## **Q2 2015 Earnings Release**

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

We use Adjusted net income, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses, Adjusted EBITDA margin excluding technology-related license expenses, adjusted free cash flow and free cash flow to evaluate our performance relative to that of our peers. In addition, the Senior Secured Credit Facility has certain covenants that incorporate Adjusted EBITDA. However, Adjusted net income, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses, adjusted free cash flow and free cash flow are not measurements of financial performance under GAAP, and these metrics may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Adjusted net income is calculated as the sum of net income, interest expense, net, income tax expense (benefit), trade name impairment and amortization of intangible assets, less cash interest, net and cash income taxes, and adjusted for certain non-recurring items. Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as the sum of Adjusted net income, cash interest, net, cash income taxes, depreciation of property, plant and equipment and other adjustments as defined by the Senior Secured Credit Facility and as further described below. Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses is calculated as Adjusted EBITDA margin is calculated as Adjusted EBITDA divided by net sales. Adjusted EBITDA margin excluding technology-related license expenses divided by net sales. Free cash flow is calculated as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. Adjusted free cash flow is free cash flow adjusted for non-recurring items.

We use Adjusted net income to measure our overall profitability because it better reflects our cash flow generation by capturing the actual cash interest paid and cash taxes paid rather than our interest expense and tax expense as calculated under GAAP and excludes the impact of the non-cash annual amortization of certain intangible assets that were created at the time of the Acquisition Transaction. We use Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses, Adjusted EBITDA margin and Adjusted EBITDA margin excluding technology-related license expenses to evaluate and control our cash operating costs and to measure our operating profitability. We use adjusted free cash flow and free cash flow to evaluate the amount of cash generated by the business that, after the capital investment needed to maintain and grow our business, can be used for strategic opportunities, including investing in our business and strengthening our balance sheet. We believe the presentation of Adjusted net income, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses, Adjusted EBITDA margin, Adjusted EBITDA margin excluding technology-related license expenses and adjusted free cash flow enhances our investors' overall understanding of the financial performance and cash flow of our business.

You should not consider Adjusted net income, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses, Adjusted EBITDA margin, Adjusted EBITDA margin excluding technology-related license expenses, adjusted free cash flow and free cash flow as an alternative to net income, determined in accordance with GAAP, as an indicator of operating performance, or as an alternative to net cash provided by operating activities, determined in accordance with GAAP, as an indicator of Allison's cash flow.



## **Call Agenda**

- Q2 2015 Performance
- Full Year 2015 Guidance Update



#### **Q2 2015 Performance Summary**

(\$ in millions)	Q2 2015	Q2 2014	% Variance
Net Sales	\$511	\$536	-4.7%
Gross Margin %	46.2%	44.5%	+170 bps
Adjusted Net Income (1)	\$98	\$117	-16.0%
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	\$140	\$135	4.2%

#### **Commentary**

Net Sales: the decrease was principally driven by lower demand in the global Off-Highway and Defense end markets partially offset by the continued recovery in the North America On-Highway end market, higher demand in the Outside On-Highway North America end market and price increases on certain products.

Gross Margin: the increase was principally driven by price increases on certain products and favorable material costs.

Adjusted Net Income: the decrease was principally driven by \$25 million of premiums and expenses on the tender offer and redemption of long-term debt partially offset by decreased cash interest expense.

Adjusted Free Cash Flow: the increase was principally driven by increased net cash provided by operating activities partially offset by increased capital expenditures and decreased excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation.

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



#### **Q2 2015 Sales Performance**

#### (\$ in millions)

End Markets	Q2 2015	Q2 2014	% Variance	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$277	\$243	14%	Principally driven by higher demand for Rugged Duty Series and Highway Series models
North America Hybrid- Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus	\$20	\$28	(29%)	Principally driven by lower demand due to engine emissions improvements and non-hybrid alternatives that generally require a fully-automatic transmission (e.g. xNG)
North America Off-Hwy	\$10	\$23	(57%)	Principally driven by lower demand from hydraulic fracturing applications
Defense	\$29	\$49	(41%)	Principally driven by the recognition of previously deferred tracked transmissions revenue in 2014 totaling \$16 million and reductions in U.S. defense spending to longer term averages experienced during periods without active conflicts
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$73	\$62	18%	Principally driven by higher demand in Europe, Japan and India
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$8	\$24	(67%)	Principally driven by lower demand in the energy and mining sectors
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$94	\$107	(12%)	Principally driven by lower demand for North America service parts
Total	\$511	\$536	(5%)	



