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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 000-5131

ART'S-WAY MANUFACTURING CO., INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

42-0920725 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5556 Highway 9 Armstrong, Iowa 50514 (Address of principal executive offices)

(712) 864-3131 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common stock \$.01 par value (Title of each class)

NASDAQ Capital Market (Name of each exchange on which registered)

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

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities £ Yes ý No Act.

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incorporation or organization)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. £ Yes ý No

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 ý No o

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

Yes ý No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company ý

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

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter. \$14,159,558

As of February 9, 2012, there were 4,028,852 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Definitive Proxy Statement for the registrant's 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed within 120 days of November 30, 2011, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (Check one): o Yes ý No

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#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements in this report may contain forward-looking statements that reflect our current view on future events, future business, industry and other conditions, our future performance, and our plans and expectations for future operations and actions. In some cases you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "may," "should," "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "plan," "future," "intend," "could," "estimate," "predict," "hope," "potent negative of these terms or other similar expressions. Our forward-looking statements in this report relate to the following: our intent to focus our Modular Building segment's product offerings on research facilities in primary market sectors; our intent to grow our augers product line; our intent to strengthen our international presence; our expectations regarding fluctuations in backlogs; our beliefs regarding competitive factors and our competitive strengths; our expectations regarding sales, future production levels, delivery capabilities, and demand; our beliefs about the importance of intellectual property; our predictions regarding the impact of seasonality; our beliefs regarding the impact of the farming industry on our business; our expectation that continued participation of Miller Pro dealers will foster product recognition and acceptance; our beliefs about our working capital, cash position and ability to obtain or renew financing; our expectations regarding improvements to our facilities; and our intentions for paying dividends. Many of these forward-looking statements are located in this report under "Item 1. BUSINESS;" "Item 2. PROPERTIES" and "Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS," but they may appear in other sections as well.

You should read this report thoroughly with the understanding that our actual results may differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements for many reasons, including events beyond our control and assumptions that prove to be inaccurate or unfounded. We cannot provide any assurance with respect to our future performance or results. Our actual results or actions could and likely will differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements for many reasons, including the reasons described in this report. These factors include, but are not limited to: economic conditions that affect demand for our products; our ability to maintain compliance with our loan covenants, renew our line of credit and retain sufficient cash; the ability of our suppliers to meet our demands for raw materials and component parts; fluctuations in the price of raw materials, especially steel; our ability to predict and meet the demands of each market in which our segments operate; our ability to predict and respond to any seasonal fluctuations in demand; our ability to maintain intellectual property rights; the existence and outcome of product liability claims and other ordinary course litigation; changes in environmental, health and safety regulations and employment laws; our ability to retain our executive officers; the cost of complying with laws, regulations, and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure, including Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related regulations implemented by the SEC, and the demand such compliance places on management's time; and loan covenant restrictions on our ability to pay dividends. We do not intend to update the forward-looking statements contained in this report. We cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. We caution you not to put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. You should read this report and the documents that we reference in this report and have filed as exhibits completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we currently expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

PART I

Item 1. BUSINESS.

General

Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc., a Delaware corporation ("we," "us," "our," and the "Company"), began operations as farm equipment manufacturer in 1956. Since that time, we have become a worldwide manufacturer of agricultural

equipment, specialized modular science buildings and pressurized steel vessels. Our principal manufacturing plant is located in Armstrong, Iowa.

We have organized our business into three operating segments. Management separately evaluates the financial results of each segment because each is a strategic business unit offering different products and requiring different technology and marketing strategies. Art's-Way Manufacturing manufactures farm equipment under our own and private labels. Art's-Way Manufacturing has two wholly-owned operating subsidiaries. Art's-Way Vessels manufactures pressure vessels and Art's-Way Scientific manufactures modular buildings for various uses, commonly animal containment and research laboratories. For detailed financial information relating to segment reporting, see Note 16 to our financial statements in Item 8 of this report.

## **Business of Our Segments**

#### Business of Art's-Way Manufacturing

Art's-Way Manufacturing (our "Agricultural Products" segment), which accounted for 81.9% of our net revenue in the 2011 fiscal year, manufactures a variety of specialized farm machinery under our own label, including: portable and stationary animal feed processing equipment and related attachments used to mill and mix feed grains into custom animal feed rations; a crop production line that includes grain drill equipment; a line of hay and forage equipment consisting of forage boxes, blowers, running gear, dump boxes and mergers; stalk shredders; a line of portable grain augers; a line of manure spreaders; sugar beet harvesting equipment; a line of land maintenance equipment; moldboard plows, and potato harvesters. We sell our labeled products through independent farm equipment dealers throughout the United States. In addition, we manufacture and supply silage blowers under an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) agreement with Case New Holland (CNH). Sales under our OEM agreement with CNH accounted for 2% of our consolidated sales for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011. We also provide after-market service parts that are available to keep our branded and OEM produced equipment operating to the satisfaction of the end user of our products.

## Business of Art's-Way Vessels

Art's-Way Vessels, Inc. ("Art's-Way Vessels" or our "Pressurized Vessels" segment), which accounted for 6.5% of our net revenue in the 2011 fiscal year, is an Iowa corporation with its principal place of business located in Dubuque, Iowa. Art's-Way Vessels produces and sells pressurized vessels, both American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) code and non-code. Art's-Way Vessels provides a combination of services as a manufacturer and supplier of steel vessels and steel containment systems. We build in carbon steel and stainless steel, ranging from atmospheric (0 PSI) storage vessels up to any PSI pressure rating required. We provide vessels ranging in size from 4 inches to 168 inches in diameter and in various lengths as our customers require. The vessels are primarily sold to manufacturing facilities that will use the vessel as a component part of their end product. We primarily serve the following industries: water treatment; air receivers; refineries; co-generation; chemical; petrochemical; storage tanks; agriculture; marine; refrigeration; hydro pneumatic; heavy equipment; pharmaceuticals and mining. In addition to our role as a fabricator of vessels, we provide services including: custom CAD drawing; welding; interior linings and exterior finishing; passivation of stainless steel; hydrostatic and pneumatic testing; design, build and finishing of skids; installation of piping; non-destructive examination and heat treating.

## Business of Art's-Way Scientific

Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. ("Art's-Way Scientific" or our "Modular Buildings" segment), which accounted for 11.6% of our net revenue in the 2011 fiscal year, is an Iowa corporation with its principal place of business in Monona, Iowa. Art's-Way Scientific produces and sells modular buildings, which are custom designed to meet the specific research needs of our customers. The buildings we commonly produce range from basic swine buildings to complex containment research laboratories. We plan to continue our focus on providing research facilities for academic research institutions, government research and diagnostic centers, public health institutions and private research and pharmaceutical companies, as those are our primary market sectors. Art's-Way Scientific provides services from start to finish by designing, manufacturing, delivering, installing or renting the building units.

**Our Principal Products** 

Art's-Way Manufacturing

From its beginnings as a producer of portable grinder mixers, our Agricultural Products segment has grown through developing several new products and with our acquisitions. In 2011, we manufactured the Megatater potato harvesting equipment in our Armstrong, Iowa facility, which have not been built for several years. Today, our Agricultural Products segment manufactures a wide array of products relating to feed processing, crop production, augers, spreaders, hay and forage, tillage and land management, potato harvesting, and sugar beet harvesting equipment. We primarily manufacture products under the Art's-Way, Miller Pro, Roda, M&W, and Badger brand names. Our Agricultural Products segment also maintains a small volume of OEM work for the industry's leading manufacturers.

Grinder mixer line. The grinder mixer line represents our original product line. Our founder, Arthur Luscombe, designed the original PTO powered grinder-mixer prior to the Company's inception. Grinder mixers are used to grind grain and mix in proteins for animal feed. They have several agricultural applications, and are commonly used in livestock operations. Our grinder mixers have wide swing radiuses to allow users to reposition the discharge tube from one side of the tank to the other in one step. Our 5105 grinder mixer offers a 105-bushel tank with a 20-inch hammermill. Our Cattle Maxx rollermill mixer products offer consistent feed grain rations for beef and dairy operations and are available in 105-bushel and 165-bushel capacities.

Stationary feed grain processing line. We offer stationary hammermills and rollermills. Harvesting leaves various amounts of extraneous materials that must be removed through processing the seeds. Hammermills are aggressive pre-cleaners that are designed to remove appendages, awns and other chaff from seeds by vigorously scraping the seed over and through the screen. The screen has holes that are big enough to let the seed pass through undamaged, but are small enough to catch and remove the appendages. Our rollermills roll the feed grain to minimize dust, and they fracture the outside hull to release the digestive juices more rapidly. Rolling feed provides more palatable and digestible feed for use in animal feeding operations.

Crop production line. Our no-till drills are farm implements designed to plant seed and spread fertilizer in one operation and are generally used by farmers to plant or improve their pastures. Art's-Way shredders assure maximum crop shredding and destroy insect habitats. The shredded crop material allows for faster decomposition and restores nutrients to the soil more quickly while providing ground cover to reduce wind and water erosion.

Land management line. Land planes are used to ensure even distribution of rainfall or irrigation by eliminating water pockets, furrows and implement scars in fields. Our land planes have a patented Art's-Way floating hitch design. We offer pull-type graders to help our customers perform many tasks such as maintaining terraces and waterways, leveling ground, cleaning ditches and removing snow. The pull-type graders follow close to the back of a tractor for leveling uneven areas or for turning in smaller spaces.

Moldboard plow line. The Art's-Way moldboard plows offer conservation tillage choices to match each customer's preference. Our moldboard plows are designed to slice and invert the soil to leave a rough surface exposed, and they are primarily used on clean-tilled cropland with high amounts of crop residue.

Potato harvesting line. The Art's-Way Megatater potato harvesters are designed with our customers' crops in mind. The Megatater gently handles the potatoes for less bruising and more production. A simplified, no-belts direct-drive design has fewer moving parts for troublefree operation.

Sugar beet harvesting line. Our sugar beet defoliators and harvesters are innovative products in the industry due to our focus on continuous improvement, both in reaction to customer requests and in anticipation of our customers' needs. Our machines can harvest six, eight, or twelve rows at one time, and we were the first manufacturer to introduce a larger, 12-row harvester. Our sugar beet defoliators cut and remove the leaves of the sugar beets without damaging them, and the leaf particles are then incorporated back into the soil.

Hay and forage line. We offer highly productive hay and forage tools for the full range of producers. This product line includes high capacity forage boxes for transporting hay from the field with optional running gear to provide superior stability and tracking. High velocity, high volume forage blowers are able to fill the tallest silos with lower power requirements. Cam action rotary rakes and power mergers will gently lift the crop, carry it to the windrow and release it, saving more leaves and forming a faster drying, fluffier windrow. High performance V-style and carted finger wheel rakes offer growers value and include such features as large capacity and high clearance with ease of adjustment and operation. The M&W balers are ideal for the dairy and equine segments that serve niche markets in the East North Central and the East South Central regions of the United States. The primary use of these balers is

efficiently turning grass, alfalfa, clover, corn stalks, silage, peanut and straw hay into storable bales to save space and extend the life of these harvested feed sources.

