UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 19, 2012

TRIMAS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-10716 (Commission File Number) **38-2687639** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 130, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (248) 631-5450

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 19, 2012, TriMas Corporation (the "Corporation") issued a press release announcing that it has launched a cash tender offer and consent solicitation for any and all of its outstanding 9.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2017 (the "Notes"). The full text of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On September 19, 2012, the Corporation also issued a press release announcing that it has initiated the process to refinance its existing credit facilities. The full text of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with this refinancing, on September 19, 2012, management of the Corporation gave a slide presentation to certain of the Corporation's existing and potential lenders under the Corporation's credit facility. The presentation materials are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in the attached presentation materials is summary information that is intended to be considered in the context of the Corporation's Securities and Exchange Commission filings and other public announcements. The Corporation undertakes no duty or obligation to publicly update or revise this information, although it may do so from time to time.

The Corporation is furnishing the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and in Exhibits 99.1, 99.2 and 99.3 to comply with Regulation FD. Such information, including the accompanying Exhibits 99.1, 99.2 and 99.3, shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, including for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the accompanying Exhibits 99.1, 99.2 and 99.3, shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished or filed, as applicable, herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by TriMas Corporation on September 19, 2012 (furnished solely for purposes of Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K)
99.2	Press Release issued by TriMas Corporation on September 19, 2012 (furnished solely for purposes of Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K)
99.3	Lender presentation slides of TriMas Corporation on September 19, 2012 (furnished solely for purposes of Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K)

SIGNATURES

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

TRIMAS CORPORATION

Date: September 19, 2012

By:/s/ Joshua A. SherbinName:Joshua A. SherbinTitle:Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TRIMAS CORPORATION ANNOUNCES TENDER OFFER FOR ANY AND ALL OF ITS OUTSTANDING 9.75% SENIOR SECURED NOTES DUE 2017 AND CONSENT SOLICITATION

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Michigan, September 19, 2012 – TriMas Corporation (NASDAQ: TRS) – announced today that it has commenced a tender offer to purchase for cash any and all of its outstanding 9.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2017 (the "Notes"), of which \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount are outstanding. In conjunction with the tender offer, the Company also commenced a consent solicitation to amend the indenture governing the Notes to release all of the collateral securing the Notes and eliminate or modify certain restrictive covenants and other provisions contained in the indenture governing the Notes (the "Proposed Amendments"). The tender offer and consent solicitation are being made pursuant to the Company's Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement (the "Statement") dated September 19, 2012.

Holders who properly tender and not withdraw their Notes and deliver consents to the proposed amendments on or prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 2, 2012, unless extended by the Company, (such date and time, the "Consent Date"), will be eligible to receive the total consideration, which includes a consent payment equal to \$30.00 per \$1,000 principal amount of the tendered Notes.

The total consideration for each \$1,000 principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase will be determined in the manner described in the Statement by reference to a fixed spread of 50 basis points over the bid-side yield of the 0.75% U.S. Treasury Note due December 15, 2013, calculated as of 2:00 p.m. New York City time, on October 2, 2012. Holders who properly tender after the Consent Date but on or prior to the Expiration Date (defined below) will be eligible to receive only the tender offer consideration, which is equal to the total consideration less the consent payment. In addition to the total consideration or tender offer consideration, as applicable, holders whose Notes are accepted for purchase will receive accrued and unpaid interest from the last interest payment date on the Notes up to, but not including, the applicable payment date.

The tender offer will expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on October 17, 2012, unless extended (such date and time, the "Expiration Date"). Settlement for all Notes tendered on or prior to the Consent Date and accepted for payment is expect to occur on an initial payment date on or promptly following the satisfaction of the Financing Condition described below and the other conditions to the tender offer described in the Statement. The initial payment date is expected to be on or about October 11, 2012. Final settlement for Notes tendered after the Consent Date but on or prior to the Expiration Date is expected to be the first business day following the Expiration Date.

Adoption of the Proposed Amendments requires the consent from holders of at least a majority of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Notes (the "Requisite Consent"), except for the Proposed Amendments relating to the release of the collateral securing the Notes, which requires the consent from holders of at least 75% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Notes (the "75% Consent"). Promptly following receipt of the Requisite Consent, the Company and the Trustee will execute a supplemental indenture containing the Proposed Amendments (other than the Proposed Amendments

relating to the release of the collateral securing the Notes, which will only be included if the 75% Consent is obtained). The supplemental indenture will provide that the Proposed Amendments will not become effective until the Company purchases all Notes that have been validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) prior to the Consent Date in accordance with the terms of the tender offer.

Consummation of the tender offer, and payment for the tendered notes, is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions described in the Statement, including (i) the condition that the Company has completed the execution and effectiveness of, and borrowing of funds necessary to complete the tender offer pursuant to an amended and restated credit facility on terms and conditions satisfactory to TriMas (the "Financing Condition"), (ii) the execution of a supplemental indenture implementing the proposed amendments to the indenture, and (iii) certain other customary conditions. The complete terms and conditions of the tender offer and consent solicitation are described in the Statement.

Holders may withdraw their tenders and revoke their consents at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 2, 2012, unless extended (the "Withdrawal Time").

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC is acting as exclusive dealer manager and solicitation agent for the tender offer and consent solicitation. The information agent and tender agent for the tender offer is D.F. King & Co., Inc. Questions regarding the tender offer and consent solicitation may be directed to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC at (866) 309-6316 (toll-free) or (704) 715-8341 (collect). Requests for the Statement and related documents may be directed to D.F. King & Co., Inc. at (800) 758-5880 (toll-free) or (212) 269-5550 (banks and brokers).