#### **Q2 2015 Financial Performance**

(\$ in millions, except share data)	Q2 2015	Q2 2014	\$ Var	% Var	Commentary
Net Sales	\$511.0	\$536.1	(\$25.1)	(4.7%)	Decrease was principally driven by lower demand in the global Off-Highway and Defense end markets partially offset by the continued recovery in the North America On-Highway end market, higher demand in the Outside North America On-Highway end market and price increases on certain products
Cost of Sales	\$274.7	\$297.6	\$22.9	7.7%	
Gross Profit	\$236.3	\$238.5	(\$2.2)	(0.9%)	Decrease principally driven by decreased sales volume partially offset by price increases on certain products, favorable material costs and lower incentive compensation expense
Operating Expenses					
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	\$75.6	\$85.1	\$9.5	11.2%	Decrease principally driven by favorable product warranty adjustments, lower incentive and stock based compensation, and reduced global commercial spending activities
Engineering – Research and Development	\$23.2	\$21.2	(\$2.0)	(9.4%)	Increase principally driven by increased product initiatives spending partially offset by lower incentive compensation
Total Operating Expenses	\$98.8	\$106.3	\$7.5	7.1%	
Operating Income	\$137.5	\$132.2	\$5.3	4.0%	
Interest Expense, net	(\$23.1)	(\$36.6)	\$13.5	36.9%	Decrease principally driven by the expiration of certain LIBOR swaps and debt repayments and refinancing
Premiums and expenses on tender offer and redemption of long-term debt	(\$25.1)	\$0.0	(\$25.1)	N/A	Refinanced 7.125% Senior Notes with additional Term B-3 Loan borrowing
Other Expense, net	(\$2.2)	(\$0.9)	(\$1.3)	(144.4%)	
Income Before Income Taxes	\$87.1	\$94.7	(\$7.6)	(8.0%)	
Income Tax Expense	(\$32.7)	(\$37.5)	\$4.8	12.8%	Change in effective tax rate principally driven by the change in discrete activity
Net Income	\$54.4	\$57.2	(\$2.8)	(4.9%)	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.30	\$0.31	(\$0.01)	(3.2%)	Q2 2015: 179.6M shares; Q2 2014: 181.6M shares
Adjusted Net Income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$98.0	\$116.6	(\$18.6)	(16.0%)	
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$185.5	\$186.1	(\$0.6)	(0.3%)	

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



#### **Q2 2015 Cash Flow Performance**

(\$ in millions)	Q2 2015	Q2 2014	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$154	\$143	\$11	7.1%	Principally driven by price increases on certain products, favorable material costs, lower product warranty expense, lower incentive compensation expense and decreased global commercial spending activities partially offset by decreased net sales, increased product initiatives spending, and lower accounts payable commensurate with decreased net sales		
CapEx	\$14	\$12	\$2	17.2%	Principally driven by timing of 2015 productivity and replacement programs spending		
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	\$140	\$135	\$5	4.2%	Principally driven by increased net cash provided by operating activities partially offset by increased capital expenditures and decreased excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation		
(\$ in millions)	Q2 2015	Q2 2014	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary		
Operating Working Capital <sup>(2)</sup> Percentage of LTM Sales	11.4%	11.2%	N/A	20 bps	In line with prior period		
Cash Paid for Interest	\$35	\$39	(\$4)	(10.5%)	Principally driven by expiration of certain LIBOR swaps, and debt repayments and refinancing		
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	\$1	\$1	\$0	40%	In line with prior period		

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



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

## **Full Year 2015 Guidance Update**

	Guidance	Commentary
Net Sales Change from 2014	(6) to (8) percent	Guidance reflects the elevated level of uncertainty and a dearth of near-term visibility in the global Off-Highway and Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end markets
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	34.75 to 35.75 percent	Principally driven by Net Sales and the execution of several initiatives to align costs and programs across our business with challenging end markets demand conditions
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (\$ in millions)	\$470 to \$500	\$2.60 to \$2.80 per diluted share
CapEx (\$ in millions)  Maintenance  New Product Programs	\$60 to \$65 \$0 to \$5	Subject to timely completion of development and sourcing milestones
Cash Income Taxes (\$ in millions)	\$10 to \$15	U.S. income tax shield and net operating loss utilization



# APPENDIX Non-GAAP Financial Information



### Non-GAAP Reconciliations (1 of 2)

#### Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

						Three months	s ended	Last twelve months ended
\$ in millions, Unaudited			r ended Dece	June 3	June 30,			
_	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015
Net income	\$29.6	\$103.0	\$514.2	\$165.4	\$228.6	\$57.2	\$54.4	\$242.1
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Interest expense, net	277.5	217.3	151.2	132.9	138.4	36.6	23.1	126.7
Cash interest expense, net	(239.1)	(208.6)	(167.3)	(159.2)	(140.0)	(39.2)	(35.1)	(125.0)
Income tax expense (benefit)	53.7	47.6	(298.0)	100.7	139.5	37.5	32.7	147.3
Cash income taxes	(2.2)	(5.8)	(10.7)	(3.8)	(5.0)	(1.0)	(1.4)	(5.8)
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	_	_	16.0	_	-	_	_	_
Technology-related investment expenses	_	_	14.4	5.0	2.0	_	_	2.0
Public offering expenses	_	_	6.1	1.6	1.4	0.8	_	0.3
Impairments	_	_	_	_	15.4	_	_	16.7
Amortization of intangible assets	154.2	151.9	150.0	105.3	98.8	24.7	24.3	98.0
Adjusted net income	\$273.7	\$305.4	\$375.9	\$347.9	\$479.1	\$116.6	\$98.0	\$502.3
Cash interest expense	239.1	208.6	167.3	159.2	140.0	39.2	35.1	125.0
Cash income taxes	2.2	5.8	10.7	3.8	5.0	1.0	1.4	5.8
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	99.6	103.8	102.5	98.7	93.8	24.1	22.0	89.8
(Gain)/loss on redemptions and repayments of long-term debt	(3.3)	16.0	22.1	8.0	0.5	_	_	0.7
Dual power inverter module extended coverage	(1.9)	_	9.4	(2.4)	1.0	_	_	(8.0)
UAW Local 933 signing bonus	_	_	8.8	_	-	_	_	_
Benefit plan re-measurement	_	_	2.3	_	-	_	_	_
Unrealized loss (gain) on commodity hedge contracts	0.3	6.5	(1.0)	1.5	(1.0)	(1.2)	0.2	0.1
Unrealized (gain) loss on foreign exchange	(0.2)	0.3	0.1	2.3	5.2	1.7	1.1	2.6
Premiums and expenses on tender offer and redemption of long-term debt	_	56.9	_	_	_	_	25.1	25.1
Restructuring charges	_	_	_	1.0	0.7	0.7	_	_
Reduction of supply contract liability	(3.4)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Other, net <sup>(1)</sup>	10.9	8.6	7.0	13.8	14.7	4.0	2.6	12.1
Adjusted EBITDA	\$617.0	\$711.9	\$705.1	\$626.6	\$739.0	\$186.1	\$185.5	\$762.7
Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses	\$617.0	\$711.9	\$717.1	\$632.6	\$745.1	\$186.1	\$185.5	\$765.5
Net Sales	\$1,926.3	\$2,162.8	\$2,141.8	\$1,926.8	\$2,127.4	\$536.1	\$511.0	\$2,112.3
Adjusted EBITDA margin	32.0%	32.9%	32.9%	32.5%	34.7%	34.7%	36.3%	36.1%
Adjusted EBITDA margin excl technology-related license expenses	32.0%	32.9%	33.5%	32.8%	35.0%	34.7%	36.3%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes charges or income related to benefit plan adjustments, employee stock compensation expense, service fees paid to Allison's Sponsors and an adjustment for the settlement of litigation which originated with the Predecessor but was assumed by the Company as part of the Acquisition Transaction.



#### Non-GAAP Reconciliations (2 of 2)

#### **Adjusted Free Cash Flow reconciliation** Last twelve Three months ended months ended \$ in millions, Unaudited For the year ended December 31, June 30, June 30, 2010 2011 2012 2014 2014 2015 2015 2013 \$469.2 **Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities** \$388.9 \$497.5 \$453.5 \$556.9 \$143.4 \$153.6 \$548.6 (Deductions) or Additions: Long-lived assets (73.8)(96.9)(123.9)(64.1)(11.6)(13.6)(56.3)(74.4)Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors 16.0 Technology-related license expenses 12.0 6.1 2.8 6.0 Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation 5.3 24.6 2.8 0.2 13.7 24.8 \$372.3 \$406.9 \$140.2 \$519.9 **Adjusted Free Cash Flow** \$315.1 \$398.8 \$523.5 \$134.6 **Net Sales** \$1,926.3 \$2,141.8 \$1,926.8 \$2,127.4 \$536.1 \$511.0 \$2.112.3 \$2,162.8 17.2% 19.0% 25.1% 27.4% 24.6% Adjusted Free Cash Flow (% to Net Sales) 16.4% 20.7% 24.6%

