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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 10-Q**

**Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended July 31, 2018**

Commission file number: **0-13301**

**RF INDUSTRIES, LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**88-0168936**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**92126**

**7610 Miramar Road, Building 6000**

**San Diego, California**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**(858) 549-6340**

(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 Website, 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 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, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

The number of shares of the issuer's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding as of September 11, 2018 was 9,289,701.



**Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1: Financial Statements****RF INDUSTRIES, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

	July 31 2018 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2017 (Note 1)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,591	\$ 6,039
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$88 and \$73, respectively	5,888	3,901
Inventories	6,854	6,109
Other current assets	854	744
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>25,187</b>	<b>16,793</b>
Property and equipment:		
Equipment and tooling	3,451	3,302
Furniture and office equipment	824	871
	4,275	4,173
Less accumulated depreciation	3,669	3,462
Total property and equipment	606	711
Goodwill	3,219	3,219
Amortizable intangible assets, net	2,615	3,030
Non-amortizable intangible assets	1,237	1,237
Other assets	49	70
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 32,913</b>	<b>\$ 25,060</b>

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.



**Item 1: Financial Statements** (continued)**RF INDUSTRIES, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

	July 31 2018 (Unaudited)	October 31, 2017 (Note 1)
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,356
Accrued expenses	3,490	2,242
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,332</b>	<b>3,598</b>
Deferred tax liabilities	186	119
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,518</b>	<b>3,717</b>
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b>		
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Common stock - authorized 20,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value; 9,267,597 and 8,872,246 shares issued and outstanding at July 31, 2018 and October 31, 2017, respectively	93	89
Additional paid-in capital	20,857	19,654
Retained earnings	6,445	1,600
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>27,395</b>	<b>21,343</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 32,913</b>	<b>\$ 25,060</b>

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Item 1: Financial Statements** (continued)**RF INDUSTRIES, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended July 31,		Nine Months Ended July 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net sales	\$ 13,850	\$ 7,808	\$ 46,571	\$ 22,065
Cost of sales	9,294	5,592	30,858	16,038
Gross profit	4,556	2,216	15,713	6,027
Operating expenses:				
Engineering	292	215	1,255	643
Selling and general	2,121	1,817	7,745	5,493
Total operating expense	2,413	2,032	9,000	6,136
Operating income (loss)	2,143	184	6,713	(109 )
Other income	13	5	20	23
Income (loss) from continuing operations before provision (benefit) for income taxes	2,156	189	6,733	(86 )
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	425	18	1,344	(54 )
Income (loss) from continuing operations	1,731	171	5,389	(32 )
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	-	21	-	109
Consolidated net income	\$ 1,731	\$ 192	\$ 5,389	\$ 77
Earnings per share				
Basic				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.00
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01

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Net income per share	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.01
Earnings per share				
Diluted				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.00
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Net income per share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.01
Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic	9,202,095	8,838,027	9,045,340	8,835,852
Diluted	9,729,608	8,915,794	9,442,612	8,886,395

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.



**Item 1: Financial Statements** (continued)**RF INDUSTRIES, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(UNAUDITED)****(In thousands)**

	Nine Months Ended July 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 5,389	\$ 77
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Bad debt expense	22	10
Depreciation and amortization	634	649
Gain on sale of fixed assets	(1 )	-
Stock-based compensation expense	189	161
Deferred income taxes	67	24
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade accounts receivable	(2,009 )	274
Inventories	(745 )	(460 )
Other current assets	(110 )	706
Other long-term assets	21	51
Accounts payable	486	86
Accrued expenses	1,248	(637 )
Other long-term liabilities	-	(128 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,191	813
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from landlord for tenant improvements	34	-
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	1	-
Capital expenditures	(148 )	(44 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(113 )	(44 )
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,018	25
Excess tax benefit from cancelled stock options	-	(24 )
Dividends paid	(544 )	(530 )
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	474	(529 )
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	5,552	240

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Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	6,039	5,258
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 11,591	\$ 5,498
Supplemental cash flow information – income taxes paid	\$ 1,503	\$ 31
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Sale of fully depreciated property and equipment	\$ 12	\$ -

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**RF INDUSTRIES, LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1 - Unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of RF Industries, Ltd. and its divisions and three wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, hereinafter the “Company”) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, which are normal and recurring, have been included in order to make the information not misleading. Information included in the consolidated balance sheet as of October 31, 2017 has been derived from, and certain terms used herein are defined in, the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as of October 31, 2017 included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K (“Form 10-K”) for the year ended October 31, 2017 that was previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Operating results for the three- and nine-months ended July 31, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending October 31, 2018. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2017.

***Principles of consolidation***

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of RF Industries, Ltd., Cables Unlimited, Inc. (“Cables Unlimited”), Comnet Telecom Supply, Inc. (“Comnet”), and Rel-Tech Electronics, Inc. (“Rel-Tech”), wholly-owned subsidiaries of RF Industries, Ltd. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

***Revenue recognition***

Four basic criteria must be met before revenue can be recognized: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (2) delivery has occurred or services rendered; (3) the fee is fixed and determinable; and (4) collectability is reasonably assured. The Company recognizes revenue from product sales after purchase orders are received that contain a fixed price and for shipments with terms of FOB Shipping Point, revenue is recognized upon shipment, for shipments with terms of FOB Destination, revenue is recognized upon delivery and revenue from services is

recognized when services are performed, and the recovery of the consideration is considered probable.

