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(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023

OR
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: 001-38479

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

26-0758017
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Dothan, Alabama 36303
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (ZIP Code)
(334) 673-9763
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u>
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001	ROAD	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq Global Select Market)

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 such files). Yes No

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

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Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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 has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

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 the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold on March 31, 2023, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was \$1,085,926,184.

As of November 27, 2023, the registrant had 43,711,058 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001, and 8,998,511 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.001, outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the registrant's fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 in connection with the registrant's 2024 annual meeting of stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, such as statements related to future events, business strategy, future performance, future operations, backlog, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management. All statements other than statements of historical fact may be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are often, but not always, identified by the use of words such as “seek,” “anticipate,” “plan,” “continue,” “estimate,” “expect,” “may,” “will,” “project,” “predict,” “potential,” “target,” “intend,” “could,” “might,” “should,” “believe,” “outlook” and similar expressions or their negative. Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of the times at, or by, which such performance or results will be achieved. Forward-looking statements are based on management’s belief, based on currently available information, as to the outcome and timing of future events. These statements involve estimates, assumptions, known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed in such forward-looking statements. When evaluating forward-looking statements, you should consider the risk factors and other cautionary statements described below under the heading “Risk Factors.” We believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements contained in this report are reasonable, but no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct. Important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- declines in public infrastructure construction and reductions in government funding, including the funding by transportation authorities and other state and local agencies;
- risks related to our operating strategy;
- competition for projects in our local markets;
- risks associated with our capital-intensive business;
- government inquiries, requirements and initiatives, including those related to funding for public infrastructure construction, land use, environmental, health and safety matters, and government contracting requirements and other laws and regulations;
- unfavorable economic conditions and restrictive financing markets;
- our ability to successfully identify, manage and integrate acquisitions;
- our ability to obtain sufficient bonding capacity to undertake certain projects;
- our ability to accurately estimate the overall risks, requirements or costs when we bid on or negotiate contracts that are ultimately awarded to us;
- the cancellation of a significant number of contracts or our disqualification from bidding for new contracts;
- risks related to adverse weather conditions;
- climate change and related laws and regulations;
- our substantial indebtedness and the restrictions imposed on us by the terms thereof;
- our ability to manage our supply chain in a manner that ensures that we are able to obtain adequate raw materials, equipment and essential supplies;
- our ability to retain key personnel and maintain satisfactory labor relations, and to manage or mitigate any labor shortages, turnover and labor cost increases;
- the impact of inflation on costs of labor, raw materials and other items that are critical to our business, including fuel, concrete and steel;
- unfavorable developments affecting the banking and financial services industry;
- property damage and other claims and insurance coverage issues;
- the outcome of litigation or disputes, including employment-related, workers’ compensation and breach of contract claims;
- risks related to our information technology systems and infrastructure, including cybersecurity incidents;
- our ability to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting; and

- other events outside of our control.

These factors are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could also cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Our future results will depend upon various other risks and uncertainties, including those described under the heading "Risk Factors." All forward-looking statements attributable to us are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date on which any such statement is made, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

PART I

Item 1. Business

Overview

We are a civil infrastructure company that specializes in the construction and maintenance of roadways across Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Through our wholly owned subsidiaries, we provide a variety of products and services to both public and private infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on highways, roads, bridges, airports, and commercial and residential developments. Consistent with our vertical integration strategy, our primary operations consist of (i) manufacturing and distributing hot mix asphalt (“HMA”) for both internal use and sales to third parties in connection with construction projects, (ii) paving activities, including the construction of roadway base layers and application of asphalt pavement, (iii) site development, including the installation of utility and drainage systems, (iv) mining aggregates, such as sand, gravel and construction stone, that are used as raw materials in the production of HMA and for sales to third parties, and (v) distributing liquid asphalt cement for both internal use and sales to third parties in connection with HMA production.

Construction Partners, Inc. was formed as a Delaware corporation in 2007 as a holding company to facilitate an acquisition growth strategy in the HMA paving and construction industry.

As used in this report, the terms “Company,” “we,” “our” and “us” refer to Construction Partners, Inc. and its subsidiaries, except when the context requires that those terms mean only the parent company or a particular subsidiary.

2023 Fiscal Year Developments

- *Acquisitions.* During the 2023 fiscal year, we completed five acquisitions across four states, adding to or expanding our operations in Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. As a result of these acquisitions, we added eight asphalt plants and a diverse fleet of equipment and vehicles, as well as skilled construction professionals. The total transaction consideration for these acquisitions was approximately \$92.0 million. We also disposed of a quarry in North Carolina, resulting in total cash proceeds of \$37.0 million and a gain on the facility exchange of \$5.4 million. For further discussion regarding these transactions, see Note 4 - Business Acquisitions to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report.
- *Inflationary and Supply Chain Trends.* During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, we continued to experience an upward trend in certain inflation-sensitive inputs for our products and services, including upward pressure on wages and increases in the cost of raw materials used to produce HMA, such as liquid asphalt and aggregate materials. We also experienced some disruptions from subcontractors, materials suppliers, equipment manufacturers and others in our supply chain, although to a lesser extent than in recent years. We have been able to mitigate some of the effects of inflation, supply chain disruptions and labor constraints on our business by increasing prices for our products and including the anticipated cost increases in the construction projects we bid. However, we are limited in our ability to pass through increased costs for projects already in our backlog and, under those circumstances, may be unable to recoup losses or diminished profit margins by passing these costs through to our customers.

Our Industry

We operate in the large and growing highway and road construction industry and specifically within the asphalt paving materials and services segment. Asphalt paving mix is the most common roadway material used today due to its cost effectiveness, durability and reusability, and minimized traffic disruption during paving, as compared to concrete. Recent growth in our industry has been driven by federal, state and local Department of Transportation (“DOT”) budgets, which annually earmark amounts for transportation and infrastructure spending. The federal Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (the “FAST Act”), which was signed into law in 2015, provided funding for surface transportation infrastructure through September 30, 2020, and a continuing resolution approved in October 2020 extended the FAST Act surface transportation programs by one year and added \$13.6 billion to the federal Highway Trust Fund. In November 2021, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (the “IIJA”) was signed into law. The IIJA provides for \$548 billion in new infrastructure spending over five years through a reauthorization of traditional surface transportation programs and additional funding for highways, bridges and airports, among other things. In addition, certain states within our markets have in recent years approved legislation that supports funding for construction of local road, bridge and transit projects. The non-discretionary nature of highway and road construction services and materials supports stable and consistent industry funding. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 provides funding for numerous projects and initiatives relevant to the surface transportation industry, including grants for safety and environmental improvements, incentives for the use of construction materials and products with lower levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions, and streamlined environmental review processes for proposed projects.

Projects and Customers

We provide construction products and services to both public and private infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on highways, roads, bridges, airports, and commercial and residential sites in the southeastern United States. We provide a wide range of large sitework construction, including site development, paving, and utility and drainage systems construction, and supply the HMA required for the projects. Our projects consist of both new construction and maintenance services. Publicly funded projects and third-party sales accounted for approximately 63%, and privately funded projects and third-party sales accounted for approximately 37%, of our fiscal 2023 revenues. Our public customers include federal agencies, state DOTs and local municipalities. Our private clients include commercial and residential developers and businesses.

Our largest customers are state DOTs. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Florida DOT and North Carolina DOT accounted for 10.7% and 10.5% of our revenues, respectively. Other than the Florida DOT and North Carolina DOT, no other customer accounted for more than 10% of our revenues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and projects performed for all DOTs accounted for 36.2% of our revenues. Our 25 largest projects accounted for 16.5% of our revenues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Types of Contracts

Our public customer contracts are primarily fixed unit price contracts. Pricing on a fixed unit price contract is typically based on approved quantities. Our private customer contracts are primarily fixed total price contracts, also known as lump sum contracts, which require that the total amount of work be performed for a single price. We also occasionally enter into design-build contracts, which generally are performed under fixed total price contracts. For the majority of our contracts, we receive our final payment upon completion and final acceptance of the services that we were contracted to perform and delivery of the necessary contract closing documents, and our obligations to the owner are complete at that point. For some contracts, we are required to furnish a warranty on our construction. These warranties, when required, are usually one year in length, but can extend up to three years according to the owners' specifications. Historically, warranty claims have not been material to our business.

Contract Management

We identify potential contracts through a variety of sources, including: (i) subscriber services that consolidate and alert us to contracts open for bidding; (ii) posted solicitations by federal, state and local governmental entities through agency websites, disclosure of long-term infrastructure plans or advertising and other general solicitations; (iii) our business development efforts; and (iv) communications with other participants in our industry. We consider several factors that can create variability in contract performance and our financial results compared to our bid assumptions and methodologies on a contract. As a result, after determining the potential contracts that are available, we decide which contracts to pursue based on a non-exclusive list of factors, which include relevant skills required by the contract, the contract size and duration, availability of our personnel and equipment, size and makeup of our current contract backlog, our competitive advantages and disadvantages, our prior experience, the contracting agency or customer, the source of contract funding, the geographic location, the likely competition, the construction risks, the gross margin opportunities, the penalties or incentives and the type of contract.

To ensure the completeness and accuracy of our original bid analysis, the bid preparation for potential projects typically involves three phases.

- *Phase One:* We review the plans and specifications of the project so that we can identify (i) the various types of work involved and related estimated materials, (ii) the contract duration and schedule, and (iii) any unique aspects or significant risk factors of the project.
- *Phase Two:* We estimate the cost and availability of labor, materials and equipment, subcontractors and the project team required to complete the contract in accordance with the plans, specifications and construction schedule. Substantially all of our estimates are made on a per-unit basis for each bid item, with the typical contract containing 50 to 200 bid items.
- *Phase Three:* Management conducts a detailed review of the estimate. This review includes an analysis of assumptions regarding (i) cost, approach, means and methods of completing the project, (ii) staffing and productivity and (iii) risk. After concluding this detailed review of the cost estimate, management determines the appropriate profit margin to calculate the total bid amount. This profit margin varies according to management's perception of the degree of difficulty of the contract, the existing competitive climate and the size and makeup of our contract backlog. Throughout this process, we work closely with our project managers so that all issues concerning a contract, including any risks, can be better understood and addressed as appropriate.

To ensure that subcontracting costs used in submitting bids for construction contracts do not change, we obtain firm quotations from our subcontractors before submitting a bid. Also, to mitigate the risk of material price changes, we obtain "not to exceed" quotations from our suppliers, which, for projects of longer duration, usually contain price escalator provisions. These quotations typically include

quantity guarantees that are tied to our prime contract. We have no obligation for materials or subcontract services beyond those required to complete the respective contracts that we are awarded for which quotations have been provided.

After a contract has been awarded and during the construction phase, we monitor our progress by comparing actual costs incurred and quantities completed to date with budgeted amounts and the project schedule. We review our estimates of total forecasted revenue, cost and expected profit for each contract monthly.

During the normal course of some projects, we or our customer may initiate modifications or changes to the original contract to reflect, among other things, changes in quantities, specifications or design, method or manner of performance, facilities, materials, site conditions and period for completion of the work. Generally, the scope and price of these modifications are documented in a “change order” to the original contract and reviewed, approved and paid for in accordance with the normal change order provisions of the contract. Occasionally, we are asked to perform extra or change order work as directed by the customer even if the customer has not agreed in advance on the scope or price of the work to be performed. This process may result in disputes over whether the work performed is beyond the scope of the work included in the original contract plans and specifications or, even if the customer agrees that the work performed qualifies as extra work, the price that the customer is willing to pay for the extra work. These disputes may not be settled to our satisfaction. Even when the customer agrees to pay for the extra work, we may be required to fund the cost of such work for an extended period of time until the change order is approved and funded by the customer. In addition, any delay caused by the extra work may adversely impact the timely scheduling of other work on the contract (or on other contracts) and our ability to meet contract milestone dates. Historically, we have been successful at managing the impacts caused by change orders, and change orders have not had a material adverse effect on our business.

Most of our contracts with governmental agencies provide for termination at the convenience of the customer, with requirements to pay us for work performed through the date of termination. The termination of a government contract for the convenience of the customer is an extremely rare occurrence. Many of our contracts contain provisions that require us to pay liquidated damages if specified completion schedule requirements are not met. Historically, we have not been materially adversely affected by liquidated damages provisions.

We act as prime contractor on most of our construction projects. As prime contractor, we are responsible for the performance of the entire contract, including subcontract work. To manage the risk of non-performance by our subcontractors, we typically require the subcontractor to furnish a bond or other type of security to guarantee its performance and/or we retain payments in accordance with contract terms until their performance is complete. Disadvantaged business enterprise regulations require us to use our good faith efforts to subcontract a specified portion of contract work done for governmental agencies to certain types of disadvantaged contractors or suppliers.

Contract Backlog

At September 30, 2023, our contract backlog was \$1.6 billion compared to \$1.4 billion at September 30, 2022. Contract backlog is a financial measure that generally reflects the dollar value of work that the Company expects to perform in the future. Although contract backlog is not a term recognized under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”), it is a common measure used in our industry. We generally include a construction project in our contract backlog at the time it is awarded and to the extent we believe funding is probable. Our backlog generally consists of uncompleted work on contracts in progress and contracts for which we have executed a contract but have not commenced the work. For uncompleted work on contracts in progress, we include (i) executed change orders, (ii) pending change orders for which we expect to receive confirmation in the ordinary course of business and (iii) claims that we have made against our customers for which we have determined we have a legal basis under existing contractual arrangements and as to which we consider collection to be probable. Backlog of uncompleted work on contracts under which work was either in progress or had not yet begun was \$1.3 billion and \$1.0 billion at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Our backlog also includes low bid/no contract projects, which consist of (i) public bid projects for which we were the low bidder and no contract has been executed and (ii) private work projects for which we have been notified that we are the low bidder or have been given a notice to proceed, but no contract has been executed. Low bid/no contract backlog was \$0.3 billion and \$0.4 billion at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. At September 30, 2023, we expected approximately 73% of our contract backlog to be completed during the next 12 months.

Certain customer contracts contain options that are exercisable at the discretion of our customer to award additional work to us, without requiring us to go through an additional competitive bidding process. In addition, some customer contracts also contain task orders that are signed under master contracts pursuant to which we perform work only when the customer awards specific task orders to us. Awarded contracts that include unexercised contract options and unissued task orders are included in contract backlog to the extent that the exercise of such options or the issuance of such task orders is probable.

Substantially all of the contracts in our contract backlog, as well as unexercised contract options and unissued task orders, may be canceled or modified at the election of the customer. Historically, we have not experienced material amounts of contract cancellations or modifications. Many projects are added to our contract backlog and completed within the same fiscal year and therefore may not be

reflected in our beginning or year-end contract backlog. Contract backlog does not include external sales of HMA, aggregates, and liquid asphalt cement.

Insurance and Bonding

We maintain general and excess liability, property, workers' compensation and medical insurance, all in amounts consistent with industry practice.

In the ordinary course of our business, we are required to provide various types of surety bonds that provide an additional measure of security to the customer for our performance under certain public and private sector contracts. Our ability to obtain surety bonds depends on our capitalization, working capital, past performance, management expertise and external factors, including the capacity of the overall surety market. Surety companies consider such factors in light of the amount of our contract backlog that we have bonded and their underwriting standards. The capacity of the surety market is subject to market-based fluctuations driven primarily by the level of surety industry losses and the degree of surety market consolidation.

Competition

We compete against multiple competitors in many of the markets in which we operate. Competition is constrained in our industry because participants are limited by the distance that materials can be efficiently transported, resulting in a fragmented market with thousands of participants nationwide, many of which are local or regional operators. Our competitors typically range from small, family-owned companies focused on a single material, product or market to multinational corporations that offer a wide array of construction materials, products and paving and related services. Factors influencing our competitiveness include price, estimating abilities, knowledge of local markets and conditions, project management, financial strength, reputation for quality, aggregate materials availability and machinery and equipment. We believe that we are well-positioned to compete effectively in the markets in which we operate.

Seasonality

The activity of our business fluctuates due to seasonality because our business is primarily conducted outdoors. Therefore, seasonal changes and other weather-related conditions, in particular extended snowy, rainy or cold weather and major weather events, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, tropical storms and heavy snows, can adversely affect our business and operations through a decline in both the use of our products and the demand for our services. In addition, construction materials production and shipment levels follow activity in the construction industry, which typically occurs in the spring, summer and fall. Warmer and drier weather during our third and fourth fiscal quarters typically result in higher activity and revenues during those quarters. Our first and second fiscal quarters typically have lower levels of activity due to adverse weather conditions. Our third fiscal quarter varies greatly with spring rains and wide temperature variations. A cool, wet spring increases drying time on projects, which can delay revenue in the third fiscal quarter, while a warm, dry spring may facilitate earlier project commencement dates.

Sources and Availability of Raw Materials

We purchase raw materials, including, but not limited to, diesel fuel, liquid asphalt, other petroleum-based resources, sand and rock from numerous sources. With few exceptions, we do not enter into long-term agreements to purchase raw materials. We receive quotes from suppliers, most with a "not to exceed" price for the quoted product over the life of a project. In the HMA production process, components of a mix include virgin aggregates, such as sand and rock, liquid asphalt, and reclaimed asphalt pavement ("RAP"). We are able to internally supply RAP, a byproduct of asphalt resurfacing projects, to all of our HMA plants, and virgin aggregates in some of our market areas. The majority of our HMA plants sit in or near suppliers' aggregates facilities, thereby reducing the hauling cost of material to our plant. The price and availability of raw materials may vary from year to year due to market conditions and production capacities. We do not expect a lack of availability of any raw materials over the next 12 months.

Government and Environmental Regulations

Our operations are subject to stringent and complex federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the environmental, health and safety aspects of our operations or otherwise relating to environmental protection. These laws and regulations impose numerous obligations and limitations on our operations, including:

- requirements to obtain a permit or other approval before conducting regulated activities;
- restrictions on the types, quantities and concentration of materials that can be released into the environment;
- limitation or prohibition of activities on certain lands lying within wilderness, wetlands, and other protected areas;
- obligations to restore or reclaim former mining areas;

- requirements to comply with specific health and safety criteria addressing worker protection; and
- the imposition of substantial liabilities for pollution resulting from our operations.

Such federal laws include (i) the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Pollution Prevention Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, governing solid and hazardous waste management, (ii) the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, protecting air and water resources, and (iii) the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and Toxic Substances Control Act, governing the management of hazardous materials, (iv) the federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, requiring certain disclosures of mining-related health and safety violations, orders, citations, assessments, legal actions, and mining-related fatalities, and (v) the Occupational Safety and Health Act, governing working conditions for workers, in addition to analogous state laws. Numerous governmental authorities, such as the Environmental Protection Agency and corresponding state agencies, have the power to enforce compliance with these laws and regulations and the permits issued under them. Such enforcement actions often involve difficult and costly compliance measures or corrective actions. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of sanctions, including administrative, civil or criminal penalties, compensatory damages, injunctive relief, the imposition of investigatory or remedial obligations, and the issuance of orders limiting or prohibiting some or all of our operations. In addition, we may experience delays in obtaining, or be unable to obtain, required permits, which may delay or interrupt our operations and limit our growth and revenue.

Certain environmental laws impose strict liability (i.e., no showing of “fault” is required) as well as joint and several liability for costs required to remediate and restore sites where hazardous substances, hydrocarbons or solid wastes have been disposed, stored or released. We may be required to remediate contaminated properties currently or formerly owned or operated by us or at which we have disposed of materials, regardless of whether such contamination resulted from the conduct of others or from the consequences of our own actions that complied with applicable laws at the time those actions were taken. In connection with certain acquisitions, we could assume, or be required to provide indemnification against, environmental liabilities that could expose us to material losses. Furthermore, the existence of contamination at properties we own, lease or operate could result in increased operational costs or restrictions on our ability to use those properties as intended, including for mining purposes.

In certain instances, citizen groups also have the ability to bring legal proceedings against us if we are not in compliance with environmental laws, or to challenge our ability to receive environmental permits that we need to operate. In addition, claims for damages to persons or property, including natural resources, may result from the environmental, health and safety impacts of our operations. Our insurance may not cover all environmental risks and costs or may not provide sufficient coverage if an environmental claim is made against us. Moreover, public interest in the protection of the environment has increased dramatically in recent years. The trend of more expansive and stringent environmental legislation and regulations applied to the construction industry could continue, resulting in increased costs of doing business and consequently affecting profitability.

We have incurred, and may in the future incur, significant capital and operating expenditures to comply with such laws and regulations. To the extent that laws are enacted or other governmental action is taken that restricts our operations or imposes more stringent and costly operating, waste handling, disposal and cleanup requirements, our business, prospects, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

We regularly monitor and review our operations, procedures, and policies for compliance with our operating permits and related laws and regulations. We believe that our operations and facilities, whether owned or leased, are in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations and that any existing non-compliance is not likely to have a material adverse effect on our operations or financial condition.

Industrial operations, including equipment maintenance and storage, asphalt manufacturing and processing, underground storage tank usage and other storage and use of hazardous materials and petroleum products, are conducted at our facilities, and in some cases, have been conducted at our facilities for more than 50 years. While we have conducted our operations in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws, we have, from time to time, identified contamination associated with these activities at certain of our facilities. We have incurred costs in connection with the investigation and remediation of hazardous substances and petroleum products identified at several facilities, and investigation and remediation activities are ongoing at others. We may also become subject to similar liabilities in connection with prior and future acquisitions. We do not believe that liabilities associated with known or potential contamination at any of our facilities will have a material adverse effect on our operations or financial condition.

Employees and Human Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2023, we employed 1,146 salaried employees and 2,868 hourly employees. The total number of hourly personnel at a given time is subject to the volume of projects in progress and fluctuates on a seasonal basis. During fiscal year 2023, the number of hourly employees ranged from 2,656 to 2,892 employees and averaged 2,782 employees. We are not subject to any collective bargaining agreements with respect to any of our employees. We believe that we have strong relationships with our employees.

Our business depends on a readily available supply of management, supervisory and field personnel. Attracting, training and retaining key personnel has been and will remain critical to our success. Through the use of our management information systems, on-the-job training, and educational seminars, employees are trained to understand the importance of project execution. We place additional focus on training related to estimating, project management and project cost control. Our crews typically specialize in a specific phase of construction, such as grading or paving, with each crew member assigned to a specific task in order to maximize daily production. A core tenet of our organizational philosophy is to promote from within and offer advancement opportunities at all levels of employment, which helps us retain talented employees. Moreover, we proactively recruit additional talent in both conventional and creative manners to fill open positions when promoting internally is not an option. Like others in our industry, we experience some recurring employee turnover; however, we historically have been able to attract sufficient numbers of personnel to support the growth of our operations. Nonetheless, we continue to face competition for experienced workers in all of our markets.

We place a great emphasis on the safety of the public, our customers and our employees. To that end, we conduct extensive safety training programs, which have allowed us to maintain a high safety level at our worksites. All newly-hired employees undergo an initial safety orientation, and for certain types of projects and processes, we conduct specific hazard training programs. Our project foremen and superintendents conduct on-site safety meetings, and our full-time safety inspectors make random site safety inspections and perform assessments. In addition, certain operational employees are required to complete a safety course approved by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) or the Mine Safety and Health Administration (“MSHA”), as applicable. Moreover, we promote a culture of safety by encouraging employees to immediately correct and report all unsafe conditions.

Website Information

The Company maintains a website at www.constructionpartners.net. Certain corporate governance information, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and other information of potential interest to our stockholders are available free of charge through the “Investors” page of the Company’s website. These include, for example, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). These documents are made available as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Information on, or accessible through, the Company’s website is not part of or incorporated into this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We have included the website address only as an inactive textual reference and do not intend for it to be an active link to the website. We will provide electronic or paper copies of our periodic and current reports to stockholders free of charge upon written request to: Construction Partners, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 290 Healthwest Drive, Suite 2, Dothan, Alabama 36303. In addition, the SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding us and other issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

An investment in our Class A common stock involves risks. You should carefully read and consider the following risks, as well as all of the other information contained in this report, before making an investment decision. Our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks. As a result, the trading price of our Class A common stock could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. The risks described below are not the only ones that we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial also may adversely affect us.

Risks Related to our Business

A significant slowdown or decline in economic conditions, particularly in the southeastern United States, could adversely impact our results of operations.

We currently operate in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. A significant slowdown or decline in economic conditions or uncertainty regarding the economic outlook in the United States generally, or in any of these states particularly, could reduce demand for infrastructure projects. Demand for infrastructure projects depends on overall economic conditions, the need for new or replacement infrastructure, the priorities placed on various projects funded by governmental entities and federal, state and local government spending levels. In particular, low tax revenues, credit rating downgrades, budget deficits and financing constraints, including timing and amount of federal funding and competing governmental priorities, could negatively impact the ability of government agencies to fund existing or new public infrastructure projects. In addition, any instability in the financial and credit markets could negatively impact our customers’ ability to pay us on a timely basis, or at all, for work on projects already in progress, could cause our customers to delay or cancel construction projects in our contract backlog and could create difficulties for customers to obtain adequate financing to fund new construction projects, including through the issuance of municipal bonds.

Our business depends on federal, state and local government spending for public infrastructure construction, and reductions in government funding could adversely affect our results of operations.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, we generated approximately 63% of our construction contract revenues from publicly funded construction projects and the sale of construction materials to public customers at the federal, state and local levels. As a result, if publicly funded construction decreases due to reduced federal, state or local funding or otherwise, our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity could be materially adversely affected.

Federal highway bills provide spending authorizations that represent the maximum amounts available for federally funded construction projects. Each year, Congress passes an appropriation act establishing the amount that can be used for particular programs. The annual funding level is generally tied to receipts of highway user taxes placed in the federal Highway Trust Fund. Once Congress passes the annual appropriation, the federal government distributes funds to each state based on formulas or other procedures. States generally must spend these funds on the specific programs outlined in the federal legislation. In recent years, the Highway Trust Fund has faced insolvency as outlays have outpaced revenues, and annual shortfalls have been addressed primarily by short-term measures. In November 2021, the IJA was signed into law, which increases federal spending on surface transportation programs and provides additional funding for highways, bridges and airports over a five-year period. In addition, the Inflation Reduction Act passed in August 2022 provides funding for a variety of infrastructure-related programs. Although these laws provide for funding at historically high levels, the timing, nature and scale of the projects for which these funds under these programs or otherwise will be used remains uncertain given variations in the appropriation processes at the federal and state levels. As a result, we cannot be assured of the existence, timing or amount of future federal highway funding. Federal highway funding is also subject to uncertainties associated with congressional spending as a whole, including the potential impacts of budget deficits, government shutdowns and federal sequestration. Any reduction in federal highway funding, particularly in the amounts allocated to states in which we operate, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Each state funds its infrastructure spending from specially allocated amounts collected from various state taxes, typically fuel taxes and vehicle fees, as well as from voter-approved bond programs. Shortages in state tax revenues can reduce the amount spent or delay expenditures on state infrastructure projects. Many states have experienced state-level funding pressures caused by lower tax revenues and an inability to finance approved projects. To address these pressures, some states have adopted measures to promote stable funding for infrastructure investment, including special-purpose taxes and increased fuel taxes. Any reduction in state infrastructure funding in the states in which we operate could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from state DOTs. The loss of our ability to competitively bid for certain projects or successfully contract with state DOTs could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our largest customers are state DOTs. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Florida DOT and the North Carolina DOT accounted for 10.7% and 10.5% of our revenues, respectively, and projects performed for all state DOTs accounted for 36.2% of our revenues. We believe that we will continue to rely on state DOTs for a substantial portion of our revenues for the foreseeable future. The loss or reduction of our ability to competitively bid for certain projects or successfully contract with state DOTs could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operation and liquidity. See Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies, Concentration of Risks, to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for information relating to concentrations of revenues by type of customer and for a description of our largest customers.

Government contracts generally are subject to a variety of regulations, requirements and statutes, the violation or alleged violation of which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our contracts with governmental agencies are generally subject to specific procurement regulations, contract provisions and a variety of socioeconomic requirements relating to their formation, administration, performance and accounting and often include express or implied certifications of compliance. We may be subject to claims for civil or criminal fraud for actual or alleged violations of these governmental regulations, requirements or statutes. In addition, we may also be subject to *qui tam* litigation brought by private individuals on behalf of the government under the federal False Claims Act, which could include claims for treble damages. Further, if we fail to comply with any of these regulations, requirements or statutes, or if we have a substantial number of workplace safety violations, our existing government contracts could be terminated, and we could be suspended from government contracting or subcontracting, including federally funded projects at the state level. Even if we have not violated these regulations, requirements or statutes, allegations of violations or defending *qui tam* litigation could harm our reputation and require us to incur material costs to defend any such allegations or lawsuits. Any one or more of these events could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and liquidity.

The cancellation of a significant number of contracts, our disqualification from bidding on new contracts and the unpredictable timing of new project opportunities could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Government contracts typically can be canceled at any time, with us receiving payment only for the work completed. The cancellation of an unfinished contract could result in lost revenues and cause our equipment to be idled for a significant period of time until other

comparable work becomes available. In addition, we could be prohibited from bidding on certain government contracts if we fail to maintain qualifications required by those entities. For example, various laws, including those governing wages, benefits, overtime, working conditions, equal employment opportunity, affirmative action and drug testing, provide for mandatory suspension and/or debarment of contractors in certain circumstances involving violations of those laws. In addition, federal and state laws provide for discretionary suspension and/or debarment in certain circumstances, including as a result of being convicted of, or being found civilly liable for, fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public contract or subcontract. The scope and duration of any suspension or debarment may vary depending upon the facts of a particular case and the grounds for debarment. Finally, the timing of project awards is unpredictable and outside of our control. Project awards, including expansions of existing projects, often involve complex and lengthy negotiations and competitive bidding processes.

If we are unable to accurately estimate the overall risks, revenues or costs on our projects, we may incur contract losses or achieve lower profits than anticipated.

