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- [x] Annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the fiscal year ended <u>December 31, 2012</u>
- [ ] Transition report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to\_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number <u>333-77420</u>

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

#### QCR Holdings 401(k)/Profit Sharing Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

QCR Holdings, Inc. 3551 Seventh Street, Suite 204 Moline, Illinois 61265

## **REQUIRED INFORMATION**

The QCR Holdings 401(k)/Profit Sharing Plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). Accordingly, the financial statements prepared in accordance with ERISA are provided as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 11-K.

#### SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### **QCR HOLDINGS** 401(k)/PROFIT SHARING PLAN

By: <u>Sulleu Straualtu</u> Shellee R. Showalter

## QCR HOLDINGS, INC. 401(k)/PROFIT SHARING PLAN

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#### Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-116022) on Form S-8 of our report dated June 11, 2013 appearing in the annual report on Form 11-K of QCR Holdings, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Plante + Moran, PLLC

Chicago, Illinois June 20, 2013

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the 401(k) Committee QCR Holdings, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of QCR Holdings, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of the Plan as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the changes in net assets for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2012 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. This supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Chicago, Illinois June 11, 2013

	December 31			
	2012	2011		
<b>Assets</b> Cash Participant-directed investments at fair value Participant notes receivable	\$81,449 26,298,567 441,875	\$28 20,311,718 219,066		
Other receivables: Employer contributions Participant contributions	I,172,020 	I,028,827 48,502		
Total receivables	1,172,020	1,077,329		
Net Assets Available for Benefits at Fair Value	27,993,911	21,608,141		
Adjustment from Fair Value to Contract Value for Interest in Common Collective Trust Fund Relating to Fully Benefit-responsive Investment Contracts	(28,153)	(29,062)		
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$   27,965,758</u>	\$ 21,579,079		

## **Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	Year Ended December 31			
		2012		2011
Additions to Net Assets				
Contributions:				
Employer	\$	1,172,020	\$	1,028,827
Participant		1,992,152		1,841,256
Rollovers		253,668		75,304
Total contributions		3,417,840		2,945,387
Investment income (losses):				
Interest and dividends		609,477		369,637
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on				
investments		3,271,941		(432,864)
Total investment income (losses)		3,881,418		(63,227)
Interest from participant notes receivable		15,354		10,112
Total additions		7,314,612		2,892,272
Deductions from Net Assets				
Benefits paid to participants		862,128		1,086,676
Administration fees	- <u></u>	65,805		62,734
Total deductions		927,933		1,149,410
Net Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits		6,386,679		1,742,862
Net Assets Available for Benefits				
Beginning of year	2	1,579,079		19,836,217
End of year	<u>\$ 27</u>	7,965,758	<u>\$ 2</u>	1,579,079

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

See Notes to Financial Statements.

#### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Note I - Description of the Plan

The following description of the QCR Holdings, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**General** - The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of QCR Holdings, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Quad City Bank and Trust Company, Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust Company, Rockford Bank and Trust Company, and M2 Lease Funds, LLC, (collectively referred to as the "Company") who are at least 18 years of age. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

**Contributions** - Participants may contribute up to 100 percent of their eligible compensation in the form of a salary reduction, subject to certain limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Company makes discretionary matching contributions equal to 100 percent of the first 3 percent of the participant's compensation deferred and 50 percent of the next 3 percent of compensation deferred. The Company's profit-sharing contribution to the Plan is discretionary and is determined annually by the board of directors. The Company's discretionary profit-sharing contributions for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$188,700 and \$150,000, respectively. Participants must complete 1,000 hours of service during the plan year and be actively employed on the last day of the plan year or have terminated employment due to death, disability, or retirement in order to be eligible for matching or profit-sharing contributions.

**Participant Accounts** - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and the Company's matching contribution, allocations of the Company's discretionary profit-sharing contribution, and plan earnings. Allocations of the Company's profit-sharing contribution are based on participant eligible wages. Allocations of the plan earnings are based on account balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**Investment Options** - Participants were able to select from various investments, including mutual funds, a common collective trust fund, and QCR Holdings, Inc. common stock, during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. All contributions are allocated according to the participants' investment directions.

#### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Note I - Description of the Plan (Continued)

**Vesting** - Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching contribution, discretionary profit-sharing contribution, and earnings thereon is based on years of service. Vesting is based on years of continuous service beginning at 20 percent after I year of service and increasing 20 percent for each year of continuous service thereafter. A participant is 100 percent vested after 5 years of continuous service.