This press release shall not constitute an offer to purchase, or the solicitation of an offer to sell, nor shall there be any offer or sale of, any security in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful. The tender offer and consent solicitation are being made solely pursuant to the Statement and the related Letter of Transmittal. None of the Company, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or D.F King & Co. makes any recommendation that the holders should tender, or refrain from tendering, all or any portion of the principal amount of their Notes pursuant to the tender offer or deliver, or refrain from delivering, any consent to the Proposed Amendments pursuant to the consent solicitation. Holders must make their own decision as to whether to tender their Notes.

Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-looking Statements

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

About TriMas

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TRIMAS CORPORATION ANNOUNCES PLAN TO REFINANCE DEBT FACILITIES

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Michigan, September 19, 2012 – TriMas Corporation (NASDAQ: TRS) – a diversified global manufacturer of engineered and applied products – today announced that it has initiated the process to refinance its existing credit facilities and launch a tender offer for its existing 9.75% Second Lien Notes due 2017. The new credit facilities are expected to be comprised of a \$250 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit facility, a \$150 million Senior Secured Term Loan A facility and a \$250 million Senior Secured Term Loan B facility. The company plans to close the transaction during the fourth quarter of 2012. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Incorporated are arranging the financing.

Proceeds from the new Facilities are expected to be used to refinance the Company's existing \$125 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility, \$218 million Senior Secured Term Loan B and \$200 million 9.75% Second Lien Notes due 2017.

"Due to the current attractive financial markets and the Company's enhanced performance, we believe TriMas has the opportunity to refinance our credit facilities with terms that would be beneficial for the future of TriMas," said Mark Zeffiro, TriMas' chief financial officer. "We expect TriMas to benefit from immediate and significant interest savings, extended maturities and the liquidity and capital structure flexibility needed to best position the Company for future growth. This is one of our many efforts to continuously improve TriMas."

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Lender Meeting Presentation

September 19, 2012

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In this presentation, certain non-GAAP financial measures may be used. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure may be found at the end of this this presentation or in the second quarter 2012 earnings release available on the Company's website. Additional information is available at <u>www.trimascorp.com</u> under the "Investors" section.



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Agenda

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Executive Summary

- Today we are launching new \$650 million Senior Secured Credit Facilities for TriMas Corporation, comprised of:
 - \$250 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility;
 - \$150 million Senior Secured Term Loan A; and
 - \$250 million Senior Secured Term Loan B
- Proceeds from the Facilities will refinance the Company's existing \$125 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility, \$218 million Senior Secured Term Loan B and \$200 million 9.75% Second Lien Notes due 2017
- TriMas will benefit from immediate and significant interest savings, extended maturities and the liquidity and capital structure flexibility needed to best position the Company for future growth
- J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Incorporated are Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners. Each has committed \$80 million to the pro-rata credit facilities





Company Overview Dave Wathen, TriMas President and CEO

TriMas Key Messages

- Highly-engineered products serving defensible, focused markets
- TriMas Operating Model is working well and delivering results
- Ongoing productivity improvements fund growth initiatives and margin expansion
- Significant opportunities for organic growth and bolt-on acquisitions
- Business units managed by experienced leaders and industry experts
- Multiple levers to drive EPS growth and enhance stakeholder value



TriMas Operating Model Drives New Performance Level

Turnaround & Stability

- Implemented repeatable planning process including strategic, people and operating plans/reviews
- Restructured businesses and consolidated management teams
- Enhanced accountability and aligned incentive system with business goals
- Created Global Sourcing Organization and enhanced collaboration
- Established strategic aspirations



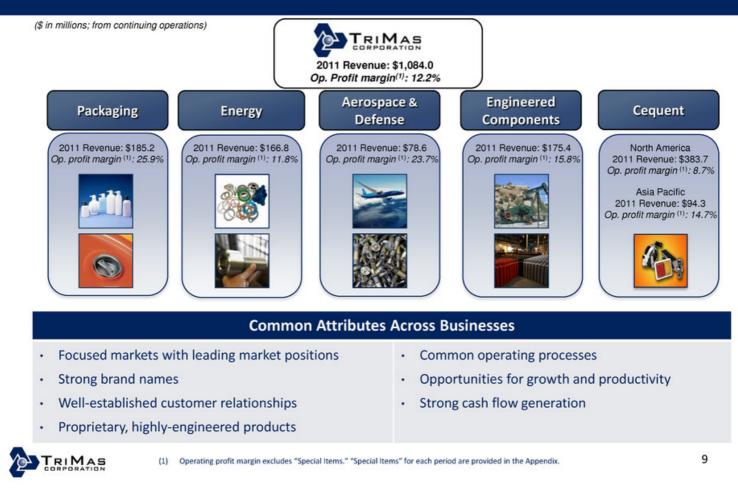
Growth & Continuous Improvement

- Successfully launched growth initiatives in every business
 - New products
 - New markets and geographies (including emerging markets)
 - Market share gains
- Use ongoing productivity savings to fund growth and offset inflation
- Focus on continuous margin expansion
- Manage business portfolio and mix to drive growth in higher margin businesses
- Continue to focus on balance sheet strength

