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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 

FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)

## [X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2011
OR

## [ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$
Commission File Number: 1-11692
Ethan Allen Interiors Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware <br> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or <br> organization) | $06-1275288$ <br> (I.R.S. Employer <br> Identification No.) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Ethan Allen Drive, Danbury, Connecticut <br> (Address of principal executive offices) | 06811 |
| (Zip Code) |  |

(203) 743-8000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
N/A
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. [X] 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 during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). [X] Yes [ ] No

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

Large accelerated filer [ ]
Accelerated
[X]
Non-accelerated filer

## [ ]

filer
Smaller reporting
[ ]

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

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

At January 25, 2012, there were 28,853,322 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value $\$ .01$, outstanding.

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Item 1. Financial Statements

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES<br>Consolidated Balance Sheets<br>(In thousands, except share data)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { December 31, } \\ & 2011 \\ & \text { (Unaudited) } \end{aligned}$ | June 30, 2011 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$66,352 | \$78,519 |
| Marketable securities (note 5) | 11,016 | 12,909 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,199 at December |  |  |
| 31, 2011 and \$1,171 at June 30, 2011 | 13,828 | 15,036 |
| Inventories (note 6) | 136,197 | 141,692 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 20,330 | 20,372 |
| Total current assets | 247,723 | 268,528 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 291,098 | 294,853 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets | 45,128 | 45,128 |
| Restricted cash and investments (note 4) | 15,402 | 16,391 |
| Other assets | 3,020 | 3,425 |
| Total assets | \$602,371 | \$628,325 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |
| Current maturities of long-term debt (note 9) | \$- | \$19 |
| Customer deposits | 46,561 | 62,649 |
| Accounts payable | 22,452 | 26,958 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 28,884 | 28,359 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities (note 7) | 32,709 | 36,631 |
| Total current liabilities | 130,606 | 154,616 |
| Long-term debt (note 9) | 152,924 | 165,013 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 20,340 | 18,975 |
| Deferred income taxes | 8,067 | 8,034 |
| Total liabilities | 311,937 | 346,638 |
| Shareholders' equity: |  |  |
| Class A common stock, par value $\$ 0.01 ; 150,000,000$ shares authorized; $48,473,470$ shares issued at December 31, 2011 and $48,350,065$ shares issued at |  |  |
| June 30, 2011 ( | 485 | 484 |
| Class B common stock, par value $\$ 0.01 ; 600,000$ shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 |  |  |
| Preferred stock, par value $\$ 0.01 ; 1,055,000$ shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 | - | - |
| Additional paid-in-capital | 360,492 | 359,728 |
| Less: Treasury stock (at cost), 19,623,385 shares at December 31, 2011 and |  |  |
| 19,571,092 shares at June 30, 2011 | (583,538 ) | (582,691 |
| Retained earnings | 512,704 | 501,908 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (note 13) | 45 | 2,258 |
| Total Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. shareholders' equity | 290,188 | 281,687 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 246 |  |

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| Total shareholders equity | 290,434 | 281,687 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | $\$ 602,371$ | $\$ 628,325$ |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES<br>Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)<br>(In thousands, except per share data)

|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Three months ended }\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Six months ended }\end{array}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December 31, |  |  |  |  |$)$

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Table of Contents<br>ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC.<br>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows<br>(Unaudited)<br>(In thousands)

Six months ended December 31,
20112010
Operating activities:

| Net income | \$ 14,847 |  | \$ 18,557 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 9,582 |  | 10,929 |  |
| Compensation expense related to share-based awards | 743 |  | 436 |  |
| Provision (benefit) for deferred income taxes | 6 |  | (11 | ) |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 1,617 |  | 273 |  |
| Other | 162 |  | (90 | ) |
| Change in assets and liabilities, net of the effects from acquired and divested businesses: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | 956 |  | 2,429 |  |
| Inventories | 5,973 |  | (2,664 | ) |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 85 |  | (10,726 | ) |
| Other assets | 83 |  | 388 |  |
| Customer deposits | (16,408 | ) | (13,843 | ) |
| Accounts payable | (4,506 | ) | (2,037 | ) |
| Accrued expenses | (3,540 | ) | 351 |  |
| Other liabilities | 1,365 |  | (1,220 | ) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 10,965 |  | 2,772 |  |

$\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { Investing activities: } & & \\ \text { Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant \& equipment } & 1,792 & 99 \\ \text { Change in restricted cash and investments } & 989 & 981 \\ \text { Capital expenditures } & (11,392 & ) \\ \text { Purchases of marketable securities } & (2,108 & (4,157 \\ \text { Sales of marketable securities } & 3,825 & (6,358 \\ \text { Other } & 769 & 1,000 \\ \text { Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities } & (6,125 & ) \\ \text { Financing activities: } & (218 \\ \text { Payments on long-term debt } & & \\ \text { Proceeds from issuance of common stock } & (12,128 & ) \\ \text { Proceeds from non controlling interest } & 22 & (6,655\end{array}\right)$

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# ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES 

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity
Six Months Ended December 31, 2011
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except share data)

|  | Common Stock |  | Additional Paid-in Capital |  | Treasury Stock |  | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income |  | Retained Earnings |  | NonControlling Interests |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance at June 30, 2011 | \$ | 484 | \$ | 359,728 | \$ | (582,691 | ) \$ | 2,258 | \$ | 501,908 | \$ | - | \$281,687 |
| Issuance of common shares upon the exercise of share-based awards |  | 1 |  | 21 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  |  | 22 |
| Compensation expense associated with share-based awards (note 11) |  | - |  | 743 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  |  | 743 |
| Purchase/retirement of 52,293 shares of company stock |  | - |  | - - |  | (847 | ) | - |  | - |  |  | (847 ) |
| Dividends declared on common stock |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | (4,051 |  |  | (4,051 ) |
| Increase from business combination |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 275 | 275 |
| Other comprehensive income (note 13) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Currency translation adjustments |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | (2,241 ) |  | - |  |  | (2,241 ) |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on investments |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | (3 |  | - |  |  | (3 |
| Loss on derivatives, net of tax |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 31 |  | - |  |  | 31 |
| Net income |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 14,847 |  | (29 | 14,818 |
| Total comprehensive income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12,605 |
| Balance at <br> December 31, 2011 |  |  | \$ | 360,492 | \$ | (583,538 |  | 45 | \$ | 512,704 | \$ | 246 | \$290,434 |

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ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES<br>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

(1) Basis of Presentation

Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. ("Interiors") is a Delaware corporation incorporated on May 25, 1989. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Interiors, its wholly owned subsidiary Ethan Allen Global, Inc. ("Global"), and Global’s subsidiaries (collectively "We", "Us", "Our", "Ethan Allen", or the "Company"). All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. All of Global's capital stock is owned by Interiors, which has no assets or operating results other than those associated with its investment in Global.

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making those estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates. Areas in which significant estimates have been made include, but are not limited to, revenue recognition, the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, inventory obsolescence, tax valuation allowances, useful lives for property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment analyses, the evaluation of uncertain tax positions and the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations.

In October 2011 the Company and one of its independent retailers formed a new business entity which began operating a new Ethan Allen design center in Florida. Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of this entity because we are a majority shareholder and have the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity's performance. Noncontrolling interest amounts in the net income (loss) of this entity of (\$29 thousand) net of tax, for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, is included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations within interest and other miscellaneous income, net. Additionally, changes to noncontrolling investment interests of $\$ 0.2$ million are presented in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2011.

## (2) Interim Financial Presentation

In our opinion, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for fair presentation, have been included in the consolidated financial statements. The results of operations for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the entire fiscal year. The interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011.

## (3) Income Taxes

The Company reviews its expected annual effective income tax rates and makes changes on a quarterly basis as necessary based on certain factors such as changes in forecasted annual operating income; changes to actual or forecasted permanent book to tax differences; impacts from future tax audits with state, federal or foreign tax authorities; impacts from tax law changes; or change in judgment as to the realizability of deferred tax assets. The Company identifies items which are not normal and are non-recurring in nature and treats these as discrete events. The tax effect of discrete items is recorded in the quarter in which the discrete events occur. Due to the volatility of these factors, the Company's consolidated effective income tax rate can change significantly on a quarterly basis.

