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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2019

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: 001-33961

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

20-0953973

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One Commerce Square
2005 Market Street, 17th Floor

Philadelphia

PA

19103

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(215) 309-7700**

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered	
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	HIL	New York Stock Exchange	(NYSE)

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 (Section 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, 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

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Smaller Reporting Company

Emerging Growth Company

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

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

There were 56,161,783 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock outstanding at October 30, 2019.

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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PART I

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and it is Hill International, Inc.'s (the "Company") intent that any such statements be protected by the safe harbor created thereby. Except for historical information, the matters set forth herein including, but not limited to, any projections of revenues, earnings, margin, profit improvement, cost savings or other financial items; any statements of belief, any statements concerning the Company's plans, strategies and objectives for future operations; and any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance, are forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are based on the Company's current expectations, estimates and assumptions and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. Although the Company believes that the expectations, estimates and assumptions reflected in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in any of our forward-looking statements.

Those forward-looking statements may concern, among other things:

- The markets for the Company's services;
- Projections of revenues and earnings, anticipated contractual obligations, funding requirements or other financial items;
- Statements concerning the Company's plans, strategies and objectives for future operations; and
- Statements regarding future economic conditions or the Company's performance.

Important factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from estimates or projections contained in our forward-looking statements include:

- The risks set forth in Item 1A, “Risk Factors,” in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K;
- Unfavorable global economic conditions may adversely impact its business;
- Our backlog, which is subject to unexpected adjustments and cancellations, may not be fully realized as revenue;
- Our expenses may be higher than anticipated;
- Modifications and termination of client contracts;
- Control and operational issues pertaining to business activities that the Company conducts pursuant to joint ventures with other parties; and
- The ability to retain and recruit key technical and management personnel.

Other factors that may affect the Company's business, financial position or results of operations include:

- Unexpected delays in collections from clients;
- Risks of the Company's ability to obtain debt financing or otherwise raise capital to meet required working capital needs and to support potential future acquisition activities;
- Risks of international operations, including uncertain political and economic environments, acts of terrorism or war, potential incompatibilities with foreign joint venture partners, foreign currency fluctuations, civil disturbances and labor issues; and
- Risks related to contracts with governmental entities, including the failure of applicable governing authorities to take necessary actions to secure or maintain funding for particular projects with us, the unilateral termination of contracts by the governments and reimbursement obligations to the government for funds previously received.

The Company does not intend, and undertakes no obligation to, update any forward-looking statement. In accordance with the Reform Act, Part II, Item 1A of this Report entitled “Risk Factors” contains cautionary statements that accompany those forward-looking statements. You should carefully review such cautionary statements as they identify certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements and from historical trends. Those cautionary statements are not exclusive and are in addition to other factors discussed elsewhere in this Form 10-Q, in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) or in materials incorporated therein by reference.

PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018
Assets	(Unaudited)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,350	\$ 18,711
Cash - restricted	5,033	2,945
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$66,263 and \$70,617	110,575	117,469
Current portion of retainage receivable	14,041	18,397
Accounts receivable - affiliates	25,567	19,261
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	7,651	5,554
Income tax receivable	1,458	758
Total current assets	<u>181,675</u>	<u>183,095</u>
Property and equipment, net	11,597	10,787
Cash - restricted, net of current portion	2,777	1,451
Operating lease right-of-use assets	15,439	—
Retainage receivable	8,449	5,895
Acquired intangibles, net	929	1,316
Goodwill	47,041	48,869
Investments	2,665	3,015
Deferred income tax assets	3,665	4,521
Other assets	4,728	5,820
Total assets	<u>\$ 278,965</u>	<u>\$ 264,769</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current maturities of notes payable and long-term debt	\$ 3,266	\$ 3,364
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	74,160	80,036
Income taxes payable	7,555	8,826
Current portion of deferred revenue	10,660	11,169
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	5,166	—
Other current liabilities	5,376	5,644
Total current liabilities	<u>106,183</u>	<u>109,039</u>
Notes payable and long-term debt, net of current maturities	48,680	44,587
Retainage payable	1,551	927
Deferred income taxes	308	418
Deferred revenue	3,419	5,105
Non-current operating lease liabilities	16,271	—
Other liabilities	4,671	10,248
Total liabilities	<u>181,083</u>	<u>170,324</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value; 1,000 shares authorized, none issued	—	—
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 100,000 shares authorized, 62,705 shares and 62,181 shares issued at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively	6	6
Additional paid-in capital	212,493	210,084
Accumulated deficit	(83,481)	(85,444)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,756)	(2,575)
Less treasury stock of 6,546 and 6,546 at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively	(28,231)	(28,231)
Hill International, Inc. share of equity	97,031	93,840
Noncontrolling interests	851	605
Total equity	<u>97,882</u>	<u>94,445</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 278,965</u>	<u>\$ 264,769</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Consulting fee revenue	\$ 75,747	\$ 81,231	\$ 231,782	\$ 261,794
Reimbursable expenses	19,923	20,704	60,828	66,186
Total revenue	\$ 95,670	\$ 101,935	\$ 292,610	\$ 327,980
Direct expenses	64,086	65,600	198,288	222,181
Gross profit	\$ 31,584	\$ 36,335	\$ 94,322	\$ 105,799
Selling, general and administrative expenses	29,261	44,689	87,987	116,911
Plus: Share of profit of equity method affiliates	780	685	1,911	2,616
Less: Loss on performance bond	—	—	—	7,938
Operating profit (loss)	\$ 3,103	\$ (7,669)	\$ 8,246	\$ (16,434)
Interest and related financing fees, net	1,485	1,275	4,408	3,855
Other income, net	549	—	549	—
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 2,167	\$ (8,944)	\$ 4,387	\$ (20,289)
Income tax (benefit) expense	(340)	(460)	2,248	2,928
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 2,507	\$ (8,484)	\$ 2,139	\$ (23,217)
Discontinued operations:				
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	—	—	—	(863)
Total loss from discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (863)
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,507	\$ (8,484)	\$ 2,139	\$ (24,080)
Less: net earnings - non-controlling interests	26	60	176	96
Net income (loss) attributable to Hill International, Inc.	\$ 2,481	\$ (8,544)	\$ 1,963	\$ (24,176)
Basic Income (loss) per common share from continuing operations	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.42)
Basic loss per common share from discontinued operations	—	—	—	(0.02)
Basic income (loss) per common share - Hill International, Inc.	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.44)
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	56,549	55,476	56,178	54,466
Diluted income (loss) per common share from continuing operations	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.42)
Diluted loss per common share from discontinued operations	—	—	—	(0.02)
Diluted income (loss) per common share - Hill International, Inc.	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.44)
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	56,549	55,476	56,178	54,466

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,507	\$ (8,484)	\$ 2,139	\$ (24,080)
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax	(237)	673	(1,111)	1,280
Comprehensive income (loss)	2,270	(7,811)	1,028	(22,800)
Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	32	52	246	(357)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Hill International, Inc.	<u>\$ 2,238</u>	<u>\$ (7,863)</u>	<u>\$ 782</u>	<u>\$ (22,443)</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In thousands)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss)	Treasury Stock		Hill Share of Stockholders' Equity	Non- controlling Interests	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount				Shares	Amount			
Balance - December 31, 2018	62,181	\$ 6	\$ 210,084	\$ (85,444)	\$ (2,575)	6,546	\$(28,231)	\$ 93,840	\$ 605	\$ 94,445
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	(518)	—	—	—	(518)	150	(368)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	(938)	—	—	(938)	64	(874)
Stock issued to Board of Directors	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	1,042	—	—	—	—	1,042	—	1,042
Stock issued under employee stock purchase plan	57	—	113	—	—	—	—	113	—	113
Balance - June 30, 2019	62,262	\$ 6	\$ 211,239	\$ (85,962)	\$ (3,513)	6,546	\$(28,231)	\$ 93,539	\$ 819	\$ 94,358
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	2,481	—	—	—	2,481	26	2,507
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	(243)	—	—	(243)	6	(237)
Stock issued to Board of Directors	104	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation expense	322	—	1,212	—	—	—	—	1,212	—	1,212
Stock issued under employee stock purchase plan (3)	17	—	42	—	—	—	—	42	—	42
Balance - September 30, 2019	62,705	\$ 6	\$ 212,493	\$ (83,481)	\$ (3,756)	6,546	\$(28,231)	\$ 97,031	\$ 851	\$ 97,882
Balance - December 31, 2017	59,389	\$ 6	\$ 197,104	\$ (53,983)	\$ (4,011)	6,977	\$(30,041)	\$ 109,075	\$ 1,595	\$ 110,670
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	(15,632)	—	—	—	(15,632)	36	(15,596)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	1,052	—	—	1,052	(445)	607
Stock-based compensation expense (2)	—	—	223	—	—	—	—	223	—	223
Stock issued under employee stock purchase plan	6	—	29	—	—	—	—	29	—	29
Exercise of stock options	2,216	—	8,979	—	—	(467)	2,012	10,991	—	10,991
Cashless exercise of stock options	70	—	202	—	—	36	(202)	—	—	—
Reversal of accrual for portion of ESA put option (1)	—	—	745	—	—	—	—	745	—	745
Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiary	—	—	(122)	—	—	—	—	(122)	(623)	(745)
Balance - June 30, 2018	61,681	\$ 6	\$ 207,160	\$ (69,615)	\$ (2,959)	6,546	\$(28,231)	\$ 106,361	\$ 563	\$ 106,924
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	(8,544)	—	—	—	(8,544)	60	(8,484)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	681	—	—	681	(8)	673
Stock-based compensation expense (2)	—	—	144	—	—	—	—	144	—	144
Exercise of stock options	159	—	699	—	—	—	—	699	—	699
Cashless exercise of stock options	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
Balance - September 30, 2018	61,840	\$ 6	\$ 208,007	\$ (78,159)	\$ (2,278)	6,546	\$(28,231)	\$ 99,345	\$ 615	\$ 99,960

(1) Engineering S.A. ("ESA") now known as Hill International Brasil S.A.

(2) Excluded \$399 related to stock-based compensation expense reflected in accrued expenses and were reclassified to equity when the shares were ultimately delivered during the three months ended December 31, 2018 (see Note 10 - Share-Based Compensation).