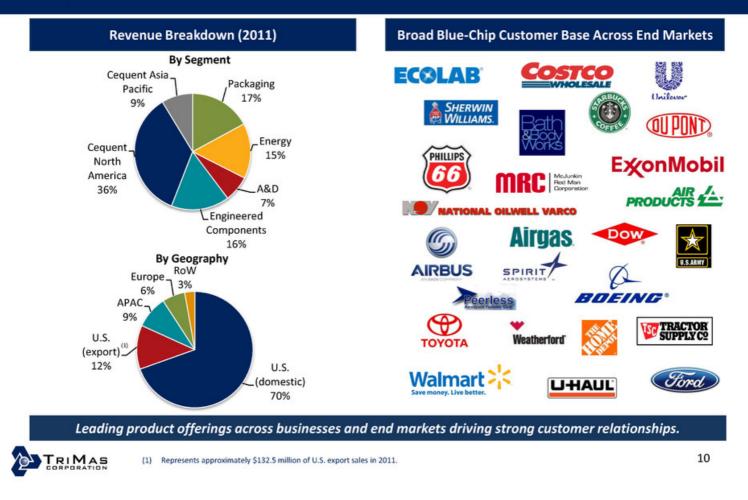
Implemented consistent processes to maximize performance of diverse businesses.



Balanced Portfolio with Common Attributes



Highly Diversified Business and Customer Profile





Segment Overview

Packaging - Segment Overview

Overview

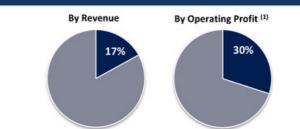
- 50+ years providing industrial closures high margin and cash flow
- 10 years focus on dispensing systems for faster growing markets
- Provide customized solutions focused on customer needs and differentiation
- Strong intellectual property protection, technical support and engineering
- · Speed and delivery advantages
- Broader geographic presence than many competitors
- Recent acquisitions of Innovative Molding and Arminak & Associates extend product portfolio and geographic reach



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Packaging - Key Strategies

Key Strategies

- Target specialty dispensing and closure products into higher growth end markets
 - Food, beverage, nutrition, cosmetic, personal care and pharmaceutical
- Increasing focus on Asian market and begin to cultivate other geographic opportunities
- Leverage flexible manufacturing footprint with low-cost country sourcing and highly automated manufacturing
- Ensure new products continue to have barriers to entry
- Integrate Innovative Molding and Arminak products into global sales network and grow margins

Recent Financial Snapshot

(\$ in millions)	Q2 2011 YTD	Q2 2012 YTD
Revenue	\$91.8	\$125.0
Operating Profit ⁽¹⁾	\$26.9	\$26.5
Margin %	29.3%	21.2%

(1) Includes impact of costs related to the acquisition of Arminak & Associates effective 2/24/12.

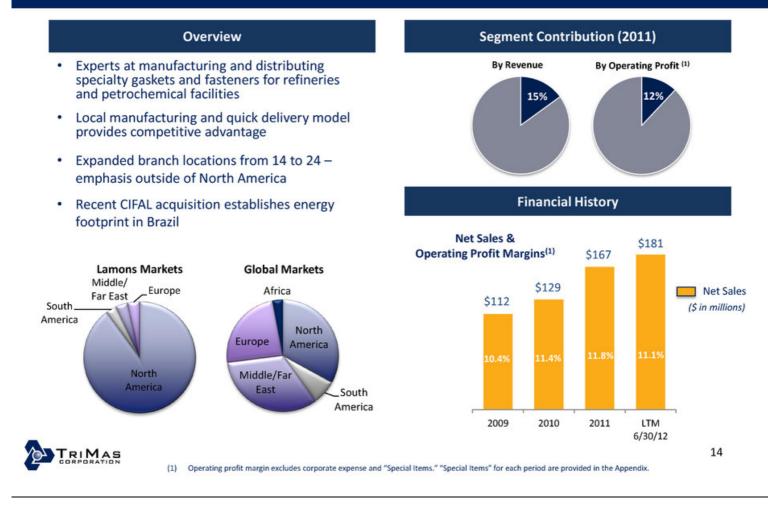




Significant opportunities for growth through product extension	
and geographic expansion.	

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Energy - Segment Overview



Energy - Key Strategies

Key Strategies

- Expand business capabilities with major customers globally – replicate U.S. branch strategy
- Continue to integrate and capitalize on synergies related to acquisitions
- Execute on growth initiatives in Brazil
- Develop new customers in new markets
- Increase sales of specialty gaskets and bolts
- Continue to improve supply chain for cost and delivery
- Improve margins through successful rampup of new branches

Recent Financial Snapshot

(\$ in millions)	nillions) Q2 2011 YTD			
Revenue	\$83.1	\$97.8		
Operating Profit	\$10.4	\$10.7		
Margin %	12.5%	11.0%		



Rapid growth through product and geographic expansion, as well as the successful integration of bolt-on acquisitions.









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Aerospace & Defense - Segment Overview

Overview

- Provider of highly-engineered mechanical fasteners for temporary and permanent applications in fixed and rotary wing aircraft
- 2012 aerospace revenue estimates back to peak levels – backlog at 5-year high
- Maintain margins while investing in future growth and improved service to customers
- Preferred supplier relationships and one of the lowest cycle times in the industry
- Innovation of new products and processes
- Defense business transitioning from management of base relocation to bidding on new projects



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Aerospace & Defense - Key Strategies

Key Strategies

- Expand aerospace fastener product lines to increase content and applications per aircraft
- Leverage positive end market trends including composite aircraft and robotic assembly
- Pursue incremental opportunities in emerging markets and with new OEMs
- Drive ongoing lean initiatives to lower working capital and reduce costs
- Consider complementary bolt-on acquisitions
- Continue bidding on applicable new defense projects

Recent Financial Snapshot

(\$ in millions)	Q2 2011 YTD	Q2 2012 YTD
Revenue	\$39.8	\$37.2
Operating Profit	\$8.6	\$9.7
Margin %	21.5%	26.0%



Expect to have approximately 4x more content on newer, composite aircraft programs compared to legacy programs.