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The Company conducts business globally and, as a result, the Company or one or more of its subsidiaries files income tax returns in the U.S., various state, and foreign jurisdictions. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to examination by the taxing authorities in such major jurisdictions as the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. As of December 31, 2011, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries are currently under U.S. and Canada audit from 2001 through 2010. It is reasonably possible that some of these audits may be completed during the next twelve months. It is reasonable to expect that various issues relating to uncertain tax benefits will be resolved within the next twelve months as exams are completed or as statutes expire and will impact the effective tax rate.

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Due to the challenging economic times, financial losses in fiscal 2009 and 2010 resulting in a three year cumulative loss, and after considering both positive and negative evidence, management's assessment is that realization of tax assets is not reasonably assured due to a lack of available objective positive evidence. As a result, the Company established a full valuation allowance as of June 30, 2010. At December 31, 2011, the Company remains in a three year cumulative loss and the full valuation allowance remains in place with a balance of $\$ 23.9$ million compared with $\$ 23.5$ million at June 30, 2011. Management will continue to assess the realizability of the tax assets based on actual and forecasted operating results on a quarterly basis, which will likely cause volatility in the effective tax rate of the Company.

The Company's consolidated effective tax rate was $31.6 \%$ and $35.9 \%$ for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 respectively, and negative $68.7 \%$ and negative $29.7 \%$ for the three and six months ended December 31, 2010 respectively. The current quarter effective tax rate includes tax expense on the current quarter's net income, interest expense on uncertain tax positions, and the impact of maintaining valuation allowances on deferred tax assets which also affected the income tax expense in both periods. The prior period effective tax rate benefitted from the utilization of certain deferred tax assets.

## (4) Restricted Cash and Investments

At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, we held $\$ 15.4$ million and $\$ 16.4$ million respectively, of restricted cash and investments in lieu of providing letters of credit for the benefit of the provider of our workmen's compensation and other insurance and for the benefit of the issuer of our private label credit card. These funds can be invested in high quality money market mutual funds, U.S. Treasuries and U.S. Government agency fixed income instruments, and cannot be withdrawn without the prior written consent of the secured party. These assets are carried at cost, which approximates market value and are classified as long-term assets because they are not expected to be used within one year to fund operations. See also Note 5, "Marketable Securities" and Note 14, "Financial Instruments".

## (5) Marketable Securities

At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, the Company held marketable securities of $\$ 11.0$ million and $\$ 12.9$ million respectively, classified as current assets, consisting of U.S. municipal bonds with maturities ranging from less than one year to less than two years, which were rated A/A1 or better by the rating services Standard \& Poors ("S\&P") and Moodys Investors Service ("Moodys") respectively. There have been no material realized or unrealized gains or losses for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. We do not believe there are any impairments considered to be other than temporary at December 31, 2011. Also see Note 4, "Restricted Cash and Investments" and Note 14, "Financial Instruments".

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(6) Inventories

Inventories at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

|  | December 31, <br> 2011 | June 30, <br> 2011 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Finished goods | $\$$ | 103,742 | $\$$ | 108,438 |
| Work in process |  | 8,596 |  | 8,868 |
| Raw materials | $\$$ | 23,859 |  | 24,386 |
|  |  | 136,197 | $\$$ | 141,692 |

Inventories are presented net of a related valuation allowance of $\$ 3.1$ million at December 31, 2011 and $\$ 1.7$ million at June 30, 2011.

## (7) Restructuring and Impairment Charges

In recent years, we have announced and executed plans to consolidate our operations as part of an overall strategy to maximize production efficiencies and maintain our competitive advantage. Plans announced in fiscal 2008 and 2009 had no material impact on fiscal 2012 financial statements and the balance of reserves for these actions, for non-cancellable lease obligations with expirations ranging from less than two to 22 years, totaled $\$ 1.6$ million and $\$ 2.5$ million at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 respectively.

## (8) Business Acquisitions and Joint Ventures

From time to time the Company acquires design centers from its independent retailers in arms length transactions. There were no material acquisitions completed during the six months ended December 31, 2011 or 2010 respectively. In October 2011, the Company and one if its independent retailers formed a joint venture which began operating a new Ethan Allen design center in Florida during the quarter ended December 31, 2011. The Company contributed $\$ 0.8$ million for a $75 \%$ interest in the joint venture. The independent retailer holds a non-controlling interest.

## (9) Borrowings

Total debt obligations at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 consist of the following (in thousands):

|  | December 31, | June 30, |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | 2011 | 2011 |  |
| 5.375\% Senior Notes due 2015 | $\$$ | 152,924 | $\$$ |
| Other debt |  | 164,821 |  |
| Total debt |  | 152,924 |  |
| Less current maturities | $\$$ | - | 165,032 |
| Total long-term debt | 152,924 | $\$$ | 19 |

In September 2005, we issued $\$ 200.0$ million in ten-year senior unsecured notes due 2015 (the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes were issued by Global, bearing an annual coupon rate of $5.375 \%$ with interest payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1. We have used the net proceeds of $\$ 198.4$ million to improve our retail network, invest in our manufacturing and logistics operations, and for other general corporate purposes. During fiscal 2011, the

Company reduced its outstanding debt by $\$ 38.2$ million. Outstanding debt was further reduced by $\$ 12.1$ million during the current fiscal year.

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We also maintain a $\$ 50$ million senior secured, asset-based revolving credit facility (the "Facility"). At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, we had no revolving loans and $\$ 0.7$ million of standby and trade letters of credit outstanding under the Facility. The Facility is subject to borrowing base availability and includes a right for the Company to increase the total facility to $\$ 100$ million subject to certain conditions. The Facility is secured by all property owned, leased or operated by the Company in the United States excluding any real property owned by the Company and contains customary covenants which may limit the Company's ability to incur debt, engage in mergers and consolidations, make restricted payments (including dividends), sell certain assets, and make investments. Remaining availability under the facility totaled $\$ 49.3$ million at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 and as a result, covenants and other restricted payment limitations did not apply. The Facility expires March 25, 2016, or June 26, 2015 if the Senior Notes have not been refinanced prior to that date.

At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, we were in compliance with all covenants of the Senior Notes and the Facility.

## (10) Litigation

## Environmental Matters

We and our subsidiaries are subject to various environmental laws and regulations. Under these laws, we and/or our subsidiaries are, or may be, required to remove or mitigate the effects on the environment of the disposal or release of certain hazardous materials. As of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, we believe that the Company was adequately reserved. We believe our currently anticipated capital expenditures for environmental control facility matters are not material.

We are subject to other federal, state and local environmental protection laws and regulations and are involved, from time to time, in investigations and proceedings regarding environmental matters. Such investigations and proceedings typically concern air emissions, water discharges, and/or management of solid and hazardous wastes. We believe that our facilities are in material compliance with all such applicable laws and regulations.

Regulations issued under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 required the industry to reformulate certain furniture finishes or institute process changes to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds. Compliance with many of these requirements has been facilitated through the introduction of high solids coating technology and alternative formulations. In addition, we have instituted a variety of technical and procedural controls, including reformulation of finishing materials to reduce toxicity, implementation of high velocity low pressure spray systems, development of storm water protection plans and controls, and further development of related inspection/audit teams, all of which have served to reduce emissions per unit of production. We remain committed to implementing new waste minimization programs and/or enhancing existing programs with the objective of (i) reducing the total volume of waste, (ii) limiting the liability associated with waste disposal, and (iii) continuously improving environmental and job safety programs on the factory floor which serve to minimize emissions and safety risks for employees. We will continue to evaluate the most appropriate, cost effective, control technologies for finishing operations and design production methods to reduce the use of hazardous materials in the manufacturing process.

## (11) Share-Based Compensation

Effective October 1, 2011, the Company and M. Farooq Kathwari, our President and Chief Executive Officer, entered into a new employment agreement (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Mr. Kathwari was awarded on October 1, 2011, (i) options to purchase 300,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of $\$ 13.61$ (the closing price of a share of our common stock on September 30, 2011), and (ii) 105,000 shares of restricted

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stock, with both awards vesting ratably over a 5 -year period on each June 30, unless earlier vested, in certain circumstances, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. During the quarter ended September 30, 2011, the Company awarded options to purchase 30,000 shares of our common stock to certain executives other than Mr. Kathwari, at the closing stock price on the respective grant dates. These options vest in four equal annual installments on the grant date anniversary. On July 26, 2011, as a result of the Company's performance, the Compensation Committee of the Company's board of directors awarded Mr. Kathwari 30,000 service-based restricted shares, which vest in three equal annual installments on the grant date anniversary.

