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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  $\mathbf{X}$ **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2008
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from

to

**Commission File Number 1-1183** 

# **Integrated Electrical Services, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 76-0542208

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

1800 West Loop South, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77027 (Address of principal executive offices and ZIP code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (713) 860-1500

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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 x No o

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 and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer O Non-accelerated filer O Accelerated filer X
Smaller reporting company O

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes  $x \, \text{No} \, \pounds$ 

The number of shares outstanding as of August 4, 2008 of the issuer s common stock was 14,839,716.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, the words IES, the Company, we, our, ours, and us refer to Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. and subsidiaries, except as otherwise specified herein.

#### DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q includes certain statements that may be deemed forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, all of which are based upon various estimates and assumptions that we believe to be reasonable as of the date hereof. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual future outcomes to differ materially from those set forth in such statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- general economic and capital markets conditions, including changes in interest rates that affect the cost of construction financing and mortgages, and the availability of such capital to our customers;
- potential difficulty in fulfilling the covenant terms of our credit facilities;
- limitations on the availability of sufficient credit or cash flow to fund our working capital needs;
- increased cost of surety bonds affecting margins on work and the ability to obtain additional bonding;
- fluctuations in operating activity due to downturns in levels of construction, seasonality, and differing regional economic conditions;
- inaccurate estimates used when entering into fixed-priced contracts;
- potential errors when estimating revenue and progress to date on percentage-of-completion contracts;

•	difficulty in managing the operation of existing entities;
• certain pla	fluctuations in the cost of commodities used in our business, in particular copper, aluminum, steel, and astics;
•	rising fuel costs for our operating vehicle fleet;
• in the loss	competition in the construction industry, both from third parties and former employees, which could result of one or more customers or lead to lower margins on new contracts;
• options an	fluctuations in financial results due to assumptions made regarding future events used to value our stock and performance-based stock awards;
• supervisor	increase in cost of, or limitations on availability of, qualified labor, especially electricians and construction rs;
•	accidents resulting from the physical hazards associated with our work and potential for vehicle accidents;
•	loss of key personnel or transition of new senior management;
•	challenges integrating new types of work or new processes into business units;
• flow;	uncertainties inherent to estimating future operating results, including revenues, operating income, or cash
•	difficulty incorporating new accounting, control and operating procedures;
•	difficulty addressing the material weakness identified by us and our independent auditors;

disagreements with taxing authorities with regard to tax positions we have adopted;

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• unexpected liabilities, losses from warranties, or liabilities of business units of which we have sold substantially all of the assets;
• the residual effect with customers and vendors from our reorganization, resulting in higher costs, lower administrative performance, less work or less favorable delivery or credit terms;
• reduced productivity, either at the corporate office or operating level;
<ul> <li>difficulty in transferring all of our electrical and construction licenses after our recent consolidation of business units;</li> </ul>
• growth in latent defect litigation in the residential market in California and the expansion of such litigation into other states where we provide residential electrical work for home builders not otherwise covered by insurance; and
• the possibility that our restructuring program will not be successfully executed.
You should understand that the foregoing, as well as other risk factors discussed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007, could cause future outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in this and our aforementioned 10-K. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise information concerning our restructuring efforts, borrowing availability, or cash position or any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that may arise after the date of this report. Forward-looking statements are provided in this Form 10-Q pursuant to the safe harbor established under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and should be evaluated in the context of the estimates, assumptions, uncertainties, and risks described herein.
General information about us can be found at www.ies-co.com under Investor Relations. Our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports or Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, as well as any amendments to those reports, are available free of charge through our website as soon as reasonably practicable after we file them with, or furnish them to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may also contact our Investor Relations department, and they will provide you with copies of our public reports.

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#### ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

## (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE INFORMATION)

		June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)		September 30, 2007
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	56,818	\$	69,676
Restricted cash				20,000
Accounts receivable:				
Trade, net of allowance of \$4,063 and \$2,608, respectively		147,717		131,767
Retainage		30,133		29,536
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		10,747		16,121
Inventories		16,838		15,268
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		5,761		4,618
Assets from discontinued operations		1,589		6,431
Total current assets		269,603		293,417
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net		23,700		22,095
GOODWILL		5,713		14,574
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS, net		22,232		23,336
Total assets	\$	321,248	\$	353,422
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	150	\$	78
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	Ф	93,358	Ф	98,452
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts		40,334		35,277
Liabilities from discontinued operations		589		1,920
Total current liabilities		134,431		135,727
LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current maturities		25,127		45.698
OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,155		18,072
Total liabilities		169,713		199,497
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES				
STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY:				
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 15,407,802 and				
15,418,357 shares issued and 15,002,724 and 15,339,086 outstanding, respectively		154		154
Treasury stock, at cost, 405,078 and 79,271 shares, respectively		(7,206)		(1,716)
Additional paid-in capital		169,470		168,070
Retained deficit		(10,883)		(12,583)

Total stockholders equity	151,535	153,925
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 321,248 \$	353,422

The accompanying Notes to condensed consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

## (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE INFORMATION)

	June 30	Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)		nree Months Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)
Revenues	\$	214,485	\$	222,631
Cost of services		180,587		184,322
Gross profit		33,898		38,309
Selling, general and administrative expenses		28,052		34,113
(Gain) on sale of assets		(115)		(91)
Restructuring charges		1,038		
Income from operations		4,923		4,287
Other (income) expense:				
Interest expense		1,356		2,846
Interest income		(284)		(1,076)
Other (income) expense, net		67		(209)
Interest and other expense, net		1,139		1,561
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		3,784		2,726
Provision for income taxes		1,758		1,693
Net income from continuing operations		2,026		1,033
Discontinued operations (Note 2):				
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, including gain (loss) on disposal of assets				
of \$0 and \$(12), respectively		49		(29)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		37		(203)
Net income from discontinued operations		12		174
Net income	\$	2,038	\$	1,207
Basic earnings per share:				
Continuing operations	\$	0.14	\$	0.07
Discontinued operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Total	\$	0.14	\$	0.08
Diluted earnings per share:				
Continuing operations	\$	0.14	\$	0.07
Discontinued operations	\$	0.00		0.01
Total	\$	0.14	\$	0.08
Shares used in the computation of earnings per share (Note 4):				
Basic		14,969,008		15,086,156
Diluted		15,003,131		15,163,387

