

FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES INC

Form 10-Q

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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934**  
**FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

**OR**

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934**  
**FROM THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO**  
**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-7521**

**FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**TEXAS** **74-1504405**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of** **(I.R.S. Employer**  
**incorporation or organization)** **Identification Number)**  
**19747 HWY 59 N, SUITE 200, HUMBLE, TEXAS 77338**  
**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)**  
**(713) 672-9433**  
**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**  
**(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)**

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
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

At December 31, 2013, the number of shares outstanding of the issuer's only class of stock was 6,799,444 shares of Common Stock.

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	December 31, 2013	March 31, 2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	\$ 17,089,296	\$ 15,923,294
Accounts receivable, net of allowances for bad debts and cash discounts of \$27,276 and \$37,276 at December 31 and March 31, 2013, respectively	4,938,697	9,037,548
Inventories	38,027,470	39,219,168
Other	239,459	103,547
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>60,294,922</b>	<b>64,283,557</b>
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:</b>		
Land	1,109,372	1,082,331
Buildings and yard improvements	7,014,180	7,014,180
Machinery and equipment	30,634,646	30,293,590
Less accumulated depreciation	(28,479,829)	(27,111,529)
	10,278,369	11,278,572
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>		
Cash value of officers' life insurance and other assets	1,059,500	1,013,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 71,632,791</b>	<b>\$ 76,575,129</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,702,944	\$ 11,181,804
Dividends payable	135,989	543,956
Contribution to profit-sharing plan	210,000	52,500
Employee compensation and related expenses	317,932	533,822
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7,366,865</b>	<b>12,312,082</b>
<b>DEFERRED INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>213,143</b>	<b>362,279</b>
<b>POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS</b>	<b>995,579</b>	<b>943,149</b>
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
<b>Common stock, par value \$1:</b>		
Authorized shares 10,000,000		
Issued shares 7,975,160 at December 31 and March 31, 2013	7,975,160	7,975,160
Additional paid-in capital	29,003,674	29,003,674

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Treasury stock at cost (1,175,716 shares at December 31 and March 31, 2013)	(5,475,964)	(5,475,964)
Retained earnings	31,554,334	31,454,749
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>63,057,204</b>	<b>62,957,619</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 71,632,791</b>	<b>\$ 76,575,129</b>

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## FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS UNAUDITED**

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Nine months ended</b>	
	<b>December 31,</b>		<b>December 31,</b>	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net sales	\$ 28,274,696	\$ 31,719,922	\$ 84,167,208	\$ 104,488,762
Costs and expenses				
Costs of goods sold	26,427,918	28,835,644	78,798,672	93,179,930
General, selling and administrative costs	1,121,986	1,183,507	3,472,545	4,065,890
	27,549,904	30,019,151	82,271,217	97,245,820
Interest and other income	(15,501)	(15,530)	(46,508)	(43,264)
Earnings before income taxes	740,293	1,716,301	1,942,499	7,286,206
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes:				
Current	275,970	587,173	768,149	2,469,478
Deferred	(23,145)	(20,930)	(149,136)	(69,513)
	252,825	566,243	619,013	2,399,965
Net earnings	\$ 487,468	\$ 1,150,058	\$ 1,323,486	\$ 4,886,241
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	6,799,444	6,799,444	6,799,444	6,799,444
Diluted	6,799,444	6,799,444	6,799,444	6,799,444
Net earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.72
Diluted	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.72
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.89

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## FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS UNAUDITED**

	<b>Nine Months Ended December 31</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net earnings	\$ 1,323,486	\$ 4,886,241
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,368,300	1,340,697
Provision for deferred taxes	(149,136)	(69,513)
Provision for postretirement benefits	52,430	67,059
Decrease (increase) in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable, net	4,098,851	9,596,924
Inventories	1,191,698	3,846,976
Other	(135,912)	(748,028)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,478,860)	(7,464,299)
Contribution to profit-sharing plan	157,500	157,500
Employee compensation and related expenses	(215,890)	(272,218)
Income taxes payable		(98,464)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>3,212,467</b>	<b>11,242,875</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(368,097)	(466,218)
Proceeds from sales of assets		42,375
Increase in cash surrender value of officers' life insurance	(46,500)	(46,500)
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(414,597)</b>	<b>(470,343)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash dividends paid	(1,631,868)	(6,051,505)
<b>NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(1,631,868)</b>	<b>(6,051,505)</b>
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>		
Cash at beginning of period	15,923,294	11,881,548
<b>CASH AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 17,089,296</b>	<b>\$ 16,602,575</b>

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## FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

**CONDENSED NOTES TO QUARTERLY REPORT    UNAUDITED****NOTE A    BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying unaudited, condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. For further information, refer to the financial statements and footnotes of Friedman Industries, Incorporated (the Company) included in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2013.

