sheet date.

Inventory Valuation. We value our inventories at the lower of the cost of inventory or net realizable value, with cost determined by either the LIFO method for most U.S. inventories or the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method for all other inventories. We establish reserves for excess, slow moving, and obsolete inventory based on inventory levels, expected product life, and forecasted sales demand. Valuation of inventory can also be affected by significant redesign of existing products or replacement of an existing product by an entirely new generation product. In assessing the ultimate realization of inventories, we are required to make judgments as to future demand requirements compared with inventory levels. Reserve requirements are developed according to our projected demand requirements based on historical demand, competitive factors, and technological and product life cycle changes. It is possible that an increase in our reserve may be required in the future if there is a significant decline in demand for our products and we do not adjust our production schedule accordingly.

We also record a reserve for inventory shrinkage. Our inventory shrinkage reserve represents anticipated physical inventory losses that are recorded based on historical loss trends, ongoing cycle-count and periodic testing adjustments, and inventory levels. Though management considers reserve balances adequate and proper, changes in economic conditions in specific markets in which we operate could have an effect on the reserve balances required.

Accounts and Notes Receivable Valuation. We value accounts and notes receivable, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Each fiscal quarter, we prepare an analysis of our ability to collect outstanding receivables that provides a basis for an allowance estimate for doubtful accounts. In doing so, we evaluate the age of our receivables, past collection history, current financial conditions of key customers, and economic conditions. Based on this evaluation, we establish a reserve for specific accounts and notes receivable that we believe are uncollectible, as well as an estimate of uncollectible receivables not specifically known. A deterioration in the financial condition of any key customer, inability of customers to obtain bank credit lines, or a significant slow-down in the economy could have a material negative impact on our ability to collect a portion or all of the accounts and notes receivable. We believe that an analysis of historical trends and our current knowledge of potential collection problems provide us with sufficient information to establish a reasonable estimate for an allowance for doubtful accounts. However, since we cannot predict with certainty future changes in the financial stability of our customers or in the general economy, our actual future losses from uncollectible accounts may differ from our estimates. In the event we determined that a smaller or larger uncollectible accounts reserve is appropriate, we would record a credit or charge to SG&A expense in the period that we made such a determination.

New Accounting Pronouncement to be Adopted

In December 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2011-11, *Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*. ASU No. 2011-11 requires entities to disclose gross and net information about both instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the statement of financial position and those subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. This would include

derivatives and other financial securities arrangements. We will adopt this guidance in our first quarter of fiscal 2014, as required. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

No other new accounting pronouncement that has been issued but not yet effective for us during fiscal 2012 has had or is expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk stemming from changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, and commodity prices. We are also exposed to equity market risk pertaining to the trading price of our common stock. Changes in these factors could cause fluctuations in our earnings and cash flows. See further discussion on these market risks below.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk. In the normal course of business, we actively manage the exposure of our foreign currency exchange rate market risk by entering into various hedging instruments, authorized under company policies that place controls on these activities, with counterparties that are highly rated financial institutions. Our hedging activities involve the primary use of forward currency contracts. We also utilize cross currency swaps to offset intercompany loan exposures. We use derivative instruments only in an attempt to limit underlying exposure from currency fluctuations and to minimize earnings and cash flow volatility associated with foreign currency exchange rate changes and not for trading purposes. We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk arising from transactions in the normal course of business, such as sales to third party customers, sales and loans to wholly owned foreign subsidiaries, foreign plant operations, and purchases from suppliers. Because our products are manufactured or sourced primarily from the United States and Mexico, a stronger U.S. dollar and Mexican peso generally have a negative impact on our results from operations, while a weaker dollar and peso generally have a positive effect. Our primary foreign currency exchange rate exposures are with the Euro, the Australian dollar, the Canadian dollar, the British pound, the Mexican peso, the Japanese yen, the Chinese Yuan, and the Romanian New Leu against the U.S. dollar, as well as the Romanian New Leu against the Euro.

We enter into various contracts, principally forward contracts that change in value as foreign currency exchange rates change, to protect the value of existing foreign currency assets, liabilities, anticipated sales, and probable commitments. Decisions on whether to use such contracts are made based on the amount of exposures to the currency involved and an assessment of the near-term market value for each currency. Worldwide foreign currency exchange rate exposures are reviewed monthly. The gains and losses on these contracts offset changes in values of the related exposures. Therefore, changes in values of these hedge instruments are highly correlated with changes in market values of underlying hedged items both at inception of the hedge and over the life of the hedge contract. Further information regarding gains and losses on our derivative instruments is presented in Note 14 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following foreign currency exchange contracts held by us have maturity dates in fiscal 2013 and 2014. All items are non-trading and stated in U.S. dollars. Some derivative instruments we enter into do not meet cash flow hedge accounting criteria; therefore, changes in fair value are recorded in other income, net. The average contracted rate, notional amount, pre-tax value of derivative instruments in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL"), and fair value impact of derivative instruments in other income, net as of and for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2012 were as follows:

