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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended February 25, 2012

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: 0-17276

**FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**MINNESOTA**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**41-1223238**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3455 Lyman Boulevard,**  
**Chaska, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55318**  
(Zip Code)

**952-448-5440**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES  NO

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

Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer   
Non-accelerated Filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by a checkmark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES  NO

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date:

**Common Stock, No Par Value 39,187,000 shares outstanding as of March 27, 2012.**



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FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

FEBRUARY 25, 2012 AND AUGUST 27, 2011

## ASSETS

(unaudited)

(in thousands)

	February 25, 2012	August 27, 2011
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,347	\$ 20,478
Restricted cash	532	215
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$112	28,634	23,196
Inventories	42,011	48,630
Other receivables	2,695	2,627
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,127	1,614
Total current assets	97,346	96,760
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	75,817	74,382
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(59,051)	(59,577)
Property, plant and equipment, net	16,766	14,805
Long-term securities	1,907	1,907
Investment	677	677
Other assets	1,638	1,677
Total assets	\$ 118,334	\$ 115,826

(continued)

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

FEBRUARY 25, 2012 AND AUGUST 27, 2011

(continued)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

(unaudited)

(in thousands)

	February 25, 2012	August 27, 2011
Current liabilities:		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 10,033	\$ 11,226
Accrued expenses	7,602	7,473
Customer deposits	585	
Deferred profit	4,190	2,997
Total current liabilities	22,410	21,696
Long-term accrued expenses	339	392
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value; 9,700 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding		
Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, no par value; 300 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding		
Common stock, no par value; 50,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding, 39,174 and 38,861 shares, at February 25, 2012 and August 27, 2011, respectively	246,066	245,491
Accumulated deficit	(156,367)	(157,026)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(42)	100
Other stockholders' equity	5,928	5,173
Total stockholders' equity	95,585	93,738
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 118,334	\$ 115,826

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE QUARTERS ENDED FEBRUARY 25, 2012, AND FEBRUARY 26, 2011  
(unaudited)  
(in thousands, except per share data)

	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
Sales	\$ 38,457	\$ 30,752
Cost of goods sold	25,947	17,703
Gross margin	12,510	13,049
Selling, general and administrative expenses	5,411	4,957
Research and development expenses	3,332	3,172
Operating income	3,767	4,920
Interest income	16	25
Other expense, net	(38)	(26)
Income before income taxes	3,745	4,919
Income tax expense (benefit)	42	(1)
Net income	\$ 3,703	\$ 4,920
Net income per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.13
Diluted	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.13
Weighted average common shares basic	39,010	38,635
Weighted average common shares diluted	39,614	39,176

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 25, 2012 AND FEBRUARY 26, 2011

(unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
Sales	\$ 51,739	\$ 41,633
Cost of goods sold	33,691	23,413
Gross margin	18,048	18,220
Selling, general and administrative expenses	10,680	9,628
Research and development expenses	7,028	6,172
Operating income	340	2,420
Interest income	29	54
Other income (expense), net	263	(63)
Income before income taxes	632	2,411
Income tax benefit	(27)	(7)
Net income	\$ 659	\$ 2,418
Net income per common share		
Basic	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.06
Diluted	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.06
Weighted average common shares basic	38,927	38,589
Weighted average common shares diluted	39,305	38,995

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



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## FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 25, 2012 AND FEBRUARY 26, 2011

(unaudited)

(in thousands)

	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 659	\$ 2,418
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Stock compensation expense	762	403
Depreciation	1,245	1,097
(Gain) loss on sales of fixed assets	(231)	16
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Restricted cash	(317)	
Trade accounts receivable	(5,438)	1,964
Inventories	4,601	(10,788)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(543)	(638)
Trade accounts payable	238	976
Accrued expenses	71	(2,022)
Customer deposits	585	
Deferred profit	1,193	3,101
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	2,825	(3,473)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(2,620)	(1,004)
Proceeds from sales of fixed assets	231	
Sales of marketable securities		846
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,389)	(158)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	575	306
Net cash provided by financing activities	575	306
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(142)	727
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	869	(2,598)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	20,478	34,365
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 21,347	\$ 31,767

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



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**FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(unaudited)**

**(1) Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Description of Business*

FSI International, Inc. (the Company) is a global supplier of surface conditioning equipment (process equipment that is used to etch and clean organic and inorganic materials from the surfaces of a silicon wafer), and technology and support services for microelectronics manufacturing. The Company's broad portfolio of batch and single-wafer cleaning products includes process technologies for immersion (a method used to clean silicon wafers by immersing the wafers in multiple tanks filled with process chemicals), spray (sprays chemical mixtures, water and nitrogen in a variety of sequences on to the microelectronic substrate), vapor (utilizes gas phase chemistries to selectively remove sacrificial surface films) and CryoKinetic (a momentum transfer process used to remove non-chemically bonded particles from the surface of a microelectronic device). The Company's support services programs provide product and process enhancements to extend the life of installed FSI equipment.

The Company's customers include microelectronics manufacturers located throughout North America, Europe, Japan and the Asia-Pacific region.

*Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements*

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company without audit and reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, except as disclosed in the notes) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented. The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) but omit certain information and footnote disclosures necessary to present the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 27, 2011, previously filed with the SEC. The Company's fiscal year ends on the last Saturday in August and is comprised of 52 or 53 weeks.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, the Company determined that the carrying value of a long-term investment was not properly adjusted to offset its proportionate share of the investee's other comprehensive income upon the transition from the equity method to the cost method of accounting for the investment in fiscal 2007. This error resulted in an understatement of the investment and an overstatement of the accumulated other comprehensive loss in the amount of \$217,000. The Company determined such error was immaterial to previously reported amounts and has corrected the accounting in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 to properly reflect account balances for current period and corresponding prior period balance sheet amounts. This immaterial correction had no impact on the statements of operations or cash flows.

*Use of Estimates*

In preparing the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), management must make decisions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and the related disclosures, including disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Such decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. Estimates are used in determining, among other items, employee incentive accruals, inventory valuation, warranty reserves, allowance for doubtful accounts, valuation allowances on deferred tax assets, and future cash flows associated with impairment testing for other long-lived assets. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgments. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, including the current economic environment, adjusting such estimates and

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assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual amounts could differ significantly from those estimated at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared.

**(2) Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market, determined by the first-in, first-out method, or net realizable value. The Company records provisions for inventory shrinkage and for potentially excess, obsolete and slow moving inventory. The amounts of these provisions are based upon historical loss trends, inventory levels, physical inventory and cycle count adjustments, expected product lives, forecasted sales demand and recoverability. Inventories are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	February 25, 2012	August 27, 2011
Finished products, including evaluation systems	\$ 2,889	\$ 6,696
Work-in-process	17,015	22,848
Raw materials and purchased parts	22,107	19,086
	\$ 42,011	\$ 48,630

**(3) Accrued Expenses**

Accrued expenses are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	February 25, 2012	August 27, 2011
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,405	\$ 1,290
Vacation	1,136	1,145
Product warranty	2,358	2,151
Royalties	1,343	1,034
Other	1,360	1,853
	\$ 7,602	\$ 7,473

**(4) Comprehensive Income**

Other comprehensive income pertains to revenues, expenses, gains and losses that are not included in the net income but rather are recorded directly in stockholders' equity. The components of comprehensive income are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
<b>For the Quarters Ended</b>		
Net income	\$ 3,703	\$ 4,920
Item of other comprehensive income:		
Foreign currency translation	47	265
Comprehensive income	\$ 3,750	\$ 5,185
<b>For the Six Months Ended</b>		
Net income	\$ 659	\$ 2,418

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Item of other comprehensive (loss) income:

Foreign currency translation	(143)	727
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Comprehensive income	\$ 516	\$ 3,145
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Stock-based compensation expense for new stock options granted or vested under the Company's stock incentive plans and employee stock purchase plan ( ESPP ) and restricted stock was reflected in the statements of operations for the second quarter and first six months of each of fiscal 2012 and 2011 as follows (in thousands):

	Quarters Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
Cost of goods sold	\$ 52	\$ 29	\$ 102	\$ 51
Selling, general and administrative expenses	258	132	484	254
Research and development expenses	99	55	176	98
	\$ 409	\$ 216	\$ 762	\$ 403

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The Company uses historical data to estimate the expected price volatility, the expected option life and the expected forfeiture rate. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for the estimated life of the option. The Company has not made any dividend payments nor does it expect to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

The following assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of options granted during the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2012 and 2011 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model:

	Quarters Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
Stock options:				
Volatility	78.9%	80.4%	78.9%	80.4%
Risk-free interest rates	0.9%	2.0%	0.9%	2.0%
Expected option life	7.2	5.5	7.2	5.5
Stock dividend yield				
ESPP:				
Volatility	78.9%	80.4%	78.9%	80.4%
Risk-free interest rates	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Expected option life	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Stock dividend yield				

A summary of the option activity for the first six months of fiscal 2012 is as follows (in thousands, except price per share and contractual term):

	Number of Shares	Weighted- average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted- average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding as of August 27, 2011	3,472	\$ 4.56		
Options granted	445	3.56		
Options forfeited	(69)	5.42		
Options expired	(89)	8.65		
Options exercised	(190)	1.76		
Outstanding as of February 25, 2012	3,569	\$ 4.47	5.8	\$ 2,667

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Exercisable as of February 25, 2012	2,352	\$ 4.97	4.0	\$ 1,686
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The intrinsic value of options exercised during the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2012 was \$473,000 and \$482,000, respectively. The intrinsic value of options exercised in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2011 was \$250,000 and \$250,000, respectively.

Under the 2008 Option Plan, the Company also granted a restricted stock award of 25,000 shares in the second quarter of fiscal 2012. The shares vest in three equal annual increments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the award grant, December 21, 2012. The value of the restricted stock is determined using the market price on the grant date.

A summary of the status of the unvested options as of February 25, 2012 is as follows (in thousands, except fair value amounts):

	Number of Shares	Weighted-average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested at August 27, 2011	1,078	\$ 2.29
Options granted	445	2.56
Options forfeited	(6)	3.13
Options vested	(300)	2.03
Unvested at February 25, 2012	1,217	\$ 2.45

As of February 25, 2012, there was \$2.8 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation granted under these plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.2 years. The total fair value of option shares vested during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 was \$409,000, during the first six months of fiscal 2012 was \$762,000, during the second quarter of fiscal 2011 was \$216,000, and during the first six months of fiscal 2011 was \$403,000.

