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(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

or

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

Commission file number: 001-15725

ALPHA PRO TECH, LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware **63-1009183**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
Incorporation or Organization)

60 Centurian Drive, Suite 112, Markham, Ontario, L3R 9R2

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **905-479-0654**

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

<u>Title of each Class</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Shares, Par Value \$.01 Per Share	NYSE MKT

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes 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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting

company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting
company)

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

The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2014, was \$32,284,000.

As of February 27, 2015, the registrant had outstanding 18,348,554 shares of common stock.

DOCUMENTS INCOPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant’s definitive Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 02, 2015 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

ALPHA PRO TECH, LTD.

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PART I

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements that are made pursuant to the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions as described from time to time in registration statements, annual reports and other periodic reports and filings of the Company (as defined below) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). All statements, other than statements of historical facts, that address the Company’s expectations of sources of capital or that express the Company’s expectations for the future with respect to financial performance or operating strategies, can be identified as forward-looking statements. As a result, there can be no assurance that the Company’s future results will not be materially different from those described herein as “expected,” “anticipated,” “estimated,” “believed,” “predicted,” “intended,” “planned,” “potential,” “may,” “continue” or “should,” which reflect the current views of the Company with respect to future events. We caution readers that these forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. The Company hereby expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any such statements to reflect any change in the Company’s expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which such statements are based.

Any expectations based on these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. These and many other factors could affect the Company’s future operating results and financial condition and could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations based on forward-looking statements made in this document or elsewhere by the Company or on its behalf.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING SMALLER REPORTING COMPANY STATUS

We are filing this Annual Report on Form 10-K as a “smaller reporting company” (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) because our public float (the aggregate market value of our common stock equity held by non-affiliates of the Company) was below the required threshold as of the last business day of our second fiscal quarter of 2014. As a result of being a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide certain disclosure in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Where information is being omitted or reduced in this Annual Report on Form 10-K based on our smaller reporting company status, we have made a special notation herein.

Item 1. Business.

GENERAL

ALPHA PRO TECH, LTD. ("Alpha Pro Tech," "Company," "we," "our" or "us") is the parent company of Alpha Pro Tech, Inc. and Alpha ProTech Engineered Products, Inc. The Company was incorporated in the State of Delaware on July 1, 1994 as a successor to a business that was organized in 1983. Our executive offices are located at 60 Centurian Drive, Suite 112, Markham, Ontario, Canada L3R 9R2, and our telephone number is (905) 479-0654. Our website is located at www.alphaprotech.com.

The Company continued to qualify as a smaller reporting company at the measurement date for determining such qualification during 2014. According to the disclosure requirements for smaller reporting companies, the Company has included consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2014.

BUSINESS

Alpha Pro Tech is in the business of protecting people, products and environments. We accomplish this by developing, manufacturing and marketing a line of high-value, disposable protective apparel and infection control products for the cleanroom, industrial, pharmaceutical, medical and dental markets through our wholly owned subsidiary, Alpha Pro Tech, Inc. We also manufacture a line of building supply construction weatherization products through our wholly owned subsidiary, Alpha ProTech Engineered Products, Inc. Our products are sold under the "Alpha Pro Tech" brand name, as well as under private label.

Our products are grouped into three business segments: (1) the Building Supply segment, consisting of construction weatherization products, such as housewrap and synthetic roof underlayment as well as other woven material; (2) the Disposable Protective Apparel segment, consisting of disposable protective apparel such as shoecovers, bouffant caps, gowns, coveralls, lab coats, frocks and other miscellaneous products; and (3) the Infection Control segment, consisting of face masks and eye shields. All financial information presented herein reflects the current segmentation.

Our principal strategy focuses on developing, producing and marketing differentiated, innovative high value products that protect people, products and environments. Our key sales growth strategies are based on communicating directly with end users and developing innovative products to suit individual end users' needs.

Our products are used primarily in cleanrooms, industrial safety manufacturing environments and health care facilities, such as hospitals, laboratories and dental offices, as well as building and re-roofing sites. Our products are distributed principally in the United States of America (“United States” or “U.S.”) through a network consisting of purchasing groups, national distributors, local distributors, independent sales representatives, and our own sales and marketing force.

