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FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the quarterly period ended: June 30, 2017

Transition Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File Number: 0-19672

American Superconductor Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| | |
|---|---|
| Delaware | 04-2959321 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

64 Jackson Road, Devens, Massachusetts 01434
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(978) 842-3000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 19,194,407

Class Outstanding as of August 3, 2017

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AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

| | June 30, 2017 | March 31, 2017 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$37,477 | \$26,784 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 7,752 | 7,956 |
| Inventory | 15,639 | 17,462 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 3,303 | 2,703 |
| Restricted cash | 100 | 795 |
| Total current assets | 64,271 | 55,700 |
| | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 39,282 | 43,438 |
| Intangibles, net | 192 | 301 |
| Restricted cash | 165 | 165 |
| Deferred tax assets | 426 | 407 |
| Other assets | 267 | 233 |
| Total assets | \$104,603 | \$100,244 |
| | | |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$14,020 | \$14,490 |
| Note payable, current portion, net of discount of \$19 as of March 31, 2017 | — | 1,481 |
| Derivative liabilities | 998 | 1,923 |
| Deferred revenue | 17,685 | 14,323 |
| Total current liabilities | 32,703 | 32,217 |
| | | |
| Deferred revenue | 8,249 | 7,631 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 125 | 125 |
| Other liabilities | 209 | 45 |
| Total liabilities | 41,286 | 40,018 |
| | | |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 13) | | |
| | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock | 193 | 147 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,035,261 | 1,017,510 |
| Treasury stock | (1,645) | (1,371) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 317 | (503) |
| Accumulated deficit | (970,809) | (955,557) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 63,317 | 60,226 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$104,603 | \$100,244 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
 UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
 (In thousands, except per share data)

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Revenues | \$8,923 | \$13,345 |
| Cost of revenues | 13,409 | 12,482 |
| Gross (loss)/profit | (4,486) | 863 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Research and development | 2,717 | 2,952 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 6,138 | 7,216 |
| Amortization of acquisition related intangibles | 13 | 39 |
| Restructuring | 1,339 | — |
| Total operating expenses | 10,207 | 10,207 |
| Operating loss | (14,693) | (9,344) |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and warrants | 925 | (678) |
| Interest expense, net | (10) | (135) |
| Other (expense) income, net | (1,374) | 126 |
| Loss before income tax expense | (15,152) | (10,031) |
| Income tax expense | 100 | 324 |
| Net loss | \$(15,252) | \$(10,355) |
| Net loss per common share | | |
| Basic | \$(0.91) | \$(0.76) |
| Diluted | \$(0.91) | \$(0.76) |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | | |
| Basic | 16,778 | 13,676 |
| Diluted | 16,778 | 13,676 |

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AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
 UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
 (In thousands)

| | Three months ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------|
| | June 30, | |
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Net loss | \$(15,252) | \$(10,355) |
| Other comprehensive gain (loss), net of tax: | | |
| Foreign currency translation gain (loss) | 820 | (652) |
| Total other comprehensive gain (loss), net of tax | 820 | (652) |
| Comprehensive loss | \$(14,432) | \$(11,007) |

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AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
 UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (In thousands)

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net loss | \$(15,252) | \$(10,355) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operations: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 4,345 | 1,871 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 754 | 999 |
| Provision for excess and obsolete inventory | 250 | 272 |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and warrants | (925) |) 678 |
| Non-cash interest expense | 19 | 56 |
| Other non-cash items | 718 | (307) |
| Changes in operating asset and liability accounts: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 319 | 12,192 |
| Inventory | 1,719 | (10,750) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (273) |) 1,555 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (404) |) 1,650 |
| Deferred revenue | 3,300 | 79 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (5,430) |) (2,060) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (76) |) (281) |
| Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment | 10 | 15 |
| Change in restricted cash | 695 | 16 |
| Change in other assets | (23) |) (21) |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities | 606 | (271) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Employee taxes paid related to net settlement of equity awards | (274) |) (461) |
| Repayment of debt | (1,575) |) (1,000) |
| Proceeds from public equity offering, net | 16,954 | — |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities | 15,105 | (1,461) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 412 | (327) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 10,693 | (4,119) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 26,784 | 39,330 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | \$37,477 | \$35,211 |
| Supplemental schedule of cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds | \$96 | \$112 |
| Issuance of common stock to settle liabilities | 90 | 107 |
| Cash paid for interest | 42 | 108 |

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AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of the Business and Operations and Liquidity

Nature of the Business and Operations

American Superconductor Corporation (“AMSC” or the “Company”) was founded on April 9, 1987. The Company is a leading provider of megawatt-scale solutions that lower the cost of wind power and enhance the performance of the power grid. In the wind power market, the Company enables manufacturers to field wind turbines through its advanced engineering, support services and power electronics products. In the power grid market, the Company enables electric utilities and renewable energy project developers to connect, transmit and distribute power through its transmission planning services and power electronics and superconductor-based products. The Company’s wind and power grid products and services provide exceptional reliability, security, efficiency and affordability to its customers. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) and the Securities and Exchange Commission’s (“SEC”) instructions to Form 10-Q. The going concern basis of presentation assumes that the Company will continue operations and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to those instructions. The year-end condensed balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 and the financial position at June 30, 2017.

Liquidity

The Company has experienced recurring operating losses and as of June 30, 2017, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$970.8 million. In addition, the Company has experienced recurring negative operating cash flows. At June 30, 2017, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$37.5 million. Cash used in operations for the three months ended June 30, 2017 was \$5.4 million.

From April 1, 2011 through the date of this filing, the Company has reduced its global workforce substantially, including a restructuring action announced on April 4, 2017 which led to a \$1.3 million restructuring charge in the three months ended June 30, 2017. See Note 13 "Restructuring" for further discussion of this action. The Company has taken actions to consolidate certain business operations to reduce facility costs. As of June 30, 2017, the Company had a global workforce of 326 persons. The Company plans to closely monitor its expenses and, if required, expects to further reduce operating costs and capital spending to enhance liquidity.

Over the last several years, the Company has entered into several debt and equity financing arrangements in order to enhance liquidity. Since April 1, 2012, the Company has generated aggregate cash flows from financing activities of \$85.0 million. Included in this amount are proceeds of approximately \$17.0 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses payable by the Company, from the Company's equity offering completed on May 10, 2017, which includes the subsequent exercise by the underwriters of their option in full to purchase additional shares. The Company terminated its At Market Issuance Sales Agreement ("ATM") with FBR Capital Markets & Co in conjunction with this equity offering. See Note 12 “Stockholders Equity” for further discussion of these financing arrangements.

In December 2015, the Company entered into a set of strategic agreements valued at approximately \$210.0 million with Inox Wind Ltd. (“Inox”), which includes a multi-year supply contract pursuant to which the Company will supply electric control systems to Inox and a license agreement allowing Inox to manufacture a limited number of electrical control systems. After Inox purchases the specified number of electrical control systems required under the terms of the supply contract, Inox agreed that the Company will continue as Inox’s preferred supplier and Inox will be required to purchase from the Company a majority of its electric control systems requirements for an additional three-year period.

The Company believes based on the information presented above, and its quarterly management assessment, that it has sufficient liquidity to fund its operations and capital expenditures for the next twelve months following the issuance of the financial statements for the three months ended June 30, 2017. The Company's liquidity is highly dependent on its ability to increase revenues, its ability to control its operating costs, and its ability to raise additional capital, if necessary. There can be no assurance

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that the Company will be able to continue to raise additional capital from other sources or execute on any other means of improving liquidity described above.

2. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for its stock-based compensation at fair value. The following table summarizes stock-based compensation expense by financial statement line item for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

| | Three months ended June 30, 2017 2016 | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------|
| Cost of revenues | \$36 | \$50 |
| Research and development | 49 | 30 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 669 | 919 |
| Total | \$754 | \$999 |

The Company issued 33,487 shares of immediately vested common stock during the three months ended June 30, 2017, and 25,000 shares of immediately vested common stock and 136,000 restricted stock awards during the three months ended June 30, 2016. These restricted stock awards generally vest over 2-3 years. Awards for restricted stock include both time-based and performance-based awards. For options and awards that vest upon the passage of time, expense is being recorded over the vesting period. Performance-based awards are expensed over the requisite service period based on probability of achievement. In addition, the Company issued 16,667 restricted stock units under the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan during the three months ended June 30, 2017, each of which represents the right to receive one share of common stock in connection with a severance agreement entered into with one of our former executive officers. These restricted stock units vested and were settled in shares of common stock on the eighth day after receipt of an irrevocable release.

