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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended April 2, 2021

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-33076

WILLDAN GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

14-1951112
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2401 East Katella Avenue, Suite 300
Anaheim, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92806
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (800) 424-9144

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	WLDN	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq Global Market)

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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

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

As of May 5, 2021, there were 12,516,994 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of Willdan Group, Inc. issued and outstanding.

**WILLDAN GROUP, INC.
FORM 10-Q QUARTERLY REPORT**

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this “10-Q”) contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements as that term is defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. These statements concern our business, operations and financial performance and condition as well as our plans, objectives and expectations for our business operations and financial performance and condition, which are subject to risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this 10-Q are forward-looking statements. These statements may include words such as “aim,” “anticipate,” “assume,” “believe,” “can have,” “could,” “due,” “estimate,” “expect,” “goal,” “intend,” “likely,” “may,” “objective,” “plan,” “potential,” “positioned,” “predict,” “should,” “target,” “will,” “would” and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future operating or financial performance or other events or trends. For example, all statements we make relating to our plans and objectives for future operations, growth or initiatives and strategies are forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about our business and the industry in which we operate and our management’s beliefs and assumptions. We derive many of our forward-looking statements from our own operating budgets and forecasts, which are based upon many detailed assumptions. While we believe that our assumptions are reasonable, we caution that predicting the impact of known factors is very difficult, and we cannot anticipate all factors that could affect our actual results.

All of our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to:

- the extent to which the coronavirus (“Covid-19”) pandemic and measures taken to contain its spread ultimately impact our business, results of operation and financial condition, including the speed with which our various direct install programs for small businesses are able to resume normal operations following government mandated shutdowns and phased re-openings;
- our ability to adequately complete projects in a timely manner;
- our ability to compete successfully in the highly competitive energy efficiency services market, which represented 83% of our consolidated revenue in fiscal year 2020;
- our reliance on work from our top ten clients, which accounted for 48% of our consolidated contract revenue for fiscal year 2020;
- changes in state, local and regional economies and government budgets;
- our ability to win new contracts, to renew existing contracts and to compete effectively for contracts awarded through bidding processes;
- our ability to successfully integrate our acquisitions and execute on our growth strategy;
- our ability to make principal and interest payments on our outstanding debt as they come due and to comply with the financial covenants contained in our debt agreements; and
- our ability to obtain financing and to refinance our outstanding debt as it matures.

The above is not a complete list of factors or events that could cause actual results to differ from our expectations, and we cannot predict all of them. All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements disclosed elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and under Part I, Item 1A. “Risk Factors”, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the

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fiscal year ended January 1, 2021, as such disclosures may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including subsequent Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and public communications. You should evaluate all forward-looking statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and otherwise in the context of these risks and uncertainties.

Potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements we make. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and are not guarantees of future performance or developments and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are in many cases beyond our control. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements publicly, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except par value)
(Unaudited)

	<u>April 2, 2021</u>	<u>January 1, 2021</u>
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,374	\$ 28,405
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,957 and \$2,127 at April 2, 2021 and January 1, 2021, respectively	42,414	60,403
Contract assets	66,973	62,426
Other receivables	5,390	6,405
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,649	5,564
Total current assets	144,800	163,203
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net	12,777	12,506
Goodwill	130,124	130,124
Right-of-use assets	18,569	20,130
Other intangible assets, net	61,370	64,256
Other assets	2,041	5,993
Deferred income taxes, net	15,169	14,111
Total assets	\$ 384,850	\$ 410,323
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 26,250	\$ 41,372
Accrued liabilities	37,872	41,754
Contingent consideration payable	9,843	12,321
Contract liabilities	8,714	7,434
Notes payable	14,488	14,996
Finance lease obligations	266	248
Lease liability	5,584	5,844
Total current liabilities	103,017	123,969
Contingent consideration payable	505	2,999
Notes payable	94,987	98,178
Finance lease obligations, less current portion	345	236
Lease liability, less current portion	14,285	15,649
Other noncurrent liabilities	80	128
Total liabilities	213,219	241,159
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 10,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 40,000 shares authorized; 12,508 and 12,160 shares issued and outstanding at April 2, 2021 and January 1, 2021, respectively	125	122
Additional paid-in capital	155,116	149,014
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(360)	(488)
Retained earnings	16,750	20,516
Total stockholders' equity	171,631	169,164
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 384,850	\$ 410,323

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(in thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	April 2, 2021	April 3, 2020
Contract revenue	\$ 79,086	\$ 106,026
Direct costs of contract revenue (inclusive of directly related depreciation and amortization):		
Salaries and wages	15,820	18,915
Subcontractor services and other direct costs	31,134	56,420
Total direct costs of contract revenue	46,954	75,335
General and administrative expenses:		
Salaries and wages, payroll taxes and employee benefits	19,444	20,412
Facilities and facility related	2,643	2,694
Stock-based compensation	4,206	4,595
Depreciation and amortization	4,187	4,519
Other	5,841	6,740
Total general and administrative expenses	36,321	38,960
Income (Loss) from operations	(4,189)	(8,269)
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense, net	(1,064)	(1,513)
Other, net	29	23
Total other expense, net	(1,035)	(1,490)
Income (Loss) before income taxes	(5,224)	(9,759)
Income tax (benefit) expense	(1,458)	(1,605)
Net income (loss)	(3,766)	(8,154)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative contracts, net of tax	128	(449)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (3,638)	\$ (8,603)
Earnings (Loss) per share:		
Basic	\$ (0.31)	\$ (0.71)
Diluted	\$ (0.31)	\$ (0.71)
Weighted-average shares outstanding:		
Basic	12,147	11,510
Diluted	12,147	11,510

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total
	Shares	Amount				
Balance at December 27, 2019	11,497	\$ 115	\$ 132,547	\$ (396)	\$ 35,012	\$ 167,278
Shares of common stock issued in connection with employee stock purchase plan	40	—	1,073	—	—	1,073
Shares of common stock issued in connection with incentive stock plan	19	—	260	—	—	260
Shares used to pay taxes on stock grants	(92)	(1)	(2,866)	—	—	(2,867)
Issuance of restricted stock award and units	176	2	(1)	—	—	1
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	4,595	—	—	4,595
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	(8,154)	(8,154)
Net unrealized loss on derivative contracts	—	—	—	(449)	—	(449)
Balance at April 3, 2020	<u>11,640</u>	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 135,608</u>	<u>\$ (845)</u>	<u>\$ 26,858</u>	<u>\$ 161,737</u>

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total
	Shares	Amount				
Balance at January 1, 2021	12,160	\$ 122	\$ 149,014	\$ (488)	\$ 20,516	\$ 169,164
Shares of common stock issued in connection with employee stock purchase plan	66	1	1,384	—	—	1,385
Shares of common stock issued in connection with incentive stock plan	27	—	527	—	—	527
Shares used to pay taxes on stock grants	—	—	(12)	—	—	(12)
Issuance of restricted stock award and units	255	2	(3)	—	—	(1)
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	4,206	—	—	4,206
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	(3,766)	(3,766)
Net unrealized gain on derivative contracts	—	—	—	128	—	128
Balance at April 2, 2021	<u>12,508</u>	<u>\$ 125</u>	<u>\$ 155,116</u>	<u>\$ (360)</u>	<u>\$ 16,750</u>	<u>\$ 171,631</u>

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	April 2, 2021	April 3, 2020
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (3,766)	\$ (8,154)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,187	4,519
Deferred income taxes, net	(1,058)	(2,136)
(Gain) loss on sale/disposal of equipment	1	(16)
Provision for doubtful accounts	170	366
Stock-based compensation	4,206	4,595
Accretion and fair value adjustments of contingent consideration	398	334
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from business acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	17,819	(4,451)
Contract assets	(4,547)	36,798
Other receivables	1,015	(253)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	974	704
Other assets	3,952	607
Accounts payable	(15,122)	9,938
Accrued liabilities	(3,801)	(28,001)
Contract liabilities	1,280	1,602
Right-of-use assets	(63)	3
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>5,645</u>	<u>16,455</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of equipment and leasehold improvements	(1,327)	(2,156)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	8	17
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(1,319)</u>	<u>(2,139)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payments on contingent consideration	(5,371)	(1,434)
Payments on notes payable	(508)	(151)
Borrowings under term loan facility and line of credit	—	9,000
Repayments under term loan facility and line of credit	(3,250)	(13,250)
Principal payments on finance leases	(127)	(96)
Proceeds from stock option exercise	527	260
Proceeds from sales of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	1,385	1,073
Shares used to pay taxes on stock grants	(12)	(2,867)
Restricted Stock Award and Units	(1)	1
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(7,357)</u>	<u>(7,464)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,031)	6,852
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	28,405	5,452
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 25,374</u>	<u>\$ 12,304</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 954	\$ 1,735
Income taxes	(320)	529
Supplemental disclosures of noncash investing and financing activities:		
(Gain) loss on cash flow hedge valuations, net of tax	128	(449)
Other working capital adjustment	—	—
Equipment acquired under finance leases	254	193

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS OF THE COMPANY

Willdan Group, Inc. (“Willdan” or the “Company”) is a provider of professional, technical and consulting services to utilities, private industry, and public agencies at all levels of government. As resources and infrastructures undergo continuous change, the Company helps organizations and their communities evolve and thrive by providing a wide range of technical services for energy solutions and government infrastructure. Through engineering, program management, policy advisory, and software and data management, the Company designs and delivers trusted, comprehensive, innovative, and proven solutions to improve efficiency, resiliency, and sustainability in energy and infrastructure.

The Company’s broad portfolio of services operates within two financial reporting segments: (1) Energy and (2) Engineering and Consulting. The interfaces and synergies between these segments are important elements of the Company’s strategy to design and deliver trusted, comprehensive, innovative, and proven solutions for its customers.

The accounting policies followed by the Company are set forth in Part II, Item 8, Note 1, *Organization and Operations of the Company*, of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2021. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary to fairly state the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been made. All such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the Consolidated Financial Statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“U.S. GAAP”) have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2021. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full year.

Fiscal Years

The Company operates and reports its annual financial results based on 52 or 53-week periods ending on the Friday closest to December 31. The Company operates and reports its quarterly financial results based on the 13-week period ending on the Friday closest to June 30, September 30, and December 31 and the 13 or 14-week period ending on the Friday closest to March 31, as applicable. Fiscal year 2021, which ends on December 31, 2021, will be comprised of 52 weeks, with all quarters consisting of 13 weeks each. Fiscal year 2020, which ended on January 1, 2021 was comprised of 53 weeks, with the first quarter consisting of 14 weeks and the remaining quarters consisting of 13 weeks each. All references to years in the notes to consolidated financial statements represent fiscal years.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Management’s Plans in Response to Covid-19

The coronavirus (“Covid-19”) pandemic has resulted in governmental authorities around the world implementing numerous measures to try to contain the virus, such as travel bans and restrictions, quarantines, shelter-in-place or total lock-down orders and business limitations and shutdowns (subject to exceptions for certain essential operations and businesses). The Covid-19 outbreak and restrictions intended to slow the spread of Covid-19 have caused economic and social disruption on an unprecedented scale. The full extent to which Covid-19 impacts the Company’s operations will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain, including, among others, the duration of the

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pandemic, resurgences of Covid-19 and variants, the availability, effectiveness and public acceptance of FDA-approved Covid-19 vaccines, and the actions taken, especially those by governmental authorities, to contain its spread or treat its impact.

Health and Safety

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Company has taken and will continue to take temporary precautionary measures intended to help minimize the risk of Covid-19 to its employees, including requiring the majority of its employees to work remotely, suspending non-essential travel and restricting in-person work-related meetings. The Company expects to continue to implement these measures until it has determined that the Covid-19 pandemic is adequately contained for purposes of its business, and may take further actions as government authorities require or recommend or as it determines to be in the best interests of its employees, customers, business partners and third-party service providers.

Financial Position and Results of Operations

The Covid-19 pandemic and efforts to limit its spread negatively impacted the Company's operations during its fiscal year 2020 and continued to impact the Company, albeit to a lesser extent, during the first quarter of fiscal year 2021. In California and New York, the states in which the Company has historically derived a majority of its revenue, mandatory shutdown orders were issued in March 2020. In New York, phased re-openings began in June 2020, and all of the Company's New York utility programs have restarted. In California, phased re-openings began in May 2020, followed by periods of curtailments as a result of resurgences of Covid-19 cases, and subsequent re-openings. As a result, the most significant pandemic related impacts to the Company's business are now occurring in California to its direct install business as re-openings are still in progress. In addition, as of May 5, 2021, though some of the Company work has been suspended, none of its contracts have been cancelled.