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## (12) Earnings Per Share

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated using the following weighted average share data (in thousands):

|  | Three months ended |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| December 31, | Six months ended <br> December 31, |  |  |  |
|  | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Weighted average <br> common shares <br> outstanding for basic <br> calculation | 28,823 | 28,728 | 28,791 | 28,753 |
| Effect of dilutive stock <br> options and other <br> share-based awards | 246 | 193 | 219 | 183 |
| Weighted average <br> common shares <br> outstanding adjusted for <br> dilution calculation | 29,069 | 28,921 | 29,010 | 28,936 |

As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, stock options to purchase 1,666,700 and 1,922,853 common shares, respectively, were excluded from the respective diluted earnings per share calculation because their impact was anti-dilutive.

## (13) Comprehensive Income

Our accumulated other comprehensive income, which is comprised of losses on certain derivative instruments, accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments, and unrealized gain and loss on investments totaled less than $\$ 0.1$ million at December 31, 2011 and $\$ 2.3$ million at June 30, 2011. Foreign currency translation adjustments are the result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates related to our operations in Canada and Mexico, and, during the quarter ended December 2011, a plant under development in Honduras. Foreign currency translation adjustments exclude income tax expense (benefit) given that the earnings of non-U.S. subsidiaries are deemed to be reinvested for an indefinite period of time.

## (14) Fair Value Measurements

We determine fair value as the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid upon transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and in the principal or most advantageous market for that asset or liability. The fair value is calculated based on assumptions that market participants use in pricing the asset or liability, and not on assumptions specific to the Company. In addition, the fair value of liabilities includes consideration of non-performance risk including our own credit risk. Each fair value measurement is reported in one of three levels, determined by the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. These levels are:

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LevelInputs are based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or 2 similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

LevelInputs are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market
3 participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The fair values are therefore determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques.

The following section describes the valuation methodologies we use to measure different financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis
The following table presents our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 (in thousands):

December 31, 2011

|  | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Balance |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash equivalents | $\$ 81,754$ | - | - | $\$ 81,754$ |
| Available-for-sale |  |  |  |  |
| securities | - | 11,016 | - | 11,016 |
| Total | $\$ 81,754$ | $\$ 11,016$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 82,770$ |

June 30, 2011

|  | Level 1 |  | Level 2 |  | Level 3 |  | Balance |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash equivalents | \$ | 94,910 |  | - |  | - | \$ | 94,910 |
| Available-for-sale securities |  | - |  | 12,909 |  | - |  | 12,909 |
| Total | \$ | 94,910 | \$ | 12,909 | \$ | - | \$ | 107,819 |

Cash equivalents consist of money market accounts and mutual funds in U.S. government and agency fixed income securities. We use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities to determine fair value. At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, $\$ 15.4$ million and $\$ 16.4$ million, respectively, of the cash equivalents were restricted, and classified as a long-term asset.

Available-for-sale securities consist of U.S. municipal bonds with maturities of less than two years. The municipal bonds are rated A/A1 or better by S\&P/Moodys respectively. As of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, there were no material gross unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale securities.

As of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, the contractual maturities of our available-for-sale investments were as follows:

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December 31, 2011

|  | Estimated Fair |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Cost | Value |  |
| Due in one year or less | $\$$ | 7,590 | $\$$ | 7,696 |
| Due after one year through five years | $\$$ | 3,281 | $\$$ | 3,320 |

June 30, 2011

|  |  | Estimated Fair |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Cost | Value |  |
| Due in one year or less | $\$$ | 7,311 | $\$$ | 7,393 |
| Due after one year through five years | $\$$ | 5,428 | $\$$ | 5,517 |

No investments have been in a continuous loss position for more than one year, and no other-than-temporary impairments were recognized. Also see Note 4, "Restricted Cash and Investments", and Note 5, "Marketable Securities".

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-recurring Basis
We measure certain assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis. These assets are recognized at fair value when they are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired. During the six month periods ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, we did not record any other-than-temporary impairments on those assets required to be measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

## (15) Segment Information

Our operations are classified into two operating segments: wholesale and retail. These operating segments represent strategic business areas which, although they operate separately and provide their own distinctive services, enable us to more effectively offer our complete line of home furnishings and accessories.

The wholesale segment is principally involved in the development of the Ethan Allen brand, which encompasses the design, manufacture, domestic and offshore sourcing, sale and distribution of a full range of home furnishings and accessories to a network of independently operated and Ethan Allen operated design centers as well as related marketing and brand awareness efforts. Wholesale revenue is generated upon the wholesale sale and shipment of our product to all retail design centers, including those operated by Ethan Allen. Wholesale profitability includes (i) the wholesale gross margin, which represents the difference between the wholesale sales price and the cost associated with manufacturing and/or sourcing the related product, and (ii) other operating costs associated with wholesale segment activities.

The retail segment sells home furnishings and accessories to consumers through a network of Company operated design centers. Retail revenue is generated upon the retail sale and delivery of our product to our customers. Retail profitability includes (i) the retail gross margin, which represents the difference between the retail sales price and the cost of goods purchased from the wholesale segment, and (ii) other operating costs associated with retail segment activities.

Inter-segment eliminations result, primarily, from the wholesale sale of inventory to the retail segment, including the related profit margin.

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We evaluate performance of the respective segments based upon revenues and operating income. While the manner in which our home furnishings and accessories are marketed and sold is consistent, the nature of the underlying recorded sales (i.e. wholesale versus retail) and the specific services that each operating segment provides (i.e. wholesale manufacturing, sourcing, and distribution versus retail selling) are different. Within the wholesale segment, we maintain revenue information according to each respective product line (i.e. case goods, upholstery, or home accessories and other). The allocation of retail sales by product line is reasonably similar to that of the wholesale segment. A breakdown of wholesale sales by these product lines for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 is provided as follows:

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|  | Three months ended <br> December 31, |  |  | Six months ended <br> December 31, |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 |  | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |  |

Segment information for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 is provided below (in thousands):


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(1) Operating income (loss) for the retail segment for the three months ended December 31, 2010 includes pre-tax restructuring and impairment charges of $\$ 0.1$ million.
(2) Operating income (loss) for the retail segment for the six months ended December 31, 2010 includes pre-tax restructuring and impairment charges of $\$ 0.3$ million.
(3) Represents the change in wholesale profit contained in Ethan Allen operated design center inventory at the end of the period.
(4) Represents the wholesale profit contained in Ethan Allen operated design center inventory that has not yet been realized. These profits are realized when the related inventory is sold.

At December 31, 2011, there were 84 independent retail design centers located outside the United States compared with 61 at December 31, 2010. Approximately $5.6 \%$ of our net sales during the current six months were derived from sales to these retail design centers compared with $6.2 \%$ in the prior year.
(16) Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued ASU 2011-05, "Presentation of Comprehensive Income". This ASU increases the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income by eliminating the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. The amendment requires that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. The amendments do not change the items that must be reported in other comprehensive income. This ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011 (July 1, 2012 for the Company), and must be applied retrospectively.

## (17) Financial Information About the Parent, the Issuer and the Guarantors

On September 27, 2005, Global (the "Issuer") issued \$200 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes which have been guaranteed on a senior basis by Interiors (the "Parent"), and other wholly owned domestic subsidiaries of the Issuer and the Parent, including Ethan Allen Retail, Inc., Ethan Allen Operations, Inc., Ethan Allen Realty, LLC, Lake Avenue Associates, Inc. and Manor House, Inc. The subsidiary guarantors (other than the Parent) are collectively called the "Guarantors". The guarantees of the Guarantors are unsecured. All of the guarantees are full, unconditional and joint and several and the Issuer and each of the Guarantors are $100 \%$ owned by the Parent. Our other subsidiaries which are not guarantors are called the "Non-Guarantors".

