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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 fiscal year ended March 31, 2012**

**Commission file number 000-50368**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)**

**26-1631624  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

**145 Hunter Drive, Wilmington, OH 45177**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**937-382-5591**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  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 Regulations S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES  NO

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

As of May 10, 2012, Air Transport Services Group, Inc. had outstanding 64,266,489 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01.

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**AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
FORM 10-Q**

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## **FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Statements contained in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q that are not historical facts are considered forward-looking statements (as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). Words such as “projects,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “will,” “estimates,” “plans,” “expects,” “intends” and similar words and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on expectations, estimates and projections as of the date of this filing, and involve risks and uncertainties that are inherently difficult to predict. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements for any number of reasons, including those described in this report and in our 2011 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### **Filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission**

The Securities and Exchange Commission maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding Air Transport Services Group, Inc. at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Additionally, our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports, are available free of charge from our website at [www.atsginc.com](http://www.atsginc.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after filing with the SEC.

**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Financial Statements**

**AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS  
(In thousands, except per share data)**

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2012	2011
REVENUES	\$ 145,506	\$ 175,127
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries, wages and benefits	47,104	46,348
Fuel	13,840	39,676
Maintenance, materials and repairs	23,114	21,306
Depreciation and amortization	20,300	22,371
Travel	5,978	6,310
Rent	5,730	5,640
Landing and ramp	4,066	6,405
Insurance	2,010	2,350
Other operating expenses	9,562	9,292
	<u>131,704</u>	<u>159,698</u>
OPERATING INCOME	13,802	15,429
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)		
Interest income	28	66
Interest expense	(3,547)	(4,103)
Net gain (loss) on derivative instruments	460	(3,932)
Write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs	—	(2,870)
	<u>(3,059)</u>	<u>(10,839)</u>
EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	10,743	4,590
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(4,081)	(1,709)
EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	6,662	2,881
LOSS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, NET OF TAXES	(230)	(117)
NET EARNINGS	<u>\$ 6,432</u>	<u>\$ 2,764</u>
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.04
Discontinued operations	(0.01)	—
TOTAL BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.04</u>
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.04
Discontinued operations	—	—
TOTAL DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.04</u>
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES		
Basic	63,431	63,131
Diluted	<u>64,374</u>	<u>63,936</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
NET INCOME	\$ 6,432	\$ 2,764
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:		
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments, net of tax of \$229 in 2011	—	402
Reclassifications to net income:		
Hedging gain realized, net of tax of \$5 in 2012 and \$9 in 2011	(9)	(16)
Pension actuarial loss, net of tax of \$988 in 2012 and \$246 in 2011	1,682	429
Post-retirement actuarial loss, net of tax of \$40 in 2012 and \$48 in 2011	68	84
Post-retirement negative prior service cost, net of tax of \$513 in 2012 and \$506 in 2011	(874)	(882)
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments, net of tax of \$0 in 2012 and \$1,427 in 2011	—	2,505
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	867	2,522
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 7,299	\$ 5,286

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In thousands, except share data)

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 51,683	\$ 30,503
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$433 in 2012 and \$434 in 2011	35,530	42,278
Inventory	8,974	8,906
Prepaid supplies and other	7,695	9,785
Deferred income taxes	17,418	31,548
Aircraft and engines held for sale	7,247	9,831
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>128,547</b>	<b>132,851</b>
Property and equipment, net	775,802	748,913
Other assets	18,154	18,579
Intangibles	6,333	6,396
Goodwill	86,980	86,980
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,015,816</b>	<b>\$ 993,719</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 43,679	\$ 48,360
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits	22,337	23,226
Accrued expenses	9,841	10,291
Current portion of debt obligations	15,230	13,223
Unearned revenue	12,283	12,487
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>103,370</b>	<b>107,587</b>
Long term debt obligations	353,273	333,681
Post-retirement liabilities	183,895	185,562
Other liabilities	64,261	54,212
Deferred income taxes	32,815	42,530
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>737,614</b>	<b>723,572</b>
Commitments and contingencies (Note G)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, 20,000,000 shares authorized, including 75,000 Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock	—	—
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 75,000,000 shares authorized; 64,266,489 and 64,015,789 shares issued and outstanding in 2012 and 2011, respectively	643	640
Additional paid-in capital	521,366	520,613
Accumulated deficit	(141,627)	(148,059)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(102,180)	(103,047)
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>278,202</b>	<b>270,147</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,015,816</b>	<b>\$ 993,719</b>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net earnings from continuing operations	\$ 6,662	\$ 2,881
Net loss from discontinued operations	(230)	(117)
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	20,300	22,371
Pension and post-retirement	1,391	(581)
Deferred income taxes	3,905	1,348
Amortization of stock-based compensation	755	499
Amortization of DHL promissory note	(1,550)	(1,550)
Net (gain) loss on derivative instruments	(460)	3,932
Write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs	—	2,870
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	7,998	(47)
Inventory and prepaid supplies	567	(351)
Accounts payable	(3,768)	8,422
Unearned revenue	9,438	9,576
Accrued expenses, salaries, wages, benefits and other liabilities	(486)	(2,653)
Pension and post-retirement liabilities	(1,667)	(992)
Other	150	308
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>43,005</b>	<b>45,916</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(46,759)	(44,494)
Proceeds from property and equipment	1,785	—
<b>NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(44,974)</b>	<b>(44,494)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Principal payments on long term obligations	(1,851)	(9,313)
Proceeds from borrowings	25,000	—
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>23,149</b>	<b>(9,313)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>21,180</b>	<b>(7,891)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>30,503</b>	<b>46,543</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 51,683</b>	<b>\$ 38,652</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Interest paid, net of amount capitalized	\$ 2,803	\$ 3,242
Federal alternative minimum and state income taxes paid	\$ 201	\$ 2,322
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH INFORMATION:</b>		
Debt extinguished	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550
Accrued capital expenditures	\$ 10,008	\$ 6,157

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in this report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the related notes contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**NOTE A—SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Operations**

Air Transport Services Group, Inc. is a holding company whose principal subsidiaries include an aircraft leasing company and three independently certificated airlines. The Company provides airline operations, aircraft leases, aircraft maintenance and other support services primarily to the cargo transportation and package delivery industries. Through the Company's subsidiaries, it offers a range of complementary services to delivery companies, freight forwarders, airlines and government customers.

The three airlines, ABX Air, Inc. ("ABX"), Capital Cargo International Airlines, Inc. ("CCIA") and Air Transport International, LLC ("ATI"), each have the authority, through their separate U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT") and Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") certificates, to transport cargo worldwide. The Company's leasing subsidiary, Cargo Aircraft Management, Inc. ("CAM"), leases aircraft to each of the Company's airlines as well as to non-affiliated airlines and other lessees.

The Company provides aircraft and airline operations to its customers, typically under contracts providing for a combination of aircraft, crews, maintenance and insurance ("ACMI") services. DHL Network Operations (USA), Inc. and its affiliates, "DHL," is the Company's largest customer. The Company's airlines serve a base of concentrated customers who have a diverse line of international cargo traffic. Additionally, ATI provides passenger transportation, primarily to the U.S. Military, using its McDonnell Douglas DC-8 "combi" aircraft, which are certified to carry passengers as well as cargo on the main deck.

In addition to its airline operations and aircraft leasing services, the Company sells aircraft parts, provides aircraft and equipment maintenance services, and operates mail sorting facilities for the U.S. Postal Service ("USPS").

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. Estimates and assumptions are used to record allowances for uncollectible amounts, self-insurance reserves, spare parts inventory, depreciation and impairments of property, equipment, goodwill and intangibles, post-retirement obligations, income taxes, contingencies and litigation. Changes in estimates and assumptions may have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

**Subsequent Events**

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included.

**Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Company classifies short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase as cash and cash equivalents. These investments, consisting of money market funds, are recorded at cost,



which approximates fair value. Substantially all deposits of the Company's cash are held in accounts that exceed federally insured limits. The Company deposits cash in common financial institutions which management believes are financially sound.

### **Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts**

The Company's accounts receivable is primarily due from its significant customers (see Note B), other airlines, the USPS and freight forwarders. The Company performs a quarterly evaluation of the accounts receivable and the allowance for uncollectible accounts by reviewing specific customers' recent payment history, growth prospects, financial condition and other factors that may impact a customer's ability to pay. The Company establishes an allowance for uncollectible accounts for probable losses due to a customer's potential inability or unwillingness to make contractual payments. Account balances are written off against the allowance when the Company ceases collection efforts.

### **Inventory**

The Company's inventory is comprised primarily of expendable aircraft parts and supplies used for aircraft maintenance. Inventory is generally charged to expense when issued for use on a Company aircraft. The Company values aircraft parts and supply inventory at weighted-average cost and maintains a related obsolescence reserve. The Company records an obsolescence reserve on a base stock of inventory for each fleet type. The amortization of base stock for the obsolescence reserve corresponds to the expected life of each fleet type. Additionally, the Company monitors the usage rates of inventory parts and segregates parts that are technologically outdated or no longer used in its fleet types. Slow moving and segregated items are actively marketed and written down to their estimated net realizable values based on market conditions.

Management analyzes the inventory reserve for reasonableness at the end of each quarter. That analysis includes consideration of the expected fleet life, amounts expected to be on hand at the end of a fleet life, and recent events and conditions that may impact the usability or value of inventory. Events or conditions that may impact the expected life, usability or net realizable value of inventory include additional aircraft maintenance directives from the FAA, changes in DOT regulations, new environmental laws and technological advances.

### **Goodwill and Intangible Assets**

The Company assesses, during the fourth quarter of each year, the carrying value of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets. Impairment assessments may be performed on an interim basis whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate an impairment may have occurred. Finite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful economic lives and are periodically reviewed for impairment.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment held for use is stated at cost, net of any impairment recorded. The cost and accumulated depreciation of disposed property and equipment are removed from the accounts with any related gain or loss reflected in earnings from operations.

Depreciation of property and equipment is provided on a straight-line basis over the lesser of the asset's useful life or lease term. Depreciable lives are summarized as follows:

Boeing 727 and DC-8 aircraft and flight equipment	1 year
Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft and flight equipment	10 to 20 years
Support equipment	5 to 10 years
Vehicles and other equipment	3 to 8 years

The Company periodically evaluates the useful lives, salvage values and fair values of property and equipment. Acceleration of depreciation expense or the recording of significant impairment losses could result from changes in the estimated useful lives of assets due to a number of reasons, such as excess aircraft capacity or changes in regulations

governing the use of aircraft.