PRODUCTS

Our principal products are grouped into three business segments:

Building Supply:

Housewrap

Synthetic roof underlayment

Other woven material

Disposable Protective Apparel:

Shoecovers

Bouffant caps

Gowns

Coveralls

Lab coats

Frocks

Infection Control:

Face masks

Eye shields

Building Supply

The Building Supply segment consists of a line of construction supply weatherization products, namely housewrap and synthetic roof underlayment, as well as other woven material. This line of products is a natural extension of our core capabilities: creating proprietary products designed to protect people and environments.

The usage of these construction supply weatherization products offers great advantages in decreasing the time that it takes to construct a home, as well as reducing costs. The housewrap, under the trademark REX™, offers a weather resistant barrier and, to the homeowner, years of lower energy consumption. REX™ Wrap and REX™ Wrap Plus are woven and coated polypropylene micro perforated weather resistant barriers, and REX™ Wrap Fortis is a highly engineered composite made up of a high-strength woven fabric, a monolithic breather film and a non-woven sheet, offering a high-strength non-perforated membrane.

The proprietary synthetic roof underlayment, REX™ SynFelt, has the ability to resist the environment, as opposed to conventional organic roofing underlayment that is prone to rapid degradation and mold growth. We also manufacture and distribute TECHNOply™, an economy version of our synthetic roof underlayment, to capture market share in the lower end of the market.

These products are manufactured in our manufacturing facility in Valdosta, Georgia and through our joint venture in India, as described in more detail below under “Manufacturing.”

Disposable Protective Apparel

The Disposable Protective Apparel segment includes many different styles of disposable products, such as shoecovers, bouffant caps, gowns, coveralls, lab coats, frocks and other miscellaneous products. The vast majority of these products are manufactured by subcontractors in Asia and, to a much lesser extent, a subcontractor in Mexico, as described in more detail below under “Manufacturing.” Certain proprietary products are made using materials supplied by us.

Infection Control

The Infection Control segment includes face masks and eye shields. Our face masks come in a wide variety of filtration efficiencies and styles. Our patented Positive Facial Lock® feature provides a custom fit to the face to

prevent blow-by for better protection. The term "blow-by" is used to describe the potential for infectious material to enter or escape a facemask without going through the filter as a result of gaps or openings in the face mask. Our Magic Arch® feature holds the mask away from the nose and mouth, creating a comfortable breathing chamber. One of our masks that incorporates both the Positive Facial Lock® feature and the Magic Arch® feature is the "N-95 Particulate Respirator face mask," which was recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") to combat the spread of the H1N1 Influenza A pandemic in 2009.

All eye shields are made from an optical-grade polyester film and have a permanent anti-fog feature. This provides the wearer with extremely lightweight, distortion-free protection that can be worn for hours, and the eye shields will not fog up from humidity and/or perspiration. An important feature of all face masks and eye and face shields is that they are disposable, which eliminates the possibility of cross infection between patients and saves users, such as hospitals, the expense of sterilization after every use.

This segment could see increased demand during outbreaks of infectious disease such as the H1N1 in 2009 and the Ebola crisis in 2014.

As described in more detail below under “Manufacturing,” the face masks are primarily manufactured in our facility in Salt Lake City, Utah. The shields are produced in our facility in Nogales, Arizona and assembled by a subcontractor in Mexico.

Financial information related to the three segments can be found in Activity of Business Segments (Note 14) of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

MARKETS

Our products are sold to the following markets: construction weatherization products (building supply products) are sold to construction supply and roofing distributors, and disposable protective apparel and infection control products are sold to the industrial, cleanroom, medical and dental markets.

Our target markets are construction building supply and roofing distributors, pharmaceutical manufacturing, bio-pharmaceutical manufacturing, medical device manufacturing, lab animal research, high technology electronics manufacturing (which includes the semi-conductor market), and medical and dental distributors.

DISTRIBUTION

We rely primarily on a network of independent distributors for the sale of our products.

We do not generally have backlog orders, as orders are usually placed for shipment and shipped within 30 days. Appropriate levels of inventories are maintained to supply distributors on a timely basis. From time to time, we will stockpile inventory for periods of unusually high demand. For example, we are currently carrying stockpiled inventory of our N-95 Particulate Respirator face mask that was recommended by the CDC for protection against the H1N1 Influenza A pandemic in 2009.