Dollars in thousands (except average contracted rate)	Average Contracted Rate	Notional Amount	Value in AOCL Income (Loss)	Fair Value Impact (Loss) Gain
Buy U.S. \$/Sell Australian dollar	1.0156	\$44,024.1	\$ (93.5)	\$ (943.9)
Buy U.S. \$/Sell Canadian dollar	1.0189	6,919.4	(83.5)	404.5
Buy U.S. \$/Sell Euro	1.2813	70,853.7	(1,134.8)	4,390.2
Buy U.S. \$/Sell British pound	1.6031	2,837.5		(18.0)
Buy Euro/ Sell U.S. \$	1.2872	6,603.7		385.1
Buy Mexican peso/ Sell U.S. \$	13.6651	27,588.5	479.6	(1,418.3)
Buy Euro/Sell Romanian New Leu	4.5645	16,125.3	463.1	663.8
Buy British Pound/Sell Euro	1.2412	5,730.3		64.9
Buy Japanese Yen/ Sell U.S. \$	79.3000	45.4		

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Our net investment in foreign subsidiaries translated into U.S. dollars is not hedged. Any changes in foreign currency exchange rates would be reflected as a foreign currency translation adjustment, a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders' equity, and would not impact net earnings.

Interest Rate Risk. Our market risk on interest rates relates primarily to LIBOR-based short-term debt from commercial banks, as well as the potential increase in fair value of long-term debt resulting from a potential decrease in interest rates. However, we do not have a cash flow or earnings exposure due to market risks on long-term debt. We generally do not use interest rate swaps to mitigate the impact of fluctuations in interest rates. Included in long-term debt is \$225.3 million of fixed-rate debt that is not subject to variable interest rate fluctuations. As a result, we have no earnings or cash flow exposure due to market risks on our long-term debt obligations. As of October 31, 2012, the estimated fair value of long-term debt with fixed interest rates was \$262.5 million compared to its carrying amount of \$226.9 million. The fair value is estimated by discounting the projected cash flows using the rate that similar amounts and terms of debt could currently be borrowed.

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During the second quarter of fiscal 2007, we entered into three treasury lock agreements based on a 30-year U.S. Treasury security with a principal balance of \$30 million for two of the agreements and \$40 million for the third agreement. These treasury lock agreements provided for a single payment at maturity, which was April 23, 2007, based on the change in value of the reference treasury security. These agreements were designated as cash flow hedges and resulted in a net settlement of \$0.2 million. This loss was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, and will be amortized to interest expense over the 30-year term of the senior notes.

Commodity Risk. We are subject to market risk from fluctuating market prices of certain purchased commodity raw materials including steel, aluminum, fuel, petroleum-based resin, and linerboard. In addition, we are a purchaser of components and parts containing various commodities, including steel, aluminum, copper, lead, rubber, and others that are integrated into our end products. While such materials are typically available from numerous suppliers, commodity raw materials are subject to price fluctuations. We generally buy these commodities and components based upon market prices that are established with the vendor as part of the purchase process. We generally attempt to obtain firm pricing from most of our suppliers for volumes consistent with planned production. To the extent that commodity prices increase and we do not have firm pricing from our suppliers, or our suppliers are not able to honor such prices, we may experience a decline in our gross margins to the extent we are not able to increase selling prices of our products or obtain manufacturing efficiencies to offset increases in commodity costs. Further information regarding rising prices for commodities is presented in Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this report in the section entitled "Inflation." We enter into fixed-price contracts for future purchases of natural gas in the normal course of operations as a means to manage natural gas price risks. Our manufacturing facilities enter into these fixed-price contracts for approximately 30 to 80 percent of their monthly-anticipated usage.

Equity Price Risk. The trading price volatility of our common stock impacts compensation expense related to our stock-based compensation plans. Further information is presented in Note 10 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements regarding our stock-based compensation plans.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for The Toro Company and its subsidiaries. This system is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements and even when determined to be effective, can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. In addition, projection of any evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting to future periods is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree or compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management, with the participation of the company's Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer and Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2012. In making this evaluation, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework*. Based on this assessment, management concluded that the company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of October 31, 2012.

