

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event
reported) February 13, 2013

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-32320
(Commission
File Number)

43-1883836
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1954 Innerbelt Business Center Drive
St. Louis, Missouri
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

63114
(Zip Code)

(314) 423-8000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 13, 2013, Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. (the “Company”) and all of its domestic subsidiaries (collectively with the Company, the “Borrower”) entered into a Twelfth Amendment to Loan Documents (the “Loan Document Amendment”) with U.S. Bank National Association (“U.S. Bank”), which amends the Company’s Fourth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement (the “Credit Agreement”) and the Fourth Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Note (the “Revolving Credit Note”) with U.S. Bank.

The Loan Document Amendment reduces the fixed charge coverage ratio covenant to be 1.10 to 1.00 for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2012 and restores it to be 1.20 to 1.00 for each four fiscal quarter period thereafter. Except for the change in the preceding sentence, the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement remain unchanged. The Borrower does not currently have any outstanding borrowings under the Credit Agreement and is currently in compliance with the Credit Agreement covenants.

Relationship to U.S. Bank

The Company has or may have had customary banking relationships with U.S. Bank based on the provision of a variety of financial services, including lending, commercial banking and other advisory services.

The foregoing description of the Loan Document Amendment is only a summary of certain terms and conditions of this document and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Loan Document Amendment, which has been filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and which is incorporated by reference herein. In addition, the Company has previously filed the Credit Agreement and the Revolving Credit Note as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, to its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on August 13, 2008, as amended by the Seventh Amendment to Loan Documents previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 29, 2009, the Eighth Amendment to Loan Documents previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 4, 2011, and the Ninth Amendment to Loan Documents previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 4, 2012 which documents have also been incorporated by reference in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 (File No. 001-32320), filed on March 15, 2012, the Tenth Amendment to Loan Documents previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on July 26, 2012 and the Eleventh Amendment to Loan Documents previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 21, 2012; the foregoing description of those documents is also only a summary of certain terms and conditions therein and is qualified in its entirety to such documents as previously filed.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 14, 2013, Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing, among other things, consolidated net retail sales, comparable store sales, consolidated e-commerce sales, net loss (including certain charges and benefit), adjusted earnings per diluted share, total revenues, and tax expense for the fourth quarter (13 weeks ended December 29, 2012) and total revenues, consolidated net retail sales, comparable store sales, consolidated e-commerce sales, tax expense, net loss (including certain charges and benefit), and adjusted net loss for the full year of fiscal 2012 (52 weeks ended December 29, 2012). The press release discussed goodwill impairment and reported the Company’s year-end cash and inventory, and summarized stock repurchases, capital expenditures, store openings, closings and remodelings, and depreciation and amortization in fiscal 2012. The press release also reported the Company’s expected additional store closings in fiscal 2013 and 2014, its anticipated optimal store count, expected transfer sales from closed stores, and fiscal 2012 year-end store count as well as the anticipated fiscal 2013 year-end store count for Company-owned stores in North America and Europe. The press release reported net international franchisee store openings in fiscal 2012 and year-end franchisee store count. Accomplishments toward the Company’s long term objectives were also discussed.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein. The description of the press release contained herein is qualified in its entirety by the full text of such exhibit.

The information furnished in contained or incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing. In addition, this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information contained herein that is required to be disclosed solely as a requirement of this Item.

(d) Exhibits

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10.1	Twelfth Amendment to Loan Documents between Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc., Build-A-Bear Workshop Franchise Holdings, Inc., Build-A-Bear Entertainment, LLC, Build-A-Bear Retail Management, Inc., as Borrowers, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Lender, entered into effective as of February 13, 2013
99.1	Press Release dated February 14, 2013

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 hereunto duly authorized.

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC.

Date: February 14, 2013

By: /s/ Tina Klocke

Name: Tina Klocke

Title: Chief Operations and Financial Bear,
Secretary and Treasurer

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TWELFTH AMENDMENT TO LOAN DOCUMENTS

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC. ("BABWI"), successor by merger to BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, LLC, **BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP FRANCHISE HOLDINGS, INC.** ("BABWF"), **BUILD-A-BEAR ENTERTAINMENT, LLC** ("BABE"), **BUILD-A-BEAR RETAIL MANAGEMENT, INC.** ("BABRM"), jointly and severally (individually and collectively, the "Borrower"), and **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** ("Lender"), hereby agree as follows effective as of February 13, 2013 (the "Effective Date"):

