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FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission file number 1-7265

AMBASE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 95-2962743

(State of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 PUTNAM GREEN, 3RD FLOOR
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT 06830

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(203) 532-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

(Check one): Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer Smaller Reporting Company X

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES NO X

At April 30, 2013, there were 42,789,398 shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share.

AmBase Corporation

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q
March 31, 2013

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AMBASE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Compensation and benefits | \$ 343 | \$ 338 |
| Professional and outside services | 216 | 109 |
| Property operating and maintenance | 26 | 24 |
| Depreciation | 12 | 12 |
| Insurance | 8 | 7 |
| Other operating | 67 | 27 |
| Total operating expenses | 672 | 517 |
| Operating income (loss) | (672) | (517) |
| Interest income | 17 | 3 |
| Realized gains (losses) on sales of investment securities | 2 | 16 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on trading securities | - | - |
| Other income – federal tax gross up | - | - |
| Other income | - | 13 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | (653) | (485) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 64 | 11 |
| Net income (loss) | \$(717) | \$(496) |
| Net income (loss) per common share - basic | \$(0.02) | \$(0.01) |
| Net income (loss) per common share - assuming dilution | \$(0.02) | \$(0.01) |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic | 43,203 | 43,075 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - assuming dilution | 43,203 | 43,075 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

AMBASE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$3,518 | \$3,907 |
| Investments securities - held to maturity | 78,970 | 79,787 |
| Investments securities - trading carried at fair value | - | - |
| Total investment securities | 78,970 | 79,787 |
| Real estate owned: | | |
| Land | 554 | 554 |
| Buildings | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Real estate owned, gross | 2,454 | 2,454 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | 594 | 582 |
| Real estate owned, net | 1,860 | 1,872 |
| Indemnification asset - federal tax gross-up | 18,930 | 18,930 |
| Other assets | 240 | 374 |
| Total assets | \$103,518 | \$104,870 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity: | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$1,945 | \$1,946 |
| Federal taxes payable | - | 501 |
| Uncertain tax position reserve | 34,157 | 34,157 |
| Other liabilities | - | - |
| Total liabilities | 36,102 | 36,604 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 9) | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock (\$0.01 par value, 200,000 authorized, 46,410 issued and 43,164 outstanding in 2013 and 43,284 outstanding in 2012) | 464 | 464 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 548,304 | 548,304 |
| Accumulated deficit | (479,051) | (478,334) |
| Treasury stock, at cost – 2013 - 3,246 shares; 2012 - 3,126 shares | (2,301) | (2,168) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 67,416 | 68,266 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$103,518 | \$104,870 |

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$(717) | \$(496) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities | | |
| Depreciation | 12 | 12 |
| Realized gains (losses) on sales of investment securities | (2) | (16) |
| Provision for uncertain tax position reserve | - | - |
| Unrealized gain (losses) on trading securities | - | - |
| Stock-based compensation expense | - | - |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accrued interest receivable investment securities | - | (1) |
| Indemnification asset - federal tax gross-up | - | - |
| Other assets | 134 | - |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (1) | (107) |
| Federal taxes payable | (501) | - |
| Other liabilities | - | 2 |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities | (1,075) | (606) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Maturities of investment securities - held to maturity | 99,183 | 6,000 |
| Purchases of investment securities - held to maturity | (98,366) | (11,699) |
| Sales of investment securities - trading | 3 | 233 |
| Purchases of investment securities - trading | (1) | (5) |
| Proceeds from (investment in) real estate limited partnership | - | - |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities | 819 | (5,471) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Common stock repurchased for treasury | (133) | - |
| Stock options exercised | - | - |
| Cash dividends paid | - | - |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities | (133) | - |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (389) | (6,077) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 3,907 | 7,615 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$3,518 | \$1,538 |
| Supplemental cash flow disclosure: | | |
| Income taxes paid | \$611 | \$1 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1 - Organization

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of AmBase Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the "Company") are unaudited and subject to year-end adjustments. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. In the opinion of management, the interim financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments unless otherwise disclosed, necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year. The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions, that it deems reasonable, 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from such estimates and assumptions. The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements presented herein are condensed and should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements filed in its Annual Report on Form 10 K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The Company's assets currently consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, investment securities, an indemnification asset, and real estate owned. The Company earns non-operating revenue consisting principally of investment earnings on investment securities and cash equivalents. The Company continues to evaluate a number of possible acquisitions and is engaged in the management of its assets and liabilities, including the contingent assets associated with its legal claims, as described in Notes 8 and 9. Discussions and negotiations are ongoing with respect to certain of these matters. From time to time, the Company and its subsidiaries may be named as a defendant in various lawsuits or proceedings. The Company intends to aggressively contest all litigation and contingencies, as well as pursue all sources for contributions to settlements.