Payment terms are normally net 30 days from the date of shipment. All pricing and payment for our products are in U.S. dollars. Authorized returns must be unopened, in good condition and in the original carton and may be returned within 90 days of the original date of shipment. All authorized returns are subject to a restocking fee of 20% of the original invoice.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

The following table summarizes the Company's net sales by geographic region for the Company's last two years. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

	Years Ended December	
	31,	
	2014	2013
Net sales by geographic region		
United States	\$45,714,000	\$41,644,000
International	1,935,000	2,162,000
Consolidated net sales	\$47,649,000	\$43,806,000

The following table summarizes the locations of the Company's long-lived assets by geographic region for the Company's last two years.

	As of December 31,	
	2014	2013
Long-lived assets by geographic region		
United States	\$2,944,000	\$2,668,000
International	371,000	400,000
Consolidated total long-lived assets	\$3,315,000	\$3,068,000

Net sales by geographic region are based on the countries in which our customers are located. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not generate sales from any single country, other than the United States, that were significant to the Company's consolidated total net sales.

MANUFACTURING

Our wholly owned subsidiary, Alpha ProTech Engineered Products, Inc. which manufactures and distributes a line of construction weatherization products for the Building Supply segment, comprised primarily of housewrap and synthetic roof underlayment, is located in a 165,400 square foot facility located at 301 South Blanchard Street, Valdosta, Georgia. The housewrap and synthetic roof underlayment, in a semi-finished state, is manufactured by a company in India in which Alpha Pro Tech has a 41.66% non-controlling ownership interest.

Alpha ProTech Engineered Products, Inc. has a 41.66% ownership interest in a joint venture with Maple Industries and Associates, a manufacturer in India, for the production of housewrap and synthetic roof underlayment products in a semi-finished state. The name of the joint venture is Harmony Plastics Private Limited ("Harmony"). Harmony has four facilities in India, three owned and one rented. One facility is a 102,000 square foot building for use in the manufacturing of housewrap and synthetic roof underlayment. There is a 71,500 square foot facility for use in the manufacturing of coated material and the sewing of proprietary disposable protective apparel. There is also a 16,000 square foot facility for use in the sewing of proprietary disposable protective apparel. The rented building is a 12,000 square foot facility for use in the coating of material. We cut, warehouse and ship disposable protective apparel products in a 60,000 square foot facility located at 1287 West Fairway Drive, Nogales, Arizona. The majority of these products are manufactured by subcontractors in Asia and, to a much lesser extent, a subcontractor in Mexico. These goods are manufactured pursuant to our specifications and quality assurance guidelines. Certain proprietary products are being made in Asia using materials supplied by us.

Our mask production facility is located in a 34,500 square foot building located at 236 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Certain proprietary products are made using materials supplied by us. We do not anticipate any problems with respect to the sources and availability of these proprietary materials needed to produce our products. Our business is not subject to significant seasonal considerations. It is necessary for us to have adequate raw materials and finished inventory in stock.

COMPETITION

We face substantial competition from numerous companies, including many companies with greater marketing and financial resources. Our major competitor in the medical and dental markets is Kimberly-Clark Corporation of Fort Worth, Texas. Other large competitors include 3M Company, Johnson & Johnson, White Knight Engineered Products (Precept Medical Products, Inc.), Cardinal Health, Inc. and Medline Industries Inc. Our major competitors in the industrial and cleanroom market are our former largest distributor, VWR International, LLC, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, 3M Company, Kappler, Inc., DuPont and Allegiance Healthcare Corporation. Our major competitors in the construction supply weatherization market are DuPont for housewrap and Interwrap Inc. for synthetic roof underlayment.

VWR International, LLC, Cardinal Health, Inc. and Medline Industries Inc. are also distributors of our products.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

We are not required to obtain regulatory approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) with respect to the sale of our products. Our products are, however, subject to prescribed "good manufacturing practices" as defined by the FDA, and our manufacturing facilities are inspected by the FDA every two years to ensure compliance with such "good manufacturing practices." We are marketing a N-95 Particulate Respirator face mask that meets the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) respirator guidelines and has been approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (“NIOSH”). This product is designed to help prevent the inhalation of the tuberculosis bacteria.

PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Patents

Our policy is to protect our intellectual property rights, products, designs and processes through the filing of patents in the United States and, where appropriate, in Canada and other countries. At present, we have 18 United States patents relating to several of our products. In addition, we have a United States patent on a method to fold and put on sterile garments. We believe that our patents may offer a competitive advantage, but there can be no assurance that any patents, issued or in process, will not be circumvented or invalidated. We also rely on trade secrets and proprietary know-how to maintain and develop our commercial position.