Aircraft and other long-lived assets are tested for impairment when circumstances indicate the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable. To conduct impairment testing, the Company groups assets and liabilities at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of cash flows of other assets and liabilities. For assets that are to be held and used, impairment is recognized when the estimated undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset group is less than the carrying value. If impairment exists, an adjustment is made to write the assets down to fair value, and a loss is recorded as the difference between the carrying value and fair value. Fair values are determined considering quoted market values, discounted cash flows or internal and external appraisals, as applicable. For assets held for sale, impairment is recognized when the fair value less the cost to sell the asset is less than the carrying value.

The Company's accounting policy for major airframe and engine maintenance varies by subsidiary and aircraft type. The costs for ABX's Boeing 767-200 airframe maintenance, which is the majority of the Company's aircraft fleet, are expensed as they are incurred. The costs of major airframe maintenance for the Company's other aircraft are capitalized and amortized over the useful life of the overhaul. The Company's General Electric CF6 engines that power the Boeing 767-200 aircraft are maintained under "power by the hour" agreements with an engine maintenance provider. Under the power by the hour agreements, the engines are maintained by the service provider for a fixed fee per flight hour; accordingly, the cost of engine maintenance is generally expensed as flight hours occur. Maintenance for the airlines' other aircraft engines, including those on the Boeing 767-300 aircraft, are typically contracted to service providers on a time and material basis and the costs of those engine overhauls are capitalized and amortized over the useful life of the overhaul.

Under certain leases, the Company is required to make periodic payments to the lessor for future maintenance events such as engine overhauls and major airframe maintenance. These payments are recorded as deposits until drawn for qualifying maintenance costs. The maintenance costs are expensed or capitalized in accordance with the accounting policy for major airframe and engine maintenance. The Company evaluates at the balance sheet date, whether it is probable that an amount on deposit will be returned by the lessor to reimburse the costs of the maintenance activities. When an amount on deposit is less than probable of being returned, it is recognized as additional maintenance expense.

### **Capitalized Interest**

Interest costs incurred while aircraft are being modified are capitalized as an additional cost of the aircraft until the date the asset is placed in service. Capitalized interest was \$0.7 million and \$0.4 million for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

### **Discontinued Operations**

A business component whose operations are discontinued is reported as discontinued operations if the cash flows of the component have been eliminated from the ongoing operations of the Company, and the Company will no longer have any significant continuing involvement in the business component. The results of discontinued operations are aggregated and presented separately in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company reclassifies amounts presented in prior years that relate to discontinued business components to reflect the activities as discontinued operations.

The Company's results of discontinued operations consist primarily of pension expenses and other benefits for former employees previously associated with ABX's former freight sorting and aircraft fueling services provided to DHL. ABX is self insured for medical coverage and workers' compensation, and may incur expenses and cash outlays in the future related to pension obligations, reserves for medical expenses and wage loss for former employees.

### **Exit Activities**

The Company accounts for the costs associated with exit activities in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 420-10 *Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations*. One-time, involuntary employee termination benefits are generally expensed when the Company communicates the benefit arrangement to the employee that it will no longer require the services of the employee beyond a minimum retention period. Liabilities for contract termination costs associated with exit activities are recognized in the period incurred and measured initially at fair value.

## **Self-Insurance**

The Company is self-insured for certain workers' compensation, employee healthcare, automobile, aircraft, and general liability claims. The Company maintains excess claim coverage with common insurance carriers to mitigate its exposure to large claim losses. The Company records a liability for reported claims and an estimate for incurred claims that have not yet been reported. Accruals for these claims are estimated utilizing historical paid claims data and recent claims trends. Other liabilities included \$31.3 million and \$31.2 million at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, for self-insured reserves. Changes in claim severity and frequency could result in actual claims being materially different than the costs accrued.

## **Income Taxes**

Income taxes have been computed using the asset and liability method, under which deferred income taxes are provided for the temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities. Deferred taxes are measured using provisions of currently enacted tax laws. A valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets is recorded when it is more likely than not that such assets will not be fully realized. Tax credits are accounted for as a reduction of income taxes in the year in which the credit originates.

The Company recognizes the benefit of a tax position taken on a tax return, if that position is more likely than not of being sustained on audit, based on the technical merits of the position. An uncertain income tax benefit is not recognized if it has a less than a 50% likelihood of being sustained. The Company recognizes interest and penalties accrued related to uncertain tax positions in operating expense.

## **Comprehensive Income**

Comprehensive income includes net earnings and other comprehensive income or loss. Other comprehensive income or loss results from certain changes in the Company's liabilities for pension and other post retirement benefits and gains and losses associated with interest rate hedging instruments.

## **Fair Value Information**

Assets or liabilities that are required to be measured at fair value are reported using the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. FASB ASC Topic 820-10 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* establishes three levels of input that may be used to measure fair value:

- **Level 1:** Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted 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. Level 3 assets and liabilities include items where the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

## **Revenue Recognition**

Revenues generated from airline service agreements are typically recognized based on hours flown or the amount of aircraft and crew resources provided during a reporting period. Certain agreements include provisions for incentive payments based upon on-time reliability. These incentives are typically measured on a monthly basis and recorded to revenue in the corresponding month earned. Revenues for operating expenses that are reimbursed through customer agreements, including consumption of aircraft fuel, are generally recognized as the costs are incurred. Revenues from charter service agreements are recognized on scheduled and non-scheduled flights when the specific flight has been completed. Aircraft lease revenues are recognized as operating lease revenues on a straight-line basis over the term of the applicable lease agreements. Revenues from the sale of aircraft parts are recognized when the parts are delivered.

Revenues earned and expenses incurred in providing aircraft-related maintenance, repair or technical services are recognized in the period in which the services are completed and delivered to the customer. Revenues derived from sorting parcels are recognized upon completion of services.

## **NOTE B—SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMERS**

### **DHL**

Commencing March 31, 2010, the Company and DHL executed commercial agreements under which DHL leases 13 Boeing 767 freighter aircraft from CAM and contracts with ABX to operate those aircraft under a separate crew, maintenance and insurance (“CMI”) agreement. The CMI agreement pricing is based on pre-defined fees, scaled for the number of aircraft operated and the number of flight crews provided to DHL for its U.S. network. The initial term of the CMI agreement is five years and the terms of the aircraft leases are seven years, with early termination provisions. In addition to the 13 CAM-owned Boeing 767 aircraft, ABX also operates four DHL-owned Boeing 767 aircraft under the CMI agreement. Under the CMI agreement, ABX contracted with Airborne Maintenance and Engineering Services, Inc. (“AMES”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, to provide scheduled maintenance for the 13 Boeing 767 aircraft for at least the first three years of the CMI agreement. Under the terms of the lease agreements for the 13 CAM-owned Boeing 767 aircraft, DHL is responsible to reimburse ABX for its costs of scheduled airframe maintenance. AMES also provides scheduled maintenance for the four DHL-owned aircraft operated by ABX under the CMI agreement.

Continuing revenues from leases and contracted services for DHL were approximately 50% and 36% of the Company's consolidated revenues from continuing operations for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company's balance sheets include accounts receivable with DHL of \$11.6 million and \$9.8 million as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

### **BAX/Schenker**

A significant portion of the Company's revenues, and cash flows have historically been derived from providing airlift to BAX Global, Inc.'s network in North America (“BAX/Schenker”). CCIA and ATI each had contracts to provide airlift to BAX/Schenker. BAX/Schenker provided freight transportation and supply chain management services, specializing in the heavy freight market for business-to-business shipping.

On July 22, 2011, BAX/Schenker announced its plan to adopt a new operating model that phased-out the dedicated air cargo network in North America supported by the Company. To execute that plan, on September 2, 2011, BAX/Schenker ceased air cargo operations at its air hub in Toledo, Ohio and began to conduct air operations from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky airport, utilizing DHL's U.S. air hub. The Company provided limited airlift directly to BAX/Schenker through the peak delivery season, until late December 2011. Beginning in January 2012, DHL contracted with the Company's airlines to supplement DHL's U.S. air network to service BAX/Schenker freight volumes on its expanded air network without the use of ATI's DC-8 aircraft and with only limited use of CCIA's Boeing 727 aircraft.

No services were performed for Bax/Schenker during 2012. Revenues from the services performed for BAX/Schenker were approximately 32% of the Company's total revenues from continuing operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. The Company's balance sheets had no accounts receivable with BAX/Schenker as of March 31, 2012, and included accounts receivable with BAX/Schenker of \$5.5 million as of December 31, 2011.

### **U.S. Military**

A substantial portion of the Company's revenues are also derived from the U.S. Military. The U.S. Military awards flights to U.S. certificated airlines through annual contracts and through temporary “expansion” routes. Revenues from services performed for the U.S. Military were approximately 17% and 11% of the Company's total revenues from continuing operations for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company's balance sheets included accounts receivable with the U.S. Military of \$5.2 million as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

**NOTE C—GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLES**

The Company has two reporting units, ATI (a component of the ACMI Services segment) and CAM, that have goodwill. The carrying amounts of goodwill by reportable segment, are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>ACMI Services</b>	<b>CAM</b>	<b>Total</b>
Carrying value as of December 31, 2011	\$ 52,585	\$ 34,395	\$ 86,980
Carrying value as of March 31, 2012	\$ 52,585	\$ 34,395	\$ 86,980

The Company's intangible assets relate to the ACMI Services segment and are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Customer Relationships</b>	<b>Airline Certificates</b>	<b>Total</b>
Carrying value as of December 31, 2011	\$ 2,396	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,396
Amortization	(63)	—	(63)
Carrying value as of March 31, 2012	\$ 2,333	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,333

The customer relationship intangible amortizes over 9 more years while the airline certificates have indefinite lives and therefore are not amortized. The Company recorded amortization expense of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three month periods ending March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, for the customer relationships intangible asset.

**NOTE D—FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Company's money market funds and interest rate swaps are reported on the Company's consolidated balance sheet at fair values based on market values from identical or comparable transactions. The fair value of the Company's money market funds and interest rate swaps are based on observable inputs (Level 2) from comparable market transactions. The use of significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) was not necessary in determining the fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities.