Augers line. Our portable grain augers, which were originially manufactured in Salem, South Dakota, are now produced at our West Union manufacturing plant as of July 2011. Models are available painted white or hot dipped galvanized. Rolling Hopper Augers are constructed from 12 gauge tube and ¼" flighting. These augers feature an internal drive with externally mounted gear boxes for proper venting and easier maintenance. Driveline augers are also available with either power take-off unit (PTO) or electric drive. These heavy-duty augers have a reversible gear box which permits PTO operation from either side. We intend to continue to add models to this product line.

Manure Spreaders. In 2010, we entered the manure-handling equipment industry with the acquisition of a line of manure spreaders from Roda Manufacturing, Inc. Roda is a well-known name with a rich tradition in the West North Central Region of the United States with the origin of the spreaders dating back to the 1950s. We offer vertical and horizontal beaters and rear discharge manure spreaders in both truck-mount and pull-type configurations. Our products are ideal for spreading livestock manure, compost and lime. These spreaders boast a heavy-duty and rugged design with one of the best spread patterns in the industry, allowing for efficient and consistent nutrient and land management.

## Art's-Way Vessels

We build vessels in carbon steel and stainless steel, ranging from atmospheric (0 PSI) storage vessels up to any PSI pressure rating required. Sizes range from 4" to 168" diameter and larger and to any length of vessel the customer requires.

## Art's-Way Scientific

We supply laboratories for bio-containment, animal science, public health, and security requirements. We custom design, manufacture, deliver, and install laboratories and research facilities to meet customers' critical requirements. In addition, we began leasing buildings to customers in 2010 in response to a number of customer requests for temporary facilities.

#### Product Distribution and Markets

We distribute goods for our Agricultural Products segment primarily through a network of approximately 1,800 U.S. and Canadian independent dealers whose customers require specialized agricultural machinery. We have sales representation in 47 states and seven Canadian provinces; however, many dealers sell only service parts for our products. Our dealers sell our products to various agricultural and commercial customers. We also maintain a local sales force in our Armstrong, Iowa facility to provide oversight services for our distribution network, communicate with end users, and recruit and train dealers on the uses of our products. Our local service parts staff is available to help customers and dealers with their service parts needs. Our Pressurized Vessels and Modular Building segments traditionally sell products customized to the end-users' requirements directly to the end-users.

We currently export products to six foreign countries. We have been shipping grinder mixers abroad since 2006, and have exported portable rollermills as well. We look forward to strengthening these relationships and developing new international markets as well.

Backlog. Our backlogs of orders vary on a daily basis. As of February 14, 2012, Art's-Way Vessels had approximately \$395,000 of backlog, Art's-Way Scientific had approximately \$7,092,000 of backlog and Art's-Way Manufacturing had a gross backlog of approximately \$13,602,000. Because we expect that our order backlogs will continue to fluctuate as orders are received, filled, or cancelled, and due to dealer discount arrangements we may enter into from time to time, these figures are not necessarily indicative of future revenue.

#### **Recent Product Developments**

During 2011, development in our Agricultural Products segment consisted of a newly designed beet harvester. We produced a proto-type 6812 S.B. Harvester during the fourth quarter of 2011. Updates to the beet harvester include a larger width ferris wheel to match the capacity and cleaning capabilities of the unit. In addition, we tested a self leveling design to maintain an even digging depth of the sugar beets. We have incorporated these designs into our 2012 production of the 6812B beet harvester.

Our Pressurized Vessels and Modular Building segments complete projects based on customer specifications, so we did not engage in significant product developments for these segments during 2011.

## Competition

In addition to the competitive strengths of each of our segments described below, we believe our diversified revenue base helps to provide protection against competitive factors in any one industry. Our Pressurized Vessels and Modular Buildings segments provide us with diversified revenues rather than solely relying on the agricultural machinery sector. We are also diversified on the basis of our sales presence and customer base.

## Art's-Way Manufacturing

Our Agricultural Products segment competes in a highly competitive agricultural equipment industry. We compete with larger manufacturers and suppliers that have broader product offerings and significant resources at their disposal; however, we believe that our competitive strengths allow us to compete effectively in our market.

Management believes that grain and livestock producers, as well as those who provide services to grain and livestock operations, are the primary purchasers of agricultural equipment. Many factors influence a buyer's choice for agricultural equipment. Any one or all factors may be determinative, but they include brand loyalty, the relationship with dealers, product quality and performance, product innovation, product availability, parts and warranty programs, price and customer service.

While our larger competitors may have resources greater than ours, we believe we compete effectively in the farm equipment industry by serving smaller markets in specific product areas rather than directly competing with larger competitors across an extensive range of products. Art's-Way Manufacturing caters to niche markets in the agricultural industry. We do not have a direct competitor that has the same product offerings that we do. Instead, each of our product lines competes with similar products of many other manufacturers. Some of our product lines face greater competition than others, but we believe that our products are competitively priced with greater diversity than most competitor product lines. Other companies produce feed processing equipment, sugar beet harvesting and defoliating equipment, grinders, shredders and other products similar to ours; therefore, we focus on providing the best product available at a reasonable price. Overall, we believe our products are competitively priced with above average quality and performance, in a market where price, product performance and quality are principal elements.

In addition, in order to capitalize on brand recognition for our Agricultural Products segment, we have numerous product lines produced under our labels and private labels, and have made strategic acquisitions to strengthen our dealer base. We also provide aftermarket service parts which are available to keep our branded and OEM-produced equipment operating to the satisfaction of the customer. Art's-Way Manufacturing sells products to customers in the United States and six foreign countries through a network of approximately 1,800 independent dealers in the United States and Canada, as well as overseas dealers in the United Kingdom and Australia.

We believe that our competitive pricing, product quality and performance, a network of worldwide and domestic distributors and our strong market share for many of our products allow us to compete effectively in the agricultural products market.

#### Art's-Way Vessels

Competition in the pressurized vessel industry is intense. It is critical in this business to deliver a quality product on a timely basis. We believe that Art's-Way Vessels has room for improvements from a delivery standpoint. We have narrowed the scope of products that it will produce, which we expect will help us to better control production schedules. We believe Art's-Way Vessels has the ability and the capacity to increase sales.

We believe the main competitive strength of our Pressurized Vessels segment is our ability to provide products and services under one entity. Often, the services provided by Art's-Way Vessels are handled by two or more of our competing suppliers. We have the ability to fabricate pressurized vessels to our customers' specifications, and we also provide a variety of services before and after installation. Our high quality products and services save our customers time in an industry where time and quality are of utmost importance.

#### Art's-Way Scientific

We expect continued competition from Art's-Way Scientific's existing competitors as well as competition from new entrants into the modular building market. To some extent, we believe barriers to entry in the modular building industry limit the competition we face in the industry. Barriers to entry in the market consist primarily of access to capital, access to a qualified labor pool, and the bidding process that accompanies many jobs in the health and education markets. Despite these barriers, manufacturers who have a skilled work force and adequate production facilities could adapt their manufacturing facilities to produce modular structures.

We believe the competitive strength of our Modular Buildings segment is our ability to design and produce high-tech modular buildings more quickly thanconventional design/build firms. Conventional design/build construction may take two to five years, while our modular laboratories can be delivered in as little as six months. As one of the few companies in the industry to supply turnkey modular buildings and laboratories, we believe we provide high quality buildings at reasonable prices that meet our customers' time, flexibility and security expectations.

#### Raw Materials, Principal Suppliers and Customers

Raw materials for Art's-Way Manufacturing, Art's-Way Vessels and Art's-Way Scientific are acquired from domestic and foreign sources and normally are readily available. Currently, we purchase the lifter wheels used to manufacture our sugar beet harvesters from a supplier located in China. We also purchase rake tines and gearboxes from a supplier in Italy. However, these suppliers are not principal suppliers and there are alternative sources for these materials.

We have an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) supplier agreement with Case New Holland (CNH) for our Agricultural Products segment. Under the OEM agreement, we have agreed to supply CNH's requirements for certain feed processing and service parts, primarily blowers, under CNH's label. The agreement has no minimum requirements and can be cancelled upon certain conditions. The initial term of the agreement with CNH ran through September 2006, but the agreement continues in force until terminated or cancelled. We have not terminated or cancelled the agreement as of November 30, 2011. For the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, sales under the CNH label aggregated approximately 2% and 2% of consolidated sales, respectively.

## Intellectual Property

We maintain manufacturing rights on several products, including those purchased from Miller-St. Nazianz in 2007, which cover unique aspects of design. We also have trademarks covering product identification. We believe our trademarks and licenses help us to retain existing business and secure new relationships with customers. We currently have no pending applications for intellectual property rights.

We pay royalties for our use of certain manufacturing rights. Under our OEM and royalty agreement with CNH, CNH sold us the license to manufacture, sell and distribute certain plow products designed by CNH and their replacement and component parts. We pay semi-annual royalty payments based on the invoiced price of each licensed product and service part we sell. Under our royalty agreement with Roda, we pay annual royalty payments based on the invoiced price for each product and service part we sell. Our royalty agreement with M&W requires us to pay royalties on a quarterly basis.

#### Research and Development Activities

Art's-Way Manufacturing is continually engaged in research and development activities to improve and enhance our existing products. We perform research and development activities internally, and the cost of our research and development activities is not borne by our customers. Our research and development expenses are cyclical; they may be high in one year, but would tend to be lower the next, with an increase in production expenses as our new ideas are manufactured. Research and development expenses during our 2011 fiscal year accounted for \$175,000 of our total consolidated engineering expenses, compared to \$188,000 during our 2010 fiscal year. For more information please see "Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS."

Art's-Way Vessels produces custom tanks and vessels that are manufactured in accordance with specifications provided by our customers. Similarly, Art's-Way Scientific designs modular buildings in accordance with customer specifications. Art's-Way Vessels did not incur any research and development costs in 2011. Art's-Way Scientific did not incur any research and development costs in 2011.

## Government Relationships and Regulations; Environmental Compliance

Art's-Way Scientific must design, manufacture and install its modular buildings in accordance with state building codes, and the company has been able to achieve the code standards in all instances. In addition, we are subject to

various federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to environmental protection and the discharge of materials into the environment.

## **Employees**

As of November 30, 2011, we employed approximately one-hundred twenty-six employees at Art's-Way Manufacturing, four of whom were employed on a part-time basis. As of the same date, we had approximately seventeen full-time employees at Art's-Way Vessels. In addition, Art's-Way Scientific employed approximately seventeen employees, one of whom worked on a part-time basis. We experience immaterial fluctuations in employee levels based upon demand for our product lines, and the numbers provided above do not necessarily represent our peak employment during our 2011 fiscal year. See "Item 2. PROPERTIES."

## Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

As a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide disclosure pursuant to this item.

## Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

As a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide disclosure pursuant to this item.

#### Item 2. PROPERTIES.

Our executive offices, production and warehousing facilities are located in Armstrong, Iowa. These facilities were constructed after 1965 and remain in fair condition. The facilities in Armstrong contain approximately 249,000 square feet of usable space, which includes a 9,200 square foot addition built in fiscal 2009. During fiscal year 2008, we installed approximately 40,100 square feet of raised steel roofing at a cost of \$300,000. During fiscal year 2010, we updated and remodeled the roof over the 15,000 square feet of office area at a cost of \$146,000. We plan to complete the reroofing project over the next several years. In addition, we own approximately 127 acres of land west of Armstrong, on which the factory and inventory storage space is situated. We currently lease excess land to third parties for farming.

To better utilize our production facilities, our auger production was moved from our Salem, South Dakota to our West Union, Iowa production facility in July 2011. The Salem, South Dakota facility is now listed for sale.