Note 2 – Recent Accounting Pronouncements

There are no new accounting pronouncements that would materially affect the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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Note 3 - Investment Securities

Investment securities - held to maturity consist of the following:

| (in thousands) | March 31, 2013 | | | December 31, 2012 | | |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| | Cost or | | Fair | Cost or | | Fair |
| | Carrying | Amortized | | Carrying | Amortized | |
| | Value | Cost | Value | Value | Cost | Value |
| Held to Maturity: | | | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury Bills | \$78,970 | \$ 78,970 | \$78,973 | \$79,787 | \$ 79,787 | \$79,794 |
| | \$78,970 | \$ 78,970 | \$78,973 | \$79,787 | \$ 79,787 | \$79,794 |

Investment securities - trading consist of the following:

| (in thousands) | March 31, 2013 | | | December 31, 2012 | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|-----------|-------|
| | Cost or | | Fair | Cost or | | Fair |
| | Carrying | Amortized | | Carrying | Amortized | |
| | Value | Cost | Value | Value | Cost | Value |
| Trading: | | | | | | |
| Equity Securities | \$- | \$ - | \$ - | \$- | \$ - | \$ - |
| | \$- | \$ - | \$ - | \$- | \$ - | \$ - |

The gross unrealized gains (losses) on investment securities - held to maturity consist of the following:

| (in thousands) | March | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| | 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
| Held to Maturity: | | |
| Gross unrealized gains (losses) | \$ 3 | \$ 7 |

Unrealized gains (losses) on investment securities - trading are as follows:

| (in thousands) | Three | Three |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| | Months | Months |
| | Ended | Ended |
| | March | March |
| | 31, | 31, |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cost basis | \$ - | \$ - |
| Current value | - | - |
| Unrealized gains (losses) | \$ - | \$ - |

Realized gains (losses) on the sales of investment securities – trading are as follows:

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| (in thousands) | | |
| Net sale proceeds | \$ 3 | \$ 233 |
| Cost basis | (1) | (217) |
| Realized gains (losses) | \$ 2 | \$ 16 |

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Note 4 –Real Estate Owned

The Company owns one commercial office building in Greenwich, Connecticut that contains approximately 14,500 square feet. The Company utilizes approximately 3,500 square feet for its executive offices; the remaining space is currently unoccupied and available for lease. Depreciation expense for the building is calculated on a straight-line basis over 39 years. Tenant improvements, if any, would be depreciated over the lesser of the remaining life of the tenants' lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The building is carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation.

Although the portion of the building not being utilized by the Company is currently unoccupied and available for lease, based on the Company's analysis, the Company believes the property's fair value exceeds the property's current carrying value. The Company's impairment analysis includes a comprehensive range of factors including but not limited to: the location of the property; property condition; current market conditions; comparable sales; current market rents in the area; new building zoning restrictions; raw land values; new building construction costs; building operating costs; leasing values; and cap rates for comparable buildings in the area. Varying degrees of weight are given each factor. Based on the Company's analysis these factors, taken together and/or considered individually, form the basis for the Company's analysis that no impairment condition exists.

The Company performs impairment tests if events or circumstances indicate that the property's carrying value may not be recoverable. As noted above, based on the Company's analysis the Company believes the carrying value of the real estate owned as of March 31, 2013, has not been impaired and; therefore, the carrying value of the asset is fully recoverable by the Company.

Note 5 - Savings Plan

The Company sponsors the AmBase 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Savings Plan"), which is a "Section 401(k) Plan" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Savings Plan permits eligible employees to make contributions of up to a percentage of their compensation, which are matched by the Company at a percentage of the employees' elected deferral. Employee contributions to the Savings Plan are invested at the employee's discretion, in various investment funds. The Company's matching contributions are invested in the same manner as the compensation reduction contributions. All contributions are subject to maximum limitations contained in the Code.

The Company's matching contributions to the Savings Plan, charged to expense, were as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|----|---|
| (\$ in thousands) | | | | |
| Company matching contributions | \$ 13 | \$ 15 | | |
| Employer match % | 33 | % | 33 | % |

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Note 6 – Common Stock Repurchase Plan

In January 2002, the Company announced a common stock repurchase plan (the "Repurchase Plan") which allows for the repurchase by the Company of its common stock in the open market.

The Repurchase Plan is conditioned upon favorable business conditions and acceptable prices for the common stock. Purchases under the Repurchase Plan may be made, from time to time, in the open market, through block trades or otherwise. Depending on market conditions and other factors, purchases may be commenced or suspended any time or from time to time without prior notice.

Pursuant to the Repurchase Plan the Company repurchased shares of common stock from unaffiliated parties at various dates at market prices at their time of purchase, including broker commissions, as detailed below. Information relating to the Repurchase Plan is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 |
|---|--|--|
| (in thousands) | | |
| Common shares repurchased to treasury during period | 120 | - |
| Aggregate cost of shares repurchased during period | \$ 133 | \$ - |

| (in thousands) | March 31, 2013 |
|---|----------------|
| Total number of common shares authorized for repurchase | 10,000 |
| Total number of common shares repurchased | 3,800 |
| Total number of shares that may still be repurchased | 6,200 |