**Participant Notes Receivable** - The Plan allows eligible participants to borrow up to the lesser of one-half of their vested balance or \$50,000 from the Plan. Under the terms of this provision, borrowings are subject to certain limitations, including a minimum borrowing of \$1,000 and a maximum term of five years or a reasonable period of time, which may exceed five years for notes receivable used to acquire a principal residence.

For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, interest rates were fixed at the prime rate plus I percent at the note inception date. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions.

**Payment of Benefits** - Upon termination of service due to death, retirement, disability, or hardship, participants or their beneficiaries may elect either a lump-sum payment equal to the value of their account or monthly installments over a period not to exceed their life expectancy. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. Involuntary distributions, in the form of rollovers, are made from terminated participant accounts with balances less than \$5,000.

**Forfeitures** - The Company may elect to have forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested employer match and profit-sharing portions of their accounts used to reduce future Company matching and profit-sharing contributions.

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Investment Valuation** - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, except for its common collective trust fund, which invests in various benefit-responsive investment contracts (commonly referred to as guaranteed investment contracts), which is valued at contract value. Contract value represents investments at cost plus accrued interest income less amounts withdrawn to pay benefits and administrative fees. The fair value of the common collective trust fund is based on the fair market values of the fund's underlying assets. Shares of mutual funds and Company common stock are valued at quoted market prices.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurements at the reporting date (see Note 3).

**Participant Notes Receivable** - Participant notes receivable are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued interest. Participant notes receivable are written off and considered deemed distributions in the quarter after the notes receivable become delinquent.

**Payment of Benefits** - Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Expenses** - Certain administrative and operating expenses are paid by the Plan's sponsor.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Risks and Uncertainties** - The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

#### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### **Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements**

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value on the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The following tables present information about the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the valuation techniques used by the Plan to determine those fair values.

**Level I** - In general, fair values determined by Level I inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Plan has the ability to access.

**Level 2** - Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

**Level 3** - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These Level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset.

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the actual date of the event of change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no significant transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during 2012 and 2011.

#### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

		Level I	 Level 2	 Level 3	 Total
Mutual funds:					
Equity investments	\$	16,885,339	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,885,339
Fixed-income investments		3,268,517	-	-	3,268,517
Retirement year-based					
investments		1,802,141	-	-	1,802,141
Short-term investments		71,299	-	-	71,299
Common stock		3,459,302	-	-	3,459,302
Common collective trust fund (I)	_	-	 811,969	 	 811,969
Total investments measured					
at fair value	<u>\$</u>	25,486,598	\$ 811,969	\$ ua. 	\$ 26,298,567

#### Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2012

#### Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2011

		Level I		Level 2		Level 3	_	Total
Mutual funds:								
Equity investments	\$	13,339,866	\$	-	\$	-	\$	13,339,866
Fixed-income investments		2,006,643		-		-		2,006,643
Retirement year-based								
investments		1,404,329		-		-		1,404,329
Short-term investments		41,728		-		-		41,728
Common stock		2,385,550		-		-		2,385,550
Common collective trust fund (I)		-		1,133,602				1,133,602
Total investments measured at fair value	•		•		•		•	
at tall value	\$	19,178,116	\$	1,133,602	\$	-	- \$	20,311,718

(I) The Plan held shares in the Key Bank EB Managed GIC Fund, an actively managed common collective trust fund that invests primarily in guaranteed investment contracts (GICs), synthetic GICs, and cash and cash equivalents, at December 31, 2012 and 2011. The fair values of the investment in this category has been estimated using the fund's fair value per share multiplied by the number of shares held as of the measurement date. There were no unfunded commitments and no redemption limitations or notice periods.

#### Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The Plan also holds other assets not measured at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash, participant notes receivable, and other receivables. The fair value of these assets approximates the carrying amounts in the accompanying financial statements due to either the short maturity of the instruments or the use of interest rates that approximate market rates for instruments of similar maturity. The basis of fair value for cash is a Level I measurement and the participant notes receivable and other receivables are considered Level 2 measurements.