The following tables set forth the condensed consolidating balance sheets as of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, the condensed consolidating statements of operations for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 of the Parent, the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Non-Guarantors.

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ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET
(In thousands)
December 31, 2011
Parent Issuer Guarantors Non-Guarantors Eliminations Consolidated
Assets

| Current assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$- | \$58,255 | \$5,625 | \$ | 2,472 | \$ - | \$ 66,352 |
| Marketable securities | - | 11,016 | - |  | - | - | 11,016 |
| Accounts receivable, net | - | 13,359 | 469 |  | - | - | 13,828 |
| Inventories | - | - | 159,124 |  | 4,416 | (27,343 ) | 136,197 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | - | 6,275 | 11,718 |  | 2,337 | - | 20,330 |
| Intercompany receivables | - | 808,523 | 262,217 |  | (13,955 | ) $(1,056,785)$ | - |
| Total current assets | - | 897,428 | 439,153 |  | (4,730 | (1,084,128) | 247,723 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | - | 8,380 | 269,110 |  | 13,608 | - | 291,098 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets | - | 37,905 | 7,223 |  | - | - | 45,128 |
| Restricted cash and investments | - | 15,402 | - |  | - | - | 15,402 |
| Other assets | - | 2,260 | 760 |  | - | - | 3,020 |
| Investment in affiliated companies | 616,411 | (99,697 | - |  | - | (516,714 ) | - |
| Total assets | \$616,411 | \$861,678 | \$716,246 | \$ | 8,878 | \$ $(1,600,842)$ | \$ 602,371 |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Customer deposits | \$- | \$- | \$44,459 | \$ | 2,102 | \$ - | \$ 46,561 |
| Accounts payable | - | 6,420 | 15,814 |  | 218 | - | 22,452 |
| Accrued expenses and other |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intercompany payables | 323,825 | 597 | 727,969 |  | 4,394 | (1,056,785) | - |
| Total current liabilities | 325,977 | 50,533 | 803,369 |  | 7,512 | (1,056,785) | 130,606 |
| Long-term debt | - | 152,924 | - |  | - | - | 152,924 |
| Other long-term liabilities | - | 6,253 | 13,995 |  | 92 | - | 20,340 |
| Deferred income taxes | - | 8,067 | - |  | - | - | 8,067 |
| Total liabilities | 325,977 | 217,777 | 817,364 |  | 7,604 | (1,056,785) | 311,937 |
| Shareholders' equity | 290,434 | 643,901 | (101,118) |  | 1,274 | (544,057 ) | 290,434 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$616,411 | \$861,678 | \$716,246 | \$ | 8,878 | \$ $(1,600,842)$ | \$ 602,371 |

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ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET
(In thousands)
June 30, 2011
Parent Issuer Guarantors Non-Guarantors Eliminations Consolidated
Assets
Current assets:

| Cash and cash equivalents | \$- | \$69,763 | \$7,716 | \$ | 1,040 |  | \$ - | \$ 78,519 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Marketable securities | - | 12,909 | - |  | - |  | - | 12,909 |
| Accounts receivable, net | - | 13,609 | 174 |  | 1,253 |  |  | 15,036 |
| Inventories | - | - | 164,938 |  | 4,554 |  | (27,800 | 141,692 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | - | 4,598 | 14,866 |  | 908 |  | - | 20,372 |
| Intercompany receivables | - | 784,285 | 249,461 |  | (8,423 | ) | (1,025,323) | - |
| Total current assets | - | 885,164 | 437,155 |  | (668 | ) | $(1,053,123)$ | 268,528 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | - | 8,023 | 276,057 |  | 10,773 |  | - | 294,853 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets | - | 37,905 | 7,223 |  | - |  | - | 45,128 |
| Restricted cash and investments | - | 16,391 | - |  | - |  | - | 16,391 |
| Other assets | - | 2,700 | 725 |  | - |  | - | 3,425 |
| Investment in affiliated companies | 602,699 | (93,132 | - |  | - |  | (509,567 ) | - |
| Total assets | \$602,699 | \$857,051 | \$721,160 | \$ | 10,105 |  | \$ $(1,562,690)$ | \$ 628,325 |

Equity

| Current liabilities: <br> Current maturities of <br> long-term debt <br> Customer deposits | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 19$ | $\$-$ | $\$-$ | $\$ 19$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Accounts payable | - | - | 59,633 | 3,016 | - | 62,649 |
| Accrued expenses and other |  | 7,333 | 19,233 | 392 | - | 26,958 |
| current liabilities | 2,130 | 43,212 | 18,746 | 902 | - | 64,990 |
| Intercompany payables | 318,882 | 597 | 702,748 | 3,096 | $(1,025,323)$ | - |
| $\quad$ Total current liabilities | 321,012 | 51,142 | 800,379 | 7,406 | $(1,025,323)$ | 154,616 |
| Long-term debt | - | 164,832 | 181 | - | - | 165,013 |
| Other long-term liabilities | - | 4,392 | 14,474 | 109 | - | 18,975 |
| Deferred income taxes | - | 8,034 | - | - | - | 8,034 |
| $\quad$ Total liabilities | 321,012 | 228,400 | 815,034 | 7,515 | $(1,025,323)$ | 346,638 |
| Shareholders' equity | 281,687 | 628,651 | $(93,874$ | $)$ | 2,590 | $(537,367)$ |
| Total liabilities and |  |  |  |  | 281,687 |  |
| shareholders' equity | $\$ 602,699$ | $\$ 857,051$ | $\$ 721,160$ | $\$ 10,105$ | $\$(1,562,690)$ | $\$ 628,325$ |

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## ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF
OPERATIONS
(In thousands)
Three months ended December 31, 2011

|  | Parent | Issuer | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | $\$-$ | $\$ 106,087$ | $\$ 196,556$ | $\$ 8,533$ | $\$(127,901)$ | $\$ 183,275$ |
| Cost of sales | - | 78,863 | 130,514 | 4,503 | $(128,824)$ | 85,056 |
| Gross profit | - | 27,224 | 66,042 | 4,030 | 923 | 98,219 |



| Three months ended December 31, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Parent | Issuer | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Net sales | $\$-$ | $\$ 100,980$ | $\$ 182,505$ | $\$ 7,899$ | $\$(118,039)$ | $\$ 173,345$ |
| Cost of sales | - | 77,387 | 121,588 | 4,271 | $(119,762)$ | 83,484 |
| Gross profit | - | 23,593 | 60,917 | 3,628 | 1,723 | 89,861 |


| Selling, general and <br> administrative expenses | 45 | 11,789 | 64,358 | 3,135 | - | 79,327 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Restructuring and impairment charge, (credit)

| net | - | - | 59 | - | - | 59 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total operating expenses | 45 | 11,789 | 64,417 | 3,135 | - | 79,386 |
| Operating income (loss) | $(45$ | $)$ | 11,804 | $(3,500$ | $)$ | 493 |


| Interest and other miscellaneous income, net | 14,789 | (1,916 | ) | (16 | ) | - | (11,689 | ) | 1,168 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest and other related |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| financing costs | - | 2,825 |  | 77 |  | - | - |  | 2,902 |
| Income before income tax expense | 14,744 | 7,063 |  | (3,593 | ) | 493 | (9,966 | ) | 8,741 |
| Income tax expense | - | (6,003 | ) | - |  | - | - |  | (6,003 |

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Net income/(loss) \$14,744 \$13,066 \$(3,593 ) \$ $493 \quad \$(9,966) \$ 14,744$

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Six months ended December 31, 2010

|  | Parent | Issuer | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | $\$-$ | $\$ 208,498$ | $\$ 357,475$ | $\$ 14,812$ | $\$(242,599)$ | $\$ 338,186$ |
| Cost of sales | - | 159,821 | 240,150 | 7,910 | $(241,937)$ | 165,944 |
| Gross profit | - | 48,677 | 117,325 | 6,902 | $(662)$ | 172,242 |



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Net income/(loss) \$18,557 \$19,309 \$(11,020 ) \$ $830 \quad \$(9,119 \quad) \$ 18,557$

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# ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS 

(In thousands)
Six months ended December 31, 2011
Parent Issuer Guarantors Non-Guarantors Eliminations Consolidated

