# **Q3 2017 Earnings Release**

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#### **Non-GAAP Financial Information**

We use Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin to measure our operating profitability. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin provide management, investors and creditors with useful measures of the operational results of our business and increase the period-to-period comparability of our operating profitability and comparability with other companies. Adjusted EBITDA margin is also used in the calculation of management's incentive compensation program. The most directly comparable U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") measure to Adjusted EBITDA is Net income. Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as the earnings before interest expense, income tax expense, amortization of intangible assets, depreciation of property, plant and equipment and other adjustments as defined by our debt agreement. Adjusted EBITDA margin is calculated as Adjusted EBITDA divided by net sales.

We use Adjusted free cash flow to evaluate the amount of cash generated by our business that, after the capital investment needed to maintain and grow our business and certain mandatory debt service requirements, can be used for repayment of debt, stockholder distributions and strategic opportunities, including investing in our business and strengthening our balance sheet. We believe that Adjusted free cash flow enhances the understanding of the cash flows of our business for management, investors and creditors. Adjusted free cash flow is also used in the calculation of management's incentive compensation program. The most directly comparable GAAP measure to Adjusted free cash flow is Net cash provided by operating activities.



## **Call Agenda**

- Q3 2017 Performance
- 2017 Guidance Update



## **Q3 2017 Performance Summary**

(\$ in millions)	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	% Variance
Net Sales	\$595	\$434	37.1%
Gross Margin %	50.8%	47.1%	370 bps
Net Income	\$111	\$45	146.7%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$241	\$151	59.6%
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	\$195	\$115	69.6%

#### **Commentary**

Net Sales: increase was principally driven by higher demand in the North America On-Highway, Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other and Global Off-Highway end markets.

Gross Margin: increase was principally driven by favorable sales volume and price increases on certain products partially offset by unfavorable material costs and higher incentive compensation expense.

Net Income: increase was principally driven by increased gross profit, 2016 expense for previously recorded deferred financing costs as a result of the long-term debt refinancing and favorable product warranty adjustments partially offset by increased income tax expense, higher incentive compensation expense, increased interest expense and increased product initiatives and commercial activities spending.

Adjusted EBITDA: increase was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products and favorable product warranty adjustments partially offset by higher incentive compensation expense, unfavorable material costs, increased manufacturing expense commensurate with increased net sales, and increased product initiatives and commercial activities spending.

Adjusted Free Cash Flow: increase was principally driven by increased gross profit, increased accounts payable, increased deferred revenue and decreased cash interest expense partially offset by increased cash income taxes and increased capital expenditures.

(1) See Appendix for a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Free Cash Flow.



## **Q3 2017 Sales Performance**

#### (\$ in millions)

End Markets	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	% Variance	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$282	\$224	26%	Principally driven by higher demand for Rugged Duty Series and Highway Series models
North America Electric Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus	\$19	\$8	138%	Principally driven by the timing of certain transit property orders
North America Off-Hwy	\$17	\$1	1600%	Principally driven by higher demand from hydraulic fracturing applications
Defense	\$35	\$25	40%	Principally driven by higher demand
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$89	\$78	14%	Principally driven by higher demand in Asia and Europe
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$14	\$2	600%	Principally driven by improved demand in the mining and energy sectors
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$139	\$96	45%	Principally driven by higher demand for North America Off- Highway service parts, global On-Highway service parts and global support equipment
Total	\$595	\$434	37%	



## **Q3 2017 Financial Performance**

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	\$ Var	% Var	Commentary
Net Sales	\$595	\$434	\$161	37.1%	Increase was principally driven by higher demand in the North America On-Highway, Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other and Global Off-Highway end markets
Cost of Sales	\$293	\$230	(\$63)	(27.4%)	
Gross Profit	\$302	\$204	\$98	48.0%	Increase was principally driven by increased net sales and price increases on certain products partially offset by unfavorable material costs, higher manufacturing expense commensurate with increased net sales and higher incentive compensation expense
Operating Expenses					
Selling, General and Administrative	\$78	\$79	\$1	1.3%	Decrease was principally driven by favorable product warranty adjustments partially offset by increased commercial activities spending and higher incentive compensation expense
Engineering – Research and Development	\$26	\$21	(\$5)	(23.8%)	Increase was principally driven by increased product initiatives spending
Total Operating Expenses	\$104	\$100	(\$4)	(4.0%)	
Operating Income	\$198	\$104	\$94	90.4%	
Interest Expense, net	(\$26)	(\$22)	(\$4)	(18.2%)	Increase was principally driven by refinancing activities and revolving credit facility borrowings
Expenses related to Long-Term Debt Refinancing	\$0	(\$12)	\$12	100.0%	Decrease driven by 2016 expense for previously recorded deferred financing costs as a result of the long-term debt refinancing completed in September 2016
Other (Expense) Income, net	(\$2)	\$1	(\$3)	(300.0%)	
Income Before Income Taxes	\$170	\$71	\$99	139.4%	
Income Tax Expense	(\$59)	(\$26)	(\$33)	(126.9%)	
Net Income	\$111	\$45	\$66	146.7%	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.75	\$0.27	\$0.48	177.8%	Q3 2017: 147M shares; Q3 2016: 168M shares
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$241	\$151	\$90	59.6%	
Adjusted EBITDA Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	40.5%	34.7%	-	5.8%	

(1) See Appendix for a reconciliation from Net Income.