1. **Recitals.**

- 1.1 Lender and Build-A-Bear Workshop, LLC entered into a Loan Agreement and related loan and security documents dated as of March 1, 2000 pursuant to which the Lender extended a revolving credit facility to the Borrower (the "Loan").
 - 1.2 Lender, Build-A-Bear Workshop, LLC and BABWI entered into an assumption and amendment agreement dated as of April 3, 2000, whereby BABWI assumed all of the obligations of its predecessor in interest, Build-A-Bear Workshop, LLC.
 - 1.3 Lender and Borrower amended the terms of the Loan by the First Amended and Restated Loan Agreement and related loan and security documents dated as of June 1, 2001 (the "First Amended Loan Agreement").
 - 1.4 Lender and Borrower amended and restated the First Amended Loan Agreement by the Second Amended and Restated Loan Agreement dated as of February 13, 2002 (the "Second Amended Loan Agreement") and Borrower delivered to Lender in connection therewith the First Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Note and the First Amended and Restated Security Agreement.
 - 1.5 Lender and Borrower amended the Second Amended Loan Agreement and related Loan Documents pursuant to the First Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of May 30, 2003 to add additional borrowers to the Loan Documents, to revise certain financial covenants in the Loan Documents, and to add Build-A-Bear Workshop Canada, Ltd. ("Bear Canada") as a guarantor of the obligations under the Loan Documents.
 - 1.6 Lender and Borrower amended the Second Amended Loan Agreement and related Loan Documents pursuant to the Second Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of December 31, 2003 to add an additional borrower to the Loan Documents.
 - 1.7 Lender and Borrower amended the Second Amended Loan Agreement and related Loan Documents pursuant to the Third Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of May 31, 2004 to extend the Maturity Date and to change certain other terms and covenants in the Loan Documents.
 - 1.8 Lender and Borrower amended the Second Amended Loan Agreement and related Loan Documents pursuant to the Fourth Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of September 28, 2004 to correct the name of Bear Canada.
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- 1.9 Lender and Borrower amended and restated the Second Amended Loan Agreement by the Third Amended and Restated Loan Agreement dated as of May 31, 2005 (the "Third Amended Loan Agreement") and Borrower delivered to Lender in connection therewith the Second Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Note.
- 1.10 Lender and Borrower amended the Third Amended Loan Agreement and related Loan Documents pursuant to the Fifth Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of June 30, 2006 to add Build-A-Bear Workshop UK Holdings, Ltd. ("Bear UK") as a Borrower and to change certain other terms and covenants in the Loan Documents and Borrower delivered to Lender in connection therewith the Third Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Note.
- 1.11 Lender and Borrower amended the Third Amended Loan Agreement and related Loan Documents pursuant to the Sixth Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of June 19, 2007 to extend the Maturity Date.
- 1.12 Lender and Borrower amended and restated the Third Amended Loan Agreement by the Fourth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement dated as of August 11, 2008 (the "Fourth Amended Loan Agreement") and Borrower delivered to Lender in connection therewith the Fourth Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Note (the "Fourth Amended Revolving Credit Note").
- 1.13 Lender and Borrower amended the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement, the Fourth Amended Revolving Note, and the related Loan Documents pursuant to the Seventh Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of October 28, 2009 to extend the Maturity Date, to adjust the rate of interest, and to modify certain covenants.
- 1.14 Lender and Borrower amended the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement, the Fourth Amended Revolving Note, and the related Loan Documents pursuant to the Eighth Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of December 31, 2010 to extend the Maturity Date, to adjust the rate of interest, and to modify certain covenants.
- 1.15 Lender and Borrower amended the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement, the Fourth Amended Revolving Note, and the related Loan Documents pursuant to the Ninth Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of December 30, 2011 to extend the Maturity Date, and to modify certain covenants.
- 1.16 Lender and Borrower amended the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement, the Fourth Amended Revolving Note, and the related Loan Documents pursuant to the Tenth Amendment to Loan Documents effective as of June 30, 2012 to modify the Tangible Net Worth Covenant.
- 1.17 Lender and Borrower amended the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement, the Fourth Amended Revolving Note, and the related Loan Documents pursuant to the Eleventh Amendment to Loan Documents to reduce the Total Facility, to extend the Maturity Date, and to modify certain other terms of the Loan Documents.

1.18 Lender and Borrower intend to amend the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement pursuant to this Twelfth Amendment to Loan Documents (this "Amendment") to modify the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio covenant.

1.19 Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined will have the meanings given such terms in the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement.