Pricing on fixed unit price contracts is based on approved quantities irrespective of our actual costs, and contracts with a fixed total price require that the work be performed for an agreed-upon price irrespective of our actual costs. We generate profits on fixed unit price and fixed total price contracts only when our revenues exceed our actual costs, which requires us to accurately estimate and control our costs and avoid cost overruns. If our cost estimates are too low or if we do not perform the contract within our cost estimates, then cost overruns may cause us to incur a loss or cause the contract not to be as profitable as we expected. The costs incurred and profit realized, if any, on our contracts can vary, sometimes substantially, from our original projections due to a variety of factors, including, but not limited to:

- the failure to include materials or work in a bid, or the failure to estimate properly the quantities or costs needed to complete a fixed total price contract;
- delays caused by weather conditions or otherwise failing to meet scheduled acceptance dates;
- contract or project modifications or conditions creating unanticipated costs that are not covered by change orders;
- changes in the availability, proximity and costs of materials, including liquid asphalt cement, aggregates and other construction materials, as well as fuel and lubricants for our equipment;
- to the extent not covered by contractual cost escalators, variability in, and our inability to predict, the costs of diesel fuel, liquid asphalt and cement;
- the availability and skill level of workers;
- onsite conditions that differ from those assumed in the original bid;
- the failure by our suppliers, subcontractors, designers, engineers or customers to perform their obligations;
- fraud, theft or other improper activities by our suppliers, subcontractors, designers, engineers, customers or personnel;
- mechanical problems with our machinery or equipment;
- citations issued by a government authority, including OSHA or MSHA;
- difficulties in obtaining required government permits or approvals;
- changes in applicable laws and regulations;
- uninsured claims or demands from third parties for alleged damages arising from the design, construction or use and operation of a project of which our work is part; and
- public infrastructure customers seeking to impose contractual risk-shifting provisions that result in increased risks to us.

These and other factors may cause us to incur losses, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

Inflation and supply chain disruptions have resulted, and may continue to result, in increased costs, some of which we may not be able to recoup.

Inflation and supply chain disruptions have the potential to adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations, particularly if we are unable to pass through increased costs to our customers. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, we continued to experience an upward trend in several inflation-sensitive inputs that we use to provide our products and services,

including upward pressure on wages and increases in the cost of raw materials used to produce HMA and other items critical to our business, including fuel, concrete and steel. In addition, we continued to experience disruptions from various participants in our supply chains, including subcontractors, materials suppliers and equipment manufacturers, who provide the raw materials, equipment, vehicles, construction supplies and other services we require in order to manufacture HMA and perform our construction projects. While we have been able to mitigate some of the effects of inflation, supply chain disruptions and upward wage pressures on our business by increasing prices for our products and including the anticipated cost increases in the construction projects for which we bid, we may not be able to do so in the future. In addition, we are limited in our ability to pass through increased costs for projects already in our backlog, and if we are unable to do so, we may not recoup our losses or diminished profit margins. If inflation and supply chain disruptions continue to rise, we may be required to implement further price adjustments to maintain our profit margin, and any price increases may have a negative effect on demand.

Because our industry is capital-intensive and we have significant fixed and semi-fixed costs, our profitability is sensitive to changes in volume.

The property, plants and equipment needed to produce our products and provide our services can be expensive. We must spend a substantial amount of capital to purchase and maintain such assets. Although we believe our current cash balance, along with our projected internal cash flows and available financing sources, will provide sufficient cash to support our currently anticipated operating and capital needs, if we are unable to generate sufficient cash to purchase and maintain the property, plants and equipment necessary to operate our business, or if the timing of payments on our receivables is delayed, we may be required to reduce or delay planned capital expenditures or to incur additional indebtedness. In addition, due to the level of fixed and semi-fixed costs associated with our business, particularly at our HMA production facilities, aggregates facilities and our mobile equipment fleets, volume decreases could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

The success of our business depends, in part, on our ability to execute on our acquisition strategy, to successfully integrate acquired businesses and to retain key employees of acquired businesses.

Since our inception, we have acquired and integrated 41 complementary businesses, which have contributed significantly to our growth. We continue to evaluate strategic acquisition opportunities that have the potential to support and strengthen our business, including acquisitions in the southeastern United States, as part of our ongoing growth strategy. We cannot predict the timing or size of any future acquisitions. To successfully acquire a target, we may need to raise additional equity and/or incur additional indebtedness, which could increase our leverage level. There can be no assurance that we will be able to identify and complete acquisition transactions on favorable terms, or at all. The investigation of acquisition candidates and the negotiation, drafting and execution of relevant agreements, disclosure documents and other instruments require substantial management time and attention and costs for accountants, attorneys and others. If we fail to complete any acquisition for any reason, including events beyond our control, the costs incurred up to that point for the proposed acquisition likely would not be recoverable.

Acquisitions typically require integration of the acquired company's estimation, project management, finance, information technology, risk management, purchasing and fleet management functions. We may be unable to successfully integrate an acquired business into our existing business, and an acquired business may not be as profitable as we had expected or at all. Acquisitions involve risks that the acquired business will not perform as expected and that our expectations concerning the value, strengths and weaknesses of the acquired business will prove incorrect. Our inability to successfully integrate new businesses in a timely and orderly manner could increase costs, reduce profits or generate losses and prevent us from realizing expected rates of return on an acquired business. Factors affecting the successful integration of an acquired business include, but are not limited to, the following:

- our responsibility for certain liabilities of an acquired business, whether or not known to us, which could include, among other things, tax liabilities, product and other tort liabilities, breach of contract claims, environmental liabilities, permitting and regulatory compliance issues and liabilities for employment practices;
- our ability to retain local managers and key employees who are important to the operations of an acquired business;
- the attention required by our senior management and the management of an acquired business for integration efforts, which could decrease the time that they have to service and attract customers;
- our ability to effectively utilize new equipment that we acquire;
- the implementation of our financial and management information systems, business practices and policies;
- our pursuit of multiple acquisition opportunities simultaneously; and
- unforeseen expenses, complications and delays, including difficulties in employing sufficient staff and maintaining operational and management oversight.

In addition, potential acquisition targets may be in states in which we do not currently operate, which could result in unforeseen operating difficulties and difficulties in coordinating geographically dispersed operations, personnel and facilities and subject us to additional and unfamiliar legal requirements.

We cannot guarantee that we will achieve synergies and cost savings in connection with future acquisitions. Many of the businesses that we previously acquired, and businesses that we may acquire in the future, could have unaudited financial statements that are prepared by management and are not independently reviewed or audited, and such financial statements could be materially different if they were independently reviewed or audited. We cannot guarantee that we will continue to acquire businesses at valuations consistent with our prior acquisitions or that we will complete future acquisitions at all. We also cannot know whether there will be attractive acquisition opportunities at reasonable prices, that financing will be available or that we can successfully integrate acquired businesses into our existing operations. In addition, our results of operations from these acquisitions could, in the future, result in impairment charges for any of our intangible assets, including goodwill or other long-lived assets, particularly if economic conditions worsen unexpectedly.

We may lose business to competitors that underbid us and may be unable to compete favorably in our highly competitive industry.

Most of our project awards are determined through a competitive bidding process in which price is the determining factor. Because of the high cost of transporting HMA, our ability to win a project award is often influenced by the distance between a work site and our HMA plants. We compete against multiple competitors in many of the markets in which we operate. Some of our competitors are larger than we are and are vertically integrated. As a result, our competitors may be able to bid at lower prices than we can due to the location of their plants or as a result of their size or vertical integration advantages. Government funding for public infrastructure projects is limited, contributing to competition for the limited number of public projects available. An increase in competition may result in a decrease in new project awards to us at acceptable profit margins. In addition, in the event of a downturn in private residential and commercial construction, the competition for available public infrastructure projects could intensify, which could materially and adversely impact our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

We may be unable to obtain or maintain sufficient bonding capacity, which could preclude us from bidding on certain projects.

A significant number of our contracts require performance and payment bonds. Sureties typically issue or continue bonds on a project-by-project basis, and they can decline to do so at any time or require the posting of additional collateral as a condition thereto. Our ability to obtain performance and payment bonds primarily depends on our capitalization, working capital, past performance, management expertise, reputation and certain external factors, including the overall capacity of the surety market. Events that adversely affect the insurance and bonding markets generally may result in bonding becoming more difficult or costly to obtain in the future. If we are unable to obtain or renew a sufficient level of bonding, or if bonding costs were to increase, we may be precluded from bidding on certain projects or successfully contracting with certain customers, which could limit the aggregate dollar amount of contracts that we are able to pursue. In addition, even if we are able to successfully renew or obtain performance or payment bonds, we may be required to post letters of credit in connection with such bonds, which could negatively affect our liquidity and results of operations.

Our business is seasonal and subject to adverse weather and climate conditions, which can adversely impact our business.

Our construction operations occur outdoors in an area of the country in which hurricanes, tornadoes and tropical storms are common and snow frequently occurs in certain markets in the winter. As a result, seasonal changes and adverse weather conditions, such as extended snowy, rainy or cold weather, can adversely affect our business operations through a decline in the use and production of HMA, a decline in the demand for our construction services, alterations and delays in our construction schedules, and reduced efficiencies in our contracting operations, resulting in under-utilization of crews and equipment and lower contract profitability. Climate change may lead to increased extreme weather and changes in precipitation and temperature, including natural disasters. Should the impact of climate change be significant or occur for lengthy periods of time, our financial condition or results of operations would be adversely affected.

We depend on our information technology systems and processes, which are subject to cybersecurity and data leakage risks.

We depend on information technology systems and infrastructure that could be damaged or interrupted by a variety of factors. Any significant breach, breakdown, destruction or interruption of these systems has the potential to negatively affect our operations. We could experience a business interruption, theft of information or reputational damage as a result of a cyber attack, such as the infiltration of a data center, or data leakage of confidential information either internally or through our third-party providers. Although we have invested in the protection of our data and information technology to reduce these risks and periodically test the security of our information systems network, there can be no assurance that our efforts will prevent breakdowns or breaches in our systems that could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. Similarly, our suppliers rely extensively on computer systems to process transactions and manage their businesses and, thus, are also at risk of, and may be impacted by, cybersecurity attacks. An interruption in the business operations of our suppliers and other third parties with which we do business resulting from a cybersecurity attack could indirectly impact our business operations.

Design-build contracts subject us to the risk of design errors and omissions.

Design-build contracts are used as a method of project delivery that provides the owner with a single point of responsibility for both design and construction. We generally subcontract design responsibility to architectural and engineering firms. However, in the event of a design error or omission that causes damages, there is a risk that the subcontractor and/or its errors and omissions insurance would not be able to absorb the full amount of the liability incurred. In this case, we may be responsible for the remaining liability, which could damage our reputation and adversely affect our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity.

From time to time, we enter into joint venture contracts to perform certain projects, and these arrangements expose us to certain risks and uncertainties that are outside of our control.

From time to time, we perform construction projects as part of a joint venture, under which our relationship to the other joint venture partners is governed by a written contract. Participation in these arrangements exposes us to risks and uncertainties, including the risk that our partners may fail to perform under the contracts, which could subject us to contractual liability. In addition, if our partners are not able or willing to provide their share of capital investment to fund the operations of the venture or the joint venture arrangement is terminated, there could be unanticipated costs to complete the project, or we could be liable for financial penalties or liquidated damages. In the event that we are not the controlling partner in the joint venture, we may have limited control over the decisions made with respect to the project. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity.

Our continued success requires us to hire, train and retain qualified personnel and subcontractors in a competitive industry.

The success of our business depends on our ability to attract, train and retain qualified, reliable personnel, including, but not limited to, our executive officers and key management personnel. In addition, we rely on engineers, project management personnel, other employees and qualified subcontractors who possess the necessary and required experience and expertise to perform their respective services at a reasonable and competitive rate. Competition for these and other experienced personnel is intense, and it may be difficult to attract and retain qualified individuals with the requisite expertise and within the time frame demanded by our customers. In certain geographic areas, for example, we may not be able to satisfy the demand for our services because of our inability to successfully hire, train and retain qualified personnel. Also, it could be difficult to replace personnel who hold credentials that may be required to perform certain government projects and/or who have significant government contract experience.

As some of our executives and other key personnel approach retirement age, we must provide for smooth transitions, which may require that we devote time and resources to identify and integrate new personnel into vacant leadership roles and other key positions. If we are unable to attract and retain a sufficient number of skilled personnel or effectively implement appropriate succession plans, our ability to pursue projects and our strategic plan may be adversely affected, the costs of executing both our existing and future projects may increase, and our financial performance may decline.

In addition, the cost of providing our services, including the extent to which we utilize our workforce, affects our profitability. For example, the uncertainty of contract award timing can present difficulties in matching our workforce size with our contracts. If an expected contract award is delayed or not received, we could incur costs resulting from excess staff or redundancy of facilities that could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our results of operations can be adversely affected by labor shortages, turnover and labor cost increases.

Labor is a primary component of operating our business. A number of factors may adversely affect the labor force available to us or increase labor costs from time to time, including high employment levels, federal unemployment subsidies and other government regulations. Although we have not experienced material disruptions due to labor shortages to date, we have observed an overall tightening and increasingly competitive labor market. A sustained labor shortage or increased turnover rates within our employee base could lead to increased costs, such as increased overtime to meet demand and increased wage rates to attract and retain employees, and could negatively affect our ability to complete our construction projects according to the required schedule or otherwise efficiently operate our business. If we are unable to hire and retain employees capable of performing at a high level, or if mitigation measures we may take to respond to a decrease in labor availability, such as overtime and third-party outsourcing, have unintended negative effects, our business could be adversely affected. In addition, we distribute our products and receive raw materials primarily by truck. Reduced availability of trucking capacity due to shortages of drivers and increased fuel costs has caused an increase in the cost of transportation for us and our suppliers. An overall labor shortage, lack of skilled labor, increased turnover or labor inflation could have a material adverse impact on our operations, results of operations, liquidity or cash flows.

We depend on third parties for equipment and supplies essential to operate our business.

We rely on third parties to sell or lease real property, plants and equipment to us and to provide us with supplies, including liquid asphalt cement, aggregates and other construction materials necessary for our operations. The inability to purchase or lease the properties, plants or equipment that are necessary for our operations could severely impact our business. If we lose our supply contracts and receive insufficient supplies from third parties to meet our customers' needs, or if our suppliers experience price increases or disruptions to their business, such as labor disputes, supply shortages, financial or regulatory difficulties or distribution problems, our ability to bid for or complete contracts could be impaired, in which case our business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and cash flows would be materially and adversely affected.

Supply chain issues, including shortages of raw materials needed for HMA production, equipment, vehicles and construction supplies, could increase our costs or cause delays in our ability to complete our projects, which could have an adverse impact on our business and our relationships with customers.

We rely on our supply chain for raw materials to manufacture HMA and for equipment, vehicles and construction supplies in order to complete our projects. A reduction or interruption in supply, including disruptions due to shortages in global freight capacity, significant increases in the price of critical components and raw materials, a failure to appropriately forecast or adjust our requirements based on our business needs, a significant natural disaster or volatility in demand for our products and services could materially adversely affect our business, operating results, and financial condition and could materially damage customer relationships. Our vendors and subcontractors also may be unable to meet our demand, significantly increase lead times for deliveries or impose significant price increases that we are unable to offset through alternate sources of supply, price increases to our customers or increased productivity in our operations. In some cases, we procure certain inputs and services from single or limited suppliers or subcontractors. In the event of supply disruptions from these suppliers or subcontractors, we may not be able to diversify our resources for such materials or services in a timely manner or may experience quality issues with alternate sources. Our growth and ability to meet customer demand depend in large part on our ability to obtain timely deliveries of raw materials, plant components, equipment and vehicles from our suppliers, and significant disruptions in their supply could materially adversely affect our business, operating results, and financial condition and could materially damage customer relationships.

We consume natural gas, electricity, diesel fuel, liquid asphalt and other petroleum-based resources that are subject to potential reliability issues, supply constraints and significant price fluctuations.

In our production and distribution processes, we consume significant amounts of natural gas, electricity, diesel fuel, liquid asphalt and other petroleum-based resources. The availability and pricing of these resources are subject to market forces that are beyond our control, such as unavailability due to refinery turnarounds, higher prices charged for petroleum-based products and other factors. Furthermore, we are vulnerable to any reliability issues experienced by our suppliers, which also are beyond our control. Our suppliers contract separately for the purchase of such resources, and our sources of supply could be interrupted if our suppliers are unable to obtain these materials due to higher demand or other factors that interrupt their availability. Additionally, increases in the costs of fuel and other petroleum-based products utilized in our operations, particularly increases following a bid based on lower costs for such products, could result in a lower profit, or a loss, on a contract. Variability in the supply and prices of these resources could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Our contract backlog is subject to reductions in scope and cancellations and therefore could be an unreliable indicator of our future earnings.

At September 30, 2023, our contract backlog was \$1.6 billion, compared to \$1.4 billion at September 30, 2022. Our contract backlog generally consists of construction projects for which we either have an executed contract or commitment with a client or have submitted the currently lowest bid. Contract backlog does not include external sales of HMA, aggregates and liquid asphalt cement. Moreover, our contract backlog reflects our expected revenues from the contract, commitment or bid, which is often subject to revision over time. We cannot guarantee that the revenues projected in our contract backlog will be realized or, if realized, will be profitable. Projects reflected in our contract backlog may be affected by project cancellations, scope adjustments, time extensions or other changes. Such changes may adversely affect the revenues and profit we ultimately realize on these projects.

Failure of our subcontractors to perform as expected could have a negative impact on our results.

We rely on third-party subcontractors to perform some of the work on many of our contracts, but we are ultimately responsible for the successful completion of their work. Although we often require bonding or other forms of guarantees from our subcontractors, we are not always able to obtain such bonds or guarantees. In situations where we are unable to obtain a bond or guarantee, we may be responsible for the failures on the part of our subcontractors to perform as anticipated. In addition, if the total costs of a project exceed our original estimates, we could experience reduced profits or a loss for that project.

The construction services industry is highly schedule-driven, and our failure to meet the schedule requirements of our contracts could adversely affect our reputation and/or expose us to financial liability.

In some instances, including in the case of many of our fixed unit price contracts, we guarantee that we will complete a project by a certain date. Any failure to meet the contractual schedule or satisfy the completion requirements set forth in our contracts could subject us to responsibility for costs resulting from the delay, generally in the form of contractually agreed-upon liquidated damages, liability for our customer's actual costs arising out of our delay, reduced profits or a loss on that project and/or damage to our reputation, any of which could have a material adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity.

An inability to secure sufficient aggregates reserves could have a negative impact on our future results of operations.

Strict governmental regulations and the limited number of properties containing useful aggregates reserves have made it increasingly challenging and costly to obtain sufficient aggregates to support our business, both with respect to internal use and third-party sales. If we are unable to obtain adequate reserves to support our business, then our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity may be adversely affected.

A failure to obtain or maintain adequate insurance coverage could adversely affect our results of operations.

We maintain insurance coverage as part of our overall risk management strategy, and a majority of our contracts require us to maintain specific types and amounts of coverage. Although we have been able to obtain reasonably priced insurance coverage to meet our requirements in the past, there is no assurance that we will be able to do so in the future. For example, catastrophic events can result in decreased coverage limits, more limited coverage and increased premium costs or deductibles. If we are unable to obtain adequate insurance coverage, we would be subject to increased out-of-pocket expenses in the event of a claim and we may not be able to procure certain contracts, either of which could materially adversely affect our financial position, results of operations, cash flows or liquidity.

We may be unable to identify and contract with qualified "disadvantaged business enterprises" to perform as subcontractors, which could cause us to breach certain contracts with governmental customers.

Some of our contracts with governmental agencies contain minimum "disadvantaged business enterprise" ("DBE") participation clauses, which require us to maintain a requisite level of DBE participation. If we fail to obtain or maintain the required level of DBE participation, we could be held responsible for breach of contract. Such a breach could impair our ability to bid on future projects and could require us to pay monetary damages. To the extent that we are responsible for monetary damages, the total costs of the project could exceed our original estimates, we could experience reduced profits or a loss for that project and there could be a material adverse impact to our financial position, results of operations, cash flows or liquidity.

Failure to maintain safe work sites could result in significant losses, which could materially affect our business and reputation.

Because our employees and others are often in close proximity with mechanized equipment, moving vehicles, chemical substances and dangerous manufacturing processes, our construction and maintenance sites are potentially dangerous workplaces. Therefore, safety is a primary focus of our business and is critical to our reputation and performance. We are often responsible for safety on the project sites where we work. In addition, many of our customers require that we meet certain safety criteria to be eligible to bid on contracts, and some of our contract fees or profits are subject to satisfying safety criteria. Unsafe work conditions also can increase employee turnover, which increases project costs and therefore our overall operating costs. If we fail to implement effective safety procedures, our employees could be injured, the completion of a project could be delayed, or we could be exposed to investigations and possible litigation. Our failure to maintain adequate safety standards through our safety programs could also result in reduced profitability or the loss of projects or clients.

Legal and Regulatory Risks

We could incur material costs and losses as a result of claims that our products do not meet regulatory requirements or contractual specifications.

We provide our customers with products designed to comply with building codes or other regulatory requirements, as well as any applicable contractual specifications, including, but not limited to, with respect to durability, compressive strength and weight-bearing capacity. If our products do not satisfy these requirements and specifications, material claims may arise against us, our reputation could be damaged and, if any such claims are for an uninsured, non-indemnified or product-related matter, then resolution of such claims against us could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

We are, and may continue to be, involved in routine litigation and government inquiries in the ordinary course of business.

Due to the nature of our business, we are involved in routine litigation or subject to other disputes or claims related to our business activities, including, among other things, workers' compensation claims, employment-related disputes and issues related to liability, breach of contract or tortious conduct in connection with our performance of services and provision of materials. We are also subject to government inquiries in the ordinary course of business seeking information concerning our compliance with government construction contracting requirements and various laws and regulations, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with certainty. The outcomes of these inquiries and legal proceedings are not expected to have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations on an individual basis, although adverse outcomes in a significant number of such ordinary course inquiries and legal proceedings could, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Environmental laws and regulations and any changes to, or liabilities arising under, such laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Our operations are subject to stringent and complex federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to environmental protection and public health and safety. These laws and regulations impose numerous obligations applicable to our operations, including requirements to obtain a permit or other approval before conducting regulated activities; restrictions on the types, quantities and concentration of materials that can be released into the environment; limitations on activities on certain lands lying within wilderness, wetlands, and other protected areas; and assessments of substantial liabilities for pollution resulting from our operations. For example, a number of governmental bodies have finalized, proposed or are contemplating legislative and regulatory actions to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, such as monitoring, reporting and emissions control requirements for certain large sources of greenhouse gases and greenhouse gas cap-and-trade programs. Because we emit greenhouse gases through the manufacture of HMA products and through the combustion of fossil fuels as part of our mining and road construction services, any such laws and regulations applicable to jurisdictions in which we operate could require us to incur costs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with our operations.

We have in the past been, and may in the future be, required to remediate contaminated properties currently or formerly owned or operated by us or third-party facilities that receive waste generated by our operations, regardless of whether such contamination resulted from our own actions or those of others and whether such actions complied with applicable laws at the time they were taken. In connection with certain acquisitions, we could assume, or be required to provide indemnification against, environmental liabilities that could expose us to material losses. Furthermore, the existence of contamination at properties that we own, lease or operate could result in increased operational costs or restrictions on our ability to use those properties as intended, including for mining purposes. For example, our lease agreements associated with our aggregates facilities could, if not appropriately managed, subject us to specific reclamation obligations, costs, or liabilities for any contamination or regulatory violations arising from our mining operations.

Numerous government authorities, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") and analogous state agencies, have the power to enforce compliance with these laws and the permits issued under them. Such enforcement actions often involve difficult and costly compliance measures or corrective actions. Certain environmental laws impose strict liability (i.e., no showing of "fault" is required) or joint and several liability for costs required to remediate and restore sites where hazardous substances, hydrocarbons or solid wastes have been stored or released. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of sanctions, including administrative, civil or criminal penalties, compensatory damages, injunctive relief, the imposition of investigatory or remedial obligations, and the issuance of orders limiting or prohibiting some or all of our operations. In addition, we may experience delays in obtaining, or be unable to obtain, required permits, which may delay or interrupt our operations and limit our growth and revenue.

In certain instances, citizen groups also have the ability to bring legal proceedings against us if we are not in compliance with environmental laws, or to challenge our ability to receive environmental permits that we need to operate. In addition, claims for damages to persons or property, including natural resources, may result from the environmental, health and safety impacts of our operations. Our insurance may not cover all environmental risks and costs or may not provide sufficient coverage if an environmental claim is made against us. Moreover, public interest in the protection of the environment has increased dramatically in recent years. The trend of more expansive and stringent environmental legislation and regulations applied to our industry could continue, resulting in increased costs of doing business and, consequently, affecting profitability.

Climate change and related laws and regulations could adversely affect us.

The potential impact of climate change on our operations and our customers remains uncertain. The primary risk that climate change poses to our business is the potential for increases in the volume, frequency and intensity of rainfall and tropical storms, which would impair our ability to perform our construction projects. Climate change could also lead to disruptions in our supply chain, thereby impairing our production capabilities, or the distribution of our products due to major storm events or prolonged adverse conditions, changing temperature levels or flooding from sea level changes, especially in our coastal markets. These changes could be severe and could negatively impact demand for our products and services. In addition, governmental initiatives to address climate change could, if

adopted, restrict our operations, require us to make capital or other expenditures to comply with these initiatives, increase our costs, impact our ability to compete or negatively impact efforts to obtain permits, licenses and other approvals for existing and new facilities. Our inability to timely respond to the risks posed by climate change and the costs of compliance with climate change laws and regulations could have a material adverse impact on us.

Increasing focus by stakeholders on environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) policies and practices could result in additional costs and could adversely impact our reputation, investor perception, employee retention and willingness of third parties to do business with us.

In recent years, there has been increasing focus from stakeholders, including government agencies, investors, consumers and employees, on our ESG policies and practices. Additionally, public interest and legislative pressure related to public companies’ ESG practices continues to grow. If our policies and practices do not meet regulatory requirements or stakeholders’ evolving expectations for responsible corporate citizenship in areas including environmental stewardship, employee health and safety practices, director and employee diversity, human capital management and corporate governance, our reputation and employee retention may be negatively impacted, and customers and suppliers may be unwilling to do business with us. In addition, we are subject to various federal and state laws in connection with our operations, and inconsistency in legislation and regulations among jurisdictions and expected additional regulations may require greater resources to monitor, report and comply with various ESG practices. Any assessment of the potential impact of future ESG-related regulations or industry standards is uncertain given the wide scope of potential regulatory change where we operate. As a result, the effects of increased focus by stakeholders on ESG matters could have short- and long-term impacts on our business and operations.

Our operations are subject to special hazards that may cause personal injury or property damage, subjecting us to liabilities and possible losses that may not be covered by insurance.

Operating hazards inherent in our business, some of which may be outside of our control, can cause personal injury and loss of life, damage to or destruction of property, and environmental damage. We maintain insurance coverage in amounts and against risks that we believe are consistent with industry practice, but this insurance may be inadequate or unavailable to cover all losses or liabilities we may incur in our operations. Our insurance policies are subject to varying levels of deductibles. Losses up to our deductible amounts are accrued based on our estimates of the ultimate liability for claims incurred and an estimate of claims incurred but not reported. However, liabilities subject to insurance are difficult to estimate due to unknown factors, including the severity of an injury, the determination of our liability in proportion to other parties, the number of unreported incidents and the effectiveness of our safety programs. If we experience insurance claims or costs above our estimates, we may be required to use working capital to satisfy these claims rather than for maintaining or expanding our operations.

Our failure to comply with immigration laws could result in significant liabilities, harm our reputation with our customers and disrupt our operations.

Although we take steps to verify the employment eligibility status of all of our employees, some of our employees may, without our knowledge, be unauthorized workers. Unauthorized workers are subject to deportation and may subject us to fines or penalties and, if any of our workers are found to be unauthorized, we could experience adverse publicity that could make it more difficult to hire and retain qualified employees. Termination of a significant number of unauthorized employees may disrupt our operations, cause temporary increases in our labor costs as we train new employees and result in additional adverse publicity. We could also become subject to fines, penalties and other costs related to claims that we did not fully comply with all recordkeeping obligations of federal and state immigration laws. If we fail to comply with these laws, our operations may be disrupted, and we may be subject to fines or, in extreme cases, criminal sanctions. In addition, many of our customer contracts specifically require compliance with immigration laws, and, in some cases, our customers’ audit compliance with these laws. Further, several of our customers require that we ensure that our subcontractors comply with these laws with respect to the workers that perform services for them. A failure to comply with these laws or to ensure compliance by our subcontractors could damage our reputation and may cause our customers to cancel contracts with us or to not award future business to us. These factors could adversely affect our results of operations and financial position.

Federal, state and local employment-related laws and regulations could increase our cost of doing business and subject us to fines and lawsuits.

Our operations are subject to a variety of federal, state and local employment-related laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act, which governs such matters as minimum wages, the Family Medical Leave Act, overtime pay, compensable time, recordkeeping and other working conditions, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the National Labor Relations Act, regulations of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, regulations of the Office of Civil Rights, regulations of the Department of Labor, regulations of state attorneys general, federal and state wage and hour laws, and a variety of similar laws enacted by the federal and state governments that govern these and other employment-related matters. As our employees are located in a number of states, compliance with these evolving federal, state and local laws and regulations could substantially increase our cost of doing business. In recent years, companies have been subject to

lawsuits, including class action lawsuits, alleging violations of federal and state law regarding workplace and employment matters, overtime wage policies, discrimination and similar matters, some of which have resulted in the payment of meaningful damages by the defendants. Similar lawsuits may be threatened or instituted against us from time to time, and we may incur damages and expenses resulting from lawsuits of this type, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. [We are currently subject to employee-related legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business. While we believe that we have adequate reserves for those losses that we believe are probable and can be reasonably estimated, the ultimate results of legal proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty.

Financial Risks

Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations.

Our debt consists primarily of our borrowings under our Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with PNC Bank, National Association (successor in interest to BBVA USA) and certain other lenders party from time to time thereto (as amended, the “Credit Agreement”), which, as of September 30, 2023, provided for a \$250.0 million term loan (the “Term Loan”), a \$325.0 million revolving credit facility (the “Revolving Credit Facility”) and a \$50.0 million delayed draw term loan (the “Delayed Draw Term Loan”, and together with the Term Loan, the “Term Loans”). A significant portion of our cash flow is required to pay interest and principal on our outstanding indebtedness, and we may be unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or have future borrowings available, to enable us to repay our indebtedness or to fund other liquidity needs. Among other consequences, this level of indebtedness could:

- require us to use a significant percentage of our cash flow from operations for debt service and the satisfaction of repayment obligations, and not for other purposes;
- limit our ability to borrow money or issue equity to fund our working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and debt service requirements;
- cause our interest expense to increase if there is a general increase in interest rates, because a portion of our indebtedness bears interest at floating rates;
- limit our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in our business and future business opportunities;
- cause us to be more highly leveraged than some of our competitors, which may place us at a competitive disadvantage;
- make us more vulnerable to a downturn in our business or the economy; and
- limit our ability to exploit business opportunities.