## **Q3 2017 Cash Flow Performance**

(\$ in millions)	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$215	\$128	\$87	68.0%	Principally driven by increased gross profit, increased accounts payable, increased deferred revenue and decreased cash interest expense partially offset by increased cash income taxes		
CapEx	\$20	\$14	\$6	42.9%	Principally driven by increased productivity and replacement programs spending		
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	\$195	\$115	\$80	69.6%	Principally driven by increased Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities partially offset by increased capital expenditures		
(\$ in millions)	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary		
Operating Working Capital <sup>(2)</sup> Percentage of LTM Sales	11.3%	12.1%	N/A	(80 bps)	Principally driven by increased net sales		
Cash Paid for Interest	\$16	\$21	(\$5)	(23.8%)	Principally driven by refinancing activities		
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	\$31	\$2	\$29	1450.0%	Principally driven by the 2016 exhaustion of net operating losses		

<sup>(1)</sup> See Appendix for a reconciliation of Adjusted Free Cash Flow.



<sup>(2)</sup> Operating Working Capital = A/R + Inventory - A/P.

## **2017 Guidance Update**

	Guidance	Commentary
Net Sales Change from 2016	21 to 22 percent	Full year 2017 net sales guidance reflects stronger demand for North America Off-Highway service parts, Global On-Highway products and Global Off-Highway products. Our full year 2017 net sales outlook also assumes price increases on certain products.
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	37.75 to 38.75 percent	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (\$ in millions)	\$510 to \$530	
CapEx (\$ in millions)  Maintenance  New Products	\$85 \$5 to \$10	Subject to timely completion of development and sourcing milestones
Cash Income Taxes (\$ in millions)	\$105 to \$115	



# APPENDIX Non-GAAP Financial Information



## Non-GAAP Reconciliations (1 of 2)

	Adjusted	d EBITD	A recond	iliation				
						Three mor	nths ended	Last twelve months ended
\$ in millions, Unaudited	For the year ended December 31,					September 30,		September 30,
	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016					2016	2017	2017
Net income	\$514	\$165	\$229	\$182	\$215	\$45	\$111	\$350
plus:								
Interest expense, net	151	133	138	114	101	22	26	95
Income tax (benefit) expense	(298)	101	139	107	126	26	59	187
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	16	_	_	_			_	_
Technology-related investment expenses	14	5	2	_	1	1	_	3
Public offering expenses	6	2	1	_	_	_	_	_
Impairments	_	_	15	81	_	_	_	_
Environmental remediation	_		_	14	_		_	_
Amortization of intangible assets	150	105	99	97	92	23	22	90
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	103	99	94	88	84	21	21	81
Loss on redemptions and repayments of long-term debt	22	1	1	1	_	_	_	_
Stockholder activism expenses	_	_	_	_	4	_	_	_
Dual power inverter module extended coverage	9	(2)	1	(2)	1	_	(2)	(2)
UAW Local 933 signing bonus	9		_	_	_		_	_
Benefit plan re-measurement	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Unrealized (gain) loss on commodity hedge contracts	(1)	2	(1)	1	(2)	_	_	_
Unrealized loss (gain) on foreign exchange	_	2	5	1	1	(1)	2	1
Expenses related to long-term debt refinancing	_		_	25	12	12	_	_
Restructuring charges	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	_
Other, net <sup>(1)</sup>	8	13	15	11	9	2	2	11
Adjusted EBITDA	\$705	\$627	\$739	\$720	\$644	\$151	\$241	\$816
Net Sales	\$2,142	\$1,927	\$2,127	\$1,986	\$1,840	\$434	\$595	\$2,143
Adjusted EBITDA margin	32.9%	32.5%	34.7%	36.2%	35.0%	34.7%	40.5%	38.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes income related to benefit plan adjustments, employee stock compensation expense, service fees paid to Allison's Sponsors



## Non-GAAP Reconciliations (2 of 2)

Adjus	ted Fre	e Casl	h Flow	recon	ciliatio	n		
								Last twelve
						Three mor	nths ended	months ended
\$ in millions, Unaudited		For the year	ar ended De	cember 31,		Septem	ıber 30,	September 30,
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$498	\$464	\$573	\$580	\$591	\$128	\$215	\$667
(Deductions) or Additions:								
Long-lived assets	(124)	(75)	(64)	(58)	(71)	(14)	(20)	(75)
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	16	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Technology-related license expenses	12	6	6	_	_	_	_	_
Stockholder activism expenses	_	_	_	_	4	_	_	_
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	5	14	25	8	6	1	_	4
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$407	\$409	\$540	\$530	\$530	\$115	\$195	\$596
Net Sales	\$2,142	\$1,927	\$2,127	\$1,986	\$1,840	\$434	\$595	\$2,143
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (%to Net Sales)	19.0%	21.2%	25.4%	26.7%	28.8%	26.5%	32.8%	27.8%