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	Ni	Nine Months Ended June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)		Nine Months Ended June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)
Revenues	\$	608,957	\$	665,977
Cost of services		511,297		553,969
Gross profit		97,660		112,008
Selling, general and administrative expenses		86,283		104,774
(Gain) on sale of assets		(139)		(117)
Restructuring charges		4,431		
Income from operations		7,085		7,351
Other (income) expense:				
Interest expense		7,507		7,884
Interest income		(1,829)		(3,028)
Other (income) expense, net		(1,256)		(113)
Interest and other expense, net		4,422		4,743
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		2,663		2,608
Provision for income taxes		1,572		2,077
Net income from continuing operations		1,091		531
Discontinued operations (Note 2):				
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, including gain on disposal of assets of \$7				
and \$1, respectively		387		(2,204)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		198		(1,340)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations		189		(864)
Net income (loss)	\$	1,280	\$	(333)
Basic earnings (loss) per share:				
Continuing operations	\$	0.07	\$	0.04
Discontinued operations	\$	0.01	\$	(0.06)
Total	\$	0.09	\$	(0.02)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:				
Continuing operations	\$	0.07	\$	0.04
Discontinued operations	\$	0.01	\$	(0.06)
Total	\$	0.08	\$	(0.02)
Shares used in the computation of earnings (loss) per share (Note 4):				
Basic		15,026,675		15,047,956
Diluted		15,109,335		15,063,922

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# INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## (IN THOUSANDS)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net income (loss) \$ 1,280 \$  Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:  Net (income) loss from discontinued operations (189)  Bad debt expense 2,179  Deferred financing cost amortization 1,714	333) 864 735 937 507 117)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:  Net (income) loss from discontinued operations  (189)  Bad debt expense  2,179	864 735 937 507 117)
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Depreciation and amortization 6,434 7	
(Gain) on sale of property and equipment (139)	
Non-cash paid-in-kind interest added to term loan 5	012
	364
Non-cash restructuring write-offs 131	
Equity in gains of investment (424)	(58)
Goodwill adjustment-utilization of deferred tax assets under SOP 90-7 1,057	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of discontinued operations:	
Accounts receivable (18,831) 17	398
Inventories (1,570) 3	580
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts 5,374 1	251
	840
Other non-current assets (1,262) 4	433
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (6,091) (8	308)
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts 5,053 7	075
Other non-current liabilities 258	288
	468
Net cash provided by discontinued operations 3,892 7	172
Net cash provided by operating activities 3,055 56	640
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
	626)
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment 335	516
Distribution from unconsolidated affiliate 488	240
Change in restricted cash 20,000	
	870)
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations 7	(25)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities 11,217	895)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Borrowings of debt 25,193	72
	040)
Payments for debt issuance costs (575)	
Acquisition of treasury stock (6,056)	
Net cash used in financing activities (27,130)	968)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (12,858) 40	777
	166
	943

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 3,690 \$	2,081
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 663 \$	1,282

Non-cash activities: During the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we financed \$2.0 million of prepaid insurance through an account payable to the insurance provider, paid a \$2.1 million account payable for property and equipment that was purchased and accrued during the year ended September 30, 2007, recorded a \$0.1 million accrued liability for the purchase of property and equipment that was unpaid as of June 30, 2008, and acquired \$0.7 million of treasury stock through a payable to our broker.

The accompanying Notes to condensed consolidated finance statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**JUNE 30, 2008** 

(UNAUDITED)

#### 1. BUSINESS

Integrated Electrical Services, Inc. (the Company or IES), a Delaware corporation, was founded in June 1997 to create a leading national provider of electrical contracting services, focusing primarily on the commercial, industrial, residential, low voltage and service and maintenance markets.

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect, in the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position as of, and the results of operations for, the periods presented. All adjustments are considered to be normal and recurring. Interim period results are not necessarily indicative of results of operations or cash flows for the full year. During interim periods, we follow the same accounting policies disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007, with the exception of the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Financial Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an Interpretation of FASB 109 as described in the paragraph that follows. Please refer to the Notes of our 2007 Form 10-K when reviewing interim financial results.

On October 1, 2007, we adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109 (FIN 48). FIN 48 created a single model to address accounting for uncertain income tax positions and established a minimum recognition threshold a tax position must meet before being recognized in the financial statements.

The evaluation of a tax position under FIN 48 is a two-step process. The first step is the recognition process to determine if it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination by the appropriate taxing authority, based on the technical merits of the position. The second step is a measurement process whereby a tax position that meets the more likely than not recognition threshold is calculated to determine the amount of benefit/expense to recognize in the financial statements. The tax position is measured at the largest amount of benefit/expense that is more likely than not of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

As the result of the adoption of FIN 48 and recognition of the cumulative effect of the adoption of the new accounting principal, we recorded an \$8.2 million decrease in contingent tax liabilities. The reduction of the contingent tax liabilities resulted in a \$7.8 million decrease in goodwill

as prescribed by Statement of Position 90-7, Financial Reporting by Entities in Reorganization Under the Bankruptcy Code (SOP 90-7) and a \$0.4 million increase in retained earnings. Upon the adoption of FIN 48, the total liability for unrecognized tax benefits was \$6.2 million, excluding accrued interest and penalties, which are discussed below. The liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits are a component of Other non-current liabilities in our consolidated balance sheet. The reversal of the liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits would result in a \$6.1 million adjustment that would first go to reduce goodwill, then intangible assets and then additional paid-in capital as prescribed by SOP 90-7. The remaining \$0.1 million would result in a decrease in the provision for income tax expense.

We recognize interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as part of the provision for income taxes. Upon the adoption of FIN 48, we had approximately \$0.4 million in accrued interest and penalties included in liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits. The accrued interest and penalties are a component of Other non-current liabilities in our consolidated balance sheet. The reversal of the accrued interest and penalties would result in a \$0.2 million adjustment that would first go to reduce goodwill, then intangible assets and then additional paid-in capital as prescribed by SOP 90-7. The remaining \$0.2 million would result in a decrease in the provision for income tax expense.

We are currently not under federal audit by the Internal Revenue Service. The tax years ended September 30, 2004 and forward are subject to audit as are tax years prior to September 30, 2004, to the extent of unutilized net operating losses generated in those years. Currently, one of our business units is under a state audit for the tax years ended September 30, 2002 and 2003.

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We anticipate that approximately \$0.3 million of liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits, including accrued interest, may be reversed in the next twelve months. This reversal is predominately due to the expiration of the statues of limitation for unrecognized tax benefits and the settlement of a state audit.

#### RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain prior period balances have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation, including the income statement line items interest expense and interest income, which were previously shown as a single net amount.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions by management in determining the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates are primarily used in our revenue recognition for construction in progress. Other estimates consist of allowances for doubtful accounts receivable, inventory obsolescence reserves, fair value assumptions in analyzing goodwill and long-lived asset impairments and adjustments from fresh-start accounting, realizability of deferred tax assets, self-insured claims liabilities, and estimated forfeiture rates and projected earnings used to measure stock-based compensation awards.

#### SEASONALITY AND QUARTERLY FLUCTUATIONS

Our results of operations are seasonal, depending on weather trends, with higher revenues typically generated during spring and summer months and lower revenues typically generated during fall and winter months. In addition, the construction industry has historically been highly cyclical. Our volume of business may be adversely affected by declines in construction projects resulting from adverse regional or national economic conditions. Quarterly results may also be materially affected by the timing of new construction projects. Accordingly, operating results for any fiscal period are not necessarily indicative of results that may be achieved for any subsequent fiscal period.

#### RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157). SFAS 157 enhances the guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. In addition, SFAS 157 expands information about the extent to which companies measure assets and liabilities at fair value, the information used to measure fair value and the effect of fair value measurements on earnings. This statement applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value, but it does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. We are currently evaluating the potential impact, if any, SFAS 157 will have on our financial results for our fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2008.

SFAS 157 was originally to be effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. However, on February 12, 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157* (FSP 157-2) which amends SFAS 157 to delay the effective date for all non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (that is, at least annually) to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. We currently do not have any assets that are measured at fair value. We are currently evaluating the potential impact, if any, FSP 157-2 will have on our financial results for our fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2009. We believe we will likely be required to provide additional disclosures in future financial statements beginning after the effective date of the new standard.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* (SFAS 159) which permits companies to measure certain financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. The objective is to improve financial reporting by providing companies the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. SFAS 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We are currently evaluating the potential impact, if any, SFAS 159 will have on our financial results for our fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2008; however, as we do not intend to elect fair value for any of our assets and liabilities, there should be no impact.

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations* (SFAS 141(R)) which changes the accounting for acquisitions. SFAS 141(R) requires an acquiring entity to recognize all the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a transaction at the acquisition-date fair value with limited exceptions. SFAS 141(R) eliminates the step acquisition model, changes the

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recognition of contingent consideration from being recognized when it is probable to being recognized at the time of acquisition, disallows the capitalization of transaction costs, and changes when restructuring charges related to acquisitions can be recognized. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008 and will only impact the accounting for acquisitions that are made after adoption.

#### STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Stock-based compensation consists of expenses related to employee stock option awards, restricted stock grants and performance-based restricted stock grants (see Note 6). We recognize stock-based compensation expense in a pro-rata manner based on the value of stock-based payment awards that are expected to vest, reduced for estimated forfeitures. SFAS 123(R), *Share-Based Payment* (SFAS 123(R)) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. We used the modified prospective application method at the time SFAS 123(R) was adopted.

SFAS 123(R) does not require a specific valuation model to measure the value of stock options, and either a binomial or the Black-Scholes model may be used. We used a binomial option pricing model to measure the fair value of stock options awarded in our 2007 and 2008 fiscal years. We believe the binomial pricing model is a more precise measure of the value of our stock options; however, the difference in the values between the two methods was not material for the options that we granted.

The assumptions used in the binomial pricing model calculation for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

		Nine Months Ended June 30, 2008			
	2008			2007	
Weighted average value per option granted during the period (1)	\$	8.49	\$	13.34	
Assumptions:					
Stock price volatility		51.6%		43.6%	
Risk free rate of return		3.3%		4.8%	
Future forfeiture rate (2)		0.0%		0.0%	
Expected term	6	.0 years		6.0 years	

<sup>(1)</sup> We do not pay dividends on our common stock.

#### 2. STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Restructuring Program

<sup>(2)</sup> The forfeiture rate is assumed to be zero based on the limited number of employees who have been awarded stock options.

We have restructured our operations from our previous geographic structure into three major lines of business: Industrial, Commercial and Residential. This operational restructuring is part of our long-term strategic plan to reduce our cost structure, reposition our business to better serve our customers, strengthen financial controls and, as a result, position the Company to implement a market-based growth strategy in the future. The restructuring program has consolidated administrative support functions, eliminating redundant functions that were previously performed at our 27 business units. We expect to incur pre-tax restructuring charges, including severance benefits and consulting charges, of approximately \$5 million to \$10 million over the course of the restructuring process, which will be substantially complete by September 30, 2008.

The first component of our restructuring program was initiated in our Industrial segment in June 2007. Under this portion of the planned restructuring, 5 of our business units were integrated under the IES Industrial segment, and the support and administrative functions of those businesses were combined at an operating location in Houston, Texas. In connection with this realignment, we approved a transition and severance benefits program for 25 employees who were separated from the Company on or before June 30, 2008 through the elimination of redundant positions. During the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we have recognized approximately \$0.3 million in severance charges for the value of cash compensation and payroll taxes that will be paid out through November 2008 in the form of salary continuation. Since the inception of this program, we have recorded \$0.5 million in severance charges for our Industrial segment. These charges have been included in the caption Restructuring Charges in the consolidated statement of operations, and we have a remaining liability of \$0.1 million included as an accrued expense.

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The second component of our restructuring program was initiated in our Commercial segment in September 2007. Under this portion of the restructuring, 17 of our business units were integrated under the IES Commercial segment, and the support and administrative functions of those businesses were combined at an operating location in Tempe, Arizona. In connection with this realignment, we approved a transition and severance benefits plan for approximately 100 employees who have been or will be separated through the elimination of redundant positions. The affected employees will continue to work for the Company for up to six months. During the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we recognized approximately \$1.9 million in severance charges for cash compensation and payroll taxes that will be paid out through December 2008 in the form of salary continuation. Since the inception of this program, we have recorded \$2.0 million in severance charges for our Commercial segment. These charges have been identified within the Restructuring Charges caption in the consolidated statement of operations, and we have a remaining liability of \$0.7 million included in accrued expenses. We expect to recognize an additional \$0.1 million in severance liabilities for the value of cash compensation for Commercial employees who have already been included in the transition and severance program, which we expect to incur in the forth quarter of our 2008 fiscal year.

The third component of our restructuring program was initiated in our Residential segment in September 2007. Under this portion of the restructuring, 5 of our business units were integrated under the IES Residential segment during our 2008 fiscal year, and the support and administrative functions of those businesses has been combined at an operating location near Houston, Texas. In connection with this realignment, we approved a transition and severance benefits plan for 17 employees who have been separated through the elimination of redundant positions. During the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we recognized approximately \$0.2 million in severance liabilities for cash compensation and payroll taxes. These charges have been identified within the Restructuring Charges caption in the consolidated statement of operations.

In addition to the severance costs described above, we incurred charges of approximately \$0.4 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, for consulting services associated with our restructuring program during the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2008. During the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we also wrote off \$0.1 million of leasehold improvements at a location we closed. Since we began the program in June 2007, we have recorded a total of \$5.3 million of restructuring charges.

The following table summarizes the activities related to our restructuring activities by component (in thousands):

	Severance	Consulting /	m
	Charges	Other Charges	Total
Restructuring liability at September 30, 2007	\$ 208	\$ 180	\$ 388
Restructuring charges incurred during the nine months ended June 30, 2008	2,434	1,997	4,431
Less - cash payments during the nine months ended June 30, 2008	(1,759)	(1,993)	(3,752)
Less - non-cash expenses / write-offs		(131)	(131)
Restructuring liability at June 30, 2008	\$ 883	\$ 53	\$ 936

Exit or Disposal Activities

In March 2006, based on the recommendation of our Board of Directors, we committed to an exit plan with respect to certain underperforming business units in our Commercial and Industrial segments. The exit plan committed to a shut-down or consolidation of the operations of these business units, or the sale or other disposition of the business units, whichever came sooner. In our assessment of the estimated net realizable value of the accounts receivable at these business units, we increased our general allowance for doubtful accounts having considered various factors, including the risk of collection and the age of the receivables.