The estimated fair value of the Company's stock-based awards, less expected annual forfeitures, is amortized over the awards' service period. The total unrecognized compensation cost for unvested outstanding stock options was \$0.4 million at June 30, 2017. This expense will be recognized over a weighted average expense period of approximately 1.7 years. The total unrecognized compensation cost for unvested outstanding restricted stock was \$1.3 million at June 30, 2017. This expense will be recognized over a weighted-average expense period of approximately 1.4 years. The Company did not grant any stock options during the three months ended June 30, 2017 or 2016.

3. Computation of Net Loss per Common Share

Basic net loss per share ("EPS") is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Where applicable, diluted EPS is computed by dividing the net loss by the weighted-average number of common shares and dilutive common equivalent shares outstanding during the period, calculated using the treasury stock method. Common equivalent shares include the effect of restricted stock, exercise of stock options and warrants and contingently issuable shares. For the three months ended June 30, 2017, 1.5 million shares were not included in the calculation of diluted EPS as they were considered anti-dilutive, of which 0.3 million relate to outstanding stock options, and 1.2 million relate to outstanding warrants. For the three months ended June 30, 2016, 1.6 million shares were not included in the calculation of diluted EPS as they were considered anti-dilutive, of which 0.4 million relate to outstanding stock options, and 1.2 million relate to outstanding warrants.

The following table reconciles the numerators and denominators of the earnings per share calculation for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Numerator: | | |
| Net loss | \$(15,252) | \$(10,355) |
| Denominator: | | |
| Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding | 17,089 | 14,132 |
| Weighted-average shares subject to repurchase | (311) | (456) |
| Shares used in per-share calculation basic | 16,778 | 13,676 |
| Shares used in per-share calculation diluted | 16,778 | 13,676 |
| Net loss per share basic | \$(0.91) | \$(0.76) |
| Net loss per share diluted | \$(0.91) | \$(0.76) |

4. Fair Value Measurements

A valuation hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs to valuation used to measure fair value has been established. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means (market corroborated inputs).

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that reflect the Company's assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The Company develops these inputs based on the best information available, including its own data.

The Company provides a gross presentation of activity within Level 3 measurement roll-forward and details of transfers in and out of Level 1 and 2 measurements. A change in the hierarchy of an investment from its current level is reflected in the period during which the pricing methodology of such investment changes. Disclosure of the transfer of securities from Level 1 to Level 2 or Level 3 is made in the event that the related security is significant to total cash and investments. The Company did not have any transfers of assets and liabilities from Level 1 and Level 2 to Level 3 of the fair value measurement hierarchy during the three months ended June 30, 2017.

A financial asset's or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following table provides the assets and liabilities carried at fair value on a recurring basis, measured as of June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 (in thousands):

| | Total Carrying Value | Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1) | Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Other Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| June 30, 2017: | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash equivalents | \$ 27,334 | \$ 27,334 | \$ | — \$ — |
| Derivative liabilities: | | | | |
| Warrants | \$ 998 | \$ — | \$ | — \$ 998 |

| | Total Carrying Value | Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1) | Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Other Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| March 31, 2017: | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash equivalents | \$ 14,105 | \$ 14,105 | \$ | — \$ — |
| Derivative liabilities: | | | | |
| Warrants | \$ 1,923 | \$ — | \$ | — \$ 1,923 |

The table below reflects the activity for the Company's major classes of liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in thousands):

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| | Warrants |
| April 1, 2017 | \$ 1,923 |
| Mark to market adjustment | (925) |
| Balance at June 30, 2017 | \$ 998 |
| | Warrants |
| April 1, 2016 | \$ 3,227 |
| Mark to market adjustment | (1,304) |
| Balance at March 31, 2017 | \$ 1,923 |

Valuation Techniques

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid instruments with maturities of three months or less that are regarded as high quality, low risk investments and are measured using such inputs as quoted prices, and are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Cash equivalents consist principally of certificates of deposits and money market accounts.

Warrants

Warrants were issued in conjunction with a Securities Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Capital Ventures International ("CVI") in April 2012, an equity offering to Hudson Bay Capital in November 2014, and a Loan and Security Agreement with Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. ("Hercules") in June 2012 and through subsequent amendments. See Note 10, "Debt," and Note 11 "Warrants and Derivative Liabilities," for additional information. These warrants are subject to revaluation at each balance sheet date, and any change in fair value will be recorded as a change in fair value in derivatives and warrants until the earlier of their exercise or expiration.

The Company relies on various assumptions in a lattice model to determine the fair value of warrants. The Company has valued the warrants within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. See Note 11, "Warrants and Derivative Liabilities," for a discussion of the warrants and the valuation assumptions used.

5. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | June 30, March 31, 2017 2017 | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Accounts receivable (billed) | \$ 6,661 | \$ 7,436 |
| Accounts receivable (unbilled) | 1,145 | 574 |
| Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts | (54) | (54) |
| Accounts receivable, net | \$ 7,752 | \$ 7,956 |

6. Inventory

Inventory at June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | June 30, March 31, | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2017 |
| Raw materials | \$6,026 | \$ 4,263 |
| Work-in-process | 819 | 426 |
| Finished goods | 6,485 | 8,016 |
| Deferred program costs | 2,309 | 4,757 |
| Net inventory | \$15,639 | \$ 17,462 |

The Company recorded inventory write-downs of \$0.3 million for each of the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. These write downs were based on evaluating its inventory on hand for excess quantities and obsolescence. Deferred program costs as of June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 primarily represent costs incurred on programs accounted for under contract accounting where the Company needs to complete development milestones before revenue and costs will be recognized.

7. Property, Plant and Equipment

The cost and accumulated depreciation of property and equipment at June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 are as follows (in thousands):

| | June 30, March 31, | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2017 |
| Land | \$3,643 | \$ 3,643 |
| Construction in progress - equipment | 471 | 601 |
| Buildings | 34,549 | 34,549 |
| Equipment and software | 73,345 | 73,445 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 1,185 | 1,201 |
| Leasehold improvements | 1,907 | 2,442 |
| Property, plant and equipment, gross | 115,100 | 115,881 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (75,818) | (72,443) |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | \$39,282 | \$ 43,438 |

Depreciation expense was \$4.2 million and \$1.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Included in depreciation expense for the three months ended June 30, 2017 is \$2.5 million of accelerated depreciation recorded to cost of goods sold related to revised estimates of the remaining useful lives of certain pieces of manufacturing equipment.

8. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses at June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | June 30, March 31, | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2017 |
| Accounts payable | \$1,800 | \$ 3,207 |
| Accrued inventories in-transit | 709 | 313 |
| Accrued other miscellaneous expenses | 2,032 | 2,240 |
| Accrued restructuring | 751 | — |
| Accrued compensation | 5,333 | 5,042 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,369 | 1,344 |
| Accrued warranty | 2,026 | 2,344 |
| Total | \$14,020 | \$ 14,490 |

The Company generally provides a one to three year warranty on its products, commencing upon installation. A provision is recorded upon revenue recognition to cost of revenues for estimated warranty expense based on historical experience.

Product warranty activity was as follows (in thousands):

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$2,344 | \$3,601 |
| Change in accruals for warranties during the period | 41 | 101 |
| Settlements during the period | (359) | (928) |
| Balance at end of period | \$2,026 | \$2,774 |

9. Income Taxes

The Company recorded an income tax expense of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, and 2016, respectively.

Accounting for income taxes requires a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if, based on the technical merits, it is more likely than not the position will be sustained upon audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement. The Company re-evaluates these uncertain tax positions on a quarterly basis. The evaluation is based on factors including, but not limited to, changes in facts or circumstances, changes in tax law, effectively settled issues under audit and new audit activity. Any changes in these factors could result in the recognition of a tax benefit or an additional charge to the tax provision. The Company did not identify any uncertain tax positions in the three months ended June 30, 2017 and did not have any gross unrecognized tax benefits as of March 31, 2017.

10. Debt

Senior Secured Term Loans

On December 19, 2014, the Company entered into a second amendment to its Loan and Security Agreement with Hercules (the "Hercules Second Amendment") and entered into a new term loan, borrowing an additional \$1.5 million (the "Term Loan C"). After closing fees and expenses, the net proceeds to the Company for the Term Loan C were \$1.4 million. The Company made interest only payments at an interest rate of 11% through March 16, 2017 when the interest rate was increased to 11.25%, until maturity on June 1, 2017, when Term Loan C was repaid in its entirety.

Hercules received warrants to purchase 13,927 shares of common stock (the “First Warrant”) and 25,641 shares of common stock (the “Second Warrant”) in conjunction with prior term loans that have been repaid in full. Due to certain adjustment provisions within the warrants, they qualified for liability accounting. The fair value of the warrants, \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, was recorded upon issuance to debt discount and a warrant liability. In conjunction with the Hercules Second Amendment, the First Warrant and Second Warrant were cancelled and replaced with the issuance of a new warrant (the “Hercules Warrant”) to purchase 58,823 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.00 per share, subject to adjustment. The Hercules Warrant expires on June 30, 2020. See Note 11, “Warrants and Derivative Liabilities”, for a discussion on the Hercules Warrant and the valuation assumptions used.

During the three months ended June 30, 2016, the Company recorded non-cash interest expense for amortization of the debt discount related to a prior term loan of less than \$0.1 million. Under Term Loan C, the total debt discount, including the Hercules Warrant, end of term fee and legal and origination costs of \$0.3 million was amortized into interest expense over the term of the Term Loan C using the effective interest method. During each of the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company recorded non-cash interest expense for amortization of the debt discount related to the Term Loan C of less than \$0.1 million.

Interest expense on the Term Loans for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, was less than \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, each of which included less than \$0.1 million of non-cash interest expense related to the amortization of the debt discount on the respective Term Loans.

11. Warrants and Derivative Liabilities

Senior Convertible Note Warrant

On April 4, 2012, the Company entered into a Purchase Agreement with Capital Ventures International (“CVI”). The Purchase Agreement included a warrant to purchase 309,406 shares of the Company’s common stock (the “Original Warrant”). Pursuant to an exchange in October 2013, the Original Warrant was exchanged for a new warrant (the “Exchanged Warrant”). The Exchanged Warrant is exercisable at any time on or after the date that is six months after the issuance of the Original Warrant until its expiration on October 4, 2017. The Exchanged Warrant entitles CVI to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock for a period of five years from the date the Original Warrant becomes exercisable at an exercise price equal to \$12.83 per share, subject to certain price-based and other anti-dilution adjustments. The Exchanged Warrant may not be exercised if, after giving effect to the conversion, CVI together with its affiliates, would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the Company’s common stock. This percentage may be raised to any other percentage not in excess of 9.99% at the option of CVI, upon at least 61-days prior notice to the Company, or lowered to any other percentage, at the option of CVI, at any time.

The Company calculated the fair value of the Exchanged Warrant, utilizing an integrated lattice model. The lattice model is an option pricing model that involves the construction of a binomial tree to show the different paths that the underlying asset may take over the option’s life. A lattice model can take into account expected changes in various parameters such as volatility over the life of the options, providing more accurate estimates of option prices than the Black-Scholes model. See Note 4, “Fair Value Measurements”, for further discussion.

The Company accounts for the Exchanged Warrant as a liability due to certain adjustment provisions within the warrant, which requires that it be recorded at fair value. The Exchanged Warrant is subject to revaluation at each balance sheet date and any change in fair value is recorded as a change in fair value of derivatives and warrants until the earlier of its expiration or its exercise at which time the warrant liability will be reclassified to equity.

Following is a summary of the key assumptions used to calculate the fair value of the Exchanged Warrant:

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Fiscal Year 17 | June 30, 2017 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.05% |
| Expected annual dividend yield | — |
| Expected volatility | 78.25% |
| Term (years) | 0.26 |

Fair value \$—

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| Fiscal Year 16 | March 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 | September 30, 2016 | June 30, 2016 | March 31, 2016 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.91% | 0.56% | 0.59% | 0.48% | 0.66% |
| Expected annual dividend yield | — | — | — | — | — |
| Expected volatility | 44.12% | 58.04% | 70.50% | 76.30% | 76.76% |
| Term (years) | 0.51 | 0.76 | 1.01 | 1.26 | 1.51 |
| Fair value | \$— | \$0.1 million | \$0.2 million | \$0.4 million | \$0.4 million |

The Company recorded no change in the fair value of the Exchanged Warrant during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Hercules Warrant

On December 19, 2014, the Company entered into the Hercules Second Amendment. See Note 10, “Debt” for additional information. In conjunction with the agreement, the Company issued the Hercules Warrant to purchase 58,823 shares of the Company’s common stock. The Hercules Warrant is exercisable at any time after its issuance at an exercise price of \$8.02 per share, subject to certain price-based and other anti-dilution adjustments, and expires on June 30, 2020. The Company accounts for the Hercules Warrant as a liability due to certain provisions within the warrant. The Hercules Warrant is subject to revaluation at each balance sheet date and any change in fair value is recorded as a change in fair value of derivatives and warrants until the earlier of its expiration or its exercise, at which time the warrant liability will be reclassified to equity.

Following is a summary of the key assumptions used to calculate the fair value of the Hercules Warrant:

| Fiscal Year 17 | June 30, 2017 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.58% |
| Expected annual dividend yield | — |
| Expected volatility | 67.76% |
| Term (years) | 2.97 |
| Fair value | \$0.1 million |

| Fiscal Year 16 | March 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 | September 30, 2016 | June 30, 2016 | March 31, 2016 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.55% | 1.57% | 0.97% | 0.86% | 1.08% |
| Expected annual dividend yield | — | — | — | — | — |
| Expected volatility | 66.51% | 67.28% | 67.98% | 68.34% | 70.25% |
| Term (years) | 3.25 | 3.50 | 3.75 | 4.00 | 4.25 |
| Fair value | \$0.2 million | \$0.2 million | \$0.2 million | \$0.3 million | \$0.2 million |

The Company recorded a net gain, resulting from a decrease of less than \$0.1 million in fair value of derivatives and warrants during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and a net loss, resulting from an increase in the fair value of the Hercules Warrant of less than \$0.1 million during the three months ended June 30, 2016.

November 2014 Warrant

On November 13, 2014, the Company completed an offering of 909,090 units of the Company’s common stock with Hudson Bay Capital. Each unit consisted of one share of the Company’s common stock and 0.9 of a warrant to purchase one share of common stock, or a warrant to purchase in the aggregate 818,181 shares (the “November 2014 Warrant”). The November 2014 Warrant is exercisable at any time, at an exercise price equal to \$7.98 per share, subject to certain price-based and other anti-dilution adjustments, and expires on November 13, 2019. The Company accounts for the November 2014 Warrant as a liability due to certain provisions within the warrant. The November 2014 Warrant is subject to revaluation at each balance sheet date and any change in fair value is recorded as a change in fair value of derivatives and warrants until the earlier of its expiration or its exercise, at which time the warrant liability will be reclassified to equity.

Following is a summary of the key assumptions used to calculate the fair value of the November 2014 Warrant:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Fiscal Year 17 | June 30, 2017 | | | | |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.44% | | | | |
| Expected annual dividend yield | — | | | | |
| Expected volatility | 67.21% | | | | |
| Term (years) | 2.37 | | | | |
| Fair value | \$0.9 million | | | | |
| Fiscal Year 16 | March 31, 2017 | December 31, 2016 | September 30, 2016 | June 30, 2016 | March 31, 2016 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.41% | 1.43% | 0.93% | 0.77% | 0.98% |
| Expected annual dividend yield | — | — | — | — | — |
| Expected volatility | 66.53% | 69.31% | 68.96% | 70.01% | 69.88% |
| Term (years) | 2.62 | 2.87 | 3.12 | 3.37 | 3.62 |
| Fair value | \$1.8 million | \$2.3 million | \$2.3 million | \$3.2 million | \$2.6 million |

The Company recorded a net gain of \$0.9 million resulting from a decrease in the fair value of the November 2014 Warrant in the three months ended June 30, 2017 and a net loss, resulting from an increase in the fair value of the November 2014 Warrant of \$0.6 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016.

12. Stockholders' Equity

Equity Offerings

On May 5, 2017, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement with Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., as representative of several underwriters named therein, relating to the issuance and sale (the "Offering") of 4.0 million shares of the Company's common stock at a public offering price of \$4.00 per share. The net proceeds to the Company from the Offering were approximately \$14.7 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses payable by the Company. The Offering closed on May 10, 2017. In addition, the Company granted the underwriters a 30-day option (the "Option") to purchase up to an additional 600,000 shares of common stock at the public offering price. On May 24, 2017, the underwriters notified the Company that they had exercised in full, their Option. The net proceeds to the Company from the Option were approximately \$2.3 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses payable by the Company. The total net proceeds to the Company from the Offering and the Option were approximately \$17.0 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses payable by the Company. The Option closed on May 26, 2017.

ATM Arrangement

On January 27, 2017, the Company entered into an At Market Issuance Sales Agreement ("ATM"), pursuant to which, the Company could, at its discretion, sell up to \$10.0 million of the Company's common stock through its sales agent, FBR Capital Markets & Co. ("FBR"). Sales of common stock made under the ATM were made pursuant to the prospectus supplement dated January 27, 2017, which supplements the prospectus dated October 1, 2014, included in the shelf registration statement that AMSC filed with the SEC on September 19, 2014.

