



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

September 11, 2013

Via E-mail

Mr. Paul Oldham  
Chief Financial Officer  
Electro Scientific Industries, Inc.  
13900 N.W. Science Park Drive  
Portland, Oregon 97229

**Re: Electro Scientific Industries, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended March 30, 2013  
Filed June 12, 2013  
Form 8-K dated August 6, 2013  
Filed August 6, 2013  
File No. 000-12853**

Dear Mr. Oldham:

We have reviewed your filings and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

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

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

Form 8-K filed August 6, 2013

1. We note that you present the non-GAAP information and the related reconciliation required by S-K Item 10(e) in the form of an "adjusted" income statement. Please tell us how your presentation considers the guidance set forth in Compliance and Disclosure Interpretation 102.10. Under the cited guidance, it is generally not appropriate to present a non-GAAP income statement for purposes of reconciling non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are

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in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

You may contact Julie Sherman at (202) 551-3640, or me at (202) 551-3676, if you have any questions regarding these comments. In this regard, do not hesitate to contact Martin James, Senior Assistant Chief Accountant, at (202) 551-3671.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian Cascio

Brian Cascio  
Accounting Branch Chief