In June 2007, we shut down our Mid-States Electric business unit, located in Jackson, Tennessee. Mid-States operating equipment was either transferred to other IES business units or sold to third parties. All project work was completed prior to the business unit being closed, and legacy projects were completed by other IES business units. Mid-States assets, liabilities and operating results for both the current and prior periods have been reclassified to discontinued operations. Mid-States was part of our Commercial segment prior to being classified as discontinued.

Remaining net working capital related to these business units was \$0.8 million and \$4.3 million at June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively. As a result of inherent uncertainty in the exit plan and the monetization of these business units—working capital, we could experience additional losses of working capital. As of June 30, 2008, we believe we have recorded adequate reserves to reflect the net realizable value of the working capital; however, subsequent events may impact our ability to collect these receivables.

The exit plan is substantially complete for the business units that we selected to exit in March 2006, with the operations of these business units having substantially ceased as of September 30, 2006. Mid-States operations were shut down as of June 30, 2007.

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We have included the results of operations related to these business units in discontinued operations for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2008, and all prior periods presented have been reclassified accordingly.

Summarized financial data for all discontinued operations are outlined below (in thousands):

	Three Mon June 2008		2007
Revenues	\$ 92	\$	1,660
Gross profit	\$ 68	\$	13
Pre-tax income (loss)	\$ 48	\$	(29)
	Nine Months Ended June 30,		
	2008		2007
Revenues	\$ 1,025	\$	7,885
Gross profit (loss)	\$ 464	\$	(1,635)
Pre-tax income (loss)	\$ 386	\$	(2,204)
	June 30, 2008	5	September 30, 2007
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 1,374	\$	6,184
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	5		8
Property and equipment, net	210		239
Total assets	\$ 1,589	\$	6,431
Accounts payable	\$ 167	\$	600
Accrued liabilities	336		522
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	86		798
Total liabilities	589		1,920
Net assets	\$ 1,000	\$	4,511

# 3. DEBT AND LIQUIDITY

Debt consists of the following (in thousands):

	June 30, 2008	September 30, 2007
Term Loan, due May 15, 2013, bearing interest at 11.0%	\$ 25,000 \$	
Term Loan, due May 12, 2013, bearing interest at an adjusted rate of 10.75%		45,598
Capital lease and other	277	178
Total debt	25,277	45,776
Less Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt	(150)	(78)
Total long-term debt	\$ 25,127 \$	45,698

Future payments on debt at June 30, 2008 are as follows (in thousands):

2008	40
2009	140
2010	90
2011	7
2012	
Thereafter	25,000
Total	\$ 25,277

For the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, we incurred interest expense of \$1.3 million and \$2.8 million, respectively. These interest expenses include amortization of deferred financing charges of \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. For the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, we incurred interest expense of \$7.6 million and \$7.9 million, respectively. These interest expenses include deferred financing charges of \$1.7 million and \$0.9 million,

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for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and prepayment penalties of \$2.1 million and \$0.7 million incurred during December 2007 and May 2007, respectively.

The Tontine Capital Partners Term Loan

On December 12, 2007, we entered into a \$25.0 million senior subordinated loan agreement (the Tontine Term Loan ) with Tontine Capital Partners, L.P., a related party. The proceeds of the Tontine Term Loan, together with cash on hand, were used to fund the repayment of the Eton Park Term Loan (discussed below).

The Tontine Term Loan bears interest at 11.0% per annum and is due on May 15, 2013. Interest is payable quarterly, beginning on December 31, 2007, in cash or in-kind at our option. Any interest paid in-kind will bear interest at the same rate (11.0%) as the Tontine Term Loan. We may repay the Tontine Term Loan at any time prior to the maturity date at par, plus accrued interest without penalty. The Tontine Term Loan is subordinated to our existing Revolving Credit Facility (as defined below). The Tontine Term Loan is an unsecured obligation of the Company and its subsidiary borrowers. The Tontine Term Loan contains no financial covenants or restrictions on dividends or distributions to stockholders.

The Revolving Credit Facility

On May 12, 2006, we entered into an agreement (the Loan and Security Agreement ) for a revolving credit facility (the Revolving Credit Facility ) with Bank of America and certain other lenders. On May 9, 2008, we renegotiated the terms of our Revolving Credit Facility and entered into an amended agreement with the same financial institutions.

The Revolving Credit Facility provides access to revolving borrowings in the aggregate amount of up to \$60.0 million. At June 30, 2008, we had \$37.6 million in letters of credit issued against the Revolving Credit Facility and \$14.4 million available under the Revolving Credit Facility.

The Revolving Credit Facility is guaranteed by our subsidiaries and secured by first priority liens on substantially all of our and our subsidiaries existing and future acquired assets, exclusive of collateral provided to sureties. The Revolving Credit Facility contains customary affirmative, negative and financial covenants that were modified in conjunction with its renewal and amendment on May 9, 2008. The financial covenants are described below in the section titled Financial Covenants . The Revolving Credit Facility also restricts us from paying cash dividends and places limitations on our ability to repurchase our common stock. The maturity date of the Revolving Credit Facility is May 12, 2010.

Under the renegotiated terms of our Revolving Credit Facility interest is calculated at LIBOR plus 3.0%, or the lender s prime rate (the Base Rate ) plus 1.0% through September 30, 2008. Thereafter, interest is based on our total liquidity, which is calculated as cash on hand plus availability under the revolving credit facility, as shown in the following table.

Total Liquidity	Interest Rate
Greater than \$60 million	LIBOR plus 2.75% or Base Rate plus 0.75%
From \$40 million to \$60 million	LIBOR plus 3.00% or Base Rate plus 1.00%
Less than \$40 million	LIBOR plus 3.25% or Base Rate plus 1.25%

The letter of credit fee under the revised agreement is 3.25% through September 30, 2008, after which the letter of credit fee will be based on the same factor as loans outstanding.

In addition, we will be charged monthly in arrears (1) an unused line fee of either 0.5% or 0.375%, depending on the utilization of the credit line, and (2) certain other fees and charges as specified in the revolving credit agreement. Finally, the Revolving Credit Facility is subject to a prepayment fee of 0.5% until May 2009 and 0.25% until May 2010. We incurred a \$275,000 charge from Bank of America as a result of the amendment, of which \$200,000 is classified as a prepaid expense and is being amortized over 12 months and \$75,000 is classified as a deferred financing fee and is being amortized over 24 months.