The various United States patents issued have remaining durations of approximately 1 to 11 years before expiration.

Trademarks

Many of our products are sold under various trademarks and trade names, including Alpha Pro Tech. We believe that many of our trademarks and trade names have significant recognition in our principal markets, and we take customary steps to register or otherwise protect our rights in our trademarks and trade names.

EMPLOYEES

As of February 28, 2015, we had 125 employees, including 17 employees at our principal executive office in Markham, Ontario, Canada; 11 employees at our face mask production facility in Salt Lake City, Utah; 34 employees at our Disposable Apparel segment cutting, warehouse and shipping facility in Nogales, Arizona; 38 employees at our Building Supply segment facility in Valdosta, Georgia; 18 employees on our sales and marketing team, located in various areas throughout the United States; and 7 employees in China.

None of our employees are subject to collective bargaining agreements.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We make available free of charge on our Internet website (<http://www.alphaprotech.com>) our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, any current reports on Form 8-K furnished or filed since our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any amendments to such reports as soon as reasonably practicable following the electronic filing of such reports with the SEC. These reports are also available on the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You may read and copy reports that we file with the SEC at its public reference room, located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the public reference room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The past three years of news releases also are made available on the Company's website. In addition, we provide electronic or paper copies of our filings free of charge upon request.

The Company is not including the information contained on or available through its website as a part of, or incorporating such information into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Making or continuing an investment in common stock issued by the Company involves certain risks that you should carefully consider. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only risks that may have a material adverse effect on the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties also could adversely affect our business and our results. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be negatively affected, the market price of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or a part of your investment. Further, to the extent that any of the information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K constitutes forward-looking statements, the risk factors set forth below also are cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Company.

Global economic conditions could adversely affect the Company's business and financial results.

Unfavorable economic conditions, including the impact of recessions and general economic downturns in the United States and throughout the world, may negatively affect the Company's business and financial results. These economic conditions could negatively impact (i) demand for our products, (ii) the mix of our products' sales, (iii) our ability to collect accounts receivable on a timely basis from certain customers and (iv) the ability of certain suppliers to fill our orders for raw materials or other goods and services. A prolonged recession could result in decreased revenue, margins and earnings.

The loss of any large customer or a reduction in orders from any large customer could reduce our net sales and harm our operating results.

Our operating results could be negatively affected by the loss of revenue from a few large customers. Our customers are not contractually obligated to purchase any fixed quantities of products, and they may stop placing orders with us at any time. We are subject to the risk of losing large customers or incurring significant reductions in sales to these customers.

We rely on suppliers and contractors, and our business could be seriously harmed if these suppliers and contractors are not able to meet our requirements.

We rely on a limited number of suppliers and contractors for our Disposable Protective Apparel and Building Supply segments. If we lose the services of these key suppliers and contractors, or if they are not willing or able to satisfy our requirements, finding substitute suppliers or contractors may be time-consuming and would affect our results of operations in the near term.

There are risks associated with international manufacturing that could have a significant effect on our business.

We subcontract the manufacturing of some of our goods to Asia. These goods are manufactured pursuant to our specifications and quality assurance guidelines. Certain proprietary products are being made in Asia using materials supplied by us.

We expect that a significant portion of our product sales will be derived from the sale of products for which we subcontract the manufacturing to Asia, but we cannot be certain that we will be able to maintain such subcontracting at current levels. If our ability to subcontract some of our manufacturing to Asia were to decline significantly, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected. International manufacturing is subject to a number of risks, including the following:

changes in foreign government regulations and technical standards;

difficulty of protecting intellectual property;

requirements or preferences of foreign nations for the manufacture of domestic products;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar; and

political and economic instability.

Our success depends in part on protection of our intellectual property, and our failure to do so could adversely affect our competitive advantage, our brand recognition and our business.

The success and competitiveness of our products depend in part upon our ability to protect our current and future technology, manufacturing processes and brand names, including Alpha Pro Tech, through a combination of patent, trademark, trade secret and unfair competition laws.

We enter into confidentiality and non-disclosure of intellectual property agreements with our employees, consultants and certain vendors and generally control access to and distribution of our proprietary information. Despite these precautions, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our proprietary information without authorization or to develop similar information independently.