During the year ended March 31, 2017, the Company received net proceeds of \$2.5 million, from sales of approximately 379,693 shares of its common stock at an average sales price of approximately \$6.79 per share under the ATM. No sales of the Company's common stock were made under the ATM after March 31, 2017. On May 4, 2017, the Company provided to FBR a notice of termination of the ATM.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Contingencies

From time to time, the Company is involved in legal and administrative proceedings and claims of various types. The Company records a liability in its consolidated financial statements for these matters when a loss is known or considered probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. The Company reviews these estimates each accounting period as additional information is known and adjusts the loss provision when appropriate. If a matter is both probable to result in a liability and the amounts of loss can be reasonably estimated, the Company estimates and discloses the possible loss or range of loss to the extent necessary to make the consolidated financial statements not misleading. If the loss is not probable or cannot be reasonably estimated, a liability is not recorded in its consolidated financial statements.

On September 13, 2011, the Company commenced a series of legal actions in China against Sinovel Wind Group Co. Ltd. (“Sinovel”). The Company’s Chinese subsidiary, Suzhou AMSC Superconductor Co. Ltd., filed a claim for arbitration with the Beijing Arbitration Commission in accordance with the terms of the Company’s supply contracts with Sinovel. The case is captioned (2011) Jing Zhong An Zi No. 963. The Company alleges that Sinovel committed various material breaches of its contracts with the Company and Sinovel has refused to pay past due amounts for prior shipments of core electrical components and spare parts. The Company is seeking compensation for past product shipments and retention (including interest) in the amount of approximately RMB 485 million (approximately \$72 million) due to Sinovel’s breaches of its contracts. The Company is also seeking specific performance of its existing contracts as well as reimbursement of all costs and reasonable expenses with respect to the arbitration. The value of the undelivered components under the existing contracts, including the deliveries refused by Sinovel in March 2011, amounts to approximately RMB 4.6 billion (approximately \$679 million).

On October 8, 2011, Sinovel filed with the Beijing Arbitration Commission an application under the caption (2011) Jing Zhong An Zi No. 963, for a counterclaim against the Company for breach of the same contracts under which the Company filed its original arbitration claim. Sinovel claims, among other things, that the goods supplied by the Company do not conform to the standards specified in the contracts and claims damages in the amount of approximately RMB 1.2 billion (approximately \$177 million) upon Sinovel’s requests for change of counterclaim. On February 27, 2012, Sinovel filed with the Beijing Arbitration Commission an application under the caption (2012) Jing Zhong An Zi No. 157, against the Company for breach of the same contracts under which the Company filed its original arbitration claim. Sinovel claims, among other things, that the goods supplied by the Company do not conform to the standards specified in the contracts and claims damages in the amount of approximately RMB 105 million (approximately \$15 million). The Company believes that Sinovel’s claims are without merit and it intends to defend these actions vigorously. Since the proceedings in this matter are still in the early technical review phase, the Company cannot reasonably estimate possible losses or range of losses at this time.

Other

The Company enters into long-term construction contracts with customers that require the Company to obtain performance bonds. The Company is required to deposit an amount equivalent to some or all the face amount of the performance bonds into an escrow account until the termination of the bond. When the performance conditions are met, amounts deposited as collateral for the performance bonds are returned to the Company. In addition, the Company has various contractual arrangements in which minimum quantities of goods or services have been committed to be purchased on an annual basis.

As of June 30, 2017, the Company had \$0.1 million of restricted cash included in current assets and \$0.2 million of restricted cash included in long-term assets. These amounts included in restricted cash primarily represent deposits to secure letters of credit for various supply contracts. These deposits are held in interest bearing accounts.

14. Restructuring

The Company accounts for charges resulting from operational restructuring actions in accordance with ASC Topic 420, Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations (“ASC 420”) and ASC Topic 712, Compensation—Nonretirement Postemployment Benefits (“ASC 712”). In accounting for these obligations, the Company is required to make assumptions related to the amounts of employee severance, benefits, and related costs and the time period over which leased facilities will remain vacant, sublease terms, sublease rates and discount rates. Estimates and assumptions are based on the best

information available at the time the obligation arises. These estimates are reviewed and revised as facts and circumstances dictate; changes in these estimates could have a material effect on the amount accrued on the consolidated balance sheet.

On April 3, 2017, the Board of Directors approved a plan to reduce the Company's global workforce by approximately 8%, effective April 4, 2017. The purpose of the workforce reduction was to reduce operating expenses to better align with the Company's current revenues. Included in the \$1.3 million severance pay, charged to operations in the three months ended June 30, 2017, is

\$0.5 million of severance pay for one of the Company's former executive officers pursuant to the terms of a severance agreement dated as of June 30, 2017. Under the terms of the severance agreement, the Company's former executive officer is entitled to 18 months of his base salary, which is expected to be paid by December 31, 2018. From and after January 1, 2018, the Company, at its discretion, may settle any remaining unpaid cash severance owed to its former executive officer through the issuance of a number of immediately vested shares of the Company's common stock, determined by multiplying the remaining unpaid cash severance owed by 120%, and then dividing by the closing stock price per share of the Company's common stock as of the last business day prior to the issuance of the shares. All amounts related to these restructuring activities are expected to be paid by December 31, 2018.

The following table presents restructuring charges and cash payments for the three months ended June 30, 2017 (in thousands):

| | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| | Severance pay and benefits |
| Accrued restructuring balance at April 1, 2017 | \$ — |
| Charges to operations | 1,339 |
| Cash payments | (423) |
| Accrued restructuring balance at June 30, 2017 | \$ 916 |

All restructuring charges discussed above are included within restructuring in the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company includes \$0.7 million of accrued restructuring within accounts payable and accrued expenses and the remaining \$0.2 million long term portion is included within other liabilities in the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets.

15. Business Segments

The Company reports its financial results in two reportable business segments: Wind and Grid.

Through the Company's Windtec Solutions, the Wind business segment enables manufacturers to field wind turbines with exceptional power output, reliability and affordability. The Company supplies advanced power electronics and control systems, licenses its highly engineered wind turbine designs, and provides extensive customer support services to wind turbine manufacturers. The Company's design portfolio includes a broad range of drive trains and power ratings of 2 MWs and higher. The Company provides a broad range of power electronics and software-based control systems that are highly integrated and designed for optimized performance, efficiency, and grid compatibility.

Through the Company's Gridtec Solutions, the Grid business segment enables electric utilities and renewable energy project developers to connect, transmit and distribute power with exceptional efficiency, reliability and affordability. The sales process is enabled by transmission planning services that allow it to identify power grid congestion, poor power quality and other risks, which helps the Company determine how its solutions can improve network performance. These services often lead to sales of grid interconnection solutions for wind farms and solar power plants, power quality systems, and transmission and distribution cable systems. The Company also sells ship protection products to the U.S. Navy through its Grid business segment.

The operating results for the two business segments are as follows (in thousands):

| | Three months ended June 30, 2017 2016 | |
|-----------|--|----------|
| Revenues: | | |
| Wind | \$2,278 | \$5,675 |
| Grid | 6,645 | 7,670 |
| Total | \$8,923 | \$13,345 |

| | Three months ended | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | June 30, | |
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Operating (loss) profit: | | |
| Wind | \$(4,433) | \$(3,030) |
| Grid | (8,167) | (5,315) |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | (2,093) | (999) |
| Total | \$(14,693) | \$(9,344) |

The accounting policies of the business segments are the same as those for the consolidated Company. The Company's business segments have been determined in accordance with the Company's internal management structure, which is organized based on operating activities. The Company evaluates performance based upon several factors, of which the primary financial measures are segment revenues and segment operating loss. The disaggregated financial results of the segments reflect allocation of certain functional expense categories consistent with the basis and manner in which Company management internally disaggregates financial information for the purpose of assisting in making internal operating decisions. In addition, certain corporate expenses which the Company does not believe are specifically attributable or allocable to either of the two business segments have been excluded from the segment operating loss. Unallocated corporate expenses primarily consist of stock-based compensation expense of \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Additionally a restructuring charge of \$1.3 million is included in the three months ended June 30, 2017.

Total assets for the two business segments as of June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 are as follows (in thousands):

| | June 30, | March 31, |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2017 |
| Wind | \$17,162 | \$18,346 |
| Grid | 26,811 | 31,060 |
| Corporate assets | 60,630 | 50,838 |
| Total | \$104,603 | \$100,244 |

The following table sets forth customers who represented 10% or more of the Company's total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| INOX Wind Limited | 22 % | 27 % |
| U.S. Navy | 35 % | — % |
| Reed & Reed Inc. | <10% | 17 % |
| Essential Energy | <10% | 13 % |
| XJ Group Corporation | — % | 12 % |

16. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) issued, ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The guidance substantially converges final standards on revenue recognition between the FASB and IASB providing a framework on addressing revenue recognition issues and, upon its effective date, replaces almost all existing revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance, in current U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The FASB has subsequently issued the following amendments to ASU 2014-09 which are all effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-08, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations, which clarifies the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations.

