Q1 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

- Q1 2017 Performance
- 2017 Guidance Update



Q1 2017 Performance Summary

(\$ in millions)	Q1 2017	Q1 2016	% Variance
Net Sales	\$499	\$462	8.0%
Gross Margin %	50.3%	46.5%	380 bps
Net Income	\$83	\$48	72.9%
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$192	\$162	18.5%
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	\$103	\$113	(8.8%)

Commentary

Net Sales: increase was principally driven by higher demand in the Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end market.

Gross Margin: increase was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products and favorable manufacturing expense partially offset by higher incentive compensation expense.

Net Income: increase was principally driven by increased gross profit, decreased interest expense and decreased selling, general and administrative expense partially offset by increased income tax expense.

Adjusted EBITDA: increase was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products, favorable product warranty adjustments and favorable manufacturing expense partially offset by higher incentive compensation expense.

Adjusted Free Cash Flow: decrease was principally driven by increased accounts receivable commensurate with increased net sales and increased incentive compensation payments partially offset by increased gross profit and decreased cash interest expense.

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



Q1 2017 Sales Performance

(\$ in millions)

End Markets	Q1 2017	Q1 2016	% Variance	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$255	\$257	(1%)	Principally driven by lower demand for Highway Series and Rugged Duty Series models partially offset by higher demand in Pupil Transport/Shuttle and Transit/Other Bus models
North America Hybrid- Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus	\$20	\$17	18%	Principally driven by the timing of certain transit property orders
North America Off-Hwy	\$1	\$5	(80%)	Principally driven by the previously contemplated trailing impact of low energy prices
Defense	\$27	\$25	8%	Principally driven by the intra-year movement in the timing of orders
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$72	\$70	3%	Principally driven by higher demand in India partially offset by lower demand in China
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$6	\$3	100%	Principally driven by higher demand in the mining and energy sectors
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$118	\$85	39%	Principally driven by higher demand for North America service parts
Total	\$499	\$462	8%	



Q1 2017 Financial Performance

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Q1 2017	Q1 2016	\$ Var	% Var	Commentary
Net Sales	\$499	\$462	\$37	8.0%	Increase was principally driven by higher demand in the Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end market
Cost of Sales	\$248	\$247	(\$1)	(0.4%)	
Gross Profit	\$251	\$215	\$36	16.7%	Increase was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products and favorable manufacturing expense partially offset by higher incentive compensation expense
Operating Expenses					
Selling, General and Administrative	\$79	\$83	\$4	4.8%	Decrease was principally driven by favorable product warranty adjustments and 2016 stockholder activism expense partially offset by higher incentive compensation expense
Engineering – Research and Development	\$23	\$21	(\$2)	(9.5%)	Increase was principally driven by higher incentive compensation expense
Total Operating Expenses	\$102	\$104	\$2	1.9%	
Operating Income	\$149	\$111	\$38	34.2%	
Interest Expense, net	(\$25)	(\$34)	\$9	26.5%	Decrease principally driven by favorable mark-to-market adjustments for our interest rate derivatives partially offset by interest expense for our interest rate derivatives that became effective in August 2016 and interest expense for revolving loans borrowing
Other Income, net	\$3	\$0	\$3	N/A	
Income Before Income Taxes	\$127	\$77	\$50	64.9%	
Income Tax Expense	(\$44)	(\$29)	(\$15)	(51.7%)	Decrease in effective tax rate principally driven by 2017 discrete activity related to the excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation
Net Income	\$83	\$48	\$35	72.9%	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.52	\$0.28	\$0.24	85.7%	Q1 2017: 159M shares; Q1 2016: 172M shares
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$192	\$162	\$30	18.5%	
Adjusted EBITDA Margin ⁽¹⁾	38.5%	35.1%	-	3.4%	

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



Q1 2017 Cash Flow Performance

(\$ in millions)	Q1 2017	Q1 2016	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$111	\$118	(\$7)	(5.9%)	Principally driven by higher accounts receivable commensurate with increased net sales, higher inventories and increased incentive compensation payments partially offset by increased gross profit, higher accounts payable and decreased cash interest expense as a result of the intrayear timing of debt payments
CapEx	\$8	\$6	\$2	33.3%	Principally driven by timing of productivity and replacement program spending
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	\$103	\$113	(\$10)	(8.8%)	Principally driven by decreased Cash Provided by Operating Activities and increased capital expenditures

(\$ in millions)	Q1 2017	Q1 2016	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary
Operating Working Capital ⁽²⁾ Percentage of LTM Sales	12.6%	11.7%	N/A	90 bps	Principally driven by increased net sales
Cash Paid for Interest	\$14	\$22	(\$8)	(36.4%)	Principally driven by the intra-year timing of debt payments
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	\$3	\$3	\$0	0.0%	Principally driven by increased income before taxes offset by the intra-year timing of income tax payments

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



⁽²⁾ Operating Working Capital = A/R + Inventory – A/P.

