

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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

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)

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TEXAS
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

74-1504405
(I.R.S. Employer
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 September 30, 2012, 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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FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS UNAUDITED

| | September 30, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash | \$ 20,683,557 | \$ 11,881,548 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances for bad debts and cash discounts of \$37,276 at September 30 and March 31, 2012 | 8,301,540 | 16,284,377 |
| Inventories | 34,212,932 | 36,753,680 |
| Other | 298,178 | 88,286 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 63,496,207 | 65,007,891 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: | | |
| Land | 1,082,331 | 1,082,331 |
| Buildings and yard improvements | 7,014,180 | 7,014,180 |
| Machinery and equipment | 29,929,301 | 29,839,104 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (26,222,088) | (25,324,113) |
| | 11,803,724 | 12,611,502 |
| OTHER ASSETS: | | |
| Cash value of officers' life insurance and other assets | 982,000 | 951,000 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 76,281,931 | \$ 78,570,393 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 7,866,559 | \$ 12,091,154 |
| Income taxes payable | | 98,464 |
| Dividends payable | 883,928 | 883,928 |
| Contribution to profit sharing plan | 157,500 | 52,500 |
| Employee compensation and related expenses | 692,489 | 727,342 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 9,600,476 | 13,853,388 |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES | 397,416 | 445,999 |
| POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS | 898,444 | 853,738 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Common stock, par value \$1: | | |
| Authorized shares 10,000,000 | | |
| Issued shares 7,975,160 at September 30 and March 31, 2012 | 7,975,160 | 7,975,160 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 29,003,674 | 29,003,674 |
| Treasury stock at cost (1,175,716 shares at September 30 and March 31, 2012) | (5,475,964) | (5,475,964) |
| Retained earnings | 33,882,725 | 31,914,398 |
| TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | 65,385,595 | 63,417,268 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$ 76,281,931 | \$ 78,570,393 |

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FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS UNAUDITED

| | Three months ended September 30, | | Six months ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net sales | \$ 33,334,070 | \$ 42,039,282 | \$ 72,768,840 | \$ 80,974,738 |
| Costs and expenses | | | | |
| Costs of goods sold | 29,557,272 | 37,152,879 | 64,344,285 | 71,931,510 |
| General, selling and administrative costs | 1,322,549 | 1,426,427 | 2,882,384 | 2,846,246 |
| | 30,879,821 | 38,579,306 | 67,226,669 | 74,777,756 |
| Interest and other income | (15,527) | (15,250) | (27,734) | (33,122) |
| Earnings before income taxes | 2,469,776 | 3,475,226 | 5,569,905 | 6,230,104 |
| Provision for (benefit from) income taxes: | | | | |
| Current | 846,377 | 1,182,993 | 1,882,305 | 2,129,135 |
| Deferred | (20,930) | (22,675) | (48,583) | (45,350) |
| | 825,447 | 1,160,318 | 1,833,722 | 2,083,785 |
| Net earnings | \$ 1,644,329 | \$ 2,314,908 | \$ 3,736,183 | \$ 4,146,319 |
| 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 | \$ 0.24 | \$ 0.34 | \$ 0.55 | \$ 0.61 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.24 | \$ 0.34 | \$ 0.55 | \$ 0.61 |
| Cash dividends declared per common share | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.26 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS UNAUDITED

| | Six Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 3,736,183 | \$ 4,146,319 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 900,598 | 916,200 |
| Provision for deferred taxes | (48,583) | (45,350) |
| Provision for postretirement benefits | 44,706 | 38,098 |
| Decrease (increase) in operating assets: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 7,982,837 | 321,522 |
| Inventories | 2,540,748 | 8,419,817 |
| Other | (209,892) | (155,823) |
| Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (4,224,595) | 930,223 |
| Contribution to profit-sharing plan | 105,000 | 100,200 |
| Employee compensation and related expenses | (34,853) | (154,343) |
| Income taxes payable | (98,464) | (291,811) |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 10,693,685 | 14,225,052 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (135,196) | (208,488) |
| Proceeds from sales of assets | 42,375 | |
| Increase in cash surrender value of officers' life insurance | (31,000) | (30,500) |
| NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES | (123,821) | (238,988) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Cash dividends paid | (1,767,855) | (1,631,867) |
| NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES | (1,767,855) | (1,631,867) |
| INCREASE IN CASH | 8,802,009 | 12,354,197 |
| Cash at beginning of period | 11,881,548 | 7,210,290 |
| CASH AT END OF PERIOD | \$ 20,683,557 | \$ 19,564,487 |

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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 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 included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2012.

