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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED December 31, 2013

OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

Commission File number 1-10799

ADDvantage Technologies Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OKLAHOMA 73-1351610
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
organization)

1221 E. Houston
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012
(Address of principal executive office)
(918) 251-9121
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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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
filer
Non-accelerated filer (do not check if a smaller reporting
company) Smaller reporting company

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

Shares outstanding of the issuer's \$.01 par value common stock as of January 31, 2014 were 9,998,480.

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ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | December 31, 2013 (unaudited) | September 30, 2013 (audited) |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$7,744,725 | \$8,366,657 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$300,000 | 2,951,094 | 3,020,853 |
| Income tax refund receivable | 110,397 | 272,380 |
| Inventories, net of allowance for excess and obsolete inventory of \$1,910,000 and \$1,750,000, respectively | 23,006,484 | 20,730,453 |
| Prepaid expenses | 117,129 | 122,283 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,166,000 | 1,066,000 |
| Total current assets | 35,095,829 | 33,578,626 |
| Property and equipment, at cost: | | |
| Land and buildings | 8,794,272 | 8,794,272 |
| Machinery and equipment | 3,126,796 | 3,125,422 |
| Leasehold improvements | 9,633 | 9,633 |
| Total property and equipment, at cost | 11,930,701 | 11,929,327 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (4,049,872) | (3,963,444) |
| Net property and equipment | 7,880,829 | 7,965,883 |
| Other assets: | | |
| Goodwill | 1,560,183 | 1,560,183 |
| Other assets | 11,428 | 11,428 |
| Total other assets | 1,571,611 | 1,571,611 |
| Total assets | \$44,548,269 | \$43,116,120 |

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | December 31, 2013 (unaudited) | September 30, 2013 (audited) |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$2,906,907 | \$1,308,869 |
| Accrued expenses | 588,390 | 934,856 |
| Notes payable – current portion | 184,008 | 184,008 |
| Total current liabilities | 3,679,305 | 2,427,733 |
| Notes payable, less current portion | 1,272,602 | 1,318,604 |
| Deferred income taxes | 240,000 | 193,000 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$.01 par value; 30,000,000 shares authorized; 10,499,138 shares issued; and 9,998,480 shares outstanding | | |
| | 104,991 | 104,991 |
| Paid in capital | (5,564,658) | (5,578,500) |
| Retained earnings | 45,816,043 | 45,650,306 |
| Total shareholders' equity before treasury stock | 40,356,376 | 40,176,797 |
| Less: Treasury stock, 500,658 shares, at cost | (1,000,014) | (1,000,014) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 39,356,362 | 39,176,783 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$44,548,269 | \$43,116,120 |

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Sales: | | |
| Net new sales income | \$4,279,785 | \$5,598,898 |
| Net refurbished sales income | 1,733,579 | 3,013,217 |
| Net service income | 878,463 | 1,004,083 |
| Total net sales | 6,891,827 | 9,616,198 |
| Cost of sales | 4,786,140 | 6,470,370 |
| Gross profit | 2,105,687 | 3,145,828 |
| Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses | 1,832,967 | 1,853,530 |
| Income from operations | 272,720 | 1,292,298 |
| Interest expense | 5,983 | 6,881 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 266,737 | 1,285,417 |
| Provision for income taxes | 101,000 | 488,000 |
| Net income attributable to common shareholders | \$165,737 | \$797,417 |
| Earnings per share: | | |
| Basic | \$0.02 | \$0.08 |
| Diluted | \$0.02 | \$0.08 |
| Shares used in per share calculation: | | |
| Basic | 9,998,480 | 10,185,026 |
| Diluted | 10,009,689 | 10,185,398 |