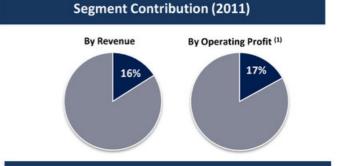
Engineered Components - Segment Overview

Overview

- Two businesses that provide engineered products with challenging product specifications
- Proven track record of rapid growth in new products in energy-related business – product diversification decreases cyclicality
- Positive market trends include shift toward increased use of natural gas and production in shale formations
- Cylinder business demand trends with industrial GDP
- Recent favorable antidumping decision in high pressure steel cylinder business











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Engineered Components - Key Strategies

Key Strategies

- Expand complementary product lines at well-site
- Grow natural gas compression products and capitalize on natural gas opportunities
- Leverage broader product line to capture new markets
- Continue to reduce costs and improve working capital turnover
- Continue to expand product offering and geographies

Recent Financial Snapshot

(\$ in millions)	Q2 2011 YTD	Q2 2012 YTD
Revenue	\$80.9	\$102.3
Operating Profit	\$11.3	\$16.3
Margin %	14.0%	15.9%



Create new products and new applications; capture emerging market growth.







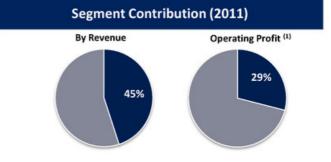
Cequent - Segment Overview

Overview

- Diverse channels and end markets including agricultural, utility, marine, recreation, construction, consumer and automotive markets
- Full-line provider with leading market shares in North America and Australia
- Recent initiatives to grow in the emerging markets of Asia, South Africa and South America
- Recent and continuous significant restructuring, cost reduction and productivity improvement
- Improved utilization of low cost country manufacturing footprint in Thailand and Mexico – resulting in improved margins











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Cequent - Key Strategies

Key Strategies

- Continue to reduce fixed costs, drive productivity and simplify the business
- Improve speed to market on processes for customer service and support
- Leverage strong brands for additional market share and cross-selling
- · Expand in new, growing geographies
- · Reduce working capital requirements

Recent Financial Snapshot

(\$ in millions)	Q2 2011 YTD	Q2 2012 YTD
Asia Pacific Revenue	\$41.4	\$56.8
Asia Pacific Operating Profit (1)	\$4.5	\$7.3
Margin % ⁽¹⁾	10.8%	12.9%
North America Revenue	\$209.7	\$217.0
North America Operating Profit (1)	\$21.1	\$22.0
Margin % (1)	10.0%	10.1%

(1) Excludes Special Items. Please see Appendix for details on Special Items.



Increase margins and return on invested capital; maintain strong market position.

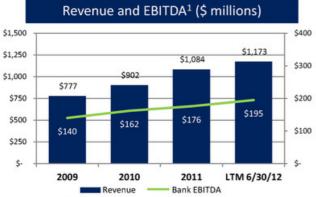




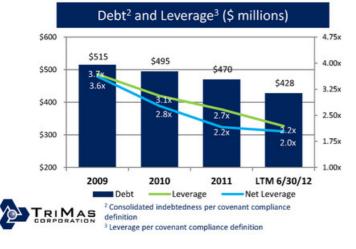
Financial Highlights

Mark Zeffiro, TriMas CFO

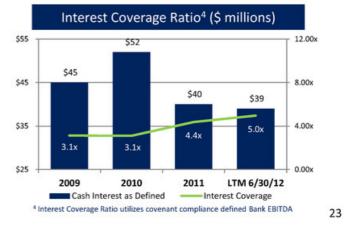
Historical Financials



 1 Bank EBITDA per covenant compliance definition (includes add-backs for restructuring costs and stock-based compensation). See Appendix for details.



Gross Margin (\$ millions) 45.0% \$500 42.5% 40.0% \$400 \$332 \$318 37.5% \$271 \$300 35.0% 32.5% \$205 \$200 30.0% 27.5% 30.0% 29.3% 26.3% 28.3% \$100 25.0% 22.5% \$-20.0% 2011 2009 2010 LTM 6/30/12 Gross Profit Gross Margin (% of sales)



Second Quarter YTD Summary

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

(from continuing operations)	Q2	YTD 2012	Q2	2 YTD 2011	% Chg
Revenue	\$	636.0	\$	546.7	16.3%
Operating Profit	\$	71.9	\$	69.1	4.1%
Excl. Special Items ⁽¹⁾ , Operating Profit would have been:	\$	76.6	\$	69.1	10.7%
Excl. Special Items ⁽¹⁾ , Operating Profit margin would have been:	102	12.0%		12.6%	-60 bps
Income	\$	29.4	\$	26.7	10.2%
Income attributable to TriMas Corporation ⁽¹⁾	\$	29.2	\$	26.7	9.2%
Excl. Special Items ⁽¹⁾ , Income attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been:	\$	36.7	\$	29.2	25.7%
Diluted earnings per share, attributable to TriMas Corporation	\$	0.80	\$	0.77	3.9%
Excl. Special Items ⁽¹⁾ , diluted earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been:	\$	1.01	\$	0.84	20.2%
Free Cash Flow ⁽²⁾	\$	(31.5)	\$	(18.7)	-68.7%
Total Debt	\$	420.8	\$	478.4	-12.0%

 Sales increased 16.3% vs. YTD Q2 2011 as a result of the successful execution of the Company's growth initiatives

- · Productivity efforts continue to fund growth and offset commodity inflation
- Income⁽¹⁾ and EPS⁽¹⁾ increased 25.7% and 20.2% compared to YTD Q2 2011 due to increased volume and improved debt structure – Record YTD earnings
- Continued focus on cash flow and debt reduction expect to generate \$40 \$50 million FCF for 2012
- Proceeds from May equity offering utilized to reduce high-cost debt and acquire bolt-on businesses in growing end markets



- (1) Defined as income and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation, excluding "Special Items."
- "Special Items" for each period are provided in the Appendix. (2) Free Cash Flow is defined as Cash Flows from Operating Activities Less Capital Expenditures.

