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

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**FORM 10-Q**

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

**FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

**OR**

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

**FROM THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO**

**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-7521**

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**FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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

**74-1504405**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**19747 HWY 59 N, SUITE 200, HUMBLE, TEXAS 77338**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (713) 672-9433**

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

At June 30, 2013, the number of shares outstanding of the issuer's only class of stock was 6,799,444 shares of Common Stock.

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**Part I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Financial Statements**

**FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS — UNAUDITED**

	JUNE 30, 2013	MARCH 31, 2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	\$ 17,596,293	\$ 15,923,294
Accounts receivable, net of allowances for bad debts and cash discounts of \$32,276 and \$37,276 at June 30 and March 31, 2013	8,458,192	9,037,548
Inventories	32,021,184	39,219,168
Other	11,236	103,547
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>58,086,905</b>	<b>64,283,557</b>
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:</b>		
Land	1,082,331	1,082,331
Buildings and yard improvements	7,014,180	7,014,180
Machinery and equipment	30,308,179	30,293,590
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(27,568,429)</u>	<u>(27,111,529)</u>
	10,836,261	11,278,572
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>		
Cash value of officers' life insurance and other assets	1,028,500	1,013,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 69,951,666</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 76,575,129</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,330,037	\$ 11,181,804
Deferred credit for LIFO inventory replacement	54,625	—
Dividends payable	543,956	543,956
Contribution to profit sharing plan	105,000	52,500
Employee compensation and related expenses	471,093	533,822
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,504,711</b>	<b>12,312,082</b>
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	259,434	362,279
POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS	965,502	943,149
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
Common stock, par value \$1:		
Authorized shares — 10,000,000		
Issued shares — 7,975,160 at June 30 and March 31, 2013	7,975,160	7,975,160
Additional paid-in capital	29,003,674	29,003,674
Treasury stock at cost (1,175,716 shares at June 30 and March 31, 2013)	(5,475,964)	(5,475,964)
Retained earnings	31,719,149	31,454,749
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>63,222,019</b>	<b>62,957,619</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$ 69,951,666</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 76,575,129</u></b>

FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS — UNAUDITED**

	<u>THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,</u>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Net Sales	\$ 29,582,144	\$ 39,434,770
Costs and expenses		
Costs of goods sold	27,138,300	34,787,012
General, selling and administrative costs	1,304,900	1,559,836
	<u>28,443,200</u>	<u>36,346,848</u>
Interest and other income	(15,506)	(12,208)
Earnings before income taxes	1,154,450	3,100,130
Income tax provision (benefit):		
Current	448,936	1,035,928
Deferred	(102,845)	(27,652)
	<u>346,091</u>	<u>1,008,276</u>
Net earnings	<u>\$ 808,359</u>	<u>\$ 2,091,854</u>
Average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	6,799,444	6,799,444
Diluted	6,799,444	6,799,444
Net earnings per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.31
Diluted	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.31
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.13

FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS — UNAUDITED**

	<b>THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net earnings	\$ 808,359	\$ 2,091,854
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	456,898	450,297
Provision for deferred taxes	(102,845)	(27,652)
Change in postretirement benefits	22,353	22,354
Decrease (increase) in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	579,356	4,645,039
Inventories	7,197,984	1,913,505
Other current assets	92,311	79,393
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(6,851,767)	(7,157,273)
Contribution to profit sharing plan	52,500	52,500
Employee compensation and related expenses	(62,729)	10,588
Income taxes payable	—	842,471
Deferred credit for LIFO inventory replacement	54,625	—
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2,247,045</b>	<b>2,923,076</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(14,590)	(90,573)
Proceeds from sales of assets	—	42,375
Increase in cash surrender value of officers' life insurance	(15,500)	(15,500)
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(30,090)</b>	<b>(63,698)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash dividends paid	(543,956)	(883,928)
<b>NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(543,956)</b>	<b>(883,928)</b>
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>1,672,999</b>	<b>1,975,450</b>
Cash at beginning of period	15,923,294	11,881,548
<b>CASH AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 17,596,293</b>	<b>\$ 13,856,998</b>

FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED  
**CONDENSED NOTES TO QUARTERLY REPORT — UNAUDITED**

**NOTE A — BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying unaudited, condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes of Friedman Industries, Incorporated (the “Company”) included in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2013.

**NOTE B — INVENTORIES**

Inventories consist of prime coil, non-standard coil and tubular materials. Prime coil inventory consists primarily of raw materials, non-standard coil inventory consists primarily of raw materials, and tubular inventory consists of both raw materials and finished goods. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or replacement market. Cost for prime coil inventory is determined using the last-in, first-out (“LIFO”) method. Cost for non-standard coil inventory is determined using the specific identification method. Cost for tubular inventory is determined using the weighted average method.

