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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 20-F

o REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934; or

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

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2013; or

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

For the transition period _______ to ______; or

o SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of event requiring this shell company report

Commission File No. 0-30895

EXFO INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Not Applicable (Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Canada

(Jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization)

400 Godin Avenue, Quebec, Quebec, G1M 2K2, Canada (Address of principal executive offices)

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(Name, Telephone, E-mail and/or Facsimile number and Address of Company Contact Person)

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

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Subordinate Voting Shares without par value

NASDAQ

Subordinate Voting Shares without par value	TSX	
Securities registered or to b	be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:	
	None	
Securities for which there is a rep	eporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:	
	None	

As of August 31, 2013, the registrant had 28,401,790 Subordinate Voting Shares outstanding and 31,643,000 Multiple Voting Shares outstanding.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes o No x

If this report is an annual report or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes o No x

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 x No o

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 x No o

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

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer o

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP o International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by Other o the x
International Accounting Standards Board

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

Item 17 o Item 18 o

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No x

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DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Annual Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and we intend that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe harbors created thereby. Forward-looking statements are statements other than historical information or statements of current condition. Words such as may, will, expect, believe, plan, anticipate, intend, could, estimate, continue, or similar expressions or the negative of such expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements that refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events and circumstances are considered forward-looking statements. They are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in forward-looking statements due to various factors including, but not limited to, macroeconomic uncertainty as well as capital spending and network deployment levels in the telecommunications industry (including our ability to quickly adapt cost structures with anticipated levels of business and our ability to manage inventory levels with market demand); future economic, competitive, financial and market conditions; consolidation in the global telecommunications test and service assurance industry and increased competition among vendors; limited visibility with regards to customer orders and the timing of such orders; fluctuating exchange rates; concentration of sales; timely release and market acceptance of our new products and other upcoming products; our ability to successfully expand international operations; our ability to successfully integrate businesses that we acquire; and the retention of key technical and management personnel. Assumptions relating to the foregoing involve judgments and risks, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict and many of which are beyond our control. Other risk factors that may affect our future performance and operations are detailed in this Annual Report. We believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable based on information currently available to us, but we cannot assure you that the expectations will prove to have been correct. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These statements speak only as of the date of this document. Unless required by law or applicable regulations, we undertake no obligation to revise or update any of them to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date of this document.

All dollar amounts in this Annual Report are expressed in US dollars, except as otherwise noted.

PART I.

Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers

Not Applicable.

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

Not Applicable.

Item 3. Key Information

A. Selected Financial Data

The consolidated statements of earnings data for the years ended August 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the consolidated balance sheets data as at August 31, 2012 and 2013 have been derived from our audited

consolidated financial statements that are included elsewhere in this Annual Report. Consolidated balance sheet data as at August 31, 2011 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this Annual Report. Consolidated financial statements for the years ended August, 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). Prior to fiscal 2011, consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS are not available.

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The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report, and "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" of this Annual Report.

	Years ended August 31,			
	2013	2012	2011	
	(in thousar	nds of US dolla	ars, except sha	ıre
		and per share data)		
Consolidated Statements of Earnings Data:		-		
Sales	\$242,150	\$249,966	\$269,743	
Cost of sales (1)	92,469	91,792	100,296	
Selling and administrative	88,756	94,139	87,062	
Net research and development	45,444	49,854	47,927	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	6,028	6,169	6,655	
Amortization of intangible assets	6,643	7,819	9,183	
Changes in fair value of cash contingent consideration		(311) (2,685)
Interest and other income	(113) (131) (511)
Foreign exchange (gain) loss	(4,082) 657	3,808	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	7,005	(22) 18,008	
Income taxes	5,664	3,571	8,814	
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations	1,341	(3,593) 9,194	
Net earnings from discontinued operations			12,926	
Net earnings (loss) for the year	\$1,341	\$(3,593) \$22,120	
Basic and diluted net earnings (loss) from continuing operations per share	\$0.02	\$(0.06) \$0.15	
Basic net earnings (loss) per share	\$0.02	\$(0.06) \$0.37	
Diluted net earnings (loss) per share	\$0.02	\$(0.06) \$0.36	
Basic weighted average number of shares used in per share				
calculations (000's)	60,323	60,453	60,000	
Diluted weighted average number of shares used in per share				
calculations (000's)	61,110	60,453	61,488	
Other consolidated statements of earnings data:				
Gross research and development	\$54,334	\$59,282	\$57,226	
Net research and development	\$45,444	\$49,854	\$47,927	
		As at August 31,		
	2013	2012	2011	
	(in t	thousands of US dollars)		
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