Second Quarter Summary

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(unaudited, \$ in millions, except per share amounts)					
(from continuing operations)	Q	2 2012	Q	2 2011	%Chg
Revenue	\$	338.4	\$	288.1	17.5%
Operating Profit	\$	43.2	\$	40.8	5.9%
Excl. Special Items ⁽¹⁾ , Operating Profit would have been:	\$	46.2	\$	40.8	13.2%
Excl. Special Items ⁽¹⁾ , Operating Profit margin would have been:		13.6%		14.2%	-60 bps
Income	\$	17.2	\$	16.0	7.2%
Income attributable to TriMas Corporation ⁽¹⁾	\$	16.7	\$	16.0	4.1%
Excl. Special Items ⁽¹⁾ , Income attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been:	\$	23.0	\$	18.5	24.7%
Diluted earnings per share, attributable to TriMas Corporation	\$	0.44	\$	0.46	-4.3%
Excl. Special Items ⁽¹⁾ , diluted earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been:	\$	0.61	\$	0.53	15.1%
Free Cash Row ⁽²⁾	\$	19.3	\$	15.1	27.2%
Total Debt	\$	420.8	\$	478.4	-12.0%

• Sales increased 17.5% vs. Q2 2011 - record sales quarter in several businesses and total company

· Investments in new products, geographic expansion and bolt-on acquisitions driving positive results

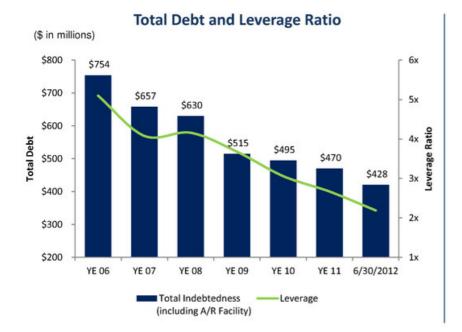
Productivity efforts continued to fund growth initiatives – Productivity savings in line with target of 3%

- · Operating profit margin negatively impacted by product mix, most notably in Packaging and Energy
- Q2 income⁽¹⁾ and EPS⁽¹⁾ increased 25% and 15%, respectively, while absorbing costs related to acquisitions
 and taking into account incremental shares compared to Q2 2011



 Defined as income and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation, excluding "Special Items." "Special Items" for each period are provided in the Appendix.
 Free Cash Flow is defined as Cash Flows from Operating Activities less Capital Expenditures.

Capitalization



Comments:

- Redeemed \$50 million of the 9¾% senior secured notes in Q2 2012
- Reduced interest expense by \$1.3M in Q2 2012, as compared to Q2 2011
- Q2 2012 leverage ratio of 2.19x
- Credit rating upgrades from Moody's and S&P in May
- Continued focus on deleveraging, cash flow and working capital management

As of June 30, 2012, TriMas had \$221.0 million of cash and available liquidity under its revolving credit and accounts receivable facilities.





Outlook and Summary

First Half 2012 Summary

- Nine consecutive quarters of double-digit quarter-over-quarter sales and earnings growth⁽¹⁾
- Strong organic growth through product innovation, geographic expansion, market share gains and increased end market demand
- Acquisitions on schedule with revenue and cost synergies pipeline of additional bolt-ons
- Following our customers in growing, global markets; Brazil, China, Mexico, South Africa and Thailand are priorities
- · On-going productivity initiatives fund investments for long-term growth
- Additional investments in flexible and productive manufacturing footprint closer to our customers; new plants and expansions in Australia, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico and the U.S.
- Proceeds from equity offering used to reduce debt and interest costs
- Improved capital structure with continued focus on cash flow, working capital and leverage



 Defined as income and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation, excluding "Special Items." "Special Items" for each period are provided in the Appendix. 2012 Outlook

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

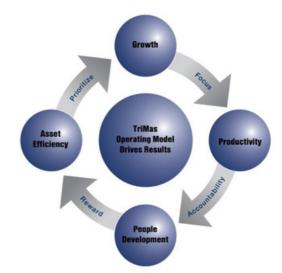
2012 outlook in line with our strategic aspirations while increasing investment (bolt-ons, capex and people) in future growth.



⁽¹⁾ Excluding Special Items
⁽²⁾ 2012 Free Cash Flow is defined as Cash Flow from Operating Activities less Capital Expenditures Note: Above outlook excludes impact of refinancing

Strategic Aspirations

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



TriMas provides engineered and applied product solutions that customers in growing end markets need and value.



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Transaction Overview J.P. Morgan Securities

Investment Highlights



Proposed Sources & Uses and Capitalization

Estimated Sources & Uses (\$ millions)

Sources		Uses	
Cash	\$0.0	Refinance existing Revolver	\$0.0
New \$250mm Revolver	59.0	Refinance existing Term Loan B	217.8
New \$150mm Term Loan A	150.0	Refinance existing 9.75% Second Lien Notes	200.0
New \$250mm Term Loan B	250.0	Estimated transaction fees and expenses	41.2

\$459.0

\$459.0

Capitalization (\$ millions)

		% of	x LTM		% of PF			
	06/30/2012 Ca	pitalization	EBITDA	PF 06/30/2012	2 Capitalization x LTM PF			
Cash and equivalents	\$29.3			\$29.3				
Existing \$125mm Revolver ¹	\$0.0	0.0%	0.00x					
Existing \$225mm Term Loan B	217.8	30.3%	1.11x					
Existing 9.75% Second Lien Notes ²	196.9	27.4%	1.01x					
New \$250mm Revolver				\$59.0	7.7%	0.30x		
New \$150mm Term Loan A				150.0	19.6%	0.77x		
New \$250mm Term Loan B				250.0	32.8%	1.28x		
\$90mm Receivables Facility	0.0	0.0%	0.00x	0.0	0.0%	0.00x		
Other debt ³	13.1	1.8%	0.07x	13.1	1.7%	0.07x		
Total debt	\$427.8	59.5%	2.19x	\$472.1	61.8%	2.42x		
Shareholders' equity	291.2	40.5%		291.2	38.2%			
Total capitalization	\$719.0	100.0%		\$763.3	100.0%			
LTM 06/30/2012 Bank EBITDA ⁴	\$195.0							

¹ Excludes \$23.3 million in Letters of Credit

² 9.75% Second Lien Notes face value is \$200 million

³ Includes \$7.0 million of acquisition deferred purchase price per compliance certificate ⁴ EBITDA per covenant compliance definition

Source: Company filings and compliance certificate



Proposed Facilities Structure and Overview

Facilities Structure and Overview

Borrowers:	TriMas Company LLC and certain subsidiaries of the Borrower
Guarantors:	TriMas Corporation ("Holdings") and certain domestic subsidiaries
Joint Lead Arrangers / Bookrunners:	J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Incorporated
Administrative Agent:	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Purpose:	Refinance existing indebtedness and general corporate purposes including certain acquisitions
Facilities:	 \$650.0 million Senior Secured Credit Facilities, comprising: \$250.0 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility; \$150.0 million Senior Secured Term Loan A; and \$250.0 million Senior Secured Term Loan B
Security:	Secured by substantially all assets of TriMas Corporation including (a) a perfected first-priority pledge of all the capital stock held by Holdings or any other domestic subsidiary of Holdings and (b) perfected first-priority security interests in, and mortgages on, substantially all tangible and intangible assets of Holdings, the Borrower and other Guarantors
Tenor:	Revolver and Term Loan A: 5-years Term Loan B: 7-years
Expansion Feature:	Up to \$300.0 million (available as either upsized Revolver and/or incremental Term Loans – incremental commitmen amount not to exceed Net Senior Secured Leverage Ratio of 2.50x)
Term Loan Amortization:	Term Loan A: 5%*; 5%; 7.5%; 7.5%; 5ullet at maturity Term Loan B: 1% per year; bullet at maturity
Letters of Credit Sublimit (RC only):	\$75.0 million
Swingline Sublimit (RC only):	\$25.0 million
Call Protection:	Term Loan B: 101 soft call in year 1 only
Financial Covenants:	 Maximum Leverage Ratio of 3.50x; with a 1-time 4.00x 12-month holiday for material permitted acquisitions Minimum Interest Coverage Ratio of 3.00x
Mandatory Prepayments:	 Excess Cash Flow Sweep of 50% if Total Leverage Ratio > 3.00x (commencing with the 2013 fiscal year) Customary prepayments for net proceeds of asset sales and the issuance of debt securities



Proposed Pro-Rata Pricing Information

Pro-Rata Pricing Grid (RC & T	'LA only)				
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV	Level V ¹
Leverage Ratio	< 1.50x	≥ 1.50x	≥ 2.00x	≥ 2.75x	≥ 3.50x
Undrawn (bps)	25.0	30.0	35.0	40.0	45.0
Drawn LIBOR Spread (bps)	L + 150.0	L+175.0	L + 200.0	L+225.0	L + 250.0

Pricing will be locked at Level III until receipt of the compliance certificate for the first full quarter after closing ¹ During material permitted acquisition covenant holiday, pricing can step up to Level V

Pro-Rata Upfront Fees		
Upfront Fee	To Be Discussed	
Term Loan B Pricing		
Pricing and Fees	To Be Discussed	



Illustrative Timeline

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						1		1	2	3	4	5	6
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			
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Transaction Timeline	
Wednesday, September 19th	Lenders' Meeting to launch new Senior Secured Credit Facilities
	Launch tender offer and consent solicitation
Wednesday, October 3rd	Commitments due from Lenders
Thursday, October 4th	Distribution of Draft Credit Agreement
Tuesday, October 9th	Lender comments due on Draft Credit Agreement at 12:00PM EDT
Wednesday October 10th	Allocations announced
	Execution version of Credit Agreement posted to IntraLinks
Thursday/Friday, October 11th/12th	Signature pages of Credit Agreement due
	Closing / Funding / Settlement of tender





Public-Side Questions & Answers



Appendix

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

Assets		une 30, 2012	Dece	ember 31 2011
Assets			8.2	
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	29,280	\$	88,920
Receivables, net of reserves		186,720		135,610
Inventories		214,030		178,030
Deferred income taxes		18,510		18,510
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		11,550		10,620
Total current assets		460,090	5- 7	431,690
Property and equipment, net		173,210		159,210
Goodwill		249,670		215,360
Other intangibles, net		196,570		155,670
Other assets		22,030		24,610
Total assets	\$	1,101,570	\$	986,540
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity Current liabilities:				
Current maturities, long-term debt	\$	8,360	\$	7,290
Accounts payable		169,670		146,930
Accrued liabilities		67,670		70,140
Total current liabilities		245,700		224,360
Long-term debt		412,460		462,610
Deferred income taxes		64,650		64,780
Other long-term liabilities		62,050		61,000
		784,860		812,750
Total liabilities				
Total liabilities Redeemable noncontrolling interests	_	25,490		
	_	25,490 291,220	_	173,790



