# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 26, 2013

## NORTHERN TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-11038** (Commission File Number)

**41-0857886** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

4201 Woodland Road P.O. Box 69 Circle Pines, Minnesota (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

55014

(Zip Code)

(763) 225-6600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

### Not Applicable

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

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### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Information Which May Be Disclosed by Northern Technologies International Corporation in Presentations (furnished herewith)

### **SIGNATURE**

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

NORTHERN TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

By:

Matthew C. Wolsfeld

Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary

Dated: September 26, 2013

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# **NTIC Solutions**

Leveraging expertise and a global presence into growth.



Corrosion Inhibiting Products

- Profitable and growing global core business
- Inventor of base technology
- 35+ years of success



**Advanced Corrosion Protection** 

- Proven to protect oil and gas infrastructure
- Leverages core competence
- Large market potential



Advanced Bioplastics

- Compostable
- Biobased
- Application specific formulations
- Finished goods

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# **Global Sales Presence**

Introducing new products and technologies worldwide



## Global Sales Infrastructure

- Direct presence in 60+ countries via 24 joint ventures & 2 subs
- Enhanced reach via large distributor base
- \$130+ million in annual worldwide sales in fiscal 2012 (jv sales not consolidated with NTIC)

## R&D Focus

- R&D labs multiple countries
- \$4.3M in annual R&D investments







# **Estimated Market Potential**

	Estimated Annual Total Market Potential	Estimated Market Growth Rate	Percentage of NTIC FY 2012 Net Sales
<b>Zerust</b> °	\$520 Million	5-10%	76%
A SAS	\$25 Billion	10%	16%
Natur-Tec*	\$1 Billion	>20%	8%

The market potential for Zerust® Oil & Gas and Natur-Tec® solutions is significantly larger than that for our core Zerust business.

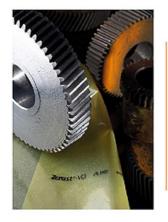
The "Green Movement" and Legislation is pushing and pulling Natur-Tec growth.





# Pioneers in Corrosion Management

Inventors and First-to-Market



Zerust® Vapor Corrosion Inhibiting (VCI) Plastic Packaging

- · Proven Safe and Effective for 35+ Years
- Zerust® helps manufacturers of metal components reduce costs while increasing process yields.
- 100% of major global automotive suppliers use Zerust®



Global Research Labs



Protects Valuable Assets



**Turn-key Solutions** 

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# **Trusted Partners in Corrosion Solutions**

Revenue Model:	Product sales and service contracts
Distribution:	Direct sales and/or via joint ventures and 3 <sup>rd</sup> party distributors
Growth:	Expansion of non-automotive segments with core Zerust® products and services  • Military  • Electrical/electronics  • Marine  • Agriculture
Value Proposition:	<ul> <li>Zero-rust on metal products during shipment and storage.</li> <li>Monetary savings up to 20% from reduced rework and product scrap.</li> <li>Cost effective, and environmentally responsible corrosion protection services.</li> </ul>

## Global Market Leaders

- Onsite global direct sales and technical support
- Full range of products and services



### **Packaging**

- Plastic
- Bioplastic
- Paper

## Liquids

- Coatings
- Cleaners
- Surface Preparation

### **Powders**

- Capsules
- Diffusers
- Void Fill

# **Environmentally Beneficial Materials Science**



# Steady Growth of Zerust Oil & Gas







**AutoFog VCI Sachets** 



**Outdoor Preservation VCI Film** 



**Rust Removal** 



Oil Storage Tank Bottom Protection

- Focused on sales in North America and abroad
- Client/field validation of solution effectiveness and value for multiple products
- Growing awareness of the Zerust brand



**NACE Awards** 







# **Key Oil & Gas Successes**



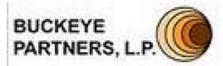


- Phase 3 Contract for \$3.7M Flange Savers active in FY2014
- Multiple product trials underway (rust removers, oil storage tank protection, etc.)

## Storage Tank Protection using Zerust Inhibitors gaining traction:

Successful projects completed in North America











- Tank protection from Zerust has been implemented with positive results
- There are over 1 million oil storage tanks in the US alone





# Finding Success in Oil and Gas

Revenue Model:	<ul> <li>Product sales and service contracts</li> <li>Emphasis on consumables for repeat business</li> </ul>
Distribution:	Direct sales and/or via joint ventures and 3 <sup>rd</sup> party distributors
Target Markets:	Oil refineries, off-shore production platforms, tank farm operators, oil pipelines, oil terminals and retail gas stations.
Value Proposition:	<ul> <li>Minimizes maintenance downtime</li> <li>Extends infrastructure service life</li> <li>Reduces risk of environmental pollution due to leaks caused by corrosion</li> <li>Unique solutions that provide highly cost effective alternative s to current practices</li> </ul>

## Connecting with Customers

- Building awareness through global standards bodies like NACE
- Winning projects at marquee clients around the world
- Demonstrating the value through successful implementations
- Firm focus on the strategic, long term, value of this industry sector



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# **Advanced Bioplastics**

Meeting the Demand for Compostable and Biobased Plastics



Global production and distribution of a full line of resin compounds and finished products

- Meet or exceed global bio-plastic standards
- 84% sales growth FY12 over FY11
- Ready to meet demand created by green legislation, and carbon-footprint reduction initiatives



**Customized Resins** 



Industrial Finished Products



Retail Consumer Products 11



## **Environmentally Beneficial Materials Science**



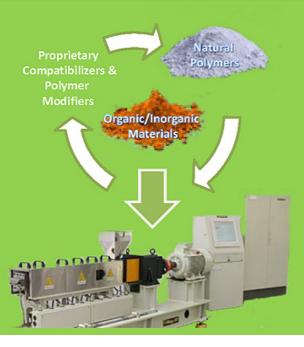
# Natur-Tec® Core Strengths

Compostable bioplastic resins are expensive, difficult to process, and suffer from performance limitations Natur-Tec takes commercially available bioplastic resins and mechanically and chemically improves their performance using a patented process Natur-Tec makes finished products easier to manufacture, less expensive, and with improved performance properties















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# Making Sense in Green Business

Revenue Model:	Sales of finished products and customized resin compounds	
Distribution:	Direct sales and/or via joint ventures and 3 <sup>rd</sup> party distributors	
Target Markets:	Consumer and industrial packaging, consumer goods, foodservice	
Value Proposition:	<ul> <li>Broad product portfolio provides one-stop bioplastic solutions.</li> <li>Proprietary IP and know-how enables development of customized engineered solutions.</li> </ul>	



## **Environmentally Beneficial Materials Science**





# Organic-Waste diversion driving growing demand for Natur-Tec® Finished Products

## **Key Market Drivers**

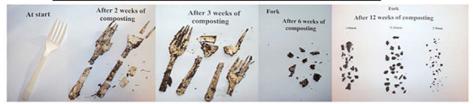
- ✓ Local legislation and mandatory organic waste diversion due to Green House Gas (GHG) emission reduction targets
- ✓ Cost imbalance for waste removal : Land fill vs. Compost
- Heightened environmental awareness within the consumer space around plastic waste/pollution
- Required for LEED certification of Commercial Buildings







### Natur-Tec Products in a Composting Environment







## **Environmentally Beneficial Materials Science**



# Expanding Distribution footprint driving Revenue Growth in the U.S.A.

- · Over 20 National and large Regional Distribution partners
- Strong presence in Janitorial/Sanitorial and Food Service market segments
- · Coverage across all major markets in the U.S.