***Recent accounting standards***

***Recently issued accounting pronouncements not yet adopted:***

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2016-02, Leases. This ASU requires lessees to recognize most leases on their balance sheets related to the rights and obligations created by those leases. The ASU also requires additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures related to the nature, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this new standard will have on its Consolidated Financial Statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. This guidance will supersede Topic 605, Revenue Recognition, in addition to other industry-specific guidance, once effective. The new standard requires a company to recognize revenue in a manner that depicts the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Deferral of the Effective Date, as a revision to ASU 2014-09, which revised the effective date to fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted but not prior to periods beginning after December 15, 2016 (i.e., the original adoption date per ASU 2014-09). In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08, Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Principal versus Agent Considerations, which clarifies certain aspects of the principal-versus-agent guidance, including how an entity should identify the unit of accounting for the principal versus agent evaluation and how it should apply the control principle to certain types of arrangements, such as service transactions. The amendments also reframe the indicators to focus on evidence that an entity is acting as a principal rather than as an agent. In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-10, Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing, which clarifies how an entity should evaluate the nature of its promise in granting a license of intellectual property, which will determine whether it recognizes revenue over time or at a point in time. The amendments also clarify when a promised good or service is separately identifiable (i.e., distinct within the context of the contract) and allow entities to disregard items that are immaterial in the context of a contract. The Company assessed the impact this new standard has on its financial reporting. The Company identified its revenue streams both by contract and product type and determined that there was no material impact in the timing or amount of revenue recognized.

In January 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-04, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other, which simplifies the accounting for goodwill impairments by eliminating step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. Instead, if “the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss shall be recognized in an amount equal to that excess, limited to the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.” The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this new standard will have on its Consolidated Financial Statements.



***Recently issued accounting pronouncements adopted:***

In March 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, Compensation – Stock Compensation. The new standard modified several aspects of the accounting and reporting for employee share-based payments and related tax accounting impacts, including the presentation in the statements of operations and cash flows of certain tax benefits or deficiencies and employee tax withholdings, as well as the accounting for award forfeitures over the vesting period. One provision within this pronouncement requires that excess income tax benefits and tax deficiencies related to share-based payments be recognized within income tax expense in the statement of income, rather than within additional paid-in capital on the balance sheet. The Company adopted this provision in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. The adoption of this provision was applied prospectively. The impact to the Company's results of operations related to this provision for the nine month period ended July 31, 2018 was the recognition of an income tax benefit of \$163,000 within income tax expense, resulting in a 2.4% reduction to the effective tax rate versus if the standard had not been adopted. The impact of this provision on the Company's future results of operations will depend in part on the market prices for the Company's shares on the dates there are taxable events related to share awards. In connection with another provision within this pronouncement, the Company has elected to account for forfeitures as they occur rather than estimate expected forfeitures, with the change being applied prospectively. The adoption of this and other provisions within the pronouncement did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**Note 2 - Discontinued operations**

For the three and nine months ended July 31, 2018, the Company did not recognize any royalty income. For the three and nine months ended July 31, 2017, the Company recognized approximately \$34,000 and \$162,000 of royalty income, respectively, for RadioMobile, which amounts of which have been included within discontinued operations.

During March 2016, the Company announced the shutdown of its Bioconnect division, which comprised the entire operations of the Medical Cabling and Interconnect segment. The closure is part of the Company's ongoing plan to close or dispose of underperforming divisions that are not part of the Company's core operations. For the three and nine months ended July 31, 2017, the Company recognized approximately \$0 and \$10,000 of income from sale of equipment for the Bioconnect division, respectively, which amounts have been included within discontinued operations.

**Note 3 - Inventories and major vendors**

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Inventories, consisting of materials, labor and manufacturing overhead, are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost has been determined using the weighted average cost method. Inventories consist of the following (in thousands):

	July 31, 2018	October 31, 2017
Raw materials and supplies	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,520
Work in process	389	194
Finished goods	3,598	3,395
Totals	\$ 6,854	\$ 6,109

One vendor accounted for 46% of inventory purchases for the three months ended July 31, 2018. This same vendor accounted for 41% of inventory purchases for the nine months ended July 31, 2018. One vendor accounted for 11% of inventory purchases for the three months ended July 31, 2017. No vendor accounted for greater than 10% of inventory purchases for the nine months ended July 31, 2017. The Company has arrangements with these vendors to purchase products based on purchase orders periodically issued by the Company.

**Note 4 - Other current assets**

Other current assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	July 31, 2018	October 31, 2017
Prepaid taxes	\$ 246	\$ 20
Prepaid expense	357	526
Notes receivable, current portion	41	83
Other	210	115
Totals	\$ 854	\$ 744

Long-term portion of notes receivable of \$0 and \$21,000 is recorded in other assets at July 31, 2018 and October 31, 2017, respectively.

**Note 5 - Accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities**

Accrued expenses consist of the following (in thousands):

	July 31, 2018	October 31, 2017
Wages payable	\$ 2,052	\$ 855
Accrued receipts	800	695
Earn-out liability	210	236
Other current liabilities	428	456
Totals	\$ 3,490	\$ 2,242

Accrued receipts represent purchased inventory for which invoices have not been received.

The Company measures at fair value certain financial assets and liabilities. U. S. GAAP specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable.



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Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair-value hierarchy:

Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets;

Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets; and

Level 3 - Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable.

The contingent consideration liability represents future earn-out liability that we may be required to pay in conjunction with the acquisition of Rel-Tech and Comnet. The Company estimates the fair value of the earn-out liability using a probability-weighted scenario of estimated qualifying earn-out gross profit related to Rel-Tech and EBITDA related to Comnet calculated at net present value (level 3 of the fair value hierarchy).