/s/ Michael J. Hoffman

Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Renee J. Peterson

Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Further discussion of the Company's internal controls and procedures is included in Part II, Item 9A, "Controls and Procedures" of this report.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Stockholders and Board of Directors
The Toro Company:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of The Toro Company and subsidiaries as of October 31, 2012 and 2011 and the related consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2012. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we also have audited the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15(a) 2. We also have audited The Toro Company's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2012 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Toro Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements and the identified financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Toro Company as of October 31, 2012 and 2011 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2012, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the identified financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein. Also in our opinion, The Toro Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2012 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Minneapolis, Minnesota
December 21, 2012

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(Dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data) Fiscal years ended

October 31	2012	2011	2010
Net sales	\$ 1,958,690	\$ 1,883,953	\$ 1,690,378
Cost of sales	1,285,596	1,247,306	1,113,987
Gross profit	673,094	636,647	576,391
Selling, general, and administrative expense	467,481	452,160	425,125
Operating earnings	205,613	184,487	151,266
Interest expense	(16,906)	(16,970)	(17,113)
Other income, net	7,555	7,309	7,115
Earnings before income taxes	196,262	174,826	141,268
Provision for income taxes	66,721	57,168	48,031
Net earnings	\$ 129,541	\$ 117,658	\$ 93,237
Basic net earnings per share of common stock	\$ 2.18	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.41
Diluted net earnings per share of common stock	\$ 2.14	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.39
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding	Basic	62,534	65,964
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding	Diluted	63,594	66,874

The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Dollars in thousands) Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
Net earnings	\$ 129,541	\$ 117,658	\$ 93,237
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(2,532)	104	(640)
Pension and retiree medical benefits, net of tax of \$279, \$(484), and \$624, respectively	(528)	(539)	681
Derivative instruments, net of tax of (\$239), \$1,566, and \$172, respectively	(88)	2,671	300
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net	(3,148)	2,236	341
Comprehensive income	\$ 126,393	\$ 119,894	\$ 93,578

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data) October 31	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 125,856	\$ 80,886
Receivables, net:		
Customers (net of \$3,733 and \$1,964, respectively, for allowance for doubtful accounts)	144,241	142,400
Other	3,169	5,740
Total receivables, net	147,410	148,140
Inventories, net	251,117	223,030
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	24,437	18,303
Deferred income taxes	63,314	62,523
Total current assets	612,134	532,882
Property, plant, and equipment, net	180,523	191,140
Other assets	18,477	19,075
Goodwill	92,000	92,020
Other intangible assets, net	32,065	35,546
Total assets	\$ 935,199	\$ 870,663
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,978
Short-term debt		41
Accounts payable	124,806	118,036
Accrued liabilities:		
Warranty	69,848	62,730
Advertising and marketing programs	56,264	47,161
Compensation and benefit costs	51,591	53,653
Insurance	19,227	19,417
Income taxes	1,165	2,504
Other	53,363	53,560
Total current liabilities	378,122	359,080
Long-term debt, less current portion	223,482	225,178
Deferred revenue	11,143	10,619
Deferred income taxes	2,280	1,368
Other long-term liabilities	7,770	7,651
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$1.00, authorized 1,000,000 voting and 850,000 non-voting shares, none issued and outstanding		
Common stock, par value \$1.00, authorized 100,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding 58,266,482 shares as of October 31, 2012 and 59,206,190 shares as of October 31, 2011	58,266	59,206
Retained earnings	264,110	214,387
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9,974)	(6,826)
Total stockholders' equity	312,402	266,767
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 935,199	\$ 870,663

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands) Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net earnings	\$ 129,541	\$ 117,658	\$ 93,237
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for depreciation, amortization, and impairment losses	53,634	48,506	45,011
Noncash income from affiliates	(5,996)	(5,682)	(2,599)
(Increase) decrease in deferred income taxes	(206)	(2,006)	2,940
Stock-based compensation expense	9,503	8,533	6,442
Other	(132)	(118)	(85)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:			
Receivables, net	(495)	(2,908)	(80)
Inventories, net	(21,973)	(25,667)	(9,920)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(6,741)	(7,144)	3,056
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, deferred revenue, and other long-term liabilities	28,663	(17,295)	55,505
Net cash provided by operating activities	185,798	113,877	193,507
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment, net	(43,242)	(57,447)	(48,699)
Proceeds from asset disposals	491	653	574
Distributions from (investments in) finance affiliate, net	5,091	3,034	(3,659)
Other		(360)	635
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(9,663)	(15,155)	(9,657)
Net cash used in investing activities	(47,323)	(69,275)	(60,806)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
(Decrease) increase in short-term debt, net	(922)	(776)	776
Repayments of long-term debt	(1,858)	(1,857)	(3,646)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based awards	9,017	2,988	3,396
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	20,347	14,467	16,680
Purchases of Toro common stock	(93,395)	(129,955)	(135,777)
Dividends paid on Toro common stock	(26,230)	(24,970)	(23,721)
Net cash used in financing activities	(93,041)	(140,103)	(142,292)
Effect of exchange rates on cash	(464)	(979)	(816)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	44,970	(96,480)	(10,407)
Cash and cash equivalents as of the beginning of the fiscal year	80,886	177,366	187,773
Cash and cash equivalents as of the end of the fiscal year	\$ 125,856	\$ 80,886	\$ 177,366
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Cash paid during the fiscal year for:			
Interest	\$ 17,147	\$ 17,120	\$ 17,281
Income taxes	58,709	60,296	28,569
Shares issued in connection with stock-based compensation plans	2,986	4,005	903
Long-term debt issued in connection with acquisitions	100	3,515	440