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# **Global Opportunities for Natur-Tec®**



- Asia: Adoption of sustainable packaging solutions from leading Apparel Brands
- Italy: Recently passed legislation mandates use of biodegradable shopping bags
- Europe: Demand for compostable packaging for foodservice and fast moving consumer goods
- North America: Demand for agricultural and mulch film applications



Biodegradable Packaging for Branded Garments in Asia



Foodservice/ Food packaging in Western Europe





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## **Environmentally Beneficial Materials Science**



# Strong R&D driving Innovative New Products

Leveraging strategic relationship with the premier Biomaterials Research Institute





Small Business Technology Transfer Phase II grant of \$500,000 for the development of Advanced Polylactide (PLA) materials for biobased plastic products.

- High-heat resistant Injection Molding grade resins for foodservice applications
- Multi-layer barrier films for food and consumer packaging applications
- High performance compostable films for agricultural applications



Small Business Innovation Research Phase II grant of \$500,000 for the development of biobased marine biodegradable non-plastic bags for use on U.S. Naval ships.

- Water-resistant vegetable oil based coatings as a replacement to conventional plastic coatings
- Advanced applications for metal protection





# Corporate and Financial Overview

# Northern Technologies International Corporation

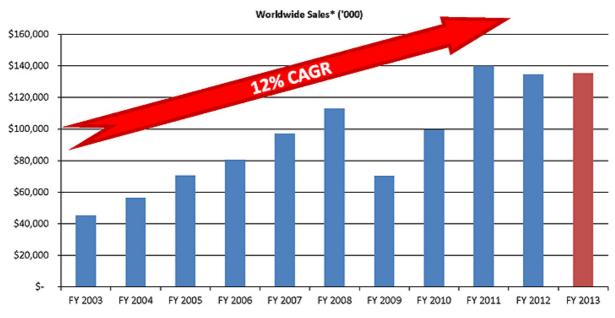
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# **NTIC Financial Results**

FY 2012 & 2013 – Results are slightly down due to European macro issues



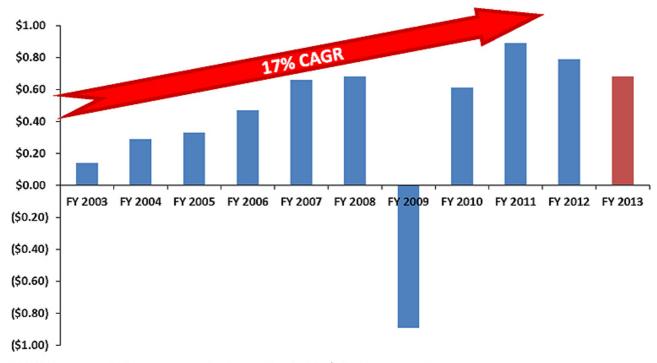
<sup>\*</sup>Worldwide sales represent net sales of NTIC and net sales of all of NTIC's joint ventures, of which NTIC generally owns between 30% and 50% ownership interest. Sales by NTIC's joint ventures are not included as net sales of NTIC on NTIC's consolidated financial statements. Net sales of NTIC's joint ventures are based on foreign currency exchange rates at each respective year end.

<sup>\*\*</sup> FY 2013 sales are an estimate based in part on NTIC's annual sales guidance as of July 11, 2013, which guidance is not being updated or confirmed today by virtue of this presentation. NTIC's management has not yet received any 4th quarter FY 2013 sales information from its joint ventures as of the date of this presentation. Full year FY 2013 sales information will be made available in Nov 2013.



# NTIC Financial Results - EPS

## **Earnings Per Share - Long Track Record of Profitability**



<sup>\*</sup>FY 2007 EPS are on a non-GAAP basis and are adjusted downward to subtract the \$724,000 gain on sale of building.

<sup>\*\*</sup>FY 2013 EPS are based on guidance as of July 11, 2013, which is not being updated or confirmed today by virtue of this presentation. Full year FY 2013 earnings will not be available until November 2013.



# **NTIC Balance Sheet**

# **Strong Balance Sheet**

('000,000)	May 31, 2013	August 31, 2012
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 15.9	\$ 14.1
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	5.1	4.3
INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES	23.3	21.5
OTHER ASSETS	<u>2.2</u>	2.0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 46.5	\$ 41.9
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	\$ 2.8	\$ 4.0
OTHER LIABILITIES	0.9	<u>0.9</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3.7	\$ 4.9
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:	\$ 42.8	\$ 36.9

- INVESTMENTS IN
  JOINT VENTURES are
  mostly comprised of
  working capital at our
  JV's, not long term
  assets. Our German JV
  specifically has over €11
  Million in cash on its
  balance sheet @ May
  2013
- OTHER LIABILITIES is entirely the mortgage on our Headquarters building. There is no traditional debt on the balance sheet



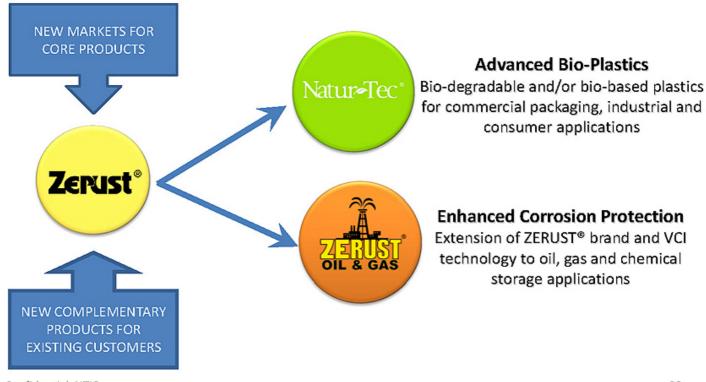
# **NTIC Income Statement**

('000,000)	Aug 31, 2012	Aug 31, 2011
NET SALES:		
NET SALES, EXCLUDING JOINT VENTURES	\$20.2	\$16.6
NET SALES, TO JOINT VENTURES	<u>2.6</u>	<u>2.9</u>
TOTAL NET SALES	22.8	19.5
COST OF GOODS SOLD	<u>14.5</u>	<u>12.8</u>
GROSS PROFIT	8.3	6.8
EQUITY IN INCOME OF JOINT VENTURES	5.5	5.5
FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO JOINT VENTURES	<u>4.6</u>	<u>6.1</u>
JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS	10.1	11.7
OPERATING EXPENSES (SG&A, JV AND R&D)	(13.8)	(13.8)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	4.6	4.7
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(1.0)	<u>(0.7)</u>
NET INCOME	3.6	4.0
NON CONTROLLING INTEREST	<u>0.1</u>	<u>0.1</u>
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NTIC	\$3.4	\$3.9

- JV's are equity consolidated on the JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS section of our Income Statement.
- 65-75% of EQUITY IN INCOME is traditionally repatriated as a dividend the following year (Investing section of the Cash Flow).

# **Investment Opportunity**

A profitable and growing core business plus two commercialized technologies positioned to exploit compelling new growth opportunities



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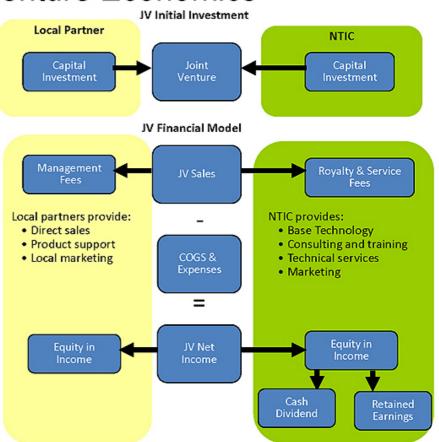
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# Joint Venture Economics

- · 24 international joint ventures
  - Generally 50/50 ownership with local JV partner
  - NTIC receives ~7% fee on JV sales and 50% of JV distributions
- Equity method accounting on GAAP financial statements
  - Equity in income reported on GAAP income statement
  - Gross JV sales not included in NTIC's net sales but disclosed in notes to consolidated financial statements
- Direct expenses to support JVs are relatively fixed, representing significant operating leverage on incremental JV sales





