# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 <br> FORM 8-K <br> CURRENT REPORT <br> PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 

## SYNALLOY CORPORATION

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

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-19687
(Commission File Number)

57-0426694
(IRS Employer Identification No.)
775 Spartan Blvd, Ste 102, P.O. Box 5627, Spartanburg, SC 29304
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (864) 585-3605

## INAPPLICABLE

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS
(c) Exhibits

99 Synalloy Corporation Press Release dated July 20, 2012

Please see Exhibit 99 for Registrant's 2012 second quarter earnings release.

## SIGNATURES

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

## SYNALLOY CORPORATION

By: /S/ RICHARD D. SIERADZKI
Richard D. Sieradzki
Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer
Dated: July 20, 2012

## Exhibit Number

## Name

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Press Release of Synalloy Corporation dated July 20, 2012


## NEWS RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Synalloy Reports Double Digit Sales Increases for Both the Metals and Specialty Chemicals Segments

Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 20, 2012...Synalloy Corporation (Nasdaq:SYNL), a producer of stainless steel pipe, fabricator of stainless and carbon steel piping systems, and producer of specialty chemicals, announces that the second quarter of 2012 produced net sales of $\$ 46,878,000$, up $13 \%$ compared to net sales of $\$ 41,398,000$ for the second quarter of 2011. Net earnings for the second quarter of 2012 were $\$ 1,090,000$ or $\$ 0.17$ per share. This compares to net earnings of $\$ 1,709,000$, or $\$ 0.27$ per share for 2011 's second quarter. For the first six months, net sales for 2012 were $\$ 94,250,000$, up $12 \%$ compared to net sales of $\$ 84,141,000$ for the first six months of 2011 . Net earnings were $\$ 2,427,000$ or $\$ 0.38$ per share for the first six months of 2012 compared to $\$ 4,209,000$ or $\$ 0.66$ per share for the same period of 2011. Inventory losses in our Metals Segment had a negative impact on the Company's reported earnings in this year's second quarter and first six months, while inventory profits increased the Company's reported earnings in the second quarter and first six months last year. The approximate effect of inventory losses on this year's second quarter and first six months results was a reduction of reported earnings by $\$ 0.14$ and $\$ 0.23$ per share, respectively, while the inventory profits increased reported earnings per share for the same periods of the prior year by $\$ 0.03$ and $\$ 0.06$ per share, respectively.

## Metals Segment

Sales in the second quarter of 2012 totaled $\$ 34,632,000$, an increase of $13 \%$ over the same quarter last year. Operating income was $\$ 1,460,000$ and $\$ 2,523,000$ for the second quarters of 2012 and 2011, respectively. The sales increase resulted from a $20 \%$ increase in unit volumes partially offset by a $5 \%$ decrease in average selling prices. The Segment experienced a favorable product mix for the second quarter with higher priced non-commodity unit volume increasing $30 \%$ while commodity unit volume increased $13 \%$. The volume growth was due to continued strength in special alloys and non-commodity stainless steel pipe as projects and distributor restocking remain strong. After experiencing a decline in the first quarter of 2012, large diameter and project pipe orders and shipments increased during the second quarter of 2012. During the second quarter, large diameter pipe sales returned to 2011 levels. The Segment is also focusing on international sales efforts, which continue to show year over year sales growth.

Sales for the first six months of 2012 increased $14 \%$ to $\$ 70,654,000$ and operating income of $\$ 3,032,000$ was $53 \%$ lower compared to the same period of the prior year. Similar to the second quarter, the sales increase for the first six months was comprised of a $20 \%$ increase in unit volumes and a $5 \%$ decrease in average selling price.

Operating income for the second quarter and first six months declined from the same period last year due to two factors:
a) Declining nickel prices resulted in inventory losses in the second quarter and first six months of this year of approximately $\$ 1,302,000$ and $\$ 2,210,000$, respectively. For the same periods last year, rising nickel prices produced inventory profits of $\$ 249,000$ and $\$ 557,000$, respectively. The impact to reported earnings was a negative swing of approximately $\$ 0.17$ per share for the second quarter 2012 and $\$ 0.29$ for the first six months of 2012 .
b) In the second quarter and first six months of the prior year, operating income for the fabrication unit of our Metals Segment was favorably affected by higher unit selling prices associated with the completion of several large scale lump-sum jobs. The unit realized $\$ 926,000$ and $\$ 4,119,000$ of additional billings during the second quarter and first six months of 2011, respectively, from these completed jobs which added approximately $\$ 0.09$ per share and $\$ 0.42$ per share, respectively.

Demand for manufactured pipe remains relatively strong, while the fabrication unit continues to deal with excess capacity in the industry which results in margin compression, which impacts our sales and profits.