**(6) Product Warranty**

Warranty provisions, claims and changes in estimates for the quarters and six months ended February 25, 2012 and February 26, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

	Quarters Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
Beginning balance	\$ 2,104	\$ 1,121	\$ 2,151	\$ 1,127
Warranty provisions	851	482	1,025	519
Warranty claims	(299)	(268)	(482)	(658)
Change in estimates	(298)	(127)	(336)	220
Ending balance	\$ 2,358	\$ 1,208	\$ 2,358	\$ 1,208

**(7) Marketable Securities and Fair Value Measurements**

As of February 25, 2012, the Company had investments in auction rate securities ( ARS ) reported at a fair value of \$1.9 million after reflecting a \$0.1 million other-than-temporary impairment against \$2.0 million par value. The other than temporary impairment was recorded in fiscal 2008. The Company values its ARS using a mark-to-model approach that relies on discounted cash flows, market data and inputs derived from similar instruments. This model takes into account, among other variables, the base interest rate, credit spreads, downgrade risks and default/recovery risk, the estimated time required to work out the disruption in the traditional auction process and its effect on liquidity, and the effects of insurance and other credit enhancements.

The ARS held by the Company are marketable securities with long-term stated maturities for which the interest rates are reset every 28 days through an auction process and at the end of each reset period, investors can sell or continue to hold the securities at par. Due to the liquidity



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issues experienced in global credit and capital markets, the ARS held by the Company have experienced multiple failed auctions, beginning on February 19, 2008, as the amount of securities submitted for sale has exceeded the amount of purchase orders. During the second quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company reclassified \$8.5 million of ARS from current marketable securities to long-term marketable securities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet due to difficulties encountered at auction and the conditions in the general debt markets creating uncertainty as to when successful auctions may be reestablished.

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The \$2.0 million par value ARS held by the Company are backed by student loans and are collateralized, insured and guaranteed by the United States Federal Department of Education and are classified as long-term. All of the ARS held by the Company continue to carry investment grade ratings and have not experienced any payment defaults. ARS that did not successfully auction, reset to the maximum interest rate as prescribed in the underlying indenture and all of the Company's holdings continue to be current with their interest payments. If uncertainties in the credit and capital markets continue, these markets deteriorate further or any ARS the Company holds are downgraded by the rating agencies, the Company may be required to recognize additional impairment charges.

The Company categorizes its assets and liabilities into one of three levels based on the assumptions (inputs) used in valuing the asset or liability. Level 1 provides the most reliable measure of fair value, while Level 3 generally requires significant management judgment. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The Company valued its cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash based on level 1 inputs.

The Company valued its ARS based on level 3 inputs in which values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These level 3 inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the ARS.

The fair value measurements as of February 25, 2012 of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities are summarized below (in thousands):

	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,347	\$ 21,347		
Restricted cash	532	532		
Marketable securities	\$ 1,907			\$ 1,907

The fair value measurements as of August 27, 2011 of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities are summarized below (in thousands):

	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,478	\$ 20,478		
Restricted cash	215	215		
Marketable securities	\$ 1,907			\$ 1,907

**(8) Contingencies**

In late calendar 2006, the Company determined that certain of its replacement valves, pumps and heaters could fall within the scope of United States export licensing regulations to products that could be used in connection with chemical weapons processes. The Company determined that these regulations require it to obtain licenses to ship some of its replacement spare parts, spare parts kits and assemblies to customers in certain controlled countries as defined in the export licensing regulations. During the second quarter of fiscal 2007, the Company was granted licenses to ship replacement spare parts, spare parts kits and assemblies to all customers in the controlled countries where the Company conducts business.

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The applicable export licensing regulations frequently change. Moreover, the types and categories of products that are subject to export licensing are often described in the regulations in general terms and could be subject to differing interpretations.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2007, the Company made a voluntary disclosure to the United States Department of Commerce to clarify its licensing practices and to review its practices with respect to prior sales of certain replacement valves, pumps and heaters to customers in several controlled countries as defined in the licensing regulations.

In October 2009, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with the Office of Export Enforcement for \$450,000. The Company paid \$5,000 per month for ten months beginning in November 2009. The remaining \$400,000 owed under the settlement was suspended for 12 months. The 12 month suspension period expired October 29, 2010, and the Company was released from further payments including the suspended \$400,000. The Company believes it has maintained compliance with all export laws and does not anticipate any additional payments.

**(9) Share Repurchase Plan**

In October 2008, the Company authorized the repurchase of up to \$3 million of the Company's common stock to be effected from time to time in transactions in the public markets or in private purchases. The timing and extent of any repurchases will depend upon market conditions, the trading price of the Company's shares and other factors, subject to the restrictions relating to volume, price and timing of share repurchases under applicable law. The repurchase program may be modified, suspended or terminated at any time by the Company without notice. The Company did not repurchase any of its common stock during fiscal 2010, fiscal 2011 or the first half of fiscal 2012.