# **Management & Technologists**

### MANAGEMENT

### Mr. G. Patrick Lynch:

Mr. G. Patrick Lynch, an employee of NTIC since 1995, has been President since July 2005 and Chief Executive Officer since January 2006 and was appointed a director of NTIC in February 2004. From July 2005 to January 2006, Mr. Lynch served as Chief Operating Officer of NTIC. Mr. Lynch served as President of North American Operations of NTIC from May 2004 to July 2005. Prior to May 2004, Mr. Lynch held various positions with NTIC, including Vice President of Strategic Planning, Corporate Secretary and Project Manager. Prior to joining NTIC, Mr. Lynch held positions in sales management for Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. in Tokyo, Japan and programming project management for BMW AG in Munich, Germany. Mr. Lynch received an M.B.A. degree from the University of Michigan Business School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

#### Mr. Matthew Wolsfeld:

Mr. Matthew C. Wolsfeld, an employee of NTIC since February 2001, has been NTIC's Chief Financial Officer since November 2001 and Corporate Secretary since November 2004. Mr. Wolsfeld was Controller of NTIC from May 2001 through November 2001. Prior to joining NTIC, Mr. Wolsfeld held an auditing position with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Minneapolis, Minnesota from 1997 to 2001. Mr. Wolsfeld received a B.A. degree in Accounting from the University of Notre Dame and received his M.B.A. degree at the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business. Mr. Wolsfeld is a Certified Public Accountant.

### PRIMARY TECHNOLOGISTS

### Professor Efim Lyublinski

Prof. Efim Ya. Lyublinski has been employed by NTIC since March 2000 in the position of Vice President and Director of New Technologies and Applications Engineering. Prof. Lyublinski is a Member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and NACE International the Corrosion Society. From 1984 to 1999, Prof. Lyublinski was Head of Laboratory of Complex Methods of Corrosion Protection at the Central Research Institute of Structural Materials ("Prometey"), St. Petersburg, Russia. Prof. Lyublinski also held a Senior Consulting Position with Osmos Technology, Boston, Massachusetts from 1995 to 1999. Prof. Lyublinski holds 18 patents, is responsible for 64 inventions and has authored 14 books, 148 articles and lectured at more than 100 symposiums, conferences and congresses in the areas of materials science and corrosion. Prof. Lyublinski received the following awards: in 1997, gold medal of the International Exhibition of Patents in Brussels (Belgium). From 1975 to 1986 – three gold, three silver and one bronze medal from the Exhibitions of the Achievements of Russian National Economy.



# Management & Technologists

### PRIMARY TECHNOLOGISTS (continued)

### Dr. Ramani Narayan, Ph.D.

Dr. Ramani Narayan, Ph.D. has been a director of NTIC since November 2004. He is Professor of Chemical & Biochemical Engineering in the Department of Chemical Engineering & Materials Science at Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI where he has 105 refereed publications in leading journals to his credit, 18 patents, edited three books and one expert dossier in the area of bio-based polymeric materials. His research encompasses design & engineering of sustainable, biobased products, biodegradable plastics and polymers, reactive extrusion polymerization and processing, studies in polymer biodegradation and composting. He is on the Board of Directors of ASTM International and the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI), North America. He serves on the Technical Advisory board of Tate & Lyle. He has won the Governors University Award for commercialization excellence; Michigan State University Distinguished Faculty Award, 2006, 2005 Withrow Distinguished Scholar award, Fulbright Distinguished Lectureship Chair in Science & Technology Management & Commercialization (University of Lisbon; Portugal); First recipient of the William N. Findley Award, The James Hammer Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award, and Research and Commercialization Award sponsored by ICI Americas, Inc. & the National Corn Growers Association.