During the quarters ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, LIFO inventories were liquidated. At June 30, 2013, a deferred credit of \$54,625 was recorded to reflect the difference in replacement cost and LIFO cost. LIFO inventories at June 30, 2012 were replaced by March 31, 2013. A deferred debit of \$95,309 was recorded at June 30, 2012 to reflect the difference between replacement cost and LIFO cost.

A summary of inventory values by product group follows:

	June 30, 2013	March 31, 2013
Prime Coil Inventory	\$ 4,467,168	\$10,981,835
Non-Standard Coil Inventory	2,899,604	3,741,718
Tubular Raw Material	872,657	3,308,419
Tubular Finished Goods	23,781,755	21,187,196
	<u>\$32,021,184</u>	<u>\$39,219,168</u>

**NOTE C — SEGMENT INFORMATION (in thousands)**

	THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,	
	2013	2012
Net sales		
Coil	\$ 17,163	\$ 16,830
Tubular	12,419	22,605
Total net sales	<u>\$ 29,582</u>	<u>\$ 39,435</u>
Operating profit		
Coil	\$ 178	\$ 354
Tubular	1,650	3,686
Total operating profit	1,828	4,040
Corporate expenses	689	952
Interest & other income	(15)	(12)
Earnings before income taxes	<u>\$ 1,154</u>	<u>\$ 3,100</u>

	June 30, 2013	March 31, 2013
Segment assets		
Coil	\$20,244	\$29,780
Tubular	31,051	29,834
	51,295	59,614
Corporate assets	18,657	16,961
	<u>\$69,952</u>	<u>\$76,575</u>

Corporate expenses reflect general and administrative expenses not directly associated with segment operations and consist primarily of corporate executive and accounting salaries, professional fees and services, bad debts, profit sharing expense, corporate insurance expenses and office supplies. Corporate assets consist primarily of cash and the cash value of officers' life insurance.

#### NOTE D — SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The Company paid income taxes of approximately \$106,000 and \$214,000 in the quarters ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. No interest was paid in the quarters ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Noncash financing activities consisted of accrued dividends of \$543,956 and \$883,928 in the quarters ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### Results of Operations

##### *Three Months Ended June 30, 2013 Compared to Three Months Ended June 30, 2012*

During the three months ended June 30, 2013, sales, costs of goods sold and gross profit decreased \$9,852,626, \$7,648,712 and \$2,203,914, respectively, from the comparable amounts recorded during the three months ended June 30, 2012. The decrease in sales resulted from both a decline in tons sold and a decrease in the average selling price. Tons sold declined from approximately 50,000 tons in the 2012 quarter to approximately 42,000 tons in the 2013 quarter. The average per ton selling price decreased from approximately \$789 per ton in the 2012 quarter to \$705 per ton in the 2013 quarter. The decrease in gross profit was related primarily to the decline in sales. Gross profit as a percentage of sales decreased from approximately 11.8% in the 2012 quarter to approximately 8.3% in the 2013 quarter. The Company experienced softer market conditions for its products in the 2013 quarter. Management believes that market conditions will remain soft until the U.S. economy experiences sustained, significant improvement.

Coil product segment sales increased approximately \$333,000 during the 2013 quarter. This increase was related primarily to an increase in tons sold, which increased from approximately 22,000 in the 2012 quarter to 25,000 in the 2013 quarter. The average per ton selling price of coil products decreased from approximately \$772 per ton in the 2012 quarter to \$688 per ton in the 2013 quarter. Coil segment operations reflected operating profits of approximately \$178,000 and \$354,000 in the 2013 and 2012 quarters, respectively. Management believes that the operations of this segment have been adversely impacted in both the 2013 and 2012 quarters by soft demand related primarily to a weak U.S. economy and that market conditions will remain soft until the U.S. economy experiences sustained, significant improvement.

The Company is primarily dependent on Nucor Steel Company ("NSC") for its supply of coil inventory. In the 2013 quarter, NSC continued to supply the Company with steel coils in amounts that were adequate for the Company's purposes. The Company does not currently anticipate any significant change in such supply from NSC. Loss of NSC as a supplier could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business.