**(10) Income Taxes**

As of February 25, 2012 and August 27, 2011, the Company had \$339,000 and \$392,000, respectively, of liabilities recorded related to unrecognized tax benefits. Included in the liability balance as of February 25, 2012 and as of August 27, 2011 are approximately \$326,000 and \$362,000, respectively, of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, will affect the Company's effective tax rate. Accrued interest and penalties on these unrecognized tax benefits as of February 25, 2012 were \$13,000 and as of August 27, 2011 were \$30,000. The Company recognizes potential interest and penalties related to income tax positions, if any, as a component of the provision for income taxes on the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company maintains a valuation allowance to fully reserve against its net deferred tax assets due to uncertainty over the ability to realize these assets. The Company assessed available evidence both positive and negative, including historical losses, projected taxable income and tax planning strategies, and determined that a full valuation allowance was still necessary. There was a \$1.3 million decrease in the valuation allowance during the first half of fiscal year 2012. Included in the February 25, 2012 valuation allowance balance of \$74.1 million is \$3.9 million, which will be recorded as a credit to stockholders' equity, if it is determined in the future that this portion of the valuation allowance is no longer required.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of numerous state and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is subject to U.S. federal tax, state tax and foreign tax examinations by tax authorities for fiscal years after 2003. Income tax examinations that the Company may be subject to for the various state and foreign taxing authorities vary by jurisdiction.

The Company recorded income tax expense of \$42,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and income tax benefit of \$27,000 in the first half of fiscal 2012 related primarily to foreign taxes and refundable Minnesota research and development credits. The Company recorded income tax benefit of \$1,000 in the second quarter fiscal 2011 and income tax benefit of \$7,000 in the first half fiscal 2011 related primarily to foreign taxes.

**Table of Contents****(11) Stock Offering**

The Company filed a shelf registration statement with the SEC on March 30, 2010 to register an indeterminate number of shares of common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units, the aggregate initial offering price of which is not to exceed \$50 million. On June 14, 2010, the Company closed on a public offering of 6.2 million shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$3.05 per share. Net proceeds from the sale of the shares, after underwriter discounts and commissions and other offering expenses, were approximately \$17.6 million. Following the June 2010 stock offering, the Company has registered under its shelf registration statement an indeterminate number of shares of common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units with an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$31 million.

**(12) Other Sales Information***Geographic Information*

International sales were approximately 79% of total sales in the second quarter of fiscal 2012, approximately 46% of total sales in the second quarter of fiscal 2011, 80% of total sales in the first six months of fiscal 2012 and 54% of total sales in the first six months of fiscal 2011. The basis for determining sales by geographic region is the location that the product is shipped to. Included in these percentages and the table below are sales to related parties. Sales by geographic area are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Quarters Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
Asia	\$ 27,028	\$ 7,002	\$ 35,967	\$ 10,036
Europe	3,347	7,043	5,423	12,341
Other	6	16	13	22
Total International	30,381	14,061	41,403	22,399
Domestic	8,076	16,691	10,336	19,234
	\$ 38,457	\$ 30,752	\$ 51,739	\$ 41,633

The following summarizes countries comprising 10% or more of the Company's sales for the second quarters and first six months of fiscal 2012 and 2011:

	Quarters Ended		Six Months Ended	
	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
South Korea	53%	14%	47%	11%
Taiwan	16%	*	19%	*
France	*	10%	*	12%

\* Sales to the respective countries were less than 10% during the fiscal period.

*Customer Information*

The following summarizes significant customers comprising 10% or more of the Company's trade accounts receivable as of February 25, 2012 and August 27, 2011 and 10% or more of sales for the second quarters and first six months of fiscal 2012 and 2011, which includes sales through related parties to end-users:

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	% of Trade Accounts Receivable as of		% of Sales for the Fiscal Quarter Ended		% of Sales for the First Six Months Ended	
	February 25, 2012	August 27, 2011	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
Customer A	37%	*	49%	51%	45%	38%
Customer B	32%	64%	19%	*	14%	*
Customer C	15%	*	15%	*	18%	*
Customer D	*	*	*	12%	*	16%

\* Trade accounts receivable from or sales to respective customer were less than 10% as of the end of or during the fiscal period.

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FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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

The information in this report, except for the historical information, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is subject to the safe harbor created by that statute. Typically, we identify forward-looking statements by use of an asterisk \*. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as expects, anticipates, intends, may, should, plans, believes, seeks, estimates, could, would, or the negative of such terms or other comparable terms. These statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include, but are not limited to changes in industry conditions; order delays or cancellations; general economic conditions; changes in customer capacity requirements and demand for microelectronics; the extent of demand for our products and our ability to meet demand; our successful deployment of human resources required to concurrently install and start up ORION® and ANTARES® Systems at several customers in multiple geographic regions; global trade policies; worldwide economic and political stability; our successful execution of internal performance plans; the cyclical nature of our business; volatility of the market for certain products; performance issues with key suppliers and subcontractors; the level of new orders; the timing and success of current and future product and process development programs; the success of our direct distribution organization; legal proceedings; the potential impairment of long-lived assets; and the potential adverse financial impacts resulting from declines in the fair value and liquidity of investments we presently hold; the impact of natural disasters on parts and consumables supply and demand for products; as well as other factors listed from time to time in our SEC reports including, but not limited to, the Risk Factors set forth in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 27, 2011. Readers also are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements as actual results could differ materially. We undertake no duty to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this report.

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This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report.

**Industry**

In its March 2012 Semiconductor Forecast report, Gartner stated that it estimated semiconductor revenue grew 1.6 percent, to \$304 billion, in calendar 2011 from calendar 2010. In December 2011, Gartner had forecasted calendar 2011 revenues of \$302 billion. In its March 2012 report, Gartner is now forecasting calendar 2012 semiconductor revenue to increase 4.0 percent to \$316 billion (compared to \$309 billion that it forecasted in December 2011). According to the March 2012 report, the calendar 2012 revenue growth is expected to be led by mobile consumer devices and the broader adoption of solid state memory.