The following table summarizes our financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of July 31, 2018 (in thousands):

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Earn-out liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210

The following table summarizes our financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of October 31, 2017 (in thousands):

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Earn-out liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 236

The following table summarizes the Level 3 transactions for the three months ended July 31, 2018, April 30, 2018, January 31, 2018 and for the year ended October 31, 2017 (in thousands):

	Level 3			
	July	April 30, 2018	January 31, 2018	October 31, 2017
	31, 2018			
Beginning balance	\$220	\$ 206	\$ 236	\$ 835
Payments	-	-	-	(578 )
Change in value	(10 )	14	(30 )	(21 )
Ending Balance	\$210	\$ 220	\$ 206	\$ 236

In August 2018, the earn-out liability to Rel-Tech of \$210,000 was paid.

#### Note 6 - Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding increased by the effects of assuming that other potentially dilutive securities (such as stock options) outstanding during the period had been exercised and the treasury stock method had been applied. Potentially dilutive securities totaling 0 and 812,244 for the three months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and 245,328 and 1,104,837 for the nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted per share amounts because of their anti-dilutive effect.

The following table summarizes the computation of basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding:

	Three Months Ended July		Nine Months Ended July	
	31, 2018	2017	31, 2018	2017
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic earnings per share	9,202,095	8,838,027	9,045,340	8,835,852
Add effects of potentially dilutive securities-assumed exercise of stock options	527,513	77,767	397,272	50,543

Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share	9,729,608	8,915,794	9,442,612	8,886,395
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#### Note 7 - Stock-based compensation and equity transactions

The Company's current stock incentive plan provides for the granting of qualified and nonqualified options to the Company's officers, directors and employees. The Company satisfies the exercise of options by issuing previously unissued common shares. On July 17, 2017, the Company granted 100,000 incentive stock options to its newly hired President and Chief Executive Officer. These options, which expire in ten years from the date of grant, vested as to 10,000 shares on the date of grant, and the balance thereafter vests as to 10,000 shares per annum over the remaining nine years of the grant. On December 13, 2017, the Company granted 80,000 incentive stock options to an employee. These options vested 8,000 shares on the date of grant, and the balance vests as to 8,000 shares per year thereafter on each of the next nine anniversaries of December 13, 2017, and expire ten years from date of grant. No other options were granted to Company employees during the three and nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017.

The weighted average fair value of employee and non-employee directors' stock options granted by the Company during the nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017 was estimated to be \$2.44 and \$1.60, respectively, per share, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	Nine Months Ended July 31,			
	2018		2017	
Risk-free interest rate	1.87	%	1.20	%
Dividend yield	3.28	%	5.00	%
Expected life of the option	4.54 years		4.31 years	
Volatility factor	46.83	%	43.30	%

Expected volatilities are based on historical volatility of the Company's stock price and other factors. The Company used the historical method to calculate the expected life of the 2018 and 2017 option grants. The expected life represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury rate with a maturity date corresponding to the options' expected life. The dividend yield is based upon the historical dividend yield.

***Company stock option plans***

Descriptions of the Company's stock option plans are included in Note 9 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2017. A summary of the status of the options granted under the Company's stock option plans as of July 31, 2018 and the changes in options outstanding during the nine months then ended is presented in the table that follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at November 1, 2017	1,159,771	\$ 3.20
Options granted	269,635	\$ 2.44
Options exercised	(396,087 )	\$ 2.57
Options canceled or expired	(63,718 )	\$ 4.88
Options outstanding at July 31, 2018	969,601	\$ 3.11
Options exercisable at July 31, 2018	654,863	\$ 3.09
Options vested and expected to vest at July 31, 2018	967,379	\$ 3.11

Weighted average remaining contractual life of options outstanding as of July 31, 2018: 4.67 years

Weighted average remaining contractual life of options exercisable as of July 31, 2018: 3.33 years

Weighted average remaining contractual life of options vested and expected to vest as of July 31, 2018: 4.65 years

Aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding at July 31, 2018: \$6,612,000

Aggregate intrinsic value of options exercisable at July 31, 2018: \$4,461,000

Aggregate intrinsic value of options vested and expected to vest at July 31, 2018: \$6,583,000

As of July 31, 2018, \$305,000 of expense with respect to nonvested share-based arrangements has yet to be recognized but is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 6.02 years.

Non-employee directors receive \$50,000 annually, which is paid one-half in cash and one-half through the grant of non-qualified stock options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock. During the quarter ended January 31, 2018, the Company granted each of its five non-employee directors 37,927 non-qualified stock options. The number of stock options granted to each director was determined by dividing \$25,000 by the fair value of a stock option grant using the Black-Scholes model (\$0.659 per share). These options vest ratably over fiscal year 2018 and expires five year from the date of grant. During the quarter ended July 31, 2018, the Company did not grant any options.

#### ***Stock option expense***

During the nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, stock-based compensation expense totaled \$189,000 and \$161,000, respectively. During the three months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, stock-based compensation expense totaled \$57,000 and \$62,000, respectively. For the nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, stock-based compensation classified in cost of sales amounted to \$0 and \$9,000, respectively, and stock-based compensation classified in selling and general expense amounted to \$189,000 and \$152,000, respectively.

#### **Note 8 - Concentrations of credit risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents with high-credit quality financial institutions. At July 31, 2018, the Company had cash and cash equivalent balances in excess of federally insured limits in the amount of approximately \$10.5 million.