The following table reflects assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in thousands):

<b>As of March 31, 2012</b>	<b>Fair Value Measurement Using</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash equivalents—money market	\$ 20,005	\$ 18,552	\$ —	\$ 38,557
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 20,005</b>	<b>\$ 18,552</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 38,557</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Interest rate swap	\$ —	\$ (4,564)	\$ —	\$ (4,564)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (4,564)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (4,564)</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2011</b>	<b>Fair Value Measurement Using</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash equivalents—money market	\$ 10,002	\$ 11,541	\$ —	\$ 21,543
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,002</b>	<b>\$ 11,541</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 21,543</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Interest rate swap	\$ —	\$ (5,024)	\$ —	\$ (5,024)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (5,024)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (5,024)</b>

As a result of lower market interest rates compared to the stated interest rates of the Company's fixed and variable rate debt obligations, the fair value of the Company's debt obligations, based on Level 2 observable inputs, was approximately \$4.4 million more than the carrying value, which was \$368.5 million at March 31, 2012. The non-financial assets, including goodwill, intangible assets and property and equipment are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

**NOTE E—PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

At March 31, 2012, the Company's subsidiaries owned 51 aircraft in serviceable condition consisting of 21 Boeing 767-200 standard freighter aircraft leased to external customers, 29 freighter aircraft operated by the Company's airlines and one Boeing 767 passenger aircraft. These 29 freighter aircraft operated by the Company's airlines consisted of 15 Boeing 767-200, two Boeing 767-300, three Boeing 757, three Boeing 727, two McDonnell Douglas DC-8 freighter aircraft and four McDonnell Douglas DC-8 combi aircraft. The Company's subsidiaries also leased four Boeing 767-200 freighter aircraft and one Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft, as of March 31, 2012. Additionally, as of March 31, 2012, the Company had five Boeing 767-300 aircraft undergoing freighter modification and two Boeing 757 aircraft undergoing combi modification. The combined carrying value of aircraft in modification was \$124.0 million at March 31, 2012.

Property and equipment, to be held and used, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<b>March 31, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
Aircraft and flight equipment	\$ 1,054,609	\$ 1,012,000
Support equipment	51,410	51,297
Vehicles and other equipment	1,585	1,589
Leasehold improvements	754	714
	<u>1,108,358</u>	<u>1,065,600</u>
Accumulated depreciation	(332,556)	(316,687)
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 775,802</u>	<u>\$ 748,913</u>

CAM owned aircraft with a carrying value of \$309.7 million and \$316.4 million that were under leases to external customers as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

The carrying value of Boeing 727 and DC-8 freighter aircraft and engines available for sale totaled \$7.2 million as of March 31, 2012. Cash flows generated from sales of aircraft and engines totaled \$1.8 million for the three month period ended March 31, 2012.

**NOTE F—DEBT OBLIGATIONS**

Long term obligations consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<b>March 31, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
Unsubordinated term loan	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Revolving credit facility	131,000	106,000
Aircraft loans	68,903	70,754
Promissory note due to DHL, unsecured	18,600	20,150
Total long term obligations	<u>368,503</u>	<u>346,904</u>
Less: current portion	(15,230)	(13,223)
Total long term obligations, net	<u>\$ 353,273</u>	<u>\$ 333,681</u>

The Company executed a syndicated credit facility ("Credit Facility") in May 2011 with repayment terms through



April 2016. The Credit Facility includes a term loan of \$150 million and a \$175 million revolving credit loan, of which the Company has drawn \$131 million, net of repayments as of March 31, 2012. Under the terms of the Credit Facility, interest rates are adjusted quarterly based on the Company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization expenses ("EBITDA"), its outstanding debt level and prevailing LIBOR or prime rates. At the Company's current debt-to-EBITDA ratio, the LIBOR based financing for the unsubordinated term loan and revolving credit facility bear a variable interest rate of 2.47% and 2.25%, respectively. Repayments of the term loan are scheduled to begin in June 2012. The Credit Facility provides for the issuance of letters of credit on the Company's behalf. During the next twelve months, the Company expects to make further draws on the revolving credit loan to fund its fleet expansion plans. As of March 31, 2012, the unused revolving credit facility totaled \$24.2 million, net of draws of \$131.0 million and outstanding letters of credit of \$19.8 million. Additionally, the Credit Facility also has an accordion feature of \$50 million which the Company may draw subject to the lenders' consent.

The aircraft loans are collateralized by six aircraft, and amortize monthly with a balloon payment of approximately 20% with maturities between 2016 and early 2018. Interest rates range from 6.74% to 7.36% per annum payable monthly.

The promissory note payable to DHL becomes due in August 2028 as a balloon payment, unless it is extinguished sooner under the terms of the CMI agreement. Beginning April 1, 2010 and extending through the term of the CMI agreement, the balance of the note is amortized ratably without cash payment, in exchange for services provided and thus is expected to be completely amortized by April 2015. The promissory note bears interest at a rate of 5% per annum, and DHL reimburses ABX the interest expense from the note through the term of the CMI agreement.

The Credit Facility is collateralized by certain of the Company's Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft that are not collateralized under aircraft loans. Under the terms of the Credit Facility, the Company is required to maintain collateral coverage equal to 150% of the outstanding balance of the term loan and total revolving credit facility. The Credit Facility contains covenants including, among other things, limitations on certain additional indebtedness, guarantees of indebtedness, as well as a total debt to EBITDA ratio and a fixed charge coverage ratio. The Credit Facility stipulates events of default, including unspecified events that may have material adverse effects on the Company. If an event of default occurs, the Company may be forced to repay, renegotiate or replace the Credit Facility. The Company is currently in compliance with the financial covenants specified in the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility limits the amount of dividends the Company can pay and the amount of common stock it can repurchase to \$50.0 million during any calendar year. Under the provisions of its promissory note due to DHL, the Company is required to prepay the DHL note in the amount of \$0.20 for each dollar of dividend distributed to its stockholders. The same prepayment stipulation applies to stock repurchases.

In conjunction with the execution of the Credit Facility in 2011, the Company terminated its previous credit agreement, which resulted in the write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs associated with that credit agreement and losses for certain interest rate swaps which had previously been designated as cash flow hedges of interest payments required by the former debt. These charges, which totaled \$6.8 million before income taxes, were recorded in March 2011.

## **NOTE G—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

### **Leases**

The Company leases airport facilities and certain operating equipment under operating lease agreements. ABX leases portions of the air park in Wilmington, Ohio under a lease agreement with a regional port authority, the term of which expires in May of 2019.

### **Commitments**

In August 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with M&B Conversions Limited and Israel Aerospace Industries Ltd., ("IAI"), for the conversion by IAI of up to ten Boeing 767-300 series passenger aircraft to a standard freighter configuration during the 10-year term of the agreement. As of March 31, 2012, two such aircraft have completed the modification process, four Boeing 767-300 aircraft were undergoing modification to a standard freighter configuration and one Boeing 767-300 aircraft was awaiting modification. If the Company were to cancel the conversion program as of March 31, 2012, it would owe IAI approximately \$4 million associated with non-recurring engineering

efforts and additional conversion part kits which have been ordered.

In October 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with Precision Conversions, LLC ("Precision") for the design, engineering and certification of a Boeing 757 "combi" aircraft variant. The Boeing 757 combi variant to be developed by Precision will incorporate 10 full cargo pallet positions along with seating for up to 58 passengers. As of March 31, 2012, one Boeing 757 has completed the modification process for standard freighter configuration while two Boeing 757 were in the combi conversion process. If the Company were to cancel the conversion program as of March 31, 2012, it would owe Precision approximately \$8 million associated with engineering efforts and conversion part kits which have been ordered.

### **Guarantees and Indemnifications**

Certain operating leases and agreements of the Company contain indemnification obligations to the lessor, or one or more other parties that are considered reasonable and customary (e.g. use, tax and environmental indemnifications), the terms of which range in duration and are often limited. Such indemnification obligations may continue after expiration of the respective lease or agreement.

### **Civil Action Alleging Violations of Immigration Laws**

On December 31, 2008, a former ABX employee filed a complaint against ABX, a total of four current and former executives and managers of ABX, Garcia Labor Company of Ohio, and three former executives of the Garcia Labor companies, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. The case was filed as a putative class action against the defendants, and asserts violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Practices Act (RICO). The complaint, which was later amended to include a second former employee plaintiff, seeks damages in an unspecified amount and alleges that the defendants engaged in a scheme to hire illegal immigrant workers to depress the wages paid to hourly wage employees during the period from December 1999 to January 2005.

The complaint is similar to a prior complaint filed by another former employee in April 2007. The prior complaint was subsequently dismissed without prejudice at the plaintiff's request on November 3, 2008.

On March 18, 2010, the Court issued a decision in response to a motion filed by ABX and the other ABX defendants, dismissing three of the five claims constituting the basis of Plaintiffs' complaint. Thereafter, on October 7, 2010, the Court issued a decision permitting the plaintiffs' to amend their complaint for the purpose of reinstating one of their dismissed claims. On October 26, 2010, ABX and the other ABX defendants filed an answer denying the allegations contained in plaintiffs' second amended complaint.

On December 2, 2011, the parties attended a settlement conference presided over by the Court and agreed to settle this matter. The settlement calls for ABX to pay to the plaintiffs a monetary amount, which management believes to be less than it would have cost for ABX to defend the case at trial. Once the plaintiffs have provided notice to the putative class members of the settlement, the Court will hold a hearing to consider any objections and seek final confirmation of the settlement.

### **Brussels Noise Ordinance**

The Brussels Instituut voor Milieubeheer ("BIM"), a governmental authority in the Brussels-Capital Region of Belgium that oversees the enforcement of environmental matters, brought an administrative action against ABX alleging numerous violations of an ordinance limiting the noise caused by aircraft overflying the Brussels-Capital Region, which is located near the Brussels Airport. On May 13, 2011, the BIM levied an administrative penalty on ABX in the amount of €0.1 million (approximately \$0.2 million) for numerous alleged violations of the ordinance during the period from May 2009 through November 2009. ABX appealed this matter to the Environmental College in Brussels. However, on October 10, 2011, the Environmental College affirmed the decision of the BIM. On or about December 7, 2011, ABX appealed the decision to the Council of State, which appeal is currently pending.

On November 25, 2011, the BIM levied a second administrative penalty on ABX in the amount of €0.1 million (approximately \$0.2 million) for numerous alleged violations of the ordinance during the period from December 2009 through December 2010. On January 2, 2012, ABX appealed this matter to the Environmental College in Brussels and, in the event the decision of the BIM is affirmed, will appeal the decision to the Council of State.

The ordinance in question is controversial for the reason that it was adopted by the Brussels-Capital Region and



is more restrictive than the noise limitations in effect in the Flemish Region, which is where the Brussels Airport is located. The ordinance is the subject of several court cases currently pending in the Belgian courts and numerous airlines have been levied fines thereunder.