Tubular product segment sales decreased approximately \$10,186,000 during the 2013 quarter. This decrease resulted from both a decrease in the average per ton selling price and a decline in tons sold. The average per ton selling price of tubular products decreased from approximately \$802 per ton in the 2012 quarter to approximately \$730 per ton in the 2013 quarter. Tons sold declined from approximately 28,000 tons in the 2012 quarter to approximately 17,000 tons in the 2013 quarter. Tubular product segment operating profits for the 2013 quarter decreased approximately \$2,036,000 from operating profits for the 2012 quarter. Operating profits as a percentage of segment sales were approximately 13.3% and 16.3% in the 2013 and 2012 quarters, respectively. Segment sales and operating profits were adversely impacted by soft demand for tubular products during the 2013 quarter. Management believes these soft market conditions were related to oversupply, foreign competition and, more significantly, a weak U.S. economy.

U. S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc. ("USS") is the Company's primary supplier of tubular products and coil material used in pipe manufacturing and is a major customer of finished tubular products. Certain finished tubular products used in the energy business are manufactured by the Company and sold to USS. Loss of USS as a supplier or customer could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. The Company can make no assurances as to orders from USS or the amounts of pipe and coil material that will be available from USS in the future.

During the 2013 quarter, general, selling and administrative costs decreased \$254,936 from the amount recorded during the 2012 quarter. This decrease was related primarily to a decrease in bonuses and commissions associated with the decreased earnings and product sales volumes.

Income taxes in the 2013 quarter decreased \$662,185 from the amount recorded in the 2012 quarter. This decrease was related primarily to the decrease in earnings before taxes in the 2013 quarter. The effective tax rate was 30.0% and 32.5% in the 2013 and 2012 quarters, respectively.

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

The Company remained in a strong, liquid position at June 30, 2013. The current ratios were 10.6 at June 30, 2013 and 5.2 at March 31, 2013. Working capital was \$52,582,194 at June 30, 2013, and \$51,971,475 at March 31, 2013.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2013, the Company maintained assets and liabilities at levels it believed were commensurate with operations. Changes in balance sheet amounts occurred in the ordinary course of business. Cash increased primarily as a result of the reduction of accounts receivable and inventories offset by a decrease in accounts payable. The Company expects to continue to monitor, evaluate and manage balance sheet components depending on changes in market conditions and the Company's operations.

The Company has in the past and may in the future borrow funds on a term basis to build or improve facilities. The Company currently has no plans to borrow any significant amount of funds on a term basis.

Notwithstanding the current market conditions, the Company believes its cash flows from operations and borrowing capability due to its strong balance sheet are adequate to fund its expected cash requirements for the next 24 months.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. One such accounting policy that requires significant estimates and judgments is the valuation of LIFO inventories in the Company's quarterly reporting. The quarterly valuation of inventory requires estimates of the year end quantities, which is inherently difficult. Historically, these estimates have been materially correct. In the quarter ended June 30, 2013, LIFO inventories were reduced and are expected to be replaced by March 31, 2014. In the quarter ended June 30, 2012, LIFO inventories were reduced and were replaced by March 31, 2013. A deferred credit of \$54,625 and a deferred debit of \$95,309 were recorded at June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012, respectively, to reflect the difference between replacement costs and LIFO costs.

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

From time to time, the Company may make certain statements that contain forward-looking information (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1996, as amended) and that involve risk and uncertainty. These forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, future results of operations, future production capacity, product quality and proposed expansion plans. Forward-looking statements may be made by management orally or in writing including, but not limited to, this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and other sections of the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Actual results and trends in the future may differ materially depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, changes in the demand for and prices of the Company's products, changes in the demand for steel and steel products in general and the Company's success in executing its internal operating plans, including any proposed expansion plans.



### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Not Required

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's principal executive officer ("CEO") and principal financial officer ("CFO"), evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013. Based on this evaluation, the CEO and CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013 to ensure that information that is required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## **FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED** **Three Months Ended June 30, 2013**

### **Part II — OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Item 6. Exhibits**

<b>Exhibits</b>	
31.1	— Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, signed by William E. Crow
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I, William E. Crow, certify that:

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

Dated: August 13, 2013

/s/ WILLIAM E. CROW  
*Chief Executive Officer and President*

I, Ben Harper, certify that:

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

Dated: August 13, 2013

/s/ BEN HARPER  
*Senior Vice President — Finance and  
Secretary/Treasurer*

**Certification Pursuant to  
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906  
of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

**Not Filed Pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Friedman Industries, Incorporated (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2013, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, William E. Crow, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, that:

(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 13, 2013

By /s/ William E. Crow  
Name: William E. Crow  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

**Certification Pursuant to  
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906  
of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

**Not Filed Pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Friedman Industries, Incorporated (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2013, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Ben Harper, Senior Vice President-Finance and Secretary/Treasurer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, that:

(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 13, 2013

By /s/ Ben Harper

Name: Ben Harper

Title: Senior Vice President — Finance and  
Secretary/Treasurer