From a semiconductor equipment perspective, Gartner, in its March 2012 report, estimated that actual calendar 2011 industry spending was \$44.0 billion, representing an 8.4 percent year-over-year increase. In December 2011, Gartner had forecasted calendar 2011 semiconductor capital equipment spending of \$43.2 billion. Also, in March 2012, Gartner changed its calendar year 2012 capital spending forecast from that made in December 2011 to a decrease from the calendar 2011 level of 11.6 percent as compared to a 21.3 percent decline previously forecasted in December 2011.

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### **Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

In accordance with SEC guidance, those material accounting policies that we believe are the most critical to an investor's understanding of our financial results and condition and require complex management judgment are discussed below.

Our critical accounting policies and estimates are as follows:

revenue recognition;

valuation of long-lived assets;

estimation of valuation allowances and accrued liabilities, specifically product warranty, inventory provisions and allowance for doubtful accounts;

stock-based compensation; and

income taxes.

#### *Revenue Recognition*

We recognize revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the purchase price is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. If our sales to existing customers involve equipment that has been demonstrated to meet product specifications prior to shipment, we account for the product sales as a multiple element arrangement. Revenue from multiple element arrangements is allocated among the separate accounting units based on the relative selling price of each deliverable. We recognize the equipment revenue upon shipment and transfer of title. The other multiple elements include installation, service contracts and training. Equipment installation revenue is valued based on estimated service person hours to complete installation and quoted service labor rates and is recognized when the installation has been completed and the equipment has been accepted by the customer. Service contract revenue is determined based on estimated service person hours to complete the service and published or quoted service labor rates and is recognized over the contract period. Training revenue is determined based on quoted training class prices and is recognized when the customers complete the training classes or when a customer-specific training period has expired. The quoted service labor rates and training class prices are rates actually charged and billed to our customers.

All other product sales with customer-specific acceptance provisions are recognized upon customer acceptance. Future revenues may be negatively impacted if we are unable to meet customer-specific acceptance criteria. Revenue related to spare part sales is recognized upon shipment or delivery based on the title transfer terms. Revenues related to maintenance and service contracts are recognized ratably over the duration of such contracts.

The timing and amount of revenue recognized depends on whether revenue is recognized upon shipment versus acceptance. For revenue recognized upon acceptance, it is dependent upon when customer-specific criteria are met.

#### *Impairment of Long-Lived Assets*

We assess the impairment of long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An asset or asset group is considered impaired if its carrying amount exceeds the undiscounted future net cash flow the asset or asset group is expected to generate. If an asset or asset group is considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value. If estimated fair value is less than the book value, the asset is written down to the estimated fair value and an impairment loss is recognized.

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If we determine that the carrying amount of long-lived assets may not be recoverable, we measure any impairment based on the fair value of the long-lived assets. Net long-lived assets amounted to \$16.8 million as of February 25, 2012.



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In the first half of fiscal 2012 we generated positive cash flows from operations. If our long-term future plans do not yield positive cash flows in excess of the carrying amount of our long-lived assets, we may incur future impairments of those assets.

Considerable management judgment is necessary in estimating future cash flows and other factors affecting the valuation of long-lived assets, and the operating and macroeconomic factors that may affect them. We use historical financial information, internal plans and projections and industry information in making such estimates.

### *Product Warranty Estimation*

We record a liability for warranty claims at the time of sale. The amount of the liability is based on the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, releases of new products and other factors. The warranty periods for new equipment manufactured by us typically range from six months to two years. Special warranty reserves are also accrued for major rework campaigns. Although management believes the likelihood to be relatively low, claims experience could be materially different from actual results because of the introduction of new, more complex products; competition or other external forces; manufacturing changes that could impact product quality; or as yet unrecognized defects in products sold.

### *Inventory Provisions Estimation*

We record provisions for inventory shrinkage and for potentially excess, obsolete and slow moving inventory. The amounts of these provisions are based upon historical loss trends, inventory levels, physical inventory and cycle count adjustments, expected product lives, forecasted sales demand and recoverability. Results could be materially different if demand for our products decreased because of economic or competitive conditions, length of the industry downturn, or if products become obsolete because of technical advancements in the industry or by us. In the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we recorded approximately \$564,000, in the first six months of fiscal 2012, we recorded approximately \$1,187,000, in the second quarter of fiscal 2011, we recorded approximately \$425,000 and in the first six months of fiscal 2011 we recorded approximately \$725,000 of additional inventory provisions associated primarily with engineering design changes.

### *Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Estimation*

Management must estimate the uncollectibility of our accounts receivable. The most significant risk is a sudden unexpected deterioration in financial condition of a significant customer who is not considered in the allowance. Management specifically analyzes accounts receivable and analyzes historical bad debts, customer concentrations, customer credit-worthiness, current economic trends and changes in our customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Results could be materially impacted if the financial condition of a significant customer deteriorated and related accounts receivable are deemed uncollectible. Accounts receivable are determined to be past due based on payment terms and are written off after management determines that they are uncollectible.