Volatility in the credit markets, including due to the recent bank failures as well as the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank’s actions and pace of interest rate increases to combat inflation in the United States, may further increase our interest payments. We have secured overnight financing rate (“SOFR”)-based floating rate borrowings under the Credit Agreement, which expose us to variability in interest payments due to changes in the reference interest rates. SOFR is a relatively new reference rate and has a limited history, and changes in SOFR have, on occasion, been more volatile than changes in other benchmark or market rates. As a result, the amount of interest we may pay on our variable rate indebtedness is difficult to predict.

Although the Credit Agreement restricts our ability to incur additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions, and we could incur substantial additional indebtedness in compliance with these restrictions. This could reduce our ability to satisfy our current obligations and further exacerbate the risks to our financial condition described above.

The Credit Agreement restricts our ability to engage in some business and financial transactions.

The Credit Agreement contains a number of covenants that limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness or guarantees, create liens on assets, change our or our subsidiaries’ fiscal year, enter into sale and leaseback transactions, enter into certain restrictive agreements, engage in mergers or consolidations, participate in partnerships and joint ventures, sell assets, incur additional liens, pay dividends or distributions and make other restricted payments, make investments, loans or advances, repay or amend the terms of subordinated indebtedness, make acquisitions, enter into certain operating leases, enter into certain hedge transactions, amend material contracts and engage in certain transactions with affiliates. The Credit Agreement also requires us to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio and a consolidated leverage ratio and contains certain customary representations and warranties, affirmative covenants and events of default (including, among others, an event of default upon a change of control). If an event of default occurs, the lenders under the Credit Agreement will be entitled to accelerate amounts due thereunder and take other actions permitted to be taken by a secured

creditor. If our indebtedness is accelerated, we cannot be certain that we will have sufficient funds available to pay the accelerated indebtedness or that we will have the ability to refinance the accelerated indebtedness on terms favorable to us or at all.

We may need to raise additional capital in the future, and we may not be able to do so on favorable terms or at all, which could impair our ability to operate our business or achieve our growth objectives.

Our ongoing ability to generate cash is important for funding our continuing operations, making acquisitions and servicing our indebtedness. To the extent that existing cash balances and cash flow from operations, together with borrowing capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility, are insufficient to make investments or acquisitions or provide needed working capital, we may require additional financing from other sources. Our ability to obtain such additional financing in the future will depend in part on prevailing market conditions, as well as conditions in our business and our operating results. Furthermore, if global economic, political or other market conditions adversely affect the financial institutions that provide credit to us, it is possible that our ability to draw upon our Revolving Credit Facility may be impacted. If adequate funds are not available, or are not available on acceptable terms, we may not be able to make certain investments, take advantage of acquisitions or other opportunities or respond to competitive challenges, each of which could have a material adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity.

We may be required to record an impairment charge if we determine that goodwill recorded in connection with prior acquisitions has become impaired, and this determination requires us to make significant judgments and assumptions about the future that are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties.

At September 30, 2023 and 2022, we had \$159.3 million and \$129.5 million, respectively, of goodwill recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We assess goodwill for impairment annually or more often if required. Our assessments involve a number of estimates and assumptions that are inherently subjective and require significant judgment regarding highly uncertain matters that are subject to change. The use of different assumptions or estimates could materially affect the determination as to whether or not an impairment has occurred. In addition, if future events are less favorable than what we assumed or estimated in our impairment analysis, we may be required to record an impairment charge, which could have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Our earnings are affected by the application of accounting standards and our critical accounting policies, which involve subjective judgments and estimates by our management. Our actual results could differ from the estimates and assumptions used to prepare our consolidated financial statements.

The accounting standards that we use in preparing our financial statements are often complex and require us to make significant estimates and assumptions in interpreting and applying those standards. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported values of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. We make critical estimates and assumptions involving accounting matters, including with respect to revenue recognition, contracts receivable including retainage, valuation of long-lived assets and goodwill, income taxes, accrued insurance costs and share-based payments and other equity transactions. These estimates and assumptions involve matters that are inherently uncertain and require us to make subjective and complex judgments. Although we believe we have the experience and processes to enable us to formulate appropriate assumptions and produce reasonably dependable estimates, these assumptions and estimates may change significantly in the future and could result in the reversal of previously recognized revenues and profit. If we used different estimates and assumptions or used different methods to determine these estimates, our financial results could differ, which could have a material negative impact on our financial condition and reported results of operations. For more information about our critical accounting policies and use of estimates, see “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates.”

Unfavorable developments affecting the banking and financial services industry could adversely affect our business, liquidity and financial condition and overall results of operations.

Actual events, concerns or speculation about disruption or instability in the banking and financial services industry, such as liquidity constraints, the failure of individual institutions, or the inability of individual institutions or the banking and financial service industry generally to meet their contractual obligations, could significantly impair our access to capital, delay access to deposits or other financial assets, or cause actual loss of funds subject to cash management arrangements. Similarly, these events, concerns or speculation could result in less favorable commercial financing terms, including higher interest rates or costs and tighter financial and operating covenants, or systemic limitations on access to credit and liquidity sources, thereby making it more difficult for us to acquire financing on acceptable terms or at all. Additionally, our customers, critical vendors and business partners also could be adversely affected by these risks as described above, which in turn could result in their committing a breach or default under their contractual agreements with us, their insolvency or bankruptcy, or other adverse effects. Any decline in available funding or access to our cash and liquidity resources, or non-compliance of banking and financial services counterparties with their contractual commitments to us could, among other risks, have material adverse impacts on our ability to meet our operating expenses and other financial needs, could result in breaches of our financial and/or contractual obligations and could have material adverse impacts on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

General Risks

Force majeure events, such as natural disasters, pandemics and terrorist attacks, and unexpected equipment failures could negatively impact our business, which may affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Force majeure events, such as terrorist attacks, pandemics or natural disasters, have impacted, and could continue to negatively impact, the U.S. economy and the markets in which we operate. As an example, from time to time, we face unexpected severe weather conditions, evacuation of personnel and curtailment of services, increased labor and material costs or shortages, inability to deliver materials, equipment and personnel to work sites in accordance with contract schedules and loss of productivity. We seek to include language in our contracts with private customers that grants us certain relief in connection with force majeure events, and we attempt to mitigate the potential impact arising from force majeure events in both public and private customer contracts. However, the extra costs incurred as a result of these events may not be reimbursed by our customers, and we remain obligated to perform our services after most extraordinary events, subject to any relief that may be available pursuant to a force majeure clause. Additionally, our manufacturing processes depend on critical pieces of equipment, such as our HMA plants. This equipment, on occasion, may be out of service as a result of unanticipated failures or damage. Any significant interruption in production capability may require us to make significant capital expenditures to remedy problems or damage and cause us to lose revenues due to lost production time. These force majeure events and unexpected equipment failures may affect our operations or those of our customers or suppliers and could impact our revenues, production capability and ability to complete contracts in a timely manner.

We have incurred, and expect to continue to incur, substantial costs as a result of being a public company, which may significantly affect our financial condition.

As a public company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses associated with our financial reporting and corporate governance requirements, including requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”) and the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 and rules implemented by the SEC. For example, as a publicly traded company, we are required to adopt policies regarding internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures, including the preparation of reports on internal control over financial reporting. These rules and regulations have made, and may continue to make, it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers.

If we are unable to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, investors could lose confidence in our consolidated financial statements and our Company, which could have a material adverse effect on our stock price.

We have designed and implemented a number of internal controls and other remedial measures that we believe will provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements in accordance with GAAP. A failure to maintain effective internal controls could result in a material misstatement of our consolidated financial statements that would not be prevented or detected on a timely basis, which could cause investors to lose confidence in our financial information or cause the trading price of our Class A common stock to decline and impact our liquidity, perceived creditworthiness and ability to complete acquisitions.

We have incurred, and expect to continue to incur, significant costs related to certain requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (“Section 404”). If we are unable to timely comply with such requirements, our profitability, stock price, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

We are required to comply with certain provisions of Section 404, which requires that we document and test our internal control over financial reporting and issue management’s assessment of our internal control over financial reporting. Section 404 also requires that our independent registered public accounting firm opine on those internal controls. The out-of-pocket costs, the diversion of management’s attention from running the day-to-day operations and operational changes caused by the need to comply with the requirements of Section 404 have been significant, and we expect to continue to incur substantial costs in connection with our compliance efforts. If we fail to comply with the requirements of Section 404, or if we or our auditors identify and report any material weaknesses, the accuracy and timeliness of the filing of our annual and quarterly reports may be materially adversely affected and could cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which could have a negative effect on the trading price of our Class A common stock. In addition, a material weakness in the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting could result in an increased chance of fraud and the loss of customers, reduce our ability to obtain financing, subject us to investigations by the SEC or other regulatory authorities and require additional expenditures to comply with these requirements, each of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Risks Relating to Ownership of Our Class A Common Stock

The dual class structure of our common stock has the effect of concentrating voting control with holders of our Class B common stock, which limits the ability of holders of our Class A common stock to influence corporate matters.

Our Class B common stock has ten votes per share, and our Class A common stock has one vote per share. As of November 27, 2023, our outstanding Class B common stock represented approximately 67.3% of the total voting power of our outstanding common stock. The shares of Class B common stock are beneficially owned primarily by (i) SunTx Capital Partners, a private equity firm based in Dallas, Texas (“SunTx”), and funds that it manages, (ii) SunTx principals and their respective affiliates and family members, and (iii) certain members of management and our board of directors. Because of the ten-to-one voting ratio between our Class B common stock and our Class A common stock, the holders of our Class B common stock collectively control a majority of the combined voting power of our common stock and therefore control the outcome of all matters submitted to our stockholders. This concentrated control limits or precludes the ability of holders of Class A common stock to influence corporate matters for the foreseeable future. Future transfers of shares of our Class B common stock generally result in those shares converting into shares of our Class A common stock, with limited exceptions. The conversion of shares of our Class B common stock into our Class A common stock will have the effect, over time, of increasing the relative voting power of each remaining share of Class B common stock.

Future sales, or the perception of future sales, of Class A common stock by us or our existing stockholders in the public market could cause the market price for our Class A common stock to decline.

As of November 27, 2023, we had outstanding a total of 43,711,058 shares of our Class A common stock and 8,998,511 shares of our Class B common stock that are convertible at any time into an equal number of shares of our Class A common stock. The sale of shares of our Class A common stock, or the perception of future sales by us or our existing stockholders, could harm the prevailing market price of shares of our Class A common stock. These sales, or the possibility that these sales may occur, also might make it more difficult for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate. In the future, we may also issue our securities in connection with offerings or acquisitions, and the number of shares issued or issuable thereafter could constitute a material portion of the then-outstanding shares of Class A common stock. Any such issuance would result in dilution to holders of our Class A common stock.

SunTx, together with its principals and their respective affiliates and family members (collectively, the “SunTx Group”), controls us, and their interests may conflict with ours or yours in the future.

As of November 27, 2023, the SunTx Group beneficially owned approximately 2.0% of our outstanding Class A common stock and approximately 76.3% of our outstanding Class B common stock, representing approximately 52.0% of the combined voting power of our common stock. Each share of our Class B common stock has ten votes per share, and each share of our Class A common stock has one vote per share. As a result, the SunTx Group has the ability to elect all of the members of our board of directors and thereby control our policies and operations, including the appointment of management, future issuances of our Class A common stock or other securities, the payment of dividends, if any, on our Class A common stock, our ability to incur or issue debt, amendments to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and our entry into extraordinary transactions. This concentration of voting control could deprive you of an opportunity to receive a premium for your shares of our Class A common stock as part of a sale of our Company and ultimately might affect the market price of our Class A common stock. In addition, we have engaged, and expect to continue to engage, in related party transactions involving the SunTx Group and certain companies controlled by its members. As a result, the interests of the SunTx Group may not in all cases be aligned with your interests.

In addition, the SunTx Group may have an interest in pursuing acquisitions, divestitures and other transactions that, in its judgment, could enhance its investment, even though such transactions might involve risks to you. For example, the SunTx Group could cause us to make acquisitions that increase our indebtedness or cause us to sell revenue-generating assets. SunTx is in the business of making investments in companies and may from time to time acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that none of SunTx, any of its affiliates or any director who is not employed by us or his or her affiliates will have any duty to refrain from engaging, directly or indirectly, in the same business activities or similar business activities or lines of business in which we operate. The SunTx Group also may pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business, and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us.

So long as the SunTx Group continues to beneficially own a sufficient number of shares of our Class B common stock, it will continue to be able to effectively control our decisions, even if the number of shares of outstanding Class B common stock is limited in proportion to the total number of shares of common stock outstanding. Shares of our Class B common stock may be transferred to an unrelated third party if holders of a majority of the shares of our Class B common stock owned by SunTx and its affiliates consent to such transfer in writing in advance.

We may issue preferred stock with terms that could adversely affect the voting power or value of our Class A common stock.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes us to issue, without the approval of our stockholders, one or more classes or series of preferred stock having such designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights, including preferences over our Class A common stock with respect to dividends and distributions, as our board of directors may determine. The terms of one or more classes or series of preferred stock could adversely impact the voting power or value of our Class A common stock. For example, we might grant holders of preferred stock the right to elect some number of our directors in all events or upon the happening of specified events or the right to veto specified transactions. Similarly, the repurchase or redemption rights or liquidation preferences we might assign to holders of preferred stock could affect the residual value of our Class A common stock.

Provisions in our governing documents and Delaware corporate law make it more difficult to effect a change in control of our Company, which could adversely affect the price of our Class A common stock.

Certain provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and Delaware corporate law could delay or prevent a change in control of our Company, even if that change would be beneficial to our stockholders. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws contain provisions that may make acquiring control of our Company difficult, including:

- a dual class common stock structure, which currently provides the SunTx Group and the other holders of our Class B common stock with the ability to control the outcome of matters requiring stockholder approval, so long as they continue to beneficially own a sufficient number of shares of our Class B common stock, even if they own significantly less than 50% of the total number of shares of our outstanding common stock;
- a classified board of directors with three-year staggered terms;
- provisions regulating the ability of our stockholders to nominate directors for election or to bring matters for action at annual meetings of our stockholders;
- limitations on the ability of our stockholders to call a special meeting;
- the ability of our board of directors to adopt, amend or repeal bylaws, and the requirement that the affirmative vote of holders representing at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of capital stock be obtained for stockholders to amend our amended and restated bylaws;
- the requirement that the affirmative vote of holders representing at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of capital stock be obtained to remove directors or amend our amended and restated certificate of incorporation; and
- the authority of our board of directors to issue and set the terms of preferred stock without the approval of our stockholders.

These provisions also could discourage proxy contests and make it more difficult for you and other stockholders to elect directors and take other corporate actions. As a result, these provisions could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would benefit our stockholders, which may limit the price that investors are willing to pay for shares of our Class A common stock.

Our governing documents designate certain courts as the sole and exclusive forum for certain types of actions and proceedings that may be initiated by our stockholders, which could limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that, subject to limited exceptions, state courts within the State of Delaware (or, if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) will be the sole and exclusive forum for any: (i) derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf; (ii) action asserting a claim of breach of fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers or other employees to us or our stockholders; (iii) action asserting a claim against us arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law; or (iv) action asserting a claim against us that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine, and that if any action specified above is filed in a court other than a court located within the State of Delaware (each is referred to herein as a foreign action), the claiming party will be deemed to have consented to (a) the personal jurisdiction of state and federal courts located within the State of Delaware in connection with any action brought in any such court to enforce the exclusive forum provision described above and (b) having service of process made upon such claiming party by service upon such claiming party's counsel in the foreign action as agent for such claiming party. In addition, our amended and restated bylaws provide that, unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). These provisions may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage such lawsuits against us and our directors, officers and employees. Alternatively, if a court were to

find these provisions inapplicable to, or unenforceable in respect of, one or more covered proceedings, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such matters in other jurisdictions, which could adversely affect our business and financial condition.

Because we are a “controlled company” under the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC and the rules of the SEC, our stockholders do not have, and may never have, certain corporate governance protections that are available to stockholders of companies that are not controlled companies.

The SunTx Group controls a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, we are a “controlled company” under the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC and SEC rules. As a controlled company, we are not required to comply with certain provisions requiring that (i) a majority of our directors be independent, (ii) the compensation of our executives be determined by independent directors or (iii) nominees for election to our board of directors be selected by independent directors. Because we intend to continue to take advantage of some or all of these exemptions, our stockholders may not have the protections that these rules are intended to provide. Our status as a controlled company could cause our Class A common stock to be less attractive to certain investors or otherwise reduce the trading price of our Class A common stock.

We do not intend to pay cash dividends on our Class A common stock in the foreseeable future, and therefore only appreciation, if any, of the price of our Class A common stock will provide a return to our stockholders.

We do not intend to pay cash dividends on our Class A common stock in the foreseeable future. Any future determination as to the declaration and payment of cash dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our financial condition, results of operations, contractual restrictions, capital requirements, business prospects and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors. In addition, the Credit Agreement restricts our ability to pay cash dividends. As a result, only appreciation of the price of our Class A common stock, which may not occur, will provide a return to our stockholders.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 1C. Cybersecurity

Not applicable.

Item 2. Properties.

Our principal executive office is located in Dothan, Alabama, in a building that we own. As of September 30, 2023, we operated (i) 67 HMA plants in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, (ii) 13 aggregates facilities in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, and (iii) two liquid asphalt terminals in Alabama and Florida. Our HMA plants operate at varying levels of utilization depending on market conditions. We maintain offices at our HMA plants and aggregates facilities as we determine to be appropriate under the circumstances. We consider our plants and other physical properties, whether owned or leased, to be suitable, adequate, and of sufficient productive capacity to meet the requirements of our business. However, we routinely evaluate the purchase or lease of additional properties or the consolidation of our properties as our business needs change.

The table below summarizes the locations and the nature of our ownership or leasehold interest in each of our HMA plants, aggregates facilities and liquid asphalt terminals as of September 30, 2023.

Location	HMA Plants		Aggregates Facilities		Liquid Asphalt Terminals	
	Owned	Leased	Owned	Leased	Owned	Leased
Alabama	10	7	6	3	1	—
Florida	10	1	1	—	1	—
Georgia	6	1	1	2	—	—
North Carolina	12	10	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	4	3	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	—	3	—	—	—	—

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

Due to the nature of our business, we are involved in routine litigation or subject to other disputes or claims related to our business activities, including, among other things, (i) workers' compensation claims, (ii) employment-related disputes and (iii) liability issues or breach of contract or tortious conduct claims in connection with the performance of services and provision of materials. We and our affiliates are also subject to government inquiries in the ordinary course of business seeking information concerning our compliance with government construction contracting requirements and various laws and regulations, the outcome of which cannot be predicted with certainty. In the opinion of our management, after consultation with legal counsel, none of the pending inquiries, litigation, disputes or claims against us, if decided adversely to us, would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, cash flows or results of operations.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

The information concerning mine safety violations or other regulatory matters required by Section 1503(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Item 104 of Regulation S-K (17 C.F.R. Part 229.104) is included in Exhibit 95.1 to this report.

PART II

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

From our inception until April 2018, we maintained a single class of common stock. On April 23, 2018, we amended and restated our certificate of incorporation to effectuate a dual-class equity structure, which resulted in the conversion of each share of our then-outstanding common stock into 25.2 shares of Class B common stock and the initial authorization of Class A common stock for issuance.

Market for Our Common Stock

Our Class A common stock is listed and trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol “ROAD.” Prior to its listing on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on May 4, 2018, there was no established public trading market for our Class A common stock. There is no established public trading market for our Class B common stock.

Holder

As of November 27, 2023, there were 43,711,058 shares of our Class A common stock outstanding, held by 99 stockholders of record. The actual number of beneficial holders of our Class A common stock is significantly greater than the number of record holders and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners, but whose shares are held by banks, brokers and other nominees. The last sale price for a share of our Class A common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on November 27, 2023 was \$43.30.

As of November 27, 2023, there were 8,998,511 shares of our Class B common stock outstanding, held by 36 stockholders of record.

Dividends

Holders of our Class A and Class B common stock receive dividends if and when declared by our board of directors out of legally available funds. We do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination as to the declaration and payment of dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on then-existing conditions, including our financial condition, results of operations, contractual restrictions, capital requirements, business prospects and other factors that our board of directors considers relevant. In addition, the terms of the Credit Agreement restrict our ability to pay cash dividends to the holders of our common stock unless, after giving effect to such dividend, we would remain in compliance with the financial covenants and, at the time any such dividend is made, no default or event of default exists or would result from the payment of such dividend.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

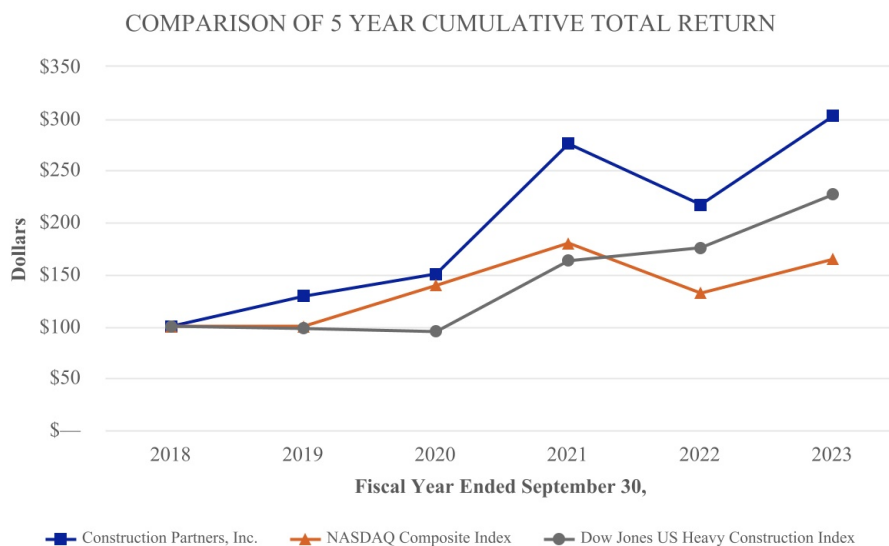
We did not sell any of our equity securities during the period covered by this report that were not registered under the Securities Act.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

During the quarter ended September 30, 2023, we did not purchase any of our equity securities that are registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act.

Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative five-year total return provided to the Company’s Class A common stock holders relative to the cumulative total returns of the NASDAQ Composite index and the Dow Jones U.S. Heavy Construction index. The graph tracks the performance of a \$100 investment in our Class A common stock and in each index (with the reinvestment of all dividends) from September 30, 2018 through September 30, 2023.



	Value as of September 30,					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Construction Partners, Inc.	\$100.00	\$128.76	\$150.41	\$275.79	\$216.78	\$302.15
NASDAQ Composite Index	\$100.00	\$99.42	\$138.79	\$179.57	\$131.43	\$164.29
Dow Jones US Heavy Construction Index	\$100.00	\$97.52	\$94.70	\$162.83	\$175.64	\$226.32

The information under the heading “Stock Performance Graph” shall not be deemed “soliciting material” or to be “filed” with the SEC, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into such filing.

Item 6. [Reserved]

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

This discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is intended to assist in understanding and assessing the trends and significant changes in our results of operations and financial condition. Historical results may not be indicative of future performance. This discussion includes forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and beliefs. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those set forth under the headings “Risk Factors” and “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.” This discussion should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this report. In this discussion, we use certain non-GAAP financial measures. An explanation of these non-GAAP financial measures and a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are included in this “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.” Investors should not consider non-GAAP financial measures in isolation or as substitutes for financial information presented in compliance with GAAP.

Overview

We are a civil infrastructure company that specializes in the building and maintenance of transportation networks. Our operations leverage a highly-skilled workforce, strategically located HMA plants, substantial construction assets and select material deposits. We provide construction products and services to both public and private infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on highways, roads, bridges, airports and commercial and residential sites in the southeastern United States.

Our public projects are funded by federal, state and local governments and include roads, highways, bridges, airports and other forms of infrastructure. Public transportation infrastructure projects historically have been a relatively stable portion of state and federal budgets and represent a significant share of the United States construction market. Federal funds are allocated on a state-by-state basis, and each state is required to match a portion of the federal funds that it receives. Federal highway spending uses funds predominantly from the Highway Trust Fund, which derives its revenues from fuel taxes and other user fees.

In addition to public infrastructure projects, we provide a wide range of large site work construction and HMA paving services to private construction customers, including commercial and residential developers and local businesses.

Fiscal 2023 Developments

Contract Backlog

At September 30, 2023, our contract backlog was \$1.6 billion. Contract backlog is a financial measure that reflects the dollar value of work that the Company expects to perform in the future. We include a construction project in our contract backlog at the time it is awarded and to the extent we believe funding is probable. Our backlog consists of uncompleted work on contracts in progress and contracts for which we have executed a contract but have not commenced the work. For uncompleted work on contracts in progress, we include (i) executed change orders, (ii) pending change orders for which we expect to receive confirmation in the ordinary course of business and (iii) claims that we have made against our customers for which we have determined we have a legal basis under existing contractual arrangements and as to which we consider collection to be probable. Backlog of uncompleted work on contracts under which work was either in progress or had not yet begun was \$1.3 billion at September 30, 2023. Our contract backlog also includes low bid/no contract projects, which consist of (i) public bid projects for which we were the low bidder and no contract has been executed and (ii) private work projects for which we have been notified that we are the low bidder or have been given a notice to proceed, but no contract has been executed. Low bid/no contract backlog was \$0.3 billion at September 30, 2023.

Business Acquisitions

During the 2023 fiscal year, we completed five acquisitions across four states, adding to or expanding our operations in Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. As a result of these acquisitions, we added eight asphalt plants and a diverse fleet of equipment and vehicles, as well as skilled construction professionals. For further discussion regarding these transactions, see Note 4 - Business Acquisitions to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report.

Inflationary and Supply Chain Trends

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, we continued to experience an upward trend in certain inflation-sensitive inputs for our products and services, including upward pressure on wages and increases in the cost of raw materials used to produce HMA, such as liquid asphalt and aggregate materials. We also experienced some disruptions from subcontractors, materials suppliers, equipment manufacturers and others in our supply chain, although to a lesser extent than in recent years. We have been able to mitigate some of the effects of inflation, supply chain disruptions and labor constraints on our business by increasing prices for our products and including the anticipated cost increases in the construction projects we bid. However, we are limited in our ability to pass through increased costs for projects already in our backlog and, under those circumstances, may be unable to recoup losses or diminished profit margins by passing these costs through to our customers.

Seasonality

The activity of our business fluctuates due to seasonality because our business is primarily conducted outdoors. Therefore, seasonal changes and other weather-related conditions, in particular extended snowy, rainy or cold weather and major weather events, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, tropical storms and heavy snows, can adversely affect our business and operations through a decline in both the use of our products and the demand for our services. In addition, construction materials production and shipment levels follow activity in the construction industry, which typically occurs in the spring, summer and fall. Warmer and drier weather during our third and fourth fiscal quarters typically result in higher activity and revenues during the second half of our fiscal year. Our first and second fiscal quarters typically have lower levels of activity due to adverse weather conditions. Our third fiscal quarter varies greatly with spring rains and wide temperature variations. A cool, wet spring increases drying time on projects, which can delay revenues in the third fiscal quarter, while a warm, dry spring may facilitate earlier project commencement dates.

How We Assess Performance of Our Business

Revenues

We derive our revenues predominantly by providing construction products and services for both public and private infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on highways, roads, bridges, airports and commercial and residential sites in the southeastern United States. Our projects represent a mix of federal, state, municipal and private customers. We also derive revenues from the sale of HMA, aggregates and liquid asphalt cement to customers. We recognize revenues derived from projects as we satisfy our performance obligations over time (formerly known as the percentage-of-completion method), measured by the relationship of total cost incurred compared to total estimated contract costs (cost-to-cost input method). Changes in job performance, job conditions and estimated profitability, including those arising from contract penalty provisions and final contract settlements, may result in revisions to estimated costs and income, and are recognized in the period in which the revisions are determined. Revenues derived from the sale of HMA, aggregates and liquid asphalt cement are recognized when the risks associated with ownership have passed to the customer.

Gross Profit

Gross profit represents revenues less cost of revenues. Cost of revenues consists of all direct and indirect costs associated with construction contracts, including raw materials, labor, equipment costs, depreciation, lease expenses, subcontract costs and other expenses at our HMA plants, aggregates mining facilities and liquid asphalt cement terminal. Our cost of revenues is directly affected by fluctuations in commodity prices, primarily liquid asphalt and diesel fuel. From time to time, when appropriate, we limit our exposure to changes in commodity prices by entering into forward purchase commitments. In addition, our public infrastructure contracts often provide for price adjustments based on fluctuations in certain commodity-related product costs. These price adjustment provisions are in place for most of our public infrastructure contracts, and we seek to include similar provisions in our private contracts.

Depreciation, Depletion, Accretion and Amortization

Property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost or, if acquired as a business combination, at fair value. Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. Amortization expense is the periodic expense related to leasehold improvements, intangible assets and liabilities. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the life of the underlying asset or the remaining lease term. Our intangible assets and liabilities were recognized as a result of certain acquisitions and are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets and liabilities. Mineral reserves are depleted in accordance with the units-of-production method as aggregates are extracted, using the initial allocation of cost based on proven and probable reserves.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses include costs related to our operational offices that are not allocated to direct contract costs and expenses related to our corporate offices. These expenses consist primarily of salaries and personnel costs for our administration, finance and accounting, legal, information systems, human resources and certain managerial employees. General and administrative expenses also include acquisition expenses, audit, consulting and professional fees, stock-based compensation expense, travel, insurance, office space rental costs, property taxes and other corporate and overhead expenses.

Gain on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment

In the normal course of business, we sell construction equipment for various reasons, including when the cost of maintaining the asset exceeds the cost of replacing it. The gain or loss on the sale of property, plant and equipment reflects the difference between the carrying value at the date of disposal and the net consideration received from the sale of equipment during the period.

Gain on Facility Exchange

As part of our continued growth strategy, we may exchange or sell facilities in order to generate capital for use in connection with other strategic initiatives. The gain or loss on the exchange or sale of a facility reflects the difference between the net carrying value of the facility at the date of disposal and the consideration received from the exchange or sale during the period.

Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net primarily represents interest incurred on our long-term debt, such as the Term Loan and the Revolving Credit Facility, as well as the changes in fair values of interest swap agreements and amortization of deferred debt issuance costs. These amounts are partially offset by interest income earned on short-term investments of cash balances in excess of our current operating needs.