We purchased an office, production and warehousing facility located in West Union, Iowa on approximately 29 acres in fiscal 2010. The property is in good condition and contains approximately 190,000 square feet of usable space.

We completed construction on a new facility for Art's-Way Vessels in Dubuque, Iowa as of February 2008. The facility is 34,450 square feet, steel-framed, with a crane that runs the length of the building. A paint booth and a blast booth were installed in the first quarter of 2009. The facility provides the capacity needed to increase production. We expect that production levels will continue to increase in the future.

We completed construction in November 2007 of our facility in Monona, Iowa, which houses the manufacturing for Art's-Way Scientific. The previous facility was completely destroyed by fire in January 2007. The facility was custom-designed to meet our production needs. It has approximately 50,000 square feet and accommodates a sprinkler system and crane.

All of our real property is subject to mortgages granted to West Bank as security for our long-term debt. See "Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – Capital Resources and Credit Facilities" for more information.

#### Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

From time to time in the ordinary course of business, we may be named as a defendant in legal proceedings related to various issues, including without limitation, workers' compensation claims, tort claims, or contractual disputes. We are not currently involved in any material legal proceedings, directly or indirectly, and we are not aware of any claims pending or threatened against us or any of the directors that could result in the commencement of material legal proceedings.

Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

#### **PART II**

Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

#### **Market Information**

Our common stock trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market® under the symbol "ARTW." The ranges of high and low sales prices for each quarter, as reported by NASDAQ, are shown below.

	Common Stock High and Low Sales Prices Per Share by Quarter Fiscal Year Ended November 30, Fiscal Year Ended November 30,					
	20	11	2010			
	High	Low	High	Low		
First Quarter	\$15.95	\$9.11	\$4.74	\$3.54		
Second Quarter	\$11.34	\$7.20	\$7.12	\$4.71		
Third Quarter	\$9.33	\$4.80	\$6.18	\$4.76		
Fourth Quarter	\$7.07	\$5.02	\$11.42	\$5.72		

#### Stockholders

We have one class of \$0.01 par value common stock. As of November 30, 2011, we had 98 stockholders of record. As of February 9, 2012, we had 100 stockholders of record.

#### Dividends

On November 8, 2011, we announced a dividend of \$0.06 per share that was paid on November 30, 2011 to stockholders of record as of November 11, 2011. On November 9, 2010 we announced a dividend of \$0.06 per share that was paid on November 30, 2010 to stockholders of record as of November 10, 2010. We expect that the payment of and the amount of any future dividends will depend on our financial condition at that time.

Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

None.

Purchases of Equity Securities by the Company

None.

**Equity Compensation Plans** 

For information on our equity compensation plans, refer to Item 12, "SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS."

#### Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

As a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide disclosure pursuant to this item.

Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

This report contains forward-looking statements that involve significant risks and uncertainties. The following discussion, which focuses on our results of operations, contains forward-looking information and statements. Actual events or results may differ materially from those indicated or anticipated, as discussed in the section entitled "Forward Looking Statements." The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should also be read in conjunction with our financial statements and notes to financial statements contained in Item 8 of this report.

#### **Financial Position**

We believe that our consolidated balance sheet indicates a strong financial position. During fiscal year 2011, we decreased our current liabilities by 25.8%, and long-term liabilities by 6.6% for a total decrease of approximately \$2,063,000. We paid down \$695,000 on our line of credit and \$612,000 on notes payable. Total current assets decreased by approximately 6.8% or \$1,235,000. Cash from operations was used to pay down liabilities and debt during the fiscal year 2011. We expect these actions will continue to free up future cash for equipment investments, acquisitions, or additional debt pay down. We believe our working capital is strong as we move into 2012, because we have obtained prepayments for a portion of our equipment sales and we have availability on our operating line of credit.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to our Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Item 8 of this report, which were prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Critical accounting policies are those that we believe are both important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results and require our most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain.

We believe that the following discussion represents our more critical accounting policies and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements, although it is not inclusive.

#### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, and cost is determined using the standard costing method. Management monitors the carrying value of inventories using inventory control and review processes that include, but are not limited to, sales forecast review, inventory status reports, and inventory reduction programs. We record inventory write downs to market based on expected usage information for raw materials and historical selling trends for finished goods. If the assumptions made by management do not occur, we may need to record additional write downs.

## **Income Taxes**

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating losses. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is entirely dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversals of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment.

## Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when risk of ownership and title pass to the buyer, generally upon the shipment of the product. All sales are made to authorized dealers whose application for dealer status has been approved and who have been informed of general sales policies. Any changes in Company terms are documented in the most recently published

price lists. Pricing is fixed and determinable according to the Company's published equipment and parts price lists. Title to all equipment and parts sold shall pass to the buyer upon delivery to the carrier and is not subject to a customer acceptance provision. Proof of the passing of title is documented by the signing of the delivery receipt by a representative of the carrier. Post shipment obligations are limited to any claim with respect to the condition of the equipment or parts. A provision for warranty expenses, based on sales volume, is included in the financial statements. Our returns policy allows for new and saleable parts to be returned, subject to inspection and a restocking charge which is included in net sales. Whole goods are not returnable. Shipping costs charged to customers are included in net sales. Freight costs incurred are included in cost of goods sold.

In certain circumstances, upon the customer's written request, we may recognize revenue when production is complete and the good is ready for shipment. At the buyer's request, we will bill the buyer upon completing all performance obligations, but before shipment. The buyer dictates that we ship the goods per their direction from our manufacturing facility, as is customary with this type of agreement, in order to minimize shipping costs. The written agreement with the customer specifies that the goods will be delivered on a schedule to be determined by the customer, with a final specified delivery date, and that we will segregate the goods from our inventory, such that they are not available to fill other orders. This agreement also specifies that the buyer is required to purchase all goods manufactured under this agreement. Title of the goods will pass to the buyer when the goods are complete and ready for shipment, per the customer agreement. At the transfer of title, all risks of ownership have passed to the buyer, and the buyer agrees to maintain insurance on the manufactured items that have not yet been shipped. We have operated using bill and hold agreements with certain customers for many years, with consistent satisfactory results for both buyer and seller. The credit terms on this agreement are consistent with the credit terms on all other sales. All risks of loss are shouldered by the buyer, and there are no exceptions to the buyer's commitment to accept and pay for these manufactured goods. Revenues recognized at the completion of production in 2011 and 2010 were \$532,200 and \$593,600, respectively.

Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. is in the construction industry, and, as such, accounts for long-term contracts on the percentage-of-completion method. Revenue and gross profit are recognized as work is performed based on the relationship between actual costs incurred and total estimated costs at completion. Contract losses are recognized when current estimates of total contract revenue and contract cost indicate a loss. Estimated contract costs include any and all costs appropriately allocable to the contract. The provision for these contract losses will be the excess of estimated contract costs over estimated contract revenues.

Costs and profit in excess of amounts billed are classified as current assets and billings in excess of cost and profit are classified as current liabilities.

## **Stock-Based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation expense reflects the fair value of stock-based awards measured at the grant date and recognized over the relevant vesting period. We estimate the fair value of each stock-based award on the measurement date using the Black-Scholes option valuation model which incorporates assumptions as to stock price volatility, the expected life of the options, risk-free interest rate and dividend yield.

## Results of Operations

Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2010

Our consolidated net sales totaled \$27,620,000 for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, which represents a 4.6% decrease from our consolidated net sales of \$28,951,000 in 2010. Our consolidated gross profit increased from 23.5% in 2010 to 25.3% in 2011, or from \$6,809,000 to \$7,007,000, respectively. Our consolidated expenses increased by 3.3%, from \$4,914,000 in 2010 to \$5,077,000 in 2011. Because the majority of our corporate general and administrative expenses are borne by Art's-Way Manufacturing, that entity represented \$4,052,000 of our total consolidated operating expenses, while Art's-Way Vessels and Art's-Way Scientific represented \$336,000 and \$689,000 of the total, respectively. Art's-Way Manufacturing provided operating income of \$2,428,000 in 2011. Art's-Way Scientific and Art's-Way Vessels had operating losses of \$(50,000) and \$(448,000), respectively. Our effective tax rate for the years ending November 30, 2011 and 2010 were 21.0% and 32.4%, respectively, a decrease of 11.4%. The 11.4% decrease was due to taking advantage of additional tax deductions and credits for our fiscal year 2010 tax filings, which were filed during fiscal year 2011.

Art's-Way Manufacturing. Art's-Way Manufacturing's sales revenue for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 was \$22,614,000, compared to \$20,586,000 during the same period of 2010, an increase of \$2,028,000, or 9.9%. The increase in sales was due to sales increases in grinder, land maintenance, and potato harvester equipment. Service part sales increased by 8.8% from 2010. The sales increases were offset by decreased sales in beet harvester equipment, which had a 20.7% decrease from 2010, and auger equipment, which had a 41.0% decrease from 2010. Gross profit for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 was 28.7%, compared to 28.0% for the same period in 2010. This increase in margin was due to changes in product mix.

Art's-Way Manufacturing's operating expenses for fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 were \$4,052,000, compared to \$3,798,000 for the same period in 2010, an increase of \$254,000 or 6.7%. Art's-Way Manufacturing's operating expenses for fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 were 17.9% of sales, compared to 18.4% of sales for the same period in 2010. The decrease in operating expenses are due to economies of scale attained based on the product mix sold during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011. Total income from operations for Art's-Way Manufacturing during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 was \$2,428,000, compared to \$1,961,000 for the same period in 2010, an increase of \$467,000 or 23.8%.

Art's-Way Vessels. Art's-Way Vessels' net sales for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 were \$1,797,000, compared to \$1,534,000 for the same period in 2010, an increase of \$263,000, or 17.1%. During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011, we hired a plant manager who has been focusing on production improvements and shop management. The former plant general manager has transitioned to the director of sales and this in turn has started to improve sales. However, even with higher sales, our production levels were not sufficient to absorb our fixed overhead costs; consequently this segment continued to experience negative gross margins in fiscal 2011.

Art's-Way Scientific. Art's-Way Scientific's net sales for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 were \$3,209,000, compared to \$6,831,000 for the same period in 2010, a decrease of \$3,622,000 or 53.0%. We believe that the decrease in sales was due to the lingering economic downturn. We saw improvement in this segment's sales activity and backlog during late 2011 and we anticipate that sales will improve during the 2012 fiscal year. Gross profit for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 was \$639,000 compared to \$1,236,000 during the same period of 2010, a decrease of \$597,000 or 48.3%. Operating expenses for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 were \$689,000 compared to \$684,000 for the same period in 2010, an increase of \$5,000 or 0.7%. Income from operations for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2011 was an operating loss of \$(50,000) compared to net operating income of \$552,000 for the same period in 2010, a decrease of \$602,000.

#### Trends and Uncertainties

We are subject to a number of trends and uncertainties that may affect our short-term or long-term liquidity, sales revenues and operations. Similar to other farm equipment manufacturers, we are affected by items unique to the farm industry, including fluctuations in farm income resulting from the change in commodity prices, crop damage caused by weather and insects, government farm programs, interest rate fluctuations, and other unpredictable variables. Management believes that our business is dependent on the farming industry for the bulk of our sales revenues. As such, our business tends to reap the benefits of increases in farm net income, as farmers tend to purchase equipment in lucrative times and forgo purchases in less profitable years. Direct government payments are declining and costs of agricultural production are increasing; therefore, we anticipate that further increases in the value of production will benefit our business, while any future decreases in the value of production will decrease farm net income and may harm our financial results.

