

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

July 14, 2014

Via E-mail
Ms. Kathleen E. Redd
Chief Financial Officer
GenCorp Inc.
2001 Aerojet Road
Rancho Cordova, California 95742

RE: GenCorp Inc.

Form 10-K for the Year Ended November 30, 2013

Filed February 7, 2014

Form 10-Q for the Period Ended May 31, 2014

Filed July 9, 2014

Responses dated June 24, 2014 and July 2, 2014

File No. 1-1520

Dear Ms. Redd:

We have reviewed your response letters dated June 24, 2014 and July 2, 2014 and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by providing the requested information or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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1. We note your response to comment 6 of our letter dated June 10, 2014. Given the loss from continuing operations before income taxes recorded during the year ended November 30, 2013, please help us better understand what consideration was given to ASC 740-20-45-7 in determining the portion of the valuation allowance release that should be reflected in comprehensive income rather than in income from continuing operations.

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2. We note that your total liabilities exceed your total assets as of May 31, 2014 and you reported a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents and net cash used by operating activities for the six months ended May 31, 2014. In this regard, please expand your disclosures to discuss your current cash flow management strategies and how the repurchase of stock and early retirement of 4.0625% debt are consistent with these strategies. Please show us in your supplemental response what the revisions will look like in your future filings.

You may contact David Korvin, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3236 or, in his absence, Craig Slivka, Special Counsel, at (202) 551-3729 if you have any questions regarding legal matters. Please contact Nudrat Salik, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3692 or, in her absence, Al Pavot, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3738 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terence O'Brien

Terence O'Brien Accounting Branch Chief