**Other**

In addition to the foregoing matters, we are also currently a party to legal proceedings, including FAA enforcement actions, in various federal and state jurisdictions arising out of the operation of our business. The amount of alleged liability, if any, from these proceedings cannot be determined with certainty; however, we believe that our ultimate liability, if any, arising from the pending legal proceedings, as well as from asserted legal claims and known potential legal claims which are probable of assertion, taking into account established accruals for estimated liabilities, should not be material to our financial condition or results of operations.

**Employees Under Collective Bargaining Agreements**

As of March 31, 2012, the flight crewmember employees of ABX, ATI and CCIA were represented by the labor unions listed below:

Airline	Labor Agreement Unit	Percentage of the Company's Employees
ABX	International Brotherhood of Teamsters	14.8%
ATI	Airline Pilots Association	9.3%
CCIA	Airline Pilots Association	3.8%

**NOTE H—PENSION AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS**

**Defined Benefit and Post-retirement Healthcare Plans**

ABX sponsors a qualified defined benefit pension plan for ABX crewmembers and a qualified defined benefit pension plan for a major portion of its other ABX employees that meet minimum eligibility requirements. ABX also sponsors non-qualified defined benefit pension plans for certain employees. These non-qualified plans are unfunded. Employees are no longer accruing benefits under any of the defined benefit pension plans. ABX also sponsors a post-retirement healthcare plan for its ABX employees, which is unfunded.

The accounting and valuation for these post-retirement obligations are determined by prescribed accounting and actuarial methods that consider a number of assumptions and estimates. The selection of appropriate assumptions and estimates is significant due to the long time period over which benefits will be accrued and paid. The long term nature of these benefit payouts increases the sensitivity of certain estimates of our post-retirement costs. The assumptions considered most sensitive in actuarially valuing ABX's pension obligations and determining related expense amounts are discount rates and expected long term investment returns on plan assets. Additionally, other assumptions concerning retirement ages, mortality and employee turnover also affect the valuations. Actual results and future changes in these assumptions could result in future costs significantly higher than those recorded in our results of operations. The Company's net periodic benefit costs for its qualified defined benefit pension and post-retirement healthcare plans for both continuing and discontinued operations are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>			
	<b>Pension Plans</b>		<b>Post-Retirement Healthcare Plan</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Service cost	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 67	\$ 62
Interest cost	9,272	9,291	95	97
Expected return on plan assets	(9,970)	(9,757)	—	—
Amortization of prior service cost	—	—	(1,388)	(1,388)
Amortization of net loss	2,670	675	108	132
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 1,972</u>	<u>\$ 209</u>	<u>\$ (1,118)</u>	<u>\$ (1,097)</u>

During the three month period ended March 31, 2012, the Company contributed \$0.8 million to the pension plans. The Company plans to contribute an additional \$24.7 million in 2012.

#### **NOTE I—INCOME TAXES**

The provision for income taxes for interim periods is based on management's best estimate of the effective income tax rate expected to be applicable for the current year, plus any adjustments arising from changes in the estimated amount of taxable income related to prior periods. Income taxes recorded through March 31, 2012 have been estimated utilizing a 38.0% rate based on year-to-date income and projected results for the full year. The final effective tax rate to be applied to 2012 will depend on the actual amount of pre-tax book income generated by the Company for the full year.

The Company has operating loss carryforwards for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Management expects to utilize the loss carryforwards to offset federal income tax liabilities in the future. During 2012, management revised the projection of qualified tax deductions for 2012. As a result of anticipated additional tax deductions, management does not expect to utilize the existing loss carryforward assets to offset the federal income tax liability during the next 12 months. Accordingly, as of March 31, 2012, the Company's balance sheet reflects the reclassification of approximately \$14 million of deferred tax assets to offset deferred tax liabilities. Due to the Company's deferred tax assets, including its loss carryforwards, management does not expect to pay federal income taxes through 2014 or later. The Company may, however, be required to pay alternative minimum taxes and certain state and local income taxes before then.

#### **NOTE J—DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

In conjunction with the unsubordinated term loan under the former credit agreement, the Company entered into interest rate swaps in January 2008 to reduce the effects of fluctuating LIBOR-based interest rates on forecasted interest payments stemming from the scheduled repayment of the debt. Under the interest rate swap agreements, the Company pays a fixed rate of 3.105% and receives a floating rate that resets quarterly based on LIBOR. The notional value of the interest rate swaps step downward through December 31, 2012. In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 815-30 *Derivatives and Hedging*, the Company accounted for the interest rate swaps as hedges of the forecasted cash flows. Accordingly, losses caused by lower floating interest rates had been recorded to accumulated other comprehensive

income for the effective portion. Effective March 31, 2011, in conjunction with its decision to refinance the unsubordinated term loan, the Company ceased hedge accounting after determining that the forecasted interest payments will not occur near the time originally expected. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax charge of \$3.9 million in the first quarter of 2011 based on the fair market value of the derivatives on March 31, 2011, to recognize the losses previously recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income.

In addition to the interest rate swaps noted above, the Company's Credit Facility requires the Company to maintain derivative instruments for protection from fluctuating interest rates, for at least fifty percent of the outstanding balance of the new subordinated term loan. As a result, the Company entered into an interest rate swap in July of 2011 having an initial notional value of \$75.0 million and a forward start date of December 31, 2011. Under this swap, the Company pays a fixed rate of 2.02% and receives a floating rate that resets quarterly based on LIBOR. The Company did not designate the recent interest rate swap as a hedge for accounting purposes. The effects of future fluctuations in LIBOR interest rates on derivatives held by the Company will result in the recording of unrealized gains and losses into the statement of operations.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the Company recorded an unrealized gain on derivatives of \$0.5 million to reflect the interest rate swaps at market value. The liability for outstanding derivatives is recorded in other liabilities and in accrued expenses. The table below provides information about the Company's interest rate swaps (in thousands):

<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Stated Interest Rate</u>	<u>March 31, 2012</u>		<u>December 31, 2011</u>	
		<u>Notional Amount</u>	<u>Market Value (Liability)</u>	<u>Notional Amount</u>	<u>Market Value (Liability)</u>
December 31, 2012	3.105%	\$ 57,375	\$ (1,110)	\$ 59,500	\$ (1,394)
December 31, 2012	3.105%	33,750	(653)	35,000	(820)
May 9, 2016	2.020%	75,000	(2,801)	75,000	(2,810)

**NOTE K—STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

The Company's Board of Directors has granted stock incentive awards to certain employees and board members pursuant to a long term incentive plan which was approved by the Company's stockholders in May 2005. Employees have been awarded non-vested stock units with performance conditions, non-vested stock units with market conditions and non-vested restricted stock. The restrictions on the non-vested restricted stock awards lapse at the end of a specified service period, which is typically approximately three years from the date of grant. Restrictions could lapse sooner upon a business combination, death, disability or after an employee qualifies for retirement. The non-vested stock units will be converted into a number of shares of Company stock depending on performance and market conditions at the end of a specified service period, lasting approximately three years. The performance condition awards will be converted into a number of shares of Company stock based on the Company's average return on invested capital, depending on the form of award, during the service period. Similarly, the market condition awards will be converted into a number of shares depending on the appreciation of the Company's stock compared to the NASDAQ Transportation Index. Board members were granted time-based awards with approximately a six-month vesting period, which will settle when the board member ceases to be a director of the Company. The Company expects to settle all of the stock unit awards by issuing new shares of stock. The table below summarizes award activity.

	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2012		March 31, 2011	
	Number of Awards	Weighted average grant-date fair value	Number of Awards	Weighted average grant-date fair value
Outstanding at beginning of period	1,458,037	\$ 5.77	1,514,300	\$ 3.55
Granted	601,647	5.93	555,237	8.72
Converted	—	—	(291,500)	3.14
Expired	—	—	—	—
Forfeited	(7,000)	6.49	(41,600)	4.97
Outstanding at end of period	2,052,684	\$ 5.82	1,736,437	\$ 5.22
Vested	390,037	\$ 4.45	326,400	\$ 3.71

The average grant-date fair value of each performance condition award, non-vested restricted stock award and time-based award granted by the Company in 2012 was \$5.63, the fair value of the Company's stock on the date of grant. The average grant-date fair value of each market condition award granted in 2012 was \$7.05. The market condition awards were valued using a Monte Carlo simulation technique, a risk-free interest rate of 0.44%, a term of 36 months, and a volatility of 90.1% based on historical volatility over three years using daily stock prices.

For the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company recorded expense of \$0.8 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, for stock incentive awards. At March 31, 2012, there was \$5.9 million of unrecognized expense related to the stock incentive awards that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years. As of March 31, 2012, none of the awards were convertible, 390,037 units of the Board members time-based awards had vested and none of the outstanding shares of the restricted stock had vested. These awards could result in a maximum number of 2,419,684 additional outstanding shares of the Company's common stock depending on service, performance and market results through December 31, 2014.

**NOTE L—EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per common share follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ending March 31,	
	2012	2011
Earnings from continuing operations	\$ 6,662	\$ 2,881
Weighted-average shares outstanding for basic earnings per share	63,431	63,131
Common equivalent shares:		
Effect of stock-based compensation awards	943	805
Weighted-average shares outstanding assuming dilution	64,374	63,936
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.04
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.04

The number of equivalent shares that were not included in weighted average shares outstanding assuming dilution, because their effect would have been anti-dilutive, was 44,000 at March 31, 2012 and immaterial at March 31, 2011.