In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-10, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing, which clarifies certain aspects of identifying performance obligations and licensing implementation guidance.

In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow- Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients related to disclosures of remaining performance obligations, as well as other amendments to guidance on collectability, non-cash consideration and the presentation of sales and other similar taxes collected from customers.

In December 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-20, Technical Corrections and Improvements to Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which amends certain narrow aspects of the guidance issued in ASU 2014-09 including guidance related to the disclosure of remaining performance obligations and prior-period performance obligations, as well as other amendments to the guidance on loan guarantee fees, contract costs, refund liabilities, advertising costs and the clarification of certain examples.

The Company is currently evaluating the provisions of ASU 2014-09 and its amendments, and assessing the impact the adoption of this guidance will have on its financial position, results of operations and disclosures. The Company anticipates the adoption of this guidance will result in certain changes in the identification of deliverables in its contracts and allocation of transaction price. The Company is required to adopt the new standards in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and expects to do so retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the guidance recognized at the date of initial application (the cumulative catch-up transition method). The Company is still evaluating the final impact of this adoption method on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments-Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. The amendments in ASU 2016-01 will enhance the reporting model for financial instruments to provide users of financial statements with more decision-useful information. This ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of ASU 2016-01 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The guidance in this ASU supersedes the leasing guidance in Topic 840, Leases. Under the new guidance, lessees are required to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. A modified retrospective transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical expedients available. The Company is currently evaluating the effects adoption of this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. The amendments in ASU 2016-13 will provide more decision useful information about the expected credit losses on financial instruments and other commitments to extend credit held by a reporting entity at each reporting date. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within that year. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of ASU 2016-13 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In 2016, the FASB issued the following two ASU's on Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230). Both amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that year.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments. The amendments in ASU 2016-15 will provide more guidance towards the classification of multiple different types of cash flows in order to reduce the diversity in reporting across entities.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash. The amendments in ASU 2016-18 will explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling

the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows.

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The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of ASU 2016-15 and ASU 2016-18 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-16, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory. The amendments in ASU 2016-16 will improve the accounting for the income tax consequences of intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that year. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of ASU 2016-16 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, Business Combinations. The amendments in ASU 2017-01 will clarify the definition of a business with the objective of adding guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those periods. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-01 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-03, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections (Topic 250) and Investments - Equity Method and Joint Ventures. The amendments in ASU 2017-03 provide additional detail surrounding disclosures required related to adoption of new pronouncements. The ASU is effective for the periods of each related pronouncement. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-03 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-05, Other Income - Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Non-financial Assets (Subtopic 610-20). The amendments in ASU 2017-05 clarify the scope of Subtopic 610-20, Other Income-Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Non-financial Assets, and to add guidance for partial sales of non-financial assets. Subtopic 610-20, which was issued in May 2014 as a part of Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), provides guidance for recognizing gains and losses from the transfer of non-financial assets in contracts with non-customers. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-05 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Subtopic 718) Scope of Modification Accounting. The amendments in ASU 2017-09 provide clarity and reduce both (1) diversity in practice and (2) cost and complexity when applying the guidance in Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Compensation, to a change to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those periods. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-09 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In July 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-11, Earnings per Share (Topic 260), Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480), and Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815). The amendments in ASU 2017-11 provide guidance for freestanding equity-linked financial instruments, such as warrants and conversion options in convertible debt or preferred stock, and should no longer be accounted for as a derivative liability at fair value as a result of the existence of a down round feature. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those periods. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-11 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

17. Subsequent Events

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through the time of filing this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q with the SEC, and has determined that there are no such events to report.

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). For this purpose, any statements contained herein that relate to future events or conditions, including without limitation, the statements in Part II, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and in Part I under "Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and located elsewhere herein regarding industry prospects or our prospective results of operations or financial position, may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements represent management's current expectations and are inherently uncertain. There are a number of important factors that could materially impact the value of our common stock or cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These important factors include, but are not limited to: A significant portion of our revenues are derived from a single customer, Inox; We have a history of operating losses and negative operating cash flows, which may continue in the future and require us to secure additional financing in the future; Our operating results may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter and may fall below expectations in any particular fiscal quarter; Our financial condition may have an adverse effect on our customer and supplier relationships; Our success in addressing the wind energy market is dependent on the manufacturers that license our designs; Our success is dependent upon attracting and retaining qualified personnel and our inability to do so could significantly damage our business and prospects; We rely upon third-party suppliers for the components and sub-assemblies of many of our Wind and Grid products, making us vulnerable to supply shortages and price fluctuations; Failure to successfully execute any move of our Devens, Massachusetts manufacturing facility or achieve expected savings following any move could adversely impact our financial performance; We may not realize all of the sales expected from our backlog of orders and contracts; Our success depends upon the commercial use of high temperature superconductor products, which is currently limited, and a widespread commercial market for our products may not develop; Growth of the wind energy market depends largely on the availability and size of government subsidies, economic incentives and legislative programs designed to support the growth of wind energy; Our contracts with the U.S. government are subject to audit, modification or termination by the U.S. government and include certain other provisions in favor of the government, and additional funding of such contracts may not be approved by the U.S. Congress; We have operations in and depend on sales in emerging markets, including India, and global conditions could negatively affect our operating results or limit our ability to expand our operations outside of these markets; Our business and operations would be adversely impacted in the event of a failure or security breach of our information technology infrastructure; If we fail to maintain proper and effective internal control over financial reporting, our ability to produce accurate and timely financial statements could be impaired and may lead investors and other users to lose confidence in our financial data; We face risks related to our intellectual property; We face risks related to our legal proceedings; and the important factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in Part 1. Item 1A of our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, and our other reports filed with the SEC. These and the important factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in Part 1. Item 1A of our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements made herein and presented elsewhere by management from time to time. Any such forward-looking statements represent management's estimates as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. While we may elect to update such forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we disclaim any obligation to do so, even if subsequent events cause our views to change. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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Executive Overview

We are a leading provider of megawatt-scale solutions that lower the cost of wind power and enhance the performance of the power grid. In the wind power market, we enable manufacturers to field highly competitive wind turbines through our advanced power electronics products, engineering, and support services. In the power grid market, we enable electric utilities and renewable

energy project developers to connect, transmit and distribute power through our transmission planning services and power electronics and superconductor-based products. Our wind and power grid products and services provide exceptional reliability, security, efficiency and affordability to our customers.

Our wind and power grid solutions help to improve energy efficiency, alleviate power grid capacity constraints and increase the adoption of renewable energy generation. Demand for our solutions is driven by the growing needs for renewable sources of electricity, such as wind and solar energy, and for modernized smart grids that improve power reliability, security and quality. Concerns about these factors have led to increased spending by corporations as well as supportive government regulations and initiatives on local, state, national and global levels, including renewable portfolio standards, tax incentives and international treaties.

We manufacture products using two proprietary core technologies: PowerModule programmable power electronic converters and our Amperium high temperature superconductor (“HTS”) wires. These technologies and our system-level solutions are protected by a broad and deep intellectual property portfolio consisting of hundreds of patents and licenses worldwide.

We operate our business under two market-facing business units: Wind and Grid. We believe this market-centric structure enables us to more effectively anticipate and meet the needs of wind turbine manufacturers, power generation project developers and electric utilities.

Wind. Through our Windtec Solutions™, our Wind business segment enables manufacturers to field wind turbines with exceptional power output, reliability and affordability. We supply advanced power electronics and control systems, license our highly engineered wind turbine designs, and provide extensive customer support services to wind turbine manufacturers. Our design portfolio includes a broad range of drive trains and power ratings of 2 megawatts (“MW”) and higher. We provide a broad range of power electronics and software-based control systems that are highly integrated and designed for optimized performance, efficiency, and grid compatibility.

Grid. Through our Gridtec Solutions™, our Grid business segment enables electric utilities and renewable energy project developers to connect, transmit and distribute power with exceptional efficiency, reliability, security and affordability. We provide transmission planning services that allow us to identify power grid congestion, poor power quality, and other risks, which help us determine how our solutions can improve network performance. These services often lead to sales of our grid interconnection solutions for wind farms and solar power plants, power quality systems and transmission and distribution cable systems. We also sell ship protection products to the U.S. Navy through our Grid business segment.

Our fiscal year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31. When we refer to a particular fiscal year, we are referring to the fiscal year beginning on April 1 of that same year. For example, fiscal 2017 refers to the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 2017. Other fiscal years follow similarly.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements requires that we make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ under different assumptions or conditions. During the three months ended June 30, 2017 there were no significant changes in the critical accounting policies that were disclosed in our Form 10-K for fiscal 2016, which ended on March 31, 2017.

Results of Operations

Three months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2016

Revenues

Total revenues decreased 33% to \$8.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to \$13.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2016. Our revenues are summarized as follows (in thousands):

Three months
ended June 30,
2017 2016

Revenues:

| | | |
|-------|---------|----------|
| Wind | \$2,278 | \$5,675 |
| Grid | 6,645 | 7,670 |
| Total | \$8,923 | \$13,345 |

Our Wind business unit accounted for 26% of total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to 43% for the three months ended June 30, 2016. Revenues in the Wind business unit decreased 60% to \$2.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, from \$5.7 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. Wind business unit revenues in the three months ended June 30, 2017 decreased due primarily to fewer ECS shipments to Inox. This resulted from what we believe, based on our discussions with Inox, to be a temporary demand dislocation caused by the reaction in certain states in India to a recent national wind energy auction that resulted in a record-low power purchase tariff.

Our Grid business unit accounted for 74% of total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to 57% for the three months ended June 30, 2016. Our Grid business unit revenues decreased 13% to \$6.6 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, from \$7.7 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. Grid business unit revenues in the three months ended June 30, 2017 decreased primarily due to lower D-VAR system revenues than in the prior year period, partially offset by higher revenue from the U.S. Navy.

The following table sets forth customers who represented 10% or more of our total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| INOX Wind Limited | 22 % | 27 % |
| U.S. Navy | 35 % | — % |
| Reed & Reed Inc. | <10% | 17 % |
| Essential Energy | <10% | 13 % |
| XJ Group Corporation | — % | 12 % |

Cost of Revenues and Gross Margin

Cost of revenues increased by 7% to \$13.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to \$12.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2016. Gross margin was (50.3)% for the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to 6.5% for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The decrease in the gross margin for the three months ended June 30, 2017 was due to decreased revenue as discussed above, along with a more favorable product mix in the prior year period, as well as an increase to cost of revenues of approximately \$2.5 million due to accelerated depreciation related to revised estimates of the remaining useful lives on certain pieces of manufacturing equipment.

Operating Expenses

Research and development

R&D expenses decreased by 8% to \$2.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017, from \$3.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The decrease in the three months ended June 30, 2017 is primarily due to lower overall compensation expense due to decreased headcount.

Selling, general, and administrative

SG&A expenses decreased by 15% to \$6.1 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, from \$7.2 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. The decrease in SG&A expenses in the three months ended June 30, 2017 was due primarily to reduced overall compensation expense as noted above.

Amortization of acquisition related intangibles

We recorded amortization expense related to our core technology and know-how, trade names and trademark intangible assets of less than \$0.1 million in each of the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

Restructuring

We recorded a restructuring charge of \$1.3 million for severance costs in the three months ended June 30, 2017 as a result of the reduction in force announced on April 4, 2017. Included in the \$1.3 million severance pay, charged to operations in the three months ended June 30, 2017, is \$0.5 million of severance pay for one of our former executive officers pursuant to the terms of a severance agreement dated as of June 30, 2017. Under the terms of the severance agreement, our former executive officer is entitled to eighteen months of his base salary, which is expected to be paid by December 31, 2018. From and after January 1, 2018, at our discretion, we may settle any remaining unpaid cash severance owed to our former executive officer through the issuance of a number of immediately vested shares of our common stock, determined by multiplying the remaining unpaid cash severance owed by 120%, and then dividing by the closing stock price per share of our common stock as of the last business day prior to the issuance of the shares.

Operating loss

Our operating loss is summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Operating (loss) profit: | | |
| Wind | \$(4,433) | \$(3,030) |
| Grid | (8,167) | (5,315) |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | (2,093) | (999) |
| Total | \$(14,693) | \$(9,344) |

Our Wind segment generated an operating loss of \$4.4 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to \$3.0 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in the Wind business unit operating loss in the three months ended June 30, 2017 was due primarily to lower shipments to Inox as previously discussed.

Our Grid segment generated an operating loss of \$8.2 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to \$5.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in the Grid business unit operating loss in the three months ended June 30, 2017 was due primarily to increased cost of revenues related to accelerated depreciation related to revised estimates of the useful lives of certain pieces of manufacturing equipment and lower D-VAR system revenues.

Unallocated corporate expenses primarily consist of stock-based compensation expense of \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Additionally, a restructuring charge of \$1.3 million primarily for severance costs as a result of the restructuring action announced on April 4, 2017 is included in unallocated corporate expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2017.

Change in fair value of derivatives and warrants

The change in fair value of derivatives and warrants resulted in a gain of \$0.9 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to a loss of \$0.7 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. The change in the fair value was primarily driven by changes in stock price, which is a key valuation metric.

Interest expense, net

Interest expense, net, was less than \$0.1 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to \$0.1 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. The decrease was related to lower interest expense due to the maturity of both of our term loans with Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. ("Hercules"). Our Term Loan B matured in November 2016, and our Term Loan C matured in June 2017.

Other (expense) income, net

Other expense, net, was \$1.4 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to other income, net, of \$0.1 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in other expense, net during the three months ended June 30, 2017, was primarily driven by higher foreign currency losses.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense was \$0.1 million in the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to income tax expense of \$0.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. The decrease in income tax expense during the three months ended June 30, 2017 was primarily due to lower taxes in our foreign jurisdictions.

Non-GAAP Measures

Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position or cash flow that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. The non-GAAP measures included in this Form 10-Q, however, should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for or superior to the comparable measure prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We define non-GAAP net loss as net loss before stock-based compensation, amortization of acquisition-related intangibles, consumption of zero cost-basis inventory, changes in fair value of derivatives and warrants, non-cash interest expense, tax effect of adjustments, and the other non-cash or unusual charges, indicated in the table below. We believe non-GAAP net loss assists management and investors in comparing our performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis by excluding these non-cash or non-recurring charges that we do not believe are indicative of our core operating performance. A reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP net loss is set forth in the table below (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 |
| Net loss | \$(15,252) | \$(10,355) |
| Stock-based compensation | 754 | 999 |
| Amortization of acquisition-related intangibles | 13 | 39 |
| Consumption of zero cost-basis inventory | (57) | (158) |
| Change in fair value of derivatives and warrants | (925) | 678 |
| Non-cash interest expense | 19 | 56 |
| Tax effect of adjustments | 9 | 25 |
| Non-GAAP net loss | \$(15,439) | \$(8,716) |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Non-GAAP net loss per share | \$(0.92) | \$(0.64) |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic and diluted | 16,778 | 13,676 |
|---|--------|--------|

We incurred non-GAAP net losses of \$15.4 million or \$0.92 per share for the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to non-GAAP net losses of \$8.7 million or \$0.64 per share for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in non-GAAP net loss in the three month period ended June 30, 2017 was driven primarily by an increase in net loss as previously discussed.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have experienced recurring operating losses and as of June 30, 2017, had an accumulated deficit of \$970.8 million. In addition, we have experienced recurring negative operating cash flows and our Wind segment revenues decreased substantially in the three months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the prior year period. From April 1, 2011 through the date of this filing, we have reduced our global workforce substantially, including an 8% reduction in force, primarily affecting employees in our Devens, Massachusetts facility, effective April 4, 2017. We incurred restructuring charges of \$1.3 million in cash severance expenses in the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017 in connection with the workforce reduction. We plan to closely monitor our expenses and, if required, expect to further reduce operating costs and capital spending to enhance liquidity.

Our cash requirements depend on numerous factors, including if and when the Inox demand dislocation is resolved, the successful completion of our product development activities, our ability to commercialize our Resilient Electric

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and ship protection system solutions, rate of customer and market adoption of our products, collecting receivables according to established terms, and the continued availability of U.S. government funding during the product development phase of our Superconductors-based products.

At June 30, 2017, we had cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash of \$37.7 million, compared to \$27.7 million at March 31, 2017, an increase of \$10.0 million. Our cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash are summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | June 30, March 31, | |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2017 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$37,477 | \$ 26,784 |
| Restricted cash | 265 | 960 |
| Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash | \$37,742 | \$ 27,744 |

As of June 30, 2017, we had approximately \$6.5 million of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash in foreign bank accounts, with a majority of this cash located in Europe. The increase in total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash was due primarily to cash received from the May 2017 equity offering. See further discussion below.

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, net cash used in operating activities was \$5.4 million compared to \$2.1 million of cash used for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in net cash used in operations was due primarily to an increased operating loss, and less cash collections from Inox, partially offset by usage of inventory. For the three months ended June 30, 2017, net cash provided by investing activities was \$0.6 million, compared to net cash used of \$0.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in net cash provided by investing activities was due primarily to a decrease in restricted cash as well as less fixed asset purchases compared to the prior year period.

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, net cash provided by financing activities was \$15.1 million compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$1.5 million in the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in net cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to net proceeds of \$17.0 million from the issuance of 4.6 million shares of common stock in May 2017, with no such equity offering in the prior year period. See the discussion regarding the May 2017 equity offering below.

At June 30, 2017, we had \$0.1 million of restricted cash included in current assets and \$0.2 million of restricted cash included in long-term assets. These amounts included in restricted cash primarily represent deposits to secure letters of credit for various supply contracts. These deposits are held in interest bearing accounts.

On December 19, 2014, we amended our Loan and Security Agreement (the "Term Loan") with Hercules and entered into a new term loan (the "Term Loan C"), borrowing \$1.5 million (our prior \$10.0 million term loan with Hercules was repaid in full at maturity on November 1, 2016). After closing fees and expenses, the net proceeds from the Term Loan C were \$1.4 million. We made interest only payments on the Term Loan C until maturity on June 1, 2017, when the loan was repaid in its entirety.

On May 5, 2017, we entered into an underwriting agreement relating to the issuance and sale (the "Offering") of up to 4.0 million shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$4.00 per share and granted a 30-day option (the "Option") to the underwriters to purchase up to an additional 600,000 shares of common stock at the public offering price. The net proceeds to us from the Offering were approximately \$14.7 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses payable by us. On May 24, 2017, the underwriters notified us that they had exercised in full their Option to purchase an additional 600,000 shares of common stock in connection with the Offering. The net proceeds to us from the Option were approximately \$2.3 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses payable by us. The total net proceeds to us during the three months ended June 30, 2017 from the Offering and Option were approximately \$17.0 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses payable by us. The Company terminated its At Market Issuance Sales Agreement with FBR Capital Markets & Co in conjunction with the Offering. In addition, in December 2015, we entered into a set of strategic agreements valued at approximately \$210.0 million with Inox. These agreements are expected to provide a foundation for the business as we pursue our longer-term objectives.

We believe we have sufficient available liquidity to fund our operations and capital expenditures for the next twelve months. In addition, we may seek to raise additional capital, which could be in the form of loans, convertible debt or equity, to fund our operating requirements and capital expenditures. Our liquidity is highly dependent on our ability to increase revenues, control our operating costs, and our ability to raise additional capital, if necessary. There can be no assurance that we will be able to raise additional capital, or execute on any other means of improving our liquidity as described above.

Legal Proceedings

We are involved in legal and administrative proceedings and claims of various types. See Part II, Item 1, “Legal Proceedings,” for additional information. We record a liability in our consolidated financial statements for these matters when a loss is known or considered probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. We review these estimates each accounting period as additional information is known and adjust the loss provision when appropriate. If a matter is both probable to result in liability and the amounts of loss can be reasonably estimated, we estimate and disclose the possible loss or range of loss to the extent necessary to make the consolidated financial statements not misleading. If the loss is not probable or cannot be reasonably estimated, a liability is not recorded in our consolidated financial statements.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements, as defined under SEC rules, such as relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, which are often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, established for the purpose of facilitating transactions that are not required to be reflected on our balance sheet except as discussed below.

We occasionally enter into construction contracts that include a performance bond. As these contracts progress, we continually assess the probability of a payout from the performance bond. Should we determine that such a payout is probable, we would record a liability.

In addition, we have various contractual arrangements in which minimum quantities of goods or services have been committed to be purchased on an annual basis.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The guidance substantially converges final standards on revenue recognition between the FASB and IASB providing a framework on addressing revenue recognition issues and, upon its effective date, replaces almost all existing revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance, in current U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The FASB has subsequently issued the following amendments to ASU 2014-09 which are all effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017.

- In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-08, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations, which clarifies the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations.
- In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-10, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing, which clarifies certain aspects of identifying performance obligations and licensing implementation guidance.
- In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients related to disclosures of remaining performance obligations, as well as other amendments to guidance on collectability, non-cash consideration and the presentation of sales and other similar taxes collected from customers.
- In December 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-20, Technical Corrections and Improvements to Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which amends certain narrow aspects of the guidance issued in ASU 2014-09 including guidance related to the disclosure of remaining performance obligations and prior-period performance obligations, as well as other amendments to the guidance on loan guarantee fees, contract costs, refund liabilities, advertising costs and the clarification of certain examples.

We are currently evaluating the provisions of ASU 2014-09 and its amendments, and assessing the impact the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial position, results of operations and disclosures. We anticipate the adoption of this guidance will result in certain changes in the identification of deliverables in our contracts and allocation of transaction price. We are required to adopt the new standards in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and expect to do so retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the guidance recognized at the date of initial application (the cumulative catch-up transition method). We are still evaluating the final impact of this adoption method on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments-Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. The amendments in ASU 2016-01 enhance the reporting model for

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financial instruments to provide users of financial statements with more decision-useful information. This ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of ASU 2016-01 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The guidance in this ASU supersedes the leasing guidance in Topic 840, Leases. Under the new guidance, lessees are required to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. A modified retrospective transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical expedients available. We are currently evaluating the effects adoption of this guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. The amendments in ASU 2016-13 provide more decision useful information about the expected credit losses on financial instruments and other commitments to extend credit held by a reporting entity at each reporting date. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within that year. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of ASU 2016-13 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In 2016, the FASB issued the following two ASU's on Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230). Both amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that year.

- In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments. The amendments in ASU 2016-15 provide more guidance towards the classification of multiple different types of cash flows in order to reduce the diversity in reporting across entities.

- In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash. The amendments in ASU 2016-18 explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows.

We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of ASU 2016-15 and ASU 2016-18 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-16, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory. The amendments in ASU 2016-16 improve the accounting for the income tax consequences of intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that year. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of ASU 2016-16 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, Business Combinations. The amendments in ASU 2017-01 clarify the definition of a business with the objective of adding guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those periods. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-01 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-03, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections (Topic 250) and Investments - Equity Method and Joint Ventures. The amendments in ASU 2017-03 provide additional detail surrounding disclosures required related to adoption of new pronouncements. The ASU is effective for the periods of each related pronouncement. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-03 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-05, Other Income - Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Non-financial Assets (Subtopic 610-20). The amendments in ASU 2017-05 clarify the scope of Subtopic 610-20, Other Income-Gains and Losses from the Derecognition of Non-financial Assets, and to add guidance for partial sales

of non-financial assets. Subtopic 610-20, which was issued in May 2014 as a part of Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), provides guidance for recognizing gains and losses from the transfer of non-financial assets in contracts with non-customers. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-05 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Subtopic 718) Scope of Modification Accounting. The amendments in ASU 2017-09 provide clarity and reduce both (1) diversity in practice and (2) cost and complexity when applying the guidance in Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Compensation, to a change to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those periods. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-09 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In July 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-11, Earnings per Share (Topic 260), Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (Topic 480), and Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815). The amendments in ASU 2017-11 provide guidance for freestanding equity-linked financial instruments, such as warrants and conversion options in convertible debt or preferred stock, and should no longer be accounted for as a derivative liability at fair value as a result of the existence of a down round feature. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those periods. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2017-11 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

We do not believe that other recently issued accounting pronouncements will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We face exposure to financial market risks such as adverse movements in foreign currency exchange rates. These exposures may change over time as our business practices evolve and could have a material adverse impact on our financial results. Our market risk profile as of June 30, 2017 has not materially changed since March 31, 2017. Our market risk profile as of March 31, 2017 is disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on May 25, 2017.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2017. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2017, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On September 13, 2011, we commenced a series of legal actions in China against Sinovel. Our Chinese subsidiary, Suzhou AMSC Superconductor Co. Ltd., filed a claim for arbitration with the Beijing Arbitration Commission in accordance with the terms of our supply contracts with Sinovel. The case is captioned (2011) Jing Zhong An Zi No. 0963. On March 31, 2011, Sinovel refused to accept contracted shipments of 1.5 MW and 3 MW wind turbine

core electrical components and spare parts that we were prepared to deliver. We allege that these actions constitute material breaches of our contracts because Sinovel did not give

us notice that it intended to delay deliveries as required under the contracts. Moreover, we allege that Sinovel has refused to pay past due amounts for prior shipments of core electrical components and spare parts. We are seeking compensation for past product shipments and retention (including interest) in the amount of approximately RMB 485 million (approximately \$72 million) due to Sinovel's breaches of our contracts. We are also seeking specific performance of our existing contracts as well as reimbursement of all costs and reasonable expenses with respect to the arbitration. The value of the undelivered components under the existing contracts, including the deliveries refused by Sinovel in March 2011, amounts to approximately RMB 4.6 billion (approximately \$679 million).

On October 8, 2011, Sinovel filed with the Beijing Arbitration Commission an application under the caption (2011) Jing Zhong An Zi No. 0963, for a counterclaim against us for breach of the same contracts under which we filed our original arbitration claim. Sinovel claims, among other things, that the goods supplied by us do not conform to the standards specified in the contracts and claims damages in the amount of approximately RMB 370 million (approximately \$55 million). On October 17, 2011, Sinovel filed with the Beijing Arbitration Commission a request for change of counterclaim to increase its damage claim to approximately RMB 1 billion (approximately \$148 million). On December 22, 2011, Sinovel filed with the Beijing Arbitration Commission an additional request for change of counterclaim to increase its damages claim to approximately RMB 1.2 billion (approximately \$177 million). On February 27, 2012, Sinovel filed with the Beijing Arbitration Commission an application under the caption (2012) Jing Zhong An Zi No. 0157, against us for breach of the same contracts under which we filed our original arbitration claim. Sinovel claims, among other things, that the goods supplied by us do not conform to the standards specified in the contracts and claims damages in the amount of approximately RMB 105 million (approximately \$15 million). We believe that Sinovel's claims are without merit and we intend to defend these actions vigorously. Since the proceedings in this matter are still in the early technical review phase, we cannot reasonably estimate possible losses or range of losses at this time.

We also submitted a civil action application to the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court under the caption (2011) Yi Zhong Min Chu Zi No. 15524, against Sinovel for software copyright infringement on September 13, 2011. The application alleges Sinovel's unauthorized use of portions of our wind turbine control software source code developed for Sinovel's 1.5MW wind turbines and the binary code, or upper layer, of our software for the PM3000 power converters in 1.5MW wind turbines. In July 2011, a former employee of our Austrian subsidiary was arrested in Austria on charges of economic espionage and fraudulent manipulation of data. In September 2011, the former employee pled guilty to the charges, and was imprisoned. As a result of our internal investigation and a criminal investigation conducted by Austrian authorities, we believe that this former employee was contracted by Sinovel through an intermediary while employed by us and improperly obtained and transferred to Sinovel portions of our wind turbine control software source code developed for Sinovel's 1.5MW wind turbines. Moreover, we believe the former employee illegally used source code to develop for Sinovel a software modification to circumvent the encryption and remove technical protection measures on the PM3000 power converters in 1.5MW wind turbines in the field. We are seeking a cease and desist order with respect to the unauthorized copying, installation and use of our software, monetary damages of approximately RMB 38 million (approximately \$6 million) for our economic losses and reimbursement of all costs and reasonable expenses. The Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court accepted the case, which was necessary in order for the case to proceed. On September 15, 2014, the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court held its first substantive hearing in the Beijing case. At the hearing, the parties presented evidence, reviewed claims, and answered questions from the court. On April 24, 2015, we received notification from the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court that it dismissed the case for what it cited was a lack of evidence. On May 6, 2015, we filed an appeal of the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court decision to dismiss the case with the Beijing Higher People's Court. On September 8, 2015, the Beijing Higher People's Court held its first substantive hearing on our appeal of the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court's dismissal of the case. At the hearing, the parties presented evidence and answered questions from the court. We are awaiting a decision from the Beijing Higher People's Court.

We submitted a civil action application to the Beijing Higher People's Court against Sinovel and certain of its employees for trade secret infringement on September 13, 2011 under the caption (2011) Gao Min Chu Zi No. 4193. The application alleges the defendants' unauthorized use of portions of our wind turbine control software source code

developed for Sinovel's 1.5MW wind turbines as described above with respect to the Copyright Action. We are seeking monetary damages of approximately RMB 2.9 billion (approximately \$428 million) for the trade secret infringement as well as reimbursement of all costs and reasonable expenses. The Beijing Higher People's Court has accepted the case, which was necessary in order for the case to proceed. On December 22, 2011 the Beijing Higher People's Court transferred the case to the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court under the caption (2011) Gao Min Chu Zi No. 4193. On June 7, 2012, we received an Acceptance Notice from the Beijing No.1 Intermediate People's Court under the caption (2012) Yi Zhong Min Chu Zi No.6833. The Beijing No. 1 Intermediate Court held the first substantive hearing on May 11, 2015. On June 15, 2015, we submitted a request for the withdrawal of our complaint to the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate Court. On June 16, 2015, the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate Court granted our request. We immediately filed a civil action application to the Beijing Intellectual Property Court against the same parties and seeking the same amount of monetary damages for trade secret infringement on June 16, 2015 under the caption (2015) Jin Zhi Min Chu Zi No. 1135. On January 18, 2016, the Beijing Intellectual Property Court held its first substantive hearing on our trade secret infringement case. At

the hearing, the parties presented evidence, reviewed claims and answered questions from the court. We are awaiting a decision from the Beijing Intellectual Property Court.

On September 16, 2011, we filed a civil copyright infringement complaint in the Hainan Province No. 1 Intermediate People's Court against Dalian Guotong Electric Co. Ltd. ("Guotong"), a supplier of power converter products to Sinovel, and Huaneng Hainan Power, Inc. ("Huaneng"), a wind farm operator that has purchased Sinovel wind turbines containing Guotong power converter products. The case is captioned (2011) Hainan Yi Zhong Min Chu Zi No. 62. The application alleges that our PM1000 converters in certain Sinovel wind turbines have been replaced by converters produced by Guotong. Because the Guotong converters are being used in wind turbines containing our wind turbine control software, we believe that our copyrighted software is being infringed. We are seeking a cease and desist order with respect to the unauthorized use of our software, monetary damages of approximately RMB 1.2 million (approximately \$0.2 million) for our economic losses (with respect to Guotong only) and reimbursement of all costs and reasonable expenses. The court has accepted the case, which was necessary in order for the case to proceed. In addition, upon the request of the defendant Huaneng, Sinovel has been added by the court to this case as a defendant and Huaneng has been released from this case. On November 18, 2014, the Hainan No. 1 Intermediate People's Court held its first substantive hearing in the Hainan case. At the hearing, the parties presented evidence, reviewed claims, and answered questions from the court. On June 3, 2015, we received notification from the Hainan No. 1 Intermediate People's Court that it dismissed the case for what it cited was a lack of evidence. On June 18, 2015 we filed an appeal of the Hainan No. 1 Intermediate People's Court decision to dismiss the case with the Hainan Higher People's Court. On August 20, 2015, the Hainan Higher People's Court accepted the appeal under the caption (2015) QiongZhi Min Zhong Zi No. 6. On November 26, 2015, the Hainan Higher People's Court held its first substantive hearing on our appeal of the Hainan No. 1 Intermediate People's Court's dismissal of the case. On August 17, 2016, we received notification from the Hainan Higher People's Court that it dismissed the case for what it cited was a lack of evidence. We intend to file an appeal of the Hainan Higher People's Court's decision with China's Supreme People's Court. China's Supreme People's Court has discretion to decide whether to hear the appeal.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in the three months ended June 30, 2017 to the risk factors described in Part I, Item IA of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on May 25, 2017.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

See the Exhibit Index on the page immediately preceding the exhibits for a list of exhibits filed as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by this reference.

SIGNATURE

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

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION

Date: August 8,
2017

By: /s/ John W. Kosiba, Jr.

John W. Kosiba, Jr.
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit Description | Incorporated by Reference | | | Filing Date | Filed/Furnished Herewith |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------------------|
| | | Form | File No. | Exhibit | | |
| 10.1 | Fiscal 2017 Executive Incentive Plan | | | | | * |
| 10.2 | Severance and Consulting Services Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2017, by and between the Company and David A. Henry | 8-K | 000-19672 | 10.1 | 07/03/2017 | |
| 31.1 | Chief Executive Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. | | | | | * |
| 31.2 | Chief Financial Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. | | | | | * |
| 32.1 | Chief Executive Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. | | | | | ** |
| 32.2 | Chief Financial Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. | | | | | ** |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document.*** | | | | | |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.*** | | | | | |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document.*** | | | | | |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Definition Linkbase Document.*** | | | | | |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document.*** | | | | | |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document.*** | | | | | |

* Filed herewith

**Furnished herewith

*** Submitted electronically herewith

Attached as Exhibits 101 to this report are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 (ii) Condensed Statements of Operations and Income for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and (v) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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