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Note 7 – Incentive Plans

Under the Company's 1993 Stock Incentive Plan (the "1993 Plan"), the Company may grant to officers and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries, stock options ("Options"), stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted stock awards ("Restricted Stock"), merit awards ("Merit Awards") and performance share awards ("Performance Shares"), through May 28, 2018. A predetermined number of shares the Company's Common Stock are reserved for issuance under the 1993 Plan (upon the exercise of Options and Stock Appreciation Rights, upon awards of Restricted Stock and Performance Shares); however, only a portion of such shares are available for issuance for Restricted Stock Awards and Merit Awards. Shares issued pursuant to the 1993 Plan shall be authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock. Options may be granted as incentive stock options ("ISOs") intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment under Federal tax law or as nonqualified stock options ("NQSOs"). SARs may be granted with respect to any Options granted under the 1993 Plan and may be exercised only when the underlying Option is exercisable. The 1993 Plan requires that the exercise price of all Options and SARs be equal to or greater than the fair value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant of that Option. The term of any NQSO, ISO or related SAR cannot exceed terms under federal tax law and/or as prescribed in the 1993 Plan. Subject to the terms of the 1993 Plan and any additional restrictions imposed at the time of grant, Options and any related SARs ordinarily will become exercisable pursuant to a vesting period prescribed at the time of grant. In the case of a "Change of Control" of the Company (as defined in the 1993 Plan), Options granted pursuant to the 1993 Plan may become fully exercisable as to all optioned shares from and after the date of such Change of Control in the discretion of the Committee or as may otherwise be provided in the grantee's Option agreement. Death, retirement, or absence for disability will not result in the cancellation of any Options.

The fair values of option awards are estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model ("Black-Scholes") that uses certain assumptions at the time of valuation. Expected volatilities are based on historical volatility of the Company's stock. The Company uses historical data to estimate option exercises and employee terminations within the valuation model. The expected term of options granted is estimated based on the contractual lives of option grants, option vesting period and historical data and represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury bond yield in effect at the time of grant.

The Black-Scholes option valuation model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected life of the stock-based award and stock price volatility. The assumptions utilized represent management's best estimates, but these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management's judgment. As a result, if other assumptions had been used, our recorded stock-based compensation expense could have been materially different from the amounts previously recorded. In addition, the Company is required to estimate the expected forfeiture rate and only recognize expense for those shares expected to vest. If our actual forfeiture rate is materially different from our estimate, the share-based compensation expense could be materially different. The Company believes that the use of the Black-Scholes model meets the fair value measurement objectives of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reflects all substantive characteristics of the instruments being valued.

The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options, which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. Because the Company's employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, and given the substantial changes in the price per share of the Company's Common Stock, in management's opinion, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable

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single measure of the fair value of its employee stock options. No stock options were outstanding at March 31, 2013 or December 31, 2012. No stock options were granted during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, 136,000 stock options expired.

Common stock reserved for issuance under the Company's stock option and other employee benefit plans is as follows:

| (in thousands) | March 31, 2013 |
|---|----------------|
| Stock option plan | 4,320 |
| Other employee benefit plan | 100 |
| Total common shares reserved for issuance | 4,430 |

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Note 8 - Income Taxes

The Company and its domestic subsidiaries file a consolidated federal income tax return. The Company recognizes both the current and deferred tax consequences of all transactions that have been recognized in the consolidated financial statements, calculated based on the provisions of enacted tax laws, including the tax rates in effect for current and future years. Net deferred tax assets are recognized immediately when a more likely than not criterion is met; that is, a greater than 50% probability exists that the tax benefits will actually be realized sometime in the future.

The components of income tax expense (benefit) are as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| (in thousands) | | |
| Federal - current | \$ - | \$ - |
| State - current | 64 | 11 |
| Total current | 64 | 11 |
| | | - |
| Federal - deferred | (229) | (170) |
| Change in valuation allowance | 229 | 170 |
| Total deferred | - | - |
| Total income tax expense | \$ 64 | \$ 11 |

The components of pretax income (loss) and the difference between income taxes computed at the statutory federal rate of 35% in 2013 and 2012, and the provision for income taxes are as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 |
|--|--|--|
| (in thousands) | | |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | \$ (653) | \$ (485) |
| Tax expense (benefit) : | | |
| Tax at statutory federal rate | \$ (229) | \$ (170) |
| Permanent items | - | - |
| State income taxes | 64 | 11 |
| Accounting loss benefit not recognized | - | - |
| Change in valuation allowance | 229 | 170 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Income tax expense (benefit) | \$ 64 | \$ 11 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|

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A reconciliation of the United States federal statutory rate to the Company's effective income tax rate is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 | | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 | |
|--|--------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|----|
| Tax at statutory federal rate | 35.0 | % | 35.0 | % |
| State income taxes | (9.8 |) | (2.6 |) |
| Accounting loss benefit not recognized | - | | - | |
| Change in valuation allowance | (35.0 |) | (35.0 |) |
| Permanent differences, tax credits and other adjustments | - | | - | |
| Effective income tax rate | (9.8 |)% | (2.6 |)% |

The Company has recorded a reserve for uncertain tax positions in the amount of \$34,157,000 as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012. It is unclear whether any significant changes in unrecognized income tax benefits are currently expected to occur over the next year. Interest and/or penalties related to underpayments of income taxes, if applicable, would be included in interest expense and operating expenses, respectively. The accompanying financial statements do not include any amounts for any such interest and/or penalties.

The Company's federal income tax returns for the years subsequent to 1992 have not been reviewed by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or state authorities, except for tax year 2007, which was reviewed by the IRS and has been concluded. The Company has not been notified of any other potential tax audits by any federal, state or local tax authorities. As such, the Company believes the statutes of limitations for the assessment of additional federal and state tax liabilities are generally closed for tax years prior to 2009.