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Operating Activities | | |
| Net income | \$165,737 | \$797,417 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 86,428 | 78,723 |
| Provision for excess and obsolete inventories | 160,000 | 160,000 |
| Deferred income tax benefit | (53,000) | (24,000) |
| Share based compensation expense | 31,341 | 41,392 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 69,759 | (119,536) |
| Income tax refund receivable | 161,983 | 409,386 |
| Inventories | (2,436,031) | 873,931 |
| Prepaid expenses | (12,345) | 28,803 |
| Other assets | - | 2,350 |
| Accounts payable | 1,598,038 | 261,549 |
| Income tax payable | - | 107,918 |
| Accrued expenses | (346,466) | (348,728) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | (574,556) | 2,269,205 |
| Investing Activities | | |
| Additions to machinery and equipment | (1,374) | - |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (1,374) | - |
| Financing Activities | | |
| Payments on notes payable | (46,002) | (46,002) |
| Purchases of treasury stock | - | (68,713) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (46,002) | (114,715) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (621,932) | 2,154,490 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 8,366,657 | 5,191,514 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$7,744,725 | \$7,346,004 |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$5,953 | \$6,847 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$- | \$- |

See notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation and Description of Business

Basis of presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial statements and do not include all the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. However, the information furnished reflects all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring items which are, in the opinion of management, necessary in order to make the consolidated financial statements not misleading. The consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2013 have been audited by an independent registered public accounting firm. It is suggested that these consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013.

ADDvantage Technologies Group, Inc., through its subsidiaries Tulsat Corporation, Tulsat-Atlanta LLC, ADDvantage Technologies Group of Nebraska (dba Tulsat-Nebraska), ADDvantage Technologies Group of Texas, Inc. (dba Tulsat-Texas), NCS Industries, Inc., ADDvantage Technologies Group of Missouri, Inc. (dba ComTech Services) and Adams Global Communications, LLC (collectively, the "Company"), sells new, surplus and re-furbished cable television equipment throughout North America, Central America, South America and, to a substantially lesser extent, other international regions that utilize the same technology. In addition, the Company also repairs cable television equipment for various cable companies. The Company operates in one business segment and product sales consist of different types of equipment used in the cable television equipment industry.

Fair value of financial instruments

The carrying amounts of accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value due to their short maturities. The carrying value of the term debt approximates fair value since the interest rate fluctuates periodically based on a floating interest rate.

Note 2 – Inventories

Inventories at December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013 are as follows:

| | December 31, 2013 | September 30, 2013 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| New | \$ 18,957,434 | \$ 16,355,035 |
| Refurbished | 5,959,050 | 6,125,418 |
| Allowance for excess and obsolete inventory | (1,910,000) | (1,750,000) |
| | \$ 23,006,484 | \$ 20,730,453 |

New inventory includes products purchased from the manufacturers plus "surplus-new", which are unused products purchased from other distributors or multiple system operators. Refurbished inventory includes factory refurbished, Company refurbished and used products. Generally, the Company does not refurbish its used inventory until there is a sale of that product or to keep a certain quantity on hand.

The Company regularly reviews inventory quantities on hand, and an adjustment to cost is recognized when the loss of usefulness of an item or other factors, such as obsolete and excess inventories, indicate that cost will not be recovered when an item is sold. The Company recorded charges to allow for obsolete inventory during the three

months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, increasing the cost of sales by approximately \$0.2 million each year.

Note 3 – Line of Credit and Notes Payable

Notes Payable

The Company has an Amended and Restated Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement (“Credit and Term Loan Agreement”). The only outstanding term loan under the Credit and Term Loan Agreement has an outstanding balance of approximately \$1.5 million at December 31, 2013 and is due on November 20, 2021, with monthly principal payments of \$15,334 plus accrued interest. The interest rate is the prevailing 30-day LIBOR rate plus 1.4% (1.57% at December 31, 2013) and is reset monthly. This term loan is collateralized by inventory, accounts receivable, equipment and fixtures and general intangibles.