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 finished goods 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.

During the quarter and the six month period ended September 30, 2012, LIFO inventories were reduced. LIFO inventories are expected to be replaced by March 31, 2013. A deferred debit of \$40,360 was recorded at September 30, 2012 to reflect the difference in replacement cost and LIFO cost.

A summary of inventory values by product group follows:

| | September 30, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Prime Coil Inventory | \$ 7,845,194 | \$ 8,562,607 |
| Non-Standard Coil Inventory | 1,386,865 | 1,853,445 |
| Tubular Raw Material | 4,386,163 | 6,859,871 |
| Tubular Finished Goods | 20,594,710 | 19,477,757 |
| | \$ 34,212,932 | \$ 36,753,680 |

NOTE C SEGMENT INFORMATION (in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Six Months Ended September 30, | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net sales | | | | |
| Coil | \$ 16,722 | \$ 15,710 | \$ 33,552 | \$ 31,140 |
| Tubular | 16,612 | 26,330 | 39,217 | 49,835 |
| Total net sales | \$ 33,334 | \$ 42,040 | \$ 72,769 | \$ 80,975 |
| Operating profit | | | | |
| Coil | \$ 274 | \$ 329 | \$ 628 | \$ |
| Tubular | 2,736 | 3,867 | 6,422 | 7,783 |

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total operating profit | 3,010 | 4,196 | 7,050 | 7,783 |
| Corporate expenses | 556 | 736 | 1,508 | 1,586 |
| Interest & other income | (16) | (15) | (28) | (33) |
| Total earnings before taxes | \$ 2,470 | \$ 3,475 | \$ 5,570 | \$ 6,230 |

| | September 30, 2012 | March 31, 2012 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Segment assets | | |
| Coil | \$ 22,611 | \$ 26,260 |
| Tubular | 31,977 | 39,446 |
| | 54,588 | 65,706 |
| Corporate assets | 21,694 | 12,864 |
| | \$ 76,282 | \$ 78,570 |

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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 \$2,286,000 and \$2,380,000 in the six months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company paid no interest in the six months ended September 30, 2012 or 2011, respectively. Non-cash financing activities consisted of accrued dividends of \$1,767,855 in each of the six month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

NOTE E SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the filing date of its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012. The Company is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the consolidated condensed financial statements.

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

Results of Operations

Six Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Six Months Ended September 30, 2011

During the six months ended September 30, 2012, sales, costs of goods sold and gross profit decreased \$8,205,898, \$7,587,225 and \$618,673, respectively, from the comparable amounts recorded during the six months ended September 30, 2011. The decrease in sales was related primarily to a decline in the average per ton selling price from approximately \$847 per ton in the 2011 period to \$756 per ton in the 2012 period. In both the 2012 and 2011 periods, the Company sold approximately 96,000 tons. The decrease in costs of goods sold was related primarily to a decline in the average per ton cost from approximately \$752 per ton in the 2011 period to \$668 in the 2012 period. The decrease in gross profit was related primarily to the decline in sales. Overall, gross profit as a percentage of sales increased from approximately 11.2% in the 2011 period to approximately 11.6% in the 2012 period.

Coil product segment sales increased approximately \$2,412,000 during the 2012 period. This increase resulted from an increase in tons sold offset by a decrease in the average selling price. Coil tons shipped increased from approximately 37,000 tons in the 2011 period to approximately 45,000 tons in the 2012 period. The average per ton selling price decreased from approximately \$852 per ton in the 2011 period to \$753 per ton in the 2012 period. The coil product segment recorded operational income of approximately \$628,000 in the 2012 period. In the 2011 period, the coil product segment operated on a break-even basis. Coil products are related primarily to durable goods. Management believes that operations of this segment have been adversely impacted in both the 2012 and 2011 periods by soft demand. In addition, management believes that market conditions for coil products will not improve until the U.S. economy improves and generates significant improvement in the demand for durable goods.