As with other farm equipment manufacturers, we depend on our network of dealers to influence customers' decisions, and dealer influence is often more persuasive than a manufacturer's reputation or the price of the product.

## Seasonality

Sales of our agricultural products are seasonal; however, we have tried to decrease this impact of seasonality through the development of beet harvesting machinery coupled with private labeled products, as the peak periods for these different products occur at different times.

We believe that our pressurized vessel sales are not seasonal. Our modular building sales are somewhat seasonal, and we believe that this is due to the budgeting and funding cycles of the universities that commonly purchase our modular buildings. We believe that this cycle can be offset by building backlogs of inventory and through increased sales to other public and private sectors.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our main source of funds during fiscal 2011 was cash from operating activities, which totaled \$2,368,000 as of November 30, 2011. Approximately \$463,000 of cash provided by operations resulted from the reduction of accounts

receivable, and \$547,000 resulted from the reduction of inventories. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities decreased by \$906,000. Art's Way used \$1,092,000 of cash to update facilities, equipment, and invest in assets for leases. Art's Way also used \$1,474,000 in cash to pay down the line of credit, notes payable, and to pay dividends to its shareholders.

We have a \$6,000,000 revolving line of credit with West Bank, pursuant to which we had borrowed \$1,389,000 and \$2,084,000 as of November 30, 2011 and November 30, 2010, respectively. In addition, we have three term loans from West Bank, which had outstanding principal balances of \$2,804,000, \$1,102,000, and \$1,254,000 as of November 30, 2011. We have also received funds pursuant to three promissory notes from the Iowa Department of Economic Development. These notes had outstanding principal balances of \$70,000, \$25,000, and \$49,000 as of November 30, 2011. We have obtained two loans relating to our production facility in West Union, Iowa. The Iowa Finance Authority loan balance was \$1,143,000 as of November 30, 2011. The interest-free loan from the West Union Community Development Corporation had a balance of \$9,000 as of November 30, 2011.

Our loans require us to comply with various covenants, including maintaining certain financial ratios and obtaining prior written consent from West Bank for any investment in, acquisition of, or guaranty relating to another business or entity. We were in compliance with all covenants as of November 30, 2011.

For additional information about our financing activities, please refer to Note 8 to the audited consolidated financial statements contained in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The following table represents our working capital and current ratio for the past two fiscal years:

		Fiscal Year Ended					
	November 30, November 30						
	2011			2010			
Current Assets	\$	16,695,555	\$	17,930,056			
Current Liabilities		4,570,473		6,166,355			
Working Capital	\$	12,125,082	\$	11,763,701			
Current Ratio		3.65		2.91			

We believe that our current financing arrangements provide sufficient cash to finance operations for the next 12 months. We expect to continue to rely on cash from financing activities to supplement our cash flows from operations in order to meet our liquidity and capital expenditure needs in the near future. We expect to continue to be able to procure financing upon reasonable terms.

## Contractual Obligations Table

	Payments due by period									
Contractual										More
Obligations			L	ess than 1					Т	Than 5
J		Total		year		1-3 years	3	3-5 years		years
Long-Term Debt				•		Ť		·		
Obligations	\$	6,456,122	\$	712,962	\$	4,960,662	\$	782,498	\$	-
Capital Lease										
Obligations		-		-		-		-		-
Operationg Lease										
Obligations		-		-		-		-		-
Purchase										
Obligations		-		-		-		-		-
Other Long-Term										
Liabilities		-		-		-		-		-
Total	s \$	6,456,122	\$	712,962	\$	4,960,662	\$	782,498	\$	-

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

None.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

As a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide disclosure pursuant to this item.

#### Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. Armstrong, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries as of November 30, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc.'s management is responsible for these financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries as of November 30, 2011 and 2010, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Eide Bailly LLP

Fargo, North Dakota February 24, 2012

# ART'S-WAY MANUFACTURING CO., INC. Consolidated Balance Sheets

Assets	November 30, 2011	1	November 30, 2010
Current assets:			
Cash	\$ 118,924	\$	317,103
Accounts receivable-customers, net of allowance for doubtful accounts			
of \$49,583 and \$114,834			
in 2011 and 2010, respectively	2,030,369		2,493,624
Inventories, net	13,249,105		13,795,816
Deferred taxes	933,497		821,000
Cost and Profit in Excess of Billings	164,730		256,739
Other current assets	198,930		245,774
Total current assets	16,695,555		17,930,056
Property, plant, and equipment, net	8,085,719		8,033,375
Assets held for lease, net	452,441		319,131
Assets held for sale, net	186,362		-
Covenant not to Compete, net	60,000		120,000
Goodwill	375,000		375,000
Total assets	\$ 25,855,077	\$	26,777,562
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Current liabilities:			
Notes payable to bank	\$ 1,388,965	\$	2,084,000
Current portion of term debt	712,962		615,294
Accounts payable	341,738		1,008,688
Customer deposits	338,484		440,888
Billings in Excess of Cost and Profit	74,052		41,571
Accrued expenses	1,363,276		1,381,098
Income taxes payable	350,996		594,816
Total current liabilities	4,570,473		6,166,355
Long-term liabilities			
Deferred taxes	810,904		568,000
Term debt, excluding current portion	5,743,159		6,452,750
Total liabilities	11,124,536		13,187,105
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock – \$0.01 par value. Authorized 5,000,000 shares; issued			
and outstanding 4,025,852 and 4,008,352			
shares in 2011 and 2010	40,259		40,084
Additional paid-in capital	2,461,233		2,328,668
Retained earnings	12,229,049		11,221,705
Total stockholders' equity	14,730,541		13,590,457
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 25,855,077	\$	26,777,562

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and notes to consolidated financial statements.

# ART'S-WAY MANUFACTURING CO., INC.

Consolidated Statements of Operations Years Ended November 30, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
Net sales	\$27,619,760	\$28,951,378
Cost of goods sold	\$20,612,750	\$22,142,242
Gross profit	7,007,010	6,809,136
Expenses:		
Engineering	\$433,766	\$417,521
Selling	\$1,703,072	\$1,810,522
General and administrative	\$2,940,408	\$2,686,065
Total expenses	5,077,246	4,914,108
Income from operations	1,929,764	1,895,028
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense	\$(428,538	) \$(423,267)
Other	\$79,708	\$86,162
Total other income (loss)	(348,830	) (337,105)
Income before income taxes	1,580,934	1,557,923
Current tax expense	\$395,124	\$488,426
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	\$(63,085	) \$16,000
Net income	\$1,248,895	\$1,053,497
Net income per share:		
Basic net income per share	\$0.31	\$0.26
Diluted net income per share	\$0.31	\$0.26
Weighted average outstanding shares used to compute basic net income per share	4,018,196	3,993,337
Weighted average outstanding shares used to compute diluted net income per		
share	4,049,268	4,011,754

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and notes to consolidated financial statements.

## ART'S-WAY MANUFACTURING CO., INC. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended November 30, 2011 and 2010

	2011		2010	
Cash flows from operations:				
Net income	\$1,248,895		\$1,053,497	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Stock based compensation	58,311		28,322	
Depreciation expense	720,169		655,885	
Amortization expense	60,000		60,000	
Bad debt expense (recoveries)	(19,995	)	40,293	
Deferred income taxes	130,407		16,000	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of Roda acquisiton in 2010:				
(Increase) decrease in:				
Accounts receivable	483,250		(185,961	)
Inventories	546,711		(299,778	)
Other current assets	46,844		793,128	
Other, net	-		10,901	
Increase (decrease) in:				
Accounts payable	(666,950	)	569,561	
Contracts in progress, net	124,490		(102,274	)
Customer deposits	(102,404	)	191,610	
Income taxes payable	(243,820	)	172,611	
Accrued expenses	(17,822	)	589,717	
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,368,086		3,593,512	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment	(859,324	)	(2,043,284	)
Net change in asset held for lease	(232,861	)	(319,091	)
Purchase of assets of Roda	-		(1,158,862	)
Purchase of assets of M&W	-		(427,198	)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(1,092,185	)	(3,948,435	)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from (repayments of) line of credit borrowings, net	(695,035	)	(354,892	)
Payments of notes payable to bank	(611,923	)	(514,520	)
Proceeds from term debt	-		1,313,000	
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	74,429		81,240	
Dividends paid to stockholders	(241,551	)	(240,020	)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,474,080	)	284,808	
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(198,179	)	(70,115	)
Cash at beginning of period	317,103		387,218	
Cash at end of period	\$118,924		\$317,103	
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:				
Cash paid/(received) during the period for:				
Interest	\$432,131		\$415,267	
Income taxes	485,144		315,063	

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

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Transfer of building from inventory to asset held for lease	\$-	\$319,091
Supplemental schedule of investing activities:		
Roda acquisition:		
Inventories	\$-	\$1,140,606
Property, plant and equipment	-	7,355
Prepaid Expenses	-	10,901
Cash paid	\$-	\$1,158,862
M&W acquisition:		
Inventories	\$-	\$427,198
Cash paid	\$-	\$427,198

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and notes to consolidated financial statements.

## ART'S-WAY MANUFACTURING CO., INC. Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity Years Ended November 30, 2011 and 2010

	Common Stock		Additional		
	Number of		paid-in	Retained	
	shares	Par value	capital	earnings	Total
Balance, December 1, 2009	3,990,352	\$ 39,904	\$ 2,219,286	\$ 10,408,228	\$ 12,667,418
Exercise of stock options	18,000	180	81,060	-	\$ 81,240
Stock based compensation	-	-	28,322	-	\$ 28,322
Dividends paid, \$0.06 per share	-	-	-	(240,020 )	\$ (240,020 )
Net income	-	-	-	1,053,497	\$ 1,053,497
Balance, November 30, 2010	4,008,352	\$ 40,084	\$ 2,328,668	\$ 11,221,705	\$ 13,590,457
Exercise of stock options	17,500	175	74,254	-	\$ 74,429
Stock based compensation	-	-	58,311	-	\$ 58,311
Dividends paid, \$0.06 per share	-	-	-	(241,551)	\$ (241,551)
Net income	_	-	-	1,248,895	\$ 1,248,895
Balance, November 30, 2011	4,025,852	\$ 40,259	\$ 2,461,233	\$ 12,229,049	\$ 14,730,541

See accompanying Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and notes to consolidated financial statements.

## Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Nature of Business

Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. is primarily engaged in the fabrication and sale of specialized farm machinery in the agricultural sector of the United States. Primary product offerings include: portable and stationary animal feed processing equipment; hay and forage equipment; sugar beet harvesting equipment; land maintenance equipment; a line of portable grain augers; a line of manure spreaders; and moldboard plows. The Company sells its labeled products through independent farm equipment dealers throughout the United States. In addition, the Company manufactures and supplies hay blowers to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). The Company also provides after-market service parts that are available to keep its branded and OEM produced equipment operating to the satisfaction of the end user of the Company's products.

Art's-Way Vessels, Inc. is primarily engaged in the fabrication and sale of pressurized vessels and tanks. Art's-Way Vessels provides a combination of services as a manufacturer and supplier of steel vessels and steel containment systems. The vessels are primarily sold to manufacturing facilities that will use the vessel as a component part of their end product. In addition to its role as a fabricator of vessels, it provides services including: custom CAD drawing; welding; interior linings and exterior finishing; passivation of stainless steel; hydrostatic and pneumatic testing; design, build and finishing of skids; installation of piping; non-destructive examination and heat treating.

Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. is primarily engaged in the construction of modular laboratories and animal housing facilities. Buildings commonly produced range from basic swine buildings to complex containment research laboratories. Art's-Way Scientific also provides services relating to the design, manufacturing, delivering, installation and renting of the building units that it produces.

## (b) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Art's-Way Vessels, Inc. and Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. Art's-Way Vessels became active in October 2005 after purchasing certain assets of Vessel Systems, Inc., while Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. became active in August 2006 after purchasing certain assets of Tech Space, Inc. All material inter-company accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

#### (c) Cash Concentration

The Company maintains several different accounts at three different banks, and balances in these accounts are periodically in excess of federally insured limits. However, management believes risk of loss to be low.

## (d) Customer Concentration

One of the Company's customers accounted for approximately 8.4% and 10.5% of consolidated revenues for the years ended November 30, 2011 and November 30, 2010, respectively.

## (e) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are carried at original invoice amount less an estimate made for doubtful accounts based on a review of all outstanding amounts on a monthly basis. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts by identifying troubled accounts and by using historical experience applied to an aging of accounts. Accounts receivable are written-off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of accounts receivable previously written-off are recorded when received. Accounts receivable are generally considered past due 60 days past invoice date, with the exception of international sales which primarily are sold with a letter of credit for 120 day terms.

Trade receivables due from customers are uncollateralized customer obligations due under normal trade terms requiring payment within 30 days from the invoice date. Trade receivables are stated at the amount billed to the customer. The Company charges interest on overdue customer account balances at a rate of 1.5% per month. Payments of trade receivables are allocated to the specific invoices identified on the customer's remittance advice, or, if unspecified, are applied to the earliest unpaid invoices.

# (f) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, and cost is determined using the standard costing method. Management monitors the carrying value of inventories using inventory control and review processes that include, but are not limited to, sales forecast review, inventory status reports, and inventory reduction programs. The Company records inventory write downs to market based on expected usage information for raw materials and historical selling trends for finished goods. Additional write downs may be necessary if the assumptions made by management do not occur.

# (g) Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation of plant and equipment is provided using the straight-line method, based on the estimated useful lives of the assets which range from three to forty years.

# (h) Lessor Accounting

Modular buildings held for short term lease by Art's Way Scientific are recorded at cost. Amortization of the property is calculated over the useful life of the building. Useful life is five years. Lease revenue is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the term of the related lease agreement.

# (i) Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets and Impairment

Goodwill represents costs in excess of the fair value of net tangible and identifiable net intangible assets acquired in business combinations. Art's-Way performs an annual test for impairment of goodwill during the fourth quarter. This test is performed by comparing, at the reporting unit level, the carrying value of the reporting unit to its fair value.

Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, which is five years. Estimated future amortization of intangible assets is \$60,000 in the next fiscal year.

### (i) Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating losses. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates as recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is entirely dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversals of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment.

The Company shall classify interest and penalties to be paid on an underpayment of taxes as income tax expense. The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various states. The Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal or state income tax examinations by tax authorities for years ended before November 30, 2008.

# (k) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when risk of ownership and title pass to the buyer, generally upon the shipment of the product. All sales are made to authorized dealers whose application for dealer status has been approved and who have been informed of general sales policies. Any changes in Company terms are documented in the most recently published price lists. Pricing is fixed and determinable according to the Company's published equipment and parts price lists. Title to all equipment and parts sold shall pass to the Buyer upon delivery to the carrier and is not subject to a customer acceptance provision. Proof of the passing of title is documented by the signing of the delivery receipt by a representative of the carrier. Post shipment obligations are limited to any claim with respect to the condition of the equipment or parts. Applicable sales taxes imposed on our revenues are presented on a net basis on the consolidated statements of operations and therefore do not impact net revenues or cost of goods sold. A provision for warranty expenses, based on sales volume, is included in the financial statements. The Company's return policy allows for new and saleable parts to be returned, subject to inspection and a restocking charge which is included in net sales. Whole goods are not returnable. Shipping costs charged to customers are included in net sales. Freight costs incurred are included in cost of goods sold.

In certain circumstances, upon the customer's written request, we may recognize revenue when production is complete and the good is ready for shipment. At the buyer's request, we will bill the buyer upon completing all performance obligations, but before shipment. The buyer dictates that we ship the goods per their direction from our manufacturing facility, as is customary with this type of agreement, in order to minimize shipping costs. The written agreement with the customer specifies that the goods will be delivered on a schedule to be determined by the customer, with a final specified delivery date, and that we will segregate the goods from our inventory, such that they are not available to fill other orders. This agreement also specifies that the buyer is required to purchase all goods manufactured under this agreement. Title of the goods will pass to the buyer when the goods are complete and ready for shipment, per the customer agreement. At the transfer of title, all risks of ownership have passed to the buyer, and the buyer agrees to maintain insurance on the manufactured items that have not yet been shipped. The Company has operated using bill and hold agreements with certain customers for many years. The credit terms on this agreement are consistent with the credit terms on all other sales. All risks of loss are shouldered by the buyer, and there are no exceptions to the buyer's commitment to accept and pay for these manufactured goods. Revenues recognized at the completion of production in 2011 and 2010 were \$532,200 and \$593,600, respectively.

Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. is in the construction industry, and as such accounts for long-term contracts on the percentage of completion method. Revenue and gross profit are recognized as work is performed based on the relationship between actual costs incurred and total estimated costs at completion. Contract losses are recognized when current estimates of total contract revenue and contract cost indicate a loss. Estimated contract costs include any and all costs appropriately allocable to the contract. The provision for these contract losses will be the excess of estimated contract costs over estimated contract revenues.

Costs and profit in excess of amounts billed are classified as current assets and billings in excess of cost and profit are classified as current liabilities.

# (l) Research and Development

Research and development costs are expensed when incurred. Such costs approximated \$175,000 and \$188,000 for the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

# (m) Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed when incurred. Such costs approximated \$242,000 and \$282,000 for the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

# (n) Income Per Share

Basic net income per common share has been computed on the basis of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted net income per share has been computed on the basis of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus equivalent shares assuming exercise of stock options.

Basic and diluted earnings per common share have been computed based on the following as of November 30, 2011 and 2010:

	For the 12 months ended					
		2011		2010		
Basic:						
Numerator, net income		1,248,895		1,053,497		
Denominator: Average number of common shares						
Outstanding		4,018,196		3,993,337		
Basic earnings per common share	\$	0.31	\$	0.26		
Diluted:						
Numerator, net income		1,248,895		1,053,497		
Average number of common shares Outstanding		4,018,196		3,993,337		
Effect of dilutive stock options		31,072		18,417		
Denominator: Dilutive Average number of common						
shares Outstanding		4,049,268		4,011,754		
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.31	\$	0.26		

# (o) Stock Based Compensation

Stock-based compensation expense reflects the fair value of stock-based awards measured at the grant date and recognized over the relevant vesting period. We estimate the fair value of each stock-based award on the measurement date using the Black-Scholes option valuation model which incorporates assumptions as to stock price volatility, the expected life of the options, risk-free interest rate and dividend yield.

# (p) Use of Estimates

Management of the Company has made a number of estimates and assumptions related to the reported amount of assets and liabilities, reported amount of revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These estimates include the valuation of the Company's accounts receivable, inventories, percent completion and realizability of the deferred tax assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# (q) Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

### Fair Value Measurements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued a statement that defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. The statement does not require any new fair value measurements, but for some entities, the application of the statement will change current practice. This statement was adopted by the Company without a material impact on the financial statements. In January 2010, the FASB issued an update to amend existing disclosure requirements. The update requires new disclosures for significant transfers between Levels 1 and 2 in the fair value hierarchy and separate disclosures for purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the reconciliation of activity for Level 3 fair value measurements. This update also clarifies the existing fair value disclosures regarding the level of disaggregation and the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value. The update is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures on purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the roll forward of activity for Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are

effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2010. The Company has determined that there was no significant impact to the financial statements as a result of the adoption of these standards.

# Goodwill Impairment Testing

In December 2010, the FASB issued standards on testing goodwill and other intangible assets impairment which is a two-step test. When a goodwill impairment test is performed (either on an annual or interim basis), an entity must assess whether the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value (Step 1). If it does, an entity must perform an additional test to determine whether goodwill has been impaired and to calculate the amount of that impairment (Step 2). The objective of this Update is to address questions about entities with reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts because some entities concluded that Step 1 of the test is passed in those circumstances because the fair value of their reporting unit will generally be greater than zero. The amendment will affect all entities that have recognized goodwill and have one or more reporting units whose carrying amount for purposes of performing Step 1 of the goodwill impairment test is zero or negative. The amendments in this Update are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2010, with no early adoption permitted. The Company has a year end of November 30th and this standard is not yet adopted. We do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued standards to address concerns about the cost and complexity of performing the first step of the two-step goodwill impairment test required under Topic 350, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other. The objective of this Update is to simplify how entities, both public and nonpublic, test goodwill for impairment. The amendments in the Update permit an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test described in Topic 350. The more-likely-than-not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50 percent. Under the amendments in this Update, an entity is not required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount. We do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

# Disclosure of Supplementary Pro Forma Information for Business Combinations

In December 2010, the FASB issued standards which state that if a public entity presents comparative financial statements, the entity should disclose revenue and earnings of the combined entity as though the business combination(s) that occurred during the current year had occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period. The amendments in this Update clarify the acquisition date that should be used for reporting the pro forma financial information disclosures when comparative financial statements are presented. The amendments also improve the usefulness of the pro forma revenue and earnings disclosures by requiring a description of the nature and amount of material, nonrecurring pro forma adjustments that are directly attributable to the business combination(s). The amendments in this Update are effective prospectively for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010. The Company has a year end of November 30th and this standard is not yet adopted. We do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

### Fair Value Measurement Update

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU (Accounting Standards Update) No. 2011-04, "Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs" that amends the wording used to describe many of the requirements in U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value and disclosing information about fair value measurements. The amendments in this update achieve the objective of developing common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements, as well as improving consistency and understandability. Some of the requirements clarify the FASB's intent about the application of existing fair value measurement requirements while other amendments change a particular principle or requirement for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value

measurements. The amendments in this ASU (Accounting Standards Update) are effective prospectively for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, with no early adoption permitted. We do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

# Comprehensive Income

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU (Accounting Standards Update) NO. 2011-05, "Presentation of Comprehensive Income" that improves the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and increases the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income by eliminating the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statements of changes in stockholders' equity. The amendments in this standard require that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. Under either method, adjustments must be displayed for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income ("OCI") to net income, in both net income and OCI. The standard does not change the current option for presenting components of OCI gross or net of the effect of income taxes, provided that such tax effects are presented in the statement in which OCI is presented or disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Additionally, the standard does not affect the calculation or reporting of earnings per share. For public entities, the amendments in this ASU (Accounting Standards Update) are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011 and are to be applied retrospectively, with early adoption permitted. We do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU (Accounting Standards Update) No. 2011-12 which stated that the new presentation requirements about reclassifications of items out of accumulated other comprehensive income would be difficult for preparers and may add unnecessary complexity to financial statements. In addition it is difficult for some stakeholders to change systems in time to gather the information for the new presentation requirements by the effective date of Update 2011-05. Given these issues, they asked the Board to reconsider whether it is necessary to require entities to present reclassification adjustments by component in both the statement where net income is presented and the statement where other comprehensive income is presented for both interim and annual financial statements. Because those pending paragraphs are effective on a retrospective basis for public entities for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, and interim periods within those years, those stakeholders asked the Board, at a minimum, to defer the effective date pertaining to reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income in Accounting Standards Update 2011-05, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income, until the Board is able to reconsider those paragraphs.

In order to defer only those changes in Update 2011-05 that relate to the presentation of reclassification adjustments, the paragraphs in this Update supersede certain pending paragraphs in Update 2011-05. The amendments are being made to allow the Board time to confirm whether to present on the face of the financial statements the effects of reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income on the components of net income and other comprehensive income for all periods presented. While the Board is considering the operational concerns about the presentation requirements for reclassification adjustments and the needs of financial statement users for additional information about reclassification adjustments, entities should continue to report reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income consistent with the presentation requirements in effect before Update 2011-05. All other requirements in Update 2011-05 are not affected by this Update, including the requirement to report comprehensive income either in a single continuous financial statement or in two separate but consecutive financial statements. Public entities must apply these requirements for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. We do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

# (2) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

A summary of the Company's activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows:

	2011		2010	
Balance, beginning	\$ 114,834	\$	194,185	
Provision charged to expense	(19,995	)	40,293	
Less amounts charged-off	(45,256	)	(119,644	)
Balance, ending	\$ 49,583	\$	114,834	

# (3) Inventories

Major classes of inventory are:

	2011	2010
Raw materials	\$ 7,623,095 \$	8,269,852
Work in process	394,158	776,083
Finished goods	7,982,192	6,565,964
	\$ 15,999,445	15,611,899
Less: Reserves	(2,750,340)	(1,816,083)
	\$ 13,249,105 \$	13,795,816

# (4) Contracts in Progress

Amounts included in the consolidated financial statements related to uncompleted contracts are as follows:

The amounts billed on these long term contracts are due 30 days from invoice date. All amounts billed are expected to be collected within the next 12 months. Retainage was \$84,208 and \$32,867 as of November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

	Cost and Profit					
		Billings in				
		Excess of	Excess of			
		Billings	Costs and Pro		t	
November 30, 2011						
Costs	\$	1,275,286	\$	271,593		
Estimated earnings		604,199		135,785		
		1,879,485		407,378		
Less: amounts billed		(1,714,755)		(481,430	)	
	\$	164,730	\$	(74,052	)	
November 30, 2010						
Costs	\$	2,507,704	\$	486,317		
Estimated earnings		555,517		185,922		
		3,063,221		672,239		
Less: amounts billed		(2,806,482)		(713,810	)	
	\$	256,739	\$	(41,571	)	

# (5) Property, Plant, and Equipment

Major classes of property, plant, and equipment are:

	2011	2010
Land	\$ 795,998	\$ 795,998
Buildings and improvements	8,295,813	8,045,488
Construction in Progress	290,667	86,214
Manufacturing machinery and equipment	11,261,585	10,848,583
Trucks and automobiles	347,110	363,014
Furniture and fixtures	141,637	139,547
	21,132,810	20,278,844
Less accumulated depreciation	(12,860,729)	(12,245,429)
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 8,272,081	\$ 8,033,415

Depreciation expense totaled \$720,169 and \$655,885 for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

# (6) Accrued Expenses

Major components of accrued expenses are:

	2011	2010
Salaries, wages, and commissions	\$ 672,407	\$ 661,200
Accrued warranty expense	201,630	180,549
Other	489,239	539,349
	\$ 1,363,276	\$ 1,381,098

# (7) Product Warranty

The Company offers warranties of various lengths to its customers depending on the specific product and terms of the customer purchase agreement. The average length of the warranty period is 1 year from date of purchase. The Company's warranties require it to repair or replace defective products during the warranty period at no cost to the customer. The Company records a liability for estimated costs that may be incurred under its warranties. The costs are estimated based on historical experience and any specific warranty issues that have been identified. Although historical warranty costs have been within expectations, there can be no assurance that future warranty costs will not exceed historical amounts. The Company periodically assesses the adequacy of its recorded warranty liability and adjusts the balance as necessary.

Changes in the Company's product warranty liability for the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

	2011		2010
Balance, beginning	\$ 180,549	\$	96,370
Settlements made in cash or in-kind	(481,539	)	(337,019)
Warranties issued	502,620		421,198
Balance, ending	\$ 201,630	\$	180,549

# (8) Loan and Credit Agreements

The Company has a \$6,000,000 revolving line of credit with West Bank (the "Line of Credit") which was scheduled to mature on April 30, 2011. Effective March 31, 2011, the Company renewed the Line of Credit and extended the maturity date to April 30, 2012. The Line of Credit is renewable annually with advances funding the Company's working capital and letter of credit needs. The interest rate is West Bank's prime interest rate, adjusted daily, with a minimum rate of 4.00%. As of November 30, 2011, the interest rate was the minimum of 4.0%. Monthly interest-only payments are required and the unpaid principal is due on the maturity date. As of November 30, 2011 and 2010, the Company had borrowed \$1,389,000 and \$2,084,000, respectively, against the Line of Credit. The available amounts remaining on the Line of Credit were \$4,611,000 and \$3,916,000 on November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The borrowing base limits advances from the Line of Credit to 60% of accounts receivable less than 90 days, 60% of finished goods inventory, 50% of raw material inventory and work-in-process inventory plus 40% of Net Book Value of Fixed Assets as calculated at each month-end. The Company's obligations under the Line of Credit are evidenced by a Business Loan Agreement effective March 31, 2011 (the "Business Loan Agreement"), a Change in Terms Agreement effective March 31, 2011, and certain other ancillary documents.

On June 7, 2007, the Company obtained a term loan from West Bank in the amount of \$4,100,000. The loan, which had an outstanding principal balance of \$2,804,000 and \$3,140,000 as of November 30, 2011 and 2010. This note matures on May 1, 2013 and bears fixed interest at 5.75%. Monthly principal and interest payments in the amount of \$42,500 are required, with a final payment of principal and accrued interest in the amount of \$2,302,000 due on May 1, 2013.

The Company obtained two additional loans from West Bank in 2007 for the purpose of financing the construction of the Company's new facilities in Monona and Dubuque. On October 9, 2007, the Company obtained a loan for \$1,330,000, which has a maturity date of May 1, 2013 and bears interest at a fixed interest rate of 5.75%. Monthly payments of \$11,000 are required for principal and interest, with a final payment of accrued interest and principal in the amount of \$1,006,000 due on May 1, 2013. The outstanding principal balance on this loan was \$1,102,000 and \$1,168,000 as of November 30, 2011 and 2010.

On November 30, 2007, the Company obtained a \$1,500,000 construction loan to finance construction of the Dubuque, Iowa facility, which has a maturity date of May 1, 2013 and bears interest at a fixed interest rate of 5.75%. Payments of \$12,550 are due monthly for principal and interest, with a final accrued interest and principal payment in the amount of \$1,145,000 due on May 1, 2013. The outstanding principal balance on this loan was \$1,254,000 and \$1,329,000 as of November 30, 2011 and 2010.

Each of the Company's loans from West Bank are governed by the Business Loan Agreement which requires the Company to comply with certain financial and reporting covenants. The Company must provide monthly internally prepared financial reports, year-end audited financial statements, annual compliance certificates, and notice upon certain events, such as a change in executive or management personnel. The Company must maintain a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.5, a maximum debt to tangible net worth ration of 1.25, and a minimum tangible net worth of \$12,000,000, each as measured at the Company's fiscal year-end. Further, the Company must obtain West Bank's prior written consent for any investment in, acquisition of, or guaranty relating to another business or entity. The loans are secured by a first position security interest on the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, including but not limited to, inventories, accounts receivable, machinery, equipment and real estate, in accordance with the Business Loan Agreement and Commercial Guarantee executed by the company's subsidiaries. The Company and its subsidiaries were also required to execute Agreements to Provide Insurance that set forth the insurance requirements for the collateral.

If the Company or either of its subsidiaries (as guarantors) commits an event of default under the Business Loan Agreement and fails or is unable to cure that default, the interest rate on the line of credit would increase by 2.0%. In addition, West Bank may cease advances under the Line of Credit and has the option of causing all outstanding indebtedness to become immediately due and payable. Events of default include, without limitation: (i) becoming insolvent or subject to bankruptcy proceedings; (ii) defaulting on any obligations to West Bank; (iii) defaulting on any obligations to third parties that would materially affect the ability to perform obligations owed to West Bank; (iv) suffering a material adverse change in financial condition or the value of any collateral; (v) experiencing a change in ownership of 25% or more of outstanding common stock; and (vi) making false statements to West Bank. The Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Business Loan Agreement as measured on November 30, 2011.

On June 1, 2009, Art's-Way Scientific received funds from two \$95,000 promissory notes in connection with an agreement signed August 7, 2007 between Art's-Way Scientific and the Iowa Department of Economic Development. The first \$95,000 promissory note was a 0% interest loan requiring 60 monthly payments of \$1,583.33, with a balance of \$68,000 as of November 30, 2010 and a final payment due July 1, 2014. The second \$95,000 promissory note, which had an outstanding principal balance of \$95,000 as of November 30, 2010, was a forgivable loan subject to certain contract obligations. The obligations included maintaining Art's-Way Scientific's principal place of business in Iowa, complying with certain tax and insurance requirements, and creating 16 full-time positions and retaining 21 full-time positions in Iowa, which must be maintained for a two-year period. During the fiscal year ending November 30, 2011, the Iowa Department of Economic Development was required to audit the job attainment of Art's Way Scientific. Art's Way Scientific had obtained approximately 48% of the job retention and creation requirements and was required to restructure the original two promissory notes into three separate notes. The first note is now a 6% interest-bearing note requiring a monthly payment of \$2,437 that had a balance of \$70,000 as of November 30, 2011 and has a maturity date of June 1, 2014. The second note is an interest-free note requiring a monthly payment of \$813 which had a balance of \$25,000 as of November 30, 2011, with a final payment due June 1, 2014. The third note is a forgivable loan subject to contract obligations which will be measured during April 2012. The forgivable loan had a balance of \$49,000 as of November 30, 2011. Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. has provided a guarantee in connection with these loans to Art's-Way Scientific.

On May 1, 2010, the Company obtained a loan to finance the purchase of an additional facility located in West Union, Iowa to be used as a distribution center, warehouse facility, and manufacturing plant for certain products under the Art's-Way brand. The funds for this loan were made available by the Iowa Finance Authority by the issuance of tax exempt bonds. This loan had an original principal amount of \$1,300,000 and bears fixed interest at 3.5%. The payments required on this loan began July 1, 2010 and continue until June 1, 2020. The terms of the loan require monthly payments of \$12,892 for principal and interest. As of November 30, 2011 and 2010, the outstanding principal balance on this loan was \$1,143,000 and \$1,255,000, respectively.