Other Key Performance Indicators — Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income before, as applicable from time to time, (i) interest expense, net, (ii) provision (benefit) for income taxes, (iii) depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization, (iv) equity-based compensation expense, (v) loss on the extinguishment of debt, and (vi) certain management fees and expenses. Periods commencing subsequent to September 30, 2023 will not include an adjustment for management fees and expenses, which have historically related to our management services agreement with an affiliate of SunTx. Effective October 1, 2023, the term of the management services agreement was extended to October 1, 2028. As a result of the term extension, we no longer view the management fees and expenses paid under the management services agreement as a non-recurring expense. Adjusted EBITDA Margin represents Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues for each period. These metrics are supplemental measures of our operating performance that are neither required by, nor presented in accordance with, GAAP. These measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as an alternative to net income or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of our operating performance. We present Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin because management uses these measures as key performance indicators, and we believe that securities analysts, investors and others use these measures to evaluate companies in our industry. Our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin may not be comparable to similarly named measures reported by other companies. Potential differences may include differences in capital structures, tax positions and the age and book depreciation of intangible and tangible assets.

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The following table presents a reconciliation of net income, the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with GAAP, to Adjusted EBITDA and the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA Margin for the periods presented (in thousands, except percentages):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022
Net income	\$ 49,001	\$ 21,376
Interest expense, net	17,346	7,701
Provision for income taxes	16,403	6,915
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	79,100	65,730
Equity-based compensation expense	10,759	8,000
Management fees and expenses ⁽¹⁾	1,486	1,451
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 174,095	\$ 111,173
Revenues	\$ 1,563,548	\$ 1,301,674
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	11.1 %	8.5 %

⁽¹⁾ Reflects fees and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses under a management services agreement with SunTx (see Note 17 - Related Parties to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report).

Results of Operations — Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022

The following table sets forth selected financial data for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 (“fiscal 2023”) and September 30, 2022 (“fiscal 2022”) (in thousands, except percentages). Refer to the [Annual Report on Form 10-K](#) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, filed with the SEC on November 22, 2022, for a discussion of results for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 (“fiscal 2021”) and a comparison of our financial results for fiscal 2022 to those for fiscal 2021.

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				Change from Fiscal 2022 to Fiscal 2023	
	2023		2022		\$ Change	% Change
	Dollars	% of Revenues	Dollars	% of Revenues		
Revenues	\$ 1,563,548	100.0 %	\$ 1,301,674	100.0 %	\$ 261,874	20.1 %
Cost of revenues	1,367,163	87.4 %	1,162,372	89.3 %	204,791	17.6 %
Gross profit	196,385	12.6 %	139,302	10.7 %	57,083	41.0 %
General and administrative expenses	(126,947)	(8.1)%	(107,562)	(8.3)%	(19,385)	18.0 %
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	7,048	0.5 %	3,673	0.3 %	3,375	91.9 %
Gain on facility exchange	5,389	0.3 %	—	— %	5,389	— %
Operating income	81,875	5.3 %	35,413	2.7 %	46,462	131.2 %
Interest expense, net	(17,346)	(1.1)%	(7,701)	(0.6)%	(9,645)	125.2 %
Other income	875	— %	600	0.1 %	275	45.8 %
Income before provision for income taxes and earnings from investment in joint venture	65,404	4.2 %	28,312	2.2 %	37,092	131.0 %
Provision for income taxes	16,403	1.1 %	6,915	0.5 %	9,488	137.2 %
Earnings (loss) from investment in joint venture	—	— %	(21)	(0.1)%	21	(100.0)%
Net income	\$ 49,001	3.1 %	\$ 21,376	1.6 %	\$ 27,625	129.2 %
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 174,095	11.1 %	\$ 111,173	8.5 %	\$ 62,922	56.6 %

Revenues. Revenues for fiscal 2023 increased \$261.9 million, or 20.1%, to \$1.6 billion from \$1.3 billion for fiscal 2022. The increase included \$148.5 million of revenues attributable to acquisitions completed during or subsequent to fiscal 2022 and an increase of approximately \$113.4 million of revenues in our remaining markets from contract work and sales of HMA and aggregates to third parties. The 8.7% increase in revenue in our existing markets was due to strong demand in both public and private work.

Gross Profit. Gross profit for fiscal 2023 increased \$57.1 million, or 41.0%, to \$196.4 million from \$139.3 million for fiscal 2022. The increase in gross profit was primarily the result of the 20.1% increase in revenues for fiscal 2023 compared to fiscal 2022 and a higher gross profit margin. The higher gross profit margin was due to (i) efficient utilization of our plants and equipment fleet and (ii) completion of new backlog with more favorable margins.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses for fiscal 2023 increased \$19.4 million, or 18.0%, to \$126.9 million from \$107.6 million for fiscal 2022. The increase in general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2023 compared to fiscal 2022 was the result of (i) a \$7.7 million increase attributable to general and administrative expenses associated with the operations of businesses acquired subsequent to September 30, 2022, (ii) a \$6.4 million increase in management personnel payroll and benefits, (iii) a \$2.8 million increase in equity-based compensation expense, and (iv) a \$2.5 million increase in other general and administrative expenses.

Gain on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment. Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment for fiscal 2023 increased \$3.4 million, or 91.9%, to \$7.0 million from \$3.7 million for fiscal 2022. The increase was primarily the result of a \$1.3 million gain on the sale of an excess office building and higher disposals of equipment and components during fiscal 2023.

Gain on Facility Exchange. Gain on facility exchange for fiscal 2023 was \$5.4 million compared to \$0.0 million for fiscal 2022. The gain was the result of the disposition of a quarry in North Carolina. In connection with this transaction, we acquired three HMA manufacturing plants and certain related assets located in the Nashville, Tennessee metro area.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net for fiscal 2023 increased \$9.6 million, or 125.2%, to \$17.3 million compared to \$7.7 million for fiscal 2022. The increase in interest expense, net was primarily due to an increase in the average principal debt balance outstanding and higher interest rates during fiscal 2023 compared to fiscal 2022.

Provision for Income Taxes. Our effective tax rate increased to 25.1% for fiscal 2023, from 24.4% for fiscal 2022. Our higher effective tax rate for fiscal 2023 was due to differences in state tax rates at our operating subsidiaries.

Net Income. Net income increased \$27.6 million, or 129.2%, to \$49.0 million for fiscal 2023 compared to \$21.4 million for fiscal 2022. The increase in net income was primarily a result of higher gross profit, gain on sale of property, plant and equipment and gain on facility exchange, partially offset by an increase in general and administrative expenses and interest expense, net, all as described above.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin were \$174.1 million and 11.1%, respectively, for fiscal 2023, compared to \$111.2 million and 8.5%, respectively, for fiscal 2022. The increase in Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin resulted from an increase in gross profit, gain on sale of property, plant and equipment and gain on facility exchange, partially offset by higher general and administrative expenses, all as described above. For a description of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin, as well as a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income, see “How We Assess Performance of Our Business.”

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Flows Analysis

The following table sets forth our cash flows for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022
Net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisitions	\$ 157,157	\$ 16,498
Net cash used in investing activities	(143,372)	(197,326)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(264)	159,136
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 13,521	\$ (21,692)

Operating Activities

During fiscal 2023, cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisitions, was \$157.2 million, primarily as a result of:

- net income of \$49.0 million, reflecting \$79.1 million of depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization, deferred income taxes of \$11.2 million, equity-based compensation expense of \$10.8 million, gain on sale of property, plant and equipment of \$7.0 million, gain on facility exchange of \$5.4 million;
- an increase in contracts receivable including retainage of \$26.0 million as a result of higher overall revenues due to acquisitions and growth in existing markets;
- an increase in inventories of \$7.3 million due to increased inventories from acquisitions, growth in existing markets, higher inventory costs and normal fluctuations in our inventory cycle;
- a decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$3.7 million, primarily due to the timing of payments under our insurance policies and other expenses;
- an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities of \$19.6 million due to an increase in construction activity; and
- a net increase in the difference between billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts of \$26.7 million due to the timing of performing and closing projects.

During fiscal 2022, cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisitions, was \$16.5 million, primarily as a result of:

- net income of \$21.4 million, reflecting \$65.7 million of depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization, equity-based compensation expense of \$8.0 million and unrealized gains on derivative instruments of \$0.4 million;

- an increase in contracts receivable including retainage, net of \$97.1 million as a result of higher overall revenues due to acquisitions and growth in existing markets;
- an increase in inventories of \$17.5 million due to increased inventories from acquisitions, growth in existing markets, higher inventory costs and normal fluctuations in our inventory cycle;
- an increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$4.9 million primarily due to the timing of deposits for federal and state income taxes and timing of payments under our insurance policies and other expenses;
- an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities of \$29.8 million due to an increase in construction activity; and
- a net increase in the difference between billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts of \$9.5 million due to the timing of performing and closing projects.

Investing Activities

During fiscal 2023, cash used in investing activities was \$143.4 million, of which \$91.8 million related to acquisitions completed in the period, \$97.8 million was invested in property, plant and equipment and \$11.4 million was invested in restricted investments. These amounts were partially offset by \$17.7 million of proceeds from the sale of equipment, \$37.0 million of proceeds from the facility exchange and \$2.9 million of proceeds from the sale of restricted investments.

During fiscal 2022, cash used in investing activities was \$197.3 million, of which \$128.6 million related to acquisitions completed in the period and \$68.9 million was invested in property, plant and equipment. These amounts were partially offset by \$7.5 million of proceeds from the sale of equipment.

Financing Activities

During fiscal 2023, cash used in financing activities was \$0.3 million. We received \$103.0 million in proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs and discounts, which was offset by \$103.1 million of principal payments on long-term debt and purchase of treasury stock of \$0.2 million.

During fiscal 2022, cash provided by financing activities was \$159.1 million. We received \$167.3 million in proceeds on long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs and discounts, which was partially offset by \$8.1 million of principal payments on long-term debt.

Credit Agreement

We and each of our subsidiaries are parties to the Credit Agreement, which provides for the Term Loans and the Revolving Credit Facility. At September 30, 2023 and 2022, we had \$283.8 million and \$271.9 million, respectively, of principal outstanding under the Term Loans, \$93.1 million and \$105.1 million, respectively, of principal outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility, and availability of \$221.1 million and \$208.6 million, respectively, under the Revolving Credit Facility, including reduction for outstanding letters of credit. The obligations of our subsidiaries under the Term Loans and the Revolving Credit Facility are secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all of our assets.

The Credit Agreement requires us to satisfy certain financial covenants, including a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.20-to-1.00 and a maximum consolidated leverage ratio of 3.50-to-1.00, subject to certain adjustments. At September 30, 2023 and 2022, our fixed charge coverage ratio was 2.56-to-1.00 and 2.56-to-1.00, respectively, and our consolidated leverage ratio was 1.72-to-1.00 and 2.79-to-1.00, respectively.

From time to time, we have entered into interest rate swap agreements to hedge against the risk of changes in interest rates. At September 30, 2023 and 2022, the aggregate notional value of these interest rate swap agreements was \$300.0 million, and the fair value was \$26.9 million and \$24.7 million, respectively, which is included within other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

For more information about the Credit Agreement, see Note 11 - Debt to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report.

Capital Requirements and Sources of Liquidity

During fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022, our capital expenditures were approximately \$97.8 million and \$68.9 million, respectively. Our capital expenditures are typically made during the same fiscal year in which they are approved. At September 30, 2023, our commitments for capital expenditures were not material to our financial condition or results of operations on a consolidated basis. For fiscal 2024, we expect total capital expenditures to be \$90.0 million to \$95.0 million. Our capital expenditure budget is an estimate and is subject to change.

Historically, we have required significant amounts of cash in order to make capital expenditures, purchase materials and fund our organic expansion into new markets. Our working capital needs are driven by the seasonality and growth of our business, with our cash requirements increasing in periods of growth. Additional cash requirements resulting from our growth include the costs of additional personnel, production and distribution facilities, enhancements to our information systems, integration costs related to any acquisitions and our compliance with laws and rules applicable to public companies.

We have historically relied on cash available through credit facilities, in addition to cash from operations, to finance our working capital requirements and to support our growth. We regularly monitor potential capital sources, including equity and debt markets, in an effort to meet our planned capital expenditures and liquidity requirements. Our future success will depend on our ability to access outside sources of capital.

We believe that our operating cash flow and available borrowings under the Credit Agreement will be sufficient to fund our operations and planned capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months. However, future cash flows are subject to a number of variables, including the potential impacts of inflation and supply chain constraints, and significant additional capital expenditures will be required to conduct our operations. There can be no assurance that operations and other capital resources will provide sufficient cash to maintain planned or future levels of capital expenditures. In the event that we make one or more acquisitions and the amount of capital required is greater than the amount of cash on hand we have available for acquisitions at that time, we could be required to reduce the expected level of capital expenditures and/or seek additional capital. If we seek additional capital, we may do so through borrowings under the Credit Agreement, joint ventures, asset sales, offerings of debt or equity securities or other means. However, our ability to engage in any such transactions may be constrained by economic conditions and other factors outside of our control. Additional capital may not be available on acceptable terms or at all. If we are unable to obtain the funds we need, we may not be able to complete acquisitions that may be favorable to us or finance the capital expenditures necessary to conduct our operations.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 30, 2023, the Company had aggregate letters of credit outstanding in the amount of \$9.8 million, future purchase commitments for diesel fuel and natural gas of \$3.1 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, and \$2.5 million of minimum royalty payments related to mineral leases at aggregates facilities. Other than the letters of credit, future purchase commitments and minimum royalty payments, we do not currently have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in our financial condition, revenue or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources. See Note 18 - Commitments and Contingencies to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for additional information.

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes our significant obligations outstanding as of September 30, 2023 (in thousands).

	Payments Due by Fiscal Year						
	Total	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029 and Thereafter
Debt obligations	\$ 376,850	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,750	\$ 22,500	\$ 320,600	\$ —	\$ —
Operating leases	17,269	2,793	2,389	2,240	2,018	1,712	6,117
Purchase commitments	3,675	3,139	536	—	—	—	—
Royalty payments	2,538	295	256	192	180	145	1,470
Asset retirement obligations	2,417	—	—	—	—	—	2,417
Total	\$ 402,749	\$ 21,227	\$ 21,931	\$ 24,932	\$ 322,798	\$ 1,857	\$ 10,004

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The discussion of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. The results of our analysis form the basis for making assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions, and the impact of such differences may be material to our consolidated financial statements.

Critical accounting policies are those policies that, in management's view, are the most important in the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations. The notes to the consolidated financial statements also include disclosure of significant accounting policies. The methods, estimates and judgments that we use in applying our accounting policies have a significant impact on the results that we report in our consolidated financial statements. These critical accounting policies require us to make difficult and subjective judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates regarding matters that are inherently uncertain. Estimates made in accordance with U.S. GAAP that involve a significant level of estimation uncertainty and have had or are reasonably likely to have a material impact on our financial condition are discussed further below.

Revenue Recognition

The majority of our public construction contracts are fixed unit price contracts. Under fixed unit price contracts, we are committed to providing materials or services required by a contract at fixed unit prices (for example, dollars per ton of asphalt placed). Our private customer contracts are primarily fixed total price contracts, also known as lump sum contracts, which require that the total amount of work be performed for a single price. Revenues from fixed unit price and fixed total price construction contracts are recognized as performance obligations are satisfied over time (formerly known as the percentage-of-completion method), measured by the relationship of total cost incurred compared to total estimated contract costs (cost-to-cost input method). Under this method, revenues are recognized as costs are incurred in an amount equal to cost plus the related expected profit based on the ratio of costs incurred to estimated final costs. This cost-to-cost method is used because management considers it to be the best available measure of progress on these contracts. Contract costs consist of direct costs on contracts, including labor, materials, amounts payable to subcontractors and those indirect costs related to contract performance, such as equipment costs, insurance and employee benefits. Contract cost is recorded as incurred, and revisions in contract revenues and cost estimates are reflected in the accounting period when known. Provisions for estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are made in the period in which such losses are determined. Changes in job performance, job conditions and estimated profitability, including those changes arising from contract change orders, penalty provisions and final contract settlements may result in revisions to costs and income and are recognized in the period in which the revisions are determined.

Change orders are modifications of an original contract that effectively change the existing provisions of the contract without adding new provisions or terms. Change orders may include changes in specifications or designs, manner of performance, facilities, equipment, materials, sites and period of completion of the work. Either we or our customers may initiate change orders. We consider unapproved change orders to be contract variations for which we have a change of scope for which we believe we are contractually entitled to a higher price, but where a price change associated with the scope change has not yet been agreed upon with the customer. Costs associated with unapproved change orders are included in the estimated cost to complete the contracts and are treated as project costs as incurred. We recognize revenues equal to costs incurred on unapproved change orders when realization of price approval is probable. Unapproved change orders involve the use of estimates, and it is reasonably possible that revisions to the estimated costs and recoverable amounts may be required in future reporting periods to reflect changes in estimates or final agreements with customers. Change orders that are unapproved as to both price and scope are evaluated as claims. We consider claims to be amounts in excess of agreed contract prices that we seek to collect from our customers or others for customer-caused delays, errors in specifications and designs, contract terminations, change orders that are either in dispute or are unapproved as to both scope and price, or other causes of unanticipated additional contract costs. Claims are included in the calculation of revenues when realization is probable and amounts can be reliably determined. To support these requirements, the existence of the following items must be satisfied: (i) the contract or other evidence provides a legal basis for the claim or a legal opinion has been obtained, stating that, under the circumstances, there is a reasonable basis to support the claim; (ii) additional costs are caused by circumstances that were unforeseen at the contract date and are not the result of deficiencies in our performance; (iii) costs associated with the claim are identifiable or otherwise determinable and are reasonable in view of the work performed; and (iv) the evidence supporting the claim is objective and verifiable, not based on management's subjective evaluation of the situation or on unsupported representations. Revenues in excess of contract costs incurred on claims are recognized when an agreement is reached with the customer as to the value of the claim, which, in some instances, may not occur until after completion of work under the contract. Costs associated with claims are included in the estimated costs to complete the contracts and are treated as project costs when incurred.

For the majority of our contracts, upon completion and final acceptance of the services that we were contracted to perform, we receive our final payment upon completion of the necessary contract closing documents, and our obligations to the owner are complete at that

point. The accuracy of our revenues and profit recognition in a given period depends on the accuracy of our estimates of the revenues and costs to finish uncompleted contracts. Our estimates for all of our significant contracts use a highly detailed “bottom up” approach. However, our projects can be highly complex and, in almost every case, the profit margin estimates for a contract will either increase or decrease to some extent from the amount that was originally estimated at the time of bid. Because we have a large number of projects of varying sizes and levels of complexity in process at any given time, these changes in estimates can sometimes offset each other without materially impacting our overall profitability. However, large changes in revenues or cost estimates can have a significant effect on profitability.

The accuracy of our revenue and profit recognition in a given period depends on the accuracy of our estimates of the cost to complete each project. Cost estimates for all of our projects use a detailed approach, and we believe our experience allows us to create materially reliable estimates. There are a number of factors that can contribute to changes in estimates of contract cost and profitability. The most significant of these include:

- the completeness and accuracy of the original bid;
- costs associated with scope changes;
- changes in costs of labor and/or materials;
- extended overhead and other costs due to owner, weather and other delays;
- subcontractor performance issues;
- changes in productivity expectations;
- site conditions that differ from those assumed in the original bid;
- changes from original design on design-build projects;
- the availability and skill level of workers in the geographic location of the project;
- a change in the availability and proximity of equipment and materials;
- our ability to fully and promptly recover on affirmative claims and back charges for additional contract costs; and
- the customer’s ability to properly administer the contract.

The foregoing factors, as well as the stage of completion of contracts in process and the mix of contracts at different margins, may cause fluctuations in gross profit between periods, and these fluctuations may be significant.

Contracts Receivable, Including Retainage, Net

Contracts receivable are generally based on amounts billed to the customer and currently due in accordance with our contracts. Many of the contracts under which we perform work contain retainage provisions. Retainage refers to amounts that we have billed to the customer and the Company has an unconditional right to payment, but are being held for payment by the customer pending satisfactory completion of the project. Retainage on active contracts is classified as a current asset regardless of the term of the contract and is generally collected within one year of the completion of a contract. At September 30, 2023 and 2022, contracts receivable included \$53.3 million and \$44.3 million, respectively, of retainage, which was being contractually withheld by customers until satisfactory completion of the associated contracts.

Because the majority of our construction contracts are entered into with federal, state or municipal government customers, credit risk is minimal. We confirm that funds have been appropriated by the government project owner prior to commencing work on such projects. While most of our public contracts are subject to termination at the election of the government entity, in the event of any such termination, we are entitled to receive the contract price for completed work and reimbursement of termination-related costs. Credit risk with private owners is minimized because of statutory mechanic’s liens, which give us high priority in the event of lien foreclosures following financial difficulties of private owners. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts, which has historically been sufficient to cover accounts that are not collected.

Valuation of Long-Lived Assets and Goodwill

Long-lived assets, which include property, plant and equipment and acquired intangible assets, such as goodwill, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset, or an asset group, may not be recoverable. Impairment evaluations involve fair values and management estimates of useful asset lives and future cash flows. Actual useful lives and cash flows could be different from those estimated by management, and this could have a material effect on our operating results and financial position. For fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022, there were no events or changes in circumstances that would indicate a material impairment of our long-lived assets.

Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets must be tested for impairment at least annually. We performed our most recent annual impairment test on July 1, 2023. Our test indicated that there was no impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets. For our goodwill impairment test, we first evaluate our market capitalization compared to the net assets of the Company overall. Our final determination of valuation is impacted by a number of factors, but the key factors are the price of our common stock, recently completed transactions from both public companies and private transactions and our estimated forecast of future cash flows.

The valuation approaches contain uncertainty regarding the estimates used. Our market capitalization could be impacted because we are a controlled company, which impacts the control premium we apply to the market price of our common stock. One of the largest uncertainties relates to federal, state and local government spending, which management expects to increase in the upcoming years. There are a number of other uncertainties with respect to our future financial performance that could impact estimated future cash flows, including those discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" elsewhere in this report. Based on our valuation approaches, we determined that our one reporting unit exceeded its carrying value, and thus concluded that the carrying value of goodwill was not impaired at July 1, 2023 or 2022. At September 30, 2023 and 2022, we had goodwill with a carrying amount of \$159.3 million and \$129.5 million, respectively.

For our indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment test, we performed a qualitative impairment assessment. The qualitative assessment did not identify indicators of impairment, and it was determined that is more likely than not the indefinite-lived name license fair value was more than its carrying amount. Accordingly, no further analysis was required or performed.

Inventories

The Company's inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value and are accounted for on an average cost basis or a first-in, first-out cost basis. The cost of inventory includes the cost of material, labor, trucking and other equipment costs associated with procuring and transporting materials to HMA plants for production and delivery to customers. Inventories consist primarily of construction stone that has been removed from aggregates facilities and processed for future sale or internal use, raw materials including asphalt cement, and aggregates and millings that the Company expects to utilize on construction projects within one year. Inventories valued on the average cost basis totaled \$75.5 million and \$64.8 million at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Inventories valued on the first-in, first-out cost basis totaled \$8.5 million and \$9.4 million at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized based on the differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities. We regularly review our deferred tax assets for recoverability and, where necessary, establish a valuation allowance. Valuation allowances are established to reduce deferred tax assets if we determine that it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized in future periods.

To assess this likelihood, we use historical three-year results of operations, estimates and judgments regarding our future taxable income and consider the jurisdiction in which the taxable income is generated to determine whether a valuation allowance is required. Such evidence can include our current financial position, results of operations, actual and forecasted results, the reversal of deferred tax liabilities, tax planning strategies and the current and forecasted business economics of our industry. Additionally, we record uncertain tax positions at their net recognizable amount, based on the amount that management deems is more likely than not to be sustained upon ultimate settlement with the tax authorities in jurisdictions in which we operate.

On the basis of our evaluations, at September 30, 2023 and 2022, no valuation allowance was recorded on our net deferred tax assets, and we had no material uncertain tax positions. If our estimates or assumptions regarding our current and deferred tax items are inaccurate or are modified, these changes could have potentially material impacts on our earnings.

Accrued Insurance Cost

We carry insurance policies to cover various risks, primarily including general liability, automobile liability and workers' compensation, under which we are liable to reimburse the insurance company for a portion of each claim paid. Since October 1, 2021, the Captive has retained the first \$1,000,000 per claim liability for each claim paid. Also effective October 1, 2021, we became a member of a group captive insurance company that retains the next \$550,000 per claim liability for each claim paid. We utilize various

primary and excess insurance companies to cover the liability for claims in excess of the retained amounts. Changes in loss assumptions caused by changes in actual experience would affect the assessment of the ultimate liability and could have an effect on our operating results and financial position up to \$1,000,000 per occurrence for general liability, automobile liability and workers' compensation claims. Prior to October 1, 2021, the amount for which we were liable for general liability, automobile liability and workers' compensation claims ranged from \$100,000 to \$500,000 per occurrence. Management accrues insurance costs for probable losses, both reported and unreported, that are reasonably estimable using actuarial methods based on historic trends modified, if necessary, by recent events.

We provide employee medical insurance under policies that are both fixed-premium, fully-insured policies and self-insured policies that are administered by the insurance company. Under the self-insured policies, we are liable to reimburse the insurance company for actual claims paid plus an administrative fee. We purchase separate stop-loss insurance, which limits the individual participant claim loss to amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$160,000.

Share-Based Payments and Other Equity Transactions

Our equity incentive plans are administered by the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors. We account for awards issued under our equity incentive plan using a fair value-based method of accounting, whereby compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized over the service period, which is typically the vesting period.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Commodity Price Risk

We are subject to commodity price risk with respect to price changes in liquid asphalt and energy, including fossil fuels and electricity for aggregates and asphalt paving mix production, natural gas for HMA production and diesel fuel for distribution vehicles and production-related mobile equipment. In order to manage or reduce commodity price risk, we monitor the costs of these commodities at the time of bid and price them into our contracts accordingly. Furthermore, liquid asphalt escalator provisions in most of our public contracts, and in some of our private and commercial contracts, limit our exposure to price fluctuations in this commodity. In addition, we enter into various firm purchase commitments, with terms generally less than 18 months, for certain raw materials.

Our risk management activities also include the use of financial derivative instruments. We have entered into fuel swap and natural gas swap contracts to mitigate the financial impact of fluctuations in commodity prices. We do not enter into commodity swap contracts for speculative or trading purposes. These fuel swap and natural gas swap contracts provide a fixed price for less than 50% of our estimated fuel and natural gas usage for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

The table below provides information about the Company's fuel swap and natural gas swap contracts that are sensitive to changes in commodity prices as of September 30, 2023.

	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Fuel swap contracts ⁽¹⁾		
Contract volumes (1,000 gallons)	378	
Weighted average price (per gallon)	2.71	
Contract amount (in thousands)	\$ 204	\$ 204
Natural gas swap contracts ⁽¹⁾		
Contract volumes (1,000 MMBTU)	10	
Weighted average price (per MMBTU)	4.74	
Contract amount (in thousands)	\$ (20)	\$ (20)

⁽¹⁾ See also Note 20 - Fair Value Measurements and Note 21 - Investments in Derivative Instruments to the consolidated financial statements included in this report.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to interest rate risk on certain of our short- and long-term debt obligations used to finance our operations and acquisitions. We have SOFR-based floating rate borrowings under the Credit Agreement, which expose us to variability in interest payments due to changes in the reference interest rates. From time to time, we use derivative instruments as hedges against the impact

of interest rate changes on future earnings and cash flows. We do not enter into such derivative instruments for speculative or trading purposes.

At September 30, 2023, we had a total of \$376.9 million of variable rate borrowings outstanding. Holding other factors constant and absent the interest rate swap agreements described above, a hypothetical 1% change in our borrowing rates would result in a \$3.8 million change in our annual interest expense based on our variable rate debt outstanding at September 30, 2023. The notional amount of the Company's outstanding interest rate swap contract at September 30, 2023 was \$300.0 million. The maturity date of this swap is June 30, 2027, and the fair value of the outstanding swap contract was \$26.9 million as of September 30, 2023.

The following table presents the future principal payment obligations, interest payments, and fair values associated with the Company's debt instruments assuming the Company's actual level of variable rate debt as of September 30, 2023 (in thousands).

	For the Fiscal Year Ending September 30,					Thereafter	Total	Fair Value
	2024	2025	2026	2027				
Debt obligations								
Term loan	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,750	\$ 22,500	\$ 227,500	\$ —	\$ 283,750	\$ 283,750	
Revolving credit facility	—	—	—	93,100	—	93,100	93,100	
Interest payments ⁽¹⁾	25,726	24,654	23,192	16,371	—			

⁽¹⁾ Represents projected interest payments using the Company's September 2023 SOFR-based floating rate of 6.93%.

See also Note 20 - Fair Value Measurements and Note 21 - Investments in Derivative Instruments to the consolidated financial statements included in this report.

Inflation Risk

We are subject to the effects of inflation through wage pressures, increases in the cost of raw materials used to produce HMA, and increases in other items, such as fuel, concrete and steel. In recent years, inflation, supply chain and upward wage pressures have had a significant impact on the global economy, including the construction industry in the United States. While it is impossible to fully eliminate the impact of these factors, we seek to recover increasing costs by obtaining higher prices for our products or by including the anticipated price increases in our bids. Due to the relatively short-term duration of our construction contracts, we are generally able to reduce our exposure to price increases on new contracts, but we are limited in our ability to pass through increased costs for projects already in our backlog. Going forward, continued cost inflation in these areas may require further price adjustments to maintain profit margin, and any price increases may have a negative effect on demand.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Construction Partners, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Construction Partners, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company) as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2023, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013, and our report dated November 29, 2023, expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee of the board of directors and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matters below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Revenue Recognition – Revenue Recognized Over Time Under Uncompleted Long-Term Construction Contracts

As described in Note 6, the Company has recognized \$2,025,866,000 of costs and estimated earnings to date on uncompleted contracts at September 30, 2023. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company recognizes revenue derived from long-term construction contracts over time as the Company satisfies the single performance obligation for each construction contract. Progress towards completion of the performance obligation in each long-term construction project is estimated using the input method, which is measured by the relationship of total costs incurred through the measurement date to total estimated costs required to complete the project (cost-to-cost input method). Recognition of revenue under uncompleted construction contracts requires significant judgment by management, including measuring progress towards completion of the contract by estimating total costs expected to be incurred to complete a contract.

We have identified the revenue recognized under long-term construction contracts that were uncompleted at September 30, 2023, as a critical audit matter because of the significant assumptions management makes in determining the amount of revenue to recognize prior to completion of a contract. Auditing management's judgments related to measuring progress towards completion of the Company's contracts through estimating total costs expected to be incurred to complete the contracts involved a high degree of auditor judgment and increased audit effort.