**NOTE B    INVENTORIES**

Inventories consist of prime coil, non-standard coil and tubular materials. Prime coil inventory consists primarily of raw materials, non-standard coil inventory consists primarily of raw materials and tubular inventory consists of both raw materials and finished goods. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or replacement market. Cost for prime coil inventory is determined under the last-in, first-out ( LIFO ) method. Cost for non-standard coil inventory is determined using the specific identification method. Cost for tubular inventory is determined using the weighted average method.

A summary of inventory values by product group follows:

	<b>December 31, 2013</b>	<b>March 31, 2013</b>
Prime Coil Inventory	\$ 11,239,812	\$ 10,981,835
Non-Standard Coil Inventory	2,029,753	3,741,718
Tubular Raw Material	1,387,273	3,308,419
Tubular Finished Goods	23,370,632	21,187,196
	<b>\$ 38,027,470</b>	<b>\$ 39,219,168</b>

**NOTE C    SEGMENT INFORMATION (in thousands)**

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Net sales				
Coil	\$ 14,554	\$ 15,636	\$ 46,394	\$ 49,188
Tubular	13,721	16,084	37,773	55,301
Total net sales	\$ 28,275	\$ 31,720	\$ 84,167	\$ 104,489



Operating profit (loss)				
Coil	\$ (389)	\$ 104	\$ (911)	\$ 732
Tubular	1,584	2,015	4,341	8,437
Total operating profit	1,195	2,119	3,430	9,169
Corporate expenses	470	418	1,534	1,926
Interest & other income	(15)	(15)	(46)	(43)
Total earnings before taxes	\$ 740	\$ 1,716	\$ 1,942	\$ 7,286

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	<b>December 31, 2013</b>	<b>March 31, 2013</b>
Segment assets		
Coil	\$ 24,387	\$ 29,780
Tubular	29,054	29,834
	53,441	59,614
Corporate assets	18,192	16,961
	\$ 71,633	\$ 76,575

Corporate expenses reflect general and administrative expenses not directly associated with segment operations and consist primarily of corporate executive and accounting salaries, professional fees and services, bad debts, accrued profit sharing expense, corporate insurance expenses and office supplies. Corporate assets consist primarily of cash and the cash value of officers' life insurance.

**NOTE D SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

The Company paid income taxes of approximately \$748,000 and \$3,306,000 in the nine months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company paid no interest in the nine months ended December 31, 2013 or 2012. Non-cash financing activities consisted of accrued dividends of \$135,989 and \$883,928 in the nine month periods ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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

**Results of Operations**

*Nine Months Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to Nine Months Ended December 31, 2012*

During the nine months ended December 31, 2013, sales, costs of goods sold and gross profit decreased \$20,321,554, \$14,381,258 and \$5,940,296, respectively, from the comparable amounts recorded during the nine months ended December 31, 2012. The decrease in sales was related to both a decline in tons sold and a decrease in the average per ton selling price. Tons sold decreased from approximately 139,000 tons in the 2012 period to approximately 120,000 tons in the 2013 period. The average per ton selling price decreased from approximately \$750 per ton in the 2012 period to \$704 per ton in the 2013 period. The decrease in costs of goods sold was related primarily to the decline in tons sold and a decrease in the average per ton cost, which decreased from approximately \$669 per ton in the 2012 period to \$659 per ton in the 2013 period. The decrease in gross profit was related primarily to a decline in margins earned on sales. Gross profit as a percentage of sales decreased from approximately 10.8% in the 2012 period to approximately 6.4% in the 2013 period. In the 2013 period, the Company experienced soft market conditions and reduced demand for its products and services.