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities

Cash flows from investing activities:
Capital expenditures - (1,036 ) (9,224 ) (1,132 ) - $\quad(11,392)$

Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment

Change in restricted cash and | investments | 989 | - | - |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Purchase of marketable

| securities | - | $(2,108$ | - | - | - |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Proceeds from the sale of |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| marketable securities | - |  |  |  |  |
| 3,825 |  |  |  |  |  |


| Other | - | 258 | 511 | - |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



Cash flows from financing activities:
Payments on long-term debt - (11,918 ) (210 ) - $\quad$ (12,128 )
Purchases and other
retirements of company stock (847 - - -

Proceeds from issuance of
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { common stock } & 22 & - & - & - & \end{array}$

| Proceeds from noncontrolling |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| interest | - | - | 275 | - | - | 275 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Dividends paid } & (4,031 & ) & - & - & - & - \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Net cash provided by (used } \\ \text { in) financing activities }\end{array} & (4,856 & ) & (11,918 & ) & 65 & - \\ (16,031 & )\end{array}\right)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Effect of exchange rate
$\left.\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { changes on cash } & - & - & - & (298 & ) & - & (298 \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Net decrease in cash and cash } \\ \text { equivalents }\end{array} & - & (11,508 & ) & (2,091 & ) & 1,432 & - & (12,167\end{array}\right)$

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# ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS 

(In thousands)
Six months ended December 31, 2010
Parent Issuer Guarantors Non-GuarantorsEliminations Consolidated
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities
\$ 8,253
\$
(4,790 ) \$
$(2,135)$ \$ 1,444
\$
\$ 2,772
Cash flows from investing activities:
Capital expenditures - $\quad(387) \quad(2,484) \quad(1,286) \quad-\quad(4,157)$

Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment Change in restricted cash and investments
Purchase of marketable

| securities |  | (6,358 | ) | - | - | - | (6,358 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proceeds from the sale of marketable securities | - | 1,000 |  | - | - | - | 1,000 |
| Other | - | (218 | ) | - | - | - | (218 |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | (4,982 | ) | (2,385 | (1,286 | - | (8,653 |

Cash flows from
financing activities:
Payments on long-term
debt - (6,633 ) (22 ) -

Purchases and other retirements of company
stock (5,377 ) - $\quad$ - $\quad-\quad$ -


Net cash provided by (used in) financing
activities (8,253 ) (6,633) (22)
(14,908)

| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | - | - |  | - |  | (32 | ) | - | (32 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | - | (16,405 | ) | (4,542 | ) | 126 |  | - | (20,821 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period |  | 67,269 |  | 5,720 |  | 863 |  | - | 73,852 |

Cash and cash
equivalents - end of
$\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { period } & \$ & - & \$ & 50,864 & \$ & 1,178 & \$ & 989 & \$ & - & \$ \\ 53,031\end{array}$

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ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
The following discussion of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with (i) our Consolidated Financial Statements, and notes thereto, included in item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form $10-\mathrm{Q}$ and (ii) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011.

## Forward-Looking Statements

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations and other sections of this Quarterly Report contain forward-looking statements relating to our future results. Such forward-looking statements are identified by use of forward-looking words such as "anticipates", "believes", "plans", "estimates", "expects", and "intends" or words or phrases of similar expression. These forward-looking statements are subject to management decisions and various assumptions, risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to: the effects of terrorist attacks or conflicts or wars involving the United States or its allies or trading partners; the potential effects of natural disasters affecting our suppliers or trading partners; the effects of labor strikes; weather conditions that may affect sales; volatility in fuel, utility, transportation and security costs; changes in global or regional political or economic conditions, including changes in governmental and central bank policies; changes in business conditions in the furniture industry, including changes in consumer spending patterns and demand for home furnishings; effects of our brand awareness and marketing programs, including changes in demand for our existing and new products; our ability to locate new design center sites and/or negotiate favorable lease terms for additional design centers or for the expansion of existing design centers; competitive factors, including changes in products or marketing efforts of others; pricing pressures; fluctuations in interest rates and the cost, availability and quality of raw materials; those matters discussed in Items 1A and 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011 and in our SEC filings; and our future decisions. Accordingly, actual circumstances and results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements.

## Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's consolidated financial statements are based on the accounting policies used. Certain accounting polices require that estimates and assumptions be made by management for use in the preparation of the financial statements. Critical accounting policies are those that are central to the presentation of the Company's financial condition and results and that require subjective or complex estimates by management. There have been no material changes with respect to the Company's critical accounting policies from those disclosed in its 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on August 18, 2011.

In October 2011 the Company and one of its independent retailers formed a new business entity which began operating a new Ethan Allen design center in Florida. Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of this entity because we are a majority shareholder and have the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity's performance. Noncontrolling interest amounts in the net income (loss) of this entity of (\$29 thousand) net of tax, for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, is included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations within interest and other miscellaneous income, net. Additionally, changes to noncontrolling investment interests of $\$ 0.2$ million are presented in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2011.

Results of Operations
Our Company and the furniture industry remain in a slow recovery period following the 'Great Recession' in the United States and abroad. Unemployment in the U.S. is still over $8 \%$ though slowly decreasing, capital and equity markets

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remain volatile, and performance in housing and related markets remain well below pre-Great Recession levels. However, the actions we took during the Great Recession and the ongoing improvements in how we operate our business continue to be reflected in our sales growth and improving operating profits. In North America, we manufacture and/or assemble approximately $70 \%$ of our products in our six domestic facilities with support from one in Mexico. Our domestic case goods products are manufactured with a custom, made to order process providing a significant differentiating factor in the market. We operate one major wholesale distribution center and 16 retail service centers. We believe we have retained sufficient scalable capacity domestically and abroad to meet higher volumes of demand.

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## ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

We continually re-examine our retail footprint to ensure we remain properly represented in the most profitable markets as well as identify and address underperforming locations. At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, the Company operated 147 design centers, though three new design centers opened and three closed during the current fiscal year. Independent retailers operated 152 design centers at December 31, 2011 compared with 140 at June 30, 2011, with fourteen additional international design centers in China bringing their total to 67. Our international net sales represented $5.6 \%$ and $6.2 \%$ of our consolidated net sales in the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 respectively, with most of that revenue coming from our retailer in China.

Despite difficult economic conditions for our industry, we continue to achieve significant revenue growth. Our wholesale and retail business segments have now had year over year sales growth for eight consecutive quarters, and we have remained profitable for six consecutive quarters. The Company's written business for the quarter also increased compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2011. We have ramped up production in our manufacturing plants and added highly skilled interior designers in our retail division. We are launching major new product offerings, the first two phases of which began during the first and second fiscal quarters, and will continue throughout fiscal 2012. In taking these actions to grow the business, we remain cautious but optimistic.

## Quarter Ended December 31, 2011 Compared to Quarter Ended December 31, 2010

Consolidated revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2011 increased $5.7 \%$ to $\$ 183.3$ million, from $\$ 173.3$ million for the three months ended December 31, 2010, with increases in both the wholesale and retail segments. Written orders and backlogs also increased over the prior year for both segments. We attribute this growth to (i) continued success of our new and innovative marketing initiatives including promotional pricing and our interactive web site ethanallen.com, (ii) the positive effects of our national television and direct mail media campaigns, (iii) an increase in the number of our highly skilled interior designers and other retail associates, (iv) the positive impact of our new product offerings, and (v) our continued repositioning of the retail network.

Wholesale revenue for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 increased $5.8 \%$ to $\$ 106.6$ million from $\$ 100.8$ million in the prior year comparable period. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in the incoming order rate due to promotional activities and new product offerings, our ability to increase production through operating efficiencies, and staffing increases. There was an increase in the number of total design centers globally to 299 from 281 last December, largely from growth in China. The independently operated retail network grew by fourteen design centers to 152 at December 31, 2011 and there were four more Ethan Allen-operated design centers than at December 31, 2010. There was the same number of shipping days in the current quarter compared to the comparable quarter last year.