Our audit procedures related to revenue recognized under uncompleted long-term construction contracts included the following, among others:

- We obtained an understanding of the relevant controls related to revenue recognized under long-term construction contracts and tested such controls for design and operating effectiveness, including management's controls over the estimation of total contract costs to be incurred in order to complete uncompleted contracts.
- We selected a sample of long-term construction contracts and we performed the following:
 - Compared the current year costs incurred to prior year estimates of costs to complete, which involved comparing projects completed during the fiscal year with the estimates made as of the previous balance sheet date to evaluate management's ability to accurately estimate costs to complete on its long-term construction contracts.
 - Analyzed the estimated gross margins for uncompleted contracts by comparing the Company's three-year historical average gross margin stratified by customer type to the estimated margin for uncompleted contracts at fiscal year-end.
 - Inquired with individuals outside of the accounting function, including project management teams and individuals responsible for oversight and performance of the contracts, to obtain corroborating evidence regarding estimates of costs to complete and estimated gross margins on uncompleted contracts.
- Compared the costs incurred during the month immediately subsequent to the fiscal year end to costs and estimated earnings to date on uncompleted contracts at September 30, 2023, and on a sample basis, inquired with individuals responsible for oversight and performance of the contracts in order to obtain corroborating evidence regarding estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts.

/s/ RSM US LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

Birmingham, Alabama
November 29, 2023

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Construction Partners, Inc.

Opinion on the Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited Construction Partners, Inc., and its subsidiaries' (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements and our report dated November 29, 2023, expressed an unqualified opinion.

As described in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management has excluded Ferebee Corporation from its assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023, because it was acquired by the Company on December 1, 2022. We have also excluded Ferebee Corporation from our audit of internal control over financial reporting. Ferebee Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary whose total assets (excluding goodwill which was included within the scope of management's assessment), revenues and net income represent approximately 5%, 3% and 2%, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ RSM US LLP

Birmingham, Alabama
November 29, 2023

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 48,243	\$ 35,531
Restricted cash	837	28
Contracts receivable including retainage, net	303,704	265,207
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	27,296	29,271
Inventories	84,038	74,195
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	9,306	12,957
Total current assets	473,424	417,189
Property, plant and equipment, net	505,095	481,412
Operating lease right-of-use assets	14,485	13,985
Goodwill	159,270	129,465
Intangible assets, net	19,520	15,976
Investment in joint venture	87	87
Restricted investments	15,079	6,866
Other assets	32,705	30,541
Total assets	\$ 1,219,665	\$ 1,095,521
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 151,406	\$ 130,468
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	78,905	52,477
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	2,338	2,209
Current maturities of long-term debt	15,000	12,500
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	31,534	28,484
Total current liabilities	279,183	226,138
Long-term liabilities:		
Long-term debt, net of current maturities and deferred debt issuance costs	360,740	363,066
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion	12,649	12,059
Deferred income taxes, net	37,121	26,713
Other long-term liabilities	13,398	11,666
Total long-term liabilities	423,908	413,504
Total liabilities	703,091	639,642
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001; 10,000,000 shares authorized at September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 and no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001; 400,000,000 shares authorized, 43,760,546 shares issued and 43,727,680 shares outstanding at September 30, 2023, and 41,195,730 shares issued and 41,193,024 shares outstanding at September 30, 2022	44	41
Class B common stock, par value \$0.001; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 11,921,463 shares issued and 8,998,511 shares outstanding at September 30, 2023, and 14,275,867 shares issued and 11,352,915 shares outstanding at September 30, 2022	12	15
Additional paid-in capital	267,330	256,571
Treasury stock, Class A common stock, par value \$0.001, at cost, 32,866 shares at September 30, 2023, and 2,706 shares at September 30, 2022	(178)	(39)
Treasury stock, Class B common stock, par value \$0.001, at cost, 2,922,952 shares at September 30, 2023 and 2022	(15,603)	(15,603)
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net	18,694	17,620
Retained earnings	246,275	197,274
Total stockholders' equity	516,574	455,879
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,219,665	\$ 1,095,521

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Revenues	\$ 1,563,548	\$ 1,301,674	\$ 910,739
Cost of revenues	1,367,163	1,162,372	790,803
Gross profit	196,385	139,302	119,936
General and administrative expenses	(126,947)	(107,562)	(91,878)
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	7,048	3,673	2,043
Gain on facility exchange	5,389	—	—
Operating income	81,875	35,413	30,101
Interest expense, net	(17,346)	(7,701)	(2,404)
Other income	875	600	819
Income before provision for income taxes and earnings from investment in joint venture	65,404	28,312	28,516
Provision for income taxes	16,403	6,915	8,349
Earnings (loss) from investment in joint venture	—	(21)	10
Net income	\$ 49,001	\$ 21,376	\$ 20,177
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax			
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swap contract, net	1,297	18,091	(23)
Unrealized (loss) on restricted investments, net	(223)	(448)	—
Other comprehensive income (loss), net	1,074	17,643	(23)
Comprehensive income	\$ 50,075	\$ 39,019	\$ 20,154
Net income per share attributable to common stockholders:			
Basic	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.39
Diluted	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.39
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:			
Basic	51,827,001	51,773,559	51,636,955
Diluted	52,260,206	51,957,420	51,773,213

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CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(in thousands, except share data)

	Class A Common Stock		Class B Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock Class A Common Stock	Treasury Stock Class B Common Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss), net	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount						
Balance, September 30, 2020	33,875,884	\$ 34	20,828,813	\$ 21	\$ 245,022	\$ —	\$ (15,603)	\$ —	\$ 155,721	\$ 400,798
Conversion of Class B common stock to Class A common stock	2,214,022	2	(2,214,022)	(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of stock grant awards	510,733	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Equity-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	3,549	—	—	—	—	3,549
Other comprehensive (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(23)	—	(23)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,177	20,177
Balance, September 30, 2021	36,600,639	37	18,614,791	19	248,571	—	(15,603)	(23)	175,898	408,899
Conversion of Class B common stock to Class A common stock	4,338,924	4	(4,338,924)	(4)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of stock grant awards	256,167	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equity-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	8,000	—	—	—	—	8,000
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	—	—	—	(39)	—	—	—	(39)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,643	—	17,643
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,376	21,376
Balance, September 30, 2022	41,195,730	41	14,275,867	15	256,571	(39)	(15,603)	17,620	197,274	455,879
Conversion of Class B common stock to Class A common stock	2,354,404	3	(2,354,404)	(3)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of stock grant awards	210,412	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equity-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	10,759	—	—	—	—	10,759
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	—	—	—	(139)	—	—	—	(139)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,074	—	1,074
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,001	49,001
Balance, September 30, 2023	43,760,546	\$ 44	11,921,463	\$ 12	\$ 267,330	(178)	(15,603)	\$ 18,694	\$ 246,275	\$ 516,574

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 49,001	\$ 21,376	\$ 20,177
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	79,100	65,730	49,806
Amortization of deferred debt issuance costs	299	216	275
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments	342	(382)	(3,209)
Provision (recovery) for bad debt	456	(947)	784
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	(7,048)	(3,673)	(2,043)
Gain on facility exchange	(5,389)	—	—
Realized losses on restricted investments	30	—	—
Equity-based compensation expense	10,759	8,000	3,549
Loss (earnings) from investment in joint venture	—	21	(10)
Distribution of earnings from investment in joint venture	—	—	100
Deferred income taxes	11,165	5,966	3,745
Other non-cash adjustments	(263)	40	(46)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Contracts receivable including retainage	(25,961)	(97,075)	(27,074)
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	2,573	(6,123)	(15,150)
Inventories	(7,320)	(17,513)	(3,932)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,650	(4,912)	(1,759)
Other assets	(129)	(955)	(2,928)
Accounts payable	17,220	41,319	20,201
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	24,099	15,635	15
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	2,340	(11,559)	3,848
Other long-term liabilities	2,233	1,334	2,151
Net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisitions	157,157	16,498	48,500
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(97,810)	(68,851)	(56,332)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	17,698	7,525	3,654
Proceeds from facility exchange	36,987	—	—
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(91,787)	(128,568)	(210,734)
Proceeds from the sale of restricted investments	2,900	—	—
Purchases of restricted investments	(11,360)	(7,432)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(143,372)	(197,326)	(263,412)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs	103,000	167,300	219,197
Principal payments of long-term debt	(103,125)	(8,125)	(95,350)
Purchase of treasury stock	(139)	(39)	—
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(264)	159,136	123,847
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	13,521	(21,692)	(91,065)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash:			
Beginning of year	35,559	57,251	148,316
End of year	\$ 49,080	\$ 35,559	\$ 57,251
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 19,157	\$ 9,289	\$ 3,197
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 1,009	\$ 1,372	\$ 6,218
Cash paid for operating lease liabilities	\$ 3,029	\$ 2,396	\$ 2,532
Non-cash items:			
Operating lease right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	\$ 3,109	\$ 9,629	\$ 2,338
Property, plant and equipment financed with accounts payable	\$ 2,459	\$ 2,587	\$ 3,408
Amounts payable to sellers in business combinations	\$ —	\$ 664	\$ 1,457
Non-compete agreements to seller in business combination	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,200

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - General

Business Description

Construction Partners, Inc. (the “Company”) is a civil infrastructure company that specializes in the construction and maintenance of roadways across Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, the Company provides a variety of products and services to both public and private infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on highways, roads, bridges, airports and commercial and residential developments. The Company’s primary operations consist of (i) manufacturing and distributing hot mix asphalt (“HMA”) for both internal use and sales to third parties in connection with construction projects, (ii) paving activities, including the construction of roadway base layers and application of asphalt pavement, (iii) site development, including the installation of utility and drainage systems, (iv) mining aggregates, such as sand, gravel and construction stone, that are used as raw materials in the production of HMA and for sales to third parties, and (v) distributing liquid asphalt cement for both internal use and sales to third parties in connection with HMA production.

The Company was formed in 2007 by SunTx Capital Partners (“SunTx”), a private equity firm based in Dallas, Texas, as a holding company to facilitate an acquisition growth strategy in the HMA paving and construction industry.

Management’s Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the recorded amounts of assets, liabilities, stockholders’ equity, revenues and expenses during the reporting period, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Estimates are used in accounting for items such as recognition of revenues and cost of revenues, investments, mineral reserves, goodwill and other intangible assets, business acquisitions, valuation of operating lease right-of-use assets, allowance for doubtful accounts, valuation allowances related to income taxes, accruals for potential liabilities related to lawsuits or insurance claims, asset retirement obligations, valuation of derivative instruments and valuation of equity-based compensation awards. Estimates are continually evaluated based on historical information and actual experience; however, actual results could differ from these estimates.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists principally of currency on hand and demand deposits at commercial banks. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid securities that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates. Cash equivalents include securities with original maturities of three months or less. The Company maintains demand accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposit at several banks. From time to time, account balances have exceeded the maximum available federal deposit insurance coverage limit. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and regularly monitors its credit risk.

Restricted Cash

Construction Partners Risk Management, Inc. (the “Captive”), a captive insurance company and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, provides general liability, automobile liability and workers’ compensation insurance coverage to the Company and its subsidiaries. Restricted cash represents cash held in a fiduciary capacity by the Captive for the payment of casualty insurance claims. The Company had restricted cash of \$0.8 million and \$0.0 million at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Restricted Investments

The Company's restricted investments consist of debt securities, which are held in a fiduciary capacity by the Captive for the payment of casualty insurance claims. The Company determines the classification of its securities at the time of purchase and re-evaluates the determination at each balance sheet date. The Company has classified securities held by the Captive as available-for-sale. As a result, these securities are carried at their fair value. Purchases and sales of debt securities are recorded on the trade date. Interest income on debt securities is recorded when earned using an effective yield method. Unrealized gains and losses are reported as components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net. These securities have been classified as non-current assets based on their respective maturity dates and the Company's intent to reinvest sales proceeds into new restricted investments. The Company had restricted investments of \$15.1 million and \$6.9 million at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Company evaluates its available-for-sale debt securities quarterly to determine whether there has been a decline in the fair value below the amortized cost due to credit losses or other factors. This evaluation process entails judgement by the Company, and considers factors including the issuer's financial condition and near-term prospects, future economic conditions, interest rate changes and changes in the rating of the security. When the Company has determined that it intends to sell, or that it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell a security before it recovers its amortized cost basis above fair value, the individual security is written down to fair value, with a corresponding charge to "Other income" within the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. For available-for-sale debt securities that do not meet the intent impairment criteria but for which the Company has determined that a credit loss exists, the present value of cash flows expected to be collected from the security is compared to the amortized cost basis of the security. If the present value of cash flows expected to be collected is less than the amortized cost basis, a credit loss allowance is recorded for the credit loss, limited by the amount by which the fair value is less than the amortized cost basis. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company had no intent impairments or credit losses.

Contracts Receivable Including Retainage, Net

Contracts receivable are generally based on amounts billed and currently due from customers, amounts currently due but unbilled, and amounts retained by customers pending satisfactory completion of a project. It is common in the Company's industry for a small portion of either progress billings or the contract price, typically 10%, to be withheld by the customer until the Company completes a project to the satisfaction of the customer in accordance with the applicable contract terms. Such amounts, defined as retainage, are included on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as "Contracts receivable including retainage, net." Based on the Company's experience with similar contracts in recent years, billings for such retainage balances are generally collected within one year of the completion of the project.

Contracts receivable including retainage, net is stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for uncollectible accounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to the allowance for doubtful accounts based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts, type of service performed, current economic conditions, historical losses and other information available to management. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the allowance for doubtful accounts and an adjustment to the contract receivable.

Contract Assets and Contract Liabilities

Billing practices for the Company's contracts are governed by the contract terms of each project based on (i) progress toward completion approved by the owner, (ii) achievement of milestones or (iii) pre-agreed schedules. Billings do not necessarily correlate with revenues recognized under the cost-to-cost input method. The Company records contract assets and contract liabilities to account for these differences in timing.

The contract asset, "Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts", arises when the Company recognizes revenues for services performed under its construction projects, but the Company is not yet entitled to bill the customer under the terms of the contract. Amounts billed to customers are excluded from this asset and reflected on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as "Contracts receivable including retainage, net". Included in costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts are amounts the Company seeks or will seek to collect from customers or others for (i) errors, (ii) changes in contract specifications or design, (iii) contract change orders in dispute, unapproved as to scope and price, or (iv) other customer-related causes of unanticipated additional contract costs (such as claims). Such amounts are recorded to the extent that the amount can be reasonably estimated and recovery is probable. Claims and unapproved change orders made by the Company may involve negotiation and, in rare cases, litigation. Unapproved change orders and claims also involve the use of estimates, and revenues associated with unapproved change orders and claims are included in the transaction price for which it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty is resolved. The Company did not recognize any material amounts associated with claims and unapproved change orders during the periods presented.

The contract liability, "Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts", represents the Company's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Company has been paid by the customer or for which the Company

has billed the customer under the terms of the contract. Revenue for future services reflected in this account are recognized, and the liability is reduced, as the Company subsequently satisfies the performance obligation under the contract.

Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts and billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts are typically resolved within one year and are not considered significant financing components.

Concentration of Risks

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of contracts receivable including retainage. In the normal course of business, the Company provides credit to its customers and does not generally require collateral. The Company monitors concentrations of credit risk associated with these receivables on an ongoing basis. The Company has not historically experienced significant credit losses, due primarily to management's assessment of customers' credit ratings. The Company principally deals with recurring customers, state and local governments and well-known local companies whose reputations are known to management. The Company performs credit checks for significant new customers and generally requires progress payments for significant projects. The Company generally has the ability to file liens against the property if payments are not made on a timely basis. No single customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's contracts receivable including retainage, net balance at September 30, 2023 or September 30, 2022.

Projects performed for various departments of transportation accounted for 36.2%, 36.8% and 33.7% of consolidated revenues for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Customers that accounted for more than 10% of consolidated revenues during any of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 are presented below:

	% of Consolidated Revenues for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Alabama Department of Transportation	*	10.0%	10.8%
Florida Department of Transportation	10.7%	*	*
North Carolina Department of Transportation	10.5%	11.2%	10.3%

* Less than 10%

Inventories

The Company's inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value and are accounted for on an average cost basis or a first-in, first-out cost basis. The cost of inventory includes the cost of material, labor, trucking and other equipment costs associated with procuring and transporting materials to HMA plants for production and delivery to customers. Inventories consist primarily of construction stone that has been removed from aggregates facilities and processed for future sale or internal use, raw materials including asphalt cement, and aggregates and millings that the Company expects to utilize on construction projects within one year. Inventories valued on the average cost basis totaled \$75.5 million and \$64.8 million, respectively, at September 30, 2023 and 2022. Inventories valued on the first-in, first-out cost basis totaled \$8.5 million and \$9.4 million, respectively, at September 30, 2023 and 2022.

Revenues from Contracts with Customers

The Company derives a significant portion of revenues from contracts with its customers, predominantly by performing construction services for both public and private infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on highways, roads, bridges, airports and commercial and residential developments. These projects are performed for a mix of federal, state, municipal and private customers. In addition, the Company generates revenues from the sale of construction materials, including HMA, aggregates, liquid asphalt and ready-mix concrete, to third-party public and private customers pursuant to contracts with those customers. The following table reflects, for the periods presented, (i) revenues generated from public infrastructure construction projects and the sale of construction materials to public customers and (ii) revenues generated from private infrastructure construction projects and the sale of construction materials to private customers.

	% of Consolidated Revenues for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Public	63.0%	60.9%	61.3%
Private	37.0%	39.1%	38.7%

Revenues derived from construction projects are recognized over time as the Company satisfies its performance obligations by transferring control of the asset created or enhanced by the project to the customer. Recognition of revenues and cost of revenues for construction projects requires significant judgment by management, including, among other things, estimating total costs expected to be incurred to complete a project and measuring progress toward completion. Management reviews contract estimates regularly to assess revisions of estimated costs to complete a project and for measurement of progress toward completion. No material adjustments to a contract were noted in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 or 2021.

Management believes the Company maintains reasonable estimates based on prior experience; however, many factors contribute to changes in estimates of contract costs. Accordingly, estimates made with respect to uncompleted projects are subject to change as each project progresses and better estimates of contract costs become available. All contract costs are recorded as incurred, and revisions to estimated total costs are reflected as soon as the obligation to perform is determined. Provisions are recognized for the full amount of estimated losses on uncompleted contracts whenever evidence indicates that the estimated total cost of a contract exceeds its estimated total revenue, regardless of the stage of completion. When the Company incurs additional costs related to work performed by subcontractors, the Company may be able to utilize contractual provisions to back charge the subcontractors for those costs. A reduction to costs related to back charges is recognized when estimated recovery is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Contract costs consist of (i) direct costs on contracts, including labor, materials, and amounts payable to subcontractors and (ii) indirect costs related to contract performance, such as insurance, employee benefits, and equipment (primarily depreciation, fuel, maintenance and repairs).

Progress toward completion is estimated using the input method, measured by the relationship of total cost incurred through the measurement date to total estimated costs required to complete the project (cost-to-cost method). The Company believes this method best depicts the transfer of goods and services to the customer because it represents satisfaction of the Company's performance obligation under the contract, which occurs as the Company incurs costs. The Company measures percentage of completion based on the performance of a single performance obligation under its construction projects. Each of the Company's construction contracts represents a single performance obligation to complete a defined construction project. This is because goods and services promised for delivery to a customer are not distinct, as the customer cannot benefit from any individual portion of the services on its own. All deliverables under a contract are part of a project defined by a customer and represent a series of integrated goods and services that have the same pattern of delivery to the customer and use the same measure of progress toward satisfaction of the performance obligation as the customer's asset is created or enhanced by the Company. The Company's obligation is not satisfied until the entire project is complete.

Revenue recognized during a reporting period is based on the cost-to-cost input method applied to the total transaction price, including adjustments for variable consideration, such as liquidated damages, penalties or bonuses, related to the timeliness or quality of project performance. The Company includes variable consideration in the estimated transaction price at the most likely amount to which the Company expects to be entitled or the most likely amount the Company expects to incur, in the case of liquidated damages or penalties. Such amounts are included in the transaction price for which it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty is resolved. The Company accounts for changes to the estimated transaction price using a cumulative catch-up adjustment.

The majority of the Company's public construction contracts are fixed unit price contracts. Under fixed unit price contracts, the Company is committed to providing materials or services required by a contract at fixed unit prices (for example, dollars per ton of asphalt placed). The Company's private customer contracts are primarily fixed total price contracts, also known as lump sum contracts, which require that the total amount of work be performed for a single price. Contract cost is recorded as incurred, and revisions in contract revenue and cost estimates are reflected in the accounting period when known. Changes in job performance, job conditions and estimated profitability, including those changes arising from contract change orders, penalty provisions and final contract settlements, may result in revisions to estimated revenues and costs and are recognized in the period in which the revisions are determined.

Change orders are modifications of an original contract that effectively change the existing provisions of the contract and become part of the single performance obligation that is partially satisfied at the date of the contract modification. This is because goods and services promised under change orders are generally not distinct from the remaining goods and services under the existing contract, due to the significant integration of services performed in the context of the contract. Accordingly, change orders are generally accounted for as a modification of the existing contract and single performance obligation. The Company accounts for the modification using a cumulative catch-up adjustment. Either the Company or its customers may initiate change orders, which may include changes in specifications or designs, manner of performance, facilities, equipment, materials, sites and period of completion of the work.

Revenues derived from the sale of HMA, aggregates, ready-mix concrete, and liquid asphalt are recognized at a point in time, which is when control of the product is transferred to the customer. Generally, that point in time is when the customer accepts delivery at its facility or receives product in its own transport vehicles from one of the Company's HMA plants or aggregates facilities. Upon purchase, the Company generally provides an invoice or similar document detailing the goods transferred to the customer. The Company generally offers payment terms customary in the industry, which typically require payment ranging from point-of-sale to 30 days following purchase.

Fair Value Measurements

The Company measures and discloses certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements* ("Topic 820"). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Inputs used to measure fair value are classified using the following hierarchy:

Level 1. Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2. Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through corroboration with observable market data.

Level 3. Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs used in the determination of fair value are based on the best information available under the circumstances and may require significant management judgment or estimation.

The Company endeavors to utilize the best available information in measuring fair value.

The Company's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, contracts receivable including retainage, accounts payable and accrued expenses reflected as current assets and current liabilities on its Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2023 and 2022. Due to the short-term nature of these instruments, management considers their carrying value to approximate their fair value.

The Company also has debt securities reflected as restricted investments on its Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2023 and 2022. These investments are adjusted to fair value at each balance sheet date and are considered Level 2 fair value measurements.

The Company also has Term Loans and a Revolving Credit Facility, as defined and described in Note 11 - Debt. The carrying value of amounts outstanding under these credit facilities is reflected as long-term debt, net of current maturities and deferred debt issuance costs and current maturities of long-term debt on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2023 and 2022. Due to the variable rate or short-term nature of these instruments, management considers their carrying value to approximate their fair value.

The Company also has derivative instruments. The fair value of commodity and interest rate swaps are based on forward and spot prices, as described in Note 20 - Fair Value Measurements.

Level 3 fair values are used to value acquired mineral reserves and leased mineral interests. The fair values of mineral reserves and leased mineral interests are determined using an excess earnings approach, which requires management to estimate future cash flows. The estimate of future cash flows is based on available historical information and forecasts determined by management, but is inherently uncertain. Key assumptions in estimating future cash flows include sales price, volumes and expected profit margins, net of capital requirements. The present value of the projected net cash flows represents the fair value assigned to mineral reserves and mineral interests. The discount rate is a significant assumption used in the valuation model and is based on the required rate of return that a hypothetical market participant would assume if purchasing the acquired business.

Management applies fair value measurement guidance to its impairment analysis for tangible and intangible assets, including goodwill.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost or, if acquired in connection with a business combination, at fair value, and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements for operating leases are amortized over the lesser of the term of the related lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. Mineral reserves and mine development costs, including stripping costs incurred during the development stage of a mine, are depleted in accordance with the units-of-production method as aggregates are extracted, using the initial allocation of cost based on proven and probable reserves. Routine repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. Asset improvements are capitalized at cost and amortized over the remaining useful life of the related asset.

The estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment categories are as follows:

Category	Estimated Useful Life
Land and improvements	Land, unlimited; improvements, 15-25 years
Mineral reserves	Based on depletion
Buildings	5 - 39 years
Plants	3 - 20 years
Construction equipment	3 - 10 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Leasehold improvements	The shorter of 15 years or the remaining lease term

Management periodically assesses the estimated useful life over which assets are depreciated, depleted or amortized. If the analysis warrants a change in the estimated useful life of property, plant and equipment, management will reduce the estimated useful life and depreciate, deplete or amortize the carrying value prospectively over the shorter remaining useful life.

The carrying amounts of assets sold or retired and the related accumulated depreciation are eliminated in the period of disposal, and the resulting gains and losses are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income during the same period.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The carrying value of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets subject to amortization is evaluated whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets, or an asset group, may not be recoverable. Events or circumstances that might cause management to perform impairment testing include, but are not limited to, (i) a significant decrease in the market price of an asset, (ii) a significant adverse change in the extent or manner in which an asset is used or in its physical condition, (iii) an accumulation of costs significantly in excess of the amount originally expected for the acquisition or construction of an asset, (iv) an operating or cash flow performance combined with a history of operating or cash flow losses or a forecast that demonstrates continuing losses associated with the use of an asset, and (v) an expectation that an asset will be disposed of significantly before the end of its previously estimated useful life. If indicators of potential impairment are present, management performs a recoverability test and, if necessary, records an impairment loss. If the total estimated future undiscounted cash flows to be generated from the use and ultimate disposition of an asset or asset group is less than its carrying value, an impairment loss is recorded in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, measured as the amount required to reduce the carrying value to fair value. Fair value is determined in accordance with the best available information based on the hierarchy described under "Fair Value Measurements" above. For example, the Company would first seek to identify quoted prices or other observable market data. If observable data is not available, management would apply the best available information under the circumstances to a technique, such as a discounted cash flow model, to estimate fair value. Impairment analysis involves estimates and the use of assumptions in connection with judgments made in forecasting long-term estimated inflows and outflows resulting from the use and ultimate disposition of an asset, and determining the ultimate useful lives of assets. Actual results may differ from these estimates using different assumptions, which could materially impact the results of an impairment assessment.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations. Other intangible assets consist of an indefinite-lived trade name license in connection with a business acquired, and finite-lived assets, including a non-compete agreement, customer relationships and construction backlog, each acquired in business acquisitions. Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized, but are reviewed for impairment at least annually, or more frequently when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. In addition, management evaluates whether events and circumstances continue to support an indefinite useful life. Judgments regarding indicators of potential impairment are based on market conditions and operational performance of the business.

Annually, on the first day of the Company's fourth fiscal quarter, management performs an analysis of the carrying value of goodwill at its reporting unit for potential impairment. In accordance with GAAP, the Company may assess its goodwill for impairment initially using a qualitative approach to determine whether conditions exist to indicate that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. If management concludes, based on its assessment of relevant events, facts and circumstances, that it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's carrying value is greater than its fair value, then a quantitative analysis will be performed to determine whether there is any impairment. The Company may also elect to initially perform a quantitative analysis instead of starting with a qualitative assessment. Because the Company has only one reporting unit, a market capitalization calculation can be performed as the first step of the quantitative assessment by comparing the book value of the Company's stock (determined by reference to the Company's stockholders' equity) to the fair value of a share of the Company's stock. If the fair value of the stock is greater than the book value of the stock, goodwill is deemed not to be impaired, and no further testing is required. If the fair value is less than the book value, then the Company must take a second step to determine the impairment amount, as described below.

The second step requires comparing the carrying value of a reporting unit, including goodwill, to its fair value, typically using the multiple period discounting method under the income approach and market approach. The income approach uses a discounted cash flow model, which involves significant estimates and assumptions, including preparation of revenues and profitability growth forecasts, selection of a discount rate, and selection of a terminal year multiple, to estimate fair value. The market approach could include applying a control premium to the market price of the Company's common stock or utilizing guideline public company multiples. Management's assessment of facts and circumstances at each analysis date could cause these assumptions to change. If the fair value of the respective reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill is not considered to be impaired, and no further testing is required. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment charge is recorded to write down goodwill in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. The Company performed a quantitative assessment of goodwill using the market capitalization calculation for fiscal years 2023 and 2022 and determined that the fair value of its reporting unit exceeded its carrying value, and thus concluded that the carrying value of goodwill was not impaired as of each goodwill impairment test date, which is July 1 of the applicable year. Accordingly, no further analysis was required or performed.

Management also annually assesses the carrying value of the Company's indefinite-lived intangible assets other than goodwill on the first day of the fiscal fourth quarter. The Company performed a qualitative impairment assessment of its indefinite-lived trade name licenses. The qualitative assessment did not identify indicators of impairment, and it was determined that more likely than not the indefinite-lived trade name license fair value was more than its carrying amount. Accordingly, no further analysis was required or performed.

Deferred Financing Costs

Costs directly associated with obtaining debt financing are capitalized upon the issuance of long-term debt and amortized over the term of the related debt agreement. Unamortized amounts are presented on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related long-term debt liability. Loan issuance costs associated with the Revolving Credit Facility are presented as a component of other assets. Loan issuance costs incurred in connection with the Revolving Credit Facility are amortized using the straight-line method over the life of the Credit Agreement.

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes includes federal and state income taxes. Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial statement carrying values and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the fiscal years in which the temporary differences are expected to be reversed or settled. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Management evaluates the realization of deferred tax assets and establishes a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are presented on a net basis by taxing authority and classified as non-current on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company recognizes the financial statement benefit of the Company's tax positions that are at least more likely than not to be sustained upon audit based on the technical merits of the tax position. For tax positions that are more likely than not to be sustained upon audit, management accrues the largest amount of the benefit that is more likely than not to be sustained. The Company classifies income tax-related interest and penalties as interest expense and other expenses, respectively. Refer to Note 15 - Provision for Income Taxes for further information regarding the Company's federal and state income taxes.

Equity-Based Incentive Plans

Compensation costs related to equity-classified share-based awards are recognized in the consolidated financial statements based on grant date fair value. Compensation cost for graded-vesting awards is recognized ratably over the respective vesting periods.

Accrued Insurance Costs

The Company carries insurance policies to cover various risks, primarily including general liability, automobile liability and workers' compensation, under which it is liable to reimburse the insurance company for a portion of each claim paid. Since October 1, 2021, the Captive has retained liability for the first \$1,000,000 of each claim paid. Also since October 1, 2021, the Company has been a member of CIRCA, Limited, a group captive insurance company, that retains the next \$550,000 per claim liability for each claim paid. The Company utilizes various primary and excess insurance companies to cover the liability for claims in excess of the retained amounts. Changes in loss assumptions caused by changes in actual experience would affect the assessment of the ultimate liability and could have an effect on the Company's operating results and financial position.

Prior to October 1, 2021, the amount for which the Company was liable for general liability, automobile liability and workers' compensation claims ranged from \$100,000 to \$500,000 per occurrence. Management accrues insurance costs for probable losses, both reported and unreported, that are reasonably estimable using actuarial methods based on historical trends modified, if necessary, by recent events.

The Company provides employee medical insurance under policies that are both fixed-premium, fully-insured policies and self-insured policies that are administered by the insurance company. Under the self-insured policies, the Company is liable to reimburse the insurance company for actual claims paid plus an administrative fee. The Company purchases separate stop-loss insurance that limits the individual participant claim loss to amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$160,000.

In addition to the retention items noted above, the Company's insurance provider requires the Company to maintain a standby letter of credit. This letter of credit serves as a guarantee to pay the Company's insurance provider the incurred claim costs attributable to general liability, workers' compensation and automobile liability claims, up to the amount stated in the standby letter of credit, in the event that these claims are not paid by the Company (see Note 18 - Commitments and Contingencies).

Warranties

For some contracts, the Company is required to furnish a warranty that is usually one year in length. Because of the nature of these contracts, including contract owner inspections of the work both during construction and prior to acceptance, the Company has not experienced significant warranty costs for these short-term warranties and, therefore, has not established an accrual of these costs. Certain contracts carry longer warranty periods, for which the Company has accrued an estimate of warranty costs. The warranty liability is estimated based on the Company's experience with the specific type of construction work and was not significant as of September 30, 2023 or 2022.

Earnings per Share

Basic net income per share attributable to common stockholders is computed by dividing net income attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per common share attributable to common stockholders is the same as basic net income per share attributable to common stockholders, but includes dilutive unvested stock awards using the treasury stock method.

Stripping Costs

Stripping costs are costs incurred for the removal of overburden or waste materials for the purpose of obtaining access to aggregate materials that will be commercially produced.

Stripping costs incurred during the development stage of a mine (pre-production stripping) are capitalized and reported within property, plant and equipment, net in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Capitalized pre-production stripping costs are depleted in accordance with the units-of-production method as aggregates are extracted, once the mine is no longer in the development stage. Pre-production stripping costs included in property, plant and equipment were \$0.8 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

Stripping costs incurred during the production phase of a mine are variable production costs and are included in the costs of the inventory produced during the period that the stripping costs are incurred. The production phase of a mine is deemed to begin when saleable minerals are extracted, regardless of the level of production. However, the production phase does not commence with the removal of de minimis saleable mineral material that occurs in conjunction with the removal of overburden or waste material for the purpose of obtaining access to aggregate materials. Stripping costs considered as production costs and included in the costs of inventory produced for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$3.1 million, \$1.7 million and \$1.8 million, respectively.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations (“AROs”) are legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets resulting from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the underlying assets. The ARO is recognized at its estimated fair value in the period in which it is incurred. These obligations generally include the estimated net future costs of dismantling, restoring and reclaiming operating mines and related mine sites, in accordance with federal, state, local regulatory and land lease agreement requirements. Upon initial recognition of a liability, the associated asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the related long-lived asset and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the related asset. The liability is accreted over time through charges to earnings. Reclamation costs are periodically adjusted to reflect changes in the estimated present value resulting from the passage of time and revisions to the estimates of either the timing or amount of the reclamation and abandonment costs. If the ARO is settled for an amount other than the carrying amount of the liability, the Company recognizes a gain or loss on settlement. The Company reviews, on an annual basis, unless otherwise deemed necessary, the asset retirement obligation at each mine site in accordance with ASC guidance for accounting for reclamation obligations.

To determine the fair value of the AROs, the Company estimates the cost for a third party to perform the legally required reclamation activities including a reasonable profit margin. This cost is then increased for future estimated inflation based on the estimated years to complete and discounted to fair value using present value techniques with a credit-adjusted, risk-free rate. See Note 23 - Asset Retirement Obligations.

Right of Use Assets and Lease Liabilities

At the inception of a contractual arrangement, the Company determines whether a contract contains a lease by assessing whether the contract conveys to the Company the right to control the use of an identified asset in exchange for consideration over a period of time. Leases are recognized in accordance with ASC Topic 842, *Leases* (“Topic 842”).

The Company measures and records an operating lease liability equal to the present value of the future lease payments. Because most of the Company’s leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company’s incremental borrowing rate is used in determining the present value of lease payments. The amount of the operating lease right-of-use asset consists of: (i) the amount of the initial measurement of the operating lease liability; (ii) any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, minus any lease incentives received, and (iii) any initial direct costs incurred. The present value calculation may account for an option to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Company will exercise the option. Within the provisions of certain leases, there are escalations in payments over the base lease term, which have been reflected in lease expense on a straight-line basis for operating leases over the expected lease term.

The Company has elected not to apply the recognition requirements of Topic 842 to short-term leases (those with terms of 12 months or less) or leases to explore for or use minerals. Instead, for these types of leases, the Company recognizes lease expense in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Comprehensive Income

The Company reports comprehensive income in its Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and Consolidated Statements of Stockholders’ Equity. Comprehensive income consists of two subsets: net income and other comprehensive income (“OCI”). OCI includes adjustments for changes in fair value of an interest rate swap contract derivative and available-for-sale restricted investments. For additional information about comprehensive income, see Note 22 - Other Comprehensive Income.

Segment Reporting and Reporting Units

As of September 30, 2023, the Company operated in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee through its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Each of the Company’s platform operating companies engages in essentially the same business, which consists primarily of infrastructure and road construction.

Management determined that the Company functions as a single operating segment, and thus reports as a single reportable segment. This determination is based on rules prescribed by GAAP applied to the manner in which management operates the Company. In particular, management assessed the discrete financial information routinely reviewed by the Company’s chief operating decision maker (“CODM”), its Chief Executive Officer, to monitor the Company’s operating performance and support decisions regarding allocation of resources to its operations. Specifically, performance is continuously monitored at the consolidated level and at the individual contract level to timely identify deviations from expected results. Resource allocations are based on the capacity of the Company’s operating facilities to pursue new project opportunities, including reallocation of assets that are underutilized from time to time at a certain operating facility to another operating facility where additional resources might be required to fully meet demand. Other factors further supporting this conclusion include substantial similarities throughout all of the Company’s operations with respect to services provided, type of customers, sourcing of materials and manufacturing and delivery methodologies.

Management further determined that, based on their economic similarities, the Company's six platform operating companies, representing components, should be aggregated into one reporting unit for purposes of assessing potential impairment of goodwill in accordance with ASC Topic 350, *Intangibles — Goodwill and Other*. These legal entities represent material acquisitions that occurred over time pursuant to the Company's strategic growth strategy. Each platform company is managed by its president, who has primary responsibility for the respective operating company. Collectively, these presidents are directly accountable to, and maintain regular contact with the CODM as a team to discuss operating activities, financial results, forecasts, and operating plans for the Company's single operating segment.

Business Acquisitions

The Company accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations* ("Topic 805"), which allocates the fair value of the purchase consideration to the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values. The excess of the purchase consideration over the fair values of these identifiable assets and liabilities is recorded as goodwill.

Determining the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed requires judgment and often involves the use of significant estimates and assumptions. The Company engages third-party appraisal firms when appropriate to assist in the fair value determination of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Acquisition-related expenses and transaction costs associated with business combinations are expensed as incurred.

The Company may adjust the amounts recognized in an acquisition during a measurement period not to exceed one year from the date of acquisition. Any such adjustments are the result of subsequently obtaining additional information that existed at the acquisition date regarding the assets acquired or the liabilities assumed. Measurement period adjustments are generally recorded as increases or decreases to goodwill, if any, recognized in the transaction. The cumulative impact of measurement period adjustments on depreciation, amortization and other income statement items are recognized in the period the adjustment is determined.

Note 3 - Accounting Standards

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

The Company monitors all Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board and other authoritative guidance. There are no recently issued accounting pronouncements that are expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Note 4 - Business Acquisitions

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Company and its subsidiaries made the following business acquisitions:

Tennessee Acquisition

On November 18, 2022, the Company acquired three HMA manufacturing plants and certain related assets located in the Nashville, Tennessee metro area for \$9.5 million. In connection with this transaction, the Company disposed of a quarry in North Carolina, resulting in total cash proceeds of \$37.0 million and a gain on the facility exchange of \$5.4 million. The transaction established the Company's first operations in Tennessee.

North Carolina Acquisition

On December 1, 2022, the Company acquired all of the capital stock of Ferebee Corporation, an HMA production and paving company headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, for \$67.3 million. The transaction established the Company's second platform company in North Carolina and added three HMA plants in the greater Charlotte/Rock Hill, North Carolina metro area.

Upstate South Carolina Acquisition (Provisional)

On April 3, 2023, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Pickens Construction, Inc., an asphalt paving company headquartered in Anderson, South Carolina, for \$5.0 million. The transaction added an HMA plant and expanded the Company's service market in the greater Greenville, South Carolina metro area.

Alabama Acquisition (Provisional)

On May 1, 2023, the Company acquired the Huntsville, Alabama operations of Southern Site Contractors, LLC., an excavation, grading and utility contractor, for \$1.1 million. The transaction enhanced the Company's vertical integration of construction services in the Huntsville, Alabama metro area.

Coastal South Carolina Acquisition

On August 1, 2023, the Company acquired an HMA plant, together with the related inventory and certain equipment, of C.R. Jackson, Inc., an asphalt paving company headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, for \$9.1 million. The transaction added an HMA plant and expanded the Company's service market in the greater Myrtle Beach, South Carolina metro area.

Combined Acquisitions During the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023

The above-referenced acquisitions were accounted for as business combinations in accordance with Topic 805. The Company consulted with independent third parties to assist in the valuation process. Total consideration transferred for these five acquisitions was \$92.0 million as of September 30, 2023.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at their estimated fair values based on the methodologies described under Fair Value Measurements in Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies. The amount of the purchase price exceeding the net fair value of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill in the aggregate amount of \$29.6 million for these five acquisitions, which is deductible for income tax purposes. Goodwill primarily represents the assembled workforce and synergies expected to result from the acquisitions.

The results of operations attributable to these acquisitions are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, from their respective acquisition dates forward. The Company recorded certain costs to effect the acquisitions as they were incurred, which are reflected in general and administrative expenses on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income in the amounts of \$0.3 million, \$0.8 million, and \$1.3 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

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The following table summarizes the consideration for the aforementioned acquisitions and the amounts of identified assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of September 30, 2023 (in thousands):

	Alabama Acquisition (Provisional)	North Carolina Acquisition	Upstate South Carolina Acquisition (Provisional)	Coastal South Carolina Acquisition	Tennessee Acquisition	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 33	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 33
Contracts receivable including retainage	—	12,216	775	—	—	12,991
Cost and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	—	598	—	—	—	598
Inventories	—	1,314	189	484	1,101	3,088
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	—	421	137	—	241	799
Property, plant and equipment	1,004	27,375	3,196	6,191	8,171	45,937
Operating lease right-of-use assets	—	—	433	—	—	433
Intangible assets	—	5,900	—	—	—	5,900
Total assets	1,004	47,857	4,730	6,675	9,513	69,779
Accounts payable	—	3,718	—	—	—	3,718
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	—	2,329	—	—	—	2,329
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	—	787	108	—	—	895
Operating lease liabilities	—	—	433	—	—	433
Total liabilities	—	6,834	541	—	—	7,375
Goodwill	117	26,281	774	2,407	10	29,589
Total purchase price	\$ 1,121	\$ 67,304	\$ 4,965	\$ 9,080	\$ 9,523	\$ 91,993

The Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 includes \$86.9 million of revenue and \$1.0 million of net income attributable to the operations of the businesses acquired during the 2023 fiscal year from their respective acquisition dates through September 30, 2023.

The following presents pro forma revenues and net income as though the acquisitions had occurred on October 1, 2020 (unaudited, in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
	2023		2022		2021	
Pro forma revenues	\$	1,588,268	\$	1,412,313	\$	1,021,378
Pro forma net income	\$	48,923	\$	22,175	\$	20,976

Pro forma financial information is presented as if the operations of the acquisitions had been included in the consolidated results of the Company since October 1, 2020, and gives effect to transactions that are directly attributable to the acquisitions, including adjustments to:

- (a) Include the pro forma results of operations of the acquisitions for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021.
- (b) Include additional depreciation and depletion expense related to the fair value of acquired property, plant and equipment and reserves at aggregates facilities, as applicable, as if such assets were acquired on October 1, 2020 and consistently applied to the Company's depreciation and depletion methodologies.

- (c) Include interest expense under the Term Loan as if the funds borrowed to finance the purchase price were borrowed on October 1, 2020. Interest expense calculations further assume that no principal payments were made during the period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023, and that the interest rate in effect on the date the Company made the acquisitions was in effect for the period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.
- (d) Exclude \$0.3 million of acquisition-related expenses from the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, as though such expenses were incurred prior to the pro forma acquisition date of October 1, 2020.

Pro forma information is presented for informational purposes and may not be indicative of revenue or net income that would have been achieved if these acquisitions had occurred on October 1, 2020.

Combined Acquisitions During the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022

The following table summarizes the finalized consideration for the combined acquisitions during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, and the amounts of identified assets acquired and liabilities assumed (in thousands):

	Provisional amounts as of September 30, 2022	Finalized amounts as of September 30, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,168
Contracts receivable including retainage	9,016	9,016
Cost and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	125	125
Inventories	2,980	2,980
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	213	239
Property, plant and equipment	80,291	80,291
Deferred tax assets	2,471	3,356
Intangible assets	9,000	9,000
Total assets	105,264	106,175
Accounts payable	2,759	2,759
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	3,123	3,677
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	6,100	8,631
Unfavorable contract liabilities	7,900	8,500
Deferred tax liabilities	282	282
Total liabilities	20,164	23,849
Goodwill	45,300	47,899
Total purchase price	\$ 130,400	\$ 130,225

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the provisional purchase price allocation (goodwill) changed by \$2.6 million based on final valuation reports for unfavorable contract liabilities and finalization of assumed liabilities obtained during the measurement period.

Note 5 - Contracts Receivable Including Retainage, net

Contracts receivable including retainage, net consisted of the following at September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 (in thousands):

	September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Contracts receivable	\$ 251,324	\$ 221,566	\$ 132,456
Retainage	53,286	44,253	27,640
	304,610	265,819	160,096
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(906)	(612)	(1,926)
Contracts receivable including retainage, net	\$ 303,704	\$ 265,207	\$ 158,170

The following is a summary of changes in the allowance for doubtful accounts balance during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 (in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 612	\$ 1,926	\$ 1,440
Charged (credited) to bad debt expense	456	(947)	784
Write-off of contracts receivable including retainage	(162)	(367)	(298)
Balance at end of period	\$ 906	\$ 612	\$ 1,926

Retainage receivables have been billed and the Company has an unconditional right to payment, but are not due until satisfactory contract completion and acceptance by the customer.

Note 6 - Contract Assets and Liabilities

Costs and estimated earnings compared to billings on uncompleted contracts at September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Costs on uncompleted contracts	\$ 1,831,106	\$ 1,520,510	\$ 1,058,434
Estimated earnings to date on uncompleted contracts	194,760	146,459	110,430
	2,025,866	1,666,969	1,168,864
Billings to date on uncompleted contracts	(2,077,475)	(1,690,175)	(1,179,560)
Net billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	\$ (51,609)	\$ (23,206)	\$ (10,696)

Significant changes to balances of costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings (contract asset) and billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings (contract liability) on uncompleted contracts from September 30, 2021 to September 30, 2023 are presented below (in thousands):

	Costs and Estimated Earnings in Excess of Billings on Uncompleted Contracts	Billings in Excess of Costs and Estimated Earnings on Uncompleted Contracts	Net Billings in Excess of Costs and Estimated Earnings on Uncompleted Contracts
September 30, 2021	\$ 23,023	\$ (33,719)	\$ (10,696)
Changes in revenue billed, contract price or cost estimates	6,248	(18,758)	(12,510)
September 30, 2022	29,271	(52,477)	(23,206)
Changes in revenue billed, contract price or cost estimates	(1,975)	(26,428)	(28,403)
September 30, 2023	\$ 27,296	\$ (78,905)	\$ (51,609)

At September 30, 2023, the Company had unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied performance obligations under construction project contracts representing approximately \$1.28 billion in aggregate transaction price. The Company expects to earn revenue as it satisfies the performance obligations under those contracts in the amount of approximately \$933.6 million during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and approximately \$341.5 million thereafter.

Note 7 - Other Assets
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consisted of the following at September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Prepaid expenses	\$ 4,274	\$ 7,221
Other current assets	5,032	5,736
Total prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 9,306	\$ 12,957

Other Assets

Other assets consisted of the following at September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Interest rate swap contract	\$ 26,909	\$ 24,719
Notes receivable	871	1,121
Other assets	4,925	4,701
Total other assets	\$ 32,705	\$ 30,541

Note 8 - Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment at September 30, 2023 and 2022 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Construction equipment	\$ 447,467	\$ 402,581
Plants	208,708	167,625
Land and improvements	76,396	59,454
Mineral reserves	69,405	91,992
Buildings	36,885	32,566
Furniture and fixtures	7,538	7,110
Leasehold improvements	1,268	1,230
Total property, plant and equipment, gross	847,667	762,558
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(358,462)	(304,935)
Construction in progress	15,890	23,789
Total property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 505,095	\$ 481,412

Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense related to property, plant and equipment for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 was \$80.0 million, \$68.9 million and \$49.5 million, respectively.

Mineral reserves, net of accumulated depletion, for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 were \$63.6 million and \$87.6 million, respectively. These amounts include \$1.5 million and \$2.0 million of asset retirement obligation assets, net of accumulated depletion associated with active mining operations for the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and \$0.8 million and \$3.9 million of capitalized stripping costs, net of accumulated depletion associated with development stage mining operations for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Note 9 - Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The following presents goodwill activity during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

Balance at September 30, 2021	\$	85,422
Additions		45,300
Measurement period adjustments		(1,257)
Balance at September 30, 2022		129,465
Additions		29,589
Dispositions		(2,383)
Measurement period adjustments		2,599
Balance at September 30, 2023	\$	159,270

The additions in goodwill as of September 30, 2023 compared to September 30, 2022 were attributable to \$29.6 million for business acquisitions (see Note 4 - Business Acquisitions) completed during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 and an increase of \$2.6 million for measurement period adjustments that were finalized for acquisitions completed during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. The dispositions of goodwill of \$2.4 million were attributed to the sale of a quarry facility in North Carolina (see Note 4 - Business Acquisitions).

A summary of other intangible assets at September 30, 2023 and 2022 is as follows (in thousands):

	Weighted Average Life	September 30,					
		2023			2022		
		Gross Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Gross Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Indefinite-lived:							
Trade name licenses	Indefinite	\$ 5,300	N/A	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,300	N/A	\$ 5,300
Finite-lived:							
Customer relationship	14 years	14,745	(2,598)	12,147	11,045	(1,304)	9,741
Other	6 years	3,420	(1,347)	2,073	1,220	(285)	935
Total intangible assets		\$ 23,465	\$ (3,945)	\$ 19,520	\$ 17,565	\$ (1,589)	\$ 15,976

The change in gross value as of September 30, 2023 compared to September 30, 2022 is attributable to \$5.9 million of business acquisitions (see Note 4 - Business Acquisitions) completed during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Total amortization expense related to finite-lived intangible assets was \$2.4 million, \$0.8 million and \$0.3 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Estimated future total amortization expense related to finite-lived intangible assets is as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Estimated Amortization Expense
2024	\$ 1,976
2025	1,770
2026	1,718
2027	1,570
2028	1,278
Thereafter	5,908
Total	\$ 14,220

Note 10 - Liabilities
Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consisted of the following at September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Accrued payroll and benefits	\$ 18,132	\$ 12,980
Accrued insurance costs	4,843	3,081
Other current liabilities	8,559	12,423
Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 31,534	\$ 28,484

Other Long-Term Liabilities

Other long-term liabilities consisted of the following at September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Accrued insurance costs	\$ 10,561	\$ 8,210
Other	2,837	3,456
Total other long-term liabilities	\$ 13,398	\$ 11,666

Note 11 - Debt

The Company maintains credit facilities to finance acquisitions, to fund the purchase of real estate, construction equipment, plants and other fixed assets, and for general working capital purposes. Debt at September 30, 2023 and 2022 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Long-term debt:		
Term Loan	\$ 283,750	\$ 271,875
Revolving Credit Facility	93,100	105,100
Total long-term debt	376,850	376,975
Deferred debt issuance costs, net	(1,110)	(1,409)
Current maturities of long-term debt	(15,000)	(12,500)
Long-term debt, net of current maturities and debt issuance costs	\$ 360,740	\$ 363,066

Since 2017, the Company and each of its subsidiaries have been parties to a credit agreement with PNC Bank, National Association (successor in interest to BBVA USA) and certain other lenders party from time to time thereto (as amended, the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement has been amended and restated on multiple occasions since its inception in order to provide for changes in the economic terms of the credit facility and developments at the Company. The obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries under the Credit Agreement are secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all of the Company's assets.

The Credit Agreement provides for (i) a term loan facility in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$250.0 million (the "Term Loan") the full amount of which was drawn at closing, (ii) a revolving credit facility in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$325.0 million, (the "Revolving Credit Facility"), and (iii) a delayed draw term loan facility in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$50.0 million (the "Delayed Draw Term Loan" and together with the Term Loan, the "Term Loans").

At September 30, 2023 and 2022, there was \$283.8 million and \$271.9 million, respectively, of principal outstanding under the Term Loans, \$93.1 million and \$105.1 million, respectively, of principal outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility, and availability of \$222.1 million and \$208.6 million, respectively, under the Revolving Credit Facility, including a reduction for outstanding letters of credit.

All outstanding advances under the Term Loans and Revolving Credit Facility are due and payable in full on June 30, 2027 (the "Maturity Date"). The Term Loan (commencing on September 30, 2022) and the Delayed Draw Term Loan (commencing on

September 30, 2023) will amortize in quarterly installments in an amount (subject, in each case, to adjustments for prior mandatory and voluntary prepayments of principal) equal to: (a) 1.25% of the original principal and continuing on each of the following eleven quarter-end payment dates; (b) 1.875% of the original principal on each of the next eight quarter-end payment dates; and (c) all remaining principal of the Term Loans are due and payable in full on the Maturity Date. The annual interest rates applicable to advances will be calculated, at the Company's option, by using either a base rate, Daily Simple SOFR plus 0.10%, or Term SOFR plus 0.10%, and in each case, plus an applicable margin percentage that corresponds to the Company's consolidated net leverage ratio. Subject to various requirements, the Company generally may (and, under certain circumstances, must) prepay all or a portion of the outstanding balance of the advances, together with accrued interest thereon, prior to their contractual maturity.

The Credit Agreement contains customary negative covenants for agreements of this type, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Company's ability to make acquisitions, make loans or advances, make capital expenditures and investments, pay dividends, create or incur indebtedness, create liens, wind up or dissolve, consolidate, merge or liquidate, or sell, transfer or dispose of assets. The Credit Agreement also requires the Company to satisfy certain financial covenants, including a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.20-to-1.00 and a maximum consolidated leverage ratio of 3.50-to-1.00, subject to certain adjustments. At September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company's fixed charge coverage ratio was 2.56-to-1.00 and 2.56-to-1.00, respectively, and the Company's consolidated leverage ratio was 1.72-to-1.00 and 2.79-to-1.00, respectively. At both September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Agreement.

From time to time, the Company has entered into interest rate swap agreements to hedge against the risk of changes in interest rates. At September 30, 2023 and 2022, the aggregate notional value of these interest rate swap agreements was \$300.0 million and the fair value was \$26.9 million and \$24.7 million, respectively, which is included within other assets on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The scheduled contractual repayment terms of long-term debt at September 30, 2023 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2024	15,000
2025	18,750
2026	22,500
2027	320,600
Total	376,850

Interest expense was \$18.7 million, \$7.9 million and \$2.5 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Amortization of deferred debt issuance costs included in interest expense was \$0.3 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Note 12 - Equity

Shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock are identical, except with respect to voting rights, conversion rights and transfer restrictions applicable to shares of Class B common stock. The holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share, and the holders of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share. The holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors, unless otherwise required by applicable law or the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws. Shares of Class B common stock are convertible into shares of Class A common stock at any time at the option of the holder or upon any transfer, subject to certain limited exceptions. In addition, upon the election of the holders of a majority of the then-outstanding shares of Class B common stock, all outstanding shares of Class B common stock will be converted into shares of Class A common stock. Once converted into shares of Class A common stock, shares of Class B common stock will not be reissued. Class A common stock is not convertible into any other class of the Company's capital stock.

Conversion of Class B Common Stock to Class A Common Stock

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, certain stockholders of the Company converted a total of 2,354,404 shares of Class B common stock into shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. As of September 30, 2023, there were 43,727,680 shares of Class A common stock and 8,998,511 shares of Class B common stock outstanding.

Restricted Stock Awards

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Company awarded a total of 210,412 restricted shares of Class A common stock to certain members of Company management under the Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Equity Incentive Plan”).

Additional information about these transactions is set forth in Note 14 - Equity-Based Compensation.

Treasury Stock

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Company received a total of 5,267 shares of Class A common stock from employees for reimbursement of income taxes paid by the Company on behalf of these employees related to the vesting of restricted stock awards. The Company received another 24,893 shares of Class A common stock through forfeitures of restricted stock awards by terminated employees.

Note 13 - Earnings Per Share

As discussed in Note 12 - Equity, the Company has Class A common stock and Class B common stock. Because the only differences between the two classes of common stock are related to voting rights, conversion rights and transfer restrictions applicable to shares of Class B common stock, the Company has not presented earnings per share under the two-class method, as the earnings per share are the same for both Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The following table summarizes the weighted-average number of basic common shares outstanding and the calculation of basic earnings per share for the periods presented (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Numerator			
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 49,001	\$ 21,376	\$ 20,177
Denominator			
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding, basic	51,827,001	51,773,559	51,636,955
Net income per common share attributable to common stockholders, basic	<u>\$ 0.95</u>	<u>\$ 0.41</u>	<u>\$ 0.39</u>

The following table summarizes the calculation of the weighted-average number of diluted common shares outstanding and the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the periods presented (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Numerator			
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 49,001	\$ 21,376	\$ 20,177
Denominator			
Weighted average number of basic common shares outstanding, basic	51,827,001	51,773,559	51,636,955
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Restricted stock unit grants	433,205	183,861	136,258
Weighted average number of diluted common shares outstanding:	<u>52,260,206</u>	<u>51,957,420</u>	<u>51,773,213</u>
Net income per diluted common share attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ 0.94</u>	<u>\$ 0.41</u>	<u>\$ 0.39</u>

Note 14 - Equity-Based Compensation

Restricted Stock

The Company measures and recognizes stock-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures, over the requisite vesting periods for all stock-based payment awards made, and recognizes forfeitures as they occur. Stock-based compensation is included in general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. A summary of the changes in the Company's restricted stock is as follows (in thousands, except share data):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2021	2022	2023
Unvested shares, beginning balance	292,534	595,561	715,724
Shares awarded	510,733	256,167	210,412
Shares vested	(207,706)	(134,481)	(76,963)
Shares forfeited	—	(1,523)	(24,893)
Unvested shares, ending balance	595,561	715,724	824,280
Aggregate grant date fair value of awards	\$13,546	\$8,356	\$5,514
Compensation expense recorded upon vesting of awards	3,549	6,966	8,717
Unrecognized compensation expense at fiscal year-end	11,650	15,152	9,766

The restricted shares granted under the Equity Incentive Plan will vest, as applicable, as follows:

Fiscal Year	Number of Shares
2024	391,975
2025	351,892
2026	67,913
2027	12,500
Total	824,280

Performance Stock Units

Performance stock units ("PSUs") provide for the issuance of shares of Class A common stock upon vesting, which occurs at the end of the performance period based on achievement of certain Company performance metrics established by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. The final number of shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of PSUs can range from 0% to 150% of the number of PSUs initially granted, depending on the level of achievement, as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. The achievement of performance goals is modified by the total shareholder return ranking of the Company against the Russell 2000 Index over the performance period and can increase or decrease the achieved award by up to 15%. The Company recognizes expense, net of estimated forfeitures, for PSUs based on the forecasted achievement of Company performance metrics, multiplied by the fair value of the total number of shares of common stock that the Company anticipates will be issued based on such achievement.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the Company awarded PSUs representing a target of 92,423 shares and forecasted vesting of 65,024 shares of Class A common stock to certain members of Company management under the Equity Incentive Plan. The grants are classified as equity awards. The aggregate grant date fair value of these restricted awards was \$2.2 million. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, the Company awarded PSUs representing a target of 131,341 shares and forecasted vesting of 98,505 shares of Class A common stock to certain members of Company management under the Equity Incentive Plan. During the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company recorded compensation expense in connection with PSUs in the amount of \$2.0 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, which is reflected as general and administrative expenses in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. At September 30, 2023, the Company forecasted 163,529 restricted shares of Class A common stock as unvested and approximately \$2.1 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to these awards.

Note 15 - Provision for Income Taxes

The Company files a consolidated United States federal income tax return and income tax returns in various states. Management evaluated the Company's tax positions based on appropriate provisions of applicable enacted tax laws and regulations and believes that they are supportable based on their specific technical merits and the facts and circumstances of the transactions.

The provision for income taxes for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Current			
U.S. Federal	\$ 3,520	\$ —	\$ 3,609
State	1,718	949	995
Total current	5,238	949	4,604
Deferred			
U.S. Federal	9,959	5,662	3,029
State	1,206	304	716
Total deferred	11,165	5,966	3,745
Provision for income taxes	\$ 16,403	\$ 6,915	\$ 8,349

Differences exist between income and expenses reported on the consolidated financial statements and those deducted for U.S. federal and state income tax reporting. The Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities consisted of the following temporary difference tax effects at September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Deferred tax assets		
Allowance for bad debt	\$ 226	\$ 150
Amortization of finite-lived intangible assets	1,022	943
Federal net operating loss carryforward	—	2,632
Federal 163J carryforward	1,254	—
State net operating loss carryforward	1,177	1,205
Employee benefits	4,695	1,986
Acquisition liabilities	796	2,127
Accrued insurance claims	536	911
Other	1,151	998
Total deferred tax assets	10,857	10,952
Deferred tax liabilities		
Amortization of goodwill	(8,647)	(6,582)
Property, plant and equipment	(32,939)	(24,131)
Interest rate swap contract	(6,343)	(5,692)
Other	(49)	(1,260)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(47,978)	(37,665)
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ (37,121)	\$ (26,713)

The Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2023 and 2022 include gross deferred tax assets of \$10.9 million and \$11.0 million, respectively. In assessing the realization of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets depends on the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences are deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities (including the impact of available carryforward periods), projected taxable income, and tax-planning strategies in making this assessment. Based on the weight of all evidence known and available as of the balance sheet date, management believes that these tax benefits are more likely than not to be realized in the future. To the extent that management does

not consider it more likely than not that a deferred tax asset will be recovered, a valuation allowance is established.