(3) Included \$33 of proceeds related to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") stock issued during the three months ended December 31, 2018 that were received in the three months ended March 31, 2018, net of proceeds related to ESPP stock issued during the three months ended September 31, 2019 that were received in the subsequent period.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,139	\$ (24,080)
Loss from discontinued operations	—	863
Income (loss) from continuing operations	2,139	(23,217)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in):		
Depreciation and amortization	2,435	3,433
Provision for bad debts	(2,946)	(3,304)
Amortization of deferred loan fees	539	77
Deferred tax benefit	659	(181)
Share-based compensation	2,254	741
Operating lease right-of-use assets	3,936	—
Unrealized foreign exchange gains (losses) on intercompany balances	104	8,496
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	13,988	12,717
Accounts receivable - affiliate	(6,306)	(771)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,136)	1,025
Income taxes receivable	(748)	550
Retainage receivable	(2,559)	(2,351)
Other assets	920	600
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(5,463)	188
Income taxes payable	(1,286)	(8,146)
Deferred revenue	(2,235)	2,518
Operating lease liabilities	(4,361)	—
Other current liabilities	(264)	876
Retainage payable	624	116
Other liabilities	1,422	(6,630)
Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations	716	(13,263)
Net cash used in discontinued operations	—	(863)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	716	(14,126)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of business	—	(745)
Purchase of property and equipment	(2,958)	(2,328)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,958)	(3,073)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of term loans	(795)	(724)
Proceeds from revolving loans	10,070	40,075
Repayment of revolving loans	(4,977)	(29,849)
Proceeds from stock issued under employee stock purchase plan	167	29
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	—	11,689
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,465	21,220
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(170)	(546)
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	2,053	3,475
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash — beginning of period	23,107	26,920
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash — end of period	\$ 25,160	\$ 30,395

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Interest and related financing fees paid	\$ 4,113	\$ 3,652
Income taxes paid	2,484	11,435
Increase in additional paid-in capital from issuance of shares of common stock from cashless exercise of stock options	—	202
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities	6,062	—
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	19,340	—

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(in thousands, except per share data)

Note 1 — The Company

Hill International, Inc. (“Hill” or the “Company”) is a professional services firm that provides program management, project management, construction management and other consulting services primarily to the buildings, transportation, environmental, energy and industrial markets worldwide. Hill’s clients include the U.S. federal government, U.S. state and local governments, foreign governments and the private sector.

All amounts included in the following Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements are in thousands, except per share data.

Note 2 — Liquidity

At September 30, 2019, our principal sources of liquidity consisted of \$17,350 of cash and cash equivalents, \$209 of available borrowing capacity under the Domestic Revolving Credit Facility, \$1,054 of available borrowing capacity under the International Revolving Credit Facility, and \$1,076 under other foreign credit agreements. Additional information regarding the Company’s credit facilities is set forth in Note 9 - Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt.

The Company believes that it has sufficient liquidity to support the reasonably anticipated cash needs of its operations over the next twelve months from November 6, 2019, the date of this filing. The Company provided cash from operations of \$716 during the nine months ended September 30, 2019. The Company’s net cash used in operations during 2018 was primarily due to a number of costs related to the financial statement restatement, restructuring and a performance bond that was called. We do not expect these costs to reoccur.

Note 3 — Basis of Presentation

Summary

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) pertaining to reports on Form 10-Q and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, these statements include all adjustments (consisting only of normal, recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Hill and its wholly and majority-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and 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. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The interim operating results are not necessarily indicative of the results for a full year.

Construction Claims Group Sale

On December 20, 2016, the Company and its subsidiary Hill International N.V. (“Hill N.V.” and, collectively with the Company, the “Sellers”) entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (as amended on May 3, 2017, the “Agreement”) with Liberty Mergeco, Inc. (the “US Purchaser”) and Liberty Bidco UK Limited (the “UK Purchaser” and, collectively with the US Purchaser, the “Purchasers”) pursuant to which the Purchasers were to acquire the Construction Claims Group by the US Purchaser’s acquisition of all of the stock of Hill International Consulting, Inc. from the Company and the UK Purchaser’s acquisition of all of the stock of Hill International Consulting B.V. from Hill N.V. The Construction Claims Group sale closed on May 5, 2017. For a detailed description of the transaction, see “Note 5 Discontinued Operations” in the Company’s 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, filed with the SEC on April 1, 2019.

Reclassification

A reclassification was made in the presentation of the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 for \$3,211 and \$4,788, respectively, related to the Middle East vacation expense. The expense was reclassified from direct expense to selling, general and administrative expenses to conform to current year presentation.

Another reclassification was made in the presentation of the consolidated statements of cash flow for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. Net borrowings on revolving loans previously reported as \$10,226 was broken out between repayments of revolving loans and proceeds from revolving loans of \$(29,849) and \$40,075, respectively, to conform to current year presentation.

Certain back-office expenses and foreign currency translation gains and losses that had previously been included in the individual regions in the operating profit/(loss) table presentation are currently being included within the corporate costs line item on the operating profit/(loss) tables herein. The related 2018 prior period operating profit (loss) by geographic region and corporate costs have been recast to reflect this change. This change only affects the presentation in the operating profit/(loss) tables and has no impact on total operating profit/(loss) reported.

Other Income, net

During the three months ended September 30, 2019, the Company recognized \$649 of income in Other Income, net, related to the settlement of a \$1,000 grant received from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (the "PADCED") in May 2015 (the "Grant"), net of \$100 of expense related to other non-operating activity. The Grant was used as part of the relocation of Hill's corporate headquarters to the city of Philadelphia where partial or full repayment of the Grant is required if specific conditions were not met, which included maintaining a minimum number of employees throughout 2018, among other conditions, with the possibility of extension at the PADCED's discretion. In July 2019, the PADCED concluded that the Company is required to repay \$351 of the Grant since the Company failed to meet its employment commitment; however, the PADCED granted a one-year extension for the Company to meet such commitment through June 30, 2020. The repayment amount is included in other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Foreign Currency Translations and Transactions

Assets and liabilities of all foreign operations are translated at period-end rates of exchange while revenues and expenses are translated at the average monthly exchange rates. Gains or losses resulting from translating foreign currency financial statements are accumulated in a separate component of stockholders' equity entitled accumulated other comprehensive loss until the entity is sold or substantially liquidated. Gains or losses arising from foreign currency transactions (transactions denominated in a currency other than the entity's functional currency), including those resulting from intercompany transactions, are reflected in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of operations. The impact of foreign exchange on long-term intercompany loans, for which repayment has not been scheduled or planned, are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss on the consolidated balance sheet.

(b) Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash investments and accounts receivable.

The Company maintains its cash accounts with high quality financial institutions. Although the Company believes that the financial institutions with which it does business will be able to fulfill their commitments, there is no assurance that those institutions will be able to continue to do so.

No single client accounted for 10% or more of total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 or 2018.

There was one client in Africa who contributed 10% or more to gross accounts receivable at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, which represents 19% and 17% of the gross accounts receivable balance at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

(c) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The allowance for doubtful accounts is an estimate prepared by management based on identification of the collectability of specific accounts and the overall condition of the receivable portfolios. When evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts, the Company specifically analyzes trade receivables, including retainage receivable, historical bad debts, client credits, client concentrations, client credit worthiness, current economic trends and changes in client payment terms. If the financial condition of clients were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required. Likewise, should the Company determine that it would be able to realize more of its receivables in the future than previously estimated, an adjustment to the allowance would increase earnings in the period such determination was made. The allowance for doubtful accounts is reviewed on a quarterly basis and adjustments are recorded as deemed necessary.

(d) Retainage Receivable

Retainage receivable represents balances billed but not paid by clients pursuant to retainage provisions in certain contracts and will be due upon completion of specific tasks or the completion of the contract.

(e) Income Taxes

The Company estimates income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which it operates. This process involves estimating its actual current tax exposure together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company assesses the likelihood that the deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income and to the extent it believes recovery is not likely, the Company establishes a valuation allowance. To the extent the Company establishes a valuation allowance in a period, it must include an expense within the tax provision in the consolidated statements of operations. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance to reduce the deferred tax asset to an amount that is more likely than not to be realized in future years. If the Company determines in the future that it is "more likely than not" (i.e., a likelihood greater than 50 percent) to be allowed by the tax jurisdiction based solely on the technical merits of the position, that the deferred tax assets subject to the valuation allowance will be realized, then the previously provided valuation allowance will be adjusted.

The Company recognizes a tax benefit in the financial statements for an uncertain tax position only if management's assessment is that the position is more likely than not that the benefit will be ultimately realized. The term "tax position" refers to a position in a previously filed tax return or a position expected to be taken in a future tax return that is reflected in measuring current or deferred income tax assets and liabilities for interim or annual periods.

(f) Revenue Recognition

The Company generates revenue primarily from providing professional services to its clients under various types of contracts. In providing these services, the Company may incur reimbursable expenses, which consist principally of amounts paid to subcontractors and other third parties and travel and other job related expenses that are contractually reimbursable from clients. The Company includes reimbursable expenses in computing and reporting its total revenue as long as the Company remains responsible to the client for the fulfillment of the contract and for the overall acceptability of all services provided.

If estimated total costs on any contract project a loss, the Company charges the entire estimated loss to operations in the period the loss becomes known. The cumulative effect of revisions to revenue, estimated costs to complete contracts, including penalties, incentive awards, change orders, claims, anticipated losses, and others are recorded in the accounting period in which the events indicating a loss are known and the loss can be reasonably estimated. These loss projects are re-assessed for each subsequent reporting period until the project is complete. Such revisions could occur at any time and the effects may be material.

See footnote 4, "Revenue from Contracts with Clients," for more detail, regarding how the Company recognizes revenue under each type of its contractual arrangements.

(g) Restricted Cash

Restricted cash primarily represents cash collateral required to be maintained in foreign bank accounts to serve as collateral for letters of credit, bonds or guarantees on certain projects. The cash will remain restricted until the respective project has been completed, which typically is greater than one year.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the balance sheets that sum to the total of the same such amounts shown in the statements of cash flows:

	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,350	\$ 18,711
Cash - restricted	5,033	2,945
Cash - restricted, net of current portion	2,777	1,451
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows	<u>\$ 25,160</u>	<u>\$ 23,107</u>

(h) Earnings (loss) per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per common share have been computed using the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period.

Diluted earnings (loss) per common share incorporates the incremental shares issuable upon the assumed exercise of stock options, the assumed vesting of stock and deferred and restricted stock unit awards using the treasury stock method, if dilutive. The Company has outstanding options to purchase approximately 1,879 shares and 1,966 shares at September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. In addition, the Company had 511 and 96 restricted and deferred stock units outstanding at September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. These awards were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings (loss) per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 because they were antidilutive.

The following table provides a reconciliation to net earnings (loss) used in the numerator for earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to Hill:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 2,507	\$ (8,484)	\$ 2,139	\$ (23,217)
Less: net earnings - noncontrolling interest	26	60	176	96
Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Hill	<u>\$ 2,481</u>	<u>\$ (8,544)</u>	<u>\$ 1,963</u>	<u>\$ (23,313)</u>

(i) New Accounting Pronouncements

Changes to U.S. GAAP are typically established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") in the form of accounting standards updates ("ASUs") to the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC"). The Company considers the applicability and impact of all ASUs and, based on its assessment, determined that any recently issued or proposed ASUs not listed below are either not applicable to the Company or adoption will have minimal impact on its consolidated financial statements.

For additional information with respect to new accounting pronouncements and the impact of these pronouncements on our consolidated financial statements, see Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the SEC on April 1, 2019. See update below.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

On January 1, 2019, the Company adopted ASU 2016-2, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which required the Company to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities (related to leases previously classified as operating under previous U.S. GAAP) on its consolidated balance sheet for all leases in excess of one year in duration. The adoption of this ASU impacted the Company's financial statements in that all existing leases were recorded as right-of-use ("ROU") assets and liabilities on the balance sheet.

The Company elected to adopt the ASU 2016-2 using the modified retrospective method and, therefore, have not recast comparative periods presented in its unaudited consolidated financial statements. The Company elected the package of transition practical expedients for existing leases and therefore the Company has not reassessed the following: lease classification for existing leases, whether any existing contracts contained leases, if any initial direct costs were incurred and whether existing land easements should be accounted for as leases. The Company did not apply the hindsight practical expedient, accordingly, the Company did not use hindsight in its assessment of lease terms. As permitted under ASU 2016-2, the Company elected as accounting policy elections to not recognize ROU assets and related lease liabilities for leases with terms of twelve months or less and to not separate lease and non-lease components, and instead account for the non-lease components together with the lease components as a single lease component.

In connection with the adoption of the new standard, the Company recorded \$16,500 of operating lease right of use assets and \$22,841 of operating lease liabilities as of January 1, 2019. See Note 14 of this Form 10-Q for additional information and required disclosures.

Under Topic 842, the Company determined if an arrangement is a lease at inception. ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of remaining lease payments over the lease term. For this purpose, the Company considers only payments that are fixed and determinable at the time of commencement. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The Company's determined incremental borrowing rate is a hypothetical rate based on its understanding of what the Company's credit rating would be. The ROU asset also includes any lease payments made prior to commencement and is recorded net of any lease incentives received and net of the deferred rent balance on the date of implementation. The Company's lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that it will exercise such options.

Also on January 1, 2019, the Company adopted ASU No. 2018-07, *Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting* to simplify the accounting for share-based transactions by expanding the scope of Topic 718 from only being applicable to share-based payments to employees to also include share-based payment transactions for acquiring goods and services from nonemployees. As a result, nonemployee share-based transactions will be measured by estimating the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date, taking into consideration the probability of satisfying performance conditions. Our equity incentive plans limit share-based awards to employees and directors of the Company, therefore, adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Also on January 1, 2019, the Company adopted the final rule under SEC Release No. 33-10532, *Disclosure Update and Simplification*, which amended certain disclosure requirements that were redundant, duplicative, overlapping, outdated or superseded. In addition, the amendments expanded the disclosure requirements on the analysis of stockholders' equity for interim financial statements. Under the amendments, an analysis of changes in each caption of stockholders' equity presented in the balance sheet must be provided in a note or separate statement. We have updated our consolidated financial statements to include a reconciliation of the beginning balance to the ending balance of stockholders' equity for each period for which a statement of comprehensive income is presented.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments (Topic 326) - Credit Losses: Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which provides guidance regarding the measurement of credit losses on financial instruments. The new guidance replaces the incurred loss impairment methodology in the current guidance with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to determine credit loss estimates. This ASU will be effective for the Company commencing January 1, 2020 with early adoption permitted commencing January 1, 2019. The Company is in the process of assessing the impact of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-4, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (Topic 350)*, which removes step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. As a result, an entity should perform its annual, or interim, goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount and should recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting units' fair value. The guidance is effective for annual or interim goodwill impairment tests in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for annual or interim goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017, and the prospective transition method should be applied. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-15, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other-Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement That Is a Service Contract*. The amendments in this update align the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract with the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software (and hosting arrangements that include an internal-use software license). The accounting for the service element of a hosting arrangement that is a service contract is not affected by the amendments in this update. The amendments in this update are effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption of the amendments in this update is permitted, including adoption in any interim period, for all entities. The amendments in this update should be applied either retrospectively or prospectively to all implementation costs incurred after the date of adoption. The Company is in the process of assessing the impact of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements and does not expect this update to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In October 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-17, *Consolidation (Topic 810): Targeted Improvements to Related Party Guidance for Variable Interest Entities ("VIE")*. The amendments in this ASU for determining whether a decision-making fee is a variable interest require reporting entities to consider indirect interests held through related parties under common control on a proportional basis rather than as the equivalent of a direct interest in its entirety (as currently required by GAAP). These amendments will create alignment between determining whether a decision-making fee is a variable interest and determining whether a reporting entity within a related party group is the primary beneficiary of a VIE. The standard is effective for annual periods, including interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2019 for public companies. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently determining the impact that adoption of this guidance will have on the financial statements.

In November 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-18, *Collaborative Arrangements (Topic 808): Clarifying the Interaction between Topic 808 and Topic 606*. This ASU provides guidance on whether certain transactions between collaborative arrangement participants should be accounted for with revenue under Topic 606, specifically when the collaborative arrangement participant is a customer in the context of a unit-of-account. It provides more comparability in the presentation of revenues for certain transactions between collaborative arrangement participants, including adding unit-of-account guidance in Topic 808 to align with the guidance in Topic 606 (that is, a distinct good or service) when an entity is assessing whether the collaborative arrangement or a part of the arrangement is within the scope of Topic 606. The standard is effective for annual periods, including interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2019 for public companies. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently determining the impact that adoption of this guidance will have on the financial statements.

Note 4 — Revenue from Contracts with Clients

The Company recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to clients in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for such goods or services.

Below is a description of the basic types of contracts from which the Company may earn revenue:

Time and Materials Contracts

Under the time and materials ("T&M") arrangements, contract fees are based upon time and materials incurred. The contracts may be structured as basic time and materials, cost plus a margin or time and materials subject to a maximum contract value (the "cap value"). Due to the potential limitation of the cap value, the economic factors of the contracts subject to a cap value differ from the economic factors of basic T&M and cost plus contracts. The majority of the Company's contracts are for consulting projects where it bills the client monthly at hourly billing rates. The hourly billing rates are determined by contract terms. Under cost plus contracts, the Company charges its clients for its costs, including both direct and indirect costs, plus a fixed fee or rate. Under time and materials contracts with a cap value, the Company charges the clients for time and materials based upon the work performed however there is a cap or a not to exceed value. There are often instances that a contract is modified to extend the contract value past the cap. As the consideration is variable depending on the outcome of the contract renegotiation, the Company will estimate the total contract price in accordance with the variable consideration guidelines and will only include consideration that it expects to receive from the client. When the Company is reaching the cap value, the contract will be renegotiated, or Hill ceases work when the maximum contract value is reached. The Company will continue to work if it is probable that the contract will be extended. The Company will only include consideration or contract renegotiations to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. If the Company continues to work and is uncertain that a contract change order will be processed, the variable consideration will be constrained to the cap until it is probable that the contract will be renegotiated. The Company is only entitled to consideration for the work it has performed, and the cap value is not a guaranteed contract value.

Fixed Price Contracts

Under fixed price contracts, the Company's clients pay an agreed amount negotiated in advance for a specified scope of work. The Company is guaranteed to receive the consideration to the extent that the Company delivers under the contract. The Company recognizes revenue over a period of time on fixed price contracts using the input method based upon direct costs incurred to date, which are compared to total projected direct costs. Costs are the most relevant measure to determine the transfer of the service to the client. The Company assesses contracts quarterly and will recognize any expected future loss before actually incurring the loss. When the Company is expecting to reach the total value of the contract, the Company will begin to negotiate a change order.

Change Orders and Claims

Change orders are modifications of an original contract. Either the Company or its client may initiate change orders. They may include changes in specifications or design, manner of performance, facilities, equipment, materials, sites and period of completion of the work. Management evaluates when a change order is probable based upon its experience in negotiating change orders, the client's written approval of such changes or separate documentation of change order costs that are identifiable. Change orders may take time to be formally documented and terms of such change orders are agreed with the client before the work is performed. Sometimes circumstances require that work progresses before an agreement is reached with the client. If the Company is having difficulties in renegotiating the change order, the Company will stop work, record all costs incurred to date, and determine, on a project by project basis, the appropriate final revenue recognition.

Claims are amounts in excess of the agreed contract price that the Company seeks to collect from its clients or others for client-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. Costs related to change orders and claims are recognized when they are incurred. The Company evaluates claims on an individual basis and recognizes revenue it believes is probable to collect.

U.S. Federal Acquisition Regulations

The Company has contracts with the U.S. government that contain provisions requiring compliance with the U.S. Federal Acquisition Regulations ("FAR"). These regulations are generally applicable to all of its federal government contracts and are partially or fully incorporated in many local and state agency contracts. They limit the recovery of certain specified indirect costs on contracts subject to the FAR. Cost-plus contracts covered by the FAR provide for upward or downward adjustments if actual recoverable costs differ from the estimate billed under forward pricing arrangements. Most of the Company's federal government contracts are subject to termination at the convenience of the federal government. Contracts typically provide for reimbursement of costs incurred and payment of fees earned through the date of such termination.

Federal government contracts that are subject to the FAR and that are required by state and local governmental agencies to be audited are performed, for the most part, by the Defense Contract Audit Agency ("DCAA"). The DCAA audits the Company's overhead rates, cost proposals, incurred government contract costs and internal control systems. During the course of its audits, the DCAA may question incurred costs if it believes the Company has accounted for such costs in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of the FAR or Cost Accounting Standards and recommend that its U.S. government corporate administrative contracting officer disallow such costs. Historically, the Company has not incurred significant disallowed costs because of such audits. However, the Company can provide no assurance that the DCAA audits will not result in material disallowances of incurred costs in the future. The Company provides for a refund liability to the extent that it expects to refund some of the consideration received from a client.

Disaggregation of Revenues

The Company has one operating segment, the Project Management Group, which reflects how the Company is being managed. Additional information related to the Company's operating segment is provided in Note 12 - Segment and Related Information. The Project Management Group provides extensive construction and project management services to construction owners worldwide. The Company considered the type of client, type of contract and geography for disaggregation of revenue. The Company determined that disaggregating by (1) contract type; and (2) geography would provide the most meaningful information to understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of its revenues. The type of client does not influence the Company's revenue generation. Ultimately, the Company is supplying the same services of program management, project management, construction management, project management oversight, troubled project turnaround, staff augmentation, project labor agreement consulting, commissioning, estimating and cost management, labor compliance services and facilities management services. The Company's contracts are generally long term contracts that are either based upon time and materials incurred or provide for a fixed price. The contract type will determine the level of risk in the contract related to revenue recognition. For purposes of disaggregation of revenue, the contract types have been grouped into: (1) Fixed Price - which include fixed price projects; and, (2) T&M - which include T&M contracts, T&M with a cap and cost plus contracts. The geography of the contracts will depict the level of global economic factors in relation to revenue recognition.

The components of the Company's revenue by contract type and geographic region for the three and nine months 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2019				Three Months Ended September 30, 2018			
	Fixed Price	T&M	Total	Percent of Total Revenue	Fixed Price	T&M	Total	Percent of Total Revenue
United States	\$ 4,043	\$ 45,893	\$ 49,936	52.3%	\$ 2,575	\$ 46,559	\$ 49,134	48.2%
Latin America	1,662	7	1,669	1.7%	2,751	—	2,751	2.7%
Europe	5,741	4,815	10,556	11.0%	4,950	5,529	10,479	10.3%
Middle East	7,567	17,880	25,447	26.6%	11,904	18,784	30,688	30.1%
Africa	388	6,617	7,005	7.3%	621	6,091	6,712	6.6%
Asia/Pacific	435	622	1,057	1.1%	782	1,389	2,171	2.1%
Total	\$ 19,836	\$ 75,834	\$ 95,670	100.0%	\$ 23,583	\$ 78,352	\$ 101,935	100.0%

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018			
	Fixed Price	T&M	Total	Percent of Total Revenue	Fixed Price	T&M	Total	Percent of Total Revenue
United States	\$ 11,156	\$ 138,218	\$ 149,374	51.1%	\$ 8,436	\$ 144,035	\$ 152,471	46.5%
Latin America	5,651	363	6,014	2.1%	7,314	1,207	8,521	2.6%
Europe	17,094	15,418	32,512	11.1%	15,271	15,904	31,175	9.5%
Middle East	27,797	51,933	79,730	27.2%	45,377	61,033	106,410	32.4%
Africa	1,559	19,325	20,884	7.1%	1,264	19,015	20,279	6.2%
Asia/Pacific	1,164	2,932	4,096	1.4%	4,772	4,352	9,124	2.8%
Total	\$ 64,421	\$ 228,189	\$ 292,610	100.0%	\$ 82,434	\$ 245,546	\$ 327,980	100.0%

The Company recognizes revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to clients in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The Company exercises judgment in determining if the contractual criteria are met to determine if a contract with a client exists, specifically in the earlier stages of a project when a formally executed contract may not yet exist. The Company typically has one performance obligation under a contract to provide fully-integrated project management services, and, occasionally, a separate performance obligation to provide facilities management services. Performance obligations are delivered over time as the client receives the service.

The consideration promised within a contract may include fixed amounts, variable amounts, or both. Variable consideration is included in the transaction price only to the extent it is probable, in the Company's judgment, that a significant future reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized under the contract will not occur. In estimating the transaction price for pending change orders, the Company considers all relevant facts, including documented correspondence with the client regarding acknowledgment and/or agreement with the modification, as well as historical experience with the client or similar contractual circumstances. The Company transfers control of its service over time and, therefore, satisfies a performance obligation and recognizes revenue over time by measuring the progress toward complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. The Company's fixed price projects and T&M contracts subject to a cap value generally use a cost-based input method to measure its progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation as the Company believes this best depicts the transfer of control to the client. Under the cost-based measure of progress, the extent of progress towards completion is measured based on the ratio of costs incurred to date to the total estimated costs at completion of the performance obligation. Due to the nature of the work required to be performed under the Company's performance obligations, estimating total revenue and cost at completion on its long term contracts is complex, subject to many variables and requires significant judgment.

For basic and cost plus T&M contracts, the Company recognizes revenue over time using the output method which measures progress toward complete satisfaction of the performance obligation based upon actual costs incurred, using the right to invoice practical expedient.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable includes amounts billed and currently due from clients and amounts for work performed which have not been billed to date. The billed and unbilled amounts are stated at the net estimated realizable value. The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts to provide for the estimated amount of receivables that will not be collected. The allowance is based upon an assessment of client creditworthiness, historical payment experience and the age of outstanding receivables.

Contract Assets and Liabilities

Contract assets include unbilled amounts typically resulting from performance under long-term contracts where the revenue recognized exceeds the amount billed to the client. Retainage receivable is included in contract assets. The current portion of retainage receivable is a contract asset, which prior to the adoption of ASC 606, had been classified within accounts receivable.

The Company's contract liabilities consist of advance payments and billings in excess of revenue recognized and are reported as deferred revenue in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company classifies billings in excess of revenue recognized as deferred revenue as current or non-current based on the timing of when revenue is expected to be recognized.

The difference between the opening and closing balances of the Company's contract assets and contract liabilities primarily results from the timing of the Company's performance and client payments. The amount of revenue recognized during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively that was included in the deferred revenue balance at the beginning of the periods was \$571 and \$5,103, respectively, and \$13,199 and \$12,561, respectively.

Remaining Performance Obligations

The remaining performance obligations represent the aggregate transaction price of executed contracts with clients for which work has partially been performed or not started as of the end of the reporting period. The Company's remaining performance obligations include projects that have a written award, a letter of intent, a notice to proceed or an agreed upon work order to perform work on mutually accepted terms and conditions. T&M contracts are excluded from the remaining performance obligation as these contracts are not fixed price contracts and the consideration expected under these contracts is variable as it is based upon hours and costs incurred in accordance with the variable consideration optional exemption. As of September 30, 2019, the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations was \$95,469. During the following 12 months, approximately 61.4% of the remaining performance obligations are expected to be recognized as revenue with the remaining balance recognized over 1 to 5 years.

Note 5 — Accounts Receivable

The components of accounts receivable are as follows:

	<u>September 30, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>
Billed ⁽¹⁾	\$ 145,602	\$ 155,540
Unbilled ⁽²⁾	31,236	32,546
	<u>176,838</u>	<u>188,086</u>
Allowance for doubtful accounts ⁽¹⁾	(66,263)	(70,617)
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>\$ 110,575</u>	<u>\$ 117,469</u>

(1) Includes \$41,695 and \$42,092 related to amounts due from a client in Africa as of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

(2) Amount is net of unbilled reserves.

Note 6 — Intangible Assets

The following table summarizes the Company's acquired intangible assets:

	<u>September 30, 2019</u>		<u>December 31, 2018</u>	
	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>
Client relationships	\$ 4,516	\$ 3,587	\$ 4,591	\$ 3,275
Total	<u>\$ 4,516</u>	<u>\$ 3,587</u>	<u>\$ 4,591</u>	<u>\$ 3,275</u>
Intangible assets, net	<u>\$ 929</u>		<u>\$ 1,316</u>	

Amortization expense related to intangible assets was as follows:

<u>Three Months Ended September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended September 30,</u>	
<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
\$ 113	\$ 209	\$ 347	\$ 784

The following table presents the estimated amortization expense for the next five years:

<u>Year ending December 31,</u>	<u>Estimated Amortization Expense</u>
2019 (remaining 3 months)	\$ 113
2020	190
2021	162
2022	162
2023	162

Note 7 — Goodwill

The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's carrying value of goodwill during 2019:

Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	48,869
Translation adjustments ⁽¹⁾		(1,828)
Balance, September 30, 2019	\$	<u>47,041</u>

(1) The translation adjustment was calculated based on the foreign currency exchange rates as of September 30, 2019.

The Company performed its 2018 annual impairment test effective July 1, 2018, and noted no impairment. Based on the valuation as of July 1, 2018, the fair value of the Company exceeded its carrying value. The Company also noted no indications of impairment were present at September 30, 2019 requiring reassessment. The Company performs its annual impairment test during the second half of each year unless events or circumstances indicate an impairment may have occurred before that time.

Note 8 — Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Below are the components of accounts payable and accrued expenses:

	<u>September 30, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 26,487	\$ 30,005
Accrued payroll and related expenses	29,735	28,915
Accrued subcontractor fees	13,051	13,447
Accrued agency fees	323	237
Accrued legal and professional fees	1,847	2,277
Other accrued expenses ⁽¹⁾	2,717	5,155
	<u>\$ 74,160</u>	<u>\$ 80,036</u>

(1) Includes amounts payable of \$3,870 related to the Profit Improvement Plan as of December 31, 2018. There were no such payables at September 30, 2019.

Note 9 — Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt

The table below reflects the Company's notes payable and long-term debt, which includes credit facilities:

Loan	Maturity	Interest Rate Type	Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾		Balance Outstanding as of	
			September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018
<u>Secured Credit Facilities</u>						
Hill International, Inc. - Société Générale 2017 Term Loan Facility	06/20/2023	Variable	7.95%	7.62%	\$ 29,325	\$ 29,550
Hill International, Inc. - Société Générale Domestic Revolving Credit Facility	05/04/2022	Variable	6.36%	6.31%	17,650	14,400
Hill International N.V. - Société Générale International Revolving Credit Facility	05/04/2022	Variable	4.17%	N/A	1,418	—
<u>Unsecured Credit Facilities</u>						
Hill International, Inc. - First Abu Dhabi Bank ("FAB") PJSC Overdraft Credit Facility (2)	04/18/2020	Variable	5.58%	5.58%	2,177	2,461
Hill International Brasil S.A. - Revolving Credit Facility (3)	12/12/2019	Fixed	3.35%	3.35%	359	—
<u>Unsecured Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt</u>						
Hill International Spain SA-Bankia S.A. & Bankinter S.A.(4)	12/31/2021	Fixed	2.21%	2.17%	1,147	1,594
Hill International Spain SA - IberCaja Banco. S.A. (4)	12/31/2019	Variable	3.45%	3.41%	48	198
Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation Loan	03/31/2027	Fixed	2.79%	2.75%	497	542
Total notes payable and long-term debt, gross					\$ 52,621	\$ 48,745
Less: unamortized discount and deferred financing costs related to Société Générale 2017 Term Loan Facility					(675)	(794)
Notes payable and long-term debt					\$ 51,946	\$ 47,951
Current portion of notes payable					\$ 3,447	\$ 3,538
Current portion of unamortized debt discount and deferred financing costs					\$ (181)	\$ (174)
Current maturities of notes payable and long-term debt					\$ 3,266	\$ 3,364
Notes payable and long-term debt, net of current maturities					\$ 48,680	\$ 44,587

(1) Interest rates for variable interest rate debt are reflected on a weighted average basis through September 30, 2019 since inception.

(2) Credit facility lender was formerly known as National Bank of Abu Dhabi. There is no stated maturity date, however, the loan is subject to annual review in April of each year, or at any other time as determined by FAB. Therefore, the amount outstanding is reflected within the current maturities of notes payable and long-term debt. Balances outstanding are reflected in U.S. dollars based on the conversion rates from AED as of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018. The Company had \$954 of availability under the credit facility as of September 30, 2019.

(3) The unsecured Hill International Brasil S.A. revolving credit facilities were previously held with two banks in Brazil under four separate arrangements and were subject to automatic renewal on a monthly basis. In October 2018, three of the credit facilities were not renewed. The Company had \$122 of availability under the credit facility as of September 30, 2019. The amounts outstanding and available are based on conversion rates from Brazilian Real as of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

(4) Balances outstanding are reflected in U.S. dollars based on the conversion rates from Euros as of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

Secured Credit Facilities

The Company's secured credit facilities with Société Générale under the 2017 Term Loan and the Domestic Revolving Credit Facility (collectively, the "U.S. Credit Facilities") and under the International Revolving Credit Facility contain customary default provisions, representations and warranties, and affirmative and negative covenants, and require the Company to comply with certain financial and reporting covenants. The financial covenant is comprised of a maximum Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio of 3.00 to 1.00 for any fiscal quarter ending on or subsequent to March 31, 2017 for the trailing twelve months then-ended. The Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio is the ratio of (a) consolidated total debt (minus unrestricted cash and cash equivalents) to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, share-based compensation and other non-cash charges, including bad debt expense, certain one-time litigation and transaction related expenses, and restructuring charges for the trailing twelve months. In the event of a default, the U.S. Lender and the International Lender may increase the interest rates by 2.0%. The Company was in compliance with this financial covenant at September 30, 2019.

The unamortized debt issuance costs under the Domestic and International Revolving Credit Facilities were \$1,458 and \$1,879 at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, and were included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

Commitment fees are calculated at 0.50% annually on the average daily unused portion of the Domestic Revolving Credit Facility, and are calculated at 0.75% annually on the average daily unused portion of the International Revolving Credit Facility.

Generally, the obligations of the Company under the Domestic Revolving Credit Facility are secured by a first-priority security interest in the Eligible Domestic Receivables, cash proceeds and bank accounts of the Company and certain of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries, and a second-priority security interest in substantially all other assets of the Company and such subsidiaries. The obligations of the Subsidiary under the International Revolving Credit Facility are generally secured by a first-priority security interest in substantially all accounts receivable and cash proceeds thereof, certain bank accounts of the Subsidiary and certain of the Company's non-U.S. subsidiaries, and a second-priority security interest in substantially all other assets of the Company and certain of the Company's U.S. and non-U.S. subsidiaries.

At September 30, 2019, the Company had \$7,141 of outstanding letters of credit and \$209 of available borrowing capacity under the Domestic Revolving Credit Facility, based on the maximum borrowing capacity of \$25,000. At September 30, 2019, the Company had \$2,458 of outstanding letters of credit and \$1,054 of available borrowing capacity under the International Revolving Credit Facility. The availability under the International Revolving Credit Facility as of September 30, 2019 was reduced from the maximum borrowing capacity of €9,156 (\$9,986 as of September 30, 2019) to €4,520 (\$4,930 as of September 30, 2019).

Other Financing Arrangements

On May 1, 2019, subsequent to the maturity of the Company's previous commercial premium financing arrangement in February 28, 2019 with AFCO Premium Credit LLC ("AFCO"), the Company entered into a new financing agreement for the renewal of its corporate insurance policies with AFCO for \$3,032. The terms of the arrangement include a \$258 down payment, followed by monthly payments to be made over an eleven-month period at a 4.57% interest rate through March 31, 2020.

As of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the balances payable to AFCO for these arrangements was \$1,527 and \$474, respectively, and is reflected in other current liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

Note 10 — Share-Based Compensation

The Company recognized total share-based compensation expense in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of operations totaling approximately \$1,212 and an expense reduction of \$47 for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and \$2,254 and \$741 for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018. The Company's related share-based compensation is comprised of the following:

Restricted Stock Units

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, the Company granted certain employees and executive officers equity awards in the form of restricted stock units ("RSU") that are subject to a combination of time and performance-based conditions under the 2017 Equity Compensation Plan (the "2017 Plan"), totaling 758 RSU's. No such units were granted during the three months ended September 30, 2019 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018. Each RSU entitles each grantee one unit of the Company's common stock. The time-based RSU's vest annually over a three-year period on each anniversary date of the grant. Any unvested time-based RSU's will be forfeited if the grantee separates from the Company prior to the vesting date. The related compensation expense is recorded based on a weighted average price per share of \$3.23 and was deemed as equity-classified awards.

The number of common shares to be issued under the performance-based RSU's will be determined based on three levels of performance metrics based on the Company's earnings and will be assessed on an annual basis for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021. If the Company meets the performance metrics for any one of the measurement periods, such units will vest on the next anniversary date of the grant date. All vested RSU's will be settled on the third anniversary of the grant date. Any unvested RSU's are subject to forfeiture if the grantee separates from the Company prior to each vesting date. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, the Company determined it was not probable that the target performance metric would be met and, therefore, did not record any share-based compensation expense related to such RSU's.

Deferred Stock Units ("DSU")

DSU's issued under the 2017 Plan entitle each participant to receive one share of the Company's common stock for each DSU that will vest immediately upon separation from the Company. The compensation expense related to these units was determined based on the stock price of the Company's common stock on the grant date of the DSU's.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, 29 and 245 DSU's were issued, respectively. Of the total issued, 9 and 225 of the total DSU's issued during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively, were issued to the Company's board of directors (the "Board") as a portion of their annual retainer. An additional 20 DSU's were issued as part of an employee's compensation and are scheduled to vest ratably over a three-year period, subject to time-based conditions. These DSU's remain unvested as of September 30, 2019. The related compensation expense is recorded based on a weighted average price per share of \$2.74. No DSU's were issued during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Stock Options

At September 30, 2019, the Company had approximately 1,879 stock options outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$3.98. The Company granted 500 stock options during the nine months ended September 30, 2019, which vest over a three-year period, with a 5-year contractual life, and had an exercise price of \$3.13. The aggregate fair value of the options was approximately \$440 using the Black-Scholes valuation model. The weighted average assumptions used to calculate fair value were based on an expected life of 3.5 years, a volatility of 49.4% and a risk-free interest rate of 1.87%.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, options for approximately 564 shares with a weighted average exercise price of \$4.53 lapsed.

Common Stock Issued to Interim Chief Executive Officer ("ICEO")

In 2017, the Board approved a monthly grant of Company stock valued at \$80 per month to ICEO during his term of service from May 2017 through September 2018. At the end of each month during such period, the ICEO was entitled to \$80 worth of Company stock based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the last trading day of the month. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the ICEO accumulated 53 and 138 shares, respectively. The Company reduced share-based compensation expense by \$166 and increased share-based compensation expense by \$399 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, related to these monthly grants. Since the total number and value of the shares were not determined until the end of his service in September 2018, the share-based compensation expense related to these shares was reflected in accrued expenses and was reclassified to equity when the shares were delivered to the ICEO during the fourth quarter of 2018.

Note 11 — Income Taxes

The Company calculates the interim tax expense based on an annual effective tax rate ("AETR"). The AETR represents the Company's estimated effective tax rate for the year based on full year projection of tax expense, divided by the projection of full year pretax book income/(loss) among the various foreign tax jurisdictions, adjusted for discrete transactions occurring during the period. The effective tax rates for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 were (15.7)% and 5.1%, respectively, and 51.2% and (14.4)% for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The Company's effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2019 changed from the comparable period of 2018, primarily due to the mix of pretax earnings in jurisdictions with different jurisdictional tax rates, as well as not having the ability to benefit from losses in jurisdictions that have a history of negative earnings.

The 2017 Tax Act reduced the U.S. statutory tax rate from 35% to 21% beginning in 2018. The 2017 Tax Act requires companies to pay a one-time transition tax on earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries that were previously tax deferred and introduces a new U.S. tax on certain off-shore earnings referred to as Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income ("GILTI") beginning in 2018.

The reserve for uncertain tax positions amounted to \$3,378 and \$2,988 at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively, and is included in "Other liabilities" in the consolidated balance sheet at those dates.

The Company's policy is to record income tax related interest and penalties in income tax expense. The Company recorded tax related interest and penalties of \$158 and \$140 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively. There was no such expense recorded for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2018.

The Company recognized an income tax benefit of \$1,343, resulting from adjustments to reconcile the prior year provision amounts to the tax returns filed during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that all, or some portion, of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities and projected future taxable income in making this assessment. Management evaluates the need for valuation allowances on the deferred tax assets according to the provisions of ASC 740, Income Taxes. In making this determination, management assesses all available evidence, both positive and negative, at the balance sheet date. This includes, but is not limited to, recent earnings, internally-prepared income projections, and historical financial performance.

Note 12 — Segment and Related Information

The Company operates as one reporting segment which reflects how the Company is managed, which provides construction and project management services to construction owners worldwide. Such services include program management, project management, construction management, project management oversight, troubled project turnaround, staff augmentation, project labor agreement consulting, commissioning, estimating and cost management, labor compliance services (collectively, "integrated project management") and facilities management services.

The following tables present certain information for operations:

Total Revenue by Geographic Region:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2019		2018		2019		2018	
United States	\$ 49,936	52.3%	\$ 49,134	48.2%	\$ 149,374	51.1%	\$ 152,471	46.5%
Latin America	1,669	1.7%	2,751	2.7%	6,014	2.1%	8,521	2.6%
Europe	10,556	11.0%	10,479	10.3%	32,512	11.1%	31,175	9.5%
Middle East	25,447	26.6%	30,688	30.1%	79,730	27.2%	106,410	32.4%
Africa	7,005	7.3%	6,712	6.6%	20,884	7.1%	20,279	6.2%
Asia/Pacific	1,057	1.1%	2,171	2.1%	4,096	1.4%	9,124	2.8%
Total	\$ 95,670	100.0%	\$ 101,935	100.0%	\$ 292,610	100.0%	\$ 327,980	100.0%

Consulting Fee Revenue by Geographic Region:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2019		2018		2019		2018	
United States	\$ 33,442	44.1%	\$ 34,173	42.1%	\$ 100,236	43.2%	\$ 105,239	40.2%
Latin America	1,668	2.2%	2,744	3.4%	6,011	2.6%	8,504	3.2%
Europe	9,989	13.2%	9,258	11.4%	31,073	13.4%	28,673	11.0%
Middle East	23,328	30.8%	26,909	33.1%	71,663	30.9%	95,142	36.3%
Africa	6,421	8.5%	6,089	7.5%	19,198	8.3%	18,543	7.1%
Asia/Pacific	899	1.2%	2,058	2.5%	3,601	1.6%	5,693	2.2%
Total	\$ 75,747	100.0%	\$ 81,231	100.0%	\$ 231,782	100.0%	\$ 261,794	100.0%

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, the United States was the only country to account for 10% or more of total revenue. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the United States and United Arab Emirates were the only countries to account for 10% or more of total revenue.

Operating Profit (Loss) by Geographic Region:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
United States	\$ 8,306	\$ 8,451	\$ 22,459	\$ 26,559
Latin America	(563)	279	(813)	935
Europe ⁽¹⁾	1,303	1,629	4,359	5,465
Middle East ⁽¹⁾	4,982	6,007	14,579	11,900
Africa	1,241	1,870	4,262	7,772
Asia/Pacific ⁽¹⁾	216	1,010	(84)	1,297
Corporate ⁽²⁾	(12,382)	(26,915)	(36,516)	(70,362)
Total	\$ 3,103	\$ (7,669)	\$ 8,246	\$ (16,434)

(1) includes Hill's share of loss (profit) of equity method affiliates on the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(2) includes foreign exchange expense of \$1,839 and \$1,824 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively and \$3,830 and \$8,936 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Project Management	\$ 836	\$ 762	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,793
Corporate	14	164	35	640
Total	\$ 850	\$ 926	\$ 2,435	\$ 3,433

Total Revenue By Client Type:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2019		2018		2019		2018	
U.S. federal government	\$ 4,311	4.5%	\$ 4,329	4.2%	\$ 13,398	4.6%	\$ 12,124	3.7%
U.S. state, regional and local governments	31,222	32.6%	34,047	33.4%	94,193	32.2%	103,759	31.6%
Foreign governments	24,962	26.1%	27,039	26.5%	74,845	25.6%	94,476	28.8%
Private sector	35,175	36.8%	36,520	35.9%	110,174	37.6%	117,621	35.9%
Total	\$ 95,670	100.0%	\$ 101,935	100.0%	\$ 292,610	100.0%	\$ 327,980	100.0%

Property, Plant and Equipment, Net, by Geographic Location:

	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018
United States	\$ 9,365	\$ 8,416
Latin America	717	692
Europe	487	503
Middle East	828	962
Africa	111	105
Asia/Pacific	89	109
Total	\$ 11,597	\$ 10,787

Note 13 — Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company is a defendant or plaintiff in various legal proceedings which arise in the normal course of business. As such the Company is required to assess the likelihood of any adverse outcomes to these proceedings as well as potential ranges of probable losses. A determination of the amount of the provision required for commitments and contingencies, if any, which would be charged to earnings, is made after careful analysis of each proceeding. The provision may change in the future due to new developments or changes in circumstances. Changes in the provision could increase or decrease the Company's earnings in the period the changes are made. It is the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel, that the ultimate resolution of these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Knowles Limited ("Knowles"), a subsidiary of the Company, is a party to an arbitration proceeding instituted on July 8, 2014 in which Knowles claimed that it was entitled to payment for services rendered to Celtic Bioenergy Limited ("Celtic"). The arbitrator decided in favor of Knowles. The arbitrator's award was appealed by Celtic to the U.K. High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, Technology and Construction Court ("Court"). On March 16, 2017, the Court (1) determined that certain relevant facts had been deliberately withheld from the arbitrator by an employee of Knowles and (2) remitted the challenged parts of the arbitrator's award back to the arbitrator to consider the award in possession of the full facts. In May 2019, Celtic claimed breach of contract and/or negligence within the arbitration. The Company is evaluating the impact of the judgement of the Court.

In September 2017, the Board appointed a special committee of independent directors (the "Special Committee") to conduct a review of the need for, and causes of, the restatement of the Company's financial statements. The review was performed with the assistance of independent outside counsel and was completed in April 2018. The review discovered facts that indicated certain former employees of the Company violated Company policies related to accounting for foreign currency exchange transactions. The Company self-reported these facts to the SEC in April 2018 and received a subpoena from the SEC in June 2018 and a second subpoena from the SEC in September 2019. The Company has cooperated and continues to cooperate with the SEC with respect to the SEC's investigation.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Off-balance sheet arrangements included a \$3,750 irrevocable standby letter of credit as of December 31, 2018 that the Company was required to provide as part of the May 5, 2017 sale of the Construction Claims Group in order to secure certain of the Company's indemnification obligations for twelve months following the sale. The standby letter of credit reduced the Company's available borrowing capacity under the Domestic Revolving Credit Facility as of December 31, 2018 by the amount of the letter of credit. The Company met all of its obligations under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement and the full amount was released by the Purchaser on May 31, 2019 which increased the amount available under the Domestic Revolving Credit Facility.

Loss on Performance Bond

On February 8, 2018, the Company received notice from the First Abu Dhabi Bank ("FAB", formerly known as the National Bank of Abu Dhabi) that Public Authority of Housing Welfare of Kuwait submitted a claim for payment on a Performance Guarantee issued by the Company for approximately \$7,938 for a project located in Kuwait. FAB subsequently issued, on behalf of the Company, a payment on February 15, 2018. The Company is taking legal action to recover the full Performance Guarantee amount. On September 20, 2018 the Kuwait First Instance Court dismissed the Company's case. As a result, the Company fully reserved the performance guarantee payment above in the first quarter of 2018 and it is presented as "Loss on Performance Bond" on the consolidated statements of operations. The Company filed an appeal before the Kuwait Court of Appeals seeking referral of the matter to a panel of experts for determination. On April 21, 2019, the Court of Appeals ruled to refer the matter to the Kuwait Experts Department. Hearings with the Kuwait Experts Department were held during July and September 2019. A final report from the panel of experts is currently expected to be issued prior to the next court hearing in the matter scheduled for January 7, 2020.

Other

The Company has identified a potential tax liability related to certain foreign subsidiaries' failure to comply with laws and regulations of the jurisdictions, outside of their home country, in which their employees provided services. The Company has estimated the potential liability to be approximately \$1,086, which is included in other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2019.

Note 14 — Operating Leases

The Company leases office space, equipment and vehicles throughout the world. Many of the Company's operating leases include one or more options to renew at the Company's sole discretion. The lease renewal option terms generally range from 1 month to 5 years for office leases. The determination of whether to include any renewal options is made by the Company at lease inception when establishing the term of the lease. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded in the consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2019.

Rent expense for operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term from the lease commencement date through the scheduled expiration date. Rent expense of approximately \$2,277 and \$2,253 for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and \$6,636 and \$6,743 for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, is included in selling, general and administrative and direct expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. Of the \$2,277 in operating lease expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, \$427 and \$1,490 was associated with leases with an initial term of 12 months or less and variable costs, respectively.

Some of the Company's lease arrangements require periodic increases in the Company's base rent that may be subject to certain economic indexes, among other items. In addition, these leases may require the Company to pay property taxes, utilities and other costs related to several of its leased office facilities.

The Company subleases certain real estate to third parties. The sublease income recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 was \$141 and \$427, respectively.

The following is a schedule, by years, of maturities of lease liabilities as of September 30, 2019:

	Total Operating Lease Payments
2019 (excluding the nine months ended September 30, 2019)	\$ 6,943
2020	5,848
2021	4,502
2022	3,882
2023	3,000
Thereafter	5,475
Total minimum lease payments ^{(1) (2)}	29,650
Less amount representing imputed interest	4,582
Present value of lease obligations	\$ 25,068
Weighted average remaining lease term (years)	5.28
Weighted average discount rate	6.28%

(1) Partially includes rent expense amounts payable in various foreign currencies and are based on the spot foreign currency exchange rate as of September 30, 2019, where applicable.

(2) Includes lease agreements and extensions that have been executed, but has not yet commenced, as of September 30, 2019.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (in thousands).

Introduction

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the information contained in Hill International, Inc.'s (collectively referred to as "Hill", "we", "us", "our" and "the Company") unaudited consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto. Statements regarding future economic performance, management's plans and objectives and any statements concerning assumptions related to the foregoing contained in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations constitute forward-looking statements. See our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on April 1, 2019, including the factors disclosed therein, as well as "Disclosure Regarding Forward-looking Statements" for certain factors that may cause actual results to vary materially from these forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements.

Overview

We earn revenue by deploying professionals to provide services to our clients, including project management, construction management and related consulting. These services are primarily delivered on a "cost plus" or "time and materials" basis in which we bill negotiated hourly or monthly rates or a negotiated multiple of the direct cost of these professionals, plus actual out-of-pocket expenses. Our direct expenses are the actual cost of these professionals, including payroll and benefits. We also provide services under fixed price contracts and time and materials contracts with a cap.

Our revenue consists of two components: consulting fee revenue ("CFR") and reimbursable expenses. The professionals we deploy are occasionally subcontractors. We generally bill the actual cost of these subcontractors and recognize this cost as both revenue (reimbursable expenses) and direct expense. CFR refers to our revenue excluding amounts paid or due to subcontractors. We believe CFR is an important measure because it represents the revenue on which we earn gross profit, whereas total revenue includes subcontractors on which we generally pass through the cost and earn minimal or no gross profit.

We compete for business based on a variety of factors such as technical capability, global resources, price, reputation and past experience, including client requirements for substantial experience in similar projects. We have developed significant long-standing relationships, which bring us repeat business and may be difficult for others to replicate. We believe we have an excellent reputation for attracting and retaining professionals. In addition, we believe there are high barriers to entry for new competitors especially in the project management market.

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") consist primarily of personnel costs that are not billable and corporate or regional costs such as sales, business development, proposals, operations, finance, human resources, legal, marketing, management and administration.

Discontinued operations includes the results of our former Construction Claims Group, which was sold on May 5, 2017.

The Company operates as a single reporting segment, known as the Project Management Group which provides fee-based construction management services to our clients, leveraging our construction expertise to identify potential trouble, difficulties and sources of delay on a construction project before they develop into costly problems. Our experienced professionals are capable of managing all phases of the construction process from concept through completion, including cost and budget controls, scheduling, estimating, expediting, inspection, contract administration and management of contractors, subcontractors and suppliers.

Results of Operations

Consolidated Results
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Change		Nine Months Ended September 30,		Change	
	2019	2018	\$	%	2019	2018	\$	%
Income Statement Data:								
Consulting fee revenue	\$ 75,747	\$ 81,231	\$ (5,484)	(6.8)%	\$ 231,782	\$ 261,794	\$ (30,012)	(11.5)%
Reimbursable expenses	19,923	20,704	(781)	(3.8)%	60,828	66,186	(5,358)	(8.1)%
Total revenue	\$ 95,670	\$ 101,935	\$ (6,265)	(6.1)%	\$ 292,610	\$ 327,980	\$ (35,370)	(10.8)%
Direct expenses	64,086	65,600	(1,514)	(2.3)%	198,288	222,181	(23,893)	(10.8)%
Gross profit	\$ 31,584	\$ 36,335	\$ (4,751)	(13.1)%	\$ 94,322	\$ 105,799	\$ (11,477)	(10.8)%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	29,261	44,689	(15,428)	(34.5)%	87,987	116,911	(28,924)	(24.7)%
Plus: Share of profit of equity method affiliates	780	685	95	13.9 %	1,911	2,616	(705)	(26.9)%
Less: Loss on performance bond	—	—	—	—%	—	7,938	(7,938)	(100.0)%
Operating profit (loss)	\$ 3,103	\$ (7,669)	\$ 10,772	(140.5)%	\$ 8,246	\$ (16,434)	\$ 24,680	(150.2)%
Interest and related financing fees, net	1,485	1,275	210	16.5 %	4,408	3,855	553	14.3 %
Other income, net	549	—	549	100.0 %	549	—	549	100.0 %
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 2,167	\$ (8,944)	\$ 11,111	(124.2)%	\$ 4,387	\$ (20,289)	\$ 24,676	(121.6)%
Income tax (benefit) expense	(340)	(460)	120	(26.1)%	2,248	2,928	(680)	(23.2)%
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 2,507	\$ (8,484)	\$ 10,991	(129.5)%	\$ 2,139	\$ (23,217)	\$ 25,356	(109.2)%
Discontinued operations:								
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	—	—	—	—%	—	(863)	863	(100.0)%
Total loss from discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	—%	\$ —	\$ (863)	\$ 863	(100.0)%
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,507	\$ (8,484)	\$ 10,991	(129.5)%	\$ 2,139	\$ (24,080)	\$ 26,219	(108.9)%
Less: net earnings - non-controlling interests	26	60	(34)	(56.7)%	176	96	80	83.3 %
Net income (loss) attributable to Hill International, Inc.	\$ 2,481	\$ (8,544)	\$ 11,025	(129.0)%	\$ 1,963	\$ (24,176)	\$ 26,139	(108.1)%

**Three Months Ended September 30, 2019 Compared to the
Three Months Ended September 30, 2018**

Total Revenue by Geographic Region:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Change	
	2019		2018		\$	%
United States	\$ 49,936	52.3%	\$ 49,134	48.2%	\$ 802	1.6 %
Latin America	1,669	1.7%	2,751	2.7%	(1,082)	(39.3)%
Europe	10,556	11.0%	10,479	10.3%	77	0.7 %
Middle East	25,447	26.6%	30,688	30.1%	(5,241)	(17.1)%
Africa	7,005	7.3%	6,712	6.6%	293	4.4 %
Asia/Pacific	1,057	1.1%	2,171	2.1%	(1,114)	(51.3)%
Total	\$ 95,670	100.0%	\$ 101,935	100.0%	\$ (6,265)	(6.1)%

Consulting Fee Revenue by Geographic Region:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Change	
	2019		2018		\$	%
United States	\$ 33,442	44.1%	\$ 34,173	42.1%	\$ (731)	(2.1)%
Latin America	1,668	2.2%	2,744	3.4%	(1,076)	(39.2)%
Europe	9,989	13.2%	9,258	11.4%	731	7.9 %
Middle East	23,328	30.8%	26,909	33.1%	(3,581)	(13.3)%
Africa	6,421	8.5%	6,089	7.5%	332	5.5 %
Asia/Pacific	899	1.2%	2,058	2.5%	(1,159)	(56.3)%
Total	\$ 75,747	100.0%	\$ 81,231	100.0%	\$ (5,484)	(6.8)%

CFR was \$75,747 and \$81,231 of the total revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, which comprised 79.2% and 79.7% of total revenues, respectively.

The decrease in total revenue and the corresponding decrease in CFR for the three months ended September 30, 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 was primarily due to a decrease in backlog (see definition below) during 2018 primarily in the Middle East, Asia/Pacific and Latin America. Backlog is generally a leading indicator for future revenue and CFR. The decrease in backlog was due primarily to the wind-down and completion of several major projects in these regions without a sufficient amount of new bookings to replace them.

Gross Profit by Geographic Region:

	Three Months Ended September 30,						Change	
	2019			2018			\$	%
		% of Total Revenue		% of Total Revenue				
United States	\$ 14,861	47.1%	29.8%	\$ 15,329	42.2%	31.2%	\$ (468)	(3.1)%
Latin America	659	2.1%	39.5%	1,127	3.1%	41.0%	(468)	(41.5)%
Europe	3,719	11.8%	35.2%	3,672	10.1%	35.0%	47	1.3 %
Middle East	9,259	29.2%	36.4%	12,016	33.1%	39.2%	(2,757)	(22.9)%
Africa	2,734	8.7%	39.0%	2,869	7.9%	42.7%	(135)	(4.7)%
Asia/Pacific	352	1.1%	33.3%	1,322	3.6%	60.9%	(970)	(73.4)%
Total	\$ 31,584	100.0%	33.0%	\$ 36,335	100.0%	35.6%	\$ (4,751)	(13.1)%

Consolidated gross margin as a percentage of total revenue in total decreased between periods. The change in gross margin as a percentage of total revenue in the selected individual regions below for the three months ended September 30, 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 was primarily due to the following:

United States:

Gross margin as a percentage of total revenue decreased primarily as a result of the increased use of subcontractors on jobs, which are mainly pass through costs.

Middle East:

The gross margin as a percentage of total revenue decreased primarily as a result the wind-down and closeout of projects in Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Asia Pacific:

Gross margin as a percentage of total revenue decreased in the current year period primarily due to the final closeout of a project in the prior year period which resulted in all of the deferred revenue for the project being recognized.

SG&A Expense:

The third quarter of 2018 contained significant costs related to our Profit Improvement Plan of approximately \$2,800. The third quarter of 2018 also included expenses of approximately \$2,200 related to the Company's efforts to become timely in its filings with the SEC, which includes approximately \$1,400 in additional audit fees related to such efforts and approximately \$3,100 in expense related to a former executive. In addition, provision for bad debts decreased approximately \$2,200 and foreign exchange losses were approximately \$2,000 lower during the third quarter of 2019 compared to the third quarter of 2018. The remainder of the changes from 2018 to 2019 are primarily due to the Profit Improvement Plan being fully implemented in 2019.

Interest and Related Financing Fees, net

Interest and related financing fees increased \$210 to \$1,485 in interest expense, net of interest income, for the three months ended September 30, 2019 as compared with \$1,275, which is composed of \$1,322 of interest expense offset by \$47 of interest income, for the three months ended September 30, 2018. The three months ended September 30, 2019 included higher interest expense primarily related to our U.S. dollar-denominated revolving credit facility with Société Générale (the "Agent") and other U.S. Loan Parties (the "U.S. Lenders") due to higher loan balances throughout the three months ended September 30, 2019, when compared to the three months ended September 30, 2018.

Other Income, net

During the three months ended September 30, 2019, \$649 of other income was recognized related to the settlement of a \$1,000 grant received from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in May 2015, net of other non-operating expenses. We had no activity related to other income, net, during the three months ended September 30, 2018.

Income Taxes

The effective income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 were (15.7)% and 5.1%, respectively. The change in our effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2019 was primarily a result of an income tax benefit of \$1,343 resulting from adjustments to reconcile the prior year provision amounts to the tax returns filed during the period ended September 30, 2019.

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019 Compared to the
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018**

Total Revenue by Geographic Region:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,				Change	
	2019		2018		\$	%
United States	\$ 149,374	51.1%	\$ 152,471	46.5%	\$ (3,097)	(2.0)%
Latin America	6,014	2.1%	8,521	2.6%	(2,507)	(29.4)%
Europe	32,512	11.1%	31,175	9.5%	1,337	4.3 %
Middle East	79,730	27.2%	106,410	32.4%	(26,680)	(25.1)%
Africa	20,884	7.1%	20,279	6.2%	605	3.0 %
Asia/Pacific	4,096	1.4%	9,124	2.8%	(5,028)	(55.1)%
Total	\$ 292,610	100.0%	\$ 327,980	100.0%	\$ (35,370)	(10.8)%

Consulting Fee Revenue:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,				Change	
	2019		2018		\$	%
United States	\$ 100,236	43.2%	\$ 105,239	40.2%	\$ (5,003)	(4.8)%
Latin America	6,011	2.6%	8,504	3.2%	(2,493)	(29.3)%
Europe	31,073	13.4%	28,673	11.0%	2,400	8.4 %
Middle East	71,663	30.9%	95,142	36.3%	(23,479)	(24.7)%
Africa	19,198	8.3%	18,543	7.1%	655	3.5 %
Asia/Pacific	3,601	1.6%	5,693	2.2%	(2,092)	(36.7)%
Total	\$ 231,782	100.0%	\$ 261,794	100.0%	\$ (30,012)	(11.5)%

Total revenue decreased by approximately \$35,370 for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 when compared to the same time period in the prior year. CFR was \$231,782 and \$261,794 of the total revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, which comprised 79.2% and 79.8% of total revenues, respectively. Total revenues decreased approximately \$26,680 in the Middle East and \$3,097 in the United States due to the winding down of projects and \$5,028 in Asia/Pacific due to the winding down of a project largely performed by subcontractors. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in Africa of approximately \$605 and Europe of approximately \$1,337 due to the addition of new work.

Gross Profit by Geographic Region:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,						Change	
	2019			2018			\$	%
		% of Total Revenue			% of Total Revenue			
United States	\$ 42,904	45.5%	28.7%	\$ 45,912	43.5%	30.1%	\$ (3,008)	(6.6)%
Latin America	2,171	2.3%	36.1%	3,639	3.4%	42.7%	(1,468)	(40.3)%
Europe	11,806	12.5%	36.3%	10,949	10.3%	35.1%	857	7.8 %
Middle East	27,340	28.9%	34.3%	34,140	32.3%	32.1%	(6,800)	(19.9)%
Africa	8,539	9.1%	40.9%	8,168	7.7%	40.3%	371	4.5 %
Asia/Pacific	1,562	1.7%	38.1%	2,991	2.8%	32.8%	(1,429)	(47.8)%
Total	\$ 94,322	100.0%	32.2%	\$ 105,799	100.0%	32.3%	\$ (11,477)	(10.8)%

Gross margin for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 as a percentage of revenue was consistent compared to the same period in the prior year. The change in gross margin as a percentage of revenue from the same period in the previous year in the regions is the result of:

United States

Gross margin as a percentage of total revenue decreased as a result of lower total revenues due to the winding down of projects which was partially offset by a reduction of direct expenses.

Middle East

The gross margin as a percentage of total revenue increased in the Middle East as a result of lower fringe expense in direct expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2019.

Asia/Pacific

The gross margin as a percentage of total revenue increased in Asia/Pacific from the same period in the prior year as a result of less revenue being generated from subcontractors which generally provide a low margin return on projects.

SG&A Expense:

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 decreased approximately \$28,924 when compared to the same period in prior year. This decrease is primarily due to an approximate \$7,800 decrease in one-time costs associated with the development and implementation of the Profit Improvement Plan, an approximate \$3,500 decrease in costs associated with restatement activities in the prior year period, a decrease of expenses of approximately \$2,600 related to the Company's efforts to become timely in its filings with the SEC, a decrease of approximately \$3,100 in expense related to a former executive and an approximate \$3,600 decrease in indirect labor costs mainly due to staff reductions related to the company's Profit Improvement Plan. SG&A expenses represented approximately 30.1% and 35.6% of total revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

On February 8, 2018, we received notice from the First Abu Dhabi Bank ("FAB", formerly known as the National Bank of Abu Dhabi) that Public Authority of Housing Welfare of Kuwait submitted a claim for payment on a Performance Guarantee issued by the Company for approximately \$7,938 for a project located in Kuwait. FAB subsequently issued, on behalf of the Company, a payment on February 15, 2018. We are taking legal action to recover the full Performance Guarantee amount. On September 20, 2018 the Kuwait First Instance Court dismissed our case and we have filed an appeal before the Kuwait Court of Appeals. As a result of the First Instance Court decision, we fully reserved the performance guarantee payment in the first quarter of 2018 and it is presented as "Loss on Performance Bond" on the consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Interest and Related Financing Fees, net

Interest and related financing fees increased \$553 to \$4,408, which includes \$4,661 in interest expense, net of \$252 in interest income, for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 as compared with \$3,855 for nine months ended September 30, 2018, which includes \$4,128 of interest expense, net of \$274 of interest income. This increase relates to higher loan balances on our secured credit facilities with Société Générale throughout the nine months ended September 30, 2019, when compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Other Income, net

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, \$649 of other income was recognized related to the settlement of a \$1,000 grant received from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in May 2015, net of other non-operating expenses. We had no activity related to other income, net, during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Income Taxes

For the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, we recognized an income tax expense of \$2,248 and \$2,928, respectively.

Additionally, we recognized an income tax benefit of \$1,343, resulting from adjustments to reconcile the prior year provision amounts to our tax returns filed during the period ended September 30, 2019.

The effective income tax rate for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 was 51.2% and (14.4)% , respectively. The change in the Company's effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was primarily a result of the mix of income among various foreign jurisdictions with different statutory tax rates.

Net Earnings Attributable to Hill

The net income attributable to Hill International, Inc. for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was \$1,963, or \$0.03 per diluted common share based on 56,178 diluted weighted average common shares outstanding, as compared to net loss attributable to Hill International, Inc. for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 of \$24,176, or \$0.44 per diluted weighted average common shares based upon 54,466 diluted weighted average common shares outstanding. Net income from continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was \$2,139, or \$0.03 per diluted weighted average common share, compared to a net loss from continuing operations of \$23,217, or \$0.42 per diluted weighted average common shares, for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary cash obligations are our payroll and our project subcontractors. Our primary source of cash is receipts from clients. We generally pay our employees semi-monthly in arrears and invoice our clients monthly in arrears. Our clients generally remit payment approximately three months, on average, after invoice date. This creates a lag between the time we pay our employees and the time we receive payment from our clients. We bill our clients for any subcontractors used and pay those subcontractors after receiving payment from our clients, so no such timing lag exists for the payments we make to subcontractors.

Concurrent with the 2017 sale of the Company's claims business, management recognized the need to significantly reduce its selling, general and administrative costs given the reduced scale of the remaining business. Management developed and announced a Profit Improvement Plan to address this need. Management recognized that the Company would incur costs during 2017 and 2018 to execute this plan, including consulting fees, severance and retention costs. The Company also experienced significantly higher costs in both years due to the financial restatement and in 2018 due to a performance bond being called. The combination of these events resulted in over \$25,000 of expenses in 2018 in excess of what management would consider typical. The operating loss and cash used in 2018 were primarily due to these expenses.