Line of Credit

The Company has a \$7.0 million Revolving Line of Credit (“Line of Credit”) under the Credit and Term Loan Agreement. At December 31, 2013, the Company had no amount outstanding under the Line of Credit. The Line of Credit requires quarterly interest payments based on the prevailing 30-day LIBOR rate plus 2.75% (2.92% at December 31, 2013), and the interest rate is reset monthly. Any future borrowings under the Line of Credit are due on November 28, 2014. Future borrowings under the Line of Credit are limited to the lesser of \$7.0 million or the net balance of 80% of qualified accounts receivable plus 50% of qualified inventory. Under these limitations, the Company’s total available Line of Credit borrowing base was \$7.0 million at December 31, 2013. Among other financial covenants, the Line of Credit agreement provides that the Company maintain a fixed charge ratio of coverage (EBITDA to total fixed charges) of not less than 1.25 to 1.0, determined quarterly. The Line of Credit is collateralized by inventory, accounts receivable, equipment and fixtures and general intangibles.

The carrying value of the Company’s borrowings approximates fair value since the interest rate fluctuates periodically based on a floating interest rate.

Note 4 – Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share are based on the sum of the average number of common shares outstanding and issuable restricted and deferred shares. Diluted earnings per share include any dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock. In computing the diluted weighted average shares, the average stock price for the period is used in determining the number of shares assumed to be reacquired under the treasury stock method from the exercise of options.

Basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 are:

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net income attributable to common shareholders | \$ 165,737 | \$ 797,417 |
| Basic weighted average shares | 9,998,480 | 10,185,026 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | |
| Stock options | 11,209 | 372 |
| Diluted weighted average shares | 10,009,689 | 10,185,398 |

Earnings per common share:

| | | |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Basic | \$0.02 | \$0.08 |
| Diluted | \$0.02 | \$0.08 |

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Note 5 – Stock Option Plan

Plan Information

The 1998 Incentive Stock Plan (the “Plan”) provides for awards of stock options and restricted stock to officers, directors, key employees and consultants. The Plan provides that upon any issuance of additional shares of common stock by the Company, other than pursuant to the Plan, the number of shares covered by the Plan will increase to an amount equal to 10% of the then outstanding shares of common stock. Under the Plan, option prices will be set by the Board of Directors and may be greater than, equal to, or less than fair market value on the grant date.

At December 31, 2013, 1,024,656 shares of common stock were reserved for the exercise of, or lapse of restrictions on, stock awards under the Plan. Of these reserved shares, 280,141 shares were available for future grants.

Stock Options

All share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, are recognized in the financial statements based on their grant date fair value over the requisite service period. Compensation expense for share-based awards is included in the operating, selling, general and administrative expense section of the Company’s Consolidated Statements of Income.

Stock options are valued at the date of the award, which does not precede the approval date, and compensation cost is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. Stock options granted to employees generally become exercisable over a four or five-year period from the date of grant and generally expire ten years after the date of grant. Stock options granted to the Board of Directors generally become exercisable on the date of grant and generally expire ten years after the grant.

A summary of the status of the Company's stock options at December 31, 2013 and changes during the three months then ended is presented below:

| | Shares | Wtd. Avg. Ex. Price |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Outstanding at September 30, 2013 | 363,000 | \$2.83 |
| Granted | – | – |
| Exercised | – | – |
| Expired | – | – |
| Forfeited | – | – |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2013 | 363,000 | \$2.83 |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2013 | 163,000 | \$3.30 |

No nonqualified stock options were granted for the three months ended December 31, 2013. The Company estimates the fair value of the options granted using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The Company estimates the expected term of options granted based on the historical grants and exercises of the Company’s options. The Company estimates the volatility of its common stock at the date of the grant based on both the historical volatility as well as the

implied volatility on its common stock. The Company bases the risk-free rate that is used in the Black-Scholes option valuation model on the implied yield in effect at the time of the option grant on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with equivalent expected term. The Company has never paid cash dividends on its common stock and does not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Consequently, the Company uses an expected dividend yield of zero in the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The Company amortizes the resulting fair value of the options ratably over the vesting period of the awards. The Company uses historical data to estimate the pre-vesting option forfeitures and records share-based expense only for those awards that are expected to vest.