The Company is primarily dependent on Nucor Steel Company (NSC) for its supply of coil inventory. In the 2012 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 \$10,618,000 during the 2012 period. This decrease resulted from both a decline in tons sold and a decrease in the average per ton selling price. Tons sold declined from approximately 59,000 tons in the 2011 period to approximately 52,000 tons sold in the 2012 period. The average per ton selling price of tubular products decreased from approximately \$844 per ton in the 2011 period to \$758 per ton in the 2012 period. The tubular product segment recorded a decrease in operational income of approximately \$1,361,000 during the 2012 period. This decrease was related primarily to the decrease in sales, which management believes is related to softer demand for tubular products associated with energy production. Tubular product segment operating profits as a percentage of segment sales were approximately 16.4% and 15.6% in the 2012 and 2011 periods, respectively.

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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 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 2012 period decreased \$250,063 from the amount recorded in the 2011 period. This decrease was related primarily to the decrease in earnings before taxes in the 2012 period. Effective tax rates were 32.9% and 33.4% in the periods ended 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2011

During the three months ended September 30, 2012, sales, costs of goods sold and gross profit decreased \$8,705,212, \$7,595,607 and \$1,109,605, respectively, from the comparable amounts recorded during the three months ended September 30, 2011. 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 declined from approximately 50,000 tons in the 2011 quarter to approximately 46,000 tons in the 2012 quarter. The average per ton selling price decreased from approximately \$841 per ton in the 2011 quarter to \$720 per ton in the 2012 quarter. The decrease in costs of goods sold was related to the decrease in tons sold and a decline in the average per ton cost, which decreased from approximately \$743 per ton in the 2011 quarter to \$638 in the 2012 quarter. The decline in gross profit was related primarily to the sales decrease. Gross profit as a percentage of sales declined from approximately 11.6% in the 2011 quarter to approximately 11.3% in the 2012 quarter.

Coil product segment sales increased approximately \$1,012,000 during the 2012 quarter. This increase was related primarily to an increase in tons sold offset by a decrease in the average selling price per ton. Coil tons shipped increased from approximately 19,000 tons in the 2011 quarter to 23,000 tons in the 2012 quarter. The average selling price per ton decreased from approximately \$812 in the 2011 quarter to \$735 in the 2012 quarter. Coil segment operations reflected an operational income of approximately \$274,000 and \$329,000 in the 2012 and 2011 quarters, respectively. Coil products are related primarily to durable goods. Management believes that operations of this segment have been adversely impacted in both the 2012 and 2011 quarters by soft demand. In addition, management believes that market conditions for coil products will not improve until the U.S. economy improves and generates significant improvement in the demand for durable goods.

The Company is primarily dependent on NSC for its supply of coil inventory. In the 2012 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 \$9,718,000 during the 2012 quarter. This decrease resulted from both a decline in tons sold and a decrease in the average per ton selling price. Tons sold decreased from approximately 31,000 tons in the 2011 quarter to 24,000 tons in the 2012 quarter. The average per ton selling price of tubular products decreased from approximately \$859 per ton in the 2011 quarter to \$705 in the 2012 quarter. The tubular product segment recorded a decrease in operational income of approximately \$1,131,000 during the 2012 quarter. This decrease was related primarily to the decrease in sales, which management believes is related to softer demand for tubular products associated with energy production. Tubular product segment operating profits as a percentage of segment sales were approximately 16.5% and 14.7% in the 2012 and 2011 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 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.

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Income taxes in the 2012 quarter decreased \$334,871 from the amount recorded in the 2011 quarter. This decrease was related primarily to the decrease in earnings before taxes in the 2012 quarter. The effective tax rate was approximately 33.4% in both the 2012 and 2011 quarters.

FINANCIAL POSITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company remained in a strong, liquid position at September 30, 2012. The current ratios were 6.6 and 4.7 at September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, respectively. Working capital was \$53,895,731 at September 30, 2012 and \$51,154,503 at March 31, 2012.

At September 30, 2012, 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 a reduction 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.

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.

Notwithstanding the current market conditions, 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.

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 inventories requires estimates of the year-end quantities, which is inherently difficult. Historically, these estimates have been materially correct. In the period ended September 30, 2012, LIFO inventories were reduced and are expected to be replaced by March 31, 2013. A deferred debit of \$40,360 was recorded at September 30, 2012 to reflect the difference between replacement cost and LIFO cost.

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 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (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 ("CFO"), 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 September 30, 2012. Based on this evaluation, the Company's management has concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 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 CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 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 September 30, 2012

Part II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits

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| 31.1 | Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, signed by William E. Crow |
| 31.2 | Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, signed by Ben Harper |
| 32.1 | Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, signed by William E. Crow |
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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: November 13, 2012

By /s/ BEN HARPER
Ben Harper, Senior Vice President-Finance
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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