### *Stock-Based Compensation*

We utilize the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate the fair value of each award on the date of grant. The Black-Scholes model requires the input of certain assumptions that involve management judgment. Key assumptions that affect the calculation of fair value include the expected life of stock-based awards and our stock price volatility. Additionally, we expense only those shares expected to vest. The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of stock-based awards and the forfeiture rate of such awards reflect management's best estimates. However, circumstances may change and additional data may become available over time, which could result in changes to these assumptions that materially impact the fair value determination of future awards or their estimated rate of forfeiture. If factors change and we use different assumptions in future periods, the compensation expense recorded may differ significantly from the expense recorded in the current period.

**Table of Contents***Income Taxes*

Our effective income tax rate is based on income, statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available to us in the various jurisdictions in which we operate. We have established valuation allowances against the U.S. and non-U.S. net operating losses to reflect the uncertainty of our ability to fully utilize these benefits given the limited carryforward periods permitted by the various jurisdictions. The evaluation of the realizability of our net operating losses requires the use of considerable management judgment to estimate the future taxable income for the various jurisdictions, for which the ultimate amounts and timing of such estimates may differ. We assessed both positive and negative factors and determined that there was not sufficient evidence at this time to reverse any portion of the valuation allowance. We will continue to evaluate the need to make adjustments to our valuation allowance based on anticipated future operating performance.

Significant judgment is required in determining unrecognized tax benefits. We have established accruals for unrecognized tax benefits using management's best judgment and adjust these accruals as warranted by changing facts and circumstances. A change in our accruals in any given period could have a significant impact on our results of operations and cash flows for that period. The accrual for unrecognized benefits decreased by \$53,000 for the first half of fiscal 2012 and increased by \$49,000 for the first half of fiscal 2011.

**SECOND QUARTER AND FIRST HALF OF FISCAL 2012 COMPARED WITH SECOND QUARTER AND FIRST HALF OF FISCAL 2011****The Company**

The following table sets forth on a consolidated basis, for the fiscal periods indicated, certain income and expense items as a percent of total sales.

	Percent of Sales Quarter Ended		Percent of Sales Six Months Ended	
	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011
Sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of goods sold	67.5	57.6	65.1	56.3
Gross margin	32.5	42.4	34.9	43.7
Selling, general and administrative	14.1	16.1	20.6	23.1
Research and development	8.6	10.3	13.6	14.8
Operating income	9.8	16.0	0.7	5.8
Other (expense) income, net	(0.1)		0.5	
Income before income taxes	9.7	16.0	1.2	5.8
Income tax expense (benefit)	0.1		(0.1)	
Net income	9.6%	16.0%	1.3%	5.8%

**Sales Revenue and Shipments**

Sales revenue increased to \$38.5 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 as compared to \$30.8 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2011. The increase related primarily to an increase in shipments from \$33.4 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to \$48.8 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2012. Sales revenue increased to \$51.7 million for the first half of fiscal 2012 as compared to \$41.6 million for the first half of fiscal 2011. The increase related primarily to an increase in shipments from \$49.1 million in the first half of fiscal 2011 to \$62.0 million in the first half of fiscal 2012. The increases in the fiscal 2012 periods as compared to the fiscal 2011 periods were primarily associated with increased ANTARES® and ORION® system sales, more than offsetting lower batch systems, spare parts and service revenues. Included in the fiscal 2012 second quarter shipments were two ORION systems for which revenue recognition will be delayed until acceptance.

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Based upon our revenue recognition policy, certain shipments to customers are not recognized until customer acceptance. Therefore, depending on timing of shipments and customer acceptances, there are reporting periods where shipments may exceed sales revenue or, due to timing of acceptance, sales revenue may exceed shipments.

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International revenue was \$30.4 million, representing 79% of total revenue, during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and \$14.1 million, representing 46% of total revenue, during the second quarter of fiscal 2011. International revenue was \$41.4 million, representing 80% of total revenue, during the first half of fiscal 2012 and \$22.4 million, representing 54% of total revenue, during the first half of fiscal 2011. The increase in international sales in the fiscal 2012 periods related primarily to increased sales in Asia.

### **Gross Margin**

Our gross profit margin fluctuates due to a number of factors, including the mix of products sold; the mix of customers sold to; initial product placement discounts; utilization of manufacturing capacity; and the competitive pricing environment.

Gross margin as a percentage of sales for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 was 32.5% as compared to 42.4% for the second quarter of fiscal 2011. Gross margin as a percentage of sales for the first half of fiscal 2012 was 34.9% as compared to 43.7% for the first half of fiscal 2011. The decrease in gross margins in the fiscal 2012 periods related primarily to the mix of products sold, including an ORION® System sold at a discount in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 for advanced technology development. In addition, spare parts and service revenues, which generally carry higher margin, decreased as a percent of total sales in the fiscal 2012 periods.

### **Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$5.4 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 as compared to \$5.0 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$10.7 million for the first half of fiscal 2012 as compared to \$9.6 million for the same period in fiscal 2011. The increases in the year-over-year selling, general and administrative expenses related primarily to a 23% increase in the number of service employees. In addition, there was an increase in stock compensation expense to \$258,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to \$132,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2011 and to \$484,000 in the first half of fiscal 2012 as compared to \$254,000 in the first half of fiscal 2011.