**NOTE M—SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Company operates in two reportable segments, as described below. The CAM segment consists of the Company's aircraft leasing operations and its segment earnings includes an allocation of interest expense. The ACMI Services segment consists of the Company's airline operations including the CMI agreement with DHL, as well as ACMI and charter service agreements that the Company provides to other customers. Due to the similarities among the Company's airline operations, the airline operations are aggregated into a single reportable segment, ACMI Services. The Company's other activities, which include contracts with the USPS, the sale of aircraft parts and maintenance services, management services for workers' compensation and logistics services, do not constitute reportable segments and are combined in "All other" with inter-segment profit eliminations. Inter-segment revenues are valued at arms-length, market rates. Cash, cash equivalents and deferred tax assets are reflected in Assets - All other below. The Company's segment information from continuing operations is presented below (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ending March 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Total revenues:</b>		
CAM	\$ 37,851	\$ 32,128
ACMI Services	113,195	146,705
All other	28,421	25,438
Eliminate inter-segment revenues	(33,961)	(29,144)
Total	<u>\$ 145,506</u>	<u>\$ 175,127</u>
<b>Customer revenues:</b>		
CAM	\$ 19,389	\$ 14,071
ACMI Services	113,195	146,435
All other	12,922	14,621
Total	<u>\$ 145,506</u>	<u>\$ 175,127</u>
<b>Depreciation and amortization expense:</b>		
CAM	\$ 14,421	\$ 12,263
ACMI Services	5,804	10,148
All other	75	(40)
Total	<u>\$ 20,300</u>	<u>\$ 22,371</u>
<b>Segment earnings (loss):</b>		
CAM	\$ 16,818	\$ 13,466
ACMI Services	(8,215)	(2,510)
All other	2,001	1,654
Net unallocated interest expense	(321)	(1,218)
Net gain (loss) on derivative instruments	460	(3,932)
Write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs	—	(2,870)
Pre-tax earnings from continuing operations	<u>\$ 10,743</u>	<u>\$ 4,590</u>

The Company's assets are presented below by segment (in thousands):

	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Assets:		
CAM	\$ 783,213	\$ 760,588
ACMI Services	134,188	137,640
All other	98,415	95,491
Total	<u>\$ 1,015,816</u>	<u>\$ 993,719</u>

Interest expense of \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million for the three month periods ending March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, was included in the ACMI Services segment earnings above. Interest expense allocated to CAM was \$3.0 million and \$2.5 million for the three month periods ending March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis has been prepared with reference to the historical financial condition and results of operations of Air Transport Services Group, Inc., and its subsidiaries. Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries may hereinafter individually and collectively be referred to as "the Company", "we", "our" or "us" from time to time. The following discussion and analysis describes the principal factors affecting the results of operations, financial condition, cash flows, liquidity and capital resources. It should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited financial statements and the related notes contained in this report and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

### **BACKGROUND**

Air Transport Services Group, Inc. (the "Company") provides airline operations, aircraft leases, aircraft maintenance and other support services primarily to the cargo transportation and package delivery industries. Through the Company's subsidiaries, it offers a range of complementary services to delivery companies, freight forwarders, airlines and government customers. The Company's principal subsidiaries include three independently certificated airlines, ABX Air, Inc. ("ABX"), Capital Cargo International Airlines, Inc. ("CCIA") and Air Transport International, LLC ("ATI"), and an aircraft leasing company, Cargo Aircraft Management, Inc. ("CAM").

At March 31, 2012, the Company's in-service aircraft fleet consisted of 51 owned aircraft, all but one of which is a cargo aircraft, and five leased cargo aircraft. Additionally, the Company owned seven other aircraft, five of which were being modified to standard freighter configuration and two of which were being modified into a "combi" configuration as of March 31, 2012. The combi aircraft are capable of simultaneously carrying passengers and cargo containers on the main flight deck.

The Company has two reportable segments: ACMI Services, which primarily includes the cargo transportation operations of its three airlines and CAM, which includes the Company's aircraft leasing business. The Company's other business operations, which primarily provide support services to the transportation industry, include aircraft maintenance, aircraft part sales, ground equipment leasing and mail handling services. These operations do not constitute reportable segments due to their size.

The Company's largest customer is DHL Network Operations (USA), Inc. and its affiliates ("DHL"), which accounted for 50% and 36% of the Company's consolidated revenues for the three month periods ending March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company has had long term contracts with DHL since August of 2003. Commencing March 31, 2010, the Company and DHL executed commercial agreements under which DHL leases 13 Boeing 767 freighter aircraft from CAM and contracted with ABX to operate those aircraft under a separate crew, maintenance and insurance ("CMI") agreement. The CMI agreement pricing is based on pre-defined fees, scaled for the number of aircraft operated and the number of flight crews provided to DHL for its U.S. network. The initial term of the CMI agreement is five years and the terms of the aircraft leases are seven years, with early termination provisions. In addition to the 13 CAM-owned Boeing 767 aircraft, ABX also operates four DHL-owned Boeing 767 aircraft under the CMI agreement.

The U.S. Military comprised 17% and 11% of the Company's consolidated revenues for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Company's airlines contract their services to the Air Mobility Command ("AMC"), which is organized under the U.S. Military. ATI contracts its unique fleet of McDonnell Douglas DC-8 combi aircraft to the AMC.

A substantial portion of the Company's revenues and cash flows have historically been derived from providing airlift in North America to BAX Global, Inc., an affiliate of DB Schenker ("BAX/Schenker"). BAX/Schenker is a specialized heavy weight, business to business shipper. In July 2011, BAX/Schenker announced its plans to adopt a new operating model that phased out the dedicated air cargo network in North America supported by the Company. In September 2011, BAX/Schenker ceased air cargo operations at its air hub in Toledo, Ohio and began to conduct air operations from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky airport, utilizing DHL's U.S. air hub. Instead of dedicated aircraft, BAX/Schenker now utilizes DHL and other delivery services for its air transportation delivery requirements.

The Company provided limited airlift directly to BAX/Schenker through the peak delivery season, until late December 2011. Beginning in January 2012, DHL contracted with the Company's airlines to supplement DHL's U.S.

air network to service BAX/Schenker freight volumes on its expanded air network without use of the Company's DC-8 aircraft and with only limited use of Boeing 727 aircraft.

The Company ceased providing services to BAX/Schenker as of the end of 2011. The Company's revenues from the services performed for BAX/Schenker, derived primarily by providing Boeing 727 and DC-8 airlift, were \$56.0 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. The Company's revenues from BAX/Schenker comprised approximately 32% of the Company's total revenues during the quarter ended March 31, 2011 (19% of total revenues excluding directly reimbursable revenues).

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### *Summary*

The consolidated net earnings from continuing operations were \$6.7 million and \$2.9 million for the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively. Pre-tax earnings from continuing operations were \$10.7 million and \$4.6 million for the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively. Earnings during the first quarter of 2011 were impacted by pre-tax charges totaling \$6.8 million stemming from the refinancing of the Company's former credit agreement. After removing the charges related to debt refinancing and the effects of interest rate derivatives, adjusted pre-tax earnings from continuing operations, a non-GAAP measure, were \$10.3 million for the first quarter of 2012 compared to \$11.4 million for the first quarter of 2011. (A reconciliation of adjusted pre-tax earnings is shown below.) Adjusted pre-tax earnings from continuing operations during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011, were bolstered by additional external aircraft leases and increased operations for the Company's Boeing 767 and Boeing 757 aircraft, but were negatively impacted by the discontinuation of the BAX/Schenker North American air network in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Total customer revenues from continuing operations decreased by \$29.6 million to \$145.5 million during the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011, when the Company generated \$56.0 million of revenues from services for the BAX/Schenker air network. Revenues from reimbursed fuel and other reimbursed operating expenses declined \$27.4 million primarily due to the discontinuation of the BAX/Schenker air network. Excluding directly reimbursed revenues, customer revenues decreased by \$2.2 million during the first quarter of 2012 compared to 2011. This revenue growth during 2012, driven by four additional external aircraft leases by CAM and additional Boeing 767 and Boeing 757 aircraft operations for customers, was offset by lower revenues due to the discontinuation of the BAX/Schenker air network.

During 2011, the Company executed a new credit facility with a consortium of banks ("Credit Facility") to expand and extend its borrowing capacity to support growth of the Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft fleet. The new Credit Facility refinanced the Company's previous term loan. In conjunction with the execution of the Credit Facility, the Company terminated its previous credit agreement, which resulted in the write-off of \$2.9 million of unamortized debt issuance costs associated with that credit agreement and the recognition of \$3.9 million of losses for certain interest rate swaps previously designated as cash flow hedges of interest payments stemming from the former term loan during the first quarter of 2011.



A summary of our revenues and pre-tax earnings from continuing operations is shown below (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ending March 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Revenues from Continuing Operations:</b>		
CAM	\$ 37,851	\$ 32,128
ACMI Services		
Airline services	96,342	102,450
Reimbursable	16,853	44,255
Total ACMI Services	113,195	146,705
Other Activities	28,421	25,438
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>179,467</b>	<b>204,271</b>
Eliminate internal revenues	(33,961)	(29,144)
<b>Customer Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 145,506</b>	<b>\$ 175,127</b>
<b>Pre-Tax Earnings from Continuing Operations:</b>		
CAM, inclusive of interest expense	\$ 16,818	\$ 13,466
ACMI Services	(8,215)	(2,510)
Other Activities	2,001	1,654
Net unallocated interest expense	(321)	(1,218)
Net gain (loss) on derivative instruments	460	(3,932)
Write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs	—	(2,870)
<b>Pre-Tax Earnings from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>10,743</b>	<b>4,590</b>
Less Net (gain) loss on derivative instruments	(460)	3,932
Add Write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs	—	2,870
<b>Adjusted Pre-Tax Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 10,283</b>	<b>\$ 11,392</b>

Reimbursable revenues include certain operating costs that are reimbursed to the airlines by their customers. Such costs include fuel used, landing fees and certain aircraft maintenance expenses. The types of costs that are reimbursed varies by customer operating agreement.

Adjusted pre-tax earnings, a non-GAAP measure, is pre-tax earnings excluding interest rate derivative gains and losses and the write-off of debt issuance costs. Management uses adjusted pre-tax earnings to compare the performance of core operating results between periods. Adjusted pre-tax earnings, should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of the Company's results as reported under GAAP.

#### *CAM*

Through the CAM subsidiary, we offer aircraft leasing to external customers and lease aircraft internally to the Company's airlines. Aircraft leases normally cover a term of five to seven years. In a typical leasing agreement, customers pay rent and maintenance deposits on a monthly basis.

As of March 31, 2012, CAM had 51 aircraft that were under lease, 30 of them internally to the Company's airlines. Since March 31, 2011, CAM has completed the modification from passenger to freighter of six Boeing 767-200 aircraft, two Boeing 767-300 aircraft and one Boeing 757 aircraft, and placed those aircraft under leases with internal and external customers. Driven by these additional leases, CAM's revenues for the first quarter of 2012 grew to \$37.9 million compared to \$32.1 million during the first quarter of 2011. Revenues from external customers accounted for \$5.3 million of the increased revenue for the first quarter of 2012 driven by four additional aircraft leases placed with external customers since March of 2011. CAM's revenues from internal leases of Boeing 727 and DC-8 freighter aircraft for the first quarter of 2012 declined \$5.3 million compared to the first quarter of 2011 due to the retirement of Boeing 727 and DC-8 aircraft previously operated for BAX/Schenker, but the decline was offset by additional Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft leased internally.

CAM's pre-tax earnings, inclusive of an interest expense allocation, were \$16.8 million and \$13.5 million during the first quarters of 2012 and 2011, respectively. Improved earnings reflected nine additional Boeing 767 and 757

aircraft under lease since March 31, 2011.

During 2012, CAM completed the modification from passenger to freighter configuration of one Boeing 767-200 aircraft and leased it internally to a Company airline. We plan to further invest in the modification of Boeing 767-300 and 757-200 aircraft as discussed below under Commitments.

#### *ACMI Services Segment*

The ACMI Services segment provides airline operations to its customers, typically under contracts providing for a combination of aircraft, crews, maintenance and insurance ("ACMI"). Our customers are usually responsible for supplying the necessary aviation fuel and cargo handling services and reimbursing our airline for other operating expenses, such as landing fees, ramp expenses and certain aircraft maintenance expenses. Aircraft charter agreements, including those for the U.S. Military, usually require the airline to provide full service, including fuel and other operating expenses for a fixed, all-inclusive price.

As of March 31, 2012, ACMI Services included 48 in-service aircraft, including 30 leased internally from CAM, five leased from external providers and 13 CAM-owned freighter aircraft which are under lease to DHL and operated by ABX under the CMI agreement. Since March 31, 2011, ACMI Services has added two Boeing 767-200, two Boeing 767-300, one Boeing 757 aircraft, and retired 10 Boeing 727 and eight DC-8 freighter aircraft. The Boeing 727 and DC-8 aircraft were retired in response to the discontinuation of BAX/Schenker's North American air network in 2011.

ACMI Services revenues were \$113.2 million and \$146.7 million during the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively. Revenues from ACMI Services decreased 23% during the first quarter of 2012 to \$113.2 million compared to 2011 as a result of the discontinuation of services for BAX/Schenker's North American air network. During 2011, ACMI Services revenues included \$31.4 million for the reimbursement of fuel and other operating expenses for the BAX/Schenker air network. Airline services revenues, which do not include revenues for the reimbursement of fuel and certain operating expenses, declined 6% during the first quarter of 2012 compared to 2011. The decline in airline services revenues reflects the reduction of \$24.6 million in airline services revenues from BAX/Schenker, offset by revenues from additional Boeing 767 and Boeing 757 aircraft added to the ACMI Services fleet since March 2011. Aircraft block hours flown for customers other than BAX/Schenker increased 15% in 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011.

ACMI Services incurred a pre-tax loss of \$8.2 million during the first quarter of 2012 compared to a pre-tax loss of \$2.5 million for the first quarter of 2011. Operating results during 2012 were negatively impacted by the discontinuation of BAX/Schenker's North American air network, increased pension expenses and higher aircraft maintenance expenses. Significant changes in revenue and pre-tax, non reimbursed expenses between the first quarter of 2012 and 2011 are summarized below.

- Airline services revenues declined \$6.1 million, reflecting the loss of revenues from BAX/Schenker, net of additional Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft operations flown for other customers.
- Depreciation expense decreased \$4.1 million due to the retirement of Boeing 727 and DC-8 freighter aircraft.
- Pension expense increased \$1.4 million due primarily to lower discount rates used to actuarially calculate the Company's pension expense for 2012.
- Aircraft engine maintenance expenses increased \$1.1 million due to increased block hours, an unscheduled maintenance event and higher repair rates.
- Airframe maintenance expense increased \$1.1 million due to the timing of ABX heavy checks and more expensive airframe repairs

Due to the termination of the BAX/Schenker network, ATI and CCIA have reduced the number of crew members and other employees in the ACMI Services segment. Salaries expense however, include the cost of training senior, former DC-8 crew members for the Boeing 767 aircraft. We expect to utilize the recently trained crew members and crew members currently in training to operate additional customer flights. We may further reduce staff levels as required to match with customer demand and aircraft utilization levels.

Customer demand for our services will depend on the cost competitiveness of the airlines, aircraft reliability and market preferences for the type of aircraft that we operate. The U.S. Military has expressed its preference to replace the DC-8 combi aircraft that ATI operates with a more modern aircraft fleet. ATI currently operates four DC-8 combi

aircraft for U.S. Military contracts. In May 2012, the U.S. Military awarded ATI a contract to continue DC-8 combi service through September 2012. We expect the U.S. Military to issue a solicitation during 2012 for combi aircraft service through September of 2014. We expect to respond to this solicitation utilizing our combi aircraft, including the Boeing 757 combi aircraft which we expect to be ready for service in the fourth quarter of 2012. We are not aware of any other airline who has both the combi aircraft and the operating qualifications required by the U.S. Military.

New customer agreements typically involve start-up expenses, including those for proving flights, route authorities, overfly rights, travel and other activities, and may impact future operating results. Revenue-generating service may begin sometime later; however, depending on satisfaction of a number of conditions, including international regulations and laws, contract negotiations, flight crew availability, and arranging resources for aircraft handling.

To further streamline the operations impacted by the loss of the BAX/Schenker business, we intend to effect a corporate reorganization pursuant to which the airline operations of ATI and CCIA will be merged. In May 2012, ATI and CCIA reached a tentative agreement with their respective flight crewmembers, as represented by the Air Line Pilots Association, International. The tentative agreement sets out the essential terms under which the parties intend to pursue a joint collective bargaining agreement and merge their flight crewmember seniority lists. The airlines and ALPA intend to have the definitive agreement in place and complete the integration of the seniority lists by the end of 2012.

#### *Other Activities*

The Company sells aircraft parts and provides aircraft maintenance and modification services to other airlines. The Company also operates five U.S. Postal Service (“USPS”) sorting facilities and provides ground equipment leasing and facility maintenance services, including fuel services. Other activities also include the management of workers’ compensation claims under an agreement with DHL and gains from the reduction in employee post-retirement obligations.

External customer revenues from all other activities were \$12.9 million and \$14.6 million during the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively. The decrease in other revenues during 2012 primarily reflects fewer aircraft maintenance projects for external customers compared to the first quarter of 2011.

The pre-tax earnings from other activities were \$2.0 million and \$1.7 million during the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively. The increase of \$0.3 million in pre-tax earnings for 2012 compared to 2011 primarily reflects additional business with the USPS. The Company’s contracts with the USPS generated \$5.2 million of revenue during the first quarter of 2012. While these contracts expire in 2012, we expect to renew them under similar terms.

#### *Discontinued Operations*

Pre-tax losses related to the former hub services operations were \$0.4 million for the first quarter of 2012 compared to \$0.2 million during the first quarter of 2011. The results of discontinued operations primarily contain pension expense for former employees that supported sort operations under a hub services agreement with DHL and expenses for certain legal matters associated with those former sorting operations.

*Fleet Summary 2012*

The Company's aircraft fleet is summarized below as of March 31, 2012 (\$'s in thousands):

	ACMI Services	CAM	Total
<b>In-service aircraft</b>			
Aircraft owned or under capital lease			
Boeing 767-200	16	21	37
Boeing 767-300	2	—	2
Boeing 757	3	—	3
Boeing 727	3	—	3
DC-8	6	—	6
Total	30	21	51
Carrying value			\$ 622,135
Operating lease			
Boeing 767-200	4	—	4
Boeing 767-300	1	—	1
Total	5	—	5
Carrying value			\$ 138
<b>Aircraft for freighter and combi modification</b>			
Boeing 767-300	—	5	5
Boeing 757	—	2	2
Total	—	7	7
Carrying value			\$ 124,014

As of March 31, 2012, ACMI Services operated 13 of the 21 Boeing 767-200 aircraft that CAM leases to external customers and ACMI Services leased 30 of its in-service aircraft internally from CAM.

Aircraft fleet activity during the first quarter of 2012 is summarized below:

- CAM completed the freighter modification of one Boeing 767-200 aircraft and leased the aircraft internally to an airline affiliate.
- We removed one Boeing 727 aircraft and one DC-8 aircraft from the in-service fleet as a result of BAX/Schenker's discontinuation of its North American air network and diminished demand for these aircraft types.
- Additionally, in 2012, CAM purchased two Boeing 767-300 passenger aircraft for modification into standard freighter aircraft. We expect to complete the modification from passenger to freighter of two Boeing 767-300 aircraft in the second quarter of 2012, two Boeing 767-300 aircraft modifications in the third quarter of 2012 and one Boeing 767-300 aircraft in the fourth quarter of 2012. Additionally, we expect to complete the modifications of two Boeing 757 passenger aircraft into a combi configuration during 2012. We expect to acquire one additional Boeing 757 passenger aircraft in 2012 and modify it into a standard freighter configuration by the fourth quarter of 2012.

In May 2012, ABX began to lease a Boeing 767-300 aircraft to operate on international routes.

As of March 31, 2012, the Company had Boeing 727 and DC-8 aircraft and engines with a carrying value of \$7.2 million which were available for sale. This carrying value is based on fair market values less the estimated costs to sell the airframes, engines and parts.

### *Expenses from Continuing Operations*

Salaries, wages and benefits expense increased \$0.8 million, or 2% during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding period of 2011. The increase primarily reflects an increase in the pension expense for continuing operations due to the effects of lower discount rates used to actuarially calculate the Company's annual pension expense. Reductions in the number of Boeing 727 and DC-8 crew members since March 2011 were mostly offset by additional crew members and compensation for the expanded number of Boeing 767 aircraft operated by the Company.

Fuel expense decreased by \$25.8 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding period of 2011. The decrease occurred in conjunction with BAX/Schenker's discontinuation of its North American air network in the fourth quarter of 2011. During 2011, under contract with BAX/Schenker, ATI provided aviation fuel for the BAX/Schenker air network and was reimbursed by BAX/Schenker for the costs of fuel. The Company is no longer incurring aviation fuel expenses or recording a related reimbursable revenue for the BAX/Schenker network. Fuel expense during 2012 primarily reflects the costs of fuel to operate U.S. Military charters, position aircraft for service and for maintenance purposes.

Maintenance, materials and repairs expense increased by \$1.8 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding period of 2011. During the first quarter of 2012, maintenance expense reductions stemming from the discontinuation of Boeing 727 aircraft and DC-8 freighter aircraft since the fourth quarter of 2011 were offset by higher maintenance expenses to support the larger fleet of Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft, which has increased since March 2011.

Depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$2.1 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011. The decline in depreciation expense reflects the removal of nine Boeing 727 aircraft and eight DC-8 freighter aircraft from service offset by incremental depreciation expense for eight Boeing 767 aircraft and one Boeing 757 aircraft added to the fleet since March 2011. The Boeing 727 aircraft and DC-8 freighter aircraft were removed from service in conjunction with BAX/Schenker's discontinuation of its North American air network in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Travel expense decreased by \$0.3 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding period of 2011. The decrease is a result of the discontinuation of the BAX/Schenker North American air network in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Rent expense remained flat during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011. Rent expense was not significantly affected by the discontinuation of the BAX/Schenker North American air network because the Company did not lease the aircraft used in that network.

Landing and ramp expense, which includes the cost of deicing chemicals, decreased by \$2.3 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding period of 2011. The decrease during the first three months of 2012 reflects the discontinuation of the BAX/Schenker North American air network in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Insurance expenses decreased by \$0.3 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding period of 2011 due to the reduction in Boeing 727 and DC-8 aircraft during the fourth quarter of 2011 and the first quarter of 2012 due to the discontinuation of the BAX/Schenker North American air network.

Other operating expenses include professional fees, navigational services, employee training, utilities, and the cost of parts sold to customers. Other operating expenses increased by \$0.3 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding period of 2011, primarily due to additional international aircraft operations during 2012.

Interest expense decreased by \$0.6 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 compared to the corresponding period of 2011. The decline in interest expense reflects the payoff of capital leases in 2011, lower interest rates and an increase in capitalized interest for the aircraft undergoing freighter modification. Interest rates on the Company's variable interest, unsubordinated term loan decreased to 2.47% at March 31, 2012 from 2.56% at March 31, 2011. We expect interest expense to increase during the remainder of 2012 due to a higher level of debt which is being used to expand the Company's aircraft fleet.

During the first quarter of 2012, the Company recorded a pre-tax net gain on derivatives of \$0.5 million, reflecting

the impact of higher market interest rates since December 31, 2011 on the interest rate swaps held by the Company at March 31, 2012.

In 2011, the Company executed a new credit facility replacing its previous credit agreement. During the first quarter of 2011, the Company wrote off \$2.9 million of unamortized debt issuance costs associated with the former credit agreement. During the first quarter of 2011, in conjunction with termination of the former credit agreement, the Company terminated its hedge accounting of interest rate swaps related to the former term loan, which resulted in the recognition of \$3.9 million of pre-tax losses which had previously been reflected in other comprehensive income.

Income tax expenses recorded through March 31, 2012 have been estimated based on year-to-date income and projected results for the full year, excluding discrete items. The effective tax rate for the full year 2012 is projected to be approximately 38.0%. The effective tax rate from continuing operations for the first three months ended March 31, 2012 was 38.0% compared to 37.2% for the corresponding period in 2011. The effective tax rate increased for 2012 due to having more earnings in certain taxing districts with higher tax rates as compared to 2011.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

### ***Cash Flows***

Net cash generated from operating activities totaled \$43.0 million for the first quarter of 2012 compared to \$45.9 million in the first quarter of 2011. Operating cash flows decreased in the first quarter of 2012 compared to 2011 primarily reflecting the decrease in operating income in 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011.

Capital spending levels were primarily the result of aircraft modification costs and the acquisition of aircraft for freighter modification. Cash payments for capital expenditures were \$46.8 million in the first three months of 2012 compared to \$44.5 million in the first three months of 2011. Capital expenditures in 2012 included \$41.0 million for the acquisition of two Boeing 767-300 aircraft and the modification of aircraft, \$3.8 million for required heavy maintenance and \$2.0 million for other equipment costs. Capital expenditures in the first quarter of 2011 included \$35.0 million for the acquisition and modification of aircraft, \$9.1 million for required heavy maintenance and \$0.4 million for other equipment costs.

Proceeds of \$1.8 million were received during the first quarter of 2012 for the sale of aircraft engines, which had been classified as available for sale.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$23.1 million in the first three months of 2012 compared to \$9.3 million used in the corresponding period in 2011. During the first quarter of 2012, we drew \$25.0 million from the revolver under the Credit Facility to fund capital spending and we made debt principal payments of \$1.9 million. Additionally, \$1.6 million of the principal balance of the DHL promissory note was extinguished during the first three months of 2012, pursuant to the CMI agreement with DHL.

### ***Commitments***

Through CAM, the Company continues to make investments in Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft. As these aircraft are modified, we will place them into service under dry leasing arrangements to external customers or ACMI operations using our airlines, depending on which alternative provides the best long term return and considering other factors, including geographical placement and customer diversification.

In August 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with M&B Conversions Limited and Israel Aerospace Industries Ltd., ("IAI"), for the conversion by IAI of up to ten Boeing 767-300 series passenger aircraft to a standard freighter configuration during the 10-year term of the agreement. As of March 31, 2012, two such aircraft have completed the modification process, four Boeing 767-300 aircraft were undergoing modification to a standard freighter configuration and one Boeing 767-300 aircraft was awaiting modification. If the Company were to cancel the conversion program as of March 31, 2012, it would owe IAI approximately \$4 million associated with non-recurring engineering efforts and additional conversion part kits which have been ordered.

In October 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with Precision Conversions, LLC ("Precision") for the design, engineering and certification of a Boeing 757 "combi" aircraft variant. The Boeing 757 combi variant to be developed by Precision will incorporate 10 full cargo pallet positions along with seating for up to 58 passengers. As of March 31, 2012, one Boeing 757 has completed the modification process for standard freighter configuration while two Boeing 757 were in the combi conversion process. If the Company were to cancel the conversion program as of



March 31, 2012, it would owe Precision approximately \$8 million associated with engineering efforts and conversion part kits which have been ordered.

We estimate that total capital expenditures for 2012 could total \$180 million to \$200 million primarily for aircraft acquisitions and related modification costs involving Boeing 767-300 and Boeing 757 aircraft. Actual capital spending for any future period will be impacted by the progress in the aircraft modification process. We expect to finance the aircraft purchases and modifications from current cash balances, future operating cash flow and the Credit Facility.

### ***Liquidity***

The Company's Credit Facility with a consortium of banks includes a fully drawn term loan of \$150 million and a \$175 million revolving credit facility, of which the Company has drawn \$131 million, net of repayments. The Company intends to make further draws on the revolving loan to fund its fleet expansion plans. The Credit Facility has an additional accordion feature of \$50 million which the Company may draw subject to the lenders' consent. If the Company exercises the accordion feature the same terms and conditions of the Credit Facility would apply to the accordion feature and additional collateral would need to be posted to maintain the 150% collateral coverage requirement. The additional debt may result in higher interest rates. Under the Credit Facility, interest rates are adjusted quarterly based on the prevailing LIBOR or prime rates and a ratio of the Company's outstanding debt level to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization expenses ("EBITDA"). At the Company's current debt-to-EBITDA ratio, the unsubordinated term loan and revolving loan bear a variable interest rate of 2.47% and 2.25%, respectively. Repayments of the term loan are scheduled to begin in June 2012.

The Credit Facility is collateralized by certain of the Company's Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft that are not collateralized under aircraft loans. Under the terms of the Credit Facility, the Company is required to maintain collateral coverage equal to 150% of the outstanding balance of the term loan and the total revolving credit facility. Under the Credit Facility, the Company is subject to covenants and warranties that are usual and customary. The Credit Facility contains covenants including, among other things, limitations on certain additional indebtedness, guarantees of indebtedness, as well as a total debt to EBITDA ratio and a fixed charge coverage ratio. The Credit Facility stipulates events of default including unspecified events that may have a material adverse effect on the Company. If an event of default occurs, the Company may be forced to repay, renegotiate or replace the Credit Facility.

At March 31, 2012, the Company had approximately \$51.7 million of cash balances and \$24.2 million available under the revolving credit facility, net of outstanding letters of credit which totaled \$19.8 million. The Company also expects to have available the \$50 million accordion feature noted above. As specified under the terms of ABX's CMI agreement with DHL, the \$18.6 million balance at March 31, 2012 of the unsecured note payable to DHL will be extinguished ratably without payment through March 31, 2015. We believe that the Company's current cash balances and forecasted cash flows provided from its operating agreements, combined with its Credit Facility, will be sufficient to fund operations, scheduled debt payments, required pension funding and planned capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months.

### ***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

As part of our ongoing business, we do not participate in transactions that generate relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities ("SPEs"), which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As of March 31, 2012 and 2011, we were not involved in any material unconsolidated SPE transactions.

Certain of our operating leases and agreements contain indemnification obligations to the lessor or one or more other parties that are considered usual and customary (e.g. use, tax and environmental indemnifications), the terms of which range in duration and are often limited. Such indemnification obligations may continue after the expiration of the respective lease or agreement. No amounts have been recognized in our financial statements for the underlying fair value of guarantees and indemnifications.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

“Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” as well as certain disclosures included elsewhere in this report, are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to select appropriate accounting policies and make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingencies. In certain cases, there are alternative policies or estimation techniques which could be selected. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our selection of policies and the estimation techniques we use, including those related to revenue recognition, post-retirement liabilities, bad debts, self-insurance reserves, valuation of spare parts inventory, useful lives, salvage values and impairment of property and equipment, income taxes, contingencies and litigation. We base our estimates on historical experience, current conditions and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources, as well as for identifying and assessing our accounting treatment with respect to commitments and contingencies. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe the following significant and critical accounting policies involve the more significant judgments and estimates used in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

### ***Revenue Recognition***

Revenues generated from airline service agreements are typically recognized based on hours flown or the amount of aircraft and crew resources provided during a reporting period. Certain agreements include provisions for incentive payments based upon on-time reliability. These incentives are typically measured on a monthly basis and recorded to revenue in the corresponding month earned. Revenues for operating expenses that are reimbursed through customer agreements, including consumption of aircraft fuel, are generally recognized as the costs are incurred. Revenues from charter service agreements are recognized on scheduled and non-scheduled flights when the specific flight has been completed. Revenues from the sale of aircraft parts are recognized when the parts are delivered. Revenues earned and expenses incurred in providing aircraft-related maintenance, repair or technical services are recognized in the period in which the services are completed and delivered to the customer. Revenues derived from transporting freight and sorting parcels are recognized upon delivery of shipments and completion of services. Aircraft lease revenues are recognized as operating lease revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the applicable lease agreements.