Coil product segment sales decreased approximately \$2,794,000 during the 2013 period. This decrease resulted primarily from a decline in the average per ton selling price of coil products from approximately \$739 per ton in the 2012 period to \$698 per ton in the 2013 period. In both the 2013 and 2012 periods, the coil segment sold approximately 66,500 tons. Coil segment operations recorded an operational loss of approximately \$911,000 in the 2013 period and an operational income of approximately \$732,000 in the 2012 period. Management believes that the operations of this segment have been adversely impacted in both the 2013 and 2012 periods by soft demand related primarily to a weak U.S. economy and that market conditions will remain soft until the U.S. economy experiences sustained, significant improvement.

The Company is primarily dependent on Nucor Steel Company ( NSC ) for its supply of coil inventory. In the 2013 period, NSC continued to supply the Company with steel coils in amounts that were adequate for the Company's purposes. The Company does not currently anticipate any significant change in such supply from NSC. Loss of NSC as a supplier could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.

Tubular product segment sales decreased approximately \$17,528,000 during the 2013 period. This decrease resulted from both a decline in tons sold and a decrease in the average per ton selling price. Tubular tons shipped decreased from approximately 73,000 tons in the 2012 period to approximately 53,000 tons in the 2013 period. The average per ton selling price of tubular products decreased from approximately \$759 per ton in the 2012 period to \$712 per ton in the 2013 period. The tubular product segment recorded a decrease in operational income of approximately \$4,096,000 during the 2013 period. Tubular product segment operating profits as a percentage of segment sales were approximately 11.5% and 15.3% in the 2013 and 2012 periods, respectively. In the 2013 period, the tubular product segment experienced a reduction in tons sold which had the effect of increasing the per ton cost of production and decreasing margins earned. Management believes the decrease in sales was related to soft market conditions created by oversupply, foreign competition and, more significantly, a weak U.S. economy.

U. S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc. ( USS ) is the Company's primary supplier of tubular products and coil material used in pipe manufacturing and is a major customer of the Company's finished tubular products. Certain finished tubular products used in the energy business are manufactured by the Company and sold to USS. Loss of USS as a supplier or customer could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. The Company can make no assurances as to orders from USS or the amounts of pipe and coil material that will be available from USS in the future.

During the 2013 period, general, selling and administrative costs decreased \$593,345 from the amount recorded in the 2012 period. This decrease was related primarily to a decrease in bonuses and commissions associated with the decreased earnings and sales volume.

Income taxes in the 2013 period decreased \$1,780,952 from the amount recorded in the 2012 period. This decrease was related primarily to the decrease in earnings before taxes in the 2013 period. Effective tax rates were 31.9% and 32.9% in the 2013 and 2012 periods, respectively.

*Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to Three Months Ended December 31, 2012*

During the three months ended December 31, 2013, sales, costs of goods sold and gross profit decreased \$3,445,226, \$2,407,726 and \$1,037,500, respectively, from the comparable amounts recorded during the three months ended December 31, 2012. The decrease in sales was related to both a decline in tons sold and a decrease in the average per ton selling price. Tons sold decreased from approximately 43,000 tons in the 2012 quarter to approximately 39,000 tons in the 2013 quarter. The average per ton selling price decreased from approximately \$737 per ton in the 2012 quarter to \$721 per ton in the 2013 quarter. The decrease in costs of goods sold was related primarily to the decrease in tons sold. The average per ton cost increased from approximately \$670 per ton in the 2012 quarter to \$673 per ton in the 2013 quarter. The decrease in gross profit was related primarily to a decline in margins earned on sales. Gross profit as a percentage of sales declined from approximately 9.1% in the 2012 quarter to approximately 6.5% in the 2013 quarter. In the 2013 quarter, the Company experienced soft market conditions and reduced demand for its products and services.

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Coil product segment sales decreased approximately \$1,082,000 during the 2013 quarter. This decrease resulted primarily from a decline in tons sold. Coil tons shipped decreased from approximately 22,000 tons in the 2012 quarter to approximately 20,000 tons in the 2013 quarter. The average selling price increased from approximately \$712 per ton in the 2012 quarter to \$715 per ton in the 2013 quarter. Coil segment operations recorded an operating loss of approximately \$389,000 in the 2013 quarter and an operating profit of approximately \$104,000 in the 2012 quarter. Management believes that the operations of this segment have been adversely impacted in both the 2013 and 2012 quarters by soft demand related primarily to a weak U.S. economy and that market conditions will remain soft until the U.S. economy experiences sustained, significant improvement.

The Company is primarily dependent on NSC for its supply of coil inventory. In the 2013 quarter, NSC continued to supply the Company with steel coils in amounts that were adequate for the Company's purposes. The Company does not currently anticipate any significant change in such supply from NSC. Loss of NSC as a supplier could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.

Tubular product segment sales decreased approximately \$2,363,000 during the 2013 quarter. This decrease resulted from both a decline in tons sold and a decrease in the average per ton selling price. Tubular tons shipped decreased from approximately 21,000 tons in the 2012 quarter to approximately 19,000 tons in the 2013 quarter. The average per ton selling price of tubular products decreased from approximately \$763 per ton in the 2012 quarter to \$727 per ton in the 2013 quarter. The tubular product segment recorded a decrease in operational income of approximately \$431,000 during the 2013 quarter. This decrease was related primarily to the decrease in sales, which management believes is related to soft market conditions created by oversupply, foreign competition and, more significantly, a weak U.S. economy. Tubular product segment operating profits as a percentage of segment sales were approximately 11.5% and 12.5% in the 2013 and 2012 quarters, respectively.

USS is the Company's primary supplier of tubular products and coil material used in pipe manufacturing and is a major customer of the Company's finished tubular products. Certain finished tubular products used in the energy business are manufactured by the Company and sold to USS. Loss of USS as a supplier or customer could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. The Company can make no assurances as to orders from USS or the amounts of pipe and coil material that will be available from USS in the future.

Income taxes in the 2013 quarter decreased \$313,418 from the amount recorded in the 2012 quarter. This decrease was related primarily to the decrease in earnings before taxes in the 2013 quarter. The effective tax rates were approximately 34.2% and 33.0% in the 2013 and 2012 quarters, respectively.

## **FINANCIAL POSITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The Company remained in a strong, liquid position at December 31, 2013. The current ratios were 8.2 and 5.2 at December 31, 2013 and March 31, 2013, respectively. Working capital was \$52,928,057 at December 31, 2013 and \$51,971,475 at March 31, 2013.

At December 31, 2013, the Company maintained assets and liabilities at levels it believed were commensurate with operations. Changes in balance sheet amounts occurred in the ordinary course of business. Cash was primarily generated from reductions in accounts receivable and inventories. The Company expects to continue to monitor, evaluate and manage balance sheet components depending on changes in market conditions and the Company's operations.

In the nine months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company's investing activities consisted primarily of purchasing property, plant and equipment. The Company's financing activities consisted of cash dividends paid of

\$1,631,868 and \$6,051,505 in the nine months ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. In the quarter ended December 31, 2012, the Company declared and paid a special cash dividend of \$0.50 per common share.

The Company has in the past and may in the future borrow funds on a term basis to build or improve facilities. The Company currently has no plans to borrow any significant amount of funds on a term basis.

On January 23, 2014, the Company filed a Form 8-K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) disclosing the Company's commencement of the construction of a pipe-finishing facility. The Company's management estimates construction of the facility, including yard improvements, buildings and equipment, will cost approximately \$9,200,000. The Company plans to finance this project from internal sources.

The Company believes its cash flows from operations and borrowing capability due to its strong balance sheet are adequate to fund its expected cash requirements for the next 24 months.

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**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. One such accounting policy that requires significant estimates and judgments is the valuation of LIFO inventories in the Company's quarterly reporting. The quarterly valuation of inventory requires estimates of the year-end quantities, which is inherently difficult. Historically, these estimates have been materially correct. Changes in the valuation of LIFO inventories at December 31, 2013 and 2012 were not significant.

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

From time to time, the Company may make certain statements that contain forward-looking information (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1996, as amended) and that involve risk and uncertainty. These forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, future changes in the Company's financial condition or results of operations, future production capacity, product quality and proposed expansion plans. Forward-looking statements may be made by management orally or in writing including, but not limited to, this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and other sections of the Company's filings with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Actual results and trends in the future may differ materially depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, changes in the demand for and prices of the Company's products, changes in the demand for steel and steel products in general and the Company's success in executing its internal operating plans, including any proposed expansion plans.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Not required

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's principal executive officer ( CEO ) and principal financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act), as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2013. Based on this evaluation, the Company's CEO and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2013 to ensure that information that is required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits 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 the Company's management, including the CEO and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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**Three Months Ended December 31, 2013**

**Part II OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 6. Exhibits**

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31.2	Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, signed by Alex LaRue
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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.

FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

Date: February 13, 2014

By /s/ ALEX LARUE  
Alex LaRue, Assistant Vice President Secretary & Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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