### **Research and Development Expenses**

Research and development expenses were \$3.3 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 as compared to \$3.2 million for the same period in fiscal 2011. Research and development expenses were \$7.0 million for the first six months of fiscal 2012 as compared to \$6.2 million for the first six months of fiscal 2011. The increases in the fiscal 2012 periods related to higher expenses associated with increases in personnel and increased outside services related to control system improvements, partially offset by lower costs of materials used in research and development in the fiscal 2012 periods. In addition, there was an increase in stock compensation expense to \$99,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 as compared to \$55,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2011 and to \$176,000 in the first half of fiscal 2012 compared to \$98,000 in the first half of fiscal 2011.

### **Income Taxes**

We recorded income tax expense of \$42,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and income tax benefit of \$27,000 in the first half of fiscal 2012 related primarily to foreign taxes and refundable Minnesota research and development credits. We recorded income tax benefit of \$1,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2011 and income tax benefit of \$7,000 in the first half of fiscal 2011 related primarily to foreign taxes.

Our net deferred tax assets on the balance sheet as of February 25, 2012 have been fully reserved for with a valuation allowance. We assessed both positive and negative factors, including historical losses, projected taxable income and tax planning strategies and determined that there was not sufficient evidence at this time to reverse the valuation allowance. We will continue to evaluate the need to make adjustments to our valuation allowance based on anticipated future operating performance.

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We have net operating loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$165.4 million, which will begin to expire in fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2029 if not utilized. Of this amount, approximately \$3.2 million is subject to Internal Revenue Code Section 382 limitations on utilization. This limitation is approximately \$1.4 million per year.

### **Net Income**

Net income was \$3.7 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 as compared to net income of \$4.9 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2011. Net income was \$659,000 for the first half of fiscal 2012 as compared to net income of \$2.4 million for the first half of fiscal 2011.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our cash, restricted cash, cash equivalents and long-term securities were approximately \$23.8 million as of February 25, 2012, an increase of \$1.2 million from the end of fiscal 2011. The increase was due primarily to \$2.8 million of cash generated from operations and \$0.6 million from the issuance of common stock. The increase was partially offset by \$2.6 million of capital expenditures, primarily related to investments in our applications laboratory and other general infrastructure programs.

As of February 25, 2012, we had investments in ARS reported at a fair value of \$1.9 million after reflecting a \$0.1 million other-than-temporary impairment against \$2.0 million par value. The other-than-temporary impairment was recorded in fiscal 2008. The ARS we hold are marketable securities with long-term stated maturities for which the interest rates are reset every 28 days through an auction process. There were no redemptions of our ARS in the first half of fiscal 2012.

These ARS may not provide the liquidity to us as we need it, and it could take until the final maturity of the underlying notes (from 31 to 32 years) to realize our investments' recorded value. Currently, there is a very limited market for any of these securities and future liquidations at this time, if possible, would likely be at a significant discount.

Trade accounts receivable increased \$5.4 million to \$28.6 million from \$23.2 million at the end of fiscal 2011. The increase in accounts receivable related primarily to the increase in shipments in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 to \$48.8 million from \$25.3 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011. Trade accounts receivable will fluctuate quarter to quarter depending on individual customers' timing of shipping dates, payment terms and cash flow conditions. In certain situations, extended payment terms may be granted to customers.

Inventory was approximately \$42.0 million at February 25, 2012 and \$48.6 million at the end of fiscal 2011. The decrease in inventory related primarily to a decrease in finished goods and work-in-process inventory due to shipments in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 of \$48.8 million. The decreases were partially offset by increases in raw materials and purchased parts.

Trade accounts payable decreased to \$10.0 million as of February 25, 2012 as compared to \$11.2 million at the end of fiscal 2011. The decrease in trade accounts payable related primarily to the timing of inventory receipts and payments to vendors.

As of February 25, 2012, our current ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 4.3 to 1.0, and working capital was \$74.9 million.

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The following table provides aggregate information about our contractual payment obligations and the periods in which payments are due (in thousands):

	Total	Payments due by period			More than 5 years
		Less than 1 Year	1-3 years	3-5 years	
<b>Contractual Obligations:</b>					
Operating lease obligations	\$ 859	\$ 441	\$ 388	\$ 30	\$
Purchase obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	16,315	16,315			
Royalty obligations	1,343	1,343			
Other long-term commitments <sup>(2)</sup>	1,000	125	500	375	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,517</b>	<b>\$ 18,224</b>	<b>\$ 888</b>	<b>\$ 405</b>	<b>\$</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Purchase obligations include purchase orders entered into in the ordinary course of business.

<sup>(2)</sup> Other long-term commitments represent payments related to minimum royalty payments or discounts granted under a license agreement. The contractual obligations table does not include \$339,000 of accruals for unrecognized tax benefits, as the timing of payments or reversals is uncertain.

Capital expenditures were \$2.6 million in the first half of fiscal 2012 and \$1.0 million in the first half of fiscal 2011, primarily related to investments in our applications laboratory and other general infrastructure programs.

We filed a shelf registration statement with the SEC on March 30, 2010 to register an indeterminate number of shares of common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units, the aggregate initial offering price of which is not to exceed \$50 million. On June 14, 2010, we closed on a public offering of 6.2 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$3.05 per share. Net proceeds from the sale of the shares, after underwriter discounts and commissions and other offering expenses, were approximately \$17.6 million. Following the June 2010 stock offering, we have registered under the shelf registration statement an indeterminate number of shares of common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units with an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$31.1 million.