Based on the Company's 2012 federal income tax ("FIT") return as filed (subject to IRS audit adjustment/review), as prepared by the Company's outside tax advisors, the Company recognized a \$152 million worthless stock deduction for the Company's investment tax basis in Carteret in the computation of the Company's 2012 taxable income. The Company further reduced its 2012 federal taxable income through the utilization of \$25 million of its previously available federal tax net operating loss ("NOL") carryforward deductions in the computation of the Company's 2012 federal tax liability. The federal NOL carryforwards were required to be utilized in tax year 2012 as a result of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") regulations that require NOLs to be utilized in the first year in which the Company has taxable income; otherwise, use of the NOL carryforwards would be lost. The worthless stock deduction was required to be recognized in the year of worthlessness, i.e. 2012.

As part of the Settlement Agreement in the Supervisory Goodwill legal proceedings, (as approved by the Court of Federal Claims), the Company is entitled to a tax gross-up in an amount to be determined if and when any federal taxes should be imposed on the Settlement Amount. Based on the Company's 2012 federal income tax return as filed (subject to IRS audit adjustment/review), in March 2013, the Company paid approximately \$501,000 of federal income taxes attributable to Alternative Minimum Tax ("AMT") rate calculations. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Company, on May 3, 2013, filed a Rule 60(b) Motion with the Court of Federal Claims seeking a tax gross-up from the United States for the \$501,000, plus applicable tax consequences relative to the reimbursement of this amount. The Company is also: (i) reserving the right to seek a tax gross-up for any additional federal tax which could be owed as a result of additional taxes which may be imposed by the IRS upon tax return review or otherwise; and (ii) is reserving the right to seek the economic value for deductions utilized against the Settlement Award.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Rule 60(b) of the Rules of the Court of Federal Claims will govern the process for receiving a tax gross-up. Based on the Company's March 2013 payment of the 2012 federal tax amount, the Company recorded a receivable of \$501,000 to reflect a portion of the tax gross-up reimbursement the Company is

seeking pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, which was recognized as a component of the Indemnification asset - federal tax gross-up in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. For additional information, see Note 9 – Legal Proceedings.

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Pursuant to the accounting principles with regard to recognition of uncertain tax positions, (ASC 740-10, Accounting for Income Taxes), as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company was required to record an aggregate tax reserve of approximately \$34,157,000; (\$18.4 million for federal), to reflect the net tax effect for potential tax audit and uncertainty that the \$152 million Carteret worthless stock tax deduction, (uncertain tax position), could be disallowed in whole or in part by the tax authorities. The Company believes that if any additional federal tax is owed as a result of any adjustments, these potential amounts would be reimbursable to the Company pursuant to the tax gross-up provision of the Settlement Agreement. As a result the Company recorded an indemnification asset of \$18.4 million to reflect the net amount of the federal uncertain tax position reserve recognized, as noted above. The calculation of the net federal uncertain tax position reserve amount factors in the assumed use of the Company's remaining NOL carryforwards as of 2012 totaling \$24.1 million and use of the Company's remaining AMT Tax Credits as of 2012 totaling \$21.0 million. A portion of the uncertain tax position reserve as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, is attributable to certain state taxes on the Settlement Amount which are not reimbursable to the Company as part of the Settlement Agreement.

State income tax amounts for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 are primarily attributable to a provision for a minimum tax on capital imposed by the state jurisdictions. Based on the state tax returns as filed the Company has approximately \$1.9 million of state NOL carryforward deductions remaining available for future use, which expire beginning in 2030.

As a result of the Office of Thrift Supervision's December 4, 1992 placement of Carteret Savings Bank, F.A. in receivership, under the management of the Resolution Trust Corporation ("RTC")/Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), and then proposed Treasury Reg. §1.597-4(g), the Company had previously filed its 1992 and subsequent federal income tax returns with Carteret disaffiliated from the Company's consolidated federal income tax return. Based upon the impact of Treasury Reg. §1.597-4(g), which was issued in final form on December 20, 1995, a continuing review of the Company's tax basis in Carteret, and the impact of prior year tax return adjustments on the Company's 1992 federal income tax return as filed, the Company originally decided not to make an election pursuant to final Treasury Reg. §1.597-4(g) to disaffiliate Carteret from the Company's consolidated federal income tax return effective as of December 4, 1992 (the "Election Decision"). Based on the lack of availability of Carteret and Carteret FSB information from December 1992 forward, the resolution of the Supervisory Goodwill legal proceedings and the Settlement Agreement, the Company filed its 2012 income tax returns with Carteret/Carteret FSB deconsolidated from the Company operations from December 1992 forward.

The Company has made numerous requests to the RTC/FDIC for tax information pertaining to Carteret and the resulting successor institution, Carteret Federal Savings Bank ("Carteret FSB"); however, that information has not been received. Because the Carteret and Carteret FSB tax information has not been received, the Company is unable to determine with certainty the amount of or the years in which any NOL's may ultimately be generated; if the NOL carryforwards/carrybacks will be utilized in prior federal income tax return years; or the final expiration dates of any of the NOL carryforwards/carrybacks ultimately generated relating to the Election Decision noted herein.

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Based on information received to date, and prior to the recognition of the 1992 tax losses reflected on the Company's 1992 amended federal income tax return, as further described herein, the Company estimated that as of December 1992 it had a remaining tax basis related to its investment in Carteret of approximately \$152 million. Based on the Company's Election Decision, described herein, and the receipt of some of the requested information from the RTC/FDIC, the Company amended its 1992 consolidated federal income tax return to include the federal income tax effects of Carteret and Carteret FSB, (the "1992 Amended Return").