This loan from the Iowa Finance Authority, which has been assigned to The First National Bank of West Union, is governed by a Manufacturing Facility Revenue Note dated May 28, 2010 and a Loan Agreement dated May 1, 2010 ("the IFA Loan Agreement"), which requires the Company to provide quarterly internally prepared financial reports and year-end audited financial statements and to maintain a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.5 to 1.0, which is measured at November 30 of each year. Among other covenants, the IFA Loan Agreement also requires the Company to maintain proper insurance on, and maintain in good repair, the West Union Facility, and continue to conduct business and remain duly qualified to do business in the State of Iowa. The loan is secured by a mortgage on the Company's West Union Facility, pursuant to a Mortgage, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Financing Statement dated May 1, 2010 between the Company and The First National Bank of West Union (the "West Union Mortgage").

If the Company fails to make a required payment or perform any other covenant under the IFA Loan Agreement or the West Union Mortgage, becomes subject to bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, defaults in payment on any of our other loan obligations in excess of \$100,000, or if there is a determination that any of the Company's representations made in the IFA Loan Agreement or related documents are materially false, the Company will be deemed to have committed an event of default under the IFA Loan Agreement. If the Company does not cure the event of default within the time specified by the IFA Loan Agreement, the lender may cause the entire amount of the loan to be immediately due and payable and take any other action that it is permitted to take at law or in equity to enforce the Company's performance.

On September 15, 2010, the company obtained a zero-interest revolving loan from the West Union Community Development Corporation in the amount of \$13,000. Annual principal payments of \$4,333 are due on the first of September of each of the next three years. As of November 30, 2011 and 2010, the outstanding principal balance on

this loan was \$9,000 and \$13,000, respectively.

# A summary of the Company's term debt is as follows:

	No	ovember 30, 2011	No	ovember 30, 2010
West Bank loan payable in monthly installments of \$42,500 including interest at 5.75%, due May 1, 2013	\$	2,804,403	\$	3,140,229
West Bank loan payable in monthly installments of \$11,000 including interest at 5.75%, due May 1, 2013		1,102,321		1,167,970
West Bank loan payable in monthly installments of \$12,550 including interest at 5.75%, due May		1 272 700		1 000 (10
1, 2013		1,253,508		1,328,642
IFA loan payable in monthly installments of \$12,892 including interest at 3.5%, due June 1, 2020		1,143,140		1,255,120
IDED loan payable in monthly installments of \$2,437 including interest at 6%, due June 1, 2014.		70,024		_
IDED loan payable in monthly installments of \$813 including interest at 0% due June 1, 2014		25,229		68,083
IDED loan payable in monthly installments of \$0 including interest at 0%, due July 1,				
2014		48,830		95,000
WUCDC loan payable in annual installments of \$4,333 including interest at 0% due		0.665		12.000
September 1, 2013  Total term debt		8,667 6.456 122		13,000
Less current portion of term debt		6,456,122 712,962		7,068,044 615,294
Term debt, excluding current portion	\$	5,743,160	\$	6,452,750

A summary of the minimum maturities of term debt follows for the years ending November 30:

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Year:	Amount
2012	712,962
2013	4,813,701
2014	146,961
2015	139,529
2016	642,969
	\$ 6,456,122

# (9) Employee Benefit Plans

The Company sponsors a defined contribution 401(k) savings plan which covers substantially all full-time employees who meet eligibility requirements. Participating employees may contribute as salary reductions any amount of their compensation up to the limit prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code. The Company began making 25% matching contributions to employees contributing a minimum of 4% of their compensation, up to 1% of eligible compensation starting June 2005. The Company recognized an expense of \$26,051 and \$29,434 related to this plan during the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

# (10) Equity Incentive Plan

On November 30, 2011, the Company had one equity incentive plan, which is described below. The compensation cost charged against income was \$58,311 and \$28,322 for 2011 and 2010, respectively. The total income tax benefits for share-based compensation arrangements were \$96,060 and \$110,166 for 2011 and 2010, respectively. No compensation cost was capitalized as part of inventory or fixed assets.

On January 27, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized and approved the Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2011 Plan"), subject to approval by the stockholders on or before January 27, 2012. The 2011 Plan was approved by the stockholders on April 28, 2011. It replaced the Employee Stock Option Plan and the Directors' Stock Option Plan (collectively, the "Prior Plans"), and no further stock options will be awarded under the Prior Plans. Awards to directors and executive officers under the 2011 Plan will be governed by the forms of agreement approved by the Board of Directors. The 2011 Plan permits the plan administrator to award nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, performance awards, and stock appreciation rights to employees (including officers), directors, and consultants. The Board of Directors has approved a director compensation policy pursuant to which non-employee directors are automatically granted non-qualified stock options to purchase 2,000 shares of common stock annually or initially upon their election to the Board, which are fully vested.

Stock options granted prior to January 27, 2011 are governed by the applicable Prior Plan and the forms of agreement adopted thereunder.

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black Scholes option-pricing model. Expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the Company's stock and other factors. The Company uses historical option exercise and termination data to estimate the expected term the options are expected to be outstanding. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. The expected dividend yield is calculated using historical dividend amounts and the stock price at the option issuance date.

	2011		2010	
			69.989	% to
Expected Volatility	57.71	%	75.4	18%
			0.7129	% to
Expected Dividend Yield	0.590	%	0.87	18%
Expected Term (in years)	2		2	
Risk-Free Rate	3.25	%	3.25	%

Summary of activity under the plans as of November 30, 2011, and changes during the year then ended as follows:

2011 Option Activity

		Weighted-Average					
		Wei	ghted-Average	Remaining	Aggregate		
			Exercise	Contractual	Intrinsic		
Options	Shares		Price	Term	Value		
Options outstanding at beginning of period	155,500	\$	8.85				
Granted	21,000	\$	7.40				
Exercised	(17,500)	\$	4.25		\$96,060		
Options Expired or Forfeited	(6,000)	\$	5.01				
Options outstanding at end of period	153,000	\$	9.32	7.12	\$46,590		
Options exercisable at end of period	153,000	\$	9.32	7.12	\$46,590		

# 2010 Option Activity

		Weighted-Average						
	,	Weighted-A	Remaining	A	ggregate			
		Exercise		Contractual	]	Intrinsic		
Options	Shares	Price	)	Term		Value		
Options outstanding at beginning of period	136,000	\$	9.44					
Granted	44,000	\$	5.38					
Exercised	(18,000)	\$	4.51		\$	104,567		
Options Expired or Forfeited	(6,500)	\$	9.81					
Options outstanding at end of period	155,500	\$	8.85 6.7	<b>'</b> 8	\$	333,475		
Options exercisable at end of period	125,500	\$	9.76 6.0	9	\$	197,275		

The weighted-average grant-date fair value of options granted during the year 2011 and 2010 was \$1.37 and \$2.17, respectively.

A summary of the status of the Company's nonvested shares as of November 30, 2011, and changes during the year ended November 30, 2011, is presented below:

		Weighted-Average
Nonvested Shares	Shares	Grant-Date Fair Value
Nonvested at beginning of		
period	30,000	\$2.07
Granted	21,000	\$1.37
Vested	(45,000)	\$ .10
Forfeited	(6,000)	\$(1.02)
Nonvested at end of period	0	

As of November 30, 2011, there was no unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements under the plans. The total fair value of shares vested during the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$4,290 and \$45,514, respectively.

The cash received from the exercise of options during fiscal year 2011 was \$74,429, compared to \$81,240 in 2010.

# (11) Income Taxes

Total income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010 consists of the following:

	November 30			
	2011		2010	
Current expense	\$ 395,124	\$	488,426	
Deferred expense (credit)	(63,085	)	16,000	
	\$ 332,039	\$	504,426	

The reconciliation of the statutory Federal income tax rate are as follows:

	November 30			
	2011		2010	
Statutory federal income tax rate	34.0	%	34.0	%
R& D Tax Credits	(4.8	)		
Prior Year Adjustments	(6.2	)		
Other	(2.0	)	(1.6	)
	21.0	%	32.4	%

Tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets (liabilities) at November 30, 2011 and 2010 are presented below:

	November 30			
		2011		2010
Current deferred tax assets (liabilities):				
Accrued expenses	\$	55,000	\$	107,000
Inventory capitalization		52,000		52,000
Asset reserves		826,000		662,000
Total current deferred tax assets	\$	933,000	\$	821,000
Non-current deferred tax assets (liabilities):				
Property, plant, and equipment	\$	(811,000 )	\$	(568,000)

Total non-current deferred tax assets (liabilities) \$ (811,000) \$ (568,000)

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible.

# (12) 2010 Acquisitions

Effective January 19, 2010, the company acquired certain assets related to the manure spreader product line of Roda Mfg., Inc. The acquisition-date fair value of the total consideration transferred was approximately \$1,159,000. The operating results of the acquired business are reflected in the Company's consolidated statement of operations from the acquisition date forward. The amount of revenue attributable to the Roda Mfg. product line since the acquisition date was \$1,031,939 and \$954,438 for the periods ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The amounts of expenses for the individual product lines are not separately identifiable as the production and related accounting are integrated. The acquisition was made to continue the Company's growth strategy and diversify its product offerings inside the agricultural industry. The purchase price was determined based on an arms-length negotiated value. The transaction is being accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting, with the purchase price allocated to the individual assets acquired.

In addition, effective June 11, 2010, the company acquired certain assets related to the baler product line of M&W, a subsidiary of the Alamo Group. The acquisition-date fair value of the total consideration transferred was approximately \$427,000. The operating results of the acquired business are reflected in the Company's consolidated statement of operations from the acquisition date forward. The amount of revenue attributable to the M&W baler product line since the acquisition date was \$221,150 and \$48,057 for the periods ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The amounts of expenses for individual product lines are not separately identifiable as the production and related accounting are integrated. The acquisition was made to continue the Company's growth strategy and diversify its product offerings inside the agricultural industry. The purchase price was determined based on an arms-length negotiated value. The transaction is being accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting, with the purchase price allocated to the individual assets acquired.

# (13) Disclosures About the Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of a financial instrument is defined as the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. At November 30, 2011 and 2010, the carrying amount approximates fair value for cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, notes payable to bank, and other current liabilities. The carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. The fair value of the Company's installment term loans payable also approximate recorded value because the interest rates charged under the loan terms are not substantially different than current interest rates.

# (14) Litigation and Contingencies

Various legal actions and claims that arise in the normal course of business are pending against the Company. In the opinion of management adequate provisions have been made in the accompanying financial statements for all pending legal actions and other claims.

# (15) Related Party Transactions

The financial statements of Art's-Way Manufacturing, Inc. include sales by our Vessels division to Adamson Global Technology in the amount of \$17,000 and \$265,000 during the fiscal years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Adamson Global Technology is wholly-owned and operated by J. Ward McConnell, Jr., the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

# (16) Segment Information

There are three reportable segments: agricultural products, pressurized vessels and modular buildings. The agricultural products segment fabricates and sells farming products as well as replacement parts for these products in the United States and worldwide. The pressurized vessel segment produces and services pressurized tanks. The modular building segment produces modular buildings for animal containment and various laboratory uses.

The accounting policies applied to determine the segment information are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. Management evaluates the performance of each segment based on profit or loss from operations before income taxes, exclusive of nonrecurring gains and losses.

Approximate financial information with respect to the reportable segments is as follows.