Capitalization

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

		June 30, 2012	-	Dec	ecember 31, 2011		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	29,280	\$	88,920			
Term loan		217,750			223,870		
Receivables securitization facility		-			-		
Revolving credit facilities		0.20			2		
Non-U.S. bank debt and other		6,150			140		
		223,900			224,010		
$9\ ^3\!/_4\%$ senior secured notes, due December 2017		196,920			245,890		
A/R Facility Borrowings							
Total Debt	\$	420,820		\$	469,900		
Key Ratios:							
Bank LTM EBITDA	\$	195,030		\$	176,380		
Interest Coverage Ratio		4.96	х		4.37	X	
Leverage Ratio		2.19	х		2.67	x	
Bank Covenants:							
Minimum Interest Coverage Ratio		2.75	x		2.50	x	
Maximum Leverage Ratio		3.75	x		4.00	x	

As of June 30, 2012, TriMas had \$221.0 million of cash and available liquidity under its revolving credit and accounts receivable facilities.



Consolidated Statement of Operations

udited, dollars in thousands, except for per share amounts)		Three mor June		ended	Six months ended June 30,			
	ă	2012	19. ¹⁹	2011		2012		2011
Net sales	\$	338,430	\$	288,090	\$	636,000	\$	546,650
Cost of sales		(242,540)		(199,800)		(461,200)		(386,540
Gross profit		95,890		88,290		174,800		160,110
Selling, general and administrative expenses		(52,710)		(47,470)		(103,180)		(91,010
Net gain (loss) on dispositions of property and equipment		20		(40)		320		30
Operating profit		43,200	_	40,780	_	71,940		69,130
Other expense, net:	_				_		_	
Interest expense		(10,300)		(11,620)		(20, 970)		(23,640
Debt extinguishment costs		(6,560)		(3,970)		(6,560)		(3,970
Other expense, net		(910)		(550)		(2,550)		(1,710
Other expense, net	_	(17,770)	_	(16,140)	_	(30,080)	_	(29,320
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense		25,430		24,640		41,860		39,810
Income tax expense.		(8,260)		(8.630)		(12,440)		(13,110
Income from continuing operations		17,170	1	16,010	_	29,420	-	26,700
Income from discontinued operations, net of income tax expense				1,080		-		2,140
Net income.		17,170		17,090		29,420		28,840
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		510		-		270		
Net income attributable to TriMas Corporation	\$	16,660	\$	17,090	\$	29,150	\$	28,840
Earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation - basic:								
Continuing operations	\$	0.45	s	0.47	\$	0.81	s	0.79
Discontinued operations	÷	0.40	*	0.03	*	-	*	0.06
Net income per share	\$	0.45	\$	0.50	\$	0.81	\$	0.85
Weighted average common shares - basic	;	37,345,026		34,215,734	3	5,968,646	3	4,064,787
Earnings per share attributable to TriMas Corporation - diluted:								
Continuing operations	\$	0.44	\$	0.46	\$	0.80	\$	0.77
Discontinued operations	_		_	0.03	_	-	_	0.06
Net income per share	\$	0.44	\$	0.49	\$	0.80	\$	0.83
Weighted average common shares - diluted		37,694,221		34,769,576	3	6,421,387	3	4,667,459



Additional Information Regarding Special Items Impacting Reported GAAP Financial Measures

Inaudited, dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)								ed June 30,	
	<u></u>	2012	<u></u>	2011	<u></u>	2012	<u> </u>	2011	
Income from continuing operations, as reported	s	17,170	s	\$ 16,010		29,420	s	26,700	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		510				270			
Income from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation		16,660		16,010		29,150		26,700	
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of income from continuing operations:									
Severance and business restructuring costs		1,980				3,100			
Debt extinguishment costs		4,400		2,460		4,400		2,460	
Excluding Special Items, income from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation would have been	\$	23,040	\$	18,470	\$	36,650	\$	29,160	
	Tł	aree months o	ended Ju	une 30,		Six months e	nded Jur	ne 30,	
		2012		2011		2012		2011	
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to TriMas Corporation, as reported	\$	0.44	\$	0.46	\$	0.80	\$	0.77	
After-tax impact of Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of EPS from continuing operations:									
Severance and business restructuring costs		0.05		-		0.09		-	
Debt extinguishment costs		0.12		0.07		0.12		0.07	
Excluding Special Items, EPS from continuing operations would have been	\$	0.61	\$	0.53	\$	1.01	\$	0.84	
Weighted-average shares outstanding for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011	3	7,694,221	3	4,769,576		6,421,387	3	34,667,459	
	Th	nree months (anded h	100 20		Six months e	adad Jur	20	
		2012		2011		2012		2011	
Operating profit from continuing operations, as reported	s	43,200	s	40,780	\$	71,940	\$	69,130	
Special Items to consider in evaluating quality of earnings:									
Severance and business restructuring costs Excluding Special Items, operating profit from continuing operations		2,950	_		_	4,620			
would have been	\$	46,150	\$	40,780	\$	76,560	\$	69,130	