Policing unauthorized use of intellectual property is difficult. The laws of other countries may afford little or no effective protection of our technology. We cannot assure you that the steps taken by us will prevent misappropriation of our technology or that agreements entered into for that purpose will be enforceable. In addition, litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets and to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others. Litigation may result in substantial costs and diversion of resources, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our industry is highly competitive which may affect our ability to grow our customer base and generate sales.

The markets for our products are intensely competitive. We currently experience competition from numerous companies in each of the markets in which we participate.

Many of our competitors are more established, benefit from greater market recognition and have substantially greater financial, development, manufacturing and marketing resources than we have.

If we do not compete successfully with respect to these or other companies, it could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Company's results are affected by competitive conditions and customer preferences.

Demand for the Company's products, which impacts revenue and profit margins, is affected by (i) the development and timing of the introduction of competitive products; (ii) the Company's response to downward pricing to stay competitive; (iii) changes in customer order patterns, such as changes in the levels of inventory maintained by customers and the timing of customer purchases; and (iv) changes in customers' preferences for our products, including the success of products offered by our competitors and changes in customer designs for our competitors' products that can affect the demand for the Company's products.

The Company's growth objectives are largely dependent on the timing and market acceptance of its new product offerings, including its ability to continually renew its pipeline of new products and to bring those products to market.

This ability may be adversely affected by difficulties or delays in product development, such as the inability to identify viable new products, obtain adequate intellectual property protection or gain market acceptance of new products. There are no guarantees that new products will prove to be commercially successful.

Security breaches and other disruptions to the Company's information technology infrastructure could interfere with the Company's operations, compromise information belonging to the Company and its customers and suppliers and expose the Company to liability, which could adversely impact the Company's business and reputation.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company relies on information technology networks and systems, some of which are managed by third parties, to process, transmit and store electronic information, and to manage or support a variety of business processes and activities. Additionally, the Company collects and stores sensitive data, including proprietary business information. Despite security measures and business continuity plans, the Company's information technology networks and infrastructure may be vulnerable to damage, disruptions or shutdowns due to attack by hackers, breaches, employee error or malfeasance, power outages, computer viruses, telecommunication or utility

failures, systems failures, natural disasters or other catastrophic events. Any such event could result in legal claims or proceedings, liability or penalties under privacy laws, disruption in operations and damage to the Company's reputation, which could adversely affect the Company's business.

The Company's future results may be affected by various legal and regulatory proceedings and legal compliance risks.

From time to time, the Company is subject to certain legal and regulatory proceedings in the ordinary course of business. The outcome of these legal proceedings may differ from the Company's expectations because the outcomes of litigation, including regulatory matters, are often difficult to reliably predict. Various factors or developments can lead the Company to change current estimates of liabilities and related insurance receivables where applicable, or make such estimates for matters previously not susceptible to reasonable estimates, such as a significant judicial ruling or judgment, settlement, regulatory development or change in applicable law. A future adverse ruling, settlement or unfavorable development could result in charges that could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or cash flows in any particular period.

Our common stock price is volatile, which could result in substantial losses for individual shareholders.

The market price of our common stock has been volatile, and we expect that it will continue to be volatile. In particular, our common stock may be subject to significant fluctuations in response to a variety of factors, including, but not limited to:

- general economic and business conditions;
- changing market conditions in the industries that we serve;
- monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations and other activities of government agencies and similar organizations;
- actual or anticipated variations in quarterly operating results;
- failure to meet analyst predictions and projections;
 - costs and other effects of legal and administrative proceedings, claims, settlements and judgments;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- announcements of innovations or new services by us or our competitors;
- our sales of common stock or other securities in the future; and
- other events or factors, many of which are beyond our control.

Due to these factors, you may not be able to sell your stock at or above the price you paid for it, which could result in substantial losses.

We invest in a publicly traded entity with a common stock price that is volatile, which could result in substantial losses for the Company.

The market price of the entity's common stock has been volatile, and we expect that it will continue to be volatile as it is a publicly traded stock. In particular, the entity's common stock may be subject to significant fluctuations in response to a variety of factors, including, but not limited to:

- general economic and business conditions;
- changing market conditions in the industries that it serves;
- monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations and other activities of government agencies and similar organizations;
- actual or anticipated variations in quarterly operating results;
- failure to meet analyst predictions and projections;
 - costs and other effects of legal and administrative proceedings, claims, settlements and judgments;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- announcements of innovations or new services by us or our competitors;
- our sales of common stock or other securities in the future; and
- other events or factors, many of which are beyond our control.