	Twelve Months Ended November 30, 2011			
	Agricultural	Pressurized	Modular	
	Products	Vessels	Buildings	Consolidated
Revenue			· ·	
from external				
customers	\$ 22,614,000	\$ 1,797,000	\$ 3,209,000	\$ 27,620,000
Gross Profit	6,481,000	(112,000)	638,000	7,007,000
Operating Expense	4,053,000	336,000	688,000	5,077,000
Income from				
operations	2,428,000	(448,000)	(50,000)	1,930,000
Income before tax	2,378,000	(674,000)	(123,000)	1,581,000
Total Assets	19,965,000	2,768,000	3,122,000	25,855,000
Capital expenditures	569,000	100,000	423,000	1,092,000
Depreciation &				
Amortization	469,000	105,000	206,000	780,000
	Tw	elve Months Ended	November 30, 20	)10
	Agricultural	Pressurized Modular		
	Products	Vessels	Buildings	Consolidated
Revenue				
from external				
customers	\$ 20,586,000	\$ 1,534,000	\$ 6,831,000	\$ 28,951,000
Gross Profit	5,758,000	(185,000)	1,236,000	6,809,000
Operating Expense	3,797,000	433,000	684,000	4,914,000
Income from				
operations	1,961,000	(618,000)	552,000	1,895,000
Income before tax	1,927,000	(847,000)	478,000	1,558,000
Total Assets	19,861,000	3,001,000	3,915,000	26,777,000
Capital expenditures	1,889,000	38,000	435,000	2,362,000
Depreciation &				
Amortization	508,000	105,000	103,000	716,000

# (17) Subsequent Events

Management evaluated all activity of the Company and concluded that no subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the consolidated financial statements or disclosure in the notes to financial statements.

Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

None.

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures** 

The person serving as our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or Rule 15d-15(e), as of the end of the period subject to this Report. Based on this evaluation, the person serving as our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective and provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the periodic and current reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed 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. Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the person serving as our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). Based on this evaluation, management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of November 30, 2011.

This Annual Report does not include an attestation report of our independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit us to provide only management's report in this Annual Report.

# Limitations on Controls

Our management, including the person serving as our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. In addition, the design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and controls may become inadequate if conditions change. There can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

# Changes to Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the fiscal year ending November 30, 2011, we focused on key issues that contributed to the material weakness on inventory accounting that was reported in the fiscal 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K. We provided additional inventory management training to the staff and enhanced our procedures for testing and verifying inventory counts and valuation. We believe that the procedural changes, additional analysis, and our enforcement of these procedures enhanced the effectiveness of these controls. We will continue to review these procedures for effectiveness and change them as deemed necessary.

### Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

On November 20, 2011, Art's-Way Scientific restructured two \$95,000 promissory notes that were originally issued by the Iowa Department of Economic Development in August 2007. One of these notes was a forgivable loan subject to certain contractual obligations. The obligations included maintaining Art's-Way Scientific's principal place of business in Iowa, complying with certain tax and insurance requirements, and creating 16 full-time positions and retaining 21 full-time positions in Iowa, which must be maintained for a two-year period. During the fiscal year ending November 30, 2011, the Iowa Department of Economic Development was required to audit the job attainment of Art's-Way Scientific. Art's-Way Scientific was notified on September 26, 2011 that it had obtained approximately 48% of the job retention and creation requirements, and it was required to restructure the original notes and pay an interest penalty of \$4,700. The original notes were replaced with three separate notes. The first note is now a 6% interest bearing note requiring a monthly payment of \$2,437 that had a balance of \$70,024 as of November 30, 2011 with final payment due June 1, 2014 (the "6% Note"). The second note is an interest free note requiring a monthly payment of \$813 that had a balance of \$25,229 as of November 30, 2011, with a final payment due June 1, 2014 (the "Interest Free Note"). The third note is a forgivable loan subject to contract obligations which will be measured during April 2012, including a measurement of Art's-Way Scientific's job attainment. The forgivable loan had a balance of \$48,830 as of November 30, 2011. Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. has provided a guarantee in connection with these loans to Art's-Way Scientific. The foregoing summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the 6% Note and the Interest Free Note, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.40 and 10.41, respectively.

# **PART III**

# Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

The information required by Item 10 is incorporated by reference to the sections entitled "Election of Directors," "Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act," and "Corporate Governance" in our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

# Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

The information required by Item 11 is incorporated by reference to the section entitled "Executive Compensation" in our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

# Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

The information required by Item 12 is incorporated by reference to the sections entitled "Security Ownership of Principal Stockholders," "Security Ownership of Directors and Management" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information" in our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

# Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

The information required by Item 13 is incorporated by reference to the sections entitled "Corporate Governance" and "Certain Transactions and Business Relationships" in our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

### Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by Item 14 is incorporated by reference to the section entitled "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

# PART IV

# Item 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

- (a) Documents filed as part of this report.
- Financial Statements. The following financial statements are included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report (1) on Form 10-K:

Report of Eide Bailly, LLP on Consolidated Financial Statements as of November 30, 2011 and 2010

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of November 30, 2011 and 2010

Consolidated Statements of Operations for each of the two years in the period ended November 30, 2011 and 2010

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for each of the two years in the period ended November 30, 2011 and 2010

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the two years in the period ended November 30, 2011 and 2010

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

- (2) Financial Statement Schedules. Not applicable.
- (3) Exhibits. See "Exhibit Index to Form 10-K" immediately following the signature page of this Form 10-K

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# ART'S-WAY MANUFACTURING CO., INC.

Date: February 24, 2012 /s/ Carrie L. Majeski

Carrie L. Majeski

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 24, 2012 /s/ Jason D. Feucht

Jason D. Feucht

Chief Financial Officer

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes CARRIE L. MAJESKI his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all said attorney-in-fact and agent, or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Date: February 24, 2012 /s/ Carrie L. Majeski

Carrie L. Majeski

President and Chief Executive

Officer

Date: February 24, 2012 /s/ Jason D. Feucht

Jason D. Feucht, Chief Financial

Officer

Date: February 24, 2012 /s/ J. Ward McConnell, Jr.

J. Ward McConnell, Jr., Chairman,

Director

Date: February 24, 2012 /s/ David R. Castle

David R. Castle, Director

Date: February 24, 2012 /s/ Fred W. Krahmer

Fred W. Krahmer, Director

Date: February 24, 2012

/s/ James E. Lynch, Director

Date: February 24, 2012

/s/ Douglas R. McClellan
Douglas R. McClellan, Director

/s/ Marc H. McConnell
Marc H. McConnell, Vice
Chairman, Director

Date: February 24, 2012

/s/ Thomas E. Buffamante
Thomas E. Buffamante, Director

# Exhibit Index Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. Form 10-K For Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011

# Exhibit

No. Description

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation of Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc.– incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 3.2 Bylaws of Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc.- incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 3.3 Amendments to Bylaws of Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarter ended May 31, 2004
- 10.1\* Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2001 Director Stock Option Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3.1 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2002
- 10.2\* Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2007 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan incorporated by reference as Exhibit 10.1 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2007
- 10.3\* Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2007 Employee Stock Option Plan incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.3 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year ended November 30, 2009.
- 10.4\* Form of Non-Qualified Option Agreement under 2007 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan and 2007 Employee Stock Option Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.30 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2009
- 10.5\* Summary of Compensation Arrangements with Directors for 2010 fiscal year incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2010
- 10.6\* Summary of Compensation Arrangements with Executive Officer for 2010 fiscal year incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2010
- 10.7\* Director Compensation Policy incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended February 28, 2011
- 10.8\* Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 28, 2011
- 10.9\* Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 28, 2011
- 10.10\* Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement under the Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 28, 2011
- 10.11\* Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 28, 2011

- 10.12\* Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under the Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 28, 2011
- 10.13\* Employment Agreement, by and between the Company and Carrie L. Majeski, dated December 20, 2011 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 20, 2011
- 10.14\* Amendment to Employment Agreement, by and between the Company and Carrie L. Majeski, dated January 26, 2012 filed herewith
- 10.15 Real Estate Mortgage to West Bank dated April 23, 2003 for property located in Armstrong, Iowa incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.16 Real Estate Mortgage to West Bank dated October 9, 2007 for property located in Monona, Iowa incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.17 Real Estate Mortgage to West Bank dated November 30, 2007 for property located in Dubuque, Iowa incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008

- 10.18 Change in Terms Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank dated May 1, 2008 for Loan No. 1260080536 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.19 Business Loan Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank dated May 1, 2008 for Loan No. 1260080536 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.20 Change in Terms Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank dated May 1, 2008 for Loan No. 81290 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.21 Business Loan Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank dated May 1, 2008 for Loan No. 81290 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.22 Change in Terms Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank dated May 1, 2008 for Loan No. 81289 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.23 Business Loan Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank dated May 1, 2008 for Loan No. 81289 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.24 Letter Agreement from West Bank dated January 20, 2009 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2008
- 10.25 Promissory Note from Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. to West Bank dated April 30, 2009 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-O for the Quarter ended May 31, 2009
- 10.26 Letter Agreement from West Bank dated May 21, 2009 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2009
- 10.27 Business Loan Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank dated June 8, 2009 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2009
- 10.28 Promissory Note from Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. to West Bank dated June 8, 2009 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2009
- 10.29 Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. Agreement to Provide Insurance for loan dated June 8, 2009 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2009
- 10.30 Art's-Way Vessels, Inc. Agreement to Provide Insurance for loan dated June 8, 2009
   incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2009
- 10.31 Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. Agreement to Provide Insurance for loan dated June 8, 2009 – incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2009

- Asset Purchase Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and Roda, Inc. dated January 19, 2010 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.32 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2009
- 10.33 Asset Purchase Agreement between Alamo Group, Inc. and Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. dated May 10, 2010 incorporated by reference to exhibit 2.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2010.
- 10.34 Manufacturing Facility Revenue Note in the principal amount of \$1,300,000, from Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. to Iowa Finance Authority dated May 28, 2010 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2010
- 10.35 Loan Agreement Between Iowa Finance Authority and Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. dated May 1, 2010 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2010
- 10.36 Mortgage, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Financing Statement between The First National Bank of West Union and Art's-Way Manufacturing Co, Inc. dated May 1, 2010 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2010
- 10.37 Commitment Letter from West Bank to Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. dated April 27, 2010 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Amended Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the Quarter ended May 31, 2010, filed October 15, 2010
- 10.38 Business Loan Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank effective March 31, 2011 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2011
- 10.39 Change in Terms Agreement between Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc. and West Bank effective March 31, 2011 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended May 31, 2011

- 10.40 6% Promissory Note from Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. to Iowa Economic Development Authority dated November 16, 2011 filed herewith
- 10.41 Interest Free Promissory Note from Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. to Iowa Economic Development Authority dated November 16, 2011 filed herewith
- 21.1 List of Subsidiaries: Art's-Way Scientific, Inc. (Iowa corporation); Art's-Way Vessels, Inc. (Iowa corporation)
- 23.1 Consent of independent registered public accounting firm filed herewith
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on the "Signatures" page of this report on Form 10-K)
- 31.1 Certificate pursuant to 17 CFR 240 13(a)-14(a) filed herewith
- 31.2 Certificate pursuant to 17 CFR 240 13(a)-14(a) filed herewith
- 32.1 Certificate pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 filed herewith
- 32.2 Certificate pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 filed herewith
- 101\*\* The following financial statements from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2011, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) the consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statement of Operations, (iii) the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, (iv) the Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity, and (v) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (\*) Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.
- (\*\*) Pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the XBRL related information in Exhibit 101 to this Annual Report on Form 10-k shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be deemed part of a registration statement, prospectus of other document filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filings.