Company and Business Segment Financial Information – Cont. Ops

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

		Three mor June		ended		Six mont Jun	hs ei a 30,	nded
		2012	_	2011		2012		2011
Packaging								
Net sales	s	70,700	\$	47,900	\$	125,010	\$	91,800
Operating profit	\$	16,570	\$	15,070	\$	26,460	\$	26,900
Energy								
Net sales	\$	47,170	\$	42,170	\$	97,760	\$	83,120
Operating profit	\$	4,350	\$	5,020	\$	10,740	\$	10,360
Aerospace & Defense								
Net sales	\$	19,330	\$	21,330	\$	37,190	\$	39,830
Operating profit	\$	4,820	\$	4,860	\$	9,680	\$	8,580
Engineered Components								
Net sales	\$	52,620	s	43,860	s	102.300	s	80,860
Operating profit	\$	8,600	\$	6,620	\$	16,310	\$	11,280
Cequent Asia Pacific								
Net sales	S	28,550	s	21,560	\$	56,750	s	41.370
Operating profit	s	2.010	s	1,940	s	5,050	s	4.47
Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit:								
- Severance and business restructuring costs	S	1,560	\$	-	s	2,280	\$	
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	\$	3,570	\$	1,940	\$	7,330	\$	4,470
Cequent North America								
Net sales	S	120,060	\$	111,270	\$	216,990	\$	209,670
Operating profit	s	15,500	\$	14,380	\$	19,660	s	21,050
Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit:								
 Severance and business restructuring costs 	\$	1,390	\$		\$	2,340	\$	
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	\$	16,890	\$	14,380	\$	22,000	\$	21,050
Corporate Expenses								
Operating loss	\$	(8,650)	\$	(7,110)	\$	(15,960)	\$	(13,510
Total Company								
Net sales	S	338,430	s	288,090	\$	636,000	s	546,650
Operating profit	s	43,200	s	40,780	s	71,940	ŝ	69,130
Total Special Items to consider in evaluating operating profit	\$	2,950	\$		\$	4,620	\$	
Excluding Special Items, operating profit would have been	S	46,150	s	40,780	s	76,560	ŝ	69,13



Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)	Six months ended June 30.			
	2012		2011	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:				
Net income.	\$	29,420	\$	28,840
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used for operating activities, net of				
acquisition impact:		(0.00)		10.1
Gain on dispositions of property and equipment		(320)		(20
Depreciation		12,690		12,620
Amortization of intangible assets		9,180		7,040
Amortization of debt issue costs		1,600		1,510
Deferred income taxes		200		10,930
Debt extinguishment costs		6,560		3,970
Non-cash compensation expense		3,510		1,660
Excess tax benefits from stock based compensation		(2,130)		(3,800
Increase in receivables		(41,630)		(52,050
Increase in inventories		(31,270)		(13,190
Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets		(1,740)		(3,900
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		8,470		(160
Other, net	_	580	_	1,890
Net cash used for operating activities, net of acquisition impact	_	(4,880)	_	(4,660
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:				
Capital expenditures		(26,640)		(14,020
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired		(61,820)		
Net proceeds from disposition of assets	_	2,770		1,660
Net cash used for investing activities		(85,690)		(12,360
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:				
Proceeds from sale of common stock in connection with the Company's equity offering, net				
of issuance		79,040		
Proceeds from borrowings on term loan facilities		69,530		226,520
Repayments of borrowings on term loan facilities		(69,150)		(248.950
Proceeds from borrowings on revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable facility		412,900		303,520
Repayments of borrowings on revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable facility		412,900)		(297,600
Retirement of 9%% senior secured notes				(287,000
		(50,000)		
Senior secured notes redemption premium and debt financing fees		(4,880)		(6,570
Distributions to noncontrolling interests		(410)		
Shares surrendered upon vesting of options and restricted stock awards to cover tax				
obligations.		(990)		(830
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		5,660		830
Excess tax benefits from stock based compensation	_	2,130	_	3,800
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	_	30,930	_	(19,280
Cash and Cash Equivalents:				
Decrease for the period		(59,640)		(36,300
At beginning of period	_	88,920		46,370
	\$	29,280	\$	10,070
At end of period			_	
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
	\$	17,790	\$	22,710

LTM Bank EBITDA as Defined in Credit Agreement

(Unaudited, dollars in thousands)

	6/30/12(1)	12/31/12(1)	12/31/10 ⁽²⁾	12/31/09 ⁽²⁾
Net income (loss) attributable to TriMas Corporation for the twelve months ended	\$ 60,670	\$ 60,360	\$ 45,270	\$ (220)
Net income attributable to partially-owned subsidiaries	(630)	-		-
Interest expense, net (as defined)	41,810	44,480	52,380	45,720
Income tax expense (benefit)	32,060	33,980	21,450	(520)
Depreciation and amortization	41,120	40,470	37,740	43,940
Extraordinary non-cash charges	-	-		3,270
Monitoring fees	-			2,890
Interest equivalent costs	-			1,530
Non-cash compensation expense	5,360	3,510	2,180	1,370
Other non-cash expenses or losses	5,360	3,850	4,180	3,570
Non-recurring expenses or costs in connection with acquisition integration	260	350	640	-
Debt extinguishment costs	6,560	3,970		11,400
Non-recurring expenses or costs for cost saving projects	4,450	220	-	10,940
Negative EBITDA from discontinued operations	1,840	1,840	200	3,720
Permitted dispositions	(3,850)	(18,630)	(6,340)	12,130
Permitted acquisitions	20	1,980	4,130	
Consolidated Bank EBITDA, as defined	\$195,030	\$176,380	\$161,830	\$139,740

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

(2) As defined in the Credit Agreement dated December 16, 2009.