#### Note 4 - investments

Significant investments of the Plan as of December 31 are as follows:

	 2012	 2011
Investments at fair value:		
Common stock, QCR Holdings, Inc.	\$ 3,459,302	\$ 2,385,550
American Fds EuroPacific Growth	2,808,336	2,097,842
Vanguard Index 500 Fund-Admr	2,741,439	2,336,083
American Fds AMCAP Fund	2,582,710	2,131,959
PIMCO Total Return Fund-Instl	2,357,216	1,700,373
Columbia Acorn Fund	2,043,862	1,701,735
Vanguard Windsor II Fund-Admr	1,971,657	1,437,115
Lord Abbett Value Opportunities	1,599,429	-
Oppenheimer Small & Mid-Cap Value - Y	-	1,468,045

Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments is comprised of the following for the years ended December 31:

	2012	2011
Mutual fund gains (losses) Common stock gains		\$ (903,758)
Common stock gains	1,086,534	470,894
Net gains (losses) on investments	<u>\$3,271,941</u>	<u>\$ (432,864</u> )

#### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### **Note 5 - Related Party Transactions**

Certain plan investments include investments in shares of the Company's common stock. In addition, the Company pays certain expenses for the Plan. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions as defined under ERISA guidelines.

#### **Note 6 - Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination of the Plan, the accounts of all participants shall become 100 percent vested and shall be distributed to the participants or their beneficiaries.

#### Note 7 - Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined in a letter dated March 31, 2008 that the Plan and the trust are designed in accordance with applicable portions of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving this determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan, as amended, continues to qualify under the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

In accordance with guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, management has evaluated the Plan's tax position and does not believe the Plan has any uncertain tax positions that require disclosure or adjustment to the financial statements. The plan administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to tax examinations for years prior to 2009.

#### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Note 8 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 to Form 5500:

	2012	2011
Net assets available for benefits per the financial		
statements	\$ 27,965,758	\$ 21,579,079
Adjustment from contract value to fair value	28,153	29,062
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 27,993,911</u>	<u>\$ 21,608,141</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 to Form 5500:

		2012	 2011
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$	6,386,679	\$ 1,742,862
Change in adjustment from contract value to fair value		(909)	 18,513
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$</u>	6,385,770	\$ 1,761,375

## Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year Form 5500, Schedule H, Item 4i EIN 42-1397595, Plan Number 001 December 31, 2012

)	(b) Issue	(c) Description	(d)	(e)
	QCR Holdings, Inc.	Description Common stock	Cost	Current Value
	American Eds EuroPacific Growth		*	3,459,302
		Mutual fund	*	2,808,336
	Vanguard Index 500 Fund-Admr	Mutual fund	*	2,741,439
	American Fds AMCAP Fund	Mutual fund	*	2,582,710
	PIMCO Total Return Fund-Insti	Mutual fund	*	2,357,216
	Columbia Acorn Fund	Mutual fund	*	2,043,862
	Vanguard Windsor II Fund-Admr	Mutual fund	*	1,971,657
	Lord Abbett Value Opportunities	Mutual fund	*	1,599,429
1	American Fds Capital World Growth & Inc.	Mutual fund	*	739,137
(	Oppenheimer Developing Market-Y	Mutual fund	*	676,318
-	Templeton Global Bond Fund/United States Advisor	Mutual fund	*	662,841
١	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund-Inv	Mutual fund	*	656,722
١	anguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund	Mutual fund	*	644,118
١	anguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual fund	*	566,008
١	/anguard Small-Cap Index Fund	Mutual fund	*	365,786
١	/angurad Mid-Cap Index Fund	Mutual fund	*	361,208
6	DFA International Small Cap Value Portfolio	Mutual fund	*	338,735
١	/anguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual fund	*	255,427
١	/anguard Target Retirement Income Fund	Mutual fund	*	248,460
١	/anguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual fund	*	126,119
١	/anguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual fund	*	78,925
١	/anguard Money Market Prime Portfolio Fund #30	Mutual fund	*	71,299
١	/anguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual fund	*	50,946
١	anguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual fund	*	48,015
١	anguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual fund	*	31,401
١	anguard Target Retirement 2010 Fund	Mutual fund	*	1,182
	key Bank EB Managed GIC Fund	Common collective trust fund	*	811,969
				26,298,567
F	articipant notes receivable	bearing interest at rates from		
		4.25% to 8.00%	*	441,875
		т	otal	\$ 26,740,442

\* Cost information not required

\*\* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA





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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

#### For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

□ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 1-14447

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

#### AMCOL International Corporation Savings Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

AMCOL International Corporation 2870 Forbs Avenue Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60192

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(b) Exhibit

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Exhibit 23.1 - Consent of Independent Auditors

# AMCOL International Corporation Savings Plan

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#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

#### To the Trustees AMCOL International Corporation Savings Plan

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of AMCOL International Corporation Savings Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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Plante - Moran PLIC Elgin, Illinois

June 12, 2013

# **AMCOL International Corporation Savings Plan**

# **Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	December 31			
	2012			2011
Assets Participant-directed investments (Note 3):				
Invesco Stable Value Retirement Fund	\$	36,143,469	\$	33,472,370
Mutual funds		36,492,981		31,657,078
AMCOL International Corporation common stock		28,982,848		28,143,168
Self-directed brokerage accounts		3,667,881		2,334,683
Total participant-directed investments		105,287,179		95,607,299
Pending settlement receivable		675,970		48,440
Participant notes receivable		2,476,472		2,613,936
Net Assets Reflecting All Investments at Fair Value		108,439,621		98,269,675
Adjustment from Fair Value to Contract Value for Interest in Common Collective Trust Fund Relating				
to Fully Benefit-responsive Investment Contracts		(302,245)		(168,181)
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$	108,137,376	<u>\$</u>	98,101,494

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# **AMCOL International Corporation Savings Plan**

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended December 31				
		2012	2011		
Additions					
Contributions:					
Participants	\$	6,123,757	\$	5,828,474	
Employer		5,608,931		5,199,743	
Total contributions		11,732,688		11,028,217	
Investment income:					
Net appreciation (depreciation) in					
fair value of investments (Note 3)		7,885,867		(5,304,590)	
Dividends and interest		2,213,747		2,013,783	
Total investment income (loss)		10,099,614		(3,290,807)	
Interest from participant notes receivable		107,045		115,932	
Total additions - Net		21,939,347		7,853,342	
Deductions					
Benefits paid to participants		11,825,279		11,704,358	
Management fees		78,186		41,479	
Total deductions		11,903,465		11,745,837	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets					
Available for Benefits		10,035,882		(3,892,495)	
Net Assets Available for Benefits					
Beginning of year		98,101,494		101,993,989	
End of year	<u>\$</u>	08,137,376	\$	98,101,494	

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**Contributions** - Through payroll deduction, participants can make contributions to the Plan of up to 75 percent of their compensation, subject to the statutory maximum. The Corporation contributes a matching amount equal to the lower of the participant's deferral contributions or 4 percent of compensation. The Corporation common stock the 4 percent matching contribution was \$3,760,327 and \$3,421,852 for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Corporation also makes a special retirement contribution for employees hired after December 31, 2003 of 3 percent of compensation if they are employed at the end of each year. The Corporation's 3 percent special retirement contribution was made in the form of Invesco Stable Value Retirement Fund in the amount of \$1,848,604 and \$1,777,891 for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Participant contributions may be allocated among various funds or to the selfdirected brokerage account option, as directed by the participant.

**Participant Accounts** - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Corporation's contribution and (b) plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses, if any. Allocations are based on participants' compensation or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**Vesting** - Participants are fully vested at all times in their account balances, except for the Corporation's special contributions, which are 100 percent vested after three years.

**Forfeited Accounts** - Forfeitures of the Corporation's special contributions are used to lower subsequent Corporation special contributions.

**Voting Rights** - Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account.

#### Note I - Description of the Plan (Continued)

**Payment of Benefits** - Upon termination of a participant's employment, the value of the participant's account is measured as the sum of the following:

- (a) Total amount of the participant's contributions made under the Plan
- (b) Corporation contributions allocated to the participant's accounts as of the date of the last plan year ended prior to termination
- (c) Investment income and administrative expenses allocated to the participant's account as of the last day of the month prior to termination

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive a single payment equal to the value of the participant's interest in his or her account or receive a single payment at a later date. If the value of the account is less than \$1,000, the Plan will automatically pay the participant a single payment. For termination of employment for other reasons, a participant will also be paid his or her benefit in a single payment. Benefits payable under the Plan are limited to the amount that can be provided from the participant's account.

**Participant Notes Receivable** - Participants may borrow funds from the Plan. A participant's notes receivable balance may not exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance. The participants must repay their notes receivable within five years. The interest rate charged on notes receivable to the participants is the then-prevailing prime rate plus I percent.