In the Energy segment, the Company has experienced a negative impact on its direct install programs that serve small businesses as a result of restrictions put in place by governmental authorities that required temporary shutdowns of all "non-essential" businesses which resulted in a significant portion of the Company's direct install work on these programs being suspended for varying periods of time during fiscal year 2020 and continuing in California through the Company's first fiscal quarter of 2021. During non-Covid-19 impacted years, such as fiscal year 2019, the Company derived approximately 40% of its gross revenue from its direct install programs that serve small businesses and 60% from the Company's other programs. The Company's other programs are either businesses that have been determined to be "essential" by government authorities or have continued to progress during the pandemic.

In the Engineering and Consulting segment, the Company's revenues have been less affected by Covid-19 than the revenues in the Energy Segment. The services in this segment have generally been deemed "essential" by the government and have continued to operate while abiding social distancing measures.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic and efforts to prevent its spread, the Company began taking a number of steps during the first quarter of fiscal 2020 aimed at preserving liquidity and positioning itself to resume its growth trajectory after work restrictions are lifted. For more information, see Part II. Item 8. Note 1. "Organization and Operation of the Company" of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2021.

In addition to these actions, subsequent to the end of the Company's first fiscal quarter of 2021, the Company amended its credit facility for increased covenant flexibility as a result of additional working capital requirements related to \$781 million in new California Investor Owned Utility contracts signed in December 2020.

The Company believes that its financial position is sufficiently flexible to enable it to maneuver in the current economic environment.

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Asset and liability valuation and other estimates used in preparation of financial statements

As of April 2, 2021, the Company did not have any impairment with respect to goodwill or long-lived assets, including intangible assets. Because the full extent of the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak and efforts to slow its spread are unknown at this time, they could, under certain circumstances, cause impairment and result in a non-cash impairment charge being recorded in future periods.

Changes to the estimated future profitability of the business may require that the Company establish an additional valuation allowance against all or some portion of its net deferred tax assets.

Impact on Clients and Subcontractors and Other Risks

The Company primarily works for utilities, municipalities and other public agencies. Some of these customers could experience significant budget shortfalls for the current year and beyond as a result of the measures taken to mitigate the Covid-19 pandemic and/or revenue shortfalls as a result of reduced economic activity. Although none of the Company's contracts with governmental or public agencies were materially modified during its fiscal year 2020 or during its first fiscal quarter of 2021, these potential budget deficits could result in delayed funding for existing contracts with the Company, postponements of new contracts or price concessions. Further, most of the Company's clients are not committed to purchase any minimum amount of services, as the Company agreements with them are based on a "purchase order" model. As a result, they may discontinue utilizing some or all of the Company's services with little or no notice.

In addition, the Company relies on subcontractors and material suppliers to complete a substantial portion of our work, especially in its Energy segment. If the Company's significant subcontractors and material suppliers suffer significant economic harm and must limit or cease operations or file for bankruptcy as a result of the current economic slowdown, the Company's subcontractors and material suppliers may not be able to fulfill their contractual obligations satisfactorily and the Company may not have the ability to select its subcontractors and material suppliers of choice for new contracts. If the Company's subcontractors and material suppliers are not able to fulfill their contractual obligations, it could result in a significant increase in costs for the Company to complete the projects or cause significant delays to the realization of revenues under those projects. The ultimate impact of Covid-19 on the Company's financial condition and results of operations will depend on all of the factors noted above, including other factors that the Company may not be able to forecast at this time. See the risk factor "*The Covid-19 pandemic and health and safety measures intended to slow its spread have adversely affected, and may continue to adversely affect, our business, results of operations and financial condition.*" under Part I. Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2021. While Covid-19 has had, and the Company expects it to continue to have, an adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations, the Company is unable to predict the extent or duration of these impacts at this time.

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2. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Accounting Pronouncements Recently Adopted

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU No. 2019-12, “Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes” (“ASU 2019-12”). ASU 2019-12 amends the accounting for income taxes by, among other things, removing: (i) The exception to the incremental approach for intraperiod tax allocation when there is a loss from continuing operations and income or a gain from other items (for example, discontinued operations or other comprehensive income); (ii) The exception to the requirement to recognize a deferred tax liability for equity method investments when a foreign subsidiary becomes an equity method investment; (iii) The exception to the ability not to recognize a deferred tax liability for a foreign subsidiary when a foreign equity method investment becomes a subsidiary; and (iv) The exception to the general methodology for calculating income taxes in an interim period when a year-to-date loss exceeds the anticipated loss for the year. The Company adopted this standard effective January 2, 2021. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact to the Company’s Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Accounting Pronouncements Recently Issued

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-04, “Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting” (“ASU 2020-04”). ASU 2020-04 provides optional expedients and exceptions for applying U.S. GAAP to contract modifications and hedging relationships that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discontinued because of reference rate reform. ASU 2020-04 provides, among other things, guidance that modifications of contracts within the scope of Topic 470, Debt, should be accounted for by prospectively adjusting the effective interest rate; modifications of contracts within the scope of Topic 840, Leases, should be accounted for as a continuation of the existing contract; and, changes in the critical terms of hedging relationships, caused by reference rate reform, should not result in the de-designation of the instrument, provided certain criteria are met. In January 2021, the FASB issued ASU No. 2021-01, “Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848) - Scope” (“ASU 2021-01”). ASU 2021-01 clarifies the scope and application of ASU 2020-04 and permits entities, among other things, to elect certain optional expedients and exceptions when accounting for derivative contracts and certain hedging relationships affected by changes in the interest rates used for discounting cash flows. The Company’s exposure to LIBOR rates includes its credit facilities and swap agreement. The amendments are effective as of March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Adoption is permitted at any time. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this update will have on its Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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3. REVENUES

The Company enters into contracts with its clients that contain various types of pricing provisions, including fixed price, time-and-materials, and unit-based provisions. The Company recognizes revenues in accordance with ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customer, codified as ASC Topic 606 and the related amendments (collectively “ASC 606”). As such, the Company identifies a contract with a customer, identifies the performance obligations in the contract, determines the transaction price, allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation in the contract and recognizes revenues when (or as) the Company satisfies a performance obligation.

The following table reflects the Company’s two reportable segments and the types of contracts that each most commonly enters into for revenue generating activities.

Segment	Contract Type	Revenue Recognition Method
Energy	Time-and-materials	Time-and-materials
	Unit-based	Unit-based
	Software license	Unit-based
	Fixed price	Percentage-of-completion
Engineering and Consulting	Time-and-materials	Time-and-materials
	Unit-based	Unit-based
	Fixed price	Percentage-of-completion

Revenue on the vast majority of the Company’s contracts is recognized over time because of the continuous transfer of control to the customer. Revenue on fixed price contracts is recognized on the percentage-of-completion method based generally on the ratio of direct costs incurred-to-date to estimated total direct costs at completion. The Company uses the percentage-of-completion method to better match the level of work performed at a certain point in time in relation to the effort that will be required to complete a project. In addition, the percentage-of-completion method is a common method of revenue recognition in the Company’s industry.

Many of the Company’s fixed price contracts involve a high degree of subcontracted fixed price effort and are relatively short in duration, thereby lowering the risks of not properly estimating the percent complete. Revenue on time-and-materials and unit-based contracts is recognized as the work is performed in accordance with the specific rates and terms of the contract. The Company recognizes revenues for time-and-materials contracts based upon the actual hours incurred during a reporting period at contractually agreed upon rates per hour and also includes in revenue all reimbursable costs incurred during a reporting period. Certain of the Company’s time-and-materials contracts are subject to maximum contract values and, accordingly, when revenue is expected to exceed the maximum contract value, these contracts are generally recognized under the percentage-of-completion method, consistent with fixed price contracts. For unit-based contracts, the Company recognizes the contract price of units of a basic production product as revenue when the production product is delivered during a period. Revenue recognition for software licenses issued by the Energy segment is generally recognized at a point in time, utilizing the unit-based revenue recognition method, upon acceptance of the software by the customer and in recognition of the fulfillment of the performance obligation. Certain additional performance obligations beyond the base software license may be separated from the gross license fee and recognized on a straight-line basis over time. Revenue for amounts that have been billed but not earned is deferred, and such deferred revenue is referred to as contract liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

To determine the proper revenue recognition method for contracts, the Company evaluates whether two or more contracts should be combined and accounted for as one single contract and whether the combined contract should be accounted for as one performance obligation. With respect to the Company’s contracts, it is rare that multiple contracts should be combined into a single performance obligation. This evaluation requires significant judgment and the decision to combine a group of contracts or separate a single contract into multiple performance obligations could change the amount of revenue and profit recorded in a given period. Contracts are considered to have a single performance

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obligation if the promise to transfer the individual goods or services is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts, which is mainly because the Company provides a significant service of integrating a complex set of tasks and components into a single project or capability.

The Company may enter into contracts that include separate phases or elements. If each phase or element is negotiated separately based on the technical resources required and/or the supply and demand for the services being provided, the Company evaluates if the contracts should be segmented. If certain criteria are met, the contracts would be segmented which could result in revenues being assigned to the different elements or phases with different rates of profitability based on the relative value of each element or phase to the estimated total contract revenue. Segmented contracts may comprise up to approximately 2.0% to 3.0% of the Company's consolidated contract revenue.

Contracts that cover multiple phases or elements of the project or service lifecycle (development, construction and maintenance and support) may be considered to have multiple performance obligations even when they are part of a single contract. For contracts with multiple performance obligations, the Company allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation using the best estimate of the standalone selling price of each distinct good or service in the contract. For the periods presented, the value of the separate performance obligations under contracts with multiple performance obligations (generally measurement and verification tasks under certain energy performance contracts) were not material. In cases where the Company does not provide the distinct good or service on a standalone basis, the primary method used to estimate standalone selling price is the expected cost plus a margin approach, under which the Company forecasts the Company's expected costs of satisfying a performance obligation and then adds an appropriate margin for the distinct good or service.

The Company provides quality of workmanship warranties to customers that are included in the sale and are not priced or sold separately or do not provide customers with a service in addition to assurance of compliance with agreed-upon specifications and industry standards. The Company does not consider these types of warranties to be separate performance obligations.

In some cases, the Company has a master service or blanket agreement with a customer under which each task order releases the Company to perform specific portions of the overall scope in the service contract. Each task order is typically accounted for as a separate contract because the task order establishes the enforceable rights and obligations, and payment terms.

Under ASC 606, variable consideration should be considered when determining the transaction price and estimates should be made for the variable consideration component of the transaction price, as well as assessing whether an estimate of variable consideration is constrained. For certain of the Company's contracts, variable consideration can arise from modifications to the scope of services resulting from unapproved change orders or customer claims. Variable consideration is included in the transaction price to the extent it is probable that a significant reversal of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is resolved. The Company estimates of variable consideration and determination of whether to include estimated amounts in the transaction price are based largely on assessments of legal enforceability, the Company's performance, and all information (historical, current and forecasted) that is reasonably available to the Company.

Due to the nature of the work required to be performed on many of the Company's performance obligations, the estimation of total revenue and cost at completion is complex, subject to many variables and requires significant judgment. As a significant change in one or more of these estimates could affect the profitability of the Company's contracts, the Company reviews and updates the Company's contract-related estimates regularly through a company-wide disciplined project review process in which management reviews the progress and execution of the Company's performance obligations and the estimate at completion (EAC). As part of this process, management reviews information including, but not limited to, any outstanding key contract matters, progress towards completion and the related program schedule and the related changes in estimates of revenues and costs. Management must make assumptions and estimates

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regarding labor productivity and availability, the complexity of the work to be performed, the cost and availability of materials, the performance of subcontractors, and the availability and timing of funding from the customer, among other variables.

The Company recognizes adjustments in estimated profit on contracts under the cumulative catch-up method. Under this method, the impact of the adjustment on profit recorded to date is recognized in the period the adjustment is identified. Revenue and profit in future periods of contract performance is recognized using the adjusted estimate. If at any time the estimate of contract profitability indicates an anticipated loss on the contract, the Company recognizes the full amount of estimated loss in the period it is identified.

Contracts are often modified to account for changes in contract specifications and requirements. The Company considers contract modifications to exist when the modification either creates new rights or obligations or changes the existing enforceable rights or obligations. Most of the Company's contract modifications are for goods or services that are not distinct from existing contracts due to the significant integration provided in the context of the contract and are accounted for as if they were part of the original contract. The effect of a contract modification that is not distinct from the existing contract on the transaction price and the Company's measure of progress for the performance obligation to which it relates is recognized as an adjustment to revenue (either as an increase in or a reduction of revenue) on a cumulative catch-up basis.

For contract modifications that result in the promise to deliver goods or services that are distinct from the existing contract and the increase in price of the contract is for the same amount as the standalone selling price of the additional goods or services included in the modification, the Company accounts for such contract modifications as a separate contract.

The Company includes claims to vendors, subcontractors and others as a receivable and a reduction in recognized costs when enforceability of the claim is established by the contract and the amounts are reasonably estimable and probable of being recovered. The amounts are recorded up to the extent of the lesser of the amounts management expects to recover or to costs incurred.

Billing practices are governed by the contract terms of each project based upon costs incurred, achievement of milestones or pre-agreed schedules. Billings do not necessarily correlate with revenue recognized using the percentage-of-completion method of revenue recognition.

Direct costs of contract revenue consist primarily of that portion of technical and nontechnical salaries and wages that has been incurred in connection with revenue producing projects. Direct costs of contract revenue also include production expenses, subcontractor services and other expenses that are incurred in connection with revenue producing projects.

Direct costs of contract revenue exclude that portion of technical and nontechnical salaries and wages related to marketing efforts, vacations, holidays and other time not spent directly generating revenue under existing contracts. Such costs are included in general and administrative expenses. Additionally, payroll taxes, bonuses and employee benefit costs for all Company personnel are included in general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of comprehensive income since no allocation of these costs is made to direct costs of contract revenue. No allocation of facilities costs is made to direct costs of contract revenue. Other companies may classify as direct costs of contract revenue some of the costs that the Company classifies as general and administrative costs. The Company expenses direct costs of contract revenue when incurred.

Included in revenue and costs are all reimbursable costs for which the Company has the risk or on which the fee was based at the time of bid or negotiation. No revenue or cost is recorded for costs in which the Company acts solely in the capacity of an agent and has no risks associated with such costs.

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Accounts receivable are carried at original invoice amount less an estimate made for doubtful accounts based upon a review of all outstanding amounts on a quarterly basis. Management determines allowances for doubtful accounts through specific identification of amounts considered to be uncollectible and potential write-offs, plus a non-specific allowance for other amounts for which some potential loss has been determined to be probable based on current and past experience. The Company's historical credit losses have been minimal with governmental entities and large public utilities, but disputes may arise related to these receivable amounts. Accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of accounts receivable previously written off are recorded when received.

Retainage, included in contract assets, represents amounts withheld from billings to the Company's clients pursuant to provisions in the contracts and may not be paid to the Company until specific tasks are completed or the project is completed and, in some instances, for even longer periods. At April 2, 2021 and January 1, 2021, contract assets included retainage of approximately \$5.7 million and \$6.2 million, respectively.

In addition to the above, the Company derives revenue from software licenses and professional services and maintenance fees. In accordance with ASC 606, the Company performs an assessment of each contract to identify the performance obligations, determine the overall transaction price for the contract, allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations, and recognize the revenue when the performance obligations are satisfied.

The Company utilizes the residual approach by which it estimates the standalone selling price by reference to the total transaction price less the sum of the observable standalone selling prices of other goods or services promised in the contract. The software license revenue is typically recognized at a point in time when control is transferred to the client, which is defined as the point in time when the client can use and benefit from the license. The software license is delivered before related services are provided and is functional without services, updates, or technical support. Related professional services include training and support services in which the standalone selling price is determined based on an input measure of hours incurred to total estimated hours and is recognized over time, usually which is the life of the contract.

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4. SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT DATA

Accounts Receivable

From time to time, in connection with factoring agreements, the Company sells trade accounts receivable without recourse to third party purchasers in exchange for cash. During the three months ended April 2, 2021, the Company sold trade accounts receivable and received cash proceeds of \$7.2 million. The discounts on the trade accounts receivable sold were \$0.6 million and were recorded within “Other, net” in other income (expense) in the condensed consolidated financial statements. During the three months ended April 3, 2020, the Company did not sell any trade accounts receivable.

Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

	April 2, 2021	January 1, 2021
	(in thousands)	
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 4,076	\$ 4,088
Computer hardware and software	19,334	18,047
Leasehold improvements	2,994	2,994
Equipment under finance leases	2,572	2,370
Automobiles, trucks, and field equipment	3,153	3,216
Subtotal	32,129	30,715
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(19,352)	(18,209)
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net	\$ 12,777	\$ 12,506

Included in accumulated depreciation and amortization is \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million of amortization expense related to equipment held under finance leases in the three months ended April 2, 2021 and fiscal year 2020, respectively.

Accrued Liabilities

	April 2, 2021	January 1, 2021
	(in thousands)	
Accrued subcontractor costs	\$ 16,934	\$ 19,124
Employee withholdings	7,962	2,768
Other	5,489	11,981
Accrued bonuses	3,576	5,211
Compensation and payroll taxes	3,259	1,983
Paid leave bank	652	687
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 37,872	\$ 41,754

Goodwill

	January 1, 2021	Additional Purchase Cost	Additions / Adjustments	April 2, 2021
	(in thousands)			
Reporting Unit:				
Energy	\$ 129,375	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 129,375
Engineering and Consulting	749	—	—	749
	\$ 130,124	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 130,124

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The Company tests for impairment, at a minimum, on an annual basis or earlier when certain events or changes in circumstances indicate that goodwill may more likely than not be impaired. The Company evaluated the current economic impact caused by the Covid-19 pandemic to assess a potential impairment of goodwill and noted that it does not believe it is more likely than not that goodwill was impaired as of April 2, 2021.

Intangible Assets

	April 2, 2021		January 1, 2021		Amortization Period
	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	
	<i>(in thousands)</i>				<i>(in years)</i>
Finite:					
Backlog	\$ 7,944	\$ 6,492	\$ 7,944	\$ 6,249	1.0
Tradename	15,911	7,488	15,911	6,984	2.5 - 6.0
Non-compete agreements	1,420	1,396	1,420	1,390	4.0 - 5.0
Developed technology	15,500	6,818	15,500	6,107	8.0
Customer relationships	58,149	15,670	58,149	14,248	5.0 - 8.0
Total finite intangible assets	98,924	\$ 37,864	98,924	\$ 34,978	
In-process research and technology ⁽¹⁾	310	—	310	—	
Total intangible assets	\$ 99,234	\$ 37,864	\$ 99,234	\$ 34,978	

⁽¹⁾ In-process research and technology will not be amortized until put into use.

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5. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company uses certain interest rate derivative contracts to hedge interest rate exposures on its variable rate debt. The Company’s hedging program is not designated for trading or speculative purposes.

The Company recognizes derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at fair value. The Company records changes in the fair value (i.e., gains or losses) of the derivatives that have been designated as cash flow hedges in its consolidated balance sheets as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and in its condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive (loss) income as a loss or gain on cash flow hedge valuation.

On January 31, 2019, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement that the Company designated as cash flow hedge to fix the variable interest rate on a portion of the Company’s Term A Loan (as defined below in Note 6. “Debt Obligations”). The interest rate swap agreement total notional amount of \$35.0 million, has a fixed annual interest rate of 2.47% and expires on January 31, 2022. As of April 2, 2021, the effective portion of the Company’s interest rate swap agreement designated as a cash flow hedge before tax effects was \$0.5 million, of which no amounts were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to interest expense in the three months ended April 2, 2021. The Company expects to reclassify \$0.5 million from accumulated other comprehensive loss to interest expense within the next twelve months.

The fair values of the Company’s outstanding derivatives designated as hedging instruments were as follows:

	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of	
		April 2, 2021	January 1, 2021
		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Interest rate swap agreement	Accrued liabilities	\$ (509)	\$ (624)
Interest rate swap agreement	Other noncurrent (liabilities) assets	\$ —	\$ (48)

The impact of the effective portions of derivative instruments in cash flow hedging relationships and fair value relationships on other comprehensive income (loss) were \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million of the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020, respectively

The accumulated balances and reporting period activities for the three months ended April 2, 2021 related to reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive loss are summarized as follows:

	Gain (Loss) on Derivative Instruments	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Balances at January 1, 2021	\$ (488)	\$ (488)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	163	163
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income:	0	0
Income tax benefit (expense) related to derivative instruments	(35)	(35)
Net current-period other comprehensive loss	128	128
Balances at April 2, 2021	\$ (360)	\$ (360)

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6. DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Debt obligations, excluding obligations under finance leases (see Note 7, *Leases*, below), consisted of the following:

	April 2, 2021	January 1, 2021
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Outstanding borrowings on Term A Loan	\$ 82,500	\$ 85,000
Outstanding borrowings on Revolving Credit Facility	—	—
Outstanding borrowings on Delayed Draw Term Loan	26,250	27,000
Other debt agreements	1,488	1,996
Total debt	110,238	113,996
Issuance costs and debt discounts	(763)	(822)
Subtotal	109,475	113,174
Less current portion of long-term debt	14,488	14,996
Long-term debt portion	<u>\$ 94,987</u>	<u>\$ 98,178</u>

Credit Facilities

On June 26, 2019, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (as amended by the First Amendment, dated as of August 15, 2019, and the Second Amendment, dated as of November 6, 2019, the “Credit Agreement”) with a syndicate of financial institutions as lenders and BMO Harris Bank, N.A. (“BMO”), as administrative agent. The Credit Agreement provides for (i) a \$100.0 million secured term loan (the “Term A Loan”), (ii) up to \$50.0 million in delayed draw secured term loans (the “Delayed Draw Term Loan”), and (iii) a \$50.0 million secured revolving credit facility (the “Revolving Credit Facility” and, collectively with the Term A Loan and the Delayed Draw Term Loan, the “Credit Facilities”), each maturing on June 26, 2024. The Company’s obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by its present and future domestic subsidiaries, with limited exceptions.

Prior to the Third Amendment (as defined below), the Credit Agreement required the Company to comply with certain financial covenants, including requiring that the Company maintain a (i) total leverage ratio (the “Leverage Ratio”), defined as the ratio of total funded debt to Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement), of at least 3.50 to 1.00 through December 31, 2020, and 3.25 to 1.00 thereafter and (ii) fixed charge coverage ratio (“FCCR Ratio”), defined as the ratio of Adjusted EBITDA less Unfinanced Capital Expenditures (as defined in the Credit Agreement) to Fixed Charges (as defined in the Credit Agreement), of not less than 1.20 to 1.00, in each case tested quarterly.

The Credit Agreement also contains other customary restrictive covenants including (i) restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness and additional liens on property, (ii) restrictions on permitted acquisitions and other investments and (iii) limitations on asset sales, mergers and acquisitions. Further, the Credit Agreement limits the Company’s payment of future dividends and distributions and share repurchases by the Company. Subject to certain exceptions, borrowings under the Credit Agreement are also subject to mandatory prepayment from (a) any issuances of debt or equity securities, (b) any sale or disposition of assets, (c) insurance and condemnation proceeds (d) representation and warranty insurance proceeds related to insurance policies issued in connection with acquisitions and (e) excess cash flow. The Credit Agreement includes customary events of default.

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Third Amendment to the Credit Agreement

On May 6, 2020, the Company entered into the Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the “Third Amendment”) which, among other things, amends or suspends certain covenants contained in the Credit Agreement from May 6, 2020 until the earlier of (i) July 2, 2021 and (ii) the last day of the fiscal quarter in which the Company delivers an irrevocable election to terminate the covenant relief granted by the Third Amendment (the “Covenant Relief Period”).

The Third Amendment increases the maximum Leverage Ratio the Company is permitted to maintain during the Covenant Relief Period and replaces the covenant to maintain a minimum FCCR Ratio during the Covenant Relief Period with a requirement to maintain a minimum Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the Third Amendment). During the Covenant Relief Period, no further delayed draw term loans may be borrowed under the Credit Facilities and the Company is prohibited from engaging in share repurchases or making any Permitted Acquisitions (as defined in the Credit Agreement). Additionally, during the Covenant Relief Period, the aggregate amount of all capital expenditures made by the Company may not exceed \$7.0 million, and the Company is prohibited from making any earn-out payments if, after giving effect to such earn-out payment, the Company’s liquidity would be less than \$5.0 million or the aggregate amount of all earn-out payments made by the Company during the Covenant Relief Period would exceed \$7.0 million.

As part of the Third Amendment, borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest (A) from March 5, 2020 until the date of the Third Amendment, at a rate equal to one-month LIBOR plus 2.0%, (B) from the date of the Third Amendment until the date the administrative agent receives the Company’s financial statements for the quarter ended July 3, 2020, at a rate equal to one-month LIBOR, plus an applicable margin of 2.50% and (C) at all other times during the Covenant Relief Period, at a rate equal to either, at the Company’s option, (i) the highest of the prime rate, the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5% or one-month LIBOR plus 1.00% or (ii) one-month LIBOR, in each case plus an applicable margin ranging from 0.125% to 1.50% with respect to Base Rate borrowings and 1.125% to 2.50% with respect to LIBOR borrowings, depending on the Leverage Ratio; provided, that one-month LIBOR shall not be less than 0.75% during the Covenant Relief Period. During the Covenant Relief Period, the Company will pay a commitment fee for the unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility and the delayed draw term loan facility, which ranges from 0.15% to 0.45% per annum depending on the Leverage Ratio, and fees on the face amount of any letters of credit outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility, which range from 0.84% to 2.50% per annum, in each case, depending on whether such letter of credit is a performance or financial letter of credit and the Leverage Ratio.

As of April 2, 2021, the Company was in compliance with all covenants contained in the Credit Agreement, as amended by the Third Amendment.

Other Debt Agreements

Insurance Premiums

The Company’s annual commercial insurance policy protection package renews in the fourth quarter of every year. From time to time, the Company will finance insurance premiums by entering into unsecured notes payable with insurance companies.

During the Company’s annual insurance renewals in the fourth quarter of its fiscal year ended January 1, 2021, the Company elected to finance its insurance premiums for the 2021 fiscal year with a note payable bearing interest at an annual rate of 2.75%, payable in monthly principal and interest installments of \$0.2 million through August 2021. As of April 2, 2021 and January 1, 2021, the unpaid balance of the financed premiums totaled \$0.6 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

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Software Agreements

The Company has also financed, from time to time, software costs by entering into unsecured notes payable with software providers. During the fiscal year ended December 28, 2018, the Company elected to finance its IBM software costs of \$0.2 million with a note payable bearing interest at an annual rate of 4.656%, payable in monthly principal and interest installments of \$6,000 through November 2021. As of April 2, 2021, and January 1, 2021, the unpaid balance related to the IBM software agreement totaled \$38,000 and \$57,000, respectively.

Utility Customer Agreement

In connection with the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Onsite Energy, the Company assumed a contract dispute settlement agreement between Onsite Energy and one of its utility customers dated December 20, 2018 (the “Utility Customer Agreement”) where Onsite Energy agreed to pay \$1.7 million, bearing interest at an imputed annual rate of 4.332%, payable in quarterly principal and interest installments through June 2021. As of April 2, 2021 and January 1, 2021, the unpaid balance of the Utility Customer Agreement totaled \$0.8 million.

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7. LEASES

The Company leases certain office facilities under long-term, non-cancellable operating leases that expire at various dates through the year 2027. In addition, the Company is obligated under finance leases for certain furniture and office equipment that expire at various dates through the year 2023.

From time to time, the Company enters into non-cancelable leases for some of our facility and equipment needs. These leases allow the Company to conserve cash by paying a monthly lease rental fee for the use of facilities and equipment rather than purchasing them. The Company's leases have remaining terms ranging from one to eight years, some of which may include options to extend the leases for up to five years, and some of which may include options to terminate the leases within one year. Currently, all of the Company's leases contain fixed payment terms. The Company may decide to cancel or terminate a lease before the end of its term, in which case we are typically liable to the lessor for the remaining lease payments under the term of the lease. Additionally, all of our month-to-month leases are cancelable by the Company or the lessor, at any time, and are not included in our right-of-use asset or lease liability. As of April 2, 2021, the Company had no leases with residual value guarantees. Typically, the Company has purchase options on the equipment underlying its long-term leases. The Company may exercise some of these purchase options when the need for equipment is on-going and the purchase option price is attractive. Nonperformance-related default covenants, cross-default provisions, subjective default provisions and material adverse change clauses contained in material lease agreements, if any, are also evaluated to determine whether those clauses affect lease classification in accordance with "ASC" Topic 842-10-25. Leases are accounted for as operating or financing leases, depending on the terms of the lease.

Financing Leases

The Company leases certain equipment under financing leases. The economic substance of the leases is a financing transaction for acquisition of equipment and leasehold improvements. Accordingly, the right-of-use assets for these leases are included in the balance sheets in equipment and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation, with a corresponding amount recorded in current portion of financing lease obligations or noncurrent portion of financing lease obligations, as appropriate. The financing lease assets are amortized over the life of the lease or, if shorter, the life of the leased asset, on a straight-line basis and included in depreciation expense. The interest associated with financing lease obligations is included in interest expense.

Right-of-use assets

Operating leases are included in right-of-use assets, and current portion of lease liability and noncurrent portion of lease liability, as appropriate. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term at commencement date. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate to calculate present value, the Company determines this rate by estimating the Company's incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset also includes any lease payments made and initial direct costs incurred at lease commencement and excludes lease incentives. The Company's lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that it will exercise that option. Lease expense for minimum lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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The following is a summary of the Company's lease expense:

	Three Months Ended	
	April 2, 2021	April 3, 2020
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Operating lease cost	\$ 1,692	\$ 1,742
Finance lease cost:		
Amortization of assets	123	155
Interest on lease liabilities	6	9
Total net lease cost	<u>\$ 1,821</u>	<u>\$ 1,906</u>

The following is a summary of lease information presented on the Company's consolidated balance sheet:

	April 2, 2021	January 1, 2021
		<i>(in thousands)</i>
Operating leases:		
Right-of-use assets	<u>\$ 18,569</u>	<u>\$ 20,130</u>
Lease liability	\$ 5,844	\$ 5,844
Lease liability, less current portion	14,285	15,649
Total lease liabilities	<u>\$ 19,869</u>	<u>\$ 21,493</u>
Finance leases (included in equipment and leasehold improvements, net):		
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net	\$ 2,572	\$ 2,370
Accumulated depreciation	(1,899)	(1,826)
Total equipment and leasehold improvements, net	<u>\$ 673</u>	<u>\$ 544</u>
Finance lease obligations	\$ 266	\$ 248
Finance lease obligations, less current portion	345	236
Total finance lease obligations	<u>\$ 611</u>	<u>\$ 484</u>
Weighted average remaining lease term (in years):		
Operating Leases	4.27	4.40
Finance Leases	2.29	2.02
Weighted average discount rate:		
Operating Leases	4.40 %	4.44 %
Finance Leases	3.33 %	3.74 %

Rent expense for the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020 was \$1.8 million and \$1.9 million, respectively.

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The following is a summary of other information and supplemental cash flow information related to finance and operating leases:

	Three Months Ended	
	April 2, 2021	April 3, 2020
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flow from operating leases	\$ 1,816	\$ 1,705
Operating cash flow from finance leases	6	9
Financing cash flow from finance leases	127	96
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease liabilities:		
Operating leases	\$ 16	\$ 984

The following is a summary of the maturities of lease liabilities as of April 2, 2021:

	Operating	Finance
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Fiscal year:		
Remainder of 2021	\$ 6,321	\$ 281
2022	5,592	233
2023	3,442	99
2024	2,376	18
2025	2,100	4
2026 and thereafter	1,957	—
Total lease payments	\$ 21,788	\$ 635
Less: Imputed interest	(1,919)	(24)
Total lease obligations	19,869	611
Less: Current obligations	5,584	266
Noncurrent lease obligations	\$ 14,285	\$ 345

The imputed interest for finance lease obligations represents the interest component of finance leases that will be recognized as interest expense in future periods. The financing component for operating lease obligations represents the effect of discounting the operating lease payments to their present value.

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8. COMMITMENTS AND VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

Employee Benefit Plans

The Company has a qualified profit sharing plan pursuant to Code Section 401(a) and qualified cash or deferred arrangement pursuant to Code Section 401(k) covering all employees. Employees may elect to contribute up to 50% of their compensation limited to the amount allowed by tax laws. Company contributions are made solely at the discretion of the Company's board of directors.

The Company also had a defined contribution plan (the "Plan") covering employees who have completed three months of service and who have attained 21 years of age. The Company elected to make matching contributions equal to 50% of the participants' contributions to the Plan up to 6% of the individual participant's compensation. Under the defined contribution plan, the Company may make discretionary matching contributions to employee accounts.

The Company made matching contributions of \$0.9 million during the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020.

Variable Interest Entities

On March 4, 2016, the Company and the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, WES acquired substantially all of the assets of Genesys and assumed certain specified liabilities of Genesys (collectively, the "Purchase") pursuant to an Asset Purchase and Merger Agreement, dated as of February 26, 2016 (the "Agreement"), by and among Willdan Group, Inc., WES, WESGEN (as defined below), Genesys and Ronald W. Mineo ("Mineo") and Robert J. Braun ("Braun" and, together with Mineo, the "Genesys Shareholders"). On March 5, 2016, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, WESGEN, Inc., a non-affiliated corporation ("WESGEN"), merged (the "Merger" and, together with the Purchase, the "Acquisition") with Genesys, with Genesys remaining as the surviving corporation. Genesys was acquired to strengthen the Company's power engineering capability in the northeastern U.S., and also to increase client exposure and experience with universities.

Genesys continues to be a professional corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, wholly-owned by one or more licensed engineers. Pursuant to New York law, the Company does not own capital stock of Genesys. The Company has entered into an agreement with the Shareholder of Genesys pursuant to which the Shareholder will be prohibited from selling, transferring or encumbering the Shareholder's ownership interest in Genesys without the Company's consent. Notwithstanding the Company's rights regarding the transfer of Genesys's stock, the Company does not have control over the professional decision making of Genesys's engineering services. The Company has entered into an administrative services agreement with Genesys pursuant to which WES will provide Genesys with ongoing administrative, operational and other non-professional support services. Genesys pays WES a service fee, which consists of all of the costs incurred by WES to provide the administrative services to Genesys plus ten percent of such costs, as well as any other costs that relate to professional service supplies and personnel costs. As a result of the administrative services agreement, the Company absorbs the expected losses of Genesys through its deferral of Genesys's service fees owed to WES.

The Company manages Genesys and has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact Genesys's performance, in addition to being obligated to absorb expected losses from Genesys. Accordingly, the Company is the primary beneficiary of Genesys and consolidates Genesys as a VIE. In addition, the Company concluded there is no noncontrolling interest related to the consolidation of Genesys because the Company determined that (i) the shareholder of Genesys does not have more than a nominal amount of equity investment at risk, (ii) WES absorbs the expected losses of Genesys through its deferral of Genesys's service fees owed to WES and the Company has, since entering into the administrative services agreement, had to continuously defer service fees for Genesys, and (iii) the Company believes Genesys will continue to have a shortfall on payment of its service fees for the foreseeable future, leaving no expected residual returns for the shareholder. As of April 2, 2021, the Company had one VIE — Genesys.

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9. SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Segment Information

The Company's two segments are Energy and Engineering and Consulting, and the Company's chief operating decision maker, which continues to be its chief executive officer, receives and reviews financial information in this format.

There were no intersegment sales during the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020. The Company's chief operating decision maker evaluates the performance of each segment based upon income or loss from operations before income taxes. Certain segment asset information including expenditures for long-lived assets has not been presented as it is not reported to or reviewed by the chief operating decision maker. In addition, enterprise-wide service line contract revenue is not included as it is impracticable to report this information for each group of similar services.

Financial information with respect to the reportable segments is as follows:

	Energy	Engineering & Consulting	Unallocated Corporate	Intersegment	Consolidated Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>				
Fiscal Three Months Ended April 2, 2021					
Contract revenue	\$ 62,007	\$ 17,079	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,086
Depreciation and amortization	3,938	249	-	-	4,187
Interest expense, net	4	-	1,060	-	1,064
Segment profit (loss) before income tax expense	(2,832)	2,110	(4,502)	-	(5,224)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(790)	589	(1,257)	-	(1,458)
Net income (loss)	(2,042)	1,521	(3,245)	-	(3,766)
Segment assets ⁽¹⁾	312,341	22,624	73,015	(23,130)	384,850
Fiscal Three Months Ended April 3, 2020					
Contract revenue	\$ 87,799	\$ 18,227	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,026
Depreciation and amortization	4,236	283	-	-	4,519
Interest expense, net	11	-	1,502	-	1,513
Segment profit (loss) before income tax expense	(6,406)	2,004	(5,357)	-	(9,759)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,054)	330	(881)	-	(1,605)
Net income (loss)	(5,353)	1,676	(4,477)	-	(8,154)
Segment assets ⁽¹⁾	355,856	24,866	55,211	(23,130)	412,803

⁽¹⁾ Segment assets are presented net of intercompany receivables.