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance as of October 31, 2009	\$66,739	\$257,876	\$(9,403)	\$315,212
Cash dividends paid on common stock \$0.36 per share		(23,721)		(23,721)
Issuance of 1,407,860 shares under stock-based compensation plans	1,408	21,644		23,052
Contribution of stock to a deferred compensation trust		70		70
Purchase of 5,356,948 shares of common stock	(5,357)	(130,420)		(135,777)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based awards		3,396		3,396
Other comprehensive income			341	341
Net earnings		93,237		93,237
Balance as of October 31, 2010	\$62,790	\$222,082	\$(9,062)	\$275,810
Cash dividends paid on common stock \$0.40 per share		(24,970)		(24,970)
Issuance of 1,009,520 shares under stock-based compensation plans	1,009	21,859		22,868
Contribution of stock to a deferred compensation trust		132		132
Purchase of 4,592,760 shares of common stock	(4,593)	(125,362)		(129,955)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based awards		2,988		2,988
Other comprehensive income			2,236	2,236
Net earnings		117,658		117,658
Balance as of October 31, 2011	\$59,206	\$214,387	\$(6,826)	\$266,767
Cash dividends paid on common stock \$0.44 per share		(26,230)		(26,230)
Issuance of 1,664,835 shares under stock-based compensation plans	1,665	27,930		29,595
Contribution of stock to a deferred compensation trust		255		255
Purchase of 2,604,525 shares of common stock	(2,605)	(90,790)		(93,395)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based awards		9,017		9,017
Other comprehensive loss			(3,148)	(3,148)
Net earnings		129,541		129,541
Balance as of October 31, 2012	\$58,266	\$264,110	\$(9,974)	\$312,402

The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND RELATED DATA

Basis of Presentation and Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the company and its majority-owned subsidiaries. The company uses the equity method to account for investments over which it has the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies. Consolidated net earnings include the company's share of the net earnings (losses) of these companies. The cost method is used to account for investments in companies that the company does not control and for which it does not have the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies. These investments are recorded at cost. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements.

Stock Split

On May 24, 2012, the company announced that its Board of Directors declared a two-for-one stock split of the company's common stock, effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend. The stock split was distributed or paid on June 29, 2012, to shareholders of record as of June 15, 2012. Earnings and dividends declared per share and weighted average shares outstanding are presented in this report after the effect of the two-for-one stock split. The two-for-one stock split is also reflected in the share amounts in all periods presented in this report.

Accounting Estimates

In preparing the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), management must make decisions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and the related disclosures, including disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Such decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. Estimates are used in determining, among other items, sales promotions and incentive accruals, incentive compensation accruals, inventory valuation, warranty reserves, earnout liabilities, allowance for doubtful accounts, pension and postretirement accruals, self-insurance accruals, useful lives of tangible and intangible assets, and future cash flows associated with impairment testing for goodwill and other long-lived assets. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgments. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, including the current economic environment. Management adjusts such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. A number of these factors are discussed in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of this report, which include, among others, economic conditions, including consumer spending and confidence levels; foreign currency exchange rate impact; commodity costs; and credit conditions, all of which may increase the uncertainty inherent in such estimates and assumptions. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual amounts could differ significantly from those estimated at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared. Changes in those estimates will be reflected in the consolidated financial statements in future periods.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents and are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. As of October 31, 2012, cash and short-term investments held by the company's foreign subsidiaries that are not available to fund domestic operations unless repatriated were \$12,963.

Receivables

The company's financial exposure to collection of accounts receivable is reduced due to its Red Iron Acceptance, LLC ("Red Iron") joint venture with TCF Inventory Finance, Inc. ("TCFIF"), as further discussed in Note 3. For receivables not serviced through Red Iron, the company grants credit to customers in the normal course of business and performs on-going credit evaluations of customers. Receivables are recorded at original

carrying amount less reserves for estimated uncollectible accounts, as described below.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The company estimates the balance of allowance for doubtful accounts by analyzing the age of account and note receivable balances and applying historical write-off trend rates. The company also estimates separately specific customer balances when it is deemed probable that the balance is uncollectible. Account balances are charged off against the allowance when all collection efforts have been exhausted.