Retail revenue from Ethan Allen-operated design centers for the three months ended December 31, 2011 increased $9.2 \%$ to $\$ 143.1$ million from $\$ 131.0$ million for the three months ended December 31, 2010. We believe the increase in retail sales by Ethan Allen-operated design centers is due to our promotional marketing campaigns and the design solutions approach of our interior design professionals, continued use of both our national television and direct mail media campaigns, our digital communications to prospective clients, the positive effects of repositioning the retail network, an increase in the number of highly skilled interior designers and other retail associates, and a net increase of four Ethan Allen-operated design centers between December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011. We ended the current quarter with 147 Ethan Allen-operated design centers including five acquired from independent dealers since December 31, 2010.

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Comparable design centers are those which have been operating for at least 15 months. Minimal net sales, derived from the delivery of customer ordered product, are generated during the first three months of operations of newly opened (including relocated) design centers. Design centers acquired by us from independent retailers are included in comparable design centers sales in their 13th full month of Ethan Allen-owned operations. Quarter-over-quarter, written business of Ethan Allen-operated design centers increased $10.3 \%$ while comparable design centers written business increased $6.7 \%$. Over that same period, there was a $21.7 \%$ increase in wholesale orders. The frequency of our promotional events as well as the timing of the end of those events can impact the orders booked during a given quarter.

We have made considerable investment within the retail network to strengthen the level of service, professionalism, interior design competence, efficiency, and effectiveness of the retail design center personnel. We believe that over time, we will continue to benefit from (i) our repositioning of the retail network, (ii) new product introductions, (iii) new marketing promotions, and our interior design affiliate (IDA) program, (iv) continued use of technology including our state-of-the-art website coupled with personal service from our design professionals, and (v) ongoing use of targeted advertising media.

Gross profit increased during the quarter to $\$ 98.2$ million ( $53.6 \%$ of net sales) from $\$ 89.9$ million ( $51.8 \%$ of net sales) in the prior year comparable quarter. The $9.3 \%$ increase in gross profit was primarily attributable to (i) an overall increase in net sales of $5.7 \%$, with increases in shipments in both market segments, (ii) more efficient manufacturing compared to the prior year when the ramping up of upholstery production and the transition to custom case goods continued to be under way, and (iii) net improved pricing. The higher mix of retail net sales to consolidated net sales in the current quarter ( $78 \%$ ) compared to the prior year period ( $76 \%$ ) also contributed to the higher gross profit margin in the current quarter.

Operating expenses increased $6.2 \%$ in absolute terms to $\$ 84.3$ million from $\$ 79.4$ million in the prior year quarter, and increased as a percent of sales to $46.0 \%$ from $45.8 \%$ of sales in the prior year quarter. The dollar increase includes a loss on the sale of real estate during the quarter but was otherwise driven primarily by higher selling and advertising costs and an increase in administrative expenses due to increased retail management headcount.

Operating income and profit margin for the quarter ended December 31, 2011 was $\$ 13.9$ million, or $7.6 \%$ of net sales, an increase of $\$ 3.5$ million or $33.1 \%$ from the prior year quarter's $\$ 10.5$ million, or $6.0 \%$ of net sales. Wholesale operating income for the three months ended December 31, 2011 was $\$ 15.7$ million, or $14.7 \%$ of sales, compared to $\$ 9.9$ million, or $9.8 \%$ of sales, in the prior year comparable quarter. Retail operating loss for the second quarter of fiscal 2012, which included a loss on the sale of real estate, was $\$ 2.5$ million, or a negative $1.8 \%$ of sales, compared to a loss of $\$ 1.2$ million, or a negative $0.9 \%$ of sales the prior year. Improvements in operating income were driven primarily by the $5.7 \%$ growth in consolidated net sales but also arose from continued operating efficiencies achieved.

Interest and other miscellaneous income, net decreased $\$ 1.0$ million from the prior year comparable quarter. This decrease was due to a decrease in miscellaneous non-operating fees.

Interest and other related financing costs amounted to $\$ 2.3$ million in the current quarter compared to $\$ 2.9$ million in the prior year comparable quarter. This reduction is due to lower interest expense resulting from reductions in debt outstanding. Since December 2010, debt has been reduced by $\$ 43.6$ million, including $\$ 9.9$ million reduced during the current quarter due to Senior Note repurchases.

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Income tax expense for the three months ended December 31,2011 totaled $\$ 3.7$ million compared to a benefit of $\$ 6.0$ million for the three months ended December 31, 2010. Our effective tax rate for the current quarter was $31.6 \%$ compared to negative $68.7 \%$ in the prior year quarter. The current quarter effective tax rate includes tax expense on the current quarter's net income, interest expense on uncertain tax positions, and the impact of maintaining valuation allowances on deferred tax assets which also affected the income tax expense in both periods. The prior period effective tax rate benefitted significantly from a change in tax accounting methods which resulted in the utilization of certain deferred tax assets.

Net income for the three months ended December 31 , 2011 , was $\$ 8.1$ million compared to $\$ 14.7$ million in the prior year comparable period. This resulted in net income per diluted share of $\$ 0.28$ in the current quarter compared to $\$ 0.51$ in the prior year quarter.

Six Months Ended December 31, 2011 Compared to the Six Months Ended December 31, 2010

Consolidated revenue for the six months ended December 31, 2011 increased $8.9 \%$ to $\$ 368.2$ million, from $\$ 338.2$ million for the six months ended December 31, 2010, with increases in both the wholesale and retail segments. Written orders and backlogs also increased over the prior year for both segments. We attribute this growth to (i) continued success of our new and innovative marketing initiatives including promotional pricing and our interactive web site ethanallen.com, (ii) the positive effects of our national television and direct mail media campaigns, (iii) an increase in the number of our highly skilled interior designers and other retail associates, and (iv) our continued repositioning of the retail network.

Wholesale revenue for the first six months of fiscal 2012 increased $7.0 \%$ to $\$ 223.0$ million from $\$ 208.3$ million in the prior year comparable period. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in the incoming order rate due to promotional activities and new product offerings, our ability to increase production through operating efficiencies, and staffing increases. There was an increase in the number of total design centers globally to 299 from 281 last year, largely from growth in China. The independently operated retail network grew by fourteen design centers to 152 at December 31, 2011 and there were four more Ethan Allen-operated design centers. There was the same number of shipping days in the current period compared to the comparable period last year.

Retail revenue from Ethan Allen-operated design centers for the six months ended December 31, 2011 increased $12.8 \%$ to $\$ 284.3$ million from $\$ 252.0$ million for the six months ended December 31,2010 . We believe the increase in retail sales by Ethan Allen-operated design centers is due to our promotional marketing campaigns and the design solutions approach of our interior design professionals, continued use of both our national television and direct mail media campaigns, our digital communications to prospective clients, the positive effects of repositioning the retail network, an increase in the number of highly skilled interior designers and other retail associates, and a net increase of four Ethan Allen-operated design centers between December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011. We ended the current period with 147 Ethan Allen-operated design centers including five acquired from independent dealers since December 31, 2010.

Comparable design centers are those which have been operating for at least 15 months. Minimal net sales, derived from the delivery of customer ordered product, are generated during the first three months of operations of newly opened (including relocated) design centers. Design centers acquired by us from independent retailers are included in comparable design centers sales in their 13th full month of Ethan Allen-owned operations. Year-over-year, written business of Ethan Allen-operated design centers increased $11.8 \%$ while comparable design centers written business increased $9.1 \%$. Over that same period, there was a $14.9 \%$ increase in wholesale orders. The frequency of our promotional events as well as the timing of the end of those events can impact the orders booked during a given period.

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We have made considerable investment within the retail network to strengthen the level of service, professionalism, interior design competence, efficiency, and effectiveness of the retail design center personnel. We believe that over time, we will continue to benefit from (i) our repositioning of the retail network, (ii) new product introductions, (iii) new marketing promotions, and our interior design affiliate (IDA) program, (iv) continued use of technology including our state-of-the-art website coupled with personal service from our design professionals, and (v) ongoing use of targeted advertising media.

Gross profit increased during the period to $\$ 196.1$ million ( $53.3 \%$ of net sales) from $\$ 172.2$ million ( $50.9 \%$ of net sales) in the prior year comparable period. The $13.9 \%$ increase in gross profit was primarily attributable to (i) an overall increase in net sales of $8.9 \%$, with increases in shipments in both market segments, (ii) more efficient manufacturing compared to the prior year when the ramping up of upholstery production and the transition to custom case goods continued to be under way, and (iii) net improved pricing. The higher mix of retail net sales to consolidated net sales in the current period ( $77 \%$ ) compared to the prior year period ( $75 \%$ ) also contributed to the higher gross profit margin in the current period.