## Specialty Chemicals Segment

Sales for the Specialty Chemicals Segment in the second quarter of 2012 were $\$ 12,246,000$, an increase of $\$ 1,367,000$ or $13 \%$ from the second quarter of 2011 . Overall selling prices increased $8 \%$ during the second quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter of 2011 and pounds shipped were up $5 \%$ over that same period. Sales for the first six months of 2012 increased $6 \%$ from the same period of 2011 , with selling prices increasing $9 \%$ while pounds sold decreased $3 \%$.

Operating income for the second quarter of 2012 was $\$ 1,076,000$, up $\$ 217,000$ or $25 \%$ from 2011 and was $\$ 2,205,000$ for the first six months of 2012 compared to $\$ 1,633,000$ for the same period of 2011, an increase of $35 \%$. The increase in operating income resulted from the Segment increasing contract sales and strengthening textile / carpet sales. The Segment is benefiting from a change in product mix to higher margin products and is focusing on controlling operating and support costs.

After approximately one year of product development, testing and production trials by the Segment's Management Team, the Segment was selected by a global chemical manufacturer to produce a line of defoamer products for applications in the water and paint industries. Production began in late May and will continue to ramp up over the next 60 days. Sales and operating income for the second quarter were favorably affected by this additional business.

## Other Items

Unallocated corporate expenses increased to $\$ 848,000(1.8 \%$ of sales) from $\$ 712,000(1.7 \%$ of sales) for the second quarter of 2012 compared 2011 , respectively. For the first six months of 2012, compared to the same period of 2011, these expenses increased to $\$ 1,580,000(1.7 \%$ of sales) from $\$ 1,478,000$ ( $1.8 \%$ of sales), respectively. Higher projected performance based incentive bonuses, corporate development costs and loss of outsourcing revenues accounted for the majority of the increases.

Other income for the six months ended June 30, 2012 is comprised of life insurance proceeds received in excess of its cash surrender value for a former officer of the Company.
The Company's cash balance was relatively unchanged during the second quarter of 2012, increasing from $\$ 110,000$ at the end of 2011 to $\$ 122,000$ as of June 30 , 2012 . As a result of the Specialty Chemicals Segment's sales increasing $19 \%$ during the second quarter of 2012 compared with the fourth quarter 2011 and the Metals Segment's sales increasing $16 \%$ for the same periods, net accounts receivable increased at June 30, 2012 by $\$ 2,952,000$ from the prior year-end. Net inventories increased $\$ 3,890,000$ as of the end of the second quarter 2012 compared to the end of the fourth quarter 2011 in support of projected sales increases for both segments. Higher inventory purchases during the second quarter 2012 increased accounts payable by $\$ 3,007,000$ at the end of the second quarter of 2012 compared to the prior year-end balance. Capital expenditures for the first six months of 2012 were $\$ 1,328,000$ and the Company received life insurance proceeds of $\$ 734,000$ for a former officer of the company. These items contributed to the Company having $\$ 8,864,000$ of bank debt outstanding as of June 30, 2012, an increase of $\$ 214,000$ from the year-end 2011 outstanding balance.

## Outlook

Management is pleased with the on-going performance of its Metals and Chemicals Segments. Improvements in sales volumes, cost efficiencies and product mix should continue into the next several quarters.

The Metals Segment's business is highly dependent on its customers' capital expenditures which have just begun to show improvement. Excess capacity in the fabrication units continues to present a difficult operating environment. Stainless steel surcharges, which affect our costs of raw materials and selling prices, continue to decrease, however we have begun to see some stabilization of these prices. We believe we are the largest and most capable domestic producer of non-commodity stainless steel pipe and an effective producer of commodity stainless steel pipe which should serve us well in the long run. Our market position remains strong in the commodity pipe market and we are experiencing an upswing in project and special alloy demand. We also continue to be optimistic about the fabrication business over the long term. The sales team for fabricated products has been expanded and the current backlog remains satisfactory for scheduling and production control. Approximately $81 \%$ of fabrication's current backlog comes from paper and wastewater treatment projects. Total fabrication backlog was $\$ 20,027,000$ at June 30, 2012, $\$ 22,743,000$ at December 31, 2011 and $\$ 23,654,000$ at July 2, 2011. We estimate that approximately $80 \%$ of the backlog should be completed over the next 12 months.

Specialty Chemicals Segment's sales and profits should show significant improvement for the third and fourth quarters of 2012 as it ramps up to full production for the additional defoamer products. The Company believes that the potential for this
additional business will approximate $\$ 18$ million in annual sales and increase throughput by $30 \%$. The Company also expects sales levels to continue to improve throughout the remainder of 2012 as the result of aggressive product pricing and increased growth in textile and contract sales. Management expects operating margins to hold steady at current levels in spite of the anticipation of raw material price increases over the next quarter.

For more information about Synalloy Corporation, please visit our web site atwww.synalloy.com.

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## SYNALLOY CORPORATION COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS