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The following tables provides information about disaggregated revenue by contract type, client type and geographical region:

	Three months ended April 2, 2021		
	Energy	Engineering and Consulting	Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>		
Contract Type			
Time-and-materials	\$ 6,900	\$ 13,421	\$ 20,321
Unit-based	39,614	2,445	42,059
Fixed price	15,493	1,213	16,706
Total ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 62,007</u>	<u>\$ 17,079</u>	<u>\$ 79,086</u>
Client Type			
Commercial	\$ 5,928	\$ 1,096	\$ 7,024
Government	13,555	15,929	29,484
Utilities ⁽²⁾	42,525	53	42,578
Total ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 62,007</u>	<u>\$ 17,079</u>	<u>\$ 79,086</u>
Geography ⁽³⁾			
Domestic	<u>\$ 62,007</u>	<u>\$ 17,079</u>	<u>\$ 79,086</u>
	Three months ended April 3, 2020		
	Energy	Engineering and Consulting	Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>		
Contract Type			
Time-and-materials	\$ 14,011	\$ 14,092	\$ 28,103
Unit-based	50,890	3,104	53,994
Fixed price	22,898	1,031	23,929
Total ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 87,799</u>	<u>\$ 18,227</u>	<u>\$ 106,026</u>
Client Type			
Commercial	\$ 8,729	\$ 1,374	\$ 10,103
Government	21,728	16,794	38,522
Utilities ⁽²⁾	57,342	59	57,401
Total ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 87,799</u>	<u>\$ 18,227</u>	<u>\$ 106,026</u>
Geography ⁽³⁾			
Domestic	<u>\$ 87,799</u>	<u>\$ 18,227</u>	<u>\$ 106,026</u>

(1) Amounts may not add to the totals due to rounding.

(2) Includes the portion of revenue related to small business programs paid by the end user/customer.

(3) Revenue from the Company's foreign operations were not material for the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020.

Geographical Information

Substantially all of the Company's consolidated revenue was derived from its operations in the U.S. The Company operates through a network of offices spread across 24 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Revenues from the Company's Canadian operations were not material for the three months ended April 2, 2021 nor the three months ended April 3, 2020.

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Customer Concentration

For the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020, the Company's top 10 customers accounted for 48.7%, and 58.1%, respectively, of the Company's consolidated contract revenue. For the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020, the Company had no individual customer that accounted for more than 10% of its consolidated contract revenues. For the three months ended April 3, 2020, the Company derived 29.2% of its consolidated contract revenue from two customers, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power ("LADWP") and Dormitory Authority-State of New York Dormitory Authority-State of New York ("DASNY").

On a segment basis, the Company had individual customers that accounted for more than 10% of its segment contract revenues. For the three months ended April 2, 2021, the Company derived 10.3% of its Energy segment revenues from one customer, Consolidated Edison of New York, and it derived 17.8% of its Engineering and Consulting segment revenues from one customer, the City of Elk Grove. For the three months ended April 3, 2020, the Company derived 45.3% of its Energy segment revenues from three customers, LADWP, DASNY and Duke Energy, and it derived 19.5% of its Engineering and Consulting segment revenues from one customer, the City of Elk Grove.

The Company's largest clients are based in California and New York. For the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020, services provided to clients in California accounted for 34.3%, and 44.0%, respectively, of the Company's contract revenue and services provided to clients in New York accounted for 22.1% and 20.4%, respectively, of the Company's contract revenue.

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10. INCOME TAXES

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities, subject to a judgmental assessment of the recoverability of deferred tax assets. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is recorded when it is more likely than not that some of the deferred tax assets may not be realized. Significant judgment is applied when assessing the need for valuation allowances and includes the evaluation of historical income (loss) adjusted for the effects of non-recurring items and the impact of recent business combinations. Areas of estimation include our consideration of future taxable income which is driven by verifiable signed contracts and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. Should a change in circumstances lead to a change in judgment about the utilization of deferred tax assets in future years, the Company would adjust the related valuation allowances in the period that the change in circumstances occurs, along with a corresponding increase or charge to income.

During each fiscal year, the Company assesses the available positive and negative evidence to evaluate if it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. Beginning in fiscal year 2017, the Company determined that it was more-likely-than-not that the entire California net operating loss will not be utilized prior to expiration. Significant pieces of objective evidence evaluated included the Company's history of utilization of California net operating losses in prior years for each of its subsidiaries, as well as its forecasted amount of net operating loss utilization for certain members of the combined group. As a result, the Company recorded a valuation allowance in the amount of \$86,000 at the end of fiscal year 2018 related to California net operating losses. As of April 2, 2021, the Company assessed all available positive and negative evidence available to determine whether, based on the weight of that evidence, there was a change in judgment related to the utilization of deferred tax assets in future years. The Company concluded that as of April 2, 2021, the valuation allowance for the Company's deferred tax assets was appropriate in accordance with ASC 740. Consequently, there was no change to the valuation allowance during the three months ended April 2, 2021. For the three months ended April 3, 2020, the Company did not have a change in the valuation allowance.

For acquired business entities, if the Company identifies changes to acquired deferred tax asset valuation allowances or liabilities related to uncertain tax positions during the measurement period and they relate to new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date, those changes are considered a measurement period adjustment, and the Company records the offset to goodwill. The Company records all other changes to deferred tax asset valuation allowances and liabilities related to uncertain tax positions in current period income tax expense.

The Company recognizes the tax benefit from uncertain tax positions if it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained on examination by the tax authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefit is measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. As of April 2, 2021, the Company has not recorded a liability for uncertain tax positions.

Based on the Company's estimates and determination of an effective tax rate for the year, the Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$1.5 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021, as compared to an income tax benefit of \$1.6 million for the three months ended April 3, 2020. During the three months ended April 2, 2021, the difference between the effective tax rate and the federal statutory rate was primarily attributable to state taxes, the recognition of tax deductions related to the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units, nondeductible executive compensation, research and development tax credits, and the commercial building energy efficiency deduction. For the three months ended April 3, 2020, the difference between the effective tax rate and the federal statutory rate is primarily

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attributable to state taxes, the recognition of tax deductions related to the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units, nondeductible executive compensation, research and development tax credits, and the commercial building energy efficiency deduction.

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 748) which includes a number of provisions relating to refundable payroll tax credits, deferment of employer side social security payments, net operating loss carryback periods, alternative minimum tax credit refunds, modifications to the net interest deduction limitations and technical corrections to tax depreciation methods for qualified improvement property. Under ASC 740, the effects of new legislation are recognized upon enactment. Accordingly, the effects of the CARES Act have been incorporated into the income tax provision computation for the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020. The Company deferred the employer side social security payments for payroll paid for 2020. These provisions did not have a material impact on the income tax provision.

On December 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA 2021) which included a number of provisions including, but not limited to the extension of numerous employment tax credits, the extension of the Section 179D deduction, enhanced business meals deductions, and the deductibility of expenses paid for with Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan funds that are forgiven. Accordingly, the effects of the CCA have been incorporated into the income tax provision computation for the three months ended April 2, 2021. The extension of the energy efficiency building deduction under Section 179D resulted in the continuation of this additional benefit for the Company.

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11. EARNINGS PER SHARE (“EPS”)

Basic EPS is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding and dilutive potential common shares for the period. Potential common shares include the weighted-average dilutive effects of outstanding stock options and restricted stock awards using the treasury stock method.

The following table sets forth the number of weighted-average common shares outstanding used to compute basic and diluted EPS:

	Three months ended	
	April 2, 2021	April 3, 2020
	<i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ (3,766)</u>	<u>\$ (8,154)</u>
Weighted-average common shares outstanding	12,147	11,510
Effect of dilutive stock options and restricted stock awards	—	—
Weighted-average common shares outstanding-diluted	<u>12,147</u>	<u>11,510</u>
Earnings (Loss) per share:		
Basic	<u>\$ (0.31)</u>	<u>\$ (0.71)</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ (0.31)</u>	<u>\$ (0.71)</u>

For the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020, the Company reported a net loss, and accordingly, all outstanding equity awards have been excluded from such periods because including them would have been anti-dilutive.

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12. CONTINGENCIES

Claims and Lawsuits

The Company is subject to claims and lawsuits from time to time, including those alleging professional errors or omissions that arise in the ordinary course of business against firms that operate in the engineering and consulting professions. The Company carries professional liability insurance, subject to certain deductibles and policy limits, for such claims as they arise and may from time to time establish reserves for litigation that is considered probable of a loss.

In accordance with accounting standards regarding loss contingencies, the Company accrues an undiscounted liability for those contingencies where the incurrence of a loss is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated, and discloses the amount accrued and an estimate of any reasonably possible loss in excess of the amount accrued, if such disclosure is necessary for the Company's financial statements not to be misleading. The Company does not accrue liabilities when the likelihood that the liability has been incurred is probable but the amount cannot be reasonably estimated, or when the liability is believed to be only reasonably possible or remote.

Because litigation outcomes are inherently unpredictable, the Company's evaluation of legal proceedings often involves a series of complex assessments by management about future events and can rely heavily on estimates and assumptions. If the assessments indicate that loss contingencies that could be material to any one of the Company's financial statements are not probable, but are reasonably possible, or are probable, but cannot be estimated, then the Company will disclose the nature of the loss contingencies, together with an estimate of the possible loss or a statement that such loss is not reasonably estimable. While the consequences of certain unresolved proceedings are not presently determinable, and a reasonable estimate of the probable and reasonably possible loss or range of loss in excess of amounts accrued for such proceedings cannot be made, an adverse outcome from such proceedings could have a material adverse effect on the Company's earnings in any given reporting period. However, in the opinion of the Company's management, after consulting with legal counsel, and taking into account insurance coverage, the ultimate liability related to current outstanding claims and lawsuits is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

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13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Fourth Amendment to the Credit Agreement

On April 30, 2021, the Company entered into the Fourth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the “Fourth Amendment”). The Third Amendment established a covenant relief period from May 6, 2020 to July 2, 2021 (the “Initial Covenant Relief Period”). The Fourth Amendment extends the Initial Covenant Relief Period from July 2, 2021 to and including the earlier of (i) April 1, 2022 and (ii) the last day of the fiscal quarter in which the Company delivers an irrevocable election to terminate the covenant relief granted by the Fourth Amendment (the “Second Covenant Relief Period,” and together with the Initial Covenant Relief Period, the “Amended Covenant Relief Period”). The Fourth Amendment also (A) establishes the minimum Adjusted EBITDA thresholds for the remainder of the Amended Covenant Relief Period, (B) increases the maximum Leverage Ratio the Company is permitted to maintain through the fiscal quarter ending on April 1, 2022, (C) removes the previous prohibition during the Initial Covenant Relief Period on the Company’s ability to make delayed draw term loan borrowings, (D) removes the previous prohibition during the Initial Covenant Relief Period on the Company’s ability to make Permitted Acquisitions (as defined in the Credit Agreement) and to purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire the Company’s common stock, in each case, subject to certain conditions, and (E) increases the maximum amount of earn-out payments the Company is permitted to make during the Amended Covenant Relief Period from \$7.0 million to \$17.0 million, provided that the Company’s liquidity would not be less than \$10.0 million after giving effect to such earn-out payment. Additionally, during the remainder of the Amended Covenant Relief Period, the aggregate amount of all capital expenditures made by the Company may not exceed \$15.0 million.

Pursuant to the Fourth Amendment, borrowings under the Credit Agreement will bear interest at all times other than during the Initial Covenant Relief Period, at either a Base Rate or LIBOR, each as defined in the Credit Agreement, at the Company’s option, and in each case plus an applicable margin, which applicable margin will range from 0.125% to 1.25% with respect to Base Rate borrowings and 1.125% to 2.25% with respect to LIBOR borrowings, depending on the Leverage Ratio; *provided*, that LIBOR cannot be less than 0.00%. The Company will also pay a commitment fee for the unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility and the delayed draft term loan facility, which will range from 0.15% to 0.40% per annum depending on the Leverage Ratio, and fees on the face amount of any letters of credit outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility, which will range from 0.84% to 1.688% per annum, in each case, depending on whether such letter of credit is a performance or financial letter of credit and the Leverage Ratio.

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

Our Company

We are a provider of professional, technical and consulting services to utilities, private industry, and public agencies at all levels of government. As resources and infrastructures undergo continuous change, we help organizations and their communities evolve and thrive by providing a wide range of technical services for energy solutions and government infrastructure. Through engineering, program management, policy advisory, and software and data management, we design and deliver trusted, comprehensive, innovative, and proven solutions to improve efficiency, resiliency, and sustainability in energy and infrastructure to our customers.

Our broad portfolio of services operates within two reporting segments: (1) Energy and (2) Engineering and Consulting. The interfaces and synergies between these segments are important elements of our strategy to design and deliver trusted, comprehensive, innovative, and proven solutions for our customers.

