



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3720

November 16, 2015

Mr. James D. Miller
Vice President-Finance, Treasurer and Secretary
Barrett Business Services, Inc.
8100 N.E. Parkway Drive
Suite 200
Vancouver, WA 98662

Re: Barrett Business Services, Inc.
Item 4.02 Form 8-K
Filed November 9, 2015
File No. 000-21886

Dear Mr. Messina:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with more information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

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1. We note that the possible illegal act related to the June 30, 2014 workers' compensation reserve apparently only affected the Company's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2014, and for the periods then ended. Please explain to us why a material misstatement in the interim period workers' compensation reserve does not also impact reported amounts in the third quarter and the annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014.

2. Your disclosures provide little quantitative insight into the significance of your misstatement. Please amend your filing to disclose, at least, an estimated range of the amount of the error you have discovered to date that resulted in your determination that your financial statements filed as of June 30, 2014, and for the periods then ended should no longer be relied upon.
3. Please tell us if your certifying officers have considered the effect of the errors on the accuracy of prior disclosures regarding disclosure controls and procedures under Items 307 of Regulation S-K. If such officers have concluded that their previous conclusions regarding effectiveness were incorrect with respect to the periods to be restated, you should disclose this determination. Otherwise, please explain to us why the discovery of these errors did not affect your conclusions regarding the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures.

As appropriate, please amend your filing and respond to these comments within five business days or tell us when you will respond. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

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 all information required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are 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 connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a 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.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

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If you have any questions, please call Joe Cascarano, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3376.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert S. Littlepage, for

Larry Spiegel
Assistant Director