One customer who is a distributor, accounted for approximately 56% of the Company's net sales for the nine-month period ended July 31, 2018. This same customer accounted for approximately 51% of the Company's net sales for the three-month period ended July 31, 2018. At July 31, 2018, this customer's accounts receivable balance accounted for approximately 53% of the total net accounts receivable balance. For the nine-month period ended July 31, 2017, two customers, a distributor and data center solutions provider accounted for approximately 18% and 13% of the Company's net sales, respectively. These same two customers accounted for approximately 22% and 11% of the

Company's net sales, respectively, for the three months ended July 31, 2017. At July 31, 2017, these customers' accounts receivable balances accounted for approximately 26% and 10% of the Company's total net accounts receivable balance, respectively. Although these customers have been on-going major customers of the Company, the written agreements with these customers do not have any minimum purchase obligations and they could stop buying the Company's products at any time and for any reason. A reduction, delay or cancellation of orders from these customers or the loss of these customers could significantly reduce the Company's future revenues and profits.

**Note 9 - Segment information**

The Company aggregates operating divisions into operating segments that have similar economic characteristics primarily in the following areas: (1) the nature of the product and services; (2) the nature of the production process; (3) the type or class of customer for their products and services; (4) the methods used to distribute their products or services; (5) if applicable, the nature of the regulatory environment. Based upon this evaluation, as of July 31, 2018, the Company had two segments: 1) RF Connector and Cable Assembly and 2) Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly.

The RF Connector and Cable Assembly segment consisted of one division and the Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly segment was composed of three divisions. The four divisions that met the quantitative thresholds for segment reporting are Connector and Cable Assembly, Cables Unlimited, Comnet and Rel-Tech. The specific customers are different for each division; however, there is some overlapping of product sales to them. The methods used to distribute products are similar within each division aggregated.

Management identifies the Company's segments based on strategic business units that are, in turn, based along market lines. These strategic business units offer products and services to different markets in accordance with their customer base and product usage. For segment reporting purposes, the Connector and Cable Assembly division constitutes the RF Connector and Cable Assembly segment, and the Cables Unlimited, Comnet and Rel-Tech divisions constitute the Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly segment.

As reviewed by the Company's chief operating decision maker, the Company evaluates the performance of each segment based on income or loss before income taxes. The Company charges depreciation and amortization directly to each division within the segment. Accounts receivable, inventory, property and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets are the only assets identified by segment. Except as discussed above, the accounting policies for segment reporting are the same for the Company as a whole.

Substantially all of the Company's operations are conducted in the United States; however, the Company derives a portion of its revenue from export sales. The Company attributes sales to geographic areas based on the location of the customers. The following table presents the sales of the Company by geographic area for the three and nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017 (in thousands):

Three Months Ended July 31,		Nine Months Ended July 31,	
2018	2017	2018	2017

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United States	\$ 13,682	\$ 7,603	\$ 46,069	\$ 21,557
Foreign Countries:				
Canada	142	180	419	356
Mexico	-	-	40	77
All Other	26	25	43	75
	168	205	502	508
Totals	\$ 13,850	\$ 7,808	\$ 46,571	\$ 22,065



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Net sales, income from continuing operations before provision for income taxes and other related segment information for the three months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows (in thousands):

	RF Connector and Cable Assembly	Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly	Corporate Total	
2018				
Net sales	\$ 3,139	\$ 10,711	\$ -	\$13,850
Income from continuing operations before provision for income taxes	310	1,833	13	2,156
Depreciation and amortization	42	170	-	212
2017				
Net sales	\$ 2,964	\$ 4,844	\$ -	\$7,808
Income from continuing operations before provision for income taxes	153	31	5	189
Depreciation and amortization	43	172	-	215

Net sales, income (loss) from continuing operations before provision (benefit) for income taxes and other related segment information for the nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows (in thousands):

	RF Connector and Cable Assembly	Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly	Corporate Total	
2018				
Net sales	\$ 8,503	\$ 38,068	\$ -	\$46,571
Income (loss) from continuing operations before provision (benefit) for income taxes	(34 )	6,747	20	6,733
Depreciation and amortization	129	505	-	634
2017				
Net sales	\$ 8,106	\$ 13,959	\$ -	\$22,065
Income (loss) from continuing operations before provision (benefit) for income taxes	236	(345 )	23	(86 )
Depreciation and amortization	131	518	-	649

**Note 10 - Income taxes**

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. President signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “Tax Act”). The Tax Act, among other things, lowered the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018. Consequently, we adjusted our net deferred tax liability as of October 31, 2017 by \$41,000 to reflect the estimated impact of the Tax Act. While we have substantially completed our provisional analysis of the income tax effects of the Tax Act and recorded a reasonable estimate of such effects, the net one-time charge related to the Tax Act may differ, possibly materially, due to, among other things, further refinement of our calculations, changes in interpretations and assumptions that we have made, additional guidance that may be issued by the U.S. Government, and actions and related accounting policy decisions we may take as a result of the Tax Act. We will complete our analysis over a one-year measurement period ending December 22, 2018, and any adjustments during this measurement period will be included in net earnings from continuing operations as an adjustment to income tax expense in the reporting period when such adjustments are determined.

The Company uses an estimated annual effective tax rate, which is based on expected annual income, statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available in the various jurisdictions in which the Company operates, to determine its quarterly provision (benefit) for income taxes. Certain significant or unusual items are separately recognized in the quarter in which they occur and can be a source of variability in the effective tax rates from quarter to quarter.