Through May 9, 2008, loans under the Revolving Credit Facility bore interest at LIBOR plus 3.5% or the base rate plus 1.5% on the terms set in the credit agreement. In addition, we were charged monthly in arrears (1) an unused line fee of either 0.5% or 0.375%, depending on the utilization of the credit line, (2) a letter of credit fee equal to the applicable per annum LIBOR margin times the amount of all outstanding letters of credit, and (3) certain other fees and charges as specified in the revolving credit agreement.

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Financial Covenants							
	redit Facility as in effect on June 30, 2008, are described following amended financial covenants under the R						
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Covenant Shutdown Subsidiaries Earnings Before Interest and Taxes	Requirement  Cumulative loss not to exceed \$2.0 million	Actual  Cumulative loss of \$1.0 million					
Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio	Minimum of 1.25:1.00	N/A (1)					
Leverage Ratio	Maximum of 3.50:1.00	N/A (1)					
Security Agreement, exceeds \$50 mi	will not be in effect at any time our total lighter.  Sometimes of the content of						
The Eton Park / Flagg Street Term Loan							
Immediately preceding our emergence from bankruptcy, we had \$51.9 million in senior convertible notes (the Senior Convertible Notes). On the date we emerged from bankruptcy, May 12, 2006, we entered into a \$53.0 million senior secured term loan (the Eton Park Term Loan) with Eton Park Fund L.P. and its affiliate and Flagg Street Partners LP and certain of its affiliates to refinance the Senior Convertible Notes. On December 12, 2007, we repaid the Eton Park Term Loan using cash on hand and the proceeds from a new senior subordinated note. Along with a prepayment penalty of \$2.1 million that was included in interest expense and accrued interest of \$1.0 million, the payoff amount was \$48.7 million. Finally, we wrote off previously unamortized debt issuance costs of \$0.3 million on the Eton Park Term Loan.							
The Eton Park Term Loan bore interest at 10.75% per annum, subject to adjustment as set forth in the loan agreement governing the Eton Park Term Loan, and was to mature on May 12, 2013. Interest was payable in cash, quarterly in arrears, provided that, at our sole discretion, until the third anniversary of the closing date, we had the option to direct that interest be paid by capitalizing the interest as additional loans under the Eton Park Term Loan. We capitalized interest as additional loans of \$1.7 million and \$5.0 million, respectively, during the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2007. We did not capitalize any interest expense during the period from October 1, 2007 to December 12, 2007, the date the Eton Park Term Loan was repaid. Through the life of the Eton Park Term Loan, we capitalized interest as additional loans of \$7.6 million. The Eton Park Term Loan was guaranteed by our subsidiaries and was secured by substantially the same collateral as the Revolving Credit Facility, and was second in priority to the liens securing the Revolving Credit Facility. The interest rate on the Eton Park Term Loan was adjusted at the end of each quarter based on our performance for the period from January 1, 2006 through the end of the quarter. Based on this criterion, the adjusted interest rate on the Eton Park Term Loan was as follows:							
Quarter ended / Period ended:	Interest Rate						

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December 31, 2006	12.60%
March 31, 2007	12.00%
June 30, 2007	11.55%
September 30, 2007	10.75%
December 12, 2007	10.75%

Our weighted average interest rate under the Eton Park Term Loan was 10.75% for the period from October 1, 2007 to December 12, 2007.

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#### 4. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Our restricted shares granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan participate in any dividends declared on our common stock. Accordingly, the restricted shares are considered participating securities under the two-class method as required by Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 03-6, *Participating Securities and the Two-class method under FASB Statement No. 128.* The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings for each class of common stock and participating securities according to dividends declared or accumulated and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Under the two-class method, net income is reduced by the amount of dividends declared in the current period for each class of stock and by the contractual amounts of dividends that must be paid for the current period. The remaining earnings are then allocated to common stock and participating securities to the extent that each security may share in earnings as if all of the earnings for the period had been distributed. Diluted earnings per share is calculated using the treasury stock and if converted methods for potential common stock. Basic earnings per share is calculated as income (loss) available to common stockholders, divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. If the effect is dilutive, participating securities are included in the computation of basic earnings per share. Our participating securities do not have a contractual obligation to share in the losses in any given period. As a result, these participating securities will not be allocated any losses in the periods of net losses, but will be allocated income in the periods of net income using the two-class method.

The tables that follow reconcile the components of the basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands, except per share and per share data):

		Three Mor June 2008	2007	
Numerator:		2008		2007
Net income from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders	\$	2,000	\$	1,015
Net income from continuing operations attributable to restricted shareholders	Ψ	26	Ψ	18
Net income from continuing operations  Net income from continuing operations	\$	2,026	\$	1,033
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Net income from discontinued operations attributable to common shareholders	\$	12	\$	171
Net income from discontinued operations attributable to restricted shareholders		0		3
Net income from discontinued operations	\$	12	\$	174
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$	2,012	\$	1,187
Net income attributable to restricted shareholders		26		20
Net income	\$	2,038	\$	1,207
Denominator:				
Weighted average common shares outstanding basic		14,969,008		15,086,156
Effect of dilutive stock options and non-vested restricted stock		34,123		77,231
Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding diluted		15,003,131		15,163,387
Basic income per share:				
Basic income per share from continuing operations	\$	0.14	\$	0.07
Basic income per share from discontinued operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Basic income per share	\$	0.14	\$	0.08
Diluted income per share:				
Diluted income per share from continuing operations	\$	0.14	\$	0.07
Diluted income per share from discontinued operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Diluted income per share	\$	0.14	\$	0.08

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		Nine Mont June 2008		2007
Numerator:				
Net income from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders	\$	1,075	\$	521
Net income from continuing operations attributable to restricted shareholders		16		10
Net income from continuing operations	\$	1,091	\$	531
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to common shareholders	\$	186	\$	(864)
Net income from discontinued operations attributable to restricted shareholders	_	3	T	(00.)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	\$	189	\$	(864)
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Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$	1,261	\$	(333)
Net income attributable to restricted shareholders		19		
Net income (loss)	\$	1,280	\$	(333)
Denominator:				
Weighted average common shares outstanding basic		15,026,675		15,047,956
Effect of dilutive stock options and non-vested restricted stock		82,660		15,966
Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding diluted		15,109,335		15,063,922
Basic income (loss) per share:				
Basic income per share from continuing operations	\$	0.07	\$	0.04
Basic income (loss) per share from discontinued operations	\$	0.01	\$	(0.06)
Basic income (loss) per share	\$	0.09	\$	(0.02)
Diluted income (loss) per share:				
Diluted income (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$	0.07	\$	0.04
Diluted income (loss) per share from discontinued operations	\$	0.01	\$	(0.06)
Diluted loss per share	\$	0.08	\$	(0.02)
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#### 5. OPERATING SEGMENTS

In accordance with SFAS No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information certain information is disclosed based on the way management organizes financial information for making operating decisions and assessing performance.