2017 Guidance Update

	Guidance	Commentary
Net Sales Change from 2016	7.5 to 10.5 percent	Guidance reflects stronger demand for North America Off- Highway service parts and North America On-Highway products. Our full year 2017 net sales outlook also assumes price increases on certain products and a modest recovery in the Global Off-Highway end markets.
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	34 to 36 percent	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (\$ in millions)	\$415 to \$455	
CapEx (\$ in millions) Maintenance New Products	\$65 to \$70 \$5 to \$10	Subject to timely completion of development and sourcing milestones
Cash Income Taxes (\$ in millions)	\$65 to \$75	



APPENDIX Non-GAAP Financial Information



Non-GAAP Reconciliations (1 of 2)

	Adjusted	EBITD	A reconc	iliation				
								Last twelve
						Three mor	nths ended	months ended
\$ in millions, Unaudited		For the yea	ar ended De	Marc	h 31,	March 31,		
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017
Net income	\$514	\$165	\$229	\$182	\$215	\$48	\$83	\$250
plus:								
Interest expense, net	151	133	138	114	101	34	25	92
Income tax expense (benefit)	(298)	101	139	107	126	29	44	141
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	16	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Technology-related investment expenses	14	5	2	_	1	_	_	1
Public offering expenses	6	2	1	_	_	_	_	_
Impairments	_	_	15	81	_	_	_	_
Environmental remediation	_	_	_	14	_	_	_	_
Amortization of intangible assets	150	105	99	97	92	23	22	91
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	103	99	94	88	84	21	19	82
Loss on redemptions and repayments of long-term debt	22	1	1	1	_	_	_	_
Stockholder activism expenses	_	_	_	_	4	4	_	_
Dual power inverter module extended coverage	9	(2)	1	(2)	1	1	_	_
UAW Local 933 signing bonus	9	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Benefit plan re-measurement	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Unrealized loss (gain) on commodity hedge contracts	(1)	2	(1)	1	(2)	(1)	(1)	(2)
Unrealized loss (gain) on foreign exchange	_	2	5	1	1	1	(2)	(2)
Expenses related to long-term debt refinancing	_	_	_	25	12	_	_	12
Restructuring charges	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	_
Other, net ⁽¹⁾	8	13	15	11	9	2	2	9
Adjusted EBITDA	\$705	\$627	\$739	\$720	\$644	\$162	\$192	\$674
Net Sales	\$2,142	\$1,927	\$2,127	\$1,986	\$1,840	\$462	\$499	\$1,877
Adjusted EBITDA margin	32.9%	32.5%	34.7%	36.2%	35.0%	35.1%	38.5%	35.9%

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



Non-GAAP Reconciliations (2 of 2)

Adjusted Free Cash Flow reconciliation									
								Last twelve	
						Three mor	nths ended	months ended	
\$ in millions, Unaudited		For the year	ar ended De	cember 31,		March 31,		March 31,	
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$498	\$464	\$573	\$580	\$591	\$118	\$111	\$584	
(Deductions) or Additions:									
Long-lived assets	(124)	(75)	(64)	(58)	(71)	(6)	(8)	(73)	
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	16	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Technology-related license expenses	12	6	6	_	_	_	_	_	
Stockholder activism expenses	_	_	_	_	4	1	_	3	
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	5	14	25	8	6	_	_	6	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$407	\$409	\$540	\$530	\$530	\$113	\$103	\$520	
Net Sales	\$2,142	\$1,927	\$2,127	\$1,986	\$1,840	\$462	\$499	\$1,877	

25.4%

26.7%

28.8%

24.5%

20.6%

19.0%

21.2%



27.7%

Adjusted Free Cash Flow (%to Net Sales)