The provision (benefit) for income taxes was 20% and 10% of income before income taxes for the three months ended July 31, 2018 (the “fiscal 2018 quarter”) and 2017 (the “fiscal 2017 quarter”), respectively, and 20% and 63% of income (loss) before income taxes for the nine months ended July 31, 2018 (the “fiscal 2018 nine month period”) and 2017 (the “fiscal 2017 nine month period”), respectively. The increase in the effective tax rate from the fiscal 2017 quarter and fiscal 2018 quarter was primarily driven by better sales in the fiscal 2018 quarter resulting in higher income. The decrease in the effective income tax rate from the fiscal 2017 nine month period to the fiscal 2018 nine month period was primarily driven by the reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate due to the Tax Act resulting in the recognition of a benefit of \$41,000, recognition of a stock option windfall benefit of \$163,000 related to the exercise of NQSOs and the benefit of R&D credits. The Company recorded income from discontinued operations, net of tax, as disclosed in Note 2.

The Company had no unrecognized tax benefits as of July 31, 2018 and October 31, 2017. The total balance of accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions was \$0 as of July 31, 2018 and October 31, 2017. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions, if any, as a component of income tax expense and the accrued interest and penalties, if any, are included in deferred and other long-term liabilities in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets. There were no material interest or penalties included in income tax expense for the nine months ended July 31, 2018 or 2017.

### Note 11 - Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	July 31, 2018	October 31, 2017
Amortizable intangible assets:		
Customer relationships (estimated lives 7 - 15 years)	\$ 5,099	\$ 5,099
Accumulated amortization	(2,594 )	(2,186 )
	2,505	2,913
Patents (estimated life 14 years)	142	142
Accumulated amortization	(32 )	(25 )
	110	117
Totals	\$ 2,615	\$ 3,030
Non-amortizable intangible assets:		
Trademarks	\$ 1,237	\$ 1,237

Amortization expense for the nine-months ended July 31, 2018 and the year ended October 31, 2017 was \$415,000 and \$589,000, respectively. The weighted-average amortization period for the amortizable intangible assets is 9.48 years.

### Note 12 - Commitments

The Company currently leases its corporate headquarters and RF connector and cable assembly manufacturing facilities in San Diego, California. On June 5, 2017, the Company entered into a fifth amendment to its lease for its facility in San Diego, California. As a result, the Company now leases a total of approximately 21,908 square feet of office, warehouse and manufacturing space at its San Diego location. The term of the lease expires on July 31, 2022,

and the rental payments under the lease currently are \$22,721 per month. The San Diego lease also requires the payment of the Company's pro rata share of real estate taxes and insurance, maintenance and other operating expenses related to the facilities.

(i) On June 9, 2017, the Cables Unlimited division entered into an amendment to its lease with K&K Unlimited, as landlord, under which Cables Unlimited leases its 12,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Yaphank, New York, to extend the term of the lease to June 30, 2018. Cables Unlimited's monthly rent expense under the amended lease remains at \$13,000 per month, plus payments of all utilities, janitorial expenses, routine maintenance costs and costs of insurance for Cables Unlimited's business operations and equipment. The landlord is a company controlled by Darren Clark, the former owner and current President of Cables Unlimited. On June 6, 2018, Cables Unlimited extended its lease with K&K Unlimited for an additional three years to June 30, 2021, with the same terms and conditions.

(ii) On June 25, 2017, the Comnet Telecom division entered into an amendment to its lease for approximately 15,000 square feet in two suites located in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Comnet's current monthly rent expense under the leases is \$8,542 per month for these facilities. The amended lease expires in September 2022.

(iii) On July 25, 2017, the Rel-Tech Electronic division entered into a lease for approximately 13,750 square feet located in Milford, Connecticut. Rel-Tech's current net monthly rent expense under the lease is \$8,707 per month for these facilities. The new lease expires in August 2019.

The aggregate monthly rental for all of the Company's facilities currently is approximately \$53,000 per month, plus utilities, maintenance and insurance.

#### **Note 13 - Cash dividend and declared dividends**

The Company paid dividends of \$0.02 per share during the three months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017 for a total of \$185,000 and \$177,000, respectively. The Company paid dividends of \$0.06 per share during the nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017 for a total of \$544,000 and \$530,000, respectively.

#### **Note 14 - Subsequent events**

On September 5, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.02 per share to be paid on October 15, 2018 to stockholders of record on September 30, 2018.

## **Item 2: Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*This report contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or the Company’s future financial performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “except,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential” or “continue,” the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. These statements are only predictions. Actual events or results may differ materially.*

*Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Moreover, neither the Company, nor any other person, assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the forward-looking statements. The Company is under no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements after the filing of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to conform such statements to actual results or to changes in its expectations.*

*The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company’s unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. Readers are also urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by the Company which attempt to advise interested parties of the factors which affect the Company’s business, including without limitation the disclosures made under the caption “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” under the caption “Risk Factors,” and the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included in the Company’s Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2017 and other reports and filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission.*

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”). The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires us to make significant estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We evaluate our estimates, including those related to bad debts, inventory reserves and contingencies on an ongoing basis. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be appropriate 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.

*Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined using the weighted average cost method of accounting. Certain items in inventory may be considered obsolete or excess and, as such, we periodically review our inventories for excess and slow moving items and make provisions as necessary to properly reflect inventory value. Because inventories have, during the past few years, represented up to one-fourth of our total assets, any reduction in the value of our inventories would require us to take write-offs that would affect our net worth and future earnings.

*Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*

The Company records its allowance for doubtful accounts based upon its assessment of various factors. The Company considers historical experience, the age of the accounts receivable balance, credit quality of the Company's customers, current economic conditions and other factors that may affect a customer's ability to pay.

*Long-Lived Assets Including Goodwill*

The Company assesses property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, which are considered definite-lived assets, for impairment. Definite-lived assets are reviewed when there is evidence that events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. We measure recoverability of these assets by comparing the carrying amounts to the future undiscounted cash flows the assets are expected to generate. If property and equipment and intangible assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized equals the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair market value.