We manage and measure performance of our business in three distinct operating segments: Commercial, Industrial, and Residential. We also have a Corporate segment that provides general and administrative services to our operating segments. The Commercial segment provides electrical and communications design, installation, renovation, engineering and maintenance and replacement services in facilities such as office buildings, high-rise apartments and condominiums, theaters, restaurants, hotels, hospitals and critical-care facilities, school districts, light manufacturing and processing facilities, military installations, airports, outside plant, network enterprises and switch network customers. The Industrial segment provides electrical design, installation, renovation and engineering and maintenance and replacement services in facilities such as manufacturing and distribution centers, water treatment facilities, refineries, petrochemical and power plants, and alternative energy facilities. In addition to these services, our Industrial segment also designs and assembles modular power distribution centers. The Residential segment consists of electrical installation, replacement and renovation services in single-family, condominium, townhouse and low-rise multifamily housing units. The Corporate segment includes expenses associated with our home office, which provides support services to the other segments.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies, see Note 5 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007. We evaluate performance based on income from operations of the respective business units prior to home office expenses. Management allocates costs between segments for selling, general and administrative expenses, goodwill impairment, depreciation expense, capital expenditures and total assets. In our previous financial statements we managed and measured our performance in two operating segments; commercial and industrial, and residential. On October 1, 2007, in conjunction with our restructuring program described in Note 2, we began to utilize the three segment approach that we have described above. Accordingly, we have restated our prior year segment results to be consistent with the current year presentation.

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Other data:

Depreciation and amortization expense

\$

3,825

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Segment information for continuing operations for the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 is as follows (in thousands):

				Three Month	s Ende	ed June 30, 2008	R (Una	uudited)		
	Co	ommercial		Industrial		Residential		Corporate		Total
Revenues	\$	125,547	\$	33,676	\$	55,262	\$		\$	214,485
Cost of services		108,166		27,673		44,748				180,587
Gross profit		17,381		6,003		10,514				33,898
Selling, general and administrative		9,934		1,932		8,419		7,767		28,052
Loss (gain) on sale of assets		(58)		(12)		(5)		(40)		(115)
Restructuring charge		898		108		32		, ,		1,038
Income (loss) from operations	\$	6,607	\$	3,975	\$	2,068	\$	(7,727)	\$	4,923
Other data:										
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$	550	\$	243	\$	468	\$	587	\$	1,848
Capital expenditures	\$	41	\$	34	\$	58	\$	2,847	\$	2,980
Total assets	\$	132,488	\$	31,762	\$	48,179	\$	107,230	\$	319,659
				Three Month	o Ende	ed June 30, 2007	7 (Uno	andited)		
	Co	ommercial		Industrial		ea June 30, 2007 Residential		Corporate		Total
Revenues	\$	113,201	\$	29,776	\$	79,654	\$	corporate	\$	222,631
Cost of services	Ψ	95,417	Ψ	23,998	Ψ	64,906	Ψ		Ψ	184,322
Gross profit		17,784		5,778		14,748				38,309
Selling, general and administrative		11,474		2,594		9,264		10,781		34,113
Loss (gain) on sale of assets		(88)		(19)		12		4		(91)
Income (loss) from operations	\$	6,398	\$	3,203	\$	5,472	\$	(10,785)	\$	4,287
Other data:	Ψ	0,570	Ψ	3,203	Ψ	3,172	Ψ	(10,703)	Ψ	1,207
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$	1,313	\$	5	\$	326	\$	933	\$	2,577
Capital expenditures	\$	387	\$	66	\$	103	\$	137	\$	693
Total assets	\$	111,034	\$	31,494	\$	82,857	\$	125,525	\$	350,910
				Nine Months	s Ende	d June 30, 2008	(Unau	udited)		
		ommercial		Industrial	F	Residential		Corporate		Total
Revenues	\$	346,719	\$	101,362	\$	160,876	\$		\$	608,957
Cost of services		297,131		84,772		129,394				511,297
Gross profit		49,588		16,590		31,482				97,660
Selling, general and administrative		30,533		6,465		25,131		24,154		86,283
Loss (gain) on sale of assets		(177)		(13)		56		(5)		(139)
Restructuring charge		3,923		335		173				4,431
Income (loss) from operations	\$	15,309	\$	9,803	\$	6,122	\$	(24,149)	\$	7,085
Other data:										
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$	1,914	\$	858	\$	1,801	\$	1,861	\$	6,434
Capital expenditures	\$	211	\$	568	\$	344	\$	6,352	\$	7,475
						d June 30, 2007	(Unau	udited)		
		ommercial		Industrial		Residential		Corporate	_	Total
Revenues	\$	339,504	\$	87,614	\$	238,859	\$		\$	665,977
Cost of services		286,976		72,860		194,133				553,969
Gross profit		52,528		14,754		44,726				112,008
Selling, general and administrative		35,935		6,944		27,112		34,783		104,774
Loss (gain) on sale of assets		(171)		(46)		39		61		(117)
Income (loss) from operations	\$	16,764	\$	7,856	\$	17,575	\$	(34,844)	\$	7,351

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Capital expenditures	\$	703	\$	333 \$	349	\$	240	\$	1,625

We have no operations or long-lived assets in countries outside of the United States.

Total assets as of June 30, 2008 and 2007 exclude assets from discontinued operations of \$1.5 million and \$10.6 million, respectively.

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#### 6. STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

On May 12, 2008, 10,555 shares of outstanding common stock that were reserved for issuance upon exchange of previously issued shares pursuant to our plan of reorganization were cancelled.

The 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2006 Plan ) became effective on May 12, 2006. The 2006 Plan, as amended, provides for grants of both stock options and common stock, including restricted stock and performance-based restricted stock. We have approximately 1.5 million shares of common stock authorized for issuance under the 2006 Plan.

Treasury Stock

On December 12, 2007, we entered into an amendment to our Loan and Security Agreement. The amendment permitted us to pay off the Eton Park Term Loan and enter into a new subordinated note agreement for a reduced principal amount. Further, the amendment allowed us to implement a stock repurchase program for up to one million shares of our common stock over the following 24 months. On December 12, 2007, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to one million shares of our common stock. This share repurchase plan is authorized through December 2009, and as of June 30, 2008, we have repurchased 346,594 shares at an average cost of \$17.81. During the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we repurchased 33,008 shares from our employees to satisfy tax withholding requirements upon the vesting of restricted stock issued under the Amended and Restated 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, we issued 101,650 shares of treasury stock under our share-based compensation programs, and 47,855 unvested shares have been forfeited by former employees and returned to treasury stock.

Restricted Stock

We granted 101,650 shares of restricted stock to our employees during the first nine months of our 2008 fiscal year. These restricted shares were granted at prices ranging from \$13.38 to \$19.98 with a weighted average price of \$19.17. 7,500 of these shares vest one-third per year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant, and the remaining 94,150 cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant.

We granted 27,600 shares of restricted stock to our employees during the first nine months of our 2007 fiscal year. These restricted shares were granted at prices ranging from \$23.61 to \$26.48 with weighted average price of \$25.12 under various vesting terms.