2. **Amendments.**

2.1 Section 6.6 of the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

6.6 Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio. Permit the ratio of: (i) the sum of net income, plus depreciation, plus amortization, plus interest expense, plus income taxes, plus operating lease payments, minus the amount of cash actually expended for taxes and dividends, minus an amount for maintenance capital expenditures equal to \$5,000,000, to (ii) the sum of scheduled principal payments on Indebtedness including capitalized lease payments, plus the amount of cash actually expended for interest and operating lease payments, all for Borrower on a consolidated basis, to be less than 1.10 to 1.00 for the fiscal year ending December 29, 2012, or less than 1.20 to 1.00 as of each fiscal quarter-end thereafter for the four (4) fiscal quarter period then ending.

3. **General.**

3.1 Except as expressly modified herein, the Loan Documents, as amended, are and remain in full force and effect. The Loan Documents are hereby ratified and confirmed as the continuing obligation of Borrower. Nothing contained herein will be construed as waiving any Default or Event of Default under the Loan Documents or will affect or impair any right, power or remedy of Lender under or with respect to the Loan Documents, as amended, or any agreement or instrument guaranteeing, securing or otherwise relating to any of the Obligations.

3.2 Borrower represents and warrants to Lender that: (a) this Amendment and the documents to be executed by Borrower in connection with this Amendment have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by Borrower; (b) each has full power and authority to enter into this Amendment; (c) this Amendment and the documents executed by Borrower in connection with this Amendment constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of Borrower enforceable in accordance with their respective terms except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or similar laws in effect from time to time affecting the rights of creditors generally and except as such enforceability may be subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in law or in equity); and (d) no Default or Event of Default exists. The representations and warranties of Borrower contained in the Loan Documents are deemed to have been made again on and as of the date of execution of this Amendment, except to the extent that such representations and warranties were expressly limited to an earlier date.

- 3.3 All representations and warranties made by Borrower herein will survive the execution and delivery of this Amendment.
- 3.4 This Amendment will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Borrower and Lender and their respective successors and assigns.
- 3.5 Borrower will pay attorneys' fees and expenses of Lender incurred in connection with this Amendment and related documentation. Such fees, expenses may be charged to Borrower by Lender as a Revolving Credit Loan.
- 3.6 This Amendment will in all respects be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
- 3.7 A copy of this Amendment may be attached to the Fourth Amended Revolving Credit Note as an allonge. This Amendment is a "Loan Document" as defined in the Fourth Amended Loan Agreement.
- 3.8 This Amendment and the documents and instruments to be executed hereunder constitute the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall not be amended, modified or terminated except by a writing signed by the party to be charged therewith.
- 3.9 Borrower agrees to execute such other instruments and documents and provide Lender with such further assurances as Lender may reasonably request to more fully carry out the intent of this Amendment.
- 3.10 This Amendment may be executed in a number of identical counterparts. If so, each such counterpart shall collectively constitute one agreement. Any signature delivered by a party by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be deemed to be an original signature hereto.
- 3.11 No provision of this Amendment is intended or shall be construed to be for the benefit of any third party.
- 3.12 **BORROWER AND LENDER HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION RELATING TO THIS INSTRUMENT AND TO ANY OF THE LOAN DOCUMENTS, THE OBLIGATIONS THEREUNDER, ANY COLLATERAL SECURING THE OBLIGATIONS, OR ANY TRANSACTION ARISING THEREFROM OR CONNECTED THERETO. BORROWER AND LENDER EACH REPRESENTS TO THE OTHER THAT THIS WAIVER IS KNOWINGLY, WILLINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY GIVEN.**

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Lender

By: /s/ Charles L. Thomas

Charles L. Thomas
Senior Vice President

**BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC.,
BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP FRANCHISE HOLDINGS, INC.,
BUILD-A-BEAR RETAIL MANAGEMENT, INC.**

Borrowers

By: /s/ Maxine Clark

Maxine Clark
Chief Executive Officer

BUILD-A-BEAR ENTERTAINMENT, LLC,

By: Build-A-Bear Retail Management, Inc.,
Sole Member

Borrower

By: /s/ Maxine Clark

Maxine Clark
Chief Executive Officer

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2012 Results

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--February 14, 2013--Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. (NYSE: BBW), an interactive entertainment retailer, today reported results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 29, 2012.

Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2012 Highlights:

- Consolidated net retail sales of \$116.1 million represented a 0.7% decrease compared to \$117.1 million in the 2011 fourth quarter, excluding the impact of foreign exchange;
- Net retail sales were flat despite closing ten stores in 2012 and excluding the benefits from adjustments to deferred revenue related to the Company's loyalty program, which totaled \$0.5 million and \$1.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively;
- Consolidated comparable store sales decreased 1.7% which included a 1.5% increase in North America and an 11.4% decrease in Europe. The six stores that feature the Company's newly imagined store design had increased sales of 30%;
- Consolidated e-commerce sales increased 14.0%, excluding the impact of foreign exchange;
- Net loss for the 2012 fourth quarter was \$2.23 per share and included a \$33.7 million, or \$2.06 per share non-cash charge to impair the goodwill associated with the Company's UK business. Net loss for the 2011 fourth quarter was \$0.56 per share and included a \$15.6 million, or \$0.93 per share non-cash charge related to a valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets; and
- Adjusted earnings per diluted share were \$0.13 per share compared to adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$0.34 in the 2011 fourth quarter (See Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income (Loss)).

Maxine Clark, Build-A-Bear Workshop's Chief Executive Bear commented, "While we are disappointed with our overall results, in the fourth quarter, we increased comparable store sales in North America showing a marked improvement from the third quarter. This increase was driven by the initial benefit of our brand building marketing campaigns, particularly in the U.S., and a return to traditional holiday product offerings. The UK remained challenging, which drove down our consolidated comparable store sales."

“We are in the midst of a multi-year turnaround initiative that includes closing an additional 50 to 60 stores by the end of 2014, updating our experience with a new design that builds our destination appeal and refocusing on brand messaging in our marketing programs,” Ms. Clark continued. “We are beginning to see our initiatives gain traction and expect their continued implementation to lead to long term shareholder value. We continue to have a strong balance sheet with \$45 million in cash, no debt and inventory that is well-positioned to execute our plans,” Ms. Clark concluded.

Additional Fiscal 2012 Fourth-Quarter Details (13 weeks ended December 29, 2012):

- Total revenues were \$118.2 million, compared to \$119.1 million in the fiscal 2011 fourth quarter, a decrease of 0.6%, excluding the impact of foreign exchange;
- Tax expense in the 2012 fourth quarter was \$1.9 million and included a \$1.6 million non-cash charge related to a valuation allowance against foreign net deferred tax assets. This compares to tax expense of \$18.8 million in the 2011 fourth quarter, which included a \$15.6 million non-cash charge related to a valuation allowance against U.S. net deferred tax assets.

Fiscal 2012 Highlights (52 weeks ended December 29, 2012):

- Total revenues were \$380.9 million, compared to \$394.4 million in fiscal 2011, a decrease of 3.3%, excluding the impact of foreign exchange;
 - Consolidated net retail sales were \$374.6 million compared to \$387.0 million in fiscal 2011, a decrease of 3.1%, excluding the impact of foreign exchange. Consolidated net retail sales included the benefit of adjustments to deferred revenue related to the Company’s loyalty program of \$0.5 million and \$1.5 million in fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011, respectively;
 - Consolidated comparable store sales decreased 3.3%, including a 2.0% decrease in North America and an 8.4% decrease in Europe;
 - Consolidated e-commerce sales rose 7.7%, excluding the impact of foreign exchange which comes on top of an increase of 8.5% in fiscal 2011;
 - Tax expense was \$0.9 million compared to \$14.4 million in fiscal 2011;
 - Net loss for 2012 was \$3.02 per share and included a \$33.7 million, or \$2.06 per share non-cash charge to impair the goodwill associated with the Company’s UK business. Net loss for 2011 was \$0.98 per share and included a \$15.6 million, or \$0.88 per share non-cash charge related to a valuation allowance against U.S. net deferred tax assets; and
 - Adjusted net loss was \$10.1 million, or \$0.62 per share compared to adjusted net loss of \$0.4 million or \$0.03 per share in the 2011 fiscal year (See Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income (Loss)).
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Goodwill Impairment

In the 2012 fourth quarter, as a result of the sustained decline in the market price of the Company's common stock, coupled with the continuing decline in the performance of its UK business, the Company determined that its fair value, estimated using discounted cash flow analysis and reconciled to its market capitalization, was less than its carrying value. This resulted in an impairment of the entire goodwill balance in the 2012 fourth quarter. This does not reflect a change in the Company's long-term outlook for its UK operations.

Balance Sheet

The Company ended fiscal 2012 with a strong balance sheet and no borrowings under its revolving credit facility. As of December 29, 2012, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$45.2 million, nearly half of which was domiciled outside of the U.S. Total inventory at quarter end was \$46.9 million. Inventory per square foot declined 6.9% from fiscal 2011 year end.

During fiscal 2012, the Company repurchased approximately 367,000 shares of its common stock at a total cost of \$1.3 million, leaving \$7.4 million of availability under the current stock repurchase program at the end of the year.

Stores

The Company's capital expenditures in fiscal 2012 totaled \$17 million and support the update and repositioning of stores as well as investment in infrastructure. In fiscal 2012, the Company closed ten stores, including certain non-traditional locations, and remodeled 14 stores, including five stores in its new design. The Company opened five new stores across geographies including one store in its new design. Depreciation and amortization was \$21 million.

The Company continues to expect to close an additional 50 to 60 stores in fiscal 2013 and 2014 to reach its optimal store count of 225 to 250 stores in North America. These select store closures are expected to transfer approximately 20% of sales to other stores in the same markets, which is consistent with the average transfer rate of the stores closed since 2011.

At year end, the Company operated 283 traditional stores and eight non-traditional stores in North America and 60 traditional stores in Europe. (See Company-Owned Store Activity Schedule.) The Company's international franchisees opened 12 stores, net of closures in fiscal 2012, ending the year with 91 stores in 14 countries.

Accomplishments toward Long Term Objectives:

- **Introduce a new store design** – The Company opened its first six newly imagined stores with sales exceeding expectations, increasing an average of 30%. The Company is on track to remodel 40 to 50 locations in this new store format by the end of 2014.
 - **Improve store productivity and profitability** – In the 2012 fiscal year, the Company closed ten stores, transferring an average of 20% of those sales to other stores in the same markets. In addition, the Company reduced the square footage of 11 other stores by remodeling and moving them to smaller locations within the same malls.
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- **Increase shopping frequency** – The Company reintroduced brand building TV advertising in its U.S. markets beginning in mid-October to drive customer traffic, further engage existing guests and attract new guests to its stores. This contributed to a significant improvement in trend with comparable store sales increasing 1.5% in North America in the fourth quarter.
- **Reinforce Build-A-Bear Workshop as a top destination for gifts** – The Company capitalized on its brand advertising to remind Guests about the gift of experience which led to a 30% increase in gift card sales in its stores on a consolidated basis during the peak fourth quarter gifting period.
- **Increase the Company's global presence** – In the 2012 fiscal year, the Company opened two stores in the UK and its franchisees opened 12 other international locations, net of closures.
- **Improve cost efficiencies** – The Company achieved cost savings of approximately \$7.5 million in 2012. These savings were used to support sales-driving marketing initiatives and were partially offset by product cost increases.

Today's Conference Call Webcast

Build-A-Bear Workshop will host a live Internet webcast of its quarterly investor conference call at 9 a.m. ET today. The audio broadcast may be accessed at the Company's investor relations Web site, <http://IR.buildabear.com>. The call is expected to conclude by 10 a.m. ET.

A replay of the conference call webcast will be available in the investor relations Web site for one year. A telephone replay will be available beginning at approximately noon ET today until midnight ET on February 28, 2013. The telephone replay is available by calling (858) 384-5517. The access code is 407443.

About Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc.

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. is the only global company that offers an interactive make-your-own stuffed animal retail-entertainment experience. There are more than 400 Build-A-Bear Workshop stores worldwide, including company-owned stores in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada, the United Kingdom and Ireland, and franchise stores in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, the Middle East, Mexico and South America. Founded in St. Louis in 1997, Build-A-Bear Workshop is the leader in interactive retail. Brands include make-your-own Major League Baseball[®] mascot in-stadium locations, and Build-A-Dino[®] stores. Build-A-Bear Workshop extends its in-store interactive experience online with its award winning virtual world Web site at bearville.com[®]. The company was named to the FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For[®] list for the fifth year in a row in 2012. Build-A-Bear Workshop (NYSE: BBW) posted total revenue of \$380.9 million in fiscal 2012. For more information, call 888.560.BEAR (2327) or visit the company's award-winning Web site at buildabear.com[®].

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" (within the meaning of the federal securities laws) which represent Build-A-Bear Workshop expectations or beliefs with respect to future events. Our actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, those detailed under the caption "Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the SEC, and the following: general global economic conditions may continue to deteriorate, which could lead to disproportionately reduced consumer demand for our products, which represent relatively discretionary spending; customer traffic may decrease in the shopping malls where we are located, on which we depend to attract guests to our stores; we may be unable to generate interest in and demand for our interactive retail experience, or to identify and respond to consumer preferences in a timely fashion; our marketing and on-line initiatives may not be effective in generating sufficient levels of brand awareness and guest traffic; we may be unable to generate comparable store sales growth; we may be unable to effectively operate or manage the overall portfolio of our company-owned stores; we may be unable to renew or replace our store leases, or enter into leases for new stores on favorable terms or in favorable locations, or may violate the terms of our current leases; the availability and costs of our products could be adversely affected by risks associated with international manufacturing and trade, including foreign currency fluctuation; our products could become subject to recalls or product liability claims that could adversely impact our financial performance and harm our reputation among consumers; we are susceptible to disruption in our inventory flow due to our reliance on a few vendors; high petroleum products prices could increase our inventory transportation costs and adversely affect our profitability; we may not be able to operate our company-owned stores in the United Kingdom and Ireland profitably; we may be unable to effectively manage our international franchises or laws relating to those franchises may change; we may improperly obtain or be unable to protect information from our guests in violation of privacy or security laws or expectations; we may suffer negative publicity or be sued due to violations of labor laws or unethical practices by manufacturers of our merchandise; we may suffer negative publicity or negative sales if the non-proprietary toy products we sell in our stores do not meet our quality or sales expectations; we may lose key personnel, be unable to hire qualified additional personnel, or experience turnover of our management team; we may be unable to operate our company-owned distribution center efficiently or our third-party distribution center providers may perform poorly; our market share could be adversely affected by a significant, or increased, number of competitors; we may fail to renew, register or otherwise protect our trademarks or other intellectual property; poor global economic conditions could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and capital resources; we may have disputes with, or be sued by, third parties for infringement or misappropriation of their proprietary rights; fluctuations in our quarterly results of operations could cause the price of our common stock to substantially decline; and we may be unable to repurchase shares of our common stock at the times or in the amounts we currently anticipate or the results of the share repurchase program may not be as beneficial as we currently anticipate. These risks, uncertainties and other factors may adversely affect our business, growth, financial condition or profitability, or subject us to potential liability, and cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

All other brand names, product names, or trademarks belong to their respective holders.

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	13 Weeks Ended December 29, 2012	% of Total Revenues ⁽¹⁾	13 Weeks Ended December 31, 2011	% of Total Revenues ⁽¹⁾
Revenues:				
Net retail sales	\$ 116,101	98.2	\$ 117,112	98.3
Commercial revenue	801	0.7	941	0.8
Franchise fees	1,285	1.1	1,079	0.9
Total revenues	118,187	100.0	119,132	100.0
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of merchandise sold	67,124	57.4	66,504	56.3
Selling, general and administrative	51,742	43.8	42,870	36.0
Goodwill impairment	33,670	28.5	—	
Interest expense (income), net	188	0.2	(40)	(0.0)
Total costs and expenses	152,724	129.2	109,334	91.8
(Loss) income before income taxes	(34,537)	(29.2)	9,798	8.2
Income tax expense	1,938	1.6	18,787	15.8
Net loss	\$ (36,475)	(30.9)	\$ (8,989)	(7.5)
Loss per common share:				
Basic	\$ (2.23)		\$ (0.56)	
Diluted	\$ (2.23)		\$ (0.56)	
Shares used in computing common per share amounts:				
Basic	16,355,797		16,139,430	
Diluted	16,355,797		16,139,430	

(1) Selected statement of operations data expressed as a percentage of total revenues, except cost of merchandise sold which is expressed as a percentage of net retail sales and commercial revenue. Percentages will not total due to cost of merchandise sold being expressed as a percentage of net retail sales and commercial revenue and immaterial rounding.

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	52 Weeks Ended December 29, 2012	% of Total Revenues ⁽¹⁾	52 Weeks Ended December 31, 2011	% of Total Revenues ⁽¹⁾
Revenues:				
Net retail sales	\$ 374,553	98.3	\$ 387,041	98.1
Commercial revenue	2,790	0.7	3,943	1.0
Franchise fees	3,598	0.9	3,391	0.9
Total revenues	<u>380,941</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>394,375</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of merchandise sold	230,181	61.0	234,227	59.9
Selling, general and administrative	165,516	43.4	162,881	41.3
Goodwill impairment	33,670	8.8	—	—
Interest expense (income), net	3	0.0	(81)	(0.0)
Total costs and expenses	<u>429,370</u>	<u>112.7</u>	<u>397,027</u>	<u>100.7</u>
Loss before income taxes	(48,429)	(12.7)	(2,652)	(0.7)
Income tax expense	866	0.2	14,410	3.7
Net loss	<u>\$ (49,295)</u>	<u>(12.9)</u>	<u>\$ (17,062)</u>	<u>(4.3)</u>
Loss per common share:				
Basic	\$ <u>(3.02)</u>		\$ <u>(0.98)</u>	
Diluted	\$ <u>(3.02)</u>		\$ <u>(0.98)</u>	
Shares used in computing common per share amounts:				
Basic	16,331,672		17,371,315	
Diluted	16,331,672		17,371,315	

(1) Selected statement of operations data expressed as a percentage of total revenues, except cost of merchandise sold which is expressed as a percentage of net retail sales and commercial revenue. Percentages will not total due to cost of merchandise sold being expressed as a percentage of net retail sales and commercial revenue and immaterial rounding.