We utilize cash on hand and our revolving credit facilities to fund the working capital requirement caused by the lag discussed above and other operating needs. We believe our expected cash receipts from clients, together with current cash on hand and revolving credit facilities, are sufficient to support the reasonably anticipated cash needs of our operations over the next twelve months from November 6, 2019, the date of this report.

At September 30, 2019, our primary sources of liquidity consisted of \$17,350 of cash and cash equivalents, of which \$16,113 was on deposit in foreign locations, and \$2,339 of available borrowing capacity under our various credit facilities. We also have relationships with other foreign banks for the issuance of letters of credit, letters of guarantee and performance bonds in a variety of foreign currencies. At September 30, 2019, we had approximately \$53,558 of availability under these arrangements.

Sources of Additional Capital

A significant increase in our current backlog may require us to obtain additional financing. If additional financing is required in the future due to an increase in backlog or changes in strategic or operating plans, we cannot provide any assurance that any other sources of financing will be available, or if available, that the financing will be on terms acceptable to us.

Cash Flows

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2019	Change	2018
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 716	\$ 14,842	\$ (14,126)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,958)	115	(3,073)
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,465	(16,755)	21,220
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(170)	376	(546)
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 2,053</u>		<u>\$ 3,475</u>

Operating activities

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, cash provided by operating activities was primarily the result of the timing of payments to vendors and subcontractors and increased collection activity in the Middle East and Africa. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, cash used in operating activities was primarily the result of the financial statement restatement and restructuring costs that are not expected to reoccur.

Cash held in restricted accounts is used primarily as collateral for the issuance of performance and advance payment bonds, letters of credit and escrow. Restricted cash increased from \$4,396 at December 31, 2018 to \$7,810 at September 30, 2019, primarily due to the issuance of new bonds for projects in the Middle East.

We manage our operating cash flows by managing key working capital accounts in total. The primary elements of our working capital are accounts receivable, prepaid and other current assets, and accounts payable.

From year to year, the components of our working capital accounts may reflect significant changes. The changes are due primarily to the timing of cash receipts and payments within our working capital accounts combined with changes in our receivables and payables relative to the changes in our overall business.

Investing activities

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, cash was used in investing activities for the purchase of fixed assets. The largest portion of these purchases were for costs related to consolidating our corporate headquarters into half the previous space such that we were able to sublease half the space beginning in 2020. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, cash was primarily used in investing activities for the purchase of fixed assets, as well as the purchase of the additional interest in Hill International Brasil S.A., formerly known as Engineering S.A., increasing the Company's ownership to one hundred percent.

Financing activities

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to net borrowings under our revolving credit facilities. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, net cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to the exercise of employee stock options and net borrowings under our revolving credit facilities.

Effect of exchange rate changes on cash

For the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, the effects of exchange rate changes on cash was primarily caused by a weakening of the Euro and Turkish Lira against the U.S. Dollar.

Backlog

Our backlog represents CFR, which includes management's estimate of the amount of contracts and awards in-hand that we expect to recognize as CFR in future periods as a component of total revenue. Our backlog is evaluated by management, on a project-by-project basis, and is reported for each period shown based upon the binding nature of the underlying contract, commitment or letter of intent, and other factors, including the economic, financial and regulatory viability of the project and the likelihood of the contract being extended, renewed or canceled.

Backlog is not a measure defined in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and our methodology for determining backlog may not be comparable to the methodology used by other companies in determining their backlog.

Although backlog reflects business that we consider to be firm, cancellations or scope adjustments may occur. Further, substantially all of our contracts with our clients may be terminated at will, in which case the client would only be obligated to us for services provided through the termination date.

We adjust backlog to reflect project cancellations, deferrals and revisions in scope and cost (both upward and downward) known at the reporting date. Future contract modifications or cancellations, however, may increase or reduce backlog and future CFR.

The following tables show our backlog by geographic region:

	Total Backlog		12-Month Backlog	
September 30, 2019				
United States	\$ 387,145	47.1%	\$ 107,946	41.1%
Latin America	16,524	2.0%	5,059	1.9%
Europe	91,845	11.2%	36,693	13.9%
Middle East	244,830	29.8%	84,560	32.1%
Africa	62,617	7.6%	23,920	9.1%
Asia/Pacific	19,263	2.3%	5,020	1.9%
Total	<u>\$ 822,224</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 263,198</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
December 31, 2018				
United States	\$ 429,237	58.0%	\$ 110,012	42.4%
Latin America	22,495	3.0%	11,871	4.6%
Europe	83,974	11.3%	32,489	12.5%
Middle East	116,913	15.9%	71,267	27.5%
Africa	69,941	9.4%	26,710	10.3%
Asia/Pacific	17,713	2.4%	7,134	2.7%
Total	<u>\$ 740,273</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 259,483</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

At September 30, 2019, our backlog was \$822,224 compared to \$740,273 at December 31, 2018. The increase was primarily due to the Company being awarded major projects in the Middle East.

Our 2019 year-to-date new CFR bookings of \$392,692 equates to a book-to-burn ratio for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 of 169.4%. Our book-to-burn ratio, a non-GAAP measure, is determined by taking our new CFR bookings and dividing it by CFR for the applicable period. This metric allows management to monitor the Company's business development efforts to ensure we grow our backlog and our business over time and management believes that this measure is useful to investors for the same reason. We estimate that approximately \$263,198 or 32.0% of the backlog at September 30, 2019, will be recognized over the next twelve months.

The difference between the remaining performance obligations of \$95,469 and the backlog of \$822,224 at September 30, 2019 is due to the backlog including the full value of client contracts billed on a time and materials basis, which contracts, are not included as part of the remaining performance obligation. These contracts are excluded from the remaining performance obligation since they are not fixed price contracts and the consideration expected under these contracts is variable as it is based upon hours and costs incurred, which would result in the counter-party only being obligated to the Company for services provided through the termination date.

Quarterly Fluctuations

Our operating results vary from period to period as a result of the timing of projects and assignments. We do not believe that our business is seasonal.

Inflation

Although we are subject to fluctuations in the local currencies of the countries in which we operate, we do not believe that inflation will have a significant effect on our results of operations or our financial position.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's interim financial statements were prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP"), which require management to make subjective decisions, assessments and estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. As the number of variables and assumptions affecting these judgments increases, such judgments become even more subjective. While management believes its assumptions are reasonable and appropriate, actual results may be materially different than estimated. The critical accounting estimates and assumptions have not materially changed from those identified in the Company's 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

On January 1, 2019, we adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), as amended, which supersedes the lease accounting guidance under Topic 840, and generally requires lessees to recognize operating and financing lease liabilities and corresponding right-of use ("ROU") assets on the balance sheet and to provide enhanced disclosures surrounding the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leasing arrangements. We adopted the new guidance using the modified retrospective transition approach by applying the new standard to all leases existing at the date of initial application and not restating comparative periods. The most significant impact was the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities for operating leases. See Note 3 - Basis of Presentation and Note 14 - Operating Leases in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for additional information regarding the adoption and related accounting policies.

New Accounting Pronouncements

For information with respect to new accounting pronouncements and the impact of these pronouncements on our consolidated financial statements, see Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements filed herein.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Refer to our 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a complete discussion of the Company's market risk. There have been no material changes to the market risk information included in our 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The management of the Company, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of September 30, 2019. Management concluded that, due to the on-going remediation associated with the material weakness identified in our 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K ("2018 Form 10-K"), our disclosure controls and procedures were ineffective as of September 30, 2019 to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system will be met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. However, our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives.

Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) define "disclosure controls and procedures" to mean controls and procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. The definition further states that disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

For a more comprehensive discussion of the material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting previously identified by management as of December 31, 2018 and the remedial measures undertaken to address these material weaknesses, investors are encouraged to review Item 9A, Disclosure Controls and Procedures, of our 2018 Form 10-K.

Remediation of Prior Material Weaknesses

Control Environment

Finance Personnel

The material weakness that the finance organization was not structured with the appropriate resources to provide independent and proactive leadership in the areas of monitoring of controls, disclosure committee controls and reviews, and financial reporting has been remediated. The Company hired a new Chief Financial Officer in November of 2018 experienced at leading financial operations at publicly-held companies. The Finance Leadership Team has new members since this issue was first reported in the December 31, 2016 10-K/A (Amendment No. 2). Comprehensive disclosure controls have been implemented including a Disclosure Questionnaire, establishment of a Disclosure Committee and Disclosure Checklist.

Control Activities

End of Service Benefits

The material weakness that the Company was not reporting End of Service Benefits ("EOSB") for various Middle Eastern countries in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 715, Compensation - Retirement Benefits, has been remediated. In addition to changes in finance personnel, the Company has engaged third party service providers to analyze the EOSBs and provide guidance for U.S. GAAP compliance since this matter was first reported in the December 31, 2016 10-K/A (Amendment No. 2).

Accounts Receivable Reserves

The material weakness that the Company misapplied U.S. GAAP as it relates to the estimation of the potential loss on the Company's accounts receivable and related balances has been remediated. This matter was specific to the accounts receivable balances for projects in Libya and was first reported in the December 31, 2014 10-K/A (Amendment No. 2). Controls and processes implemented to address this matter include quarterly review and analysis of aged accounts receivable where management assesses the likelihood of collection based on project status and client history and reserves are established and adjusted as warranted.

On-going Remediation Efforts

We continue to implement various changes in our internal control over financial reporting to remediate the material weaknesses described in our 2018 Form 10-K. We continue to make progress on our remediation and our goal is to implement the remaining control improvements related to these material weaknesses throughout the remainder of 2019 and 2020. Management believes that the new personnel, processes and controls that have been designed and implemented provide the foundation for remediation of the remaining material weaknesses. The material weaknesses will be deemed fully remediated when (i) the control processes have been operating effectively for a sufficient period of time and (ii) management testing has reached a successful conclusion. We will continue to review, optimize and enhance our financial reporting controls and procedures as we continue to evaluate and work to improve our internal controls over financial reporting.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our remediation efforts for material weaknesses previously reported were ongoing during the nine months ended September 30, 2019, and, described in Item 9A of our 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There were no other material changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 that materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

Information required by this item is incorporated by reference to Part I, item 1, Note 13 — Commitments and Contingencies, *Legal Proceedings*.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

There have been no material changes pertaining to risk factors discussed in the Company's 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase.
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

SIGNATURES

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

Hill International, Inc.

By: /s/ Raouf S. Ghali

Raouf S. Ghali
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Dated: November 6, 2019

By: /s/ Todd Weintraub

Todd Weintraub
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: November 6, 2019

Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer

I, Raouf S. Ghali, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Hill International, Inc.;
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 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 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.

Dated: November 6, 2019

/s/ Raouf S. Ghali

Raouf S. Ghali
Chief Executive Officer

Section 302 Certification of Chief Financial Officer

I, Todd Weintraub, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Hill International, Inc.;
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 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 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.

Dated: November 6, 2019

/s/ Todd Weintraub

Todd Weintraub

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION OF 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 Quarterly Report of Hill International, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2019 (the "Report"), I, Raouf S. Ghali, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, 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.

Dated: November 6, 2019

/s/ Raouf S. Ghali

Raouf S. Ghali

Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION OF 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 Quarterly Report of Hill International, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2019 (the "Report"), I, Todd Weintraub Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, 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.

Dated: November 6, 2019

/s/ Todd Weintraub

Todd Weintraub

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer