

ALTEX INDUSTRIES INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

Form 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number 1-9030

ALTEX INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as
specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

84-0989164
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

PO Box 1057 Breckenridge
CO 80424
(Address of principal
executive offices) (Zip
Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (303) 265-9312

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act
Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes
 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was

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required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. Large accelerated filer Accelerated Filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

Aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of March 31, 2014: \$577,000

Number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock as of November 28, 2014: 12,975,321

“Safe Harbor” Statement under the United States
Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

Statements that are not historical facts contained in this Form 10-K are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from projected results. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, among others: general economic conditions; movements in interest rates; the market price of oil and natural gas; the risks associated with exploration and production; the Company’s ability, or the ability of its operating subsidiary, Altex Oil Corporation (“AOC”), to find, acquire, market, develop, and produce new properties; operating hazards attendant to the oil and natural gas business; uncertainties in the estimation of proved reserves and in the projection of future rates of production and timing of development expenditures; the strength and financial resources of the Company’s competitors; the Company’s ability and AOC’s ability to find and retain skilled personnel; climatic conditions; availability and cost of material and equipment; delays in anticipated start-up dates; environmental risks; the results of financing efforts; and other uncertainties detailed elsewhere herein.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

Altex Industries, Inc. (or the "Registrant" or the "Company," each of which terms, when used herein, refer to Altex Industries, Inc. and/or its subsidiary) is a holding company with one full-time employee that was incorporated in Delaware in 1985. Through its operating subsidiary, AOC, the Company currently owns interests, including working interests, in productive onshore oil and gas properties, has bought and sold producing oil and gas properties, and, to a lesser extent, has participated in the drilling of exploratory and development wells, and in recompletions of existing wells.

All of AOC’s interests are in properties operated by others. An interest owner in a property not operated by that interest owner must rely on information regarding the property provided by the operator, even though there can be no assurance that such information is complete, accurate, or current. In addition, an owner of a working interest in a property is potentially responsible for 100% of all liabilities associated with that property, regardless of the size of the working interest actually owned.

The operators of producing properties in which AOC has an interest sell produced oil and gas to refiners, pipeline operators, and processing plants. If a refinery, pipeline, or processing plant that purchases such production were taken out of service, the operator could be forced to halt the production that is purchased by such refinery, pipeline, or plant.

Although many entities produce oil and gas, competitive factors play a material role in AOC's production operations only to the extent that such factors affect demand for and prices of oil and gas and demand for, supply of, and prices of oilfield services. The sale of oil and gas is regulated by Federal, state, and local agencies, and AOC is also subject to Federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to the environment. These laws and regulations generally provide for control of pollutants released into the environment and require responsible parties to undertake remediation. AOC regularly assesses its exposure to environmental liability and to reclamation, restoration, and dismantlement expense (“RR&D”), which activities are covered by Federal, state, and local regulation. AOC does not believe that it currently has any material exposure to environmental liability or to RR&D, net of salvage value, although this cannot be assured. (See Management's Discussion and Analysis below.)

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Not applicable.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

Not applicable.

Item 2. Properties.

The Company's estimated reserves at September 30, 2014, are 6,700 barrels of proved, developed oil reserves associated with the Company's 4.4% override in the Glo Field in Campbell County, Wyoming. The reserve estimate is prepared by the Company's registered profession petroleum engineer; management supplies the engineer with ownership and revenue data and reviews the reserve estimate for reasonableness. The Company has not reported to, or filed with, any other Federal authority or agency any estimates of total, proved net oil or gas reserves since the beginning of the last fiscal year. At November 28, 2014, the Company owned working interests in 2 gross (0.22 net) productive oil wells (which produce associated natural gas), no wells producing only natural gas, and 203 gross (13 net) developed acres. At November 28, 2014, the Company did not own a working interest in any undeveloped acreage, and, to the best knowledge of the Company, none of the wells in which the Company owns an interest is a multiple completion. However, certain wells in which the Company owns an interest do produce from multiple zones. The Company did not participate in the drilling of any wells during the year ended September 30, 2012 ("FY12"), the year ended September 30, 2013 ("FY13"), or the year ended September 30, 2014 ("FY14"). At November 28, 2014, the Company was not engaged in any oil and gas operations of material importance. All of the Company's production is located in Utah and Wyoming. For additional information, see Note 7 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements below.

Fiscal Year	Net Production		Average Price		Average Production
	Oil (Bbls)	Gas (Mcf)	Oil (Bbls)	Gas (Mcf)	Cost Per Equivalent Barrel ("BOE")
2014	800	2,000	\$84.60	\$4.20	\$2.25
2013	800	1,000	69.73	3.77	2.76
2012	1,000	1,000	76.67	3.59	5.62

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

The Company's common stock is traded on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "ALTX". The high and low prices for the Company's common stock for each quarter in the last two fiscal years are listed in the table below.

Quarter	FY14		FY13	
	High Price	Low Price	High Price	Low Price
1	\$0.13	\$0.08	\$0.11	\$0.07
2	0.11	0.08	0.12	0.09
3	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.09
4	0.14	0.09	0.13	0.09

At November 28, 2014, there were approximately 3,500 holders of record of the Company's common stock, excluding entities whose stock is held by clearing agencies. The Company has not paid a dividend during the last two fiscal years. The Company has no publicly announced plan or program for the purchase of shares. The Company has no compensation plans (including individual compensation arrangements) under which equity securities of the registrant are authorized for issuance.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	(a) Total number of shares (or units) purchased	(b) Average price paid per share (or unit)	(c) Total number of shares (or units) purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	(d) Maximum number (or approximate dollar value) of shares (or units) that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
July 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014	--	--	--	--
August 1, 2014, through August 31, 2014	--	--	--	--
September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014	254,567	\$0.12	--	--
Total	254,567	\$0.12	--	--

The Company has no publicly announced plan or program for the purchase of shares.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Financial Condition

In FY14 the Company used \$57,000 cash in operating activities and \$29,000 cash to acquire 254,567 shares of its common stock. In FY13 the Company used \$60,000 cash in operating activities and \$7,000 cash to acquire 58,455 shares of its common stock. Consequently, cash balances decreased \$86,000 in FY14 and \$67,000 in FY13. At September 30, 2014, other accrued expenses includes \$586,000 in salary payable to the Company's president, pursuant to his employment agreement, that the president has elected to defer, as well as \$27,000 in related accrued payroll tax. At September 30, 2013, other accrued expenses includes \$376,000 in salary payable to the Company's president, pursuant to his employment agreement, that the president has elected to defer, as well as \$17,000 in related accrued payroll tax.

The Company is likely to experience negative cash flow from operations unless and until the Company invests in interests in producing oil and gas wells or in another venture that produces sufficient cash flow from operations. With the exception of capital expenditures related to production acquisitions or drilling or recompletion activities or an investment in another venture that produces cash flow from operations, none of which are currently planned, the cash flows that could result from such acquisitions, activities, or investments, and the possibility of a material change in the current level of interest rates or of oil and gas prices, the Company knows of no trends or demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that will result in or that are reasonably likely to result in the Company's liquidity increasing or decreasing in any material way. Except for cash generated by the operation of the Company's producing oil and gas properties, asset sales, and interest income, the Company has no internal or external sources of liquidity other than its working capital. At November 28, 2014, the Company had no material commitments for capital expenditures.

The Company regularly assesses its exposure to both environmental liability and RR&D. The Company does not believe that it currently has any material exposure to environmental liability or to RR&D, net of salvage value, although this cannot be assured.

Liquidity

Operating Activities. In FY14 and FY13 net cash used in operating activities was \$57,000 and \$60,000, respectively.

Financing Activities. In FY14 the Company expended \$29,000 to acquire 254,567 shares of its common stock. In FY13 the Company expended \$7,000 to acquire 58,455 shares of its common stock.

Results of Operations

General and administrative expense ("G&A") increased to \$391,000 in FY14 from \$359,000 in FY13 principally because of increased employee, insurance, IT, and transfer agent expense.

At the current levels of net oil and gas production, cash balances, interest rates, and oil and gas prices, the Company's revenue is unlikely to exceed its expenses. Unless and until the Company invests a substantial portion of its cash balances in interests in producing oil and gas wells or in one or more other ventures that produce revenue and net income, the Company is likely to experience net losses. With the exception of unanticipated RR&D, unanticipated environmental expense, and possible changes in interest rates and oil and gas prices, the Company is not aware of any other trends, events, or uncertainties that have had or that are reasonably expected to have a material impact on net sales or revenues or income from continuing operations.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The consolidated financial statements follow the signature page.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company's Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management necessarily applied its judgment in assessing the costs and benefits of such controls and procedures which, by their nature, can provide only reasonable assurance regarding management's control objectives.

As of the end of the period covered by the report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14. Based upon the foregoing, the Company's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company (including its consolidated subsidiary) required to be included in the Company's Exchange Act reports. There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors which could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date the Company carried out its evaluation.

Item 9b. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers, Promoters and Corporate Governance.

Mr. Steven H. Cardin, 63, an economist, formerly with The Conference Board and the consulting firm, National Economics Research Associates, has been Chairman and CEO of the Company for over five years, and a Director since 1984. Mr. Jeffrey S. Chernow, 63, a lawyer, formerly Director of Enforcement in the Division of Securities, State of Maryland, Office of the Attorney General, has been in private practice in Maryland for over five years, and a Director since 1989. Mr. Stephen F. Fante, 58, a CPA, was Chairman and CEO of IMS, which provided computerized accounting systems to the oil and gas industry and was a reseller of microcomputer products to the Fortune 1000, and was Chairman and CEO of Seca Graphics, Inc., which provided design and mapping services and software to the cable television and telecommunications industries. Mr. Fante has been a private investor for the last five years and currently owns and operates CB Paws, which retails high-end accessories for dogs and cats. Mr. Fante has been a Director since 1989.

The Board of Directors has a separately-designated standing Audit Committee which is comprised of Messrs. Fante and Chernow. The Board of Directors has determined that the Company has at least one Audit Committee Financial Expert serving on its Audit Committee: Mr. Fante is an Audit Committee Financial Expert, and he is independent, as that term is defined by NASDAQ.

Messrs. Chernow's, Cardin's, and Fante's terms as Directors continue until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The Company has adopted a code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The following table sets forth the compensation earned by the Company's only executive officer during the last two fiscal years.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Total (\$)
Steven H. Cardin, CEO	2014	212,000	212,000
Steven H. Cardin, CEO	2013	206,000	206,000

Effective October 1, 2011, the Company renewed its Employment Agreement with Mr. Cardin. The Agreement has an initial term of five years and provides that Mr. Cardin is to receive an annual base salary of \$200,000, escalating at no less than 3% per annum, and an annual bonus of no less than 20% of the Company's earnings before tax, payable, at Mr. Cardin's election, in either cash or common stock of the Company at then fair market value.

The Employment Agreement also provides that, in the event the Company terminates Mr. Cardin's employment by reason of his permanent disability, the Company shall (1) pay Mr. Cardin a total sum, payable in 24 equal monthly installments, equal to 50% of the base salary to which he would have been entitled had he performed his duties for the Company for a period of two years after his termination, less the amount of any disability insurance benefits he receives under policies maintained by the Company for his benefit, and (2) continue to provide Mr. Cardin with all fringe benefits provided to him at the time of his permanent disability for a period of two years following such permanent disability.

The Employment Agreement also provides that, in the event the Company terminates Mr. Cardin's employment in breach of the agreement, or in the event that Mr. Cardin terminates his employment because his circumstances of employment shall have changed subsequent to a change in control, then the Company shall pay Mr. Cardin a lump sum payment equal to the sum of (1) twice Mr. Cardin's base salary during the 12-month period immediately preceding the termination of his employment, (2) the greater of (a) twice any annual bonus paid to or accrued with respect to Mr. Cardin by the Company during the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which his employment shall have been terminated or (b) three times his base salary during the 12-month period immediately preceding the termination of his employment, and (3) any other compensation owed to Mr. Cardin at the time of his termination. The agreement also provides that the Company will indemnify Mr. Cardin against any special tax that may be imposed on him as a result of any such termination payment made by the Company pursuant to the agreement.

Under the Employment Agreement, a change in control is deemed to occur (1) if there is a change of one-third of the Board of Directors under certain conditions, (2) if there is a sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, (3) upon certain mergers or consolidations, (4) under certain circumstances if another person (or persons) acquires 20% or more of the outstanding voting shares of the Company, or (5) if any person except Mr. Cardin shall own or control half of such outstanding voting shares.

Director Compensation

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Total (\$)
Jeffrey S. Chernow	12,000	12,000
Stephen F. Fante	12,000	12,000

Each Director who is not also an officer of the Company receives \$1,000 per month for service as a Director. No additional fees are paid for service on Committees of the Board or for attendance at Board or Committee Meetings.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The following table sets forth information concerning each person who, as of November 28, 2013, is known to the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Company's common stock and information regarding common stock of the Company beneficially owned, as of November 28, 2013, by all Directors and executive officers and by all Directors and executive officers as a group.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class
Steven H. Cardin (Director and Executive Officer) PO Box 1057 Breckenridge CO 80424	7,233,866	55.75%
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (1 Person)	7,233,866	55.75%

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

Messrs. Fante and Chernow are both independent under the NASDAQ independence standards.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Audit Fees. Billed for FY14: \$6,500. Billed for FY13: \$6,900.

Audit-Related Fees. None.

Tax Fees. None.

All Other Fees. None.

The Company does not engage an accountant to render audit or non-audit services unless the engagement is explicitly pre-approved by the Company's Audit Committee. During FY14 and FY13 no Audit-Related Fees, Tax Fees, or Other Fees were billed by the Company's principal accountant.

PART IV

Item 15.	Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules
3(i)	Articles of Incorporation - Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit B to August 20, 1985 Proxy Statement
3(ii)	Bylaws - Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit C to August 20, 1985 Proxy Statement
14	Code of Ethics - Incorporated herein by reference to Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 2003
21	List of subsidiaries - Incorporated herein by reference to Form 10-K for fiscal year ended September 30, 1997
31.	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications
32.*	Section 1350 Certifications
101.xml*	XBRL Instance Document
101.xsd*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.cal*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.def*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.lab*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.pre*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

* Furnished. Not Filed. Not incorporated by reference. Not subject to liability.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ALTEX INDUSTRIES, INC.

/s/ STEVEN H. CARDIN
By: Steven H. Cardin, CEO

Date: November 28, 2014

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ STEVEN H. CARDIN
By: Steven H. Cardin, Director, Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer, and Principal Accounting Officer

Date: November 28, 2014

/s/ STEPHEN F. FANTE
By: Stephen F. Fante, Director

Date: November 28, 2014

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of
Altex Industries, Inc.
Breckenridge, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Altex Industries, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, "the Company") as of September 30, 2014 and 2013 and the related consolidated statement of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the company'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 an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company 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 Company'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, 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 financial position of Altex Industries, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 2014 and 2013 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the periods then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ MaloneBailey, LLP
www.malonebailey.com
Houston, Texas
November 28, 2014

ALTEX INDUSTRIES, INC.
Consolidated Balance Sheet

September 30