Income taxes payable have been reduced by fuel tax credits of \$0.3 million for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022. The remaining amount of goodwill expected to be deductible for tax purposes was \$109.5 million and \$92.5 million at September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The following is a reconciliation of net deferred tax assets (liabilities) to amounts reflected on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Asset: Deferred income taxes, net	\$ —	\$ —
Liability: Deferred income taxes, net	(37,121)	(26,713)
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	<u>\$ (37,121)</u>	<u>\$ (26,713)</u>

At September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company had federal net operating loss carryforwards of \$0.0 million and \$10.5 million, respectively, and state net operating loss carryforwards of \$27.8 million and \$38.0 million, respectively. The state net operating loss credit carryforwards expire in varying amounts between the fiscal years ended September 30, 2032 and 2042 or are indefinite.

The U.S. statutory federal income tax rate applicable to the Company was 21% during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021. The following table reconciles income taxes based on the U.S. federal statutory tax rate to the Company's income before provision for income taxes for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Provision for income tax at federal statutory rate	\$ 13,735	\$ 5,941	\$ 5,990
State income taxes	2,222	569	1,351
Permanent differences	348	353	961
Other	98	52	47
Provision for income taxes	<u>\$ 16,403</u>	<u>\$ 6,915</u>	<u>\$ 8,349</u>

Uncertain Tax Positions

ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes* ("Topic 740"), prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement model for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken, or expected to be taken, in a tax return and provides guidance on derecognition classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition.

The Company is subject to tax audits in various jurisdictions in the United States. Tax audits, by their nature, are often complex. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to challenges from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and other tax authorities regarding amounts of taxes due. These challenges may alter the timing or amount of taxable income or deductions, or the allocation of income among tax jurisdictions. As part of the calculation of the provision for income taxes on earnings, management determines whether the benefits of the Company's tax positions are at least more likely than not to be sustained upon audit based on the technical merits of the tax position. For tax positions that are more likely than not to be sustained upon audit, management accrues the largest amount of the benefit that is more likely than not to be sustained. Such accruals require management to make estimates and judgments with respect to the ultimate outcome of a tax audit. Actual results could vary materially from these estimates. The Company performed an analysis of its tax positions and determined that no uncertain tax positions existed at September 30, 2023 or 2022. Accordingly, there was no liability for uncertain tax positions at September 30, 2023 or 2022. Based on the provisions of Topic 740, the Company had no material unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2023 or 2022. Due to the utilization of net operating loss carryforwards, the Company's federal income tax returns for fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 through 2022 are subject to examination. Various state income tax returns for fiscal years ended September 30, 2011 through 2022 are also subject to examination.

Note 16 - Employee Benefit Plans

The Company offers a 401(k) retirement plan covering substantially all employees who are at least 18 years old and have more than six months of service. The Company makes discretionary employer contributions, subject to IRS safe harbor rules. Employer contributions charged to earnings during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$6.8 million, \$5.5 million, and \$3.9 million, respectively.

In addition, the Company offers an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (“ESPP”), under which the first offering period commenced July 1, 2023. The purpose of the ESPP is to provide the Company’s employees with an opportunity to purchase shares on the exercise date at a price equal to 85% of the fair value of the Company’s Class A common stock as of either the exercise date, or the first day of the relevant offering period, whichever is less. Employer expense charged to earnings during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$0.1 million, \$0.0 million, and \$0.0 million, respectively.

Note 17 - Related Parties

On December 31, 2017, the Company sold an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary to an immediate family member of an executive officer of the Company (“Purchaser of Subsidiary”) in consideration for an interest-bearing note receivable in the amount of \$1.0 million, which approximated the net book value of the disposed entity. At September 30, 2023, \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million was reflected on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheets within other current assets and other assets, respectively, representing the remaining balances on this note receivable. In connection with this transaction, the Company also received an interest-bearing note receivable from the disposed entity (“Disposed Entity”) on December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$1.0 million representing certain accounts payable of the disposed entity that were paid by the Company. At September 30, 2023, \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million was reflected on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheets within other current assets and other assets, respectively, representing the remaining balances on this note receivable. Remaining principal and interest payments are scheduled to be made in periodic installments during fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2026.

Prior to its acquisition by the Company, a current subsidiary of the Company advanced funds to an entity owned by an immediate family member of an officer of the Company in connection with a land development project. The obligations of the borrower entity to repay the advances were guaranteed by a separate entity owned by the same family member of the officer. Amounts outstanding under the advances did not bear interest and matured in full in March 2021. In March 2021, the subsidiary of the Company amended and restated the terms of the repayment obligation, as a result of which the officer personally assumed the remaining balance of the obligation. No new amounts were advanced to the officer by the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof in connection with the transaction. Under the amended and restated terms, the officer executed a promissory note in favor of the Company’s subsidiary in the principal amount of \$0.8 million. The note bears simple interest at a rate of 4.0% and requires annual minimum payments of \$0.1 million inclusive of principal and accrued interest, with any remaining principal and accrued interest due and payable in full on December 31, 2027. Amounts outstanding under the note are reflected on the Company’s Consolidated Balance Sheets within other current assets and other assets (“Land Development Project”).

From time to time, the Company conducts or has conducted business with the following related parties:

- Entities owned by immediate family members of an executive officer of the Company perform subcontract work for a subsidiary of the Company, including trucking and grading services (“Subcontracting Services”).
- Since June 1, 2014, the Company has been a party to an access agreement with Island Pond Corporate Services, LLC, which provides a location for the Company to conduct business development activities from time to time on a property owned by the Executive Chairman of the Company’s Board of Directors (“Island Pond”).
- The Company is party to a management services agreement with SunTx, under which the Company pays SunTx \$0.31 million per fiscal quarter and reimburses certain travel and other out-of-pocket expenses associated with services rendered under the management services agreement.

The following table presents revenues earned and expenses incurred by the Company during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, and receivable and accounts payable balances at September 30, 2023 and 2022, related to transactions with the related parties described above (in thousands):

	Revenue Earned (Expense Incurred)			Receivable (Payable)	
	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,			September 30,	
	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022
Purchaser of subsidiary	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 311	\$ 414
Disposed entity	—	—	—	198	264
Land Development Project	—	—	—	632	712
Subcontracting Services	(8,627) ⁽¹⁾	(8,655) ⁽¹⁾	(9,385) ⁽¹⁾	(593)	(695)
Island Pond	(340) ⁽²⁾	(320) ⁽²⁾	(320) ⁽²⁾	—	—
SunTx	(1,486) ⁽²⁾	(1,451) ⁽²⁾	(1,935) ⁽²⁾	—	—

⁽¹⁾ Cost is reflected as cost of revenues on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

⁽²⁾ Cost is reflected as general and administrative expenses on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Note 18 - Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time, the Company is subject to inquiries or audits by taxing authorities arising from its operations, covering a wide range of matters that arise in the ordinary course of business, such as income taxes and other types of taxes. Each of these matters is subject to various uncertainties, and it is possible that some of these matters may not be resolved in the Company's favor. The Company is also involved in other legal and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Liabilities for loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines, penalties and other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The outcomes of these inquiries and legal proceedings are not expected to have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations on an individual basis, and management did not accrue any material loss contingencies for the periods presented. However, adverse outcomes in a significant number of such ordinary course inquiries and legal proceedings could, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

Letters of Credit

Under the Revolving Credit Facility, the Company has a total capacity of \$325.0 million that may be used for a combination of cash borrowings and letter of credit issuances. At each of September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company had aggregate letters of credit outstanding in the amount of \$9.8 million and \$11.3 million, respectively, primarily related to certain insurance policies as described in Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies.

Purchase Commitments

As of September 30, 2023, the Company had unconditional purchase commitments for diesel fuel and natural gas in the normal course of business in the aggregate amount of \$3.1 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. Management does not expect any significant changes in the market value of these goods during the commitment period that would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company. As of September 30, 2023, the Company's purchase commitments annually thereafter are as follows (in thousands):

	Fiscal Year	Amount
2024		\$ 3,139
2025		536
Total		\$ 3,675

Minimum Royalties

The Company has lease agreements associated with aggregates facilities under which the Company makes royalty payments. These agreements are outside the scope of Topic 842. The payments are generally based on tons sold in a particular period; however, certain agreements have minimum annual payments. The Company has commitments in the form of minimum royalties as of September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$2.5 million, due as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amount
2024	\$ 295
2025	256
2026	192
2027	180
2028	145
Thereafter	1,470
Total	\$ 2,538

Royalty expense recorded in cost of revenue during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 was \$1.5 million, \$1.6 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

Note 19 - Leases

The Company leases certain facilities, office space, vehicles and equipment. As of September 30, 2023, operating leases under Topic 842 were included in (i) operating lease right-of-use assets, (ii) current portion of operating lease liabilities and (iii) operating lease liabilities, net of current portion on the Consolidated Balance Sheets in the amounts of \$14.5 million, \$2.3 million and \$12.6 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2023, the Company did not have any lease contracts that had not yet commenced but had created significant rights and obligations.

The components of lease expense were as follows for the periods presented (in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Operating lease cost	\$ 3,150	\$ 2,568	\$ 2,475
Short-term lease cost	22,631	21,177	13,346
Total lease expense	25,781	23,745	15,821

Short-term leases (those with terms of 12 months or less) are not capitalized but are expensed on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The majority of the Company's short-term leases relate to equipment used on construction projects. These leases are entered into at periodic rental rates for an unspecified duration and typically have a termination for convenience provision.

As of September 30, 2023, the weighted-average remaining term of the Company's operating leases was 8.0 years, and the weighted-average discount rate was 3.36%. As of September 30, 2023, the lease liability was equal to the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the incremental borrowing rate on the Company's secured debt using a single maturity discount rate, as such rate is not materially different from the discount rate applied to each of the leases in the portfolio.

The following table summarizes the Company's undiscounted lease liabilities outstanding as of September 30, 2023 (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amount
2024	\$ 2,793
2025	2,389
2026	2,240
2027	2,018
2028	1,712
Thereafter	6,117
Total future minimum lease payments	\$ 17,269
Less: imputed interest	2,282
Total	\$ 14,987

Note 20 - Fair Value Measurements

The following table presents the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 under Topic 820 (in thousands):

September 30, 2023	Fair Value Measurement at Reporting Date Using		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:			
Commodity swap contracts	\$ —	\$ 204	\$ —
Interest rate swaps	—	26,909	—
Corporate debt securities	—	5,605	—
U.S. government securities	—	6,549	—
Municipal government securities	—	1,748	—
Other debt securities	—	1,177	—
Total Assets	\$ —	\$ 42,192	\$ —
Liabilities:			
Commodity swap contracts	\$ —	\$ 20	\$ —
Total Liabilities	\$ —	\$ 20	\$ —
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September 30, 2022	Fair Value Measurement at Reporting Date Using		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:			
Commodity swap contracts	\$ —	\$ 1,187	\$ —
Interest rate swaps	—	24,719	—
Corporate debt securities	—	2,537	—
U.S. government securities	—	2,481	—
Municipal government securities	—	1,055	—
Other debt securities	—	793	—
Total Assets	\$ —	\$ 32,772	\$ —
Liabilities:			
Commodity swap contracts	\$ —	\$ 661	\$ —
Total Liabilities	\$ —	\$ 661	\$ —

The fair value of interest rate swap contracts is based on a model-driven valuation using the observable components (e.g., interest rates), which are observable at commonly quoted intervals for the full term of the contracts. The fair value of the Company's commodity swap contracts is based on an analysis of the expected cash flow of the contract in combination with observable forward price inputs obtained from a third-party pricing source. The calculations are adjusted for credit risk. Therefore, the Company's derivative assets and liabilities are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Derivative assets are included within "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" and "Other assets" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Derivative liabilities are included within "Accrued expense and other current liabilities" and "Other long-term liabilities" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Debt securities primarily consist of corporate bonds and U.S. Government and agency obligations. The fair value of these investments is determined based on market quotes. These investments are included within "Restricted Investments" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Note 21 - Investment in Derivative Instruments

Interest Rate Swap Contracts

The Company uses derivative instruments as part of its overall strategy to manage its exposure to market risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates. The Company regularly monitors the financial stability and credit standing of the counterparties to its derivative instruments. The Company does not enter into derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

The Company records all derivatives at fair value. On the date the derivative contract is entered into, the Company may designate the derivative as one of the following: (i) a hedge of a forecasted transaction or the variability of cash flows to be paid (“cash flow hedge”) or (ii) a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability (“fair value hedge”).

Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is qualified and designated as a cash flow hedge or net investment hedge are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) in the Company’s Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income until they are reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings.

Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is qualified and designated as a fair value hedge, along with the gain or loss on the hedged asset or liability that is attributable to the hedged risk, are recorded in current period earnings.

If the Company does not specifically designate a derivative as one of the above, changes in the fair value of the undesignated derivative instrument are reported in current period earnings. Cash flows from designated derivative financial instruments are classified within the same category as the item being hedged in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, while cash flows from undesignated derivative financial instruments are included as an investing activity.

If the Company determines that it qualifies for and will designate a derivative as a hedging instrument, the Company formally documents all relationships between hedging activities, including the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. This process includes matching all derivatives that are designated as cash flow hedges to specific forecasted transactions and linking all derivatives designated as fair value hedges to specific assets and liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company performs an initial prospective assessment of hedge effectiveness on a quantitative basis between the inception date and the earlier of the first quarterly hedge effectiveness date or the issuance of the financial statements that include the hedged transaction. On a quarterly basis, the Company assesses the effectiveness of designated hedges in offsetting the variability in the cash flows or fair values of the hedged assets or obligations using a qualitative assessment. The Company would discontinue hedge accounting prospectively when the derivative is no longer highly effective as a hedge, the underlying hedged transaction is no longer probable or the hedging instrument expires, is sold, terminated or exercised.

Commodity Swap Contracts

The Company’s operations expose it to a variety of market risks, including the effects of changes in commodity prices. As part of its risk management process, the Company began entering into commodity swap transactions through regulated commodity exchanges. The Company does not enter into derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. Changes in fair value of commodity swaps are recognized in earnings.

The following table represents the approximate amount of realized and unrealized gains (losses) and changes in fair value recognized in earnings on commodity derivative contracts for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 and the fair value of these derivatives as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,								
	2023			2022			2021		
	Change in			Change in			Change in		
	Realized Gain (Loss)	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Total Gain (Loss)	Realized Gain (Loss)	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Total Gain (Loss)	Realized Gain (Loss)	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Total Gain (Loss)
Cost of revenues	\$ (2,255)	\$ (342)	\$ (2,597)	\$ 3,472	\$ (1,286)	\$ 2,186	\$ 830	\$ 2,315	\$ 3,145
Interest expense, net	8,297	—	8,297	(806)	1,668	862	(890)	894	4
Total	\$ 6,042	\$ (342)	\$ 5,700	\$ 2,666	\$ 382	\$ 3,048	\$ (60)	\$ 3,209	\$ 3,149

Balance Sheet Classification	September 30,	
	2023	2022
Prepaid expenses and other current assets - commodity swaps ⁽²⁾	\$ 204	\$ 1,032
Other assets - commodity swaps ⁽²⁾	—	155
Other assets - interest rate swap ⁽¹⁾	26,909	24,719
Accrued expense and other current liabilities - commodity swaps ⁽²⁾	(20)	(601)
Other long-term liabilities - commodity swaps ⁽²⁾	—	(60)
Net unrealized gain (loss) position	\$ 27,093	\$ 25,245

⁽¹⁾ Represents designated cash flow hedge of \$26.9 million and \$24.7 million as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

⁽²⁾ Represents derivatives not designated as hedges.

Note 22 - Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of two subsets: net income and OCI. The components of other comprehensive income (loss) are presented in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity, net of applicable taxes. The Company's interest rate swap contract hedge included in other comprehensive income for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 was entered into on July 1, 2022 with an original notional value of \$300.0 million. The maturity date of this swap is June 30, 2027. The Company received a credit of \$12.6 million under the "blend and extend" arrangement utilizing the fair values of the existing interest rate swap agreements at June 30, 2022.

Amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) ("AOCI"), net of tax, are as follows (in thousands):

AOCI	September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Interest rate swap contract, net of blend and extend arrangement	25,533	23,761	(31)
Unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities	(848)	(566)	—
Less tax effect of other comprehensive income (loss) items	(5,991)	(5,575)	8
Total	\$ 18,694	\$ 17,620	\$ (23)

Changes in AOCI, net of tax, are as follows (in thousands):

AOCI		
Balance at September 30, 2021		(23)
Net OCI changes		17,643
Balance at September 30, 2022		17,620
Net OCI changes		1,074
Balance at September 30, 2023		\$ 18,694

Amounts reclassified from AOCI to earnings, are as follows (in thousands):

	2023	2022	2021
Interest expense (benefit)	\$ (8,297)	\$ 468	\$ 224
Benefit from income taxes	2,004	(108)	(56)
Total reclassifications from AOCI to earnings	\$ (6,293)	\$ 360	\$ 168

Note 23 - Asset Retirement Obligations

As discussed in Note 2, the Company has AROs, which are liabilities associated with its legally required obligations to reclaim owned and leased aggregates facilities. At September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company's AROs were \$2.4 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, which are reflected as "Other long-term liabilities" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Accretion and depreciation expense related to AROs for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 was \$0.1 million, \$0.1 million and \$0.0 million, respectively.

The following is a reconciliation of these AROs (in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022
Asset Retirement Obligations		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 2,858	\$ 2,788
Liabilities incurred	—	—
Liabilities settled	(502)	—
Liabilities assumed	—	—
Accretion expense	61	70
Balance at end of year	\$ 2,417	\$ 2,858

Note 24 - Investments

The following is a summary of the Company's debt securities as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

September 30, 2023

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
U.S. government securities	\$ 6,869	\$ —	\$ 320	\$ 6,549
Corporate debt securities	5,931	—	326	5,605
Municipal government securities	1,853	—	105	1,748
Other debt securities	1,273	—	96	1,177
Total	\$ 15,926	\$ —	\$ 847	\$ 15,079

September 30, 2022

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Corporate debt securities	\$ 2,797	\$ —	\$ 260	\$ 2,537
U.S. government securities	2,622	—	141	2,481
Municipal government securities	1,151	—	96	1,055
Other debt securities	862	—	69	793
Total	\$ 7,432	\$ —	\$ 566	\$ 6,866

The amortized cost and fair value of debt securities classified as available for sale by contractual maturity, as of September 30, 2023, are as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2023	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due within one year	\$ 2,499	\$ 2,480
Due after one year through three years	4,327	4,154
Due after three years	9,100	8,445
Total	\$ 15,926	\$ 15,079

Note 25 - Unpaid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses

The following is a summary of the Company's activity in the liability for loss and loss adjustment expense reserves for workers' compensation, general liability and automobile liability as of September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands):

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	
	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 11,291	\$ 9,941
Total incurred	9,987	5,993
Total paid	(5,981)	(4,643)
Balance at end of year	\$ 15,297	\$ 11,291

Note 26 - Condensed Financial Statements of Parent Company
**CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
PARENT COMPANY ONLY
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except share and per share data)**

	September 30,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 54,410	\$ 43,130
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,411	2,995
Total current assets	55,821	46,125
Property, plant and equipment, net	4,643	4,646
Investment in subsidiaries	524,466	444,473
Due from subsidiaries	13,015	58,593
Other assets	30,587	28,140
Total assets	<u>\$ 628,532</u>	<u>\$ 581,977</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 4,123	\$ 3,477
Current maturities of long-term debt	886	1,204
Total current liabilities	5,009	4,681
Long-term liabilities:		
Due to subsidiaries	87,183	39,275
Deferred income taxes, net	5,030	4,553
Long-term debt, net of current maturities and debt issuance costs	14,736	77,589
Total long-term liabilities	106,949	121,417
Total liabilities	111,958	126,098
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001; 10,000,000 shares authorized at September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 and no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001; 400,000,000 shares authorized, 43,760,546 shares issued and 43,727,680 shares outstanding at September 30, 2023, and 41,195,730 shares issued and 41,193,024 shares outstanding at September 30, 2022	44	41
Class B common stock, par value \$0.001; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 11,921,463 shares issued and 8,998,511 shares outstanding at September 30, 2023, and 14,275,867 shares issued and 11,352,915 shares outstanding at September 30, 2022	12	15
Additional paid-in capital	267,330	256,571
Treasury stock, Class A common stock, par value \$0.001, at cost, 32,866 shares at September 30, 2023, and 2,706 shares at September 30, 2022	(178)	(39)
Treasury stock, Class B common stock, par value \$0.001, at cost, 2,922,952 shares at September 30, 2023 and 2022	(15,603)	(15,603)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	18,694	17,620
Retained earnings	246,275	197,274
Total stockholders' equity	516,574	455,879
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 628,532</u>	<u>\$ 581,977</u>

See note to condensed financial statements of parent company.

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
PARENT COMPANY ONLY
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	\$ 50,899	\$ 24,690	\$ 25,505
General and administrative expenses	(2,535)	(4,758)	(6,399)
Interest expense, net	(24)	68	834
Gain on sale of equipment, net	—	6	—
Other income	4	13	3
Income before provision for income taxes	48,344	20,019	19,943
Income tax benefit	657	1,357	234
Net income	\$ 49,001	\$ 21,376	\$ 20,177
Other comprehensive (loss), net of tax			
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swap contract, net	1,297	18,091	(23)
Unrealized (loss) on restricted investments, net	(223)	(448)	—
Other comprehensive (loss)	1,074	17,643	(23)
Comprehensive income	\$ 50,075	\$ 39,019	\$ 20,154
Net income per share attributable to common stockholders:			
Basic	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.39
Diluted	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.39
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:			
Basic	51,827,001	51,773,559	51,636,955
Diluted	52,260,206	51,957,420	51,773,213

See note to condensed financial statements of parent company.

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
PARENT COMPANY ONLY
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 49,001	\$ 21,376	\$ 20,177
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	757	757	475
Gain on sale of equipment	—	(6)	—
Loss (gain) on derivative instruments	—	(1,668)	(894)
Equity-based compensation expense	10,759	8,000	3,549
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	(50,899)	(24,690)	(25,505)
Deferred income tax benefit	—	(248)	(451)
Other non-cash adjustments	(417)	(73)	9
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,584	(1,932)	(135)
Other assets	(256)	(593)	(2,008)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	646	507	1,001
Other liabilities	—	(748)	(97)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	<u>11,175</u>	<u>682</u>	<u>(3,879)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(737)	(243)	(2,641)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	—	6	—
Investment in subsidiary	(29,317)	(10,986)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(30,054)</u>	<u>(11,223)</u>	<u>(2,641)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Change in amounts due to (from) subsidiaries, net	32,126	(65,622)	(6,296)
Purchase of treasury stock	(139)	(39)	—
Principal payments on long-term debt	(1,828)	(420)	—
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs and discount	—	54,527	—
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>30,159</u>	<u>(11,554)</u>	<u>(6,296)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	11,280	(22,095)	(12,816)
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Beginning of period	43,130	65,225	78,041
End of period	<u>\$ 54,410</u>	<u>\$ 43,130</u>	<u>\$ 65,225</u>

See note to condensed financial statements of parent company.

Note to Condensed Financial Statements of Parent Company

These condensed parent company-only financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Rule 12-04, Schedule I of Regulation S-X, as the restricted net assets of the subsidiaries of Construction Partners, Inc. (as defined in Rule 4-08(e)(3) of Regulation S-X) exceed 25% of the consolidated net assets of the Company. The ability of Construction Partners, Inc.'s operating subsidiaries to pay dividends is restricted by the terms of the credit facilities described in Note 11 - Debt.

These condensed parent company-only financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting principles and policies described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, with the exception that the parent company accounts for its subsidiaries using the equity method. These condensed parent company-only financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto.

Note 27 - Subsequent Events

Acquisitions

On October 2, 2023, the Company acquired from Hubbard Paving & Grading, Inc. an asphalt and paving company headquartered in Walhalla, South Carolina, one HMA plant in the Greenville, South Carolina metro area for \$2.9 million.

On November 1, 2023, the Company acquired from Reeves Construction Company three HMA plants and related construction operations located in Concord, North Carolina and Rock Hill and McConnells, South Carolina for \$16.0 million.

The total amount of consideration for these transactions remain subject to post-closing adjustments with respect to inventory quantities and other matters as of the date of this report.

Treasury Stock

On October 2, 2023, the Company received a total of 16,622 shares of Class A common stock from employees for reimbursement of income taxes paid by the Company on behalf of these employees related to restricted stock awards that vested on September 30, 2023.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 9A. 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 defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of September 30, 2023. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2023, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that material information that we are required to disclose in reports that we file under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC rules and forms and that information that we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, our management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in "Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Under guidelines established by the SEC, companies are allowed to exclude certain acquisitions from their first assessment of internal control over financial reporting following the date of the acquisition. Management excluded Ferebee Corporation, which we acquired on December 1, 2022, from the assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Total assets of 5% at September 30, 2023 (excluding goodwill which was included within the scope of our assessment) and revenue and net income of 3% and 2%, respectively, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, were excluded from management's assessment at September 30, 2023. Ferebee Corporation will be included in management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as of September 30, 2024.

Based on the results of our evaluation, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of September 30, 2023.

Attestation Report of Registered Public Accounting Firm

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023 has been audited by RSM US LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, who also audited our consolidated financial statements included in this report, as stated in their reports which appear with our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Company is in the process of integrating Ferebee Corporation into its operations and internal control processes, and will include this acquisition in its assessment of internal controls in fiscal year 2024. Other than related to the Ferebee Corporation acquisition, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended September 30, 2023, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2023, no director or officer (as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) of the Exchange Act) of the Company adopted, modified, or terminated any "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" (in each case, as defined in Item 408(a) of Regulation S-K).

Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections.

Not applicable.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the proxy statement for the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company to be filed by the Company with the SEC under the Exchange Act (the “2024 Proxy Statement”). The Company intends to file the 2024 Proxy Statement in January 2024, and in any event within 120 days after September 30, 2023.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the 2024 Proxy Statement, except for the information required by Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, which is specifically not incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the 2024 Proxy Statement.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the 2024 Proxy Statement.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the 2024 Proxy Statement.

PART IV**Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.****(a) Documents Filed as Part of this Report.****(1) Financial Statements.**

The consolidated financial statements of Construction Partners, Inc. and its subsidiaries and the parent-only financial statements of Construction Partners, Inc. included herein at Item 8 are as follows:

- Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm — RSM US LLP
- Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2023 and 2022
- Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021
- Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021
- Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021
- Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
- Parent Company Only Condensed Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2023 and 2022
- Parent Company Only Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021
- Parent Company Only Condensed Statements of Cash Flows for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021
- Note to Condensed Financial Statements of Parent Company

(2) Financial Statement Schedules.

The financial statement schedules required to be included pursuant to this Item are not included herein because they are not applicable or the required information is shown in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference at Item 15(a)(1) above.

(3) Exhibits.

The exhibits to this report are listed in the exhibit index below.

(b) Description of Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed or furnished with this report, as applicable, or incorporated by reference:

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Construction Partners, Inc., as amended through February 23, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-38479) filed on August 8, 2023)
3.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of Construction Partners, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on November 9, 2022)
4.1	Form of Class A Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-224174) filed on April 23, 2018)
4.2*	Description of Construction Partners, Inc.'s Class A common stock
10.1†	Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Construction Partners, Inc. and each of its directors and executive officers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-224174) filed on April 23, 2018)

Exhibit Number	Description
10.2#	Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2022, by and among Construction Partners, Inc. and each of its wholly owned subsidiaries as borrowers, PNC Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and lender, PNC Capital Markets LLC, as joint lead arranger and sole bookrunner, Regions Bank and BofA Securities, Inc., each as a joint arranger, and certain other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on June 30, 2022)
10.2A	First Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 17, 2022, by and among Construction Partners, Inc. and each wholly owned subsidiaries, as borrowers, PNC Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and lender, PNC Capital Markets LLC, as joint lead arranger and sole bookrunner, Regions Bank and BofA Securities, Inc., each as a joint arranger, and certain other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on November 22, 2022)
10.2B	Second Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2023, by and among Construction Partners, Inc. and each of its wholly owned subsidiaries, as borrowers, PNC Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and issuing lender, and certain other lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-38479) filed on August 8, 2023)
10.3†	Form of Employment Agreement, dated April 1, 2020, by and between Construction Partners, Inc. and certain executive officers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on April 3, 2020)
10.3A†	Amendment to Employment Agreement, effective as of October 1, 2020, by and between Construction Partners, Inc. and Fred J. Smith, III (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on October 2, 2020)
10.3B†	Second Amendment to Employment Agreement, effective as of May 5, 2021, by and between Construction Partners, Inc. and Fred J. Smith, III (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on May 7, 2021)
10.4†	Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-224174) filed on April 23, 2018)
10.4A†	First Amendment to the Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-38479) filed on August 9, 2019)
10.4B†	Form of Restricted Stock Award under the Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-224174) filed on April 6, 2018)
10.4C†	Form of Performance Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (Revenue Growth Rate and ROCE V Criteria) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on January 5, 2022)
10.4D†	Form of Performance Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (Revenue Growth Rate and Adjusted EBITDA Margin Vesting Criteria) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on November 2, 2022)
10.4E†*	Form of Cash-Settled Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan
10.5†	Construction Partners, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (File No. 001-38479) filed on January 12, 2022)
10.6	Management Services Agreement, dated October 1, 2006, by and between Construction Partners Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Construction Partners, Inc.) and SunTx Capital Management Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-224174) filed on April 6, 2018)
10.6A	Amendment to Management Services Agreement, dated October 1, 2013, by and between Construction Partners Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a Construction Partners, Inc.) and SunTx Capital Management Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-224174) filed on April 6, 2018)
10.6B	Second Amendment to Management Services Agreement, effective as of October 1, 2015, by and between Construction Partners, Inc. and SunTx Capital Management Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-38479) filed on May 9, 2023)
10.6C	Third Amendment to Management Services Agreement, effective as of October 1, 2023, by and between Construction Partners, Inc. and SunTx Capital Management Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-38479) filed on May 9, 2023)
14.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-38479) filed on December 14, 2018)
21.1*	List of Significant Subsidiaries of Construction Partners, Inc.
23.1*	Consent of RSM US LLP

Exhibit Number	Description
31.1*	Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
32.1**	Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
32.2**	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
95.1*	Mine Safety Disclosures
97.1*	Construction Partners, Inc. Incentive Compensation Recoupment Policy
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)
†	Management contract, compensatory plan or arrangement.
*	Filed herewith.
**	Furnished herewith.
#	Schedules and exhibits omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. Construction Partners, Inc. agrees to furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission a copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit upon request. Certain confidential information has been excluded pursuant to 601(b)(10)(iv) of Regulation S-K. Such excluded information is not material and is the type that the registrant treats as private or confidential.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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, on this 29th day of November, 2023.