Compensation expense related to unvested stock options recorded for the three months ended December 31, 2013 is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 |
|------------------------|--|
| Fiscal year 2012 grant | \$13,842 |

The Company records compensation expense over the vesting term of the related options. At December 31, 2013, compensation costs related to these unvested stock options not yet recognized in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income was \$97,347.

Restricted Stock

The Company granted restricted stock in March 2013 to its Board of Directors totaling 31,815 shares, which were valued at market value on the date of grant. The shares are being held by the Company for 12 months and will be delivered to the directors and employee at the end of the 12 month holding period. The fair value of these shares upon issuance totaled \$70,000 and is being amortized over the 12 month holding period as compensation expense. The unamortized portion of the restricted stock is included in prepaid expenses on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Note 6 – Subsequent Event

Subsequent to December 31, 2013, the Company received an unsolicited offer to buy Adams Global Communications LLC ("AGC"). The Company elected to pursue this opportunity to sell AGC as management determined that AGC did not fit within the Company's primary cable television equipment distribution business of selling new and used headend and access and transport equipment, and AGC was not performing to the Company's expectations. On January 31, 2014, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the majority of the net assets and operations of Adams Global Communications to Adams Cable Equipment, a supplier of customer premise equipment ("CPE") and other products for the cable television industry, for approximately \$2 million in cash. As part of the sales agreement, ADDvantage retains their existing relationship with ARRIS, as well as non-CPE inventory consisting primarily of headend and access and transport equipment. In addition, ADDvantage will retain the AGC facility. As part of the agreement, the Company also agreed to not compete in the used CPE market for three years. AGC's net assets that were disposed of consisted of approximately \$2.6 million of current assets, \$0.5 million of noncurrent assets and \$0.1 million of current liabilities, which will yield a loss on the sale, net of tax, of approximately \$0.6 million.

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

Special Note on Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"), other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to our business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words "estimates," "projects," "believes," "plans," "intends," "will likely result," and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and developments beyond our control or foresight, including changes in the trends of the cable television industry, changes in our supplier agreements, technological developments, changes in the economic environment generally, the growth or formation of competitors, changes in governmental regulation or taxation, changes in our personnel and other such factors. Our actual results, performance or achievements may differ significantly from the results, performance or achievement expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Overview

The following MD&A is intended to help the reader understand the results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows of ADDvantage Technologies Group, Inc. MD&A is provided as a supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with the information presented elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q and with the information presented in our annual report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended September 30, 2013, which includes our audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Recent Business Developments

Sale of Adams Global Communications

Subsequent to December 31, 2013, the Company received an unsolicited offer to buy Adams Global Communications LLC ("AGC"). The Company elected to pursue this opportunity to sell AGC as management determined that AGC did not fit within the Company's primary cable television equipment distribution business of selling new and used headend and access and transport equipment, and AGC was not performing to the Company's expectations. On January 31, 2014, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the majority of the net assets and operations of Adams Global Communications to Adams Cable Equipment, a supplier of customer premise equipment ("CPE") and other products for the cable television industry, for approximately \$2 million in cash. As part of the sales agreement, ADDvantage retains their existing relationship with ARRIS, as well as non-CPE inventory consisting primarily of headend and access and transport equipment. In addition, ADDvantage will retain the AGC facility. As part of the agreement, the Company also agreed to not compete in the used CPE market for three years. AGC's net assets that were disposed of consisted of approximately \$2.6 million of current assets, \$0.5 million of noncurrent assets and \$0.1 million of current liabilities, which will yield a loss on the sale, net of tax, of approximately \$0.6 million.