In March 2000, the Company filed with the IRS several carryback claims and amendments to previously filed carryback claims (the "Carryback Claims") seeking refunds from the IRS of alternative minimum tax and other federal income taxes paid by the Company in prior years plus applicable IRS interest, based on the filing of the 1992 Amended Return. If the Company is successful in its appeal to the United States Court Appeals for the Second Circuit for the "Carryback Claims", the Company expects that the 1992 Amended Return will generate approximately \$56 million of NOL's for tax year 1992, which the Company is seeking to carryback to prior tax years to produce refunds of tax previously paid. The 1992 Amended Return has not yet been accepted by the IRS. See "Carryback Claims," below for further information. As part of the 1992 Amended Return approximately \$56 million (of the \$152 million) of Carteret/Carteret FSB tax basis is expected to be converted into NOL's, in tax year 1992. The Company can give no assurances as to the final amount of refunds, if any, or when they might be received. The accompanying financial statements include no legal fees in connection with the Carryback Claims proceedings as these legal fees are payable pursuant to a contingent fee arrangement with the attorneys upon a final recovery received. For additional information, see Note 9 – Legal Proceedings.

If the Carteret worthless stock deduction is denied by the IRS, the Carteret/Carteret FSB tax basis of approximately \$96 million remaining after recognition of the 1992 Amended Return, may be converted into NOL carryforwards/carrybacks as additional tax losses are incurred by Carteret/Carteret FSB and may be carried back or carried forward to other tax years; may be utilized in other tax years; or could begin to expire no earlier than the 2008 tax year based upon the year any NOL's are ultimately generated. The Company can give no assurances with regard to the 1992 Amended Return, subsequent year returns, or the final amount or expiration of NOL carryforwards/carrybacks ultimately generated, if any, from the Company's tax basis in Carteret/Carteret FSB. NOL's generated from the Company's tax basis in Carteret/Carteret FSB are in addition to the NOL carryforwards/carrybacks generated based on the Company's federal income tax returns as previously filed from 1993 forward, as further detailed above.

The FDIC has previously filed a federal income tax return for Carteret FSB for 1995 (as well as other years), which indicates that Carteret FSB allegedly could owe a 1995 federal income tax liability of \$32 million, which including interest and penalty thereon, is alleged to be in excess of \$139 million. The FDIC has stated to the United States Court of Federal Claims ("Court of Claims") that the tax amounts are only estimates and are highly contingent.

However, it is possible that the IRS may try to collect the alleged Carteret FSB federal income taxes from the Carteret FSB receivership. The Company believes the Carteret FSB federal income tax returns filed by the FDIC were improperly filed and are neither accurate nor valid. Based on the information received to date, if the correct Carteret FSB federal income tax results were included with the Company's originally filed federal income tax returns, the Company, believes that no additional material federal income tax would be owed by the Company, although this cannot be assured because a contrary result is possible, given the uncertainty with various legal and factual assumptions underlying the Company's beliefs. This assessment included among other items a review of the Carteret FSB federal income tax returns as prepared by the FDIC and the correction of errors originally reported therein, the proper application of federal NOL carryforwards and carrybacks, and the adherence to statute of limitation provisions contained in the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

As explained above, although the Company does not believe that Carteret FSB or the Company will have a material federal income tax liability related to Carteret FSB for tax year 1995 (or any other tax year), the Company can give no assurances of the final amounts, if any, of federal income taxes owed by the Carteret FSB receivership or by the Company as a result of the Carteret FSB receivership operations. The Company believes that the Settlement Agreement, tax regulations and tax positions on the Company's tax returns as filed, would preclude additional tax owed resulting from the Carteret FSB receivership. The Company is pursuing the Carryback Claims, as further described above, which could have an impact on the analysis of the prior year tax information. The discussion of the Carteret FSB federal income tax results is intended to provide details as to the potential inter-relationship of the Carteret FSB federal income tax returns with the Company's federal income tax positions. It is not a reflection of any federal income tax liability of the Company arising from the Carteret receivership operations.

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Note 9 - Legal Proceedings

The information contained in Item 8 - Note 10 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, is incorporated by reference herein and the defined terms set forth below have the same meaning ascribed to them in that report. There have been no material developments in such legal proceedings, except as set forth below.

The Company is or has been a party in a number of lawsuits or proceedings, including the following:

Supervisory Goodwill Settlement Agreement – Tax Gross-up - The Company was a plaintiff in a legal proceeding seeking recovery of damages from the United States Government for the loss of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Carteret Savings Bank, F.A. This legal proceeding was commenced in 1993 (the "Supervisory Goodwill" legal proceedings). A Settlement Agreement in the Supervisory Goodwill legal proceedings between the Company, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation-Receiver ("FDIC-R") and the Department of Justice ("DOJ") on behalf of the United States of America (the "United States"), was executed (the "Settlement Agreement") which was subject to approval by the United States Court of Federal Claims (the "Court of Federal Claims"). On October 11, 2012, the Court of Federal Claims issued an order approving the Settlement Agreement, and on October 19, 2012, the United States paid \$180,650,000 directly to AmBase (the "Settlement Amount").

As part of the Settlement Agreement, the Company is entitled to a tax gross-up in an amount to be determined if and when any federal taxes should be imposed on the Settlement Amount. Based on the Company's 2012 federal income tax return as filed (subject to IRS audit adjustment/review), in March 2013, the Company paid approximately \$501,000 of federal income taxes attributable to Alternative Minimum Tax ("AMT") rate calculations. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Company, on May 3, 2013, filed a Rule 60(b) Motion with the Court of Federal Claims seeking a tax gross-up from the United States for the \$501,000, plus applicable tax consequences relative to the reimbursement of this amount. The Company is also: (i) reserving the right to seek a tax gross-up for any additional federal tax which could be owed as a result of additional taxes which may be imposed by the IRS upon tax return review or otherwise; and (ii) is reserving the right to seek the economic value for deductions utilized against the Settlement Award. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Rule 60(b) of the Rules of the Court of Federal Claims will govern the process for receiving a tax gross-up. For additional information, see Note 8 – Income Taxes.

Pursuant to the 2007 Employment Agreement, as amended, between the Company and Richard A. Bianco, the Company's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer ("Mr. Bianco") (the "2007 Employment Agreement") in 2012, Mr. Bianco was paid an incentive payment of \$13.6 million based on the receipt by the Company of the Settlement Amount. An additional amount, to be determined, could be due to Mr. Bianco pursuant to the 2007 Employment Agreement, based on value realized by the Company with respect to a gross-up for federal taxes imposed on the Settlement Amount. As of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company has accrued (but has not paid) approximately \$1.9 million of additional compensation expense to Mr. Bianco related to the receivable for the tax gross-up discussed above. The Company has no contingent fee agreements in place with its attorneys or any outside advisor in connection with the Supervisory Goodwill legal proceedings or award.

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Federal income tax refund suit on Carryback Claims. In March 2000, the Company filed with the IRS several claims and amendments to previously filed claims with respect to the Carryback Claims, seeking refunds from the IRS of alternative minimum tax and other federal income taxes paid by the Company in prior years, plus applicable IRS interest, based on the filing of the 1992 Amended Return. In February 2005, the IRS formally disallowed the Carryback Claims. On April 29, 2008, the Company filed suit with respect to the Carryback Claims in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, seeking federal tax refunds for tax year 1989, plus interest. On September 29, 2009, the U.S. Department of Justice (the "DOJ"), representing defendant United States in the suit, filed a Motion to Dismiss. In response, on October 19, 2009, the Company filed its opposition to the DOJ's Motion to Dismiss, as well as the Company's own Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. In June 2010, the Court issued a Memorandum Decision conditionally granting the DOJ's Motion to Dismiss the case but allowing the Company to conduct limited discovery to establish whether the Court has jurisdiction. On August 30, 2010, the Company filed a Motion to Set Aside the Court's Conditional Order of Dismissal. On February 28, 2011, the Court granted the Company's motion and issued a Memorandum of Decision concluding that the Company had timely filed a refund claim for tax year 1992 seeking to adjust the amount of bad debt deduction and that the case should not be dismissed. In March 2011, the Company filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment based on the Court's ruling that the Company's refund claims were timely filed. In May 2011, the DOJ filed a Cross Motion for Summary Judgment and an opposition to the Company's Summary Judgment Motion. In June 2011, the Company filed a Memorandum in Opposition to the DOJ's Cross Motion for Summary Judgment and a Reply to the DOJ's Opposition to the Company's Summary Judgment Motion, and the DOJ in June 2011, subsequently filed a response brief. The Court granted the Company's motion in part and denied it in part, in a Memorandum Decision dated November 30, 2011. On January 26, 2012, the Company filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment as to the amount of additional bad debt deduction that should be allowed. On February 16, 2012, the DOJ filed an Opposition to the Company's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. On February 28, 2012, the Company filed a Reply to the DOJ's Opposition to the Company's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. On May 23, 2012, the Court issued an order denying the Company's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Under the Court's rulings, the Company would not be entitled to recover a tax refund. On July 5, 2012, the Court entered its final judgment and order determining that the Company is not entitled to a refund. In December 2012, the Company filed an appeal of the adverse judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, where the matter is pending. The parties have filed their briefs and the case is currently scheduled for oral argument on June 10, 2013. The Company can give no assurances as to the final amount of refunds, if any, or when they might be received. The accompanying financial statements include no legal fees in connection with the Carryback Claims proceedings as these legal fees are payable pursuant to a contingent fee arrangement with the attorneys upon a final recovery received. See Note 8 – Income Taxes for further information.

Note 10 - Subsequent Events

The Company has performed a review of events subsequent to the balance sheet dated March 31, 2013, through the report issuance date.

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This quarterly report, together with other statements and information publicly disseminated by the Company may contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or make oral statements that constitute forward looking statements. The Company intends such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, many of which cannot be predicted or quantified. The forward-looking statements may relate to such matters as anticipated financial performance, future revenues or earnings, business prospects, projected ventures, anticipated market performance, anticipated litigation results or the timing of pending litigation, and similar matters.

When used in this Quarterly Report, the words "estimates," "expects," "anticipates," "believes," "plans," "intends" and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The Company cautions readers that a variety of factors could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in the Company's forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Company's control, include, but are not limited to those set forth in "Item 1A, Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report and in the Company's other public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including, but not limited to: (i) transaction volume in the securities markets; (ii) the volatility of the securities markets; (iii) fluctuations in interest rates; (iv) risks inherent in the real estate business, including, but not limited to, tenant defaults, changes in occupancy rates or real estate values; (v) changes in regulatory requirements which could affect the cost of doing business; (vi) general economic conditions; (vii) changes in the rate of inflation and the related impact on the securities markets; (viii) changes in federal and state tax laws; (ix) certain assumptions regarding the outcome of pending legal and/or tax matters, based in whole or in part upon consultation with outside advisors, and (x) risks arising from unfavorable decisions in the Company's current material tax and litigation matters, or unfavorable decisions in other Supervisory Goodwill cases. These are not the only risks that we face. There may be additional risks that we do not presently know of or that we currently believe are immaterial which could also impair our business and financial position.

Undue reliance should not be placed on these forward-looking statements, which are applicable only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date of this Quarterly Report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Accordingly, there is no assurance that the Company's expectations will be realized.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, which follows, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes, which are contained in Part I - Item 1, herein and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

AmBase Corporation (the "Company") is a holding company which, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, owns a commercial office building in Greenwich, Connecticut. The Company previously owned an insurance company and a savings bank.

In February 1991, the Company sold its ownership interest in The Home Insurance Company and its subsidiaries. On December 4, 1992, Carteret Savings Bank, FA ("Carteret") was placed in receivership by the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS").

The Company's assets currently consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, investment securities, an indemnification asset, and real estate owned. The Company earns non-operating revenue consisting principally of investment earnings on investment securities and cash equivalents. The Company continues to evaluate a number of possible acquisitions and is engaged in the management of its assets and liabilities, including the contingent assets associated with its legal claims, as described in Part I – Item 1. Discussions and negotiations are ongoing with respect to certain of these matters. From time to time, the Company and its subsidiaries may be named as a defendant in various lawsuits or proceedings. The Company intends to aggressively contest all litigation and contingencies, as well as pursue all sources for contributions to settlements.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's assets at March 31, 2013, aggregated \$103,518,000, consisting principally of cash and cash equivalents of \$3,518,000, investment securities of \$78,970,000, an indemnification asset - federal tax gross-up of \$18,930,000 and real estate owned, net of \$1,860,000. At March 31, 2013, the Company's liabilities, including an uncertain tax position reserve, aggregated \$36,102,000. Total stockholders' equity was \$67,416,000.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, cash of \$1,075,000 was used by operations due to payment of 2012 federal tax liability based on the Company's federal income tax return as filed and the payment of operating expenses during the three months ended March 31, 2013. The cash needs of the Company for three months ended March 31, 2013 were principally satisfied by the Company's financial resources and to a lesser extent, the receipt of investment earnings on investment securities and cash equivalents.

In October 2012, the Company received \$180,650,000 pursuant to the Supervisory Goodwill Settlement Agreement between the Company, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation-Receiver ("FDIC-R") and the Department of Justice ("DOJ") on behalf of the United States of America (the "United States"). As part of the Settlement Agreement, the Company is also entitled to a tax-gross-up in an amount to be determined if and when any federal taxes should be imposed on the settlement amount.

Pursuant to the accounting principles with regard to recognition of uncertain tax positions, (ASC 740-10, Accounting for Income Taxes), as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company was required to record an aggregate tax reserve of approximately \$34,157,000; (\$18.4 million for federal), to reflect the net tax effect for potential tax audit and uncertainty that the \$152 million Carteret worthless stock tax deduction, (which did meet the uncertain tax position recognition test), could be disallowed in whole or in part by the tax authorities. The Company believes that if any additional federal tax is owed as a result of any adjustments, these potential amounts would be reimbursable to the Company pursuant to the tax gross-up provision of the Settlement Agreement. As a result the Company recorded an indemnification asset of \$18.4 million to reflect the net amount of the federal uncertain tax position reserve recognized, as noted above. The calculation of the net federal uncertain tax position reserve amount factors in the assumed use of the Company's remaining NOL carryforwards as of 2012 totaling \$24.1 million and use of the Company's remaining AMT Tax Credits as of 2012 totaling \$21.0 million. A portion of the uncertain tax position reserve as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, is attributable to certain state taxes on the Settlement Amount

which are not reimbursable to the Company as part of the Settlement Agreement. For additional information see Part I – Item 1 – Notes 8 and 9 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for a discussion of Income Taxes and the Supervisory Goodwill Settlement Agreement – Tax Gross-up.

For the three months ended March 31, 2012, cash of \$606,000 was used by operations, due to the payment of operating expenses and prior year accruals. The cash needs of the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2012, were satisfied by the Company's financial resources and to a lesser extent the receipt of investment earnings received on investment securities and cash equivalents.

Real estate owned consists of one commercial office building in Greenwich, Connecticut which the Company owns and manages. The building is approximately 14,500 square feet; approximately 3,500 square feet is utilized by the Company for its executive offices; the remaining space is currently unoccupied and available for lease. Although the portion of the building not being utilized by the Company is currently unoccupied and available for lease, based on the Company's analysis, including but not limited to current market rents in the area, leasing values, and comparable property sales, the Company believes the property's fair value exceeds the property's current carrying value.

Therefore, the Company believes the carrying value of the property as of March 31, 2013, has not been impaired.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities and federal taxes payable as of March 31, 2013, decreased from December 31, 2012, principally as a result of the payment of federal taxes payable. Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 is an incentive compensation accrual to Mr. Bianco of approximately \$1.9 million related to the tax gross-up receivable in connection with the Settlement Amount. See Part I - Item 1 - Note 9 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the Supervisory Goodwill Settlement Agreement – Tax Gross-up.

There are no other material commitments for capital expenditures as of March 31, 2013. Inflation has had no material impact on the business and operations of the Company.

The Company continues to evaluate a number of possible acquisitions, and is engaged in the management of its assets and liabilities, including the contingent assets associated with its legal claims as described in Part I – Item 1. Discussions and negotiations are ongoing with respect to certain of these matters. From time to time, the Company and its subsidiaries may be named as a defendant in various lawsuits or proceedings. The Company intends to aggressively contest all litigation and contingencies, as well as pursue all sources for contributions to settlements. For a discussion of lawsuits and proceedings, including a discussion of the Supervisory Goodwill Settlement Agreement – Tax Gross-up and Carryback Claims see Part I - Item 1 – Notes 8 and 9.

Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 vs. the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

The Company earns non-operating revenue consisting principally of investment earnings on investment securities and cash equivalents. The Company's management believes that operating cash needs for the next twelve months will be met principally by the Company's financial resources and to a lesser extent, the receipt of investment earnings on investment securities and cash equivalents.

The Company recorded a net loss of \$717,000 or \$0.02 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2013. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company recorded a net loss of \$496,000 or \$0.01 per share.

Compensation and benefits increased slightly to \$343,000 in three months ended March 31, 2013, compared to \$338,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2012. The increase in the 2013 three month period is due to a slight increase in benefit costs in the 2013 period versus the same 2012 period. No stock based compensation expense was recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2013 or March 31, 2012.

Professional and outside services increased to \$216,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2013, compared to \$109,000 in the respective 2012 period. The increase in the 2013 period as compared to the 2012 period is principally the result of a higher level of legal and professional fees due to tax and legal fees relating to the Supervisory Goodwill Settlement Agreement tax gross-up matters. The Company has no contingent fee agreements in place with its attorneys or any outside advisor in connection with the Supervisory Goodwill legal proceedings or award.

Property operating and maintenance expenses were \$26,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2013, compared to \$24,000 in the respective 2012 period. The increased expense in 2013 compared to the 2012 period is due to an

increase in the overall level of repairs and maintenance expenses.

Insurance expenses increased slightly to \$8,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2013, compared with \$7,000 in the respective 2012 period. The increase is generally due to an increase in insurance premium costs.

Other operating expenses increased to \$67,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2013 versus \$27,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2012, due to an increased franchise tax expense resulting from an increased tax base in 2013 versus the same period of 2012 due to the settlement proceeds received in October 2012, in the Supervisory Goodwill legal proceedings.

Interest income in the three months ended March 31, 2013, was \$17,000 compared to \$3,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2012 due to a higher average level of cash and cash equivalents and investments on hand in the 2013 period.

Realized gains on sales of investment securities were \$2,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and \$16,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2012. The gains are the result of the realization of gains on sales of securities held for trading.

Other income of \$13,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2012, is attributable to recovery of funds by the Company from items previously written off.

The Company recognized an income tax provision of \$64,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2013, as compared with an income tax provision of \$11,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2012. The income tax provision for the 2013 and 2012 periods are primarily attributable to a provision for a minimum tax on capital imposed by the state jurisdictions. The increase in the three months ended March 31, 2013 versus the respective 2012 period is attributable to an increased tax base in 2013 due to the settlement proceeds received in October 2012 in the Supervisory Goodwill legal proceedings. Income taxes applicable to operating income (loss) are generally determined by applying the estimated effective annual income tax rates to pretax income (loss) for the year-to-date interim period. Income taxes applicable to unusual or infrequently occurring items are provided in the period in which such items occur.

In March 2013, the Company paid a federal alternative minimum tax liability of \$501,000 based on the Company's 2012 federal income tax return as filed and during 2012 paid \$180,000 for tax imposed by the state jurisdictions based on the Company's 2012 state tax returns as filed. A reconciliation between income taxes computed at the statutory federal rate and the provision for income taxes is included in Part I - Item 1 - Note 8 to the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Our disclosure controls and procedures include our controls and other procedures to ensure that information required to be disclosed in this and other reports under the Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to ensure that such information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2013. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act) are effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported with adequate timeliness.

There have been no changes during the most recent fiscal quarter in our internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

For a discussion of the Company's legal proceedings, including a discussion of the Company's Supervisory Goodwill litigation and Carryback Claims, see Part I - Item 1 - Note 9 - Legal Proceedings.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from risk factors previously disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 in response to Item 1A to Part I of Form 10-K.

Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

Item 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

Item 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 32.1 Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 32.2 Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer

The following financial statements from AmBase Corporation's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 formatted in XBRL: (i) Consolidated Statement of Operations (unaudited); (ii) 101.1 Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited); (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow (unaudited); and (iv) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).

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 thereunto duly authorized.

AMBASE CORPORATION

/s/ John P. Ferrara

JOHN P. FERRARA

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Controller

By (Duly Authorized Officer and Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer)

Date: May 14, 2013