Q4 2018 Earnings Release

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Non-GAAP Financial Information

We use Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of net sales to measure our operating profitability. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of net sales 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 as a percent of net sales 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 and Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of net sales is Net income and Net income as a percent of net sales, respectively. 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 Allison Transmission, Inc.'s, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Term B-3 Loan due 2022. Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of net sales 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. 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. Adjusted Free Cash Flow is calculated as Net cash provided by operating activities after additions of long-lived assets.



Call Agenda

- Q4 2018 Performance
- 2019 Guidance



Q4 2018 Performance Summary

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	% Variance
Net Sales	\$647	\$588	10.0%
Gross Margin %	52.2%	49.0%	320 bps
Net Income	\$147	\$215	(31.6%)
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$261	\$210	24.3%

Commentary

Net Sales: increase was principally driven by higher demand in the Outside North America Off-Highway and North America On-Highway end markets, price increases on certain products and the continued execution of our growth initiatives.

Gross Margin: increase was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products and favorable material costs.

Net Income: decrease was principally driven by the 2017 enactment of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, increased product initiatives spending and increased interest expense partially offset by increased gross profit, decreased loss associated with the impairment of long-lived assets, decreased technology-related investment expense and decreased selling, general and administrative expenses.

Adjusted EBITDA: increase was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products, decreased selling, general and administrative expenses and favorable material costs partially offset by increased product initiatives spending.



⁽¹⁾ See Appendix for a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA.

Q4 2018 Sales Performance

(\$ in millions)

End Markets	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	% Variance	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$303	\$287	6%	Principally driven by higher demand for Rugged Duty Series and Highway Series models
North America Off-Hwy	\$17	\$28	(39%)	Principally driven by lower demand from hydraulic fracturing applications
Defense	\$36	\$25	44%	Principally driven by higher Tracked demand
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$95	\$98	(3%)	Principally driven by lower demand in South America and Asia
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$47	\$11	327%	Principally driven by improved demand in the energy, mining and construction sectors
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$149	\$139	7%	Principally driven by higher demand for North America On- Highway service parts and global support equipment
Total	\$647	\$588	10%	



Q4 2018 Financial Performance

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	\$ Var	% Var	Commentary
Net Sales	\$647	\$588	\$59	10.0%	Increase was principally driven by higher demand in the Outside North America Off-Highway and North America On-Highway end markets, price increases on certain products and the continued execution of our growth initiatives
Cost of Sales	\$309	\$300	(\$9)	(3.0%)	
Gross Profit	\$338	\$288	\$50	17.4%	Increase was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products and favorable material costs
Operating Expenses					
Selling, General and Administrative	\$90	\$97	\$7	7.2%	Decrease was principally driven by unfavorable product warranty adjustments in 2017 that did not recur in 2018
Engineering – Research and Development	\$37	\$31	(\$6)	(19.4%)	Increase was principally driven by increased product initiatives spending
Loss associated with Impairment of Long- Lived Assets	\$4	\$32	\$28	87.5%	
Total Operating Expenses	\$131	\$160	\$29	18.1%	
Operating Income	\$207	\$128	\$79	61.7%	
Interest Expense, net	(\$31)	(\$25)	(\$6)	(24.0%)	Increase was principally driven by favorable market-to-market adjustments for interest rate derivatives in 2017 and higher interest rates on the Senior Secured Credit Facility
Other Expense, net	(\$2)	(\$19)	\$17	89.5%	Change was principally driven by lower technology-related investments expense and credits related to post-retirement benefit plan amendments
Income Before Income Taxes	\$174	\$84	\$90	107.1%	
Income Tax (Expense) Benefit	(\$27)	\$131	(\$158)	(120.6%)	Change was principally driven by a one-time income tax benefit resulting from a decrease in deferred tax liabilities in 2017 as a result of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted into law in December 2017 and increased taxable income partially offset by a decrease in effective tax rate as a result of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
Net Income	\$147	\$215	(\$68)	(31.6%)	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$1.14	\$1.51	(\$0.37)	(24.5%)	Q4 2018: 129M shares; Q4 2017: 142M shares
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$261	\$210	\$51	24.3%	

(1) See appendix for the reconciliation from Net Income.



Q4 2018 Cash Flow Performance

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$232	\$166	\$66	39.8%	Principally driven by increased gross profit, lower cash income taxes and cash interest expense partially offset by increased working capital
CapEx	\$48	\$51	(\$3)	(5.9%)	Principally driven by timing of productivity and replacement programs spending
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	\$184	\$115	\$69	60.0%	Principally driven by increased net cash provided by operating activities and lower capital expenditures
(\$ in millions)	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary
Operating Working Capital ⁽²⁾ Percentage of LTM Sales	10.3%	9.5%	N/A	80 Bps	Principally driven by increased operating working capital commensurate with increased quarterly net sales partially offset with higher LTM net sales
Cash Paid for Interest	\$47	\$53	(\$6)	(11.3%)	Principally driven by termination of interest rate derivatives in 2017 partially offset by interest payments for the 4.75% Senior Notes due 2027
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	\$21	\$31	(\$10)	(32.3%)	Principally driven by intra-year timing of payments