Results of Operations

Comparison of Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012

Total Net Sales. Total net sales decreased \$2.7 million, or 28%, to \$6.9 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$9.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2012. The decrease in net sales was primarily due to the continued decrease in plant expansions and bandwidth upgrades in the cable television industry and the absence of equipment sales as a result of Hurricane Sandy for the three months ended December 31, 2012. New equipment sales decreased \$1.3 million, or 24%, to \$4.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$5.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2012. Net refurbished sales decreased \$1.3 million, or

43%, to \$1.7 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$3.0 million for the same period last year. Net repair service revenues decreased \$0.1 million, or 13%, to \$0.9 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$1.0 million for the same period last year.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales includes (i) the costs of new and refurbished equipment, on a weighted average cost basis, sold during the period, (ii) the equipment costs used in repairs, (iii) the related transportation costs, and (iv) the labor and overhead directly related to these sales. Cost of sales decreased \$1.7 million, or 26%, to \$4.8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$6.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2012. The decrease in cost of sales was due primarily to a net decrease in equipment sales. Cost of sales as a percent of revenue was 69% for the three months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to 67% for the same period last year. The increase in cost of sales as a percent of revenue was due primarily to significantly lower costs on certain refurbished equipment sold during the three months ended December 31, 2012.

Gross Profit. Gross profit decreased \$1.0 million, or 33%, to \$2.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$3.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2012. The decrease in gross profit primarily resulted from increased sales of certain refurbished equipment purchased at significant discounts for the three months ended December 31, 2012 as discussed above. Gross profit margins decreased to 31% for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from 33% for the same period last year.

Operating, Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses include all personnel costs, which include fringe benefits, insurance and business taxes, as well as occupancy, communication and professional services, among other less significant cost categories. Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses remained flat at \$1.8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Income from Operations. Income from operations decreased \$1.0 million, or 79%, to \$0.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$1.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2012 for the reasons described above.

Interest Expense. Interest expense decreased \$1 thousand, or 13%, to \$6 thousand for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$7 thousand for the three months ended December 31, 2012.

Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes decreased by \$0.4 million to \$0.1 million, or an effective rate of 37.9%, for the three months ended December 31, 2013 from \$0.5 million, or an effective rate of 38.0% for the same period last year.

Critical Accounting Policies

Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Form 10-K/A for fiscal 2013 includes a summary of the significant accounting policies or methods used in the preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements. Some of those significant accounting policies or methods require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported by us. We believe the following items require the most significant judgments and often involve complex estimates.

General

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience, current market conditions, and various other factors we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form

the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The most significant estimates and assumptions relate to the carrying value of our inventory and, to a lesser extent, the adequacy of our allowance for doubtful accounts.

Inventory Valuation

Our position in the industry requires us to carry large inventory quantities relative to annual sales, but it also allows us to realize high overall gross profit margins on our sales. We market our products primarily to MSOs and other users of cable television equipment who are seeking products for which manufacturers have discontinued production or cannot ship new equipment on a same-day basis. Carrying these large inventory quantities represents our largest risk.

Our inventory consists of new and used electronic components for the cable television industry. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market, and our cost is determined using the weighted-average method. At December 31, 2013, we had total inventory of \$24.9 million, against which we have a reserve of \$1.9 million for excess and obsolete inventory, leaving us a net inventory of \$23.0 million.

We are required to make judgments as to future demand requirements from our customers. We regularly review the value of our inventory in detail with consideration given to rapidly changing technology, which can significantly affect future customer demand. For individual inventory items, we may carry inventory quantities that are excessive relative to market potential, or we may not be able to recover our acquisition costs for sales that we do make. In order to address the risks associated with our investment in inventory, we review inventory quantities on hand and reduce the carrying value when the loss of usefulness of an item or other factors, such as obsolete and excess inventories, indicate that cost will not be recovered when an item is sold. For the three months ended December 31, 2013, we recorded charges to our reserve for excess and obsolete inventory of \$0.2 million. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, and our estimates prove to be inaccurate, we could be required to increase our inventory reserve and our gross margins could be adversely affected.

Inbound freight charges are included in cost of sales. Purchasing and receiving costs, inspection costs, warehousing costs, internal transfer costs and other inventory expenditures are included in operating expenses, since the amounts involved are not considered material.