Our Energy segment provides specialized, innovative, comprehensive energy solutions to businesses, utilities, state agencies, municipalities, and non-profit organizations in the U.S. Our experienced engineers, consultants, and staff help our clients realize cost and energy savings by tailoring efficient and cost-effective solutions to assist in optimizing energy spend. Our energy efficiency services include comprehensive audit and surveys, program design, master planning, demand reduction, grid optimization, benchmarking analyses, design engineering, construction management, performance contracting, installation, alternative financing, measurement and verification services, and advances in software and data analytics.

Our Engineering and Consulting segment provides civil engineering-related construction management, building and safety, city engineering, city planning, geotechnical, material testing and other engineering consulting services to our clients. Our engineering services include rail, port, water, mining and other civil engineering projects. We also provide economic and financial consulting to public agencies along with national preparedness and interoperability services, communications, and technology solutions. Lastly, we supplement the engineering services that we offer our clients by offering expertise and support for the various financing techniques public agencies utilize to finance their operations and infrastructure. We also support the mandated reporting and other requirements associated with these financings. We provide financial advisory services for municipal securities but do not provide underwriting services.

Impact of Covid-19 on Our Business

The coronavirus ("Covid-19") pandemic has resulted in governmental authorities around the world implementing numerous measures to try to contain the virus, such as travel bans and restrictions, quarantines, shelter-in-place or total lock-down orders and business limitations and shutdowns (subject to exceptions for certain essential operations and businesses). The Covid-19 outbreak and restrictions intended to slow the spread of Covid-19 have caused economic and social disruption on an unprecedented scale. The full extent to which Covid-19 impacts our operations will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain, including, among others, the duration of the pandemic, resurgences of Covid-19 and variants, the availability, effectiveness and public acceptance of FDA-approved Covid-19 vaccines, and the actions taken, especially those by governmental authorities, to contain its spread or treat its impact.

Health and Safety

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have taken and will continue to take temporary precautionary measures intended to help minimize the risk of Covid-19 to our employees, including requiring the majority of our employees to work remotely, suspending non-essential travel and restricting in-person work-related meetings. We expect to continue to implement these measures until it has determined that the Covid-19 pandemic is adequately contained for

purposes of our business, and may take further actions as government authorities require or recommend or as it determines to be in the best interests of our employees, customers, business partners and third-party service providers.

Financial Position and Results of Operations

The Covid-19 pandemic and efforts to limit its spread negatively impacted our operations during our fiscal year 2020 and continued to impact us, albeit to a lesser extent, during the first quarter of fiscal year 2021. In California and New York, the states in which we have historically derived a majority of our revenue, mandatory shutdown orders were issued in March 2020. In New York, phased re-openings began in June 2020, and all of our New York utility programs have restarted. In California, phased re-openings began in May 2020, followed by periods of curtailments as a result of resurgences of Covid-19 cases, and subsequent re-openings. As a result, the most significant pandemic related impacts to our business are now occurring in California to our direct install business as re-openings are still in progress. In addition, as of May 5, 2021, though some of our work has been suspended, none of our contracts have been cancelled.

In the Energy segment, we have experienced a negative impact on our direct install programs that serve small businesses as a result of restrictions put in place by governmental authorities that required temporary shutdowns of all “non-essential” businesses which resulted in a significant portion of our direct install work on these programs being suspended for varying periods of time during fiscal year 2020 and continuing in California through our first fiscal quarter of 2021. During non-Covid-19 impacted years, such as fiscal year 2019, we derived approximately 40% of our gross revenue from our direct install programs that serve small businesses and 60% from our other programs. Our other programs are either businesses that have been determined to be “essential” by government authorities or have continued to progress during the pandemic.

In the Engineering and Consulting segment, our revenues have been less affected by Covid-19 than the revenues in the Energy segment. The services in this segment have generally been deemed “essential” by the government and have continued to operate while abiding social distancing measures.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic and efforts to prevent its spread, we began taking a number of steps during the first quarter of fiscal 2020 aimed at preserving liquidity and positioning us to resume our growth trajectory after work restrictions are lifted. For more information, see Part II, Item 7. “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations*” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2021.

In addition to these actions, subsequent to the end of our first fiscal quarter of 2021, we amended our credit facility for increased covenant flexibility as a result of additional working capital requirements related to \$781 million in new California Investor Owned Utility contracts signed in December 2020.

We believe that our financial position is sufficiently flexible to enable us to maneuver in the current economic environment.

Asset and liability valuation and other estimates used in preparation of financial statements

As of April 2, 2021, we did not have any impairment with respect to goodwill or long-lived assets, including intangible assets. Because the full extent of the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak and efforts to slow its spread are unknown at this time, they could, under certain circumstances, cause impairment and result in a non-cash impairment charge being recorded in future periods.

Changes to the estimated future profitability of the business may require that we establish an additional valuation allowance against all or some portion of our net deferred tax assets.

Impact on Clients and Subcontractors and Other Risks

We primarily work for utilities, municipalities and other public agencies. Some of these customers could experience significant budget shortfalls for the current year and beyond as a result of the measures taken to mitigate the Covid-19 pandemic and/or revenue shortfalls as a result of reduced economic activity. Although none of our contracts with governmental or public agencies were materially modified during our first fiscal quarter of 2021, these potential budget deficits could result in delayed funding for existing contracts with us, postponements of new contracts or price concessions. Further, most of our clients are not committed to purchase any minimum amount of services, as our agreements with them are based on a “purchase order” model. As a result, they may discontinue utilizing some or all of our services with little or no notice.

In addition, we rely on subcontractors and material suppliers to complete a substantial portion of our work, especially in our Energy segment. If our significant subcontractors and material suppliers suffer significant economic harm and must limit or cease operations or file for bankruptcy as a result of the current economic slowdown, our subcontractors and material suppliers may not be able to fulfill their contractual obligations satisfactorily and we may not have the ability to select our subcontractors and material suppliers of choice for new contracts. If our subcontractors and material suppliers are not able to fulfill their contractual obligations, it could result in a significant increase in costs for us to complete the projects or cause significant delays to the realization of revenues under those projects. The ultimate impact of Covid-19 on our financial condition and results of operations will depend on all of the factors noted above, including other factors that we may not be able to forecast at this time. See the risk factor “*The Covid-19 pandemic and health and safety measures intended to slow its spread have adversely affected, and may continue to adversely affect, our business, results of operations and financial condition.*” under Part I. Item 1A. “Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2021. While Covid-19 has had, and we expect it to continue to have, an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, we are unable to predict the extent or duration of these impacts at this time.

Results of Operations

First Quarter Overview

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain information derived from our consolidated statements of comprehensive income⁽¹⁾:

	Three Months Ended					
	April 2, 2021		April 3, 2020		\$ Change	% Change
<i>(in thousands, except percentages)</i>						
Contract revenue	\$ 79,086	100.0 %	\$ 106,026	100.0 %	\$ (26,940)	(25.4)%
Direct costs of contract revenue:						
Salaries and wages	15,820	20.0	18,915	17.8	(3,095)	(16.4)
Subcontractor services and other direct costs	31,134	39.4	56,420	53.2	(25,286)	(44.8)
Total direct costs of contract revenue	46,954	59.4	75,335	71.1	(28,381)	(37.7)
Gross profit	32,132	40.6	30,691	28.9	1,441	4.7
General and administrative expenses:						
Salaries and wages, payroll taxes and employee benefits	19,444	24.6	20,412	19.3	(968)	(4.7)
Facilities and facilities related	2,643	3.3	2,694	2.5	(51)	(1.9)
Stock-based compensation	4,206	5.3	4,595	4.3	(389)	(8.5)
Depreciation and amortization	4,187	5.3	4,519	4.3	(332)	(7.3)
Other	5,841	7.4	6,740	6.4	(899)	(13.3)
Total general and administrative expenses	36,321	45.9	38,960	36.7	(2,639)	(6.8)
Income (loss) from operations	(4,189)	(5.3)	(8,269)	(7.8)	4,080	(49.34)
Other income (expense):						
Interest expense	(1,064)	(1.3)	(1,513)	(1.4)	449	(29.7)
Other, net	29	0.0	23	0.0	6	26.0
Total other income (expense)	(1,035)	(1.3)	(1,490)	(1.4)	455	(30.5)
Income (Loss) before income tax expense	(5,224)	(6.6)	(9,759)	(9.2)	4,535	(46.5)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,458)	(1.8)	(1,605)	(1.5)	147	(9.2)
Net income (loss)	\$ (3,766)	(4.8)	\$ (8,154)	(7.7)	\$ 4,388	(53.8)

⁽¹⁾ Percentages are expressed as a percentage of contract revenue and may not total due to rounding.

The following tables provides information about disaggregated revenue of the Company's two segments Energy and Engineering and Consulting by contract type, client type and geographical region⁽¹⁾:

	Three months ended April 2, 2021		
	Energy	Engineering and Consulting	Total
<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Contract Type			
Time-and-materials	\$ 6,900	\$ 13,421	\$ 20,321
Unit-based	39,614	2,445	42,059
Fixed price	15,493	1,213	16,706
Total ⁽¹⁾	\$ 62,007	\$ 17,079	\$ 79,086
Client Type			
Commercial	\$ 5,928	\$ 1,096	\$ 7,024
Government	13,555	15,929	29,484
Utilities ⁽²⁾	42,525	53	42,578
Total ⁽¹⁾	\$ 62,007	\$ 17,079	\$ 79,086
Geography ⁽³⁾			
Domestic	\$ 62,007	\$ 17,079	\$ 79,086

	Three months ended April 3, 2020		
	Energy	Engineering and Consulting	Total
	(in thousands)		
Contract Type			
Time-and-materials	\$ 14,011	\$ 14,092	\$ 28,103
Unit-based	50,890	3,104	53,994
Fixed price	22,898	1,031	23,929
Total ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 87,799</u>	<u>\$ 18,227</u>	<u>\$ 106,026</u>
Client Type			
Commercial	\$ 8,729	\$ 1,374	\$ 10,103
Government	21,728	16,794	38,522
Utilities ⁽²⁾	57,342	59	57,401
Total ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 87,799</u>	<u>\$ 18,227</u>	<u>\$ 106,026</u>
Geography ⁽³⁾			
Domestic	\$ 87,799	\$ 18,227	106,026

(1) Amounts may not add to the totals due to rounding.

(2) Includes the portion of revenue related to small business programs paid by the end user/customer.

(3) Revenue from our foreign operations were immaterial for the three months ended April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020.

Three Months Ended April 2, 2021 Compared to Three Months Ended April 3, 2020

Contract revenue. Consolidated contract revenue decreased \$26.9 million, or 25.4%, in the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 3, 2020, primarily due to decreased contract revenues from our direct install programs for small businesses in our Energy segment and the impact of having one fewer week in our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2021 as compared to our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2020.

Contract revenue in our Energy segment decreased \$25.8 million, or 29.4%, in the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 3, 2020. Contract revenue for the Energy segment primarily decreased as a result of decreased contract revenues from our direct install programs for small businesses combined with the impact of having one fewer week in our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2021 as compared to our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2020. Contract revenues for our direct install programs for small businesses decreased as a result of the business suspensions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic and efforts to limit its spread that started in March 2020, which continue to impact our operations.

Contract revenue in our Engineering and Consulting segment decreased \$1.1 million, or 6.3%, in the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 3, 2020. Contract revenue for the Engineering and Consulting segment decreased primarily due the impact of having one fewer week in our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2021 as compared to our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2020. Contract revenue in our Engineering and Consulting segment has been less affected by Covid-19 than contract revenue in our Energy segment as the services provided in our Engineering and Consulting segment have generally been deemed “essential” by government authorities and have continued to operate while abiding social distancing measures.

Direct costs of contract revenue. Direct costs of consolidated contract revenue decreased \$28.4 million, or 37.7%, in the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 3, 2020, primarily as a result of decreased contract revenues from our direct install programs for small businesses in our Energy segment, the impact of having one fewer week in our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2021 as compared to our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2020, and the reduction in pass-through construction management costs.

Direct costs of contract revenue in our Energy segment decreased \$26.9 million, or 41.5%, in the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 3, 2020, primarily as a result of the decrease in our contract revenues related to direct install programs for small businesses as described above, and the impact of having one

fewer week in our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2021 as compared to our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2020. Direct costs of contract revenue for the Engineering and Consulting segment decreased \$1.5 million, or 13.9%, in the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 3, 2020, primarily due to the impact of having one fewer week in our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2021 as compared to our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2020.

Subcontractor services and other direct costs decreased by \$25.3 million and salaries and wages decreased by \$3.1 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 3, 2020. As a percentage of contract revenue, salaries and wages increased to 20.0% of contract revenue for the three months ended April 2, 2021 from 17.8% for the three months ended April 3, 2020. Subcontractor services and other direct costs decreased to 39.4% of contract revenue for the three months ended April 2, 2021 from 53.2% of contract revenue for the three months ended April 3, 2020. Salaries and wages within direct costs of contract revenue increased as a percentage of contract revenue primarily as a result of the decrease in contract revenues from our direct install programs for small businesses which resulted in changes in the mix of revenues to those which contain a higher percentage of labor costs and lower percentage of material costs and installation subcontracting. Subcontractor services and other direct costs decreased as a percentage of contract revenue primarily as a result of the decrease in contract revenues from our direct install programs for small businesses, as described above.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased to \$32.1 million, or 40.6%, for the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared the three months ended April 3, 2020. The increase in our gross margin was primary driven by changes in the mix of revenues to those which contain a higher percentage of labor costs and lower percentage of material costs and subcontracting.

General and administrative expenses. General and administrative (“G&A”) expenses decreased by \$2.6 million, or 6.8%, in the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 3, 2020. The decrease in G&A expenses consisted of a decrease of \$2.8 million in the Energy segment and a decrease of \$0.1 million in the unallocated corporate expenses, partially offset by an increase of \$0.3 million in the Engineering and Consulting segment. The decrease in G&A expenses in the Energy segment was primarily attributed to the impact of having one fewer week in our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2021 as compared to our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2020.

Of the \$2.6 million decrease in G&A expenses, \$1.0 million resulted from a decrease in salaries and wages, payroll taxes and employee benefits, \$0.9 million resulted from a decrease other general and administrative expenses, \$0.4 million resulted from a decrease in stock-based compensation, \$0.3 million resulted from a decrease in depreciation and amortization. Facilities and facilities related expenses were flat year over year.

Income (loss) from operations. Our operating loss was \$4.2 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021 as a result of the factors noted above. As a percentage of contract revenue, operating loss was 5.3% for the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to an operating loss of 7.8% for the three months ended April 3, 2020. The increase in operating margin was primarily attributable to decreases in direct costs of contract revenue combined with decreases in salaries and wages, payroll taxes and employee benefits, and decreases in other general and administrative expenses.

Total other expense, net. Total other expense, net, was \$1.0 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to \$1.5 million for the three months ended April 3, 2020. The decrease in total other expense, net is primarily as a result of lower interest expense as a result of lower interest rate borrowings under our credit facilities combined with the impact of having one fewer week in our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2021 as compared to our first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2020.

Income tax expense (benefit). We recorded an income tax benefit of \$1.5 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021 compared to a tax benefit of \$1.6 million for the three months ended April 3, 2020. The decrease in the income tax benefit is primarily attributable to our loss before income tax combined with an increase in various tax deductions and tax credits.

Net income (loss). Our net loss was \$3.8 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021, as compared to a net loss of \$8.2 million for the three months ended April 3, 2020. The increase in our operating performance was primarily driven by cost control and the increase in higher margin business.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table summarizes our statements of cash flows for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended	
	April 2, 2021	April 3, 2020
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Net cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 5,645	\$ 16,455
Investing activities	(1,319)	(2,139)
Financing activities	(7,357)	(7,464)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ (3,031)</u>	<u>\$ 6,852</u>

We believe that our cash and cash equivalents, cash generated by operating activities, and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to finance our operating activities for at least the next 12 months. As a result of forecasted increased working capital requirements related to our \$781 million in California Investor Owned Utility Contracts signed in December 2020, we amended our credit agreement to, among other things, ensure an adequate margin for certain covenant compliance obligations. As of April 2, 2021, we had \$25.4 million of cash and cash equivalents. Our primary source of liquidity is cash generated from operations and borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility. In addition, as of April 2, 2021, we had a \$100 million Term A Loan with \$82.5 million outstanding, a \$50.0 million Revolving Credit Facility with no borrowed amounts outstanding and \$2.7 million in letters of credit issued. We also have a \$50.0 million Delayed Draw Term Loan with \$26.3 million outstanding scheduled to mature on June 26, 2024.

As of April 2, 2021, borrowings under our Credit Facilities bore interest at 3.0% based on the Company's consolidated total leverage ratio. See Part I, Item 1, Note 6, *Debt Obligations* and Note 13, *Subsequent Events*, of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and Part II, Item 8, Note 5, "Debt Obligations", of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 17, 2021 for information regarding our indebtedness, including information about new borrowings and repayments, principal repayment terms, interest rates, covenants, and other key terms of our outstanding indebtedness.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash flows provided by operating activities were \$5.6 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021, as compared to cash flows provided by operating activities of \$16.5 million for the three months ended April 3, 2020. Cash flow from operating activities primarily consists of net income, adjusted for non-cash charges, such as depreciation and amortization and stock-based compensation, plus or minus changes in operating assets and liabilities. Changes in cash flows provided by operating activities for the three months ended April 2, 2021 were primarily due to reductions in working capital requirements as a result of the reduction of revenues from the suspension of our small business energy programs in California. Cash flows provided by operating activities for the three months ended April 3, 2020 resulted primarily as result of our acquisitions of Onsite Energy and E3, Inc., and significant reductions in working capital requirements as a result of the reduction of revenues from the suspension of our small business energy programs.

Cash Flows used in Investing Activities

Cash flows used in investing activities were \$1.3 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021, as compared to cash flows used in investing activities of \$2.1 million for the three months ended April 3, 2020. Cash flows used in investing activities for the three months ended April 2, 2021 were primarily due to cash paid for the development of software, the purchase of equipment and leasehold improvements. Cash flows used in investing activities for the three months ended April 3, 2020, were primarily due to cash paid for the purchase of equipment and leasehold improvements.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Cash flows used in financing activities were \$7.4 million for the three months ended April 2, 2021, as compared to cash flows used in financing activities of \$7.5 million for the three months ended April 3, 2020. Cash flows used in financing activities for the three months ended April 2, 2021 were primarily attributable to payments of \$5.4 million for contingent consideration related to prior acquisitions, repayments of \$3.2 million under our term loan facility and revolving line of credit, partially offset by \$1.4 million in proceeds from sales of common stock under our employee stock purchase plan. Cash flows used in financing activities for the three months ended April 3, 2020 were primarily attributable to repayments of \$13.3 million under our term loan facility and revolving line of credit, a payment of \$2.9 million in employee payroll taxes related to the vesting of performance-based restricted stock units during the quarter, payments of \$1.4 million for contingent consideration related to prior acquisitions, partially offset by \$9.0 million of borrowings under our revolving line of credit.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet financing arrangements or liabilities. In addition, our policy is not to enter into futures or forward contracts. Finally, we do not have any majority-owned subsidiaries or any interests in, or relationships with, any special-purpose entities that are not included in the consolidated financial statements. We have, however, an administrative services agreement with Genesys in which we provide Genesys with ongoing administrative, operational and other non-professional support services. We manage Genesys and have the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact Genesys' performance, in addition to being obligated to absorb expected losses from Genesys. Accordingly, we are the primary beneficiary of Genesys and consolidate Genesys as a variable interest entity.

Short and Long-term Liquidity

Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth our known contractual obligations as of April 2, 2021:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Less than			More than 5 Years	
		1 Year	1 - 3 Years	3 - 5 Years		
			<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Long term debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 109,475	\$ 14,488	\$ 42,456	\$ 52,531	\$ —	
Interest payments on debt outstanding ⁽²⁾	9,302	3,840	5,462	—	—	
Operating leases	19,869	5,584	8,892	4,037	1,356	
Finance leases	611	266	328	17	—	
Total contractual cash obligations	\$ 139,257	\$ 24,179	\$ 57,138	\$ 56,586	\$ 1,356	

- ⁽¹⁾ Long-term debt includes \$82.5 million outstanding on our Term A Loan and \$26.3 million outstanding on our Delayed Draw Term Loan as of April 2, 2021. We have assumed no future borrowings or repayments (other than at maturity) for purposes of this table.
- ⁽²⁾ Borrowings under our Delayed Draw Term Loan bear interest at a variable rate. Future interest payments on our Credit Facilities are estimated using floating rates in effect as of April 2, 2021.

We are obligated to pay earn-out payments in connection with our 2019 and 2017 acquisitions of Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. (“E3, Inc.”) and Integral Analytics, respectively. We are obligated to pay up to (i) \$12.0 million in cash if E3, Inc. exceeds certain financial targets during the three years after the E3, Inc. closing date, and (ii) \$12.0 million in cash based on future work obtained from the business of Integral Analytics during the four years after the closing of the acquisition, payable in installments, if certain financial targets are met during the four years. As of April 2, 2021, we had contingent consideration payable of \$10.3 million related to these acquisitions. For the three months ended April 2, 2021, our statement of operations includes \$0.4 million of accretion (excluding fair value adjustments) related to the contingent consideration.

Outstanding Indebtedness

See Part I, Item 1, Note 6, “*Debt Obligations*” and Note 13, “*Subsequent Events*”, of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and Part II, Item 8, Note 5, “*Debt Obligations*”, of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2021, for information regarding our indebtedness, including information about new borrowings and repayments, principal repayment terms, interest rates, covenants, and other key terms of our outstanding indebtedness.

On May 3, 2021, after giving effect to the Fourth Amendment, we had \$67.3 million in borrowing capacity available under our credit facilities, as amended by the Fourth Amendment.

As of May 3, 2021, the Company’s composite interest rate, exclusive of the effects of upfront fees, undrawn fees and issuance cost amortization, was 3.0% and \$2.7 million in letters of credit were issued.

Insurance Premiums

We have also financed, from time to time, insurance premiums by entering into unsecured notes payable with insurance companies. See Part I, Item 1, Note 6, “*Debt Obligations*”, of the Notes of Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for information regarding our financing arrangements related to our insurance premiums including principal repayment terms, interest rates, and other related key terms.

Interest Rate Swap

We have entered into an interest rate swap agreement to moderate our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates underlying our variable rate debt. For more information, see Part I, Item 3, “*Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*”, and Note 5, “*Derivatives*”, to the Notes of Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Impact of Inflation

Due to the average duration of our projects and our ability to negotiate prices as contracts end and new contracts begin, we believe our operations have not been, and, in the foreseeable future, are not expected to be, materially impacted by inflation.

Components of Revenue and Expense

Contract Revenue

We generally provide our services under contracts, purchase orders or retainer letters. The agreements we enter into with our clients typically incorporate one of three principal types of pricing provisions: time-and-materials, unit-based, and fixed price. Revenue on our time-and-materials and unit-based contracts are recognized as the work is performed in accordance with specific terms of the contract. As of April 2, 2021, approximately 26% of our contracts are time-and-materials contracts and approximately 53% of our contracts are unit-based contracts, compared to approximately 27% for time-and-materials contracts and approximately 51% for unit-based contracts as of April 3, 2020.

Some of these contracts include maximum contract prices, but contract maximums are often adjusted to reflect the level of effort to achieve client objectives and thus the majority of these contracts are not expected to exceed the maximum. Contract revenue on our fixed price contracts is determined on the percentage of completion method based generally on the ratio of direct costs incurred to date to estimated total direct costs at completion. Many of our fixed price contracts involve a high degree of subcontracted fixed price effort and are relatively short in duration, thereby lowering the risks of not properly estimating the percent complete.

Adjustments to contract cost estimates are made in the periods in which the facts requiring such revisions become known. When the revised estimate indicates a loss, such loss is recognized in the current period in its entirety. Claims and change orders that have not been finalized are evaluated to determine whether or not a change has occurred in the enforceable rights and obligations of the original contract. If these non-finalized changes qualify as a contract modification, a determination is made whether to account for the change in contract value as a modification to the existing contract, or a separate contract and revenue under the claims or change orders is recognized accordingly. Costs related to un-priced change orders are expensed when incurred, and recognition of the related revenue is based on the assessment above of whether or not a contract modification has occurred. Estimated profit for un-priced change orders is recognized only if collection is probable.

Our contracts come up for renewal periodically and at the time of renewal may be subject to renegotiation, which could impact the profitability on that contract. In addition, during the term of a contract, public agencies may request additional or revised services which may impact the economics of the transaction. Most of our contracts permit our clients, with prior notice, to terminate the contracts at any time without cause. While we have a large volume of contracts, the renewal, termination or modification of a contract, in particular contracts with Consolidated Edison, the City of Elk Grove, DASNY, and utility programs associated with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Duke Energy Corp., may have a material effect on our consolidated operations.