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.

By: /s/ Fred J. Smith, III
Fred J. Smith, III
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on

<u>Name and Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Fred J. Smith, III</u> Fred J. Smith, III	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Gregory A. Hoffman</u> Gregory A. Hoffman	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Todd K. Andrews</u> Todd K. Andrews	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Ned N. Fleming, III</u> Ned N. Fleming, III	Executive Chairman of the Board	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Charles E. Owens</u> Charles E. Owens	Vice Chairman of the Board	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Craig Jennings</u> Craig Jennings	Director	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Mark R. Matteson</u> Mark R. Matteson	Director	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Michael H. McKay</u> Michael H. McKay	Director	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Stefan L. Shaffer</u> Stefan L. Shaffer	Director	November 29, 2023
<u>/s/ Noreen E. Skelly</u> Noreen E. Skelly	Director	November 29, 2023

the dates indicated.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES
REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

As of September 30, 2023, Construction Partners, Inc. (the "Company," "we," "us," and "our") had one class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended: our Class A common stock, \$0.001 par value ("Class A common stock").

Description of Capital Stock

The following is a description of the material terms of our capital stock. It does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), our Amended and Restated Bylaws (as amended and restated from time to time, the "Bylaws"), and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"). Copies of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Authorized Capital Stock

Under our Certificate of Incorporation, our authorized capital stock consists of:

- 400,000,000 shares of Class A common stock;
- 100,000,000 shares of Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value ("Class B common stock"); and
- 10,000,000 shares of undesignated preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share.

As of September 30, 2023, we had 43,728,310 shares of Class A common stock outstanding, 8,998,511 shares of Class B common stock outstanding and no shares of undesignated preferred stock issued or outstanding. As of September 30, 2023, we had reserved 380,484 additional shares of Class A common stock for issuance under our various stock and compensation incentive plans. Unless our board of directors determines otherwise, we will issue all shares of our capital stock in uncertificated form.

Class A Common Stock

Dividend Rights

The holders of Class A common stock are entitled to receive dividends at the same rate if, as and when declared by our board of directors, out of our legally available assets, in cash, property, shares of our common stock or other securities, after the payment of dividends required to be paid on our outstanding preferred stock, if any.

Voting Rights

The holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share. The holders of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share. The holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors, unless otherwise required by applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws. The holders of Class A common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

Liquidation Rights

Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or upon a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of our assets, the assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders will be distributable ratably among the holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock treated as a single class, subject to the prior satisfaction of all outstanding debts and other liabilities and the preferential rights and liquidation preferences to be paid on our outstanding preferred stock, if any.

Modification of Rights

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that we will not amend, alter, repeal or waive certain provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, or adopt any provision inconsistent therewith or effect any reclassification of the shares of Class A common stock, unless such action is first approved by the affirmative vote or written consent of the holders of a majority of the then-outstanding shares of Class B common stock, voting as a separate class, and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the holders of Class A common stock will have no right to vote thereon. However, this provision is subject to any other vote required by applicable law, and under Section 242(b)(2) of the DGCL, holders of Class A common stock would be entitled to vote as a class upon a proposed action, whether or not entitled to vote by the Certificate of Incorporation, if such action would increase or decrease the par value of Class A common stock, or alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights thereof so as to affect them adversely.

Other Matters

The holders of Class A common stock have no sinking fund or redemption provisions, or conversion or preemptive rights. All outstanding shares of Class A common stock are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. Class A common stock is not convertible into any other shares of our capital stock.

Exchange Listing

The Class A common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC under the symbol "ROAD."

Preferred Stock

The Certificate of Incorporation authorizes our board of directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock. Unless required by law or by any rules adopted by The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, these authorized shares of preferred stock will be available for issuance without further action by our stockholders. Our board of directors is able to determine, with respect to any series of preferred stock, the terms and rights of such series, including dividend rights, voting rights, conversion rights, terms of redemption, liquidation rights and any other relative rights, powers and preferences, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, of such series.

We could issue a series of preferred stock that, depending on its terms, may impede or discourage an acquisition attempt or other transaction that some, or a majority, of our stockholders might believe to be in their best interests or in which they might receive a premium over the market price for their shares of Class A common stock. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock may adversely affect the holders of Class A common stock by restricting dividends on Class A common stock, diluting the voting power of Class A common stock or subordinating the liquidation rights of Class A common stock. As a result of these or other factors, the issuance of preferred stock could have an adverse impact on the market price of our Class A common stock.

Certain Provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

The Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company contain certain provisions that may delay, defer or prevent a change in control of the Company.

Dual Class Structure

The Certificate of Incorporation provides for a dual class structure, under which each share of our Class A common stock has one vote per share and each share of our Class B common stock has ten votes per share.

Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock

The Certificate of Incorporation authorizes shares of Class A common stock, Class B common stock and preferred stock that are unissued and unreserved.

Classified Board

The Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws classify the Board of Directors into three classes of directors as nearly equal in number as possible, each of which will serve for three years, with one class of directors being elected each year.

Removal of Directors; Vacancies

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that directors may be removed with or without cause upon the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of all then-outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class; provided, however, that once no shares of our Class B common stock remain outstanding, directors may only be removed for cause, and then only by the affirmative vote of holders of at least 66 2/3% in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class. In addition, the Certificate of Incorporation provides that, subject to the rights granted to one or more series of preferred stock then outstanding, if any, any vacancies on our board of directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if less than a quorum, by a sole remaining director or by the stockholders; provided, however, that once no shares of our Class B common stock remain outstanding, any newly created directorship on our board of directors that results from an increase in the number of directors and any vacancy occurring on our board of directors may only be filled by a majority of the directors then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director and not by stockholders.

Special Meetings

The Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by the Chairman of the board of directors, Chief Executive Officer, the board of directors or at the request of the holders of 25% of the Class B common stock. The Bylaws prohibit the conduct of any business at a special meeting other than as specified in the notice for such meeting.

Advance Notice Requirement

The Bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of our board of directors or a committee thereof. In order for any matter to be “properly brought” before a meeting, a stockholder will have to comply with advance notice requirements and provide us with certain information. Generally, to be timely, a stockholder’s notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. The Bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder’s notice. The Bylaws allow the chairman of the meeting at a meeting of the stockholders to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings that may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at a meeting if such rules and regulations are not followed.

Business Combinations

The Certificate of Incorporation contains provides that we may not engage in certain “business combinations” with any “interested stockholder” for a three-year period following the time that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

- prior to such time, our board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in such stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in such stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, such stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding certain shares; or
- at or subsequent to such time, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and by the affirmative vote of holders of at least 66 2/3% of our outstanding voting stock that is not owned by such stockholder.

No Cumulative Voting

The Certificate of Incorporation does not authorize cumulative voting.

Limitation of Liability of Directors and Officers

The Certificate of Incorporation generally provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, no director or officer shall be liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of certain fiduciary duties as a director or officer. Under the DGCL, a director's liability may not be eliminated:

- for any breach(es) of the director's duty of loyalty to us or to our stockholders;
- for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- for certain unlawful dividend payments or stock redemptions or repurchases; and
- for any transaction from which the director or officer derives an improper personal benefit.

The effect of this provision is to restrict the rights of the Company and its stockholders to recover monetary damages against a director or officer for breach of certain fiduciary duties as a director.

Supermajority Voting

The Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws provide that our board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter, amend, change, add to, rescind or repeal, in whole or in part, the Bylaws without a stockholder vote in any matter. For as long as shares of our Class B common stock remain outstanding, any alteration, amendment, change, addition, rescission or repeal of the Bylaws by our stockholders requires the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of the outstanding shares of our stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on such alteration, amendment, change, addition, rescission or repeal. Once no shares of our Class B common stock remain outstanding, any alteration, amendment, change, addition, rescission or repeal of the Bylaws by our stockholders requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of our stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class.

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that once no shares of our Class B common stock remain outstanding, certain provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation may be altered, amended, changed, added to, rescinded or repealed only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of our stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class.

Exclusive Forum Clause

The Bylaws contain a forum selection clause that provides that unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any claims under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Restricted Stock Unit Award (Cash-Settled) # _____

**CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
2018 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Construction Partners, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), has granted you (the “Participant”) hypothetical units of Common Stock (“Restricted Stock Units”) under the Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), as set forth below. Each cash-settled Restricted Stock Unit granted to you has a notional value equivalent to one share of the Company’s Common Stock for purposes of determining the value of the cash payment to be made pursuant to the settlement of this Award.

This Award is subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in this this Restricted Stock Unit Award Certificate (this “Certificate”), the Plan, and the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Agreement”), each of which are incorporated by reference into this Certificate. Capitalized terms that are not defined in the Certificate shall have the meanings given to them in the Agreement, and if not defined in the Agreement, the meanings given to them in the Plan.

Name of Participant:		
Address of Participant:		
Number of Restricted Stock Units:		
Date of Grant:		
Vesting Commencement Date:		
Settlement Method:	Cash-Settled	
Settlement Date:	Vested Units (as defined in the Agreement) shall be settled and paid to the Participant on or as soon as practicable following the applicable vesting date (but in any event, within sixty (60) days following the date on which the Restricted Stock Units vest).	
Vesting Schedule:	<u>Date</u>	<u>Percentage/Number of Vested Restricted Stock Units</u>

By your signature and the signature of the Company’s representative below, you and the Company agree to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Certificate and the accompanying Agreement and the Plan (both incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full in this document). By executing this Certificate, you hereby irrevocably elect to accept the Restricted Stock Unit rights granted under this Certificate and the related Agreement and to receive the Restricted Stock Units designated above subject to the terms of the Plan, this Certificate and the Agreement.

You acknowledge and agree that this Award does not constitute an express or implied promise of your continued engagement as an employee, officer, director or other service provider for the vesting period, for any period, or at all, and shall not interfere with your right or the Company’s right to terminate your employment or service relationship with the Company or any Affiliate at any time, with or without Cause.

You hereby agree to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions or interpretations of the Administrator upon any questions relating to the Plan and the Award.

This Certificate may be executed in duplicate counterparts, the production of either of which shall be sufficient for all purposes for the proof of the binding terms of this Award.

PARTICIPANT

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.

Name: _____, an individual

By:
Title:

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

EXHIBIT A

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC. 2018 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT

This Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (the "Agreement"), is entered into on the Date of Grant, subject to the Participant's acceptance of the terms of the Agreement evidenced by the Participant's signature on the Restricted Stock Unit Award Certificate accompanying this Agreement (the "Certificate"), by and between Construction Partners, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and the Participant named in the Certificate.

Under the Construction Partners, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), the Administrator has authorized the grant to the Participant of the number of Restricted Stock Units set forth in the Certificate (the "Award"), under the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Certificate and the Plan. Unless otherwise defined herein, the capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Certificate, and if not defined in the Certificate, the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the benefits to be derived from the mutual observance of the covenants and promises contained in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Basis for Award. This Award is granted under the Plan for valid consideration provided to the Company by the Participant. By the Participant's execution of the Certificate, the Participant agrees to accept the Award granted under the Certificate and this Agreement and to receive the Restricted Stock Units designated in the Certificate subject to the terms of the Plan, the Certificate and this Agreement.

2. Restricted Stock Units Awarded. The Company hereby awards and grants to the Participant the number of Restricted Stock Units set forth in the Certificate. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a right to receive the cash-equivalent value of one Share from the Company, and any Dividend Equivalents (as defined below) credited to the Participant's Restricted Stock Unit Account (as defined below) with respect to that Share, upon vesting of the Restricted Stock Unit as provided in Section 3 below. Vested Units will be settled as provided in Section 5 below. The Company shall establish and maintain an account (the "Restricted Stock Unit Account") for the Participant and will credit that account for the number of Restricted Stock Units granted to the Participant and for any Dividend Equivalents as provided in Section 4 below. The notional value of each Restricted Stock Unit on any given date will equal the Fair Market Value of one Share on that date.

3. Vesting. The Restricted Stock Units will vest in accordance with the Vesting Schedule set forth in the Certificate, on condition that the Participant is in Continuous Service on each vesting date (such Restricted Stock Units that become vested, the "Vested Units"). If the Participant ceases Continuous Service for any reason prior to vesting, the Participant will immediately forfeit all unvested Restricted Stock Units (the "Unvested Units") and any Dividend Equivalents credited to the Restricted Stock Unit Account, at no cost to the Company, and the Participant will have no rights with respect to any Unvested Units or Dividend Equivalents so forfeited.

4. Dividend Equivalents. If the Company pays any cash dividend on its outstanding Common Stock for which the record date occurs after the Date of Grant, the Administrator will credit the Participant's Restricted Stock Unit Account as of the dividend payment date in an amount equal to the amount of the dividend paid by the Company on a single Share multiplied by the number of Unvested Units under this Award as of that record date ("Dividend Equivalents"). Dividend Equivalents will be subject to the vesting requirements of Section 3 of this Agreement. No Dividend Equivalent will vest or be paid to the Participant unless and until the corresponding Restricted Stock Unit vests and is settled.

5. Settlement. Subject to the satisfaction of the withholding provisions in Section 8 below, the Company will settle the Restricted Stock Units on the Settlement Date or Dates set forth in the Certificate by paying to the Participant the cash-equivalent value of one Share for each Restricted Stock Unit that has satisfied all vesting requirements on that Settlement Date (and become a Vested Unit) and cash in the amount of any Dividend Equivalents credited to the Restricted Stock Unit Account with respect to that Vested Unit. On settlement, the Vested Units, and any related Dividend Equivalents, will cease to be credited to the Restricted Stock Unit Account. If the Certificate does not specify a Settlement Date, the applicable Settlement Date will be the applicable vesting date set forth in the Vesting Schedule, and the Vested Unit shall be settled and paid to the Participant on or as soon as practicable following the applicable vesting date (but in any event, within sixty (60) days following the date on which the Restricted Stock Units vest).

6. Restrictions on Transfer. Until the applicable Settlement Date, the Award, including Restricted Stock Units and any related Dividend Equivalents credited to the Restricted Stock Unit Account may not be pledged, hypothecated or

transferred in any manner other than by will or by the applicable laws of descent and distribution, or if approved in writing by the Administrator, by gift or domestic relations order to a Permitted Transferee, provided that the Restricted Stock Units and any related Dividend Equivalents credited to the Restricted Stock Unit Account will remain subject to the terms of the Plan, the Certificate and this Agreement. Upon any attempt to pledge, hypothecate, transfer or otherwise dispose of the Award, or any right or privilege conferred hereby, or upon any attempted sale under any execution, attachment or similar process, the Award and the rights and privileges conferred hereby immediately will become null and void.

7. Adjustments. The number of Restricted Stock Units covered by the Award shall be subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 14 of the Plan.

8. Tax Withholding. As a condition to settlement under Section 5, on or before the date on which any of the Restricted Stock Units vest the Participant must pay to the Company any federal, state or local taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to the Restricted Stock Units, and any Dividend Equivalents then credited to the Restricted Stock Unit Account, that vest. In addition to the Company's right to withhold from any compensation paid to the Participant by the Company, including the Participant may provide for payment of withholding taxes in full by cash or check or, if the Administrator permits, by one or more of the alternative methods of payment set forth in the Plan.

9. No Right to Continued Service. Nothing in this Agreement or the Plan imposes or may be deemed to impose, by implication or otherwise, any limitation on any right of the Company or its Affiliates to terminate the Participant's Continuous Service at any time.

10. Representations and Warranties of the Participant. The Participant represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

(a) Acknowledgement and Agreement to Terms of the Plan. The Participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan, the Certificate, this Agreement and the prospectus dated April 1, 2018 covering the Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan. The Participant has read and understands the terms of the Plan, the Certificate and this Agreement and agrees to be bound by their terms and conditions. The Participant acknowledges that there may be adverse tax consequences on the vesting and settlement of the Restricted Stock Units and any Dividend Equivalents, and that the Participant should consult a tax advisor before such time. The Participant agrees to sign such additional documentation as the Company may reasonably require from time to time.

(b) Compliance with Laws. Notwithstanding any of the provisions hereof, the Participant hereby agrees that the Company will not be obligated to settle any Restricted Stock Units and make payment to the Participant if such settlement and payment shall constitute a violation by the Participant or the Company of any provision of any law or regulation of any governmental authority. Any determination in this connection by the Administrator shall be final, binding, and conclusive. The obligations of the Company and the rights of the Participant are subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

11. No Interest in Company Assets. All amounts credited to the Participant's Restricted Stock Unit Account under this Agreement will continue for all purposes to be part of the general assets of the Company. The Participant's interest in the Restricted Stock Unit Account will make the Participant only a general, unsecured creditor of the Company.

12. No Stockholder Rights before Issuance. The Participant will have no right, title or interest in, nor be entitled to vote or to receive distributions in respect of, nor otherwise be considered the owner of, any of the Shares covered by the Restricted Stock Units. Except as otherwise provided in Section 4 and Section 7, no adjustment shall be made for dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the settlement of any Restricted Stock Units subject to the Award.

13. General Terms.

(a) Interpretation. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of the Certificate, this Agreement or the Plan must be submitted by the Participant or the Company to the Administrator for review. The Administrator's resolution of such dispute will be final and binding on the Company and the Participant. No member of the Administrator will be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made in good faith with respect to the Plan, this Agreement or the Certificate.

(b) Entire Agreement. The Plan and the Certificate are incorporated in this Agreement by reference, and the Participant hereby acknowledges that a copy of each has been made available to the Participant. This Agreement, the Certificate and the Plan constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior undertakings and agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof. Each party to this Agreement and the Certificate acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, orally or otherwise, have been made by any party or by anyone acting on behalf of any party, which are not embodied in this Agreement, the Certificate or the Plan and that any agreement, statement, or promise that

is not contained in this Agreement, the Certificate or the Plan shall not be valid or binding or of any force or effect. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Certificate and the Plan, the Plan will govern.

(c) Claims. The Participant's sole remedy for any Claim (as defined below) shall be against the Company, and the Participant shall not have any claim or right of any nature against any Affiliate of the Company or any stockholder or existing or former director, officer or employee of the Company or any Affiliate. The foregoing individuals and entities (other than the Company) shall be third-party beneficiaries of this Agreement for purposes of enforcing the terms of this Section 13(c). For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Claim" means any claim, liability or obligation of any nature, arising out of or relating to the Plan or an alleged breach of the Plan, this Agreement or the Certificate.

(d) Modification. The Certificate and this Agreement may be modified only in writing signed by both parties; provided, however, that the Company may change or modify this Agreement or the Certificate without the Participant's consent or signature if the Administrator determines, in its sole discretion, that such change or modification is necessary for purposes of compliance with any applicable laws, including, without limitation (i) compliance with or exemption from the requirements of Section 409A (as defined below), (ii) compliance with any federal or state securities laws, or (iii) compliance with the rules of any exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Company's Shares are listed or quoted. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Company may amend the Plan to the extent permitted by the Plan.

(e) Notices. Any notice required under this Agreement to be delivered to the Company must be in writing and addressed to the Corporate Secretary of the Company at its principal corporate offices. Any notice required to be given or delivered to the Participant must be in writing and addressed to the Participant at the address indicated on the Certificate or to such other address as the Participant designates in writing to the Company. All notices will be deemed to have been delivered: (i) on personal delivery, (ii) five days after deposit in the United States mail by certified or registered mail (return receipt requested), (iii) two business days after deposit with any return receipt express courier (prepaid) or (iv) one business day after transmission by fax or email.

(f) Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign any of its rights under this Agreement. This Agreement will be binding on and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Company. Subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth herein and in the Plan, this Agreement is binding on the Participant and the Participant's heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

(g) Covenants and Agreements as Independent Agreements. Each of the covenants and agreements that is set forth in this Agreement shall be construed as a covenant and agreement independent of any other provision of this Agreement. The existence of any Claim or cause of action of the Participant against the Company, whether predicated on this Agreement or otherwise, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by the Company of the covenants and agreements that are set forth in this Agreement.

(h) Section 409A. The Award is intended to be exempt from or comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and the rules and regulations issued thereunder ("Section 409A") and shall be construed accordingly. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Certificate or the Plan to the contrary, with respect to any payments and benefits to which Section 409A applies, if the Participant is a "specified employee," within the meaning of Section 409A, then to the extent necessary to avoid subjecting the Participant to the imposition of any additional tax under Section 409A, amounts that would otherwise be payable during the six-month period immediately following the Participant's "separation from service," within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(i), shall not be paid to the Participant during such period, but shall instead be accumulated and paid to the Participant (or, in the event of the Participant's death, the Participant's estate) in a lump sum on the first business day after the earlier of the date that is six months following the Participant's separation from service or the Participant's death.

(i) Recovery of Compensation. In accordance with Section 16(k) of the Plan, the Company may recoup all or any portion of any Shares or cash paid to the Participant in connection with the Award, as set forth in therein and in the Company's clawback policies, as in effect from time to time.

(j) Legal Construction. In the event that any one or more of the terms, provisions, or agreements that are contained in this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect for any reason, the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable term, provision, or agreement shall not affect any other term, provision, or agreement that is contained in this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable term, provision, or agreement had never been contained herein.

(k) Headings. The headings that are used in this Agreement are used for reference and convenience purposes only and do not constitute substantive matters to be considered in construing the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(l) Gender and Number. Words of any gender used in this Agreement shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be held to include the plural, and vice versa, unless the context requires otherwise.

(m) Governing Law. This Agreement is governed by and to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to its conflict of law principles. If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of law to be illegal or unenforceable, then that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent possible and the other provisions will remain fully effective and enforceable.

Construction Partners, Inc.**List of Subsidiaries**

Subsidiary	Jurisdiction of Incorporation/Formation
C.W. Roberts Contracting, Incorporated*	Florida
King Asphalt, Inc.	South Carolina
FSC II, LLC**	North Carolina
The Scruggs Company	Georgia
Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc.	Alabama
Ferebee Corporation	North Carolina
Ferebee Asphalt Corporation	North Carolina
Construction Partners Risk Management, Inc.	Alabama

*C.W. Roberts Contracting, Incorporated conducts business under the trade name "CWR Contracting."

**FSC II, LLC conducts business under the trade name "Fred Smith Company."

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-224974) on Form S-8, Registration Statement (No. 333-272142) on Form S-8, and Registration Statement No. (333-254441) on Form S-3ASR of Construction Partners, Inc. of our reports dated November 29, 2023, relating to the consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Construction Partners, Inc. appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Construction Partners, Inc. for the year ended September 30, 2023.

/s/ RSM US LLP

Birmingham, Alabama
November 29, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Fred J. Smith, III, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Construction Partners, Inc. for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 29, 2023

By: /s/ Fred J. Smith, III
Fred J. Smith, III
President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Gregory A. Hoffman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Construction Partners, Inc. for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 29, 2023

By: /s/ Gregory A. Hoffman
Gregory A. Hoffman
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Construction Partners, Inc. (the "Company") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Fred J. Smith, III, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 29, 2023

By: /s/ Fred J. Smith, III
Fred J. Smith, III
President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Construction Partners, Inc. (the "Company") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Gregory A. Hoffman, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 29, 2023

By: /s/ Gregory A. Hoffman
Gregory A. Hoffman
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Mine Safety Disclosures

The operation of our aggregates mines is subject to regulation by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (“MSHA”) under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.* (the “Mine Act”). Set forth below is the required information regarding certain mining safety and health matters for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Citations and orders may be contested and appealed, and in that process, may be reduced in severity and amount, and are sometimes dismissed. The table below includes references to specific sections of the Mine Act. The information in the table below is presented by mine, consistent with the manner in which we maintain safety and compliance information about our mining operations.

Mine Name / ID	(A) Section 104 S&S	(B) Section 104(b)	(C) Section 104(d)	(D) Section 110(b)(2)	(E) Section 107(a)	(F) Proposed Assessments	(G) Fatalities	(H) Pending Legal Action
Allstate / 01-03406	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ashville / 01-03234	1	—	—	—	—	\$ 2,565	—	—
Baldree Sand / 09-01166	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Battleground / 01-03100	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 143	—	—
Blount Springs / 01-03047	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 895	—	—
Camden / 31-02100	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 133	—	—
Coosa / 01-03327	1	—	—	—	—	\$ 341	—	—
Drummond / 01-03126	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hickory Bend / 01-03403	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 133	—	—
Lambert / 01-03363	1	—	—	—	—	\$ 1,515	—	—
Montgomery Sand / 09-00737	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Riverbend Sand / 09-01023	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Skyline / 01-03158	3	—	—	—	—	\$ 4,094	—	—
Total	6	—	—	—	—	\$ 9,819	—	—

- (A) The total number of violations of mandatory health or safety standards that could significantly and substantially contribute to the cause and effect of a coal or other mine safety or health hazard under Section 104 of the Mine Act for which the operator received a citation from the MSHA.
- (B) The total number of orders issued under Section 104(b) of the Mine Act.
- (C) The total number of citations and orders for unwarrantable failure of the mine operator to comply with mandatory health or safety standards under Section 104(d) of the Mine Act.
- (D) The total number of flagrant violations under Section 110(b)(2) of the Mine Act.
- (E) The total number of imminent danger orders issued under Section 107(a) of the Mine Act.
- (F) The total dollar value of proposed assessments from the MSHA under the Mine Act.
- (G) The total number of mining-related fatalities.
- (H) Any pending legal action before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission involving the applicable mine(s).

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, our aggregates mines did not receive any written notices of a pattern of violations, or the potential to have such a pattern of violations, under Section 104(e) of the Mine Act.

CONSTRUCTION PARTNERS, INC.
INCENTIVE COMPENSATION RECOUPMENT POLICY

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Construction Partners, Inc. (the “Company”) believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to create and maintain a culture that emphasizes integrity and accountability and that reinforces the Company’s pay-for-performance compensation philosophy. The Board has therefore adopted this Incentive Compensation Recoupment Policy (this “Policy”) providing for the recoupment of certain executive compensation in the event of an accounting restatement resulting from material noncompliance with financial reporting requirements under the federal securities laws. This Policy is designed to comply with Section 10D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”).

Administration

This Policy shall be administered by the Board or, if so, designated by the Board, the Compensation Committee (as applicable, the “Administrator”). Any determinations made by the Administrator shall be final and binding on all affected individuals.

Covered Executives

This Policy applies to the Company’s current and former executive officers, as determined by the Board in accordance with Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the national securities exchange on which the Company’s securities are listed, and such other senior executives who may from time to time be deemed subject to the Policy by the Administrator (“Covered Executives”). Covered Executives do not include those receiving incentive-based compensation prior to beginning service as an executive officer or who did not serve as an executive officer at any time during the three-year recovery period.

Recoupment; Accounting Restatement

In the event the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement of its financial statements, the Administrator will require reimbursement or forfeiture of any excess Incentive Compensation (defined below) received by any Covered Executive during the three completed fiscal years immediately preceding the date on which the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement.

Incentive Compensation

For purposes of this Policy, “Incentive Compensation” means any compensation, whether in the form of cash, equity or otherwise, to the extent that such compensation is granted, earned, or vested based wholly or in part on the attainment of a financial reporting measure. Incentive Compensation does not include salaries, discretionary bonuses, compensation based on the satisfaction of subjective or qualitative standards, or compensation with time-based vesting criteria.

Excess Incentive Compensation: Amount Subject to Recovery

The amount to be recovered will be the excess of the Incentive Compensation paid to the Covered Executive based on the erroneous data over the Incentive Compensation that would have been paid to the Covered Executive had it been based on the restated results, as determined by the Administrator. If the Administrator cannot determine the amount of excess Incentive Compensation received by the Covered Executive directly from the information in the accounting restatement, then it will make its determination based on a reasonable estimate of the effect of the accounting restatement.

Method of Recoupment

The Administrator will determine, in its sole discretion, the method for recouping Incentive Compensation hereunder which may include, without limitation:

- a. requiring reimbursement of cash Incentive Compensation previously paid;
- a. seeking recovery of any gain realized on the vesting, exercise, settlement, sale, transfer, or other disposition of any equity-based awards;
- a. offsetting the recouped amount from any compensation otherwise owed to the Covered Executive;
- a. cancelling outstanding vested or unvested equity awards; and/or
- a. taking any other remedial and recovery action permitted by law, as determined by the Administrator.

No Indemnification

The Company shall not indemnify any Covered Executives against the loss of any incorrectly awarded Incentive Compensation.

Interpretation

The Administrator is authorized to interpret and construe this Policy and to make all determinations necessary, appropriate, or advisable for the administration of this Policy. It is intended that this Policy be interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 10D of the Exchange Act and any applicable rules or standards adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or any national securities exchange on which the Company’s securities are listed.

Effective Date

This Policy shall be effective as of October 2, 2023 (the “Effective Date”) and shall apply to Incentive Compensation approved, awarded, or granted to Covered Executives on or after the Effective Date.

Amendment; Termination

The Administrator may amend this Policy from time to time in its discretion and shall amend this Policy as it deems necessary to reflect any applicable rules or standards adopted by the SEC under Section 10D of the Exchange Act or any national securities exchange on which the Company’s securities are listed. Covered Employees must adhere to such amendments. The Administrator may terminate this Policy at any time.

Other Recoupment Rights

The Administrator intends that this Policy will be applied to the fullest extent of the law. The Administrator may require that any employment agreement, equity award agreement, or similar agreement entered into on or after the Effective Date shall, as a condition to the grant of any benefit thereunder, require a Covered Executive to abide by the terms of this Policy. Any right of recoupment under this Policy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies or rights of recoupment available to the Company pursuant to the terms of any similar policy in any employment agreement, equity award agreement, or similar agreement and any other legal remedies available to the Company.

Impracticability

The Administrator shall recover any excess Incentive Compensation in accordance with this Policy unless such recovery would be impracticable, as determined by the Administrator in accordance with Rule 10D-1 of the Exchange Act and the listing standards of the national securities exchange on which the Company's securities are listed.

Successors

This Policy shall be binding and enforceable against all Covered Executives and their beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators, or other legal representatives.