Accounts Receivable Valuation

Management judgments and estimates are made in connection with establishing the allowance for returns and doubtful accounts. Specifically, we analyze historical return volumes, the aging of accounts receivable balances, historical bad debts, customer concentrations, customer creditworthiness, current economic trends and changes in our customer payment terms. Significant changes in customer concentration or payment terms, deterioration of customer creditworthiness, or weakening in economic trends could have a significant impact on the collectability of receivables and our operating results. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required. At December 31, 2013, accounts receivable, net of allowance for returns and doubtful accounts of \$0.3 million, amounted to \$3.0 million.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price of acquisitions over the acquisition date fair value of the net assets of businesses acquired. Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized and are tested at least annually for impairment. We perform our annual analysis during the fourth quarter of each fiscal year and in any other period in which indicators of impairment warrant additional analysis. Goodwill is evaluated for impairment by first comparing our estimate of the fair value of the reporting unit, or operating segment, with the reporting unit's carrying value, including goodwill. Our reporting unit for purposes of the goodwill impairment calculation is our consolidated entity.

Management utilizes a discounted cash flow analysis to determine the estimated fair value of our reporting unit. Significant judgments and assumptions including the discount rate and anticipated revenue growth rate, gross margins and operating expenses are inherent in these fair value estimates, which are based on historical operating results. As a result, actual results may differ from the estimates utilized in our discounted cash flow analysis. The use of alternate judgments and/or assumptions could result in the recognition of different levels of impairment charges in the financial statements. If the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, a computation of the implied fair value of goodwill would then be compared to its related carrying value. If the carrying value of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of goodwill, an impairment loss would be recognized in

the amount of the excess. If an impairment charge is incurred, it would negatively impact our results of operations and financial position.

Although we do not anticipate a future impairment charge, certain events could occur that might adversely affect the reported value of goodwill. Such events could include, but are not limited to, economic or competitive conditions, a significant change in technology, the economic condition of the customers and industries we serve, a significant decline in the real estate markets we operate in, and a material negative change in the relationships with one or more of our significant customers or equipment suppliers. If our judgments and assumptions change as a result of the occurrence of any of these events or other events that we do not currently anticipate, our expectations as to future results and our estimate of the implied value of our reporting unit also may change.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We finance our operations primarily through internally generated funds, and we also have available to us a bank line of credit of \$7.0 million. During the three months ended December 31, 2013, we used \$0.6 million of cash for operations. The cash flow from operations was unfavorably impacted by \$2.4 million from a net increase in inventory due primarily to purchases of new inventory with certain manufacturer incentives. As a result of the purchases of new inventory, accounts payable had a favorable impact of \$1.6 million to cash flows based on the timing of payments to these vendors.

We expect that our cash and cash equivalents of \$7.7 million at December 31, 2013 will be sufficient to finance our working capital needs and scheduled debt payments in the near-term. The \$7.0 million line of credit can also be used to finance our working capital requirements as necessary. At December 31, 2013, there was not a balance outstanding under the line of credit. The lesser of \$7.0 million or the total of 80% of the qualified accounts receivable plus 50% of qualified inventory is available to us under the revolving credit facility (\$7.0 million at December 31, 2013). Any future borrowings under the revolving credit facility are due at maturity.

During the three months ended December 31, 2013, we made principal payments totaling \$46 thousand on our remaining term loan under our Credit and Term Loan Agreement with our primary lender. The term loan requires monthly payments of \$15,334 plus accrued interest through November 2021.

We believe that our cash flow from operations, current cash balances and our existing line of credit provide sufficient liquidity and capital resources to meet our working capital and debt payment needs.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure the information we are required to disclose in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Based on their evaluation as of December 31, 2013, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to accomplish their objectives and to ensure the information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

During the period covered by this report on Form 10-Q, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits.

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SIGNATURES

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

ADVANTAGE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: February 13, 2014
Humphrey
David L. Humphrey,
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ David L.

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Scott A. Francis,
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