Operating expenses increased $7.8 \%$ in absolute terms to $\$ 168.5$ million from $\$ 156.4$ million in the prior year period, while decreasing as a percent of sales to $45.8 \%$ from $46.2 \%$ of sales in the prior year period. The dollar increase was driven primarily by higher selling and delivery costs from the $8.9 \%$ higher net sales and an increase in administrative expenses due to increased headcount and a loss on the sale of real estate in our retail segment.

Operating income and profit margin for the six month period ended December 31, 2011 was $\$ 27.6$ million, or $7.5 \%$ of net sales, an increase of $\$ 11.7$ million or $73.9 \%$ from the prior year's $\$ 15.9$ million, or $4.7 \%$ of net sales. Wholesale operating income for the six months ended December 31, 2011 was $\$ 31.4$ million, or $14.1 \%$ of sales, compared to $\$ 21.8$ million, or $10.5 \%$ of sales, in the prior year comparable period. Retail operating loss for the first six months of fiscal 2012 was $\$ 4.0$ million, or a negative $1.4 \%$ of sales, compared to a loss of $\$ 5.5$ million, or a negative $2.2 \%$ of sales the prior year. Improvements in operating income across the business were driven primarily by the $8.9 \%$ growth in consolidated net sales but also arose from continued operating efficiencies achieved.

Interest and other miscellaneous income, net decreased $\$ 4.1$ million from the prior year comparable period. This decrease was due to a decrease in miscellaneous non-operating fees during the current year and the recording of a $\$ 1.5$ million out of period adjustment related to non-operating income in the prior year.

Interest and other related financing costs amounted to $\$ 4.6$ million in the current period compared to $\$ 5.9$ million in the prior year comparable period. The $\$ 1.3$ million reduction resulted from reductions in debt outstanding. Since December 2010, debt has been reduced by $\$ 43.6$ million, including $\$ 11.9$ million reduced during the current fiscal year through Senior Note repurchases.

Income tax expense for the six months ended December 31, 2011 totaled $\$ 8.3$ million compared to a benefit of $\$ 4.2$ million for the six months ended December 31, 2010. Our effective tax rate for the current period was $35.9 \%$ compared to negative $29.7 \%$ in the prior year period. The current period effective tax rate includes tax expense on the current year's net income, interest expense on uncertain tax positions, and the impact of maintaining valuation allowances on deferred tax assets which also affected the income tax expense in both periods. The prior period effective tax rate benefitted from the utilization of certain deferred tax assets.

Net income for the six months ended December 31, 2011, was $\$ 14.8$ million compared to $\$ 18.6$ million in the prior year comparable period. This resulted in net income per diluted share of $\$ 0.51$ in the current period compared to $\$ 0.64$ in the prior year period.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources
At December 31, 2011, we held cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 66.4$ million, marketable securities of $\$ 11.0$ million, and restricted cash and investments of $\$ 15.4$ million. At June 30, 2011, we held cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 78.5$ million, marketable securities of $\$ 12.9$ million, and restricted cash and investments of $\$ 16.4$ million. Our principal sources of liquidity include cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, cash flow from operations, amounts available under our credit facility, and other borrowings.

In September 2005, we issued $\$ 200.0$ million in ten-year senior unsecured notes due 2015 (the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes were issued by Global, bearing an annual coupon rate of $5.375 \%$ with interest payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1. We have used the net proceeds of $\$ 198.4$ million to improve our retail network, invest in our manufacturing and logistics operations, and for other general corporate purposes. During fiscal 2011, the Company reduced its outstanding debt by $\$ 38.2$ million. Outstanding debt was further reduced by $\$ 12.1$ million during the six month period ended December 31, 2011.

We also maintain a $\$ 50$ million senior secured, asset-based revolving credit facility (the "Facility"). At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, we had no revolving loans and $\$ 0.7$ million of standby and trade letters of credit outstanding under the Facility. The Facility is subject to borrowing base availability and includes a right for the Company to increase the total facility to $\$ 100$ million, subject to certain conditions. The Facility is secured by all property owned, leased or operated by the Company in the United States excluding any real property owned by the Company and contains customary covenants which may limit the Company's ability to incur debt, engage in mergers and consolidations, make restricted payments (including dividends), sell certain assets, and make investments. Remaining availability under the facility totaled $\$ 49.3$ million at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 and as a result, covenants and other restricted payment limitations did not apply. The Facility expires March 25, 2016, or June 26, 2015 if the Senior Notes have not been refinanced prior to that date.

At December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, we were in compliance with all covenants of the Senior Notes and the Facility.

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A summary of net cash provided by (used in) operating, investing, and financing activities for the six month periods ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 is provided below (in millions):

|  | Six months ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 |  |  | 2010 |  |  |
| Operating Activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income plus depreciation and amortization | \$ | 24.4 |  | \$ | 29.5 |  |
| Working capital |  | (17.4 | ) |  | (26.5 |  |
| Other (non-cash items, long-term assets and liabilities) |  | 4.0 |  |  | (0.2 |  |
| Total provided by (used in) operating activities | \$ | 11.0 |  | \$ | 2.8 |  |
| Investing Activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital expenditures and acquisitions | \$ | (11.4 | ) | \$ | (4.2 |  |
| Change in restricted cash and investments |  | 1.0 |  |  | 1.0 |  |
| Sales of marketable securities (net) |  | 1.7 |  |  | (5.4 |  |
| Other investing activities |  | 2.6 |  |  | (0.1 |  |
| Total provided by (used in) investing activities | \$ | (6.1 | ) | \$ | (8.7 |  |
| Financing Activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Payments of long-term debt | \$ | (12.1 | ) | \$ | (6.6 |  |
| Purchases and retirements of company stock |  | (0.9 | ) |  | (5.4 |  |
| Payment of cash dividends |  | (4.0 | ) |  | (2.9 |  |
| Other financing activities |  | 0.3 |  |  | - |  |
| Total provided by (used in) financing activities | \$ | (16.7 | ) | \$ | (14.9 |  |

## Operating Activities

In the first six months of fiscal 2012, cash of $\$ 11.0$ million was generated by operating activities, an increase of $\$ 8.2$ million from the prior fiscal period. This increase was due largely to the $\$ 30.0$ million increase in sales which contributed to an increase in income before income taxes of $\$ 8.8$ million. Income taxes in the prior year were largely affected by non-cash changes to valuation reserves included in working capital.

## Investing Activities

In the first six months of fiscal 2012, $\$ 6.1$ million of cash was used in investing activities, which is $\$ 2.6$ million less than used during the first six months of fiscal 2011. This decrease was largely from higher proceeds from net sales of marketable securities in the current period, partly offset by an increase in capital expenditures in the current period. We anticipate that cash from operations will be sufficient to fund future capital expenditures.

## Financing Activities

In the first six months of fiscal 2012, $\$ 16.7$ million was used in financing activities, which is a $\$ 1.8$ million increase over cash used in the first six months of fiscal 2011. This increase was primarily caused by an increase in Senior Note buybacks in the current period, partly offset by a reduction in repurchases of our common stock during the current period. The Company increased its quarterly cash dividend rate in January 2011 to $\$ 0.07$ from $\$ 0.05$ per share. The Company has continuously paid dividends every quarter since 1996 and we expect to continue to do so as economic conditions and liquidity permit.

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As of December 31, 2011, our outstanding debt totaled $\$ 152.9$ million, which is all long-term. This consists of our long-term Senior Notes which mature in September 2015 (fiscal 2016). At June 30, 2011, our outstanding debt totaled $\$ 165.0$ million, the current and long-term portions of which amounted to less than $\$ 0.1$ million and $\$ 165.0$ million respectively.

There has been no material change to the amount or timing of cash payments related to our outstanding contractual obligations as set forth in Part II, Item 7 - Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011 as filed with the SEC on August 18, 2011.