Some of our contracts include certain performance guarantees, such as a guaranteed energy saving quantity. Such guarantees are generally measured upon completion of a project. In the event that the measured performance level is less than the guaranteed level, any resulting financial penalty, including any additional work that may be required to fulfill the guarantee, is estimated and charged to direct expenses in the current period. We have not experienced any significant costs under such guarantees.

Direct Costs of Contract Revenue

Direct costs of contract revenue consist primarily of that portion of salaries and wages that have been incurred in connection with revenue producing projects. Direct costs of contract revenue also include material costs, subcontractor services, equipment and other expenses that are incurred in connection with revenue producing projects. Direct costs of contract revenue exclude that portion of salaries and wages related to marketing efforts, vacations, holidays and other time not spent directly generating revenue under existing contracts. Such costs are included in general and administrative expenses. Additionally, payroll taxes, bonuses and employee benefit costs for all of our personnel are included in general and administrative expenses since no allocation of these costs is made to direct costs of contract revenue.

Other companies may classify as direct costs of contract revenue some of the costs that we classify as general and administrative costs. We expense direct costs of contract revenue when incurred.

General and Administrative Expenses

G&A expenses include the costs of the marketing and support staffs, other marketing expenses, management and administrative personnel costs, payroll taxes, bonuses and employee benefits for all of our employees and the portion of salaries and wages not allocated to direct costs of contract revenue for those employees who provide our services. G&A expenses also include facility costs, depreciation and amortization, professional services, legal and accounting fees and administrative operating costs. Within G&A expenses, "Other" includes expenses such as professional services, legal and accounting, computer costs, travel and entertainment, marketing costs and acquisition costs. We expense general and administrative costs when incurred.

Critical Accounting Policies

We have prepared the accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. ("GAAP"). To prepare these financial statements in conformity with GAAP, we must make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenue and expenses in the reporting period. Our actual results may differ from these estimates. We have adopted accounting policies and practices that are generally accepted in the industry in which we operate.

There have been no material changes in our critical accounting policies and estimates from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended January 1, 2021. Please refer to Part II, Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2021 for a discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates.

Recent Accounting Standards

For a description of recently issued and adopted accounting pronouncements, including adoption dates and expected effects on our results of operations and financial condition, see Part I, Item 1, Note 2, "*Recent Accounting Pronouncements*", of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss to future earnings, to fair values or to future cash flows that may result from changes in the price of a financial instrument. The value of a financial instrument may change as a result of changes in

interest rates, exchange rates, commodity prices, equity prices and other market changes. Market risk is attributed to all market risk sensitive financial instruments, including long-term debt.

As of April 2, 2021, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$25.4 million. This amount represents cash on hand in business checking accounts with BMO.

We do not engage in trading activities and do not participate in foreign currency transactions.

We are subject to interest rate risk in connection with our Term A Loan and borrowings, if any, under our revolving credit facility and delayed draw term loan, each of which bears interest at variable rates. As of April 2, 2021, \$82.5 million was outstanding under our Term A Loan, \$26.3 million was outstanding under our delayed draw term loan, no borrowed amounts were outstanding and \$2.7 million in letters of credit were issued under the revolving credit facility. Each of our Term A Loan, revolving credit facility and delayed draw term loan mature as of June 26, 2024 and are governed by our credit agreement, as amended.

Pursuant to the Fourth Amendment, (as described in Part I, Item 1, Note 13, “Subsequent Events,” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q), borrowings under the credit agreement bear interest at all times other than during the initial covenant relief period granted by the Third Amendment, at either a Base Rate or LIBOR, each as defined in the credit agreement, at our option, and, in each case, plus an applicable margin, which applicable margin will range from 0.125% to 1.25% with respect to Base Rate borrowings and 1.125% to 2.25% with respect to LIBOR borrowings, depending on our consolidated leverage ratio; provided that LIBOR cannot be less than 0.00%. We will also pay a commitment fee for the unused portion of the revolving credit facility and the delayed draw term loan facility, which ranges from 0.15% to 0.40% per annum depending on our consolidated leverage ratio, and fees on the face amount of any letters of credit outstanding under the revolving credit facility, which range from 0.84% to 1.688% per annum, in each case, depending on whether such letter of credit is a performance or financial letter of credit and the Leverage Ratio.

The Term A Loan amortizes quarterly in installments of \$2.5 million beginning with the fiscal quarter ending September 27, 2019, with a final payment of all then remaining principal and interest due on the maturity date of June 26, 2024, subject to certain prepayment obligations based on our excess cash flow. Each borrowing under our delayed draw term loan will amortize quarterly in an amount equal to 2.5% of the aggregate outstanding borrowings under the delayed draw term loan, beginning with the first full fiscal quarter ending after the initial borrowing date, with a final payment of all then remaining principal and interest due on the maturity date of June 26, 2024, subject to certain prepayment obligations based on our excess cash flow.

On January 31, 2019, we entered into an interest swap agreement for \$35.0 million notional amount. The interest swap agreement was designated as a cash flow hedge to fix the variable interest rate on a portion of the outstanding principal amount under our prior term loan facility. The interest swap fixed rate is 2.47% and the amortization is quarterly in an amount equal to 10% annually. The interest swap agreement expires on January 31, 2022. Based upon the amount of our outstanding indebtedness as of April 2, 2021, a one percentage point increase in the effective interest rate would change our annual interest expense by approximately \$1.1 million in 2021.

Risk Related to Potential LIBOR Transition

All of our \$108.8 million of debt outstanding under our credit agreement as of April 2, 2021 bears interest at a floating rate that uses LIBOR as the applicable reference rate to calculate the interest. The Chief Executive of the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority (the “FCA”), which regulates the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, has announced that the FCA will no longer persuade or compel banks to submit rates for the calculation of LIBOR after 2021. However, for U.S. dollar LIBOR, it appears that the relevant date may be deferred to June 30, 2023 for certain tenors (including overnight and one, three, six and 12 months), at which time the LIBOR administrator has indicated that it intends to cease publication of U.S. dollar LIBOR. Despite this potential deferral, the LIBOR administrator has advised that no new contracts using U.S. dollar LIBOR should be entered into after December 31, 2021. These actions indicate that the continuation of U.S. LIBOR on the current basis cannot and will not be guaranteed after June 30, 2023. Moreover, it is possible that U.S. LIBOR will be discontinued or modified prior to June 30, 2023. The U.S. Federal

Reserve and the Bank of England have begun publishing a Secured Overnight Funding Rate and a reformed Sterling Overnight Index Average, respectively, which are intended to serve as alternative reference rates to LIBOR. At this time, however, it is not possible to predict the establishment of any market-accepted alternative reference rates or any other reforms to LIBOR and the effect of any such changes.

Our credit agreement provides that, if the administrative agent has determined that adequate means do not exist for ascertaining LIBOR or the lenders have advised the administrative agent that (i) LIBOR does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to lenders for maintaining their loans or (ii) making or funding LIBOR loans has become impracticable for the lenders, then, unless we amend the credit agreement to replace LIBOR with an alternative reference rate, all of our outstanding loans under the credit agreement will be converted to Base Rate Loans and the component of the Base Rate based upon LIBOR will not be used in any determination of the Base Rate. Further, the lenders under our credit agreement will no longer be obligated to make loans using LIBOR as the applicable reference rate. If the rate used to calculate interest on our outstanding floating rate debt under our credit agreement that currently uses LIBOR were to increase by 1.0% either as a result of an increase in LIBOR or the change to an alternative reference rate, we would expect to incur additional interest expense on such indebtedness as of April 2, 2021 of \$1.1 million on an annualized basis.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act, as controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Brisbin, and our Chief Financial Officer, Creighton Early, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In connection with the preparation of this Quarterly Report, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of April 2, 2021. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective, at a reasonable assurance level, as of April 2, 2021.

No change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

We are subject to claims and lawsuits from time to time, including those alleging professional errors or omissions that arise in the ordinary course of business against firms that operate in the engineering and consulting professions. We carry professional liability insurance, subject to certain deductibles and policy limits, for such claims as they arise and may from time to time establish reserves for litigation that is considered probable of a loss.

In accordance with accounting standards regarding loss contingencies, we accrue an undiscounted liability for those contingencies where the incurrence of a loss is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated, and we disclose the amount accrued and an estimate of any reasonably possible loss in excess of the amount accrued, if such disclosure is necessary for our financial statements not to be misleading. We do not accrue liabilities when the likelihood that the liability has been incurred is probable but the amount cannot be reasonably estimated, or when the liability is believed to be only reasonably possible or remote.

Because litigation outcomes are inherently unpredictable, our evaluation of legal proceedings often involves a series of complex assessments by management about future events and can rely heavily on estimates and assumptions. If the assessments indicate that loss contingencies that could be material to any one of our financial statements are not probable, but are reasonably possible, or are probable, but cannot be estimated, then we disclose the nature of the loss contingencies, together with an estimate of the possible loss or a statement that such loss is not reasonably estimable. While the consequences of certain unresolved proceedings are not presently determinable, and a reasonable estimate of the probable and reasonably possible loss or range of loss in excess of amounts accrued for such proceedings cannot be made, an adverse outcome from such proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our earnings in any given reporting period. However, in the opinion of our management, after consulting with legal counsel, and taking into account insurance coverage, the ultimate liability related to current outstanding claims and lawsuits is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial statements.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

There are no material changes to the risk factors set forth in Part I, Item 1A, *Risk Factors* in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2021.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

During the three months ended April 2, 2021, we repurchased an aggregate of 272 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$44.62 per share from employees to satisfy tax withholding obligations incurred in connection with the vesting of restricted stock which all occurred on March 2, 2021.

ITEM 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. Other Information

None.

ITEM 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
2.1	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated July 28, 2017, by and among Willdan Group, Inc., Willdan Energy Solutions, Integral Analytics, Inc., the Shareholders of Integral Analytics, Inc. and the Sellers' Representative (as defined therein).(portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment) (incorporated by reference to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on August 3, 2017).
2.2	Amendment No. 1, dated as of August 1, 2019, to the Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 28, 2017, by and among Willdan Group, Inc., Willdan Energy Solutions, Integral Analytics, Inc., the stockholders of Integral Analytics, Inc. and the Sellers' Representative (as defined therein).(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on November 1, 2019).
2.3‡	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2019, by and among Willdan Group, Inc., Willdan Energy Solutions, Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc., each of the stockholders of Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc., and Ren Orans, as seller representative of the stockholders of Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on October 31, 2019).
3.1	First Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Willdan Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed with the SEC on August 9, 2006, as amended (File No. 333-136444)).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Willdan Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on April 16, 2020).
4.1	Specimen Stock Certificate for shares of the Registrant's Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed with the SEC on August 9, 2006, as amended (File No. 333-136444)).
4.2	Description of Willdan Group, Inc.'s Capital Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 17, 2021).
4.3	The Company agrees to furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request a copy of each instrument with respect to issues of long-term debt of Willdan Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, the authorized principal amount of which does not exceed 10% of the consolidated assets of Willdan Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries.
10.1*¥	Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2021, by and among Willdan Group, Inc., the Guarantors signatory thereto, the Lenders signatory thereto and BMO Harris Bank N.A., as administrative agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 3, 2021).
10.2†	Separation Agreement, dated April 13, 2021, between Willdan Group, Inc. and Stacy McLaughlin (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Willdan Group, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 16, 2021).
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to § 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to § 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1**	Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document (the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

* Filed herewith.

** Furnished herewith.

‡ Portions of the referenced exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b) of Regulation S-K because it (i) is not material and (ii) would be competitively harmful if publicly disclosed.

¥ All schedules and exhibits were omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K.

† Indicates a management contract or compensating plan or arrangement

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

WILLDAN GROUP, INC.

/s/ CREIGHTON K. EARLY

Creighton K. Early

Chief Financial Officer and Vice President

*(Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer
and duly authorized officer)*

May 6, 2021

SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Thomas D. Brisbin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Willdan Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2021

By: /s/ THOMAS D. BRISBIN

Thomas D. Brisbin
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Creighton K. Early, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Willdan Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2021

By: /s/ CREIGHTON K. EARLY
Creighton K. Early
Chief Financial Officer and Vice President
(Principal Financial Officer)

**Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350,
as Adopted Pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Willdan Group, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarterly period ended April 2, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Thomas D. Brisbin, as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Creighton K. Early, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his or her knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

By: /s/ THOMAS D. BRISBIN

Thomas D. Brisbin
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
May 6, 2021

By: /s/ CREIGHTON K. EARLY

Creighton K. Early
Chief Financial Officer and Vice President
(Principal Financial Officer)
May 6, 2021

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of § 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. A signed original of this written statement required by § 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.