Inventory Valuations

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value, with cost determined by the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method for most inventories. The first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method is used for

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all other inventories, constituting 31 and 33 percent of total inventories as of October 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The company establishes a reserve for excess, slow-moving, and obsolete inventory that is equal to the difference between the cost and estimated net realizable value for that inventory. These reserves are based on a review and comparison of current inventory levels to the planned production, as well as planned and historical sales of the inventory. During fiscal 2012 and 2011, no LIFO inventory layers were reduced.

Inventories as of October 31 were as follows:

	2012	2011
Raw materials and work in progress	\$ 91,465	\$ 94,176
Finished goods and service parts	223,459	189,855
Total FIFO value	314,924	284,031
Less: adjustment to LIFO value	63,807	61,001
Total	\$ 251,117	\$ 223,030

Property and Depreciation

Property, plant, and equipment are carried at cost. The company provides for depreciation of plant and equipment utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Buildings, including leasehold improvements, are generally depreciated over 10 to 45 years, and equipment over two to seven years. Tooling costs are generally depreciated over three to five years using the straight-line method. Software and web site development costs are generally amortized over two to five years utilizing the straight-line method. Expenditures for major renewals and improvements, which substantially increase the useful lives of existing assets, are capitalized, and maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expenses as incurred. Interest is capitalized during the construction period for significant capital projects. During the fiscal years ended October 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010, the company capitalized \$256, \$230, and \$131 of interest, respectively.

Property, plant, and equipment as of October 31 was as follows:

	2012	2011
Land and land improvements	\$ 27,325	\$ 26,776
Buildings and leasehold improvements	129,353	129,252
Machinery and equipment	460,568	434,796
Computer hardware and software	65,861	63,826
Subtotal	683,107	654,650
Less: accumulated depreciation	502,584	463,510
Total property, plant, and equipment, net	\$ 180,523	\$ 191,140

During fiscal years 2012, 2011, and 2010, the company recorded depreciation expense of \$46,840, \$43,539, and \$42,108, respectively.

Goodwill and Indefinite-Life Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the cost of acquisitions in excess of the fair values assigned to identifiable net assets acquired. Goodwill is assigned to reporting units based upon the expected benefit of the synergies of the acquisition. Goodwill and some trade names, which are considered to have indefinite lives, are not amortized; however, the company reviews them for impairment annually during each fourth fiscal quarter or more frequently if changes in circumstances or occurrence of events suggest the remaining value may not be recoverable.

The company reviewed the fair value of its reporting units that have goodwill on their respective balance sheets with their corresponding carrying amount (with goodwill) during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. The company determined that it has eight reporting units, which are the same as its eight operating segments. Six reporting units contain goodwill on their respective balance sheets. As of August 31, 2012, the company performed an analysis of 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. Based on the company's analysis of qualitative factors, the company determined that it was not necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test for any of its reporting units.

As of August 31, 2012, the company also performed an analysis of qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that its indefinite-life intangible assets, which consist of certain trade names, are impaired. Based on the company's analysis of qualitative factors, the company determined that it was necessary to perform a quantitative impairment analysis of its indefinite-life intangible assets. Based on the company's impairment analysis, the company wrote down \$400 of an indefinite-life intangible asset during fiscal 2012. There was no indefinite-life intangible asset impairment in fiscal 2011 and 2010.

Other Long-Lived Assets

Other long-lived assets include property, plant, and equipment and definite-life intangible assets, which are identifiable assets that arose from purchase acquisitions consisting primarily of patents, non-compete agreements, customer relationships, trade names, and developed technology, and are amortized on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from 1.5 to 13 years. The company reviews other long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset (or asset group) may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when estimated undiscounted future cash flows from the operation or disposition of the asset group are less than the carrying amount of the asset group. Asset groups have identifiable cash flows and are largely independent of other asset groups. Measurement of an impairment loss is based on the excess of the carrying amount of the asset group over its fair value. Fair value is

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measured using a discounted cash flow model or independent appraisals, as appropriate. For long-lived assets to be abandoned, the company tests for potential impairment. If the company commits to a plan to abandon a long-lived asset before the end of its previously estimated useful life, depreciation estimates are revised.

Based on the company's impairment analysis, the company wrote down \$691, \$109, and \$348 of other long-lived assets during fiscal 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively.

Accounts Payable

The company has a customer-managed services agreement with a third party to provide a web-based platform that facilitates participating suppliers' ability to finance payment obligations from the company with a designated third party financial institution. Participating suppliers may, at their sole discretion, make offers to finance one or more payment obligations of the company prior to their scheduled due dates at a discounted price to a participating financial institution.

The company's obligations to its suppliers, including amounts due and scheduled payment dates, are not affected by suppliers' decisions to finance amounts under this arrangement. However, the company's right to offset balances due from suppliers against payment obligations is restricted by this arrangement for those payment obligations that have been financed by suppliers. As of October 31, 2012 and 2011, \$16,159 and \$14,643, respectively, of the company's outstanding payment obligations had been placed on the accounts payable tracking system.

Insurance

The company is self-insured for certain losses relating to medical, dental, and workers' compensation claims, and product liability occurrences. Specific stop loss coverages are provided for catastrophic claims in order to limit exposure to significant claims. Losses and claims are charged to operations when it is probable a loss has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Self-insured liabilities are based on a number of factors, including historical claims experience, an estimate of claims incurred but not reported, demographic and severity factors, and utilizing valuations provided by independent third-party actuaries.

Accrued Warranties

The company provides an accrual for estimated future warranty costs at the time of sale. The company also establishes accruals for major rework campaigns. The amount of warranty accruals is based primarily on the estimated number of products under warranty, historical average costs incurred to service warranty claims, the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, and the historical length of time between the sale and resulting warranty claim. The company periodically assesses the adequacy of its warranty accruals based on changes in these factors and records any necessary adjustments if actual claim experience indicates that adjustments are necessary.

The changes in accrued warranties were as follows:

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011
Beginning balance	\$ 62,730	\$ 56,934
Warranty provisions	38,439	40,144
Warranty claims	(35,431)	(33,774)
Changes in estimates	3,910	(849)
Additions from acquisitions	200	275
Ending balance	\$ 69,848	\$ 62,730

Derivatives

Derivatives, consisting mainly of forward currency contracts, are used to hedge most foreign currency transactions, including forecasted sales and purchases denominated in foreign currencies. The company also utilizes cross currency swaps to offset foreign currency intercompany loan

exposures. Derivatives are recognized on the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. If the derivative is designated as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income within the consolidated statements of comprehensive income and the consolidated statements of stockholders' equity, and recognized in earnings when the hedged item affects earnings. Derivatives that do not meet the requirements for hedge accounting are adjusted to fair value through other income, net in the consolidated statements of earnings.

Foreign Currency Translation and Transactions

The functional currency of the company's foreign operations is the applicable local currency. The functional currency is translated into U.S. dollars for balance sheet accounts using current exchange rates in effect as of the balance sheet date and for revenue and expense accounts using a weighted-average exchange rate during the fiscal year. The translation adjustments are deferred as a component of other comprehensive income within the consolidated statements of comprehensive income and the consolidated statements of stockholders' equity. Gains or losses resulting from transactions denominated in foreign currencies are included in other income, net in the consolidated statements of earnings.

Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years that those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the

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period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided when, in management's judgment, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. The company has reflected the necessary deferred tax assets and liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Management believes the future tax deductions will be realized principally through carryback to taxable income in prior years, future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, and future taxable income.

The company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs. The company also records interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense.

Revenue Recognition

The company recognizes revenue for product sales when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, title and risk of ownership passes to the customer, the sales price is fixed or determinable, and collectability is probable. These criteria are typically met at the time product is shipped, or in the case of certain agreements, when product is delivered. A provision is made at the time the related revenue is recognized for estimated product returns, floor plan costs, rebates, and other sales promotional expenses. Sales, use, value-added, and other excise taxes are not recognized in revenue. Freight revenue billed to customers is included in net sales.

Retail customers may obtain financing through third-party financing companies to assist in their purchase of the company's products. Most of these leases are classified as sales-type leases. However, based on the terms and conditions of the financing agreements, some transactions are classified as operating leases, which results in recognition of revenue over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

The company ships some of its products to a key retailer's seasonal distribution centers on a consignment basis. The company retains title of its products stored at the seasonal distribution centers. As the company's products are removed from the seasonal distribution centers by the key retailer and shipped to the key retailer's stores, title passes from the company to the key retailer. At that time, the company invoices the key retailer and recognizes revenue for these consignment transactions. The company does not offer a right of return for products shipped to the key retailer's stores from the seasonal distribution centers. From time to time, the company also stores inventory on a consignment basis at other customers' locations. The amount of consignment inventory as of October 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$20,339 and \$14,874, respectively.

Revenue earned from service and maintenance contracts is recognized ratably over the contractual period. Revenue from extended warranty programs is deferred at the time the contract is sold and amortized into net sales using the straight-line method over the extended warranty period.

Sales Promotions and Incentives

At the time of sale, the company records an estimate for sales promotion and incentive costs. Examples of sales promotion and incentive programs include rebate programs on certain professional products sold to distributors, volume discounts, retail financing support, cooperative advertising, commissions, and other sales discounts and promotional programs. The estimates of sales promotion and incentive costs are based on the terms of the arrangements with customers, historical payment experience, field inventory levels, volume purchases, and expectations for changes in relevant trends in the future. The expense of each program is classified either as a reduction from gross sales or as a component of selling, general, and administrative expense.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales primarily comprises direct materials and supplies consumed in the manufacture of product, as well as manufacturing labor, depreciation expense, and direct overhead expense necessary to convert purchased materials and supplies into finished product. Cost of sales also includes inbound freight costs, outbound freight costs for shipping products to customers, obsolescence expense, cost of services provided, and cash discounts on payments to vendors.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expense

Selling, general, and administrative expense primarily comprises payroll and benefit costs, occupancy and operating costs of distribution and corporate facilities, warranty expense, depreciation and amortization expense on non-manufacturing assets, advertising and marketing expenses, selling expenses, engineering and research costs, information systems costs, incentive and profit sharing expense, and other miscellaneous administrative costs, such as legal costs for internal and outside services that are expensed as incurred.

Cost of Financing Distributor / Dealer Inventory

The company enters into limited inventory repurchase agreements with a third party financing company and Red Iron. The company has repurchased immaterial amounts of inventory under these repurchase agreements over the last three fiscal years. However, an adverse change in retail sales could cause this situation to change and thereby require the company to repurchase a portion of financed product. See Note 13 for additional information regarding the company's repurchase arrangements.

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Included as a reduction to net sales are costs associated with programs under which the company shares the expense of financing distributor and dealer inventories, referred to as floor plan expenses. This charge represents interest for a pre-established length of time based on a predefined rate from a contract with third party financing sources to finance distributor and dealer inventory purchases. These financing arrangements are used by the company as a marketing tool to assist customers to buy inventory. The financing costs for distributor and dealer inventories were \$19,492, \$16,394, and \$14,490 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively.

Advertising

General advertising expenditures and the related production costs are expensed in the period incurred or the first time advertising takes place. Cooperative advertising represents expenditures for shared advertising costs that the company reimburses to customers. These obligations are accrued and expensed when the related revenues are recognized in accordance with the programs established for various product lines. Advertising costs were \$46,947, \$49,362, and \$39,281 for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively.

Stock-Based Compensation

The company's stock-based compensation awards are generally granted to executive officers, other employees, and non-employee members of the company's Board of Directors, and include performance share awards that are contingent on the achievement of performance goals of the company, non-qualified stock options, and restricted stock awards. Compensation expense equal to the grant date fair value is recognized for these awards over the vesting period. See Note 10 for additional information regarding stock-based compensation plans.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Components of accumulated other comprehensive loss within the consolidated statements of stockholders' equity are as follows:

As of October 31	2012	2011	2010
Foreign currency translation adjustments	\$ 5,436	\$ 2,904	\$ 3,008
Pension and retiree medical benefits, net of tax	4,328	3,800	3,261
Derivative instruments, net of tax	210	122	2,793
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ 9,974	\$ 6,826	\$ 9,062

Net Earnings Per Share

Basic net earnings per share is calculated using net earnings available to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the year plus the assumed issuance of contingent shares. Diluted net earnings per share is similar to basic net earnings per share except that the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding plus the assumed issuance of contingent shares is increased to include the number of additional shares of common stock that would have been outstanding assuming the issuance of all potentially dilutive shares, such as common stock to be issued upon exercise of options, contingently issuable shares, and restricted common stock.

Reconciliations of basic and diluted weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding are as follows:

BASIC

(Shares in thousands)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock	59,440	62,530	65,960
Assumed issuance of contingent shares	6	4	4

Weighted-average number of shares of common stock and assumed issuance of contingent shares	59,446	62,534	65,964
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DILUTED

(Shares in thousands)

Fiscal years ended October 31	2012	2011	2010
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Weighted-average number of shares of common stock and assumed issuance of contingent shares	59,446	62,534	65,964
Effect of dilutive securities	1,172	1,060	910

Weighted-average number of shares of common stock, assumed issuance of contingent and restricted shares, and effect of dilutive securities	60,618	63,594	66,874
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Options to purchase an aggregate of 33,427, 417,436, and 661,110 shares of common stock outstanding during fiscal 2012, 2011, and 2010, respectively, were excluded from the diluted net earnings per share calculation because their exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the company's common stock during the same respective periods.

Cash Flow Presentation

The consolidated statements of cash flows are prepared using the indirect method, which reconciles net earnings to cash flow from operating activities. The necessary adjustments include the removal of timing differences between the occurrence of operating receipts and payments and their recognition in net earnings. The adjustments also remove from operating activities cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are presented separately from operating activities. Cash flows from foreign currency transactions and operations are translated at an average exchange rate for the period. Cash paid for acquisitions is classified as investing activities.

New Accounting Pronouncements Adopted

In July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2012-02, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other (Topic 350) Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment*. ASU No. 2012-02 permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that an indefinite-life intangible asset is impaired as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform quantitative impairment in accordance with Subtopic 350-30, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other General Intangibles Other than Goodwill*. The more-likely-than-not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50 percent. ASU No. 2012-02 is effective for annual and interim impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012 and early adoption is permitted. The company adopted ASU No. 2012-02, as permitted, for its annual impairment test for its fiscal year ended October 31, 2012. The adoption did not have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220) Presentation of Comprehensive Income*. ASU No. 2011-05 guidance amended the presentation of comprehensive income to allow an entity 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. In both choices, an entity is required to present each component of net income along with total net income, each component of other comprehensive income along with a total for other comprehensive income, and a total amount for comprehensive income. The guidance eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-12, *Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05*. ASU No. 2011-12 defers the changes in ASU No. 2011-05 of the requirement to present separate line items on the income statement for reclassification adjustments of items out of accumulated other comprehensive income into net income. The effective date for ASU No. 2011-12 is consistent with the effective date for ASU No. 2011-05, which is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011, and is to be applied retrospectively; early adoption is permitted. The company adopted this amended guidance in its fiscal 2012 fourth quarter. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS*. The amendments result in a consistent definition of fair value and common requirements for measurement of and disclosure regarding fair value between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. Specifically, the amendments clarify the application of existing fair value measurement and disclosure requirements, including: a) application of the highest and best use and valuation premise concepts, b) measurement of the fair value of an instrument classified in a reporting entity's shareholders equity, and c) quantitative disclosure about the unobservable inputs used in a fair value measurement that is categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The amendments also change a particular principle or requirement for fair value measurement and disclosure, including: a) measurement of the fair value of financial instruments that are managed within a portfolio, b) application of premiums and discounts in a fair value measurement, and c) additional disclosure about fair value measurements. The company adopted the amendments of ASU No. 2011-04 at the beginning of its fiscal 2012 second quarter, as required. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

2 ACQUISITIONS

On April 25, 2012, during the second quarter of fiscal 2012, the company completed the acquisition of certain assets for an equipment line of concrete and mortar mixers, material handlers, compaction equipment, and other concrete power tools for the rental and construction market. On February 10, 2012, also during the second quarter of fiscal 2012, the company completed the acquisition of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities for an equipment line of vibratory plows, trenchers, and horizontal directional drills for the underground utilities market. On December 9, 2011, during the first quarter of fiscal 2012, the company completed the acquisition of certain assets and assumed certain liabilities for a greens roller product line for the golf course market. The aggregate purchase price of these acquisitions was \$11,112, which included cash payments and issuance of a long-term note.

On June 24, 2011, the company completed the acquisition of certain assets of, and assumed certain liabilities for an equipment line of turf renovation equipment, including aerators, seeders, and power rakes, for the landscape, rental, municipal, and golf markets. On January 17, 2011, the company completed the acquisition of certain assets of, and assumed certain liabilities for a line of professionally installed landscape lighting fixtures and transformers for residential and commercial use. The aggregate net purchase price of these acquisitions during fiscal 2011 was \$24,150, which included cash payments, the issuance of long-term notes, and estimated earnout considerations. The earnout considerations are based on annual financial results over certain thresholds as defined in the acquisition agreements.

On October 29, 2010, the company completed the acquisition of certain assets of, and assumed certain liabilities from, one of its independent U.S. Western-based distribution companies. On April 30, 2010, the company completed the purchase of certain assets of, and assumed certain liabilities for an equipment line of stump grinders, wood chippers, and log splitters for rental centers and landscape professionals. On December 1, 2009, the company's wholly owned domestic distribution company completed the acquisition of certain assets of, and assumed certain liabilities from, one of the company's independent U.S. Midwestern-based distribution companies. The aggregate net purchase price of these acquisitions during fiscal 2010 was \$9,137, which included cash payments, the issuance of a long-term note, and an estimated earnout consideration.

The purchase price of these acquisitions was allocated to the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimates of their fair value, with the excess purchase price for acquisitions recorded as goodwill. Additional purchase accounting disclosures have been omitted given the immateriality of these acquisitions as compared to the company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations. See Note 5 for further details related to the acquired intangible assets.

3 INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

In fiscal 2009, the company and TCFIF, a subsidiary of TCF National Bank, established Red Iron, a joint venture in the form of a Delaware limited liability company that provides inventory financing, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to distributors and dealers of the company's products in the U.S. and to select distributors of the company's products in Canada. Additionally, in connection with the joint venture, the company and an affiliate of TCFIF entered into an arrangement to provide inventory financing to dealers of the company's products in Canada. In connection with the establishment of Red Iron, the company terminated its agreement with a third party financing company that previously provided floor plan financing to dealers of the company's products in the U.S. and Canada. On June 6, 2012, the company and TCFIF entered into amendments to certain of the agreements pertaining to Red Iron, among other things, to extend the initial term of Red Iron until Octob