Due to these factors, we may not be able to sell the investment in the publicly traded entity at or above the price we paid for it, which could result in substantial losses.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

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The Company's principal executive office is located at 60 Centurian Drive, Suite 112, Markham, Ontario, Canada, L3R 9R2. The approximate monthly rent is \$6,100 for 4,200 square feet under a lease expiring February 28, 2018. Working out of the principal executive office are the President, Alexander W. Millar, the Chief Executive Officer, Sheldon Hoffman, and the Chief Financial Officer, Lloyd Hoffman.

The Building Supply segment manufacturing facility is located at 301 South Blanchard Street, Valdosta, Georgia. The average monthly rent is \$36,800 for 165,400 square feet. This lease expires on January 1, 2024.

The Disposable Protective Apparel segment has its cutting operation, warehousing and shipping facility at 1287 Fairway Drive, Nogales, Arizona. The monthly rent is \$23,000 for 60,000 square feet. This lease expires on December 31, 2015.

The Company manufactures its surgical face masks at 236 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, Utah. The monthly rent is \$18,000 for 34,500 square feet. This lease expires on July 31, 2016.

The Company believes that these arrangements are adequate for its present needs and that other premises, if required, are readily available.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

N/A

PART II

Item 5. Market For Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

MARKET INFORMATION

The Company’s common stock trades on the NYSE MKT (formerly the NYSE Amex and the American Stock Exchange) (the “NYSE MKT”) under the symbol “APT.”

The following table sets forth the low and high sales prices of the Company’s common stock for the periods indicated, as reported by the NYSE MKT.

	Low	High
2013		
First Quarter	\$1.42	\$1.94
Second Quarter	1.47	1.79
Third Quarter	1.44	1.63
Fourth Quarter	1.48	2.35
2014		
First Quarter	\$1.99	\$2.60
Second Quarter	1.92	2.30
Third Quarter	2.01	3.42
Fourth Quarter	2.42	10.73
2015		
First Quarter (Through February 27, 2015)	\$2.48	\$2.90

As of March 2, 2015, the Company’s common stock was held by 171 shareholders of record and approximately 4,100 beneficial owners.

DIVIDEND POLICY

The holders of the Company's common stock are entitled to receive such dividends as may be declared by the Board of Directors of the Company from time to time to the extent that funds are legally available for payment thereof. The Company has never declared or paid any dividends on any of its outstanding shares of common stock. It is the current policy of the Board of Directors to retain any earnings to provide for the development and growth of the Company. Consequently, the Company has no current plans to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The following table sets forth purchases made by or on behalf of the Company or any "affiliated purchaser," as defined in Rule 10b-18 (a)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), during the fourth quarter of 2014.

Period	Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities			
	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Weighted Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program (1)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program (1)
October 1 - 31, 2014	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 1,562,000
November 1 - 30, 2014	0	0.00	0	1,562,000
December 1 - 31, 2014	69,453	2.47	69,453	1,389,000
	69,453	\$ 2.47	69,453	

Pursuant to the Company's share repurchase program, on May 27, 2014, the Company announced that the Board of (1) Directors had authorized a \$2,000,000 expansion of the Company's existing share repurchase program. Under the share repurchase program, the Company is authorized to repurchase up to a total of \$17,520,000 of common stock.

UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

We did not sell any unregistered equity securities during the periods covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

As a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide the information required by this Item.

Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

You should read the following discussion and analysis together with our consolidated financial statements and the notes to our consolidated financial statements, which appear elsewhere in this report.

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain information set forth in this Annual Report on Form 10-K contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include statements concerning our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenues or performance, capital expenditures, financing needs, plans or intentions relating to potential acquisitions and other information that is not historical information. When used in this report, the words “estimates,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “forecasts,” “plans,” “intends,” “believes” and variations of such words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We may make additional forward-looking statements from time to time. All forward-looking statements, whether written or oral and whether made by us or on our behalf, are expressly qualified by this special note.

Any expectations based on these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. These and many other factors could affect the Company’s future operating results and financial condition and could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations based on forward-looking statements made in this document or elsewhere by the Company or on its behalf.