**Plan Termination** - Although it has not expressed the intention to do so, the Corporation has the right to discontinue its contributions and to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan terminates, participants become 100 percent vested and the net assets of the Plan will be distributed among the participants in the Plan based upon each participant's account balance.

#### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation** - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis. Accounting standards require the statement of net assets available for benefits to present the fair value of the investment contracts as well as the adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts from fair value to contract value. The related activity is presented at contract value in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Investments** - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, except for its common collective trust fund, which is valued at contract value. Contract value represents investments at cost plus accrued interest income less amounts withdrawn to pay benefits. The fair value of the common collective trust fund is based on the fair value of the underlying assets. The fair value of mutual funds and company stock is based on quoted market prices. Investments in self-directed brokerage accounts are invested in publicly traded securities, which are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

**Income Recognition** - Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date.

**Expenses** - The Corporation pays recordkeeping expenses of the Plan. Management fees represent participant notes receivable transaction fees, which are paid directly by the participants, through a reduction of their account balance.

**Participant Notes Receivable** - Participant notes receivable are recorded at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued interest. Participant notes receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

Benefit Payments - Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Note 3 - Investments

Significant investments at December 31 are as follows:

	2012	2011
Assets reported at fair value: AMCOL International Corporation common stock PIMCO Total Return Institutional Bond Fund	\$ 28,982,848 5,635,508	\$ 28,143,168 4,363,255
Assets reported at contract value - Invesco Stable Value Retirement Fund	35,841,224	33,304,189

During 2012 and 2011, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value by 7,885,867 and (5,304,590), respectively, as follows:

	 2012	 2011
Mutual funds	\$ 3,343,420	\$ (2,412,855)
Self-directed brokerage accounts	111,160	(151,803)
AMCOL International Corporation common stock	 4,431,287	 (2,739,932)
Net appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 7,885,867	\$ (5,304,590)

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### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Note 4 - Fair Value

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The following tables present information about the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the valuation techniques used by the Plan to determine those fair values.

Level I - Fair values determined by Level I inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These Level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset.

The Plan's policy is to recognize transfers in and transfers out of Levels 1, 2, and 3 fair value classifications as of the actual date of the event of change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfers in 2012 or 2011.

# Note 4 - Fair Value (Continued)

## Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2012

			Balance at ecember 31,
	 Level I	 Level 2	 2012
Assets			
Mutual funds:			
Domestic equity funds	\$ 18,132,431	\$ -	\$  8, 32,43
Foreign equity funds	6,115,046	-	6,115,046
Balanced funds	3,181,866	-	3,181,866
Fixed-income funds	9,063,638	-	9,063,638
AMCOL International Corporation common stock	28,982,848	-	28,982,848
Common collective trust fund -			
Invesco Stable Value Retirement Fund	-	36,143,469	36,143,469
Self-directed brokerage accounts	 3,667,881	 -	 3,667,881
Total	\$ 69,143,710	\$ 36,143,469	\$ 105,287,179

# Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2011

			Balance at ecember 31,
	 Level I	 Level 2	2011
Assets			
Mutual funds:			
Domestic equity funds	\$ 15,619,585	\$ -	\$ 15,619,585
Foreign equity funds	5,125,233	-	5,125,233
Balanced funds	3,128,706	-	3,128,706
Fixed-income funds	7,783,554	-	7,783,554
AMCOL International Corporation common stock	28,143,168	-	28,143,168
Common collective trust fund -			
Invesco Stable Value Retirement Fund	-	33,472,370	33,472,370
Self-directed brokerage accounts	 2,334,683	 -	 2,334,683
Total	\$ 62,134,929	\$ 33,472,370	\$ 95,607,299

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### Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Note 4 - Fair Value (Continued)

The Invesco Stable Value Retirement Fund (the "Trust") is a collective trust investing primarily in synthetic guaranteed investment contracts, or portfolios of securities (debt securities or units of collective trusts), owned by the Trust with wrap contracts associated with the portfolios. The fair value of wrap contracts are determined by the Trust based on the change in the present value of each contract's replacement cost. The net unit values of the tiers of the Trust are determined as of the close of each business day. In accordance with the terms of the trust agreement, participant units are issued and redeemed only at the end of each day and at the net unit value at contract value, provided that redeeming participant plans comply with a required one-year notice provision. When the market value of units is less than their contract value, participant plans may also elect to withdraw units at their market value upon 10 days' notice. The fair value of the Plan's interest in the Trust as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$36,143,469 and \$33,472,370, respectively.

#### Note 5 - Tax Status

The Plan has received a new, favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, dated December 15, 2011, indicating that the Plan and related Trust are qualified under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and as such, the related Trust is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Code. As of January 1, 2013, the Plan was restated to incorporate all previous amendments. Management believes that the Plan is still designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

In accordance with guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, management evaluated the Plan's tax position and does not believe the Plan has any uncertain tax positions that require disclosure or adjustment to the financial statements. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to tax examinations for years prior to 2009.

#### **Note 6 - Related Party Transactions**

The Plan's investments include stock of the Corporation. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, \$28,982,848 and \$28,143,168, respectively, of the total value of the Plan's investment assets consist of investments in the company stock of the Corporation.

#### Note 7 - Administration

The Corporation is the sponsor of the Plan. The administrative committee, as provided in the plan agreement, has responsibility for the administration of the Plan. Merrill Lynch Trust Company functions as recordkeeper and custodian.

#### **Note 8 - Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

#### Note 9 - Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 to Form 5500:

	2012	2011
Net assets available for benefits per the	•	• • • • • • • • •
financial statements	\$ 108,137,376	\$ 98,101,494
Plus adjustment from contract value to fair value	302,245	168,181
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 108,439,621</u>	<u>\$ 98,269,675</u>
	2012	2011
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available		
for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 10,035,882	\$ (3,892,495)
Plus adjustment from contract value to fair value	34,064	168,181
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available		
for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 10,169,946</u>	<u>\$ (3,724,314</u> )

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## Schedule of Assets Heid at End of Year Form 5500, Schedule H, Item 4i EIN 36-0724340, Plan Number 002 December 31, 2012

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
**	AMCOL International Corporation common stock	Common stock	*	\$ 28,982,848
	Invesco Stable Value Retirement Fund	Common collective trust	*	36,143,469
	AllianceBernstein Small-Mid Cap Value Class I Fund	Mutual fund	*	1,979,125
	American Funds Income Fund of America Class R5 Fund	Mutual fund	*	1,890,049
	BlackRock S&P 500 Index Institutional Fund	Mutual fund	*	2,205,700
	BlackRock Small Cap Index Institutional Fund	Mutual fund	*	471,463
	BlackRock U.S. Government Bond Institutional Fund	Mutual fund	*	3,428,130
	Eaton Vance Atlanta Capital SMID-Cap Institutional Fund	Mutual fund	*	1,820,771
	Fidelity Advisor Leveraged Company Stock Class A Fund	Mutual fund	*	972.673
	Goldman Sachs Struct Small Cap Eq Instl Fund	Mutual fund	*	1,447,353
	ING International Value Class   Fund	Mutual fund	*	-
	Invesco Van Kampen Growth and Income Class Y Fund	Mutual fund	*	636,141
	Janus Triton Class I Fund	Mutual fund	*	872,007
	Lord Abbett Classic Stock Class   Fund	Mutual fund	*	954,593
	MFS International Value R4 Fund	Mutual fund	*	1,006,037
	MFS Value Class I Fund	Mutual fund	*	3,391,504
	Munder Micro-Cap Equity Y	Mutual fund	*	-
	Oakmark Equity & Income Class I Fund	Mutual fund	*	1,291,817
	PIMCO Total Return Institutional Bond Fund	Mutual fund	*	5,635,508
	Thornburg International Value Class R5 Fund	Mutual fund	*	5,109,009
	Wells Fargo Advantage Large Cap Gr I Fund	Mutual fund	*	3,381,101
	Self-directed brokerage accounts	Self-directed brokerage accounts	*	3,667,881
**	Participant notes receivable	Participant notes receivable		
		bearing interest at rates		
		from 4.25% to 10.50%	-	2,476,472
		Total investments		<u>\$ 107,763,651</u>
* /	Test information act required			

\* Cost information not required

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\*\* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA

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#### SIGNATURE

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

AMCOL International Corporation Savings Plan

Date: June 21, 2013

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Amiel Naiman On behalf of the Trustees as Plan Administrator

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# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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Exhibit: 23.1

#### Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-55540) on Form S-8 of our report dated June 12, 2013 appearing in the annual report on Form 11-K of AMCOL International Corporation Savings Plan for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Plante Marin PLLC Elgin, Illinois

June 12, 2013

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