### ***Goodwill and Intangible Assets***

In accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (“FASB ASC”) Topic 350-20 *Intangibles—Goodwill and Other*, we assess in the fourth quarter of each year whether the Company’s goodwill acquired in acquisitions is impaired. Additional assessments may be performed on an interim basis whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate an impairment may have occurred. Indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized but are assessed for impairment annually, or more frequently if impairment indicators occur. Finite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful economic lives and are periodically reviewed for impairment.

### ***Long-lived assets***

Aircraft and other long-lived assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable. Factors which may cause an impairment include termination of aircraft from a customer’s network, extended operating cash flow losses from the assets and management’s decisions regarding the future use of assets. To conduct impairment testing, the Company groups assets and liabilities at the lowest level for which identifiable cash are largely independent of cash flows of other assets and liabilities. For assets that are to be held and used, impairment is recognized when the estimated undiscounted cash flows associated with an asset group is less than the carrying value. If impairment exists, an adjustment is made to write the assets down to fair value, and a loss is recorded as the difference between the carrying value and fair value. Fair values are determined considering quoted market values, discounted cash flows or internal and external appraisals, as applicable.

### ***Depreciation***

Depreciation of property and equipment is provided on a straight-line basis over the lesser of an asset’s useful life or lease term. We periodically evaluate the estimated service lives and residual values used to depreciate our property



and equipment. The acceleration of depreciation expense or the recording of significant impairment losses could result from changes in the estimated useful lives of our assets. We may change the estimated useful lives due to a number of reasons, such as the existence of excess capacity in our air networks, or changes in regulations grounding or limiting the use of aircraft.

### ***Self-Insurance***

We self-insure certain claims related to workers' compensation, aircraft, automobile, general liability and employee healthcare. We record a liability for reported claims and an estimate for incurred claims that have not yet been reported. Accruals for these claims are estimated utilizing historical paid claims data and recent claims trends. Changes in claim severity and frequency could result in actual claims being materially different than the costs provided for in our results of operations. We maintain excess claim coverage with common insurance carriers to mitigate our exposure to large claim losses.

### ***Contingencies***

We are involved in legal matters that have a degree of uncertainty associated with them. We continually assess the likely outcomes of these matters and the adequacy of amounts, if any, provided for these matters. There can be no assurance that the ultimate outcome of these matters will not differ materially from our assessment of them. There also can be no assurance that we know all matters that may be brought against us at any point in time.

### ***Income Taxes***

We account for income taxes under the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 740-10 *Income Taxes*. The objectives of accounting for income taxes are to recognize the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. Judgment is required in assessing the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. Fluctuations in the actual outcome of expected future tax consequences could materially impact the Company's financial position or its results of operations.

The Company has significant deferred tax assets including net operating loss carryforwards ("NOL CFs") for federal income tax purposes which begin to expire in 2024. Based upon projections of taxable income, we determined that it was more likely than not that the NOL CF's will be realized prior to their expiration. Accordingly, we do not have an allowance against these deferred tax assets at this time.

We recognize the impact of a tax position, if that position is more likely than not of being sustained on audit, based on the technical merits of the position.

### ***Post-retirement Obligations***

The Company sponsors qualified defined benefit pension plans for ABX's flight crewmembers and other eligible employees. The Company also sponsors non-qualified, unfunded excess plans that provide benefits to executive management and crewmembers that are in addition to amounts permitted to be paid through our qualified plans under provisions of the tax laws. Employees are no longer accruing benefits under any of the defined benefit pension plans. The Company also sponsors unfunded post-retirement healthcare plans for ABX's flight crewmembers and non-flight crewmember employees.

The accounting and valuation for these post-retirement obligations are determined by prescribed accounting and actuarial methods that consider a number of assumptions and estimates. The selection of appropriate assumptions and estimates is significant due to the long time period over which benefits will be accrued and paid. The long term nature of these benefit payouts increases the sensitivity of certain estimates on our post-retirement costs. In actuarially valuing our pension obligations and determining related expense amounts, assumptions we consider most sensitive are discount rates and expected long term investment returns on plan assets. Other assumptions concerning retirement ages and mortality also affect the valuations. Actual results and future changes in these assumptions could result in future costs that are materially different than those recorded in our annual results of operations.

### ***Discontinued Operations***

In accordance with the guidance of FASB ASC Topic 205-20 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, a business component whose operations are discontinued is reported as discontinued operations if the cash flows of the component

have been eliminated from the ongoing operations of the Company and the Company will no longer have any significant continuing involvement in the business component. The results of discontinued operations are aggregated and presented separately in the consolidated statement of operations. FASB ASC Topic 205-20 requires the reclassification of amounts presented for prior years to reflect their classification as discontinued operations.

#### ***Exit Activities***

We account for the costs associated with exit activities in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 420-10 *Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations*. One-time, involuntary employee termination benefits are generally expensed when the Company communicates the benefit arrangement to the employee that it will no longer require the services of the employee beyond a minimum retention period. Liabilities for contract termination costs associated with exit activities are recognized in the period incurred and measured initially at fair value.

#### ***New Accounting Pronouncements***

In December 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-11, "Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities," ("ASU 2011-11"). ASU 2011-11 enhances disclosures regarding financial instruments and derivative instruments. Entities are required to provide both net information and gross information for these assets and liabilities. This new guidance is to be applied retrospectively beginning in 2013. The Company anticipates that the adoption of this standard will expand its consolidated financial statement footnote disclosures.

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

The Company is exposed to market risk for changes in interest rates and changes in the price of jet fuel. The risk associated with jet fuel, however, is largely mitigated by reimbursement through the agreements with our customers. The Company is exposed to concentration of credit risk primarily through cash deposits, cash equivalents, marketable securities and derivatives.

No significant changes have occurred to the market risks the Company faces since information about those risks were disclosed in item 7A of the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2012.

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

#### **(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of March 31, 2012, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). Based upon the evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports filed or submitted by it under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### **(b) Changes in Internal Controls**

There were no changes in internal control over financial reporting during the most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### ***ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS***

#### **Civil Action Alleging Violations of Immigration Laws**

On December 31, 2008, a former ABX employee filed a complaint against ABX, a total of four current and former executives and managers of ABX, Garcia Labor Company of Ohio, and three former executives of the Garcia Labor companies, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. The case was filed as a putative class action against the defendants, and asserts violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Practices Act (RICO). The complaint, which was later amended to include a second former employee plaintiff, seeks damages in an unspecified amount and alleges that the defendants engaged in a scheme to hire illegal immigrant workers to depress the wages paid to hourly wage employees during the period from December 1999 to January 2005.

The complaint is similar to a prior complaint filed by another former employee in April 2007. The prior complaint was subsequently dismissed without prejudice at the plaintiff's request on November 3, 2008.

On March 18, 2010, the Court issued a decision in response to a motion filed by ABX and the other ABX defendants, dismissing three of the five claims constituting the basis of Plaintiffs' complaint. Thereafter, on October 7, 2010, the Court issued a decision permitting the plaintiffs' to amend their complaint for the purpose of reinstating one of their dismissed claims. On October 26, 2010, ABX and the other ABX defendants filed an answer denying the allegations contained in plaintiffs' second amended complaint.

On December 2, 2011, the parties attended a settlement conference presided over by the Court and agreed to settle this matter. The settlement calls for ABX to pay to the plaintiffs a monetary amount, which management believes to be less than it would have cost for ABX to defend the case at trial. Once the plaintiffs have provided notice to the putative class members of the settlement, the Court will hold a hearing to consider any objections and seek final confirmation of the settlement.

#### **Brussels Noise Ordinance**

The Brussels Instituut voor Milieubeheer ("BIM"), a governmental authority in the Brussels-Capital Region of Belgium that oversees the enforcement of environmental matters, brought an administrative action against ABX alleging numerous violations of an ordinance limiting the noise caused by aircraft overflying the Brussels-Capital Region, which is located near the Brussels Airport. On May 13, 2011, the BIM levied an administrative penalty on ABX in the amount of €0.1 million (approximately \$0.2 million) for numerous alleged violations of the ordinance during the period from May 2009 through November 2009. ABX appealed this matter to the Environmental College in Brussels. However, on October 10, 2011, the Environmental College affirmed the decision of the BIM. On or about December 7, 2011, ABX appealed the decision to the Council of State, which appeal is currently pending.

On November 25, 2011, the BIM levied a second administrative penalty on ABX in the amount of €0.1 million (approximately \$0.2 million) for numerous alleged violations of the ordinance during the period from December 2009 through December 2010. On January 2, 2012, ABX appealed this matter to the Environmental College in Brussels and, in the event the decision of the BIM is affirmed, will appeal the decision to the Council of State.

The ordinance in question is controversial for the reason that it was adopted by the Brussels-Capital Region and is more restrictive than the noise limitations in effect in the Flemish Region, which is where the Brussels Airport is located. The ordinance is the subject of several court cases currently pending in the Belgian courts and numerous airlines have been levied fines thereunder.

#### **Other**

In addition to the foregoing matters, we are also currently a party to legal proceedings, including FAA enforcement actions, in various federal and state jurisdictions arising out of the operation of our business. The amount of alleged liability, if any, from these proceedings cannot be determined with certainty; however, we believe that our ultimate liability, if any, arising from the pending legal proceedings, as well as from asserted legal claims and known potential legal claims which are probable of assertion, taking into account established accruals for estimated liabilities, should not be material to our financial condition or results of operations.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The Company faces risks that could adversely affect its financial condition or results of operations. Many of these risks are disclosed in Item 1A of the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2012. Other risks that are currently unknown to management or are currently considered immaterial or unlikely, could also adversely affect the Company.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

The following exhibits are filed as part of, or are incorporated in, the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

31.1	Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
31.2	Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
32.1	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
32.2	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC.,  
a Delaware Corporation  
Registrant

/S/ JOSEPH C. HETE

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Joseph C. Hete  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 10, 2012

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/S/ QUINT O. TURNER

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Quint O. Turner  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 10, 2012

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Joseph C. Hete, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Air Transport Services 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 officers 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 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 10, 2012

/s/ JOSEPH C. HETE

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Joseph C. Hete  
Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Quint O. Turner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Air Transport Services 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 officers 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 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 10, 2012

/s/ QUINT O. TURNER

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Quint O. Turner

Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Air Transport Services Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending March 31, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Joseph C. Hete, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as enacted by § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (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.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and will be retained by Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

/s/ JOSEPH C. HETE

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Joseph C. Hete  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 10, 2012



**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Air Transport Services Group, Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending March 31, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Quint O. Turner, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as enacted by § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (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.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and will be retained by Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

/s/ QUINT O. TURNER

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Quint O. Turner  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 10, 2012