During the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, we recognized \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, in compensation expense related to these awards. During the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, we recognized \$2.0 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, in compensation expense related to these awards. As of June 30, 2008, the unamortized compensation cost related to outstanding unvested restricted stock was \$2.5 million. We expect to recognize \$0.6 million related to these awards during the remaining three months of our 2008 fiscal year, and \$1.9 million thereafter.

All the restricted shares granted under the 2006 Plan (vested or unvested) participate in dividends issued to common shareholders, if any.

Performance-Based Restricted Stock

During the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we granted 15 members of our senior management team performance-based phantom stock units (PSUs). Each PSU is convertible into shares of restricted common stock that will cliff vest on September 30, 2010, subject to the terms of the award. The size of the award is based on the Company achieving cumulative fully diluted earnings per share of \$2.30 over the course of our 2008 and 2009 fiscal years. The potential range of this award is between 0 and 188,300 shares of restricted stock, depending on the actual cumulative earnings per share for this period.

At the time the awards were granted, we forecasted that we will ultimately issue 94,150 restricted shares, based on our achieving cumulative fully diluted earnings per share of \$2.30 over the course of our 2008 and 2009 fiscal years, and we have based our compensation expense on this amount. The awards vest over three years and are being amortized in a straight-line manner throughout that period. As of June 30, 2008, we believe our target estimate is reasonable; however, any deviation in the cumulative fully diluted earnings per share that we achieve during our 2008 and 2009 fiscal years will result in a change in the actual amount of stock based compensation that we recognize over the vesting period. Under SFAS 123(R), the estimated fair value of these PSUs on the date of grant was \$1.5 million.

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During the three months and nine months ended June 30, 2008, we recognized \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, in compensation expense related to these PSU awards. As of June 30, 2008, the unamortized compensation cost related to the PSU awards was \$1.2 million. We expect to recognize \$0.1 million related to these awards during the remaining three months of our 2008 fiscal year, and \$1.1 million thereafter.

Stock Options

We granted 21,000 stock options during the nine months ended June 30, 2008. These options have exercise prices ranging from \$13.38 to \$18.79 with a weighted average exercise price of \$16.21. These options vest over a three year period at a rate of one-third on the annual anniversary date of the grant and expire ten years from the grant date if they are not exercised.

We granted 40,000 stock options during the nine months ended June 30, 2007. These options have exercise prices ranging from \$25.08 to \$33.35 with a weighted average exercise price of \$27.15. These options vest over a three year period at a rate of one-third on the annual anniversary date of the grant and expire ten years from the grant date if they are not exercised.

During the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, we recognized \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, in compensation expense related to these awards. During the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, we recognized \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, in compensation expense related to these awards. As of June 30, 2008, the unamortized compensation cost related to outstanding unvested stock options was \$0.8 million. We expect to recognize \$0.1 million related to these awards during the remaining three months of our 2008 fiscal year, and \$0.6 million thereafter.

The following table summarizes activity under our stock option and incentive compensation plans.

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding, September 30, 2007	191,471	\$ 26.66
Options granted	21,000	16.21
Exercised		
Expired	(51,471)	44.36
Forfeited	(5,000)	13.38
Outstanding, June 30, 2008	156,000	\$ 19.84
Exercisable, June 30, 2008	33,333	\$ 17.36

The following table summarizes all options outstanding and exercisable at June 30, 2008:

		Remaining						
	Outstanding as of	Contractual Life	Weig	hted-Average	E	xercisable as of	,	Weighted-Average
Range of Exercise Prices	June 30, 2008	in Years	<b>Exercise Price</b>			June 30, 2008		Exercise Price
\$13.38 - \$18.79	116,000	8.3	\$	17.32	\$	33,333	\$	17.36

\$25.08 - \$33.55	40,000	8.8	27.15		
	156,000	8.4 \$	19.84 \$	33,333 \$	17.36

Upon exercise of stock options, it is our policy to first issue shares from treasury stock, then to issue new shares. Unexercised options expire between July 2016 and January 2018.

#### 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Matters

In the construction business there are frequently claims and litigation. Latent defect litigation is a normal course for residential home builders in certain parts of the country and it appears that such litigation will continue and expand into other parts of the country. There is also the inherent claims and litigation risk of the number of people that work on construction sites and the fleet of vehicles on the road everyday. Those claims and litigation risks are proactively managed through safety programs, insurance programs, litigation management at the corporate office and the local level, and a network of attorneys and law firms throughout the country. Nevertheless, claims are sometimes made and lawsuits filed and sometimes for amounts in excess of their value or amounts for which they are eventually resolved. Claims and litigation normally follow a predictable course of time to resolution. Given our size, with many contracts and employees, there can be periods of time where a disproportionate amount of the claims and litigation may be concluded all in the same quarter, or year. If these matters resolve near the same time then the cumulative effect can be higher than the ordinary

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level in any one reporting period. In our opinion, all such proceedings are either adequately covered by insurance or, if not so covered, should not ultimately result in any liability which would have a material adverse effect on our financial position, liquidity or results of operations. We expense routine legal costs related to proceedings as incurred.

We are not aware of any litigation or pending litigation that we currently believe will have a material impact on our results of operations or our financial position.

We are subject to large deductibles on our property and casualty insurance policies. As a result, many or our claims are effectively self-insured. Many claims against our insurance are in the form of litigation. At June 30, 2008, we have \$12.0 million accrued for self insurance liabilities including \$3.9 million for general liability coverage losses. We are also subject to construction defect liabilities, primarily within our Residential segment. We believe the likely range of our potential liability for construction defects is from \$0.5 million to \$1.0 million. As of June 30, 2008, we have reserved \$0.5 million for these claims, in accordance with SFAS 5, *Accounting for Contingencies*. Finally, for those legal proceedings not expected to be covered by insurance, we have accrued \$0.1 million at June 30, 2008.

Surety

Many of our customers require us to post performance and payment bonds issued by a surety. Those bonds guarantee the customer that we will perform under the terms of a contract and that we will pay our subcontractors and vendors. In the event that we fail to perform under a contract or pay subcontractors and vendors, the customer may demand the surety to pay or perform under our bond. Our relationship with our sureties is such that we will indemnify the sureties for any expenses they incur in connection with any of the bonds they issue on our behalf. To date, we have not incurred significant expenses to indemnify our sureties for expenses they incurred on our behalf. As of June 30, 2008, our cost to complete projects covered by surety bonds was \$128.9 million. As of June 30, 2008, we utilized a combination of cash and letters of credit totaling \$34.1 million, which was comprised of \$22.5 million in letters of credit and \$11.5 million of cash and accumulated interest (as is included in Other Non-Current Assets), to collateralize our bonding programs.

We obtain our surety bonds from three different providers. As is common in the surety industry, there is no commitment from these providers to guarantee our ability to issue bonds for projects as they are required. We believe that our relationships with these providers will allow us to provide surety bonds if and when they are required, however we cannot guarantee that such bonds will be available. If surety bonds are not provided, there are situations in which claims or damages may result. Those situations occur when surety bonds are required for jobs that have been awarded, contracts are signed, work has begun or bonds may be required in the future by the customer according to terms of the contracts. If our subsidiaries are in one of those situations and not able to obtain a surety bond, then the result can be a claim for damages by the customer for the costs of replacing the subsidiary with another contractor. Customers are often reluctant to replace an existing contractor and may be willing to waive the contractual right or through negotiation be willing to continue the work on different payment terms. We evaluate our bonding requirements on a regular basis, including the terms and coverage offered by each provider. We believe we presently have adequate surety coverage.

Surety bond companies may also provide surety bonds at a cost including (i) payment of a premium plus (ii) posting cash or letters of credit as collateral. The cost of cash collateral or letters of credit in addition to the selling, general and administrative costs and the industry practice of the customer retaining a percentage of the contract (5% - 10%) amount as retention until the end of the job, could make certain bonded projects uneconomic to perform.

Other Commitments and Contingencies

Some of the underwriters of our casualty insurance program require us to post letters of credit as collateral. This is common in the insurance industry. To date, we have not had a situation where an underwriter has had reasonable cause to effect payment under a letter of credit. At June 30, 2008, \$14.7 million of our outstanding letters of credit were utilized to collateralize our insurance program.

We sold all or substantially all of the assets of certain wholly owned subsidiaries. Those sales were made to facilitate the business needs and purposes of the organization as a whole. Since we were a consolidator of electrical contracting businesses, often the best candidate to purchase those assets is a previous owner of those assets. That previous owner may still be associated with the subsidiary as an officer of that subsidiary. To facilitate the desired timing, the sales were being made with more than ordinary reliance on the representations of the purchaser who is, in those cases, often the person most familiar with the business sold. There is the potential from selling assets net of liabilities, but retaining the entities from which they were sold, that if the purchaser is unwilling or unable to perform the transferred liabilities, we may be forced to fulfill obligations that were assigned or sold to others. If this were to occur, we

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would seek reimbursement from the purchasers. These potential liabilities will continue to diminish over time. To date, we have not been required to perform any projects sold under this divestiture program.

From time to time, we may enter into firm purchase commitments for materials such as copper wire and aluminum wire among others which we expect to use in the ordinary course of business. These commitments are typically for terms less than one year and require us to buy minimum quantities of materials at specific intervals at a fixed price over the term. As of June 30, 2008, we had \$1.8 million in open purchase commitments for copper wire which we expect to take delivery on between July 2008 and August 2008.

As of June 30, 2008, one of our business units has received approximately \$4.9 million in backcharges from a customer which we are disputing. We have performed an evaluation of the merits of the backcharges and, as a result, recorded \$0.4 million as a loss reserve, included in current liabilities, specifically related to these backcharges. The remaining claim associated with the backcharges is approximately \$4.5 million for which we have not recorded any liability as we do not believe in the validity of the claims or that the payment is probable. In 2006 we reversed previously recognized revenues related to this project of \$0.5 million and wrote off a related \$0.4 million receivable and \$0.1 million underbilling because we believed the revenues were uncollectible. We recognize that litigation may ensue related to the entire \$4.9 million in backcharges. While we believe these charges are substantially without merit, there can be no assurances that we will ultimately prevail in this dispute or any litigation that may be commenced.

In March 2008 we reached a \$1.1 million settlement with a group of former employees, out of which \$0.4 million was recorded as a reduction of our legal fees in selling, general and administrative expenses, and the remaining \$0.7 million as other income. This settlement was to compensate the Company for damages associated with these employees departure from the Company. We collected this settlement in full in March 2008.

We have committed to invest up to \$5.0 million in EnerTech Capital Partners II L.P. ( EnerTech ). EnerTech is a private equity firm specializing in investment opportunities emerging from the deregulation and resulting convergence of the energy, utility and telecommunications industries. Through June 30, 2008, we had invested \$4.9 million under our commitment to EnerTech.

We are party to an arrangement with a third party to finance certain insurance premiums for which that company has rights to receive a refund of amounts paid to the insurance companies should we cancel the underlying insurance policies. At June 30, 2008, we had \$2.0 million in prepaid expenses and a corresponding \$1.0 million accrued liability related to this arrangement.

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#### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations with our audited consolidated financial statements, the related Notes, and management s discussion and analysis included in our September 30, 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. This discussion contains forward-looking statements and involves numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to the risk factors discussed in the Risk Factors section of our Form 10-K and in the Disclosures Regarding Forward-Looking Statements, and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operation are based on our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

We have identified the accounting principles that we believe are most critical to our reported financial status by considering accounting policies that involve the most complex or subjective decisions or assessments. We identified our most critical accounting policies to be those related to revenue recognition, the assessment of goodwill impairment, our allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, the recording of our self-insurance liabilities and our estimation of the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets. These accounting policies, as well as others, are described in Note 5 of *Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements* in our 2007 Form 10-K.

During the first nine months of our 2008 fiscal year, there has been only one change to our critical accounting policies and estimates from those described in our 2007 Form 10-K. On October 1, 2007, we adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109* (FIN 48). FIN 48 created a single model to address accounting for uncertain income tax positions and established a minimum recognition threshold a tax position must meet before being recognized in the financial statements. For additional analysis of our adoption of FIN 48, see Item 1. *Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements* Note 1, *Business* of this report.

#### RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

We discuss recently adopted and issued accounting standards in Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements Note 1, Business of this report.

#### TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Throughout the 2008 fiscal year, we have undergone a transformation program at our business units and at our Corporate office. We are reinvesting in our business by improving our systems and processes to make us more efficient and effective. In addition, we are strengthening the overall capabilities of our workforce and acquiring individuals who have the critical skills necessary to advance the Company.

Consistent with this initiative, we have hired a director of organizational learning and development who is responsible for our training programs, and we have hired a director of talent acquisition responsible for establishing new methods and sources of recruiting for the purpose of improving our workforce.

During the year we also implemented a leadership development program that is designed to facilitate the effectiveness of our collective decision making and to enable an integrated culture. To date, approximately 40 of our executives, directors, and managers have attended this training course, and an additional 50 are scheduled to attend over the next few months.

In the third quarter of 2008, as part of the transformation program and to support the consolidation of our businesses, we have rebranded our business units as IES Commercial, IES Industrial and IES Residential. This rebranding effort has been adopted by all of our business units and will facilitate our ability to market the Company as a fully-integrated national brand.

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Finally, during July 2008, we completed the implementation of a project management software program across our business units and at the segment shared service centers. This project management system will standardize our cost-to-complete evaluation processes and provide all of our business units near real-time visibility into project performance. Also in July 2008, we completed the implementation of an accounting consolidation and reporting program that will be utilized by