Special Note Regarding Smaller Reporting Company Status

We are filing this Annual Report on Form 10-K as a “smaller reporting company” (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) because our public float (the aggregate market value of our common equity held by non-affiliates of the Company) was below the required threshold as of the last business day of our second fiscal quarter of 2014. As a result of being a smaller reporting company, we are allowed and have elected to omit certain information from this Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of

Operations; however, we have provided all information for the periods presented that we believe to be appropriate.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“US GAAP”) requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of net sales and expenses during the periods reported. We base estimates on past experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The application of these accounting policies on a consistent basis enables us to provide timely and reliable financial information. Our critical accounting policies include the following:

Inventories: Inventories include freight-in, materials, labor and overhead costs and are stated at the lower of cost or market. Allowances are recorded for slow-moving, obsolete or unusable inventory. We assess our inventory for estimated obsolescence or unmarketable inventory and write down the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value based upon assumptions about future sales and supply on-hand, if necessary. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-downs may be required.

Accounts Receivable: Accounts receivable are recorded at the invoice amount and do not bear interest. The allowance for doubtful accounts is the Company’s best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in the Company’s existing accounts receivable; however, changes in circumstances relating to accounts receivable may result in a requirement for additional allowances in the future. The Company determines the allowance based upon historical write-off experience and known conditions about customers’ current ability to pay. Account balances are charged against the allowance when the potential for recovery is considered remote.

Revenue Recognition: For sales transactions, we comply with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, *Revenue Recognition*, which states that revenue should be recognized when all of the following revenue recognition criteria are met: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (2) title transfers and the customer assumes the risk of loss; (3) the selling price is fixed or determinable; and (4) collection of the resulting receivable is reasonably assured. These criteria are satisfied upon shipment of product, and sales are recognized accordingly.

Sales Returns, Rebates and Allowances: Sales are reduced for any anticipated sales returns, rebates and allowances based on historical experience. Since our return policy is only 90 days and our products are not generally susceptible to external factors such as technological obsolescence or significant changes in demand, we are able to make a reasonable estimate for returns. We offer end-user product specific and sales volume rebates to select distributors. Our rebates are based on actual sales and are accrued monthly.

Stock-Based Compensation: The Company accounts for stock-based awards using Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 718, *Stock Compensation* (“ASC 718”). ASC 718 requires companies to record compensation expense for the value of all outstanding and unvested share-based payments, including employee stock options and similar awards.

The fair values of stock option grants are determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and are based on the following assumptions: expected stock price volatility based on historical data and management’s expectations of future volatility, risk-free interest rates from published sources, expected term based on historical data and no dividend yield, as the Board of Directors currently has no plans to pay dividends in the near future. The Black-Scholes option-pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and that are fully transferable. In addition, the option-pricing model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including expected stock price volatility. Our stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value of such options.

OVERVIEW

Alpha Pro Tech is in the business of protecting people, products and environments. We accomplish this by developing, manufacturing and marketing a line of high-value, disposable protective apparel and infection control products for the cleanroom, industrial, pharmaceutical, medical and dental markets. We also manufacture a line of building supply construction weatherization products. Our products are sold under the "Alpha Pro Tech" brand name, as well as under private label.

Our products are grouped into three business segments: the Building Supply segment, consisting of construction weatherization products such as housewrap and synthetic roof underlayment as well as other woven material; the Disposable Protective Apparel segment, consisting of disposable protective apparel such as shoe covers, bouffant caps, gowns, coveralls, lab coats, frocks and other miscellaneous products; and the Infection Control segment, consisting of face masks and eye shields. All financial information presented herein reflects the current segmentation.

Our target markets include pharmaceutical manufacturing, bio-pharmaceutical manufacturing and medical device manufacturing, lab animal research, high technology electronics manufacturing (which includes the semi-conductor market), medical and dental distributors, and construction, building supply and roofing distributors.

Our products are used primarily in cleanrooms, industrial safety manufacturing environments, health care facilities, such as hospitals, laboratories and dental offices, and building and re-roofing sites. Our products are distributed principally in the United States through a network consisting of purchasing groups, national distributors, local

distributors, independent sales representatives and our own sales and marketing force.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth certain operational data as a percentage of sales for the years indicated:

	2014	2013
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%
Gross profit	36.6 %	37.1 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28.4 %	29.9 %
Income from operations	6.8 %	5.5 %
Income before provision for income taxes		