We believe that our cash flow from operations, together with our other available sources of liquidity, will be adequate to make all required payments of principal and interest on our debt, to permit anticipated capital expenditures, and to fund working capital and other cash requirements. As of December 31, 2011, we had working capital of \$117.1 million compared to $\$ 113.9$ million at June 30, 2011, an increase of $\$ 3.2$ million, or $2.8 \%$. The Company had a current ratio of 1.90 to 1 at December 31, 2011 and 1.74 to 1 at June 30, 2011.

In addition to using available cash to fund changes in working capital, capital expenditures, acquisition activity, the repayment of debt, the payment of dividends, and debt repurchases, we have been authorized by our Board of Directors to repurchase our common stock, from time to time, either directly or through agents, in the open market at prices and on terms satisfactory to us. All of our common stock repurchases and retirements are recorded as treasury stock and result in a reduction of shareholders' equity.

During the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, we repurchased and/or retired the following shares of our common stock:

|  | Six months ended |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 2011 | December 31, |  |
| Common shares repurchased | 22,293 |  | 2010 |
| Cost to repurchase common shares | $\$$ | 846,587 | $\$$ |
| Average price per share | $\$$ | 16.19 | $\$, 787,777$ |

At December 31, 2011, we had a remaining Board authorization to repurchase $1,128,490$ shares as compared to 1,180,783 shares at June 30, 2011.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Other Commitments, Contingencies and Contractual Obligations
We do not utilize or employ any off-balance sheet arrangements, including special-purpose entities, in operating our business. As such, we do not maintain any (i) retained or contingent interests, (ii) derivative instruments (other than as specified below), or (iii) variable interests which could serve as a source of potential risk to our future liquidity, capital resources and results of operations.

We may, from time to time in the ordinary course of business, provide guarantees on behalf of selected affiliated entities or become contractually obligated to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of certain business agreements. The nature and extent of these guarantees and obligations may vary based on our underlying relationship with the benefiting party and the business purpose for which the guarantee or obligation is being provided. The only such program in place at December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 was for our consumer credit program.

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## Ethan Allen Consumer Credit Program

The terms and conditions of our consumer credit program, which is financed and administered by a third-party financial institution on a non-recourse basis to Ethan Allen, are set forth in an agreement between the Company and that financial service provider (the "Program Agreement"). Any independent retailer choosing to participate in the consumer credit program is required to enter into a separate agreement with that same third-party financial institution which sets forth the terms and conditions under which the retailer is to perform in connection with its offering of consumer credit to its customers (the "Retailer Agreement??. We have obligated ourselves on behalf of any independent retailer choosing to participate in our consumer credit program by agreeing, in the event of default, breach, or failure of the independent retailer to perform under such Retailer Agreement, to take on certain responsibilities of the independent retailer, including, but not limited to, delivery of goods and reimbursement of customer deposits. Customer receivables originated by independent retailers remain non-recourse to Ethan Allen. Our obligation remains in effect for the term of the Program Agreement that expires in July 2014. While the maximum potential amount of future payments (undiscounted) that we could be required to make under this obligation is indeterminable, recourse provisions exist that would enable us to recover, from the independent retailer, any amount paid or incurred by us related to our performance. Based on the underlying creditworthiness of our independent retailers, including their historical ability to satisfactorily perform in connection with the terms of our consumer credit program, we believe this obligation will expire without requiring funding by us. To ensure funding for delivery of products sold, the terms of this agreement also contain a right for the credit card issuer to demand from the Company collateral of up to $\$ 12$ million if the Company does not meet certain covenants. As of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, the Company maintained a restricted cash and investment collateral account of $\$ 6$ million to satisfy the current collateral requirement.

## Product Warranties

Our products, including our case goods, upholstery and home accents, generally carry explicit product warranties that extend from one to ten years and are provided based on terms that are generally accepted in the industry. All of our domestic independent retailers are required to enter into, and perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of, a warranty service agreement. We record provisions for estimated warranty and other related costs at time of sale based on historical warranty loss experience and make periodic adjustments to those provisions to reflect actual experience. On rare occasions, certain warranty and other related claims involve matters of dispute that ultimately are resolved by negotiation, arbitration or litigation. In certain cases, a material warranty issue may arise which is beyond the scope of our historical experience. We provide for such warranty issues as they become known and are deemed to be both probable and estimable. It is reasonably possible that, from time to time, additional warranty and other related claims could arise from disputes or other matters beyond the scope of our historical experience. As of both December 31,2011 and June 30, 2011, our product warranty liability totaled $\$ 0.8$ million.

## Business Outlook

We continue to have year-over-year increases in sales for both business segments, strong incoming orders during the current quarter, and six quarters of profitability, all of which are indicators that the Company is performing relatively well in the current challenging overall business climate. However, continued fears of an overseas debt crisis regarding European sovereign debt and continued volatility in major stock indices during the quarter ended December 31, 2011 signal that significant uncertainty remains. Although some of the economic factors we feel are important to our customer base including housing values, housing turnover, and home mortgage and other consumer credit availability have not improved meaningfully, customers are nevertheless returning to our design centers and buying our quality products. During the current fiscal year, we are introducing a significant number of new products which we anticipate will be well received by our clients. We remain cautiously optimistic about our long-term outlook.

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As macro-economic factors change, it is also possible that our costs associated with production (including raw materials and labor), distribution (including freight and fuel charges), and retail operations (including compensation and benefits, delivery and warehousing, occupancy, and advertising expenses) may increase. We may also experience production difficulties as we continue to increase capacity of our remaining manufacturing plants to match demand, and to improve efficiency in our custom case goods production. We cannot reasonably predict when, or to what extent, such events may occur or what effect, if any, such events may have on our consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

The home furnishings industry remains extremely competitive with respect to both the sourcing of products and the wholesale and retail sale of those products. Domestic manufacturers continue to face pricing pressures because of the manufacturing capabilities of other countries, particularly within Asia. In response to these pressures, a large number of U.S. furniture manufacturers have increased their overseas sourcing to retain market share. While we have also turned to overseas sourcing to remain competitive, we choose to differentiate ourselves by maintaining a substantial domestic manufacturing base. Consequently, we manufacture and/or assemble approximately $70 \%$ of our products domestically. We continue to believe that a balanced approach to product sourcing, which includes the domestic manufacture of certain product offerings coupled with the import of other selected products, provides the greatest degree of flexibility and is the most effective approach to ensuring that acceptable levels of quality, service and value are attained.

Our retail strategy involves (i) a continued focus on providing a wide array of product solutions and superior interior design solutions, (ii) the opening of new or relocated design centers in more prominent locations, while encouraging independent retailers to do the same, and (iii) leveraging the use of technology and personal service within our retail network, and (iv) further expansion internationally. We believe this strategy provides an opportunity to grow our business.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk
There have been no material changes to the market risks disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011 as filed with the SEC on August 18, 2011.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures
Management's Report on Disclosure Controls and Procedures
Our management, including the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Vice President-Finance ("VPF"), conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, the CEO and VPF have concluded that, as of December 31, 2011, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that material information relating to us (including our consolidated subsidiaries), which is required to be disclosed by us in our periodic reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to management, including the CEO and VPF, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

## Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2011 that have materially
affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings
There have been no material changes to the matters discussed in Part I, Item 3 - Legal Proceedings in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011 as filed with the SEC on August 18, 2011.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the market risks disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011 as filed with the SEC on August 18, 2011.

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

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities
There were no purchases made by or on behalf of the Company or any affiliated purchaser (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Exchange Act) of our common stock during the three months ended December 31, 2011 The maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or program is $1,128,490$.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities
Not applicable.

Item 4. Reserved
Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Description
Number
31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)Certification of Principal Executive Officer
31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)Certification of Principal Financial Officer
32.1 Section 1350Certification of Principal Executive Officer
32.2 Section 1350Certification of Principal Financial Officer
101.INS** XBRL Instance
101.SCH** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation
101.DEF** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition
101.LAB** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels
101.PRE** XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation
** XBRL information is furnished and not filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

## ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC. (Registrant)

DATE: February 2, 2012
BY: /s/ M. Farooq Kathwari
M. Farooq Kathwari

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

DATE: February 2, 2012 BY: /s/ David R. Callen
David R. Callen
Vice President, Finance \& Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal
Accounting Officer)

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** XBRL information is furnished and not filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.


[^0]:    LevelInputs are based upon unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets. 1