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

ASSETS

	December 29, 2012	December 31, 2011
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,171	\$ 46,367
Inventories	46,904	51,860
Receivables	9,428	7,878
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	14,216	17,854
Deferred tax assets	987	419
Total current assets	116,706	124,378
Property and equipment, net	71,459	77,445
Goodwill	-	32,306
Other intangible assets, net	633	655
Other assets, net	3,304	6,787
Total Assets	\$ 192,102	\$ 241,571

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 38,984	\$ 41,032
Accrued expenses	11,570	12,128
Gift cards and customer deposits	30,849	28,323
Deferred revenue	4,800	5,285
Total current liabilities	86,203	86,768
Deferred franchise revenue	1,177	1,436
Deferred rent	20,843	23,867
Other liabilities	742	257
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	174	174
Additional paid-in capital	66,109	65,402
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(7,683)	(10,165)
Retained earnings	24,537	73,832
Total stockholders' equity	83,137	129,243
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 192,102	\$ 241,571

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Unaudited Selected Financial and Store Data
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>13 Weeks Ended December 29, 2012</u>	<u>13 Weeks Ended December 31, 2011</u>	<u>52 Weeks Ended December 31, 2012</u>	<u>52 Weeks Ended December 31, 2011</u>
Other financial data:				
Retail gross margin (\$) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 49,238	\$ 50,735	\$ 145,687	\$ 154,468
Retail gross margin (%) ⁽¹⁾	42.4%	43.3%	38.9%	39.9%
E-commerce sales	\$ 6,659	\$ 5,800	\$ 14,231	\$ 13,216
Capital expenditures, net ⁽²⁾	\$ 3,507	\$ 2,254	\$ 16,914	\$ 12,150
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 5,590	\$ 5,617	\$ 21,422	\$ 24,231
Store data ⁽³⁾:				
Number of company-owned stores at end of period				
North America - Traditional			283	287
North America - Non-traditional			8	11
Total North America			<u>291</u>	<u>298</u>
Europe			60	58
Total stores			<u>351</u>	<u>356</u>
Number of franchised stores at end of period				
			91	79
Company-owned store square footage at end of period				
North America - Traditional			805,770	829,449
North America - Non-traditional			12,610	18,956
Total North America			<u>818,380</u>	<u>848,405</u>
Europe ⁽⁴⁾			86,331	83,911
Total square footage			<u>904,711</u>	<u>932,316</u>
Net retail sales per gross square foot - North America ⁽⁵⁾				
Store Age > 5 years (247 stores in 2012, 220 stores in 2011)			\$ 353	\$ 362
Store Age 3-5 years (19 stores in 2012, 56 stores in 2011)			\$ 301	\$ 315
Store Age <3 years (3 stores in 2012, 4 stores in 2011)			\$ 464	\$ 369
Stores open for the entire period			\$ 350	\$ 354
Comparable store sales change - North America (%) ⁽⁶⁾				
Store Age > 5 years (247 stores in 2012, 220 stores in 2011)			(2.0)%	(2.1)%
Store Age 3-5 years 19 stores in 2012, 56 stores in 2011)			(3.2)%	(5.1)%
Store Age <3 years (3 stores in 2012, 4 stores in 2011)			2.6%	1.0%
Total comparable store sales change	1.5%	(6.0)%	(2.0)%	(2.5)%
Comparable store sales change - Europe (%) ⁽⁶⁾				
	(11.4)%	(0.6)%	(8.4)%	(0.2)%
Comparable store sales change - Consolidated (%) ⁽⁶⁾				
	(1.7)%	(4.9)%	(3.3)%	(2.1)%

(1) Retail gross margin represents net retail sales less retail cost of merchandise sold. Retail gross margin percentage represents retail gross margin divided by net retail sales.

(2) Capital expenditures, net represents cash paid for property, equipment, other assets and other intangible assets.

(3) Excludes our webstore and seasonal and event-based locations. North American stores are located in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. In Europe, stores are located in the United Kingdom and Ireland and, prior to 2011, France.

(4) Square footage for stores located in Europe is estimated selling square footage.

(5) Net retail sales per gross square foot represents net retail sales from stores open throughout the entire period divided by the total gross square footage of such stores. Calculated on an annual basis only.

(6) Comparable store sales percentage changes are based on net retail sales and stores are considered comparable beginning in their thirteenth full month of operation.

*** Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

In this press release, the Company's financial results are provided both in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and using certain non-GAAP financial measures. In particular, the Company provides historic earnings (loss) and earnings (loss) per diluted share adjusted to exclude certain costs and accounting adjustments, which are non-GAAP financial measures. These results are included as a complement to results provided in accordance with GAAP because management believes these non-GAAP financial measures help identify underlying trends in the Company's business and provide useful information to both management and investors by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of the Company's core operating results. These measures should not be considered a substitute for or superior to GAAP results.

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income (Loss)
(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	13 Weeks Ended December 29, 2012	13 Weeks Ended December 31, 2011	52 Weeks Ended December 29, 2012	52 Weeks Ended December 31, 2011
Net loss	\$ (36,475)	\$ (8,989)	\$ (49,295)	\$ (17,062)
Goodwill impairment ⁽¹⁾	33,670	-	33,670	-
Other asset impairment ⁽²⁾	2,200	-	2,200	-
Store asset impairment ⁽³⁾	1,779	285	2,286	285
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance ⁽⁴⁾	1,556	15,565	1,556	15,565
Deferred revenue adjustment ⁽⁵⁾	(528)	(915)	(528)	(915)
Consulting project costs ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	1,692
Adjusted net income (loss)	<u>\$ 2,202</u>	<u>\$ 5,946</u>	<u>\$ (10,111)</u>	<u>\$ (435)</u>

	13 Weeks Ended December 29, 2012	13 Weeks Ended December 31, 2011	52 Weeks Ended December 29, 2012	52 Weeks Ended December 31, 2011
Net loss	\$ (2.23)	\$ (0.56)	\$ (3.02)	\$ (0.98)
Goodwill impairment ⁽¹⁾	2.06	-	2.06	-
Other asset impairment ⁽²⁾	0.13	-	0.13	-
Store asset impairment ⁽³⁾	0.10	0.02	0.14	0.02
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance ⁽⁴⁾	0.10	0.93	0.10	0.88
Deferred revenue adjustment ⁽⁵⁾	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.05)
Consulting project costs ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	0.10
Adjusted net income (loss)	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.34</u>	<u>\$ (0.62)</u>	<u>\$ (0.03)</u>

(1) Represents non-cash charge to impair the goodwill associated with the UK reporting unit

(2) Represents a non-cash charge to impair trade credits

(3) These non-cash impairment charges were due to closures or poor performance of individual stores. Charges related to stores that will remain in operation of \$1.4 million are included in cost of merchandise sold for the thirteen and fifty-two weeks ended December 29, 2012. Charges related to stores that are closed or scheduled to close of \$0.4 million and \$0.9 million for the thirteen and fifty-two weeks ended December 29, 2012, respectively are included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

(4) Represents non-cash charge to record a valuation allowance on foreign net deferred tax assets in 2012 and U.S. net deferred tax assets in 2011

(5) Represents adjustment to deferred revenue for changes in redemption patterns in the customer loyalty program

(6) Represents costs of an expense reduction consulting project undertaken in 2011

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Company-Owned Store Activity

Fifty-two Weeks Ended December 28, 2013 - Projected				
	December 29, 2012	Opened	Closed	December 28, 2013
North America				
Traditional	283	2	(34)	251
Non-traditional	8	-	(2)	6
	<u>291</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(36)</u>	<u>257</u>
Europe	60	-	(1)	59
Total	<u>351</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>316</u>
Fifty-two Weeks Ended December 29, 2012				
	December 31, 2011	Opened	Closed	December 29, 2012
North America				
Traditional	287	2	(6)	283
Non-traditional	11	1	(4)	8
	<u>298</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>291</u>
Europe	58	2	-	60
Total	<u>356</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>351</u>
Fifty-two Weeks Ended December 31, 2011				
	January 1, 2011	Opened	Closed	December 31, 2011
North America				
Traditional	290	2	(5)	287
Non-traditional	15	2	(6)	11
	<u>305</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>298</u>
Europe	54	5	(1)	58
Total	<u>359</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>(12)</u>	<u>356</u>

Our long term store real estate goal is to bring our stores back to best in class productivity and profitability. Today we believe that the optimal number of Build-A-Bear Workshop stores in North America is between 225 to 250 and approximately 70 in the United Kingdom and Ireland for a total of 295 to 320 stores. We currently expect to reach this level with the closure of 50 to 60 stores in fiscal 2012 through 2014, primarily in North America. Locations to close and the timing of the closures are subject to ongoing negotiations and overall economic considerations as we continually reevaluate our market repositioning and optimization plans.

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