The Company amortizes its intangible assets with definite useful lives over their estimated useful lives and reviews these assets for impairment.

We test our goodwill and trademarks and indefinite-lived assets for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate these assets may be impaired. These events or circumstances requires significant judgment and could include a significant change in the business climate, legal factors, operating performance indicators, competition and sale or disposition of all or a portion of a division. This analysis requires significant judgments, including estimation of future cash flows, which is dependent on internal forecasts, estimation of the long-term rate of growth for our business, estimation of the useful life over which cash flows will occur, and determination of our weighted average cost of capital.

### *Earn-out Liability*

The purchase agreement for the Rel-Tech acquisition provides for earn-out payments of up to \$800,000, payable through May 31, 2018. As of July 31, 2018, the remaining earn-out obligation of \$210,000 had not yet been paid out, however, subsequently in August 2018, the Company paid the \$210,000 earn-out liability relieving the Company of its earn-out obligations. The initial earn-out liability was valued at its fair value using the Monte Carlo simulation and is included as a component of the total purchase price. The earn-out was revalued quarterly using a present value approach, and any resulting increase or decrease has been recorded into selling and general expenses. Any changes in the assumed timing and amount of the probability of payment scenarios could have impacted the fair value. Significant judgment is employed in determining the appropriateness of the assumptions used in calculating the fair value of the earn-out as of the acquisition date.

### *Income Taxes*

The Company records a tax provision for the anticipated tax consequences of the reported results of operations. Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method, under which deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, and for operating losses and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the currently enacted tax rates as of the date of the financial statements that apply to taxable income in effect for the years in which those tax assets are expected to be realized or settled. The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is believed more likely than not to be realized.

If a deduction reported on a tax return for an equity-based incentive award exceeds the cumulative compensation cost for those instruments recognized for financial reporting purposes, any resulting realized tax benefit that exceeds the previously calculated deferred tax asset for those instruments is considered an excess tax benefit, and is recognized as additional paid-in capital. If the tax deduction is less than the cumulative book compensation cost, the tax effect of the resulting difference is charged first to additional paid-in capital, to the extent of the available pool of windfall tax benefits, with any remainder recognized in income tax expense.

The calculation of the tax provision involves significant judgment in estimating the impact of uncertainties in the application of GAAP and complex tax laws. Resolution of these uncertainties in a manner inconsistent with management's expectations could have a material impact on the Company's financial condition and operating results.

### *Stock-based Compensation*

The Company uses the Black-Scholes model to value the stock option grants. This valuation is affected by the Company's stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of inputs which involve significant judgments and estimates. These inputs include the expected term of employee stock options, the expected volatility of the stock price, the risk-free interest rate and expected dividends.

## Overview

RF Industries, Ltd. (together with subsidiaries, the "Company") is a national manufacturer and marketer of interconnect products and systems, including coaxial and specialty cables and connectors, fiber optic cables and connectors, and electrical and electronic specialty cables and components. Through its four manufacturing and production facilities, the Company provides a wide selection of interconnect products and solutions primarily to telecommunications carriers and equipment manufacturers, wireless and network infrastructure carriers and manufacturers, Data Center and Co-location companies, and to various original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in several market segments.

The Company operates through two reporting segments: (i) the "RF Connector and Cable Assembly" segment, and (ii) the "Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly" segment. The RF Connector and Cable Assembly segment primarily designs, manufactures, markets and distributes a broad range of connector and cable products, including coaxial connectors and cable assemblies that are integrated with coaxial connectors, used in telecommunications and information technology OEM markets and other end markets. The Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly segment designs, manufactures, markets and distributes custom copper and fiber cable assemblies, complex hybrid fiber optic and power solution cables, electromechanical wiring harnesses, data center products, and wiring harnesses for a broad range of applications in a diverse set of end markets. The two segments were determined based on the aggregation of operating divisions that have similar economic characteristics and are similar in the majority of the following areas: (1) the nature of the product and services; (2) the nature of the production process; (3) the type or class of customer for their products and services; (4) the methods used to distribute their products or services; and (5) if applicable, the nature of the regulatory environment.

For the nine months ended July 31, 2018, most of the Company's revenues were generated from the Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly segment from the sale of fiber optics cable, copper cabling, custom patch cord assemblies, wiring harnesses, transceivers/converters and data center equipment (which accounted for 82% of the Company's total sales for the nine months ended July 31, 2018). Revenues from the RF Connector and Cable Assembly segment were generated from the sales of RF connector products and connector cable assemblies and accounted for 18% of the Company's total sales for the nine months ended July 31, 2018.



## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Management believes that existing current assets and the amount of cash it anticipates it will generate from current operations will be sufficient to fund the anticipated liquidity and capital resource needs of the Company for at least twelve months from the date of this filing. Management believes that its existing assets and the cash expected to be generated from operations, including its current backlog of unfulfilled orders, will be sufficient during the current fiscal year based on the following:

- As of July 31, 2018, the Company had cash and cash equivalents equal to \$11.6 million.
- As of July 31, 2018, the Company had \$25.2 million in current assets and \$5.3 million in current liabilities.
- As of July 31, 2018, the Company had no outstanding indebtedness for borrowed funds.

As of July 31, 2018, the Company had a total of \$11.6 million of cash and cash equivalents compared to a total of \$6.0 million of cash and cash equivalents as of October 31, 2017. As of July 31, 2018, the Company had working capital of \$19.9 million and a current ratio of approximately 4.8:1.