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



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

2019 Guidance – End Markets Net Sales Commentary

(\$ in millions)

End Market	2018 Net Sales	2019 Midpoint	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$1,317	5%	Principally driven by anticipated market share gains in Class 4-5 truck as a result of the recent medium duty commercial truck launches by Chevrolet and Navistar and higher Class 8 straight truck production
North America Off-Hwy	\$93	(78%)	Principally driven by lower demand for hydraulic fracturing applications
Defense	\$158	0%	
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$383	3%	Principally driven by increased fully-automatic penetration
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$129	(19%)	Principally driven by lower demand in the energy sector
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$633	(10%)	Principally driven by decreased demand for North America Off-Highway service parts

Allison expects first quarter net sales to be flat from the same period in 2018 principally driven by increased demand expected in the North America On-Highway end market offset by decreased demand expected in the North America Off-Highway and Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end markets.



2019 Guidance - Summary

(\$ in millions)	Guidance	Commentary
Net Sales Change	\$2,580 to \$2,680	Guidance reflects lower demand in the North America Off- Highway and Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end markets principally driven by hydraulic fracturing applications partially offset by increased demand in the global On-Highway end markets, price increases on certain products and the continued execution of our growth initiatives
Net Income	\$535 to \$585	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$1,000 to \$1,060	
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	\$710 to \$750	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$550 to \$600	Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities less CapEx
Cash Income Taxes	\$100 to \$110	



APPENDIX Non-GAAP Financial Information



Non-GAAP Reconciliations (1 of 3)

Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation								
						Three mor	Three months ended	
\$ in millions, Unaudited		For the ye	ar ended Dec	ember 31,		Decem	ber 31,	
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017	2018	
Net income (GAAP)	\$229	\$182	\$215	\$504	\$639	\$215	\$147	
plus:								
Interest expense, net	138	114	101	103	121	25	31	
Income tax expense (benefit)	139	107	126	23	166	(131)	27	
Technology-related investment expenses	2	_	1	16	3	13	3	
Public offering expenses	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Impairments	15	81	_	32	4	32	4	
Environmental remediation	_	14	_	_	_	_	_	
Amortization of intangible assets	99	97	92	90	87	23	21	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	94	88	84	80	77	20	19	
Loss on redemptions and repayments of long-term debt	1	1	_	_	_	_		
Stockholder activism expenses	_	_	4	_	_	_	_	
Dual power inverter module extended coverage	1	(2)	1	(2)	_	_	_	
UAW Local 933 signing bonus	_	_	_	10	_	10	_	
UAW Local 933 retirement incentive	_	_	_	_	15	_	8	
Unrealized loss (gain) on commodity hedge contracts	(1)	1	(2)	_	_	_	_	
Unrealized loss (gain) on foreign exchange	5	1	1	_	3	(1)	(3)	
Expenses related to long-term debt refinancing	_	25	12	_	_	_	_	
Restructuring charges	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Stock-based compensation expense	15	11	9	12	13	4	4	
Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP)	\$739	\$720	\$644	\$868	\$1,128	\$210	\$261	
Net Sales (GAAP)	\$2,127	\$1,986	\$1,840	\$2,262	\$2,713	\$588	\$647	
Net income as a percent of net sales	10.8%	9.2%	11.7%	22.3%	23.6%	36.6%	22.7%	
Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of net sales	34.7%	36.2%	35.0%	38.4%	41.6%	35.7%	40.3%	



Non-GAAP Reconciliations (2 of 3)

Adjusted I	Free Cas	h Flow	reconc	iliation		II	
\$ in millions, Unaudited		For the yea	ar ended Dec	cember 31,			nths ended
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017	2018
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (GAAP)	\$573	\$580	\$591	\$658	\$837	\$166	\$232
(Deductions) or Additions:							
Long-lived assets	(64)	(58)	(71)	(91)	(100)	(51)	(48)
Technology-related license expenses	6	_	_		_	_	_
Stockholder activism expenses	-	_	4	_	_	_	_
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	25	8	6	_	_	_	_
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (Non-GAAP)	\$540	\$530	\$530	\$567	\$737	\$115	\$184



Non-GAAP Reconciliations (3 of 3)

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\$ in millions		Guidance				
	Yea	Year Ending December 31, 20				
		Low		High		
Net Income (GAAP)	\$	535	\$	585		
plus:						
Income tax expense		158		168		
Interest expense, net		126		126		
Depreciation and amortization		157		157		
UAW Local 933 retirement incentive		9		9		
Stock-based compensation expense		15		15		
Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP)	\$	1,000	\$	1,060		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities (GAAP)	\$	710	\$	750		
Deductions to Reconcile to Adjusted Free Cash Flow:						
Additions of long-lived assets		(160)		(150)		
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (Non-GAAP)	\$	550	\$	600		