We believe that with existing cash, cash receipts, cash equivalents, marketable securities and internally generated funds, there will be sufficient funds to meet our currently projected working capital requirements, and to meet other cash requirements through at least fiscal 2012.\* We believe that success in our industry requires substantial capital to maintain the flexibility to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. One of our strategic objectives is, as market and business conditions warrant, to consider divestitures, investments or acquisitions of businesses, products or technologies. We may fund such activities with additional equity or debt financing.\* The sale of additional equity or debt securities, whether to maintain flexibility or to meet strategic objectives, could result in additional dilution to our shareholders.\*

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Our cash flows and earnings are subject to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates due to investments in our foreign-based affiliates. As of February 25, 2012, our investments included a 100% interest in our sales and service offices located in Europe and Asia and a 20% interest in Apprecia Technology, Inc., which operates as our distributor in Japan. We denominate the majority of our sales outside of the U.S. in U.S. dollars.

We have direct sales, service and applications support and logistics responsibilities for our products in Europe and the Asia Pacific region and incur labor, service and other expenses in foreign currencies. As a result, we may be exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rate risks. As of February 25, 2012, we had not entered into any hedging activities and our foreign currency transaction gains and losses for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2012 were insignificant. We are currently evaluating various hedging activities and other options to minimize these

risks.

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We do not have significant exposure to changing interest rates as we currently have no long-term debt. We do not undertake any specific actions to cover our exposure to interest rate risk and we are not party to any interest rate risk management transactions. The annual impact on income before income taxes of a 1% change in short-term interest rates would be approximately \$238,000 based on our cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and long-term marketable securities balances as of February 25, 2012.

As of February 25, 2012, our investment portfolio included ARS reported at a fair value of \$1.9 million after reflecting a \$0.1 million other-than-temporary impairment against \$2.0 million par value. The interest rates of our ARS are reset every 28 days through an auction process and at the end of each reset period, investors can sell or continue to hold the securities at par.

The ARS held by us are backed by student loans and are collateralized, insured and guaranteed by the United States Federal Department of Education. All ARS held by us are rated by the major independent rating agencies and carry investment grade ratings and have not experienced any payment defaults.

All of our ARS have experienced failed auctions due to sell orders exceeding buy orders. These failures are not believed to be a credit issue, but rather reflect a lack of liquidity in the market for these securities. Under the contractual terms, the issuer is obligated to pay penalty interest rates should an auction fail. In the event we need to access funds associated with failed auctions, they are not expected to be accessible until a successful auction occurs, the issuer redeems the issue, a buyer is found outside of the auction process or the underlying securities have matured and are paid upon maturity in accordance with their terms.

We determined and recorded an other than temporary impairment of approximately \$0.4 million as of August 28, 2008. Approximately \$0.1 million of this other than temporary impairment was reversed in fiscal 2010 in connection with the redemption of approximately \$0.9 million ARS at par value. Approximately \$0.1 million of this other than temporary impairment was reversed in fiscal 2009 in connection with the redemption of approximately \$3.0 million ARS at par value. During fiscal 2011, we sold approximately \$1.8 million par value ARS at their net book value of \$1.7 million. If the issuers of the ARS are unable to successfully close future auctions or do not redeem the ARS, or the United States government fails to support its guaranty of the obligations, we may be required to record additional impairment charges.

## **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")). Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms. There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recently completed fiscal quarter 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 not subject to any material pending legal proceedings.

#### **ITEM 1.A. Risk Factors**

There have not been any material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 27, 2011, except as set forth below.

**The Company's ability to attract, train, retain and motivate a sufficient number of qualified employees that are required to support growth could materially adversely affect the Company.**



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During periods of growth in the semiconductor industry, which can occur as a result of increased unit demand for semiconductor devices or technological advancement, the Company may be required to concurrently install leading edge products at multiple customers in multiple geographic regions. The complexity of certain products requires that the installation and start-up employee teams be trained and have hands-on experience with the Company's products to insure that the products are installed, facilitated and qualified on schedule. If the Company is unable to hire and train new employees or utilize employees from other parts of the organization to successfully complete the installation and qualification on schedule, customers may not purchase additional products in the future. As a result, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

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

None

**ITEM 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities**

None

**ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

None

**ITEM 5. Other Information**

The Company has considered the shareholder vote regarding the frequency for future advisory votes on executive compensation and determined that it will hold an advisory vote on its executive compensation every year until the next vote on frequency which will be no later than the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2018.

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**ITEM 6. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits

3.1	Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company. (1)
3.2	Restated By-Laws. (1)
3.3	Articles of Amendment of Restated Articles of Incorporation (1)
31.1	Certification by Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.(filed herewith)
31.2	Certification by Principal Financial and Accounting Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.(filed herewith)
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.(filed herewith)
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- (1) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the SEC on March 30, 2010 and incorporated by reference.
- (2) In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL related information in Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Section 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise is not subject to liability under those sections

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
[Registrant]

By: /s/ Patricia M. Hollister  
Patricia M. Hollister  
Chief Financial Officer on behalf of the Registrant  
and as Principal Financial and Accounting Officer

DATE: March 29, 2012

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- (1) Filed as an Exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the SEC on March 30, 2010 and incorporated by reference.
- (2) In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL related information in Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Section 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise is not subject to liability under those sections