Subsequent to the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017, the Company experienced a substantial increase in orders for its products in the Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly segment. As a result of these increased orders, the Company's backlog had increased to \$20.2 million as of January 31, 2018. During the quarter ended April 30, 2018, the Company filled most of the January 31, 2018 backlog, which contributed to the large sale increase for the three months ended April 30, 2018. Despite shipping most of the January 31, 2018 backlog in the three month period ended April 30, 2018, backlog stood at \$9.5 million and \$7.8 million, as of April 30, 2018 and July 31, 2018, respectively, as a result of additional new orders received during the second and third quarter. Since purchase orders are submitted from customers based on the timing of their requirements, the Company's ability to predict orders in future periods or trends in future periods is limited. Furthermore, purchase orders may be subject to cancellation from customers, although the Company has not historically experienced material cancellations of purchase orders. As a result of the Company's backlog balance as of July 31, 2018, the Company's liquidity and available capital resources are expected to continue to improve during the balance of the current fiscal year.

The Company generated cash of \$5.6 million during the nine months ended July 31, 2018 due largely to the impact of increased sales, which resulted in net income of \$5.4 million. An increase in accounts receivable (\$2.0 million) and inventories (\$0.7 million) were partially offset by increased accounts payable (\$0.5 million) and accrued expenses (\$1.2 million). This net decrease in cash was partially offset by an increase in cash from noncash credits of \$0.6 million primarily from depreciation and amortization, and \$0.2 million of stock-based compensation expense. In

addition, during the nine months ended July 31, 2018, the Company received \$1.0 million from the exercise of stock options and paid out \$0.5 million in dividends.

The Company does not anticipate needing material additional capital equipment in the next twelve months. In the past, the Company has financed some of its equipment and furnishings requirements through capital leases. No additional capital equipment purchases have been currently identified that would require significant additional leasing or capital expenditures during the next twelve months. Management also believes that based on the Company's current financial condition, its current backlog of unfulfilled orders and its anticipated future operations, the Company would be able to finance its expansion, if necessary.

From time to time, the Company may undertake acquisitions of other companies or product lines in order to diversify its product and solutions offerings and customer base. Conversely, the Company may undertake the disposition of a division or product line due to changes in the Company's business strategy or market conditions. Acquisitions may require the outlay of cash, which may reduce the Company's liquidity and capital resources while dispositions may increase the Company's cash position, liquidity and capital resources.

We are currently evaluating the financial impact of the import tariffs that were recently enacted in the U.S. and abroad. While we do not believe that the financial impact on the Company of the enacted tariffs will be material, we recognize that there is uncertainty related to potential costs related to these actions.

## **Results of Operations**

### **Three Months Ended July 31, 2018 vs. Three Months Ended July 31, 2017**

Net sales of \$13.9 million increased by 77%, or \$6.0 million, for the three months ended July 31, 2018 (the "fiscal 2018 quarter") when compared to the three months ended July 31, 2017 (the "fiscal 2017 quarter"). Net sales for the fiscal 2018 quarter at the Company's Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly segment (Custom Cabling) increased by \$5.9 million, or 121%, when compared to the fiscal 2017 quarter as a result of increased sales of fiber optics cable, copper cabling, custom patch cord assemblies and wiring harnesses. The Custom Cabling Manufacturing and Assembly segment saw an increase in new sales due, in large part, to project work in the OEM and wireless carrier markets in addition to an increase in traditional run rate business. Net sales for the fiscal 2018 quarter at the RF Connector and Cable Assembly segment (RF Connector) increased by \$0.1 million, or 3%, to \$3.1 million as compared to \$3.0 million for the fiscal 2017 quarter.

Gross profit for the third quarter increased \$2.3 million to \$4.6 million while gross margins improved to 33% of sales from 28% of sales in the third quarter last year. The improvement in gross margins was primarily due to the revenue increase at the Custom Cabling segment which had the effect of spreading certain fixed manufacturing costs over a larger revenue base.

Engineering expenses increased \$0.1 million during the fiscal 2018 quarter to \$0.3 million compared to \$0.2 million for the fiscal 2017 quarter due to increased compensation expense related to engineering activities. Engineering expenses represent costs incurred relating to the ongoing development of new products.

Selling and general expenses increased \$0.3 million to \$2.1 million compared to \$1.8 million in the third quarter last year due to higher compensation related to the sales gains at Custom Cabling. Despite this increase in expenses, selling and general expenses as a percentage of sales declined to 15% of sales compared to 23% of sales in the third quarter last year indicating the Company's increased operational efficiencies.

For the fiscal 2018 quarter, income from continuing operations for the Custom Cabling segment and the RF Connector segment was \$1.8 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, as compared to \$30,000 and \$0.2 million for the comparable third quarter last year. The increase in income from continuing operations at the Custom Cabling and RF Connector segments was primarily due to the increase in sales.

The provision (benefit) for income taxes was 20% and 10% of income before income taxes for the three months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The increase in the effective income tax rate from period to period was primarily driven by the better sales in in the fiscal 2018 quarter.

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. President signed the Tax Act, among other things, lowered the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018. Consequently, we adjusted our net deferred tax liability as of October 31, 2017 by \$41,000 to reflect the estimated impact of the Tax Act. While we have substantially completed our provisional analysis of the income tax effects of the Tax Act and recorded a reasonable estimate of such effects, the net one-time charge related to the Tax Act may differ, possibly materially, due to, among other things, further refinement of our calculations, changes in interpretations and assumptions that we have made, additional guidance that may be issued by the U.S. Government, and actions and related accounting policy decisions we may take as a result of the Tax Act. We will complete our analysis over a one-year measurement period ending December 22, 2018, and any adjustments during this measurement period will be included in net earnings from continuing operations as an adjustment to income tax expense in the reporting period when such adjustments are determined.

All of the income from discontinued operations, net of tax, during the fiscal 2017 quarter was for royalty payments received under the agreement for the sale of the Company's RadioMobile division. The period for earning royalties from RadioMobile has now expired. As a result, there were no royalty payments received in the current fiscal year.

For the fiscal 2018 quarter, net income was \$1.7 million and fully diluted earnings per share (EPS) was \$0.18 per share as compared to a net income of \$0.2 million and fully diluted EPS of \$0.02 per share for the fiscal 2017 quarter. For the fiscal 2018 quarter, the diluted weighted average shares outstanding was 9,729,608 as compared to 8,915,794 for the fiscal 2017 quarter.

### **Nine Months Ended July 31, 2018 vs. Nine Months Ended July 31, 2017**

Net sales of \$46.6 million increased by 111%, or \$24.5 million, for the nine months ended July 31, 2018 (the "fiscal 2018 nine month period") when compared to the nine months ended July 31, 2017 (the "fiscal 2017 nine month period"). Net sales for the fiscal 2018 nine month period at the Company's Custom Cabling increased \$24.1 million, or 173%, when compared to the fiscal 2017 nine month period due to increased sale of fiber optics cable, copper cabling, custom patch cord assemblies and wiring harnesses and other products. Net sales for the fiscal 2018 nine month period at the RF Connector and Cable Assembly segment increased by \$0.4 million, or 5%, to \$8.5 million as compared to \$8.1 million for the fiscal 2017 nine month period.

The Company's gross profit as a percentage of sales in the fiscal 2018 nine month period increased by 7% to 34% compared to 27% in the fiscal 2017 nine month period due primarily to the increased revenues at the Custom Cabling division. The improvement in gross margins was primarily due to the revenue increase at the Custom Cabling segment which had the effect of spreading certain fixed manufacturing costs over a larger revenue base.

Engineering expenses increased \$0.7 million during the fiscal 2018 nine month period to \$1.3 million compared to \$0.6 million for the fiscal 2017 nine month period due to increased compensation expense related to engineering activities. Engineering expenses represent costs incurred relating to the ongoing development of new products.

Selling and general expenses increased by \$2.2 million during the fiscal 2018 nine month period to \$7.7 million from \$5.5 million in the fiscal 2017 nine month period. The increase in selling and general expenses was primarily due to increased compensation resulting from the increase in net sales. Selling and general as a percentage of sales declined to 17% for the fiscal 2018 nine month period as compared to 25% for the fiscal 2017 nine month period indicating the Company's increased operational efficiencies.

For the fiscal 2018 nine month period, income (loss) from continuing operations for the Custom Cabling segment and the RF Connector segment was \$6.7 million and \$(30,000), respectively, as compared to \$(0.3) million and \$0.2 million for the comparable nine months last year. The increase in income from continuing operations at the Custom

Cabling segment was primarily due to the increase in sales while the decrease at RF Connector was primarily due to accrued bonuses as a result of the increased profitability of the Company overall.

The provision (benefit) for income taxes was 20% and 63% of income (loss) before income taxes for the nine months ended July 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The decrease in the effective income tax rate from period to period was primarily driven by the reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate due to the Tax Act and the benefit of R&D credits.

All of the income from discontinued operations, net of tax, during the fiscal 2017 nine month period was for royalty payments received under the agreement for the sale of the Company's RadioMobile division. The period for earning royalties from RadioMobile has now expired.

For the fiscal 2018 nine month period, net income was \$5.4 million and fully diluted EPS was \$0.57 per share as compared to a net income of \$0.1 million and fully diluted EPS of \$0.01 per share for the fiscal 2017 nine month period. For the fiscal 2018 nine month period, the diluted weighted average shares outstanding was 9,442,612 as compared to 8,886,395 for the fiscal 2017 nine month period.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

Nothing to report.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) that are designed to assure that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide reasonable assurance only of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily is required to apply its judgment in weighting the costs and benefits

of possible new or different controls and procedures. Limitations are inherent in all control systems, so no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and any fraud have been detected. Because of the inherent limitations, we regularly review our system of internal control over financial reporting and make changes to our processes and systems to improve controls and increase efficiency, and to maintain an effective internal control environment. Changes may include such activities as implementing new, more efficient systems, consolidating activities, and migrating processes.

As required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b), as of the end of the period covered by this report, management, under the supervision and with the participation of our then Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of that date.

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended July 31, 2018 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## **Part II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, we may become involved in various lawsuits and legal proceedings which arise in the ordinary course of business. Litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and an adverse result in these or other matters may arise from time to time that may harm our business. As of the date of this report, we are not subject to any proceeding that is not in the ordinary course of business or that is material to the financial condition of our business.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

The discussion of our business and operations should be read together with the risk factors contained in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017 filed with the SEC, which describe various risks and uncertainties to which we are or may become subject. These risks and uncertainties have the potential to affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, strategies or prospects in a material and adverse manner. There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in the above-mentioned periodic report.

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

Nothing to report.

**Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities**

Nothing to report.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Nothing to report.

**Item 5. Other Information**

Nothing to report.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

**Exhibit  
Number**

31.1: Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

31.2: Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.1: Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.2:



Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

101.INS XBRL Instance Document.

101.SCHXBRL Taxonomy Schema.

101.CALXBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase.

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase.

101.LABXBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase.

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase.

**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with 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.

RF INDUSTRIES, LTD.

Date: September 12, 2018 By: /s/ Robert Dawson  
Robert Dawson

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 12, 2018 By: /s/ Mark Turfler  
Mark Turfler

Chief Financial Officer