# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d)
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 9, 2015

## ALLISON TRANSMISSION HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-35456 (Commission File Number) 26-0414014 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Allison Way, Indianapolis, Indiana (Address of principal executive offices)

46222 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (317) 242-5000

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Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 9, 2015, Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc. ("Allison") published an earnings release reporting its financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2014. A copy of the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. Following the publication of the earnings release, Allison will host an earnings call on February 10, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. ET on which its financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2014 will be discussed. The investor presentation materials that will be used for the call are attached as Exhibit 99.2 hereto.

On February 9, 2015, Allison posted the materials attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 on its web site (www.allisontransmission.com).

As discussed on page 2 of Exhibit 99.2, the investor presentation contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These statements are present expectations, and are subject to the limitations listed therein and in Allison's other Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including that actual events or results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

The foregoing information (including the exhibits hereto) is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number		Description
99.1	Earnings release dated February 9, 2015.	
99.2	Investor presentation materials dated February 9, 2015	

#### 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc.

Date: February 9, 2015 By: /s/ Eric. C. Scroggins Name: /s/ Eric. C. Scroggins

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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#### Allison Transmission Announces Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2014 Results

#### Fourth Quarter 2014:

• Net Sales \$544 million, Adjusted Net Income \$117 million, Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses \$188 million, Adjusted Free Cash Flow \$129 million or \$0.71 per Diluted Share

#### Full Year 2014:

 Net Sales \$2,127 million, Adjusted Net Income \$479 million, Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses \$745 million, Adjusted Free Cash Flow \$524 million or \$2.87 per Diluted Share

INDIANAPOLIS, February 9, 2015 – Allison Transmission Holdings Inc. (NYSE: ALSN), the largest global provider of commercial duty fully-automatic transmissions, today reported net sales for the fourth quarter of \$544 million, an 11 percent increase from the same period in 2013. The increase in net sales was principally driven by the continued recoveries in the North America On-Highway and Off-Highway end markets, and higher demand in the Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end market, partially offset by lower demand in the Outside North America On-Highway and North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus end markets.

Adjusted Net Income, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the quarter was \$117 million, compared to Adjusted Net Income of \$78 million for the same period in 2013, an increase of \$39 million. Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the quarter was \$185 million, or 34.0 percent of net sales, compared to \$153 million, or 31.1 percent of net sales, for the same period in 2013. Excluding \$3 million of technology-related license expenses, Adjusted EBITDA for the fourth quarter of 2014 was \$188 million, or 34.6 percent of net sales. Adjusted Free Cash Flow, a non-GAAP financial measure, for the quarter was \$129 million, or \$0.71 per diluted share, compared to \$109 million for the same period in 2013, or \$0.59 per diluted share.

Lawrence E. Dewey, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allison Transmission commented, "Our fourth quarter 2014 results exceed the guidance ranges we provided to the market on October 27. Net sales improved on a year-over-year basis for the fifth consecutive quarter led by the continued recoveries in the North America On-Highway and Off-Highway end markets, and higher demand in the Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end market, partially offset by lower demand in the Outside North America On-Highway and North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus end markets. Allison continued to demonstrate strong operating margins and free cash flow while investing in growth opportunities despite challenging conditions in the Outside North America end markets. During the quarter, highlighting our commitments to cash flow generation and the return of capital to shareholders, Allison's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program for up to \$500 million of its common stock and approved an increase in its quarterly cash dividend from \$0.12 to \$0.15 per share. In addition, we maintained our prudent approach to capital allocation by repaying \$69 million of debt during the quarter. Given the heightened level of uncertainty and the lack of near-term visibility and confidence in the global Off-Highway end markets, we are taking a cautious approach to 2015."

#### Fourth Quarter Net Sales by End Market

	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	
	Net Sales	Net Sales	
End Market	(\$M)	(\$M)	% Variance
North America On-Highway	256	210	22%
North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus	17	32	(47%)
North America Off-Highway	36	14	157%
Defense	38	35	9%
Outside North America On-Highway	65	86	(24%)
Outside North America Off-Highway	19	14	36%
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	113	100	13%
Total Net Sales	544	491	11%

#### Fourth Quarter Highlights

North America On-Highway end market net sales were up 22 percent from the same period in 2013 principally driven by higher demand for Rugged Duty Series models and flat on a sequential basis principally driven by higher demand for Highway Series models, offset by lower demand for Pupil Transport/Shuttle Series models.

North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus end market net sales were down 47 percent from the same period in 2013 principally driven by intra-year movement in the timing of orders and lower demand due to engine emissions improvements and non-hybrid alternatives that generally require a fully-automatic transmission (e.g. xNG), and down 26 percent sequentially principally driven by intra-year movement in the timing of orders.

North America Off-Highway end market net sales were up 157 percent from the same period in 2013 and up 20 percent on a sequential basis principally driven by higher demand from hydraulic fracturing applications.

Defense end market net sales were up 9 percent from the same period in 2013 principally driven by revenue deferred in the prior year period for certain tracked transmissions that were not shipped at the request of the U.S. government, partially offset by previously considered reductions in U.S. defense spending to longer term averages experienced during periods without active conflicts, and up 9 percent sequentially principally driven by the intra-year movement in the timing of tracked transmission orders.

Outside North America On-Highway end market net sales were down 24 percent from the same period in 2013 reflecting weakness in China Bus and Europe Truck, and down 11 percent on a sequential basis principally driven by lower demand in China Bus and Truck, and Japan Truck.

Outside North America Off-Highway end market net sales were up 36 percent from the same period in 2013 principally driven by improved demand in the China energy sector, partially offset by lower demand in the global mining sector, and flat sequentially.

Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end market net sales were up 13 percent from the same period in 2013 principally driven by higher demand for North America Off-Highway service parts and down 4 percent on a sequential basis principally driven by lower demand for North America On-Highway service parts consistent with seasonal aftermarket activity levels and global On-Highway support equipment commensurate with decreased transmission unit volumes, partially offset by higher demand for North America Off-Highway service parts.

Gross profit for the quarter was \$256 million, an increase of 21 percent from \$211 million for the same period in 2013. Gross margin for the quarter was 47.0 percent, an increase of 390 basis points from a gross margin of 43.1 percent for the same period in 2013. The increase in gross profit from the same period in 2013 was principally driven by increased net sales and price increases on certain products.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the quarter were \$89 million, an increase of 2 percent from \$87 million for the same period in 2013, principally driven by increased global commercial spending activities, partially offset by favorable product warranty expense adjustments.

Engineering – research and development expenses for the quarter were \$34 million, an increase of \$7 million excluding the 2014 technology-related license expenses of \$3 million to expand our position in transmission technologies, from \$24 million for the same period in 2013. The increase was principally driven by increased product initiatives spending.

#### Fourth Quarter Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted Net Income for the quarter was \$117 million, compared to \$78 million for the same period in 2013, an increase of \$39 million. The increase was principally driven by increased Adjusted EBITDA and decreased cash interest expense.

Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter was \$185 million, or 34.0 percent of net sales, compared to \$153 million, or 31.1 percent of net sales, for the same period in 2013. Excluding \$3 million of technology-related license expenses, Adjusted EBITDA for the fourth quarter of 2014 was \$188 million, or 34.6 percent of net sales. The increase in Adjusted EBITDA from the same period in 2013 was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products and favorable product warranty expense adjustments, partially offset by increased global commercial spending activities and product initiatives spending, and \$3 million of technology-related license expenses.

Adjusted Free Cash Flow for the quarter was \$129 million compared to \$109 million for the same period in 2013. The increase was principally driven by increased net cash provided by operating activities, decreased capital expenditures, increased excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation and a \$3 million increase in technology-related license expenses.

#### 2015 Guidance

Allison expects 2015 net sales to be in the range of flat to down 5 percent compared to 2014, an Adjusted EBITDA margin in the range of 34 to 35.5 percent, and an Adjusted Free Cash Flow in the range of \$475 to \$525 million, or \$2.60 to \$2.90 per diluted share. Capital expenditures are expected to be in the range of \$60 to \$70 million, which includes maintenance spending of approximately \$60 million. Cash income taxes are expected to be in the range of \$10 to \$15 million.

Our 2015 net sales guidance reflects a cautious approach given the heightened level of uncertainty and the lack of near-term visibility and confidence in the global Off-Highway end markets. Allison's 2015 net sales outlook also assumes a continued recovery in the North America On-Highway end market, previously considered reductions in U.S. defense spending, continued weakness in the Outside North America On-Highway end market and lower demand for North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus due to engine emissions improvements and non-hybrid alternatives.

Although we are not providing specific first quarter 2015 guidance, Allison does expect first quarter net sales to be higher than the same period in 2014. The anticipated year-over-year increase in first quarter net sales is principally driven by higher demand in the North America On-Highway and Off-Highway end markets, partially offset by previously considered reductions in Defense net sales and lower demand in the North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus end market.

#### Conference Call and Webcast

The company will host a conference call at 8:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, February 10 to discuss its fourth quarter 2014 results. Dial-in number is 1-201-689-8470 and the U.S. toll-free dial-in number is 1-877-407-9039. A live webcast of the conference call will also be available online at http://ir.allisontransmission.com.

For those unable to participate in the conference call, a replay will be available from 11:00 a.m. ET on February 10 until 11:59 p.m. ET on February 17. The replay dial-in number is 1-858-384-5517 and the U.S. toll-free replay dial-in number is 1-877-870-5176. The replay passcode is 13599749.

#### **About Allison Transmission**

Allison Transmission (NYSE: ALSN) is the world's largest manufacturer of fully automatic transmissions for medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles and is a leader in hybrid-propulsion systems for city buses. Allison transmissions are used in a variety of applications including refuse, construction, fire, distribution, bus, motorhomes, defense and energy. Founded in 1915, the company is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA and employs approximately 2,700 people worldwide. With a market presence in more than 80 countries, Allison has regional headquarters in the Netherlands, China and Brazil with manufacturing facilities in the U.S., Hungary and India. Allison also has approximately 1,400 independent distributor and dealer locations worldwide. For more information, visit allisontransmission.com.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this press release are forward-looking statements, including all statements regarding future financial results. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plans," "project," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "intend," "forecast," "could," "potential," "continue" or the negative of these terms or other similar terms or phrases. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks. Factors which may cause the actual results to differ materially from those anticipated at the time the forward-looking statements are made include, but are not limited to: risks related to our substantial indebtedness; our participation in markets that are competitive; the highly cyclical industries in which certain of our end users operate; the failure of markets outside North America to increase adoption of fully-automatic transmissions; the concentration of our net sales in our top five customers and the loss of any one of these; future reductions or changes in government subsidies for hybrid vehicles, U.S. defense spending; general economic and industry conditions; the discovery of defects in our products, resulting in delays in new model launches, recall campaigns and/or increased warranty costs and reduction in future sales or damage to our brand and reputation; our ability to prepare for, respond to and successfully achieve our objectives relating to technological and market developments and changing customer needs; risks associated with our international operations; labor strikes, work stoppages or similar labor disputes, which could significantly disrupt our operations or those of our principal customers; and other risks and uncertainties associated with our business described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Fo

#### **Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

This press release contains information about Allison's financial results which are not presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). Such non-GAAP financial measures are reconciled to their closest GAAP financial measures at the end of this press release. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for our reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP and, as calculated, may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

#### Attachment

- · Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
- · Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
- · Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
- Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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#### Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited, dollars in millions, except per share data)

				December 31,		
		2014		2013	2014	2013
Net sales	\$	544.4	\$	491.0	\$2,127.4	\$ 1,926.8
Cost of sales		288.8		279.6	1,151.5	1,084.9
Gross profit		255.6		211.4	975.9	841.9
Selling, general and administrative expenses		88.8		87.4	344.6	334.9
Engineering—research and development		33.6		24.4	103.8	97.1
Loss associated with impairment of long-lived assets		15.4		_	15.4	
Operating income		117.8		99.6	512.1	409.9
Interest expense, net		(37.4)		(28.4)	(138.4)	(132.9)
Other expense, net		(2.6)		(3.7)	(5.6)	(10.9)
Income before income taxes		77.8		67.5	368.1	266.1
Income tax expense		(27.3)		(24.6)	(139.5)	(100.7)
Net income	\$	50.5	\$	42.9	\$ 228.6	\$ 165.4
Basic earnings per share attributable to common stockholders	\$	0.28	\$	0.24	\$ 1.27	\$ 0.90
Diluted earnings per share attributable to common stockholders	\$	0.28	\$	0.23	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.88

#### Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited, dollars in millions)

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 263.0	\$ 184.7	
Accounts receivables—net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$0.3 and \$0.4, respectively	207.4	175.1	
Inventories	143.5	160.4	
Deferred income taxes, net	119.7	58.1	
Other current assets	24.4	28.6	
Total Current Assets	758.0	606.9	
Property, plant and equipment, net	514.6	563.4	
Intangible assets, net	3,453.0	3,551.8	
Deferred income taxes, net	1.3	1.1	
Other non-current assets	77.3	89.4	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,804.2	\$ 4,812.6	
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 151.7	\$ 150.4	
Current portion of long term debt	17.9	17.9	
Other current liabilities	176.3	218.9	
Total Current Liabilities	345.9	387.2	
Long term debt	2,502.6	2,660.4	
Other non-current liabilities	557.9	326.2	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,406.4	3,373.8	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	1,397.8	1,438.8	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 4,804.2	\$ 4,812.6	

#### Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited, dollars in millions)

				nded December 31,			
		2014	2013		2014		2013
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	140.9	\$ 138.1	\$	556.9	\$	453.5
Net cash used for investing activities (a)		(26.5)	(35.7)		(67.9)		(81.5)
Net cash used for financing activities		(66.5)	(69.8)		(424.1)		(277.5)
Effect of exchange rate changes in cash		7.0	 (0.2)		13.4		10.0
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		54.9	32.4		78.3		104.5
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		208.1	 152.3		184.7	_	80.2
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	263.0	\$ 184.7	\$	263.0	\$	184.7
Supplemental disclosures:							
Interest paid	\$	36.7	\$ 46.3	\$	140.0	\$	159.2
Income taxes paid	\$	1.5	\$ 0.3	\$	5.0	\$	3.8
(a) Additions of long-lived assets	\$	(26.5)	\$ (33.2)	\$	(64.1)	\$	(74.4)

# Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc. Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited, dollars in millions)

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	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Net income	\$ 50.5	\$ 42.9	\$ 228.6	\$ 165.4	
plus:					
Interest expense, net	37.4	28.4	138.4	132.9	
Cash interest expense	(36.7)	(46.3)	(140.0)	(159.2)	
Income tax expense	27.3	24.6	139.5	100.7	
Cash income taxes	(1.5)	(0.3)	(5.0)	(3.8)	
Amortization of intangible assets	24.7	25.2	98.8	105.3	
Loss associated with impairment of long-lived assets (a)	15.4	_	15.4	_	
Loss on impairment of technology-related investments (b)	_	2.5	2.0	5.0	
Public offering expenses (c)	_	0.7	1.4	1.6	
Adjusted net income	\$117.1	\$ 77.7	\$ 479.1	\$ 347.9	
Cash interest expense	36.7	46.3	140.0	159.2	
Cash income taxes	1.5	0.3	5.0	3.8	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	22.8	24.6	93.8	98.7	
Unrealized loss on foreign exchange (d)	1.8	_	5.2	2.3	
Unrealized loss (gain) on commodity hedge contracts (e)	0.7	0.4	(1.0)	1.5	
Dual power inverter module extended coverage (f)	1.0	_	1.0	(2.4)	
Restructuring charge (g)	_	_	0.7	1.0	
Loss on repayments of long-term debt (h)	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	
Other (i)	3.5	3.1	14.7	13.8	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$185.3	\$152.7	\$ 739.0	\$ 626.6	
Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses (j)	\$188.1	\$152.7	\$ 745.1	\$ 632.6	
Net sales	\$544.4	\$491.0	\$2,127.4	\$1,926.8	
Adjusted EBITDA margin	34.0%	31.1%	34.7%	32.5%	
Adjusted EBITDA margin excluding technology-related license expenses (j)	34.6%	31.1%	35.0%	32.8%	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$140.9	\$138.1	\$ 556.9	\$ 453.5	
(Deductions) or Additions to Reconcile to Adjusted Free Cash Flow:					
Additions of long-lived assets	(26.5)	(33.2)	(64.1)	(74.4)	
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation (k)	11.8	4.4	24.6	13.7	
Technology-related license expenses (j)	2.8	_	6.1	6.0	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$129.0	\$109.3	\$ 523.5	\$ 398.8	

- (a) Represents a charge associated with the impairment of long-lived assets related to the production of a new hybrid propulsion system.
- (b) Represents a charge (recorded in Other expense, net) for investments in co-development agreements to expand our position in transmission technologies.
- (c) Represents fees and expenses (recorded in Other expense, net) related to our secondary offerings in September 2014, June 2014, April 2014, February 2014, December 2013, November 2013 and August 2013, and proposed secondary offering in April 2013.
- (d) Represents losses (recorded in Other expense, net) on the mark-to-market of our foreign currency hedge contracts and on intercompany financing transactions related to investments in plant assets for our India facility.
- (e) Represents unrealized losses (gains) (recorded in Other expense, net) on the mark-to-market of our commodity hedge contracts.
- (f) During 2014 and 2013, we conducted reviews of the Dual Power Inverter Module ("DPIM") extended coverage program resulting in an increase of the DPIM liability in 2014 and a reduction of the DPIM liability in 2013, partially offset by a respective increase and reduction of the associated General Motors ("GM") receivable (recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses). The total liability and GM receivable will continue to be reviewed for any changes in estimate as additional claims data and field information become available.
- (g) Represents a charge (recorded in Selling, general and administrative, and Engineering—research and development) related to employee headcount reductions in the second quarter of 2014 and second quarter of 2013.
- (h) Represents losses (recorded in Other expense, net) realized on the repayments of Allison Transmission, Inc. 's, our wholly owned subsidiary, long-term debt.
- (i) Represents employee stock compensation expense (recorded in Cost of sales, Selling, general and administrative expenses, and Engineering research and development).
- (j) Represents payments (recorded in Engineering research and development) for licenses to expand our position in transmission technologies.
- (k) Represents the amount of tax benefit (recorded in Income tax expense) related to stock-based compensation adjusted from cash flows from operating activities to cash flows from financing activities.

# **Q4 2014 Earnings Release**

**Published February 9, 2015 (Earnings Conference Call February 10, 2015)** 

Lawrence Dewey, Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer David Graziosi, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer





## Safe Harbor Statement

The following information contains, or may be deemed to contain, "forward-looking statements" (as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate" and other expressions that are predictions of or indicate future events and trends and that do not relate to historical matters identify forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Although forward-looking statements reflect management's good faith beliefs, reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks. uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statements are made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to: risks related to our substantial indebtedness; our participation in markets that are competitive; the highly cyclical industries in which certain of our end users operate; the failure of markets outside North America to increase adoption of fully-automatic transmissions; the concentration of our net sales in our top five customers and the loss of any one of these; future reductions or changes in government subsidies for hybrid vehicles; U.S. defense spending; general economic and industry conditions; the discovery of defects in our products, resulting in delays in new model launches, recall campaigns and/or increased warranty costs and reduction in future sales or damage to our brand and reputation; our ability to prepare for, respond to and successfully achieve our objectives relating to technological and market developments and changing customer needs; risks associated with our international operations; and labor strikes, work stoppages or similar labor disputes, which could significantly disrupt our operations or those of our principal customers.

Allison Transmission cannot assure you that the assumptions made in preparing any of the forward-looking statements will prove accurate or that any long-term financial goals will be realized. All forward-looking statements included in this presentation speak only as of the date made, and Allison Transmission undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. In particular, Allison Transmission cautions you not to place undue weight on certain forward-looking statements pertaining to potential growth opportunities, long-term financial goals or the value we currently ascribe to certain tax attributes set forth herein. Actual results may vary significantly from these statements.

Allison Transmission's business is subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, which may cause future results of operations to vary significantly from those presented herein. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are discussed in Allison Transmission's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.



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

We use 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 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 EBITDA margin, Adjusted EBITDA margin 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, 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**

- Q4 2014 Performance
- 2015 Guidance



## **Q4 2014 Performance Summary**

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	% Variance
Net Sales	\$544	\$491	10.9%
Gross Margin %	47.0%	43.1%	+390 bps
Adjusted Net Income (1)	\$117	\$78	50.7%
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (1)	\$129	\$109	18.0%

#### Commentary

Net Sales: the increase was principally driven by the continued recoveries in the North America On-Highway and Off-Highway end markets, and higher demand in the Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end market, partially offset by lower demand in the Outside North America On-Highway and North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus end markets.

Gross Margin: the increase was principally driven by increased net sales and price increases on certain products.

Adjusted Net Income: the increase was principally driven by increased net sales, price increases on certain products, decreased cash interest expense and favorable product warranty expense adjustments partially offset by increased global commercial spending activities and product initiatives spending, and a \$3 million increase in technology-related license expenses.

Adjusted Free Cash Flow: the increase was principally driven by increased net cash provided by operating activities, decreased capital expenditures, increased excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation and a \$3 million increase in technology-related license expenses.

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



## **Q4 2014 Sales Performance**

(\$ in millions)

End Markets	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	% Variance	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$256	\$210	22%	Principally driven by higher demand for Rugged Duty Series models
North America Hybrid- Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus	\$17	\$32	(47%)	Principally driven by intra-year movement in the timing of orders and 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	\$36	\$14	157%	Principally driven by higher demand from hydraulic fracturing applications
Defense	\$38	\$35	9%	Principally driven by revenue deferred in the prior year period for certain tracked transmissions that were not shipped at the request of the U.S. government partially offset by previously considered reductions in U.S. defense spending to longer term averages experienced during periods without active conflicts
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$65	\$86	(24%)	Principally driven by weakness in China Bus and Europe Truck
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$19	\$14	36%	Principally driven by improved demand in the China energy sector partially offset by lower demand in the global mining sector
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$113	\$100	13%	Principally driven by higher demand for North America Off- Highway service parts
Total	\$544	\$491	11%	



# **Q4 2014 Financial Performance**

(\$ in millions, except share data)	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	\$ Var	% Var	Commentary
Net Sales	\$544.4	\$491.0	\$53.4	10.9%	Increase principally driven by the continued recoveries in the North America On-Highway and Off-Highway end markets, and higher demand in the Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other end market partially offset by lower demand in the Outside North America On-Highway and North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus end markets
Cost of Sales	\$288.8	\$279.6	(\$9.2)	(3.3%)	
Gross Profit	\$255.6	\$211.4	\$44.2	20.9%	Increase principally driven by increased net sales and price increases on certain products
Operating Expenses					
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	\$88.8	\$87.4	(\$1.4)	(1.6%)	Increase principally driven by increased global commercial spending activities partially offset by favorable product warranty expense adjustments
Engineering – Research and Development	\$33.6	\$24.4	(\$9.2)	(37.7%)	Increase principally driven by increased product initiatives spending and a \$3 million increase in technology-related license expenses
ImpairmentLoss <sup>(1)</sup>	\$15.4	\$0.0	(\$15.4)	N/A	
Total Operating Expenses	\$137.8	\$111.8	(\$26.0)	(23.3%)	
Operating Income	\$117.8	\$99.6	\$18.2	18.3%	
Interest Expense, net	(\$37.4)	(\$28.4)	(\$9.0)	(31.7%)	Increase principally driven by less favorable mark-to-market adjustments for LIBOR swaps partially offset by the expiration of certain LIBOR swaps, lower amortization of deferred financing charges and debt repayments
Other Expense, net	(\$2.6)	(\$3.7)	\$1.1	29.7%	
Income Before Income Taxes	\$77.8	\$67.5	\$10.3	15.3%	
Income Tax Expense	(\$27.3)	(\$24.6)	(\$2.7)	(11.0%)	Effective tax rates: 2014 35%; 2013 36%
Net Income	\$50.5	\$42.9	\$7.6	17.7%	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.28	\$0.23	\$0.05	21.7%	2014: 182.3M shares; 2013: 187.9M shares
Adjusted Net Income <sup>(2)</sup>	\$117.1	\$77.7	\$39.4	50.7%	
Adjusted EBITDA(2)	\$185.3	\$152.7	\$32.6	21.3%	
Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses (2)	\$188.1	\$152.7	\$35.4	23.2%	

- (1) Long-lived assets and accrued expenses related to the production of the H3000 and H4000 hybrid-propulsion systems.
   (2) See Appendix for a reconciliation from Net Income.



# **Q4 2014 Cash Flow Performance**

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$141	\$138	\$3	2.0%	Principally driven by increased net sales and price increases on certain products partially offset by increased SG&A, product initiatives spending, technology-related license expenses and excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation
CapEx	\$27	\$33	(\$6)	(20.2%)	Reduced maintenance and new product initiatives spending
Adjusted Free Cash Flow <sup>(1)</sup>	\$129	\$109	\$20	18.0%	Principally driven by increased cash provided by operating activities, decreased capital expenditures, increased excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation and increased technology-related license expenses
(\$ in millions)	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary
Operating Working Capital <sup>(2)</sup> Percentage of LTM Sales	9.4%	9.6%	N/A	(20 bps)	In line with prior period
Cash Paid for Interest	\$37	\$46	(\$9)	(20.7%)	Principally driven by expiration of certain LIBOR swaps and debt repayments
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	\$1	\$0	\$1	-	In line with prior period

 <sup>(1)</sup> See Appendix for a reconciliation of Adjusted Free Cash Flow.
 (2) Operating Working Capital = A/R + Inventory - A/P.



## **2015 Guidance – End Markets Net Sales Commentary**

(\$ in millions)

End Market	2014 Net Sales	2015 Midpoint	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$988	+8%	Principally driven by continued market recovery
North America Hybrid- Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus	\$93	(13%)	Principally driven by engine emissions improvements and non-hybrid alternative technologies that generally require a fully-automatic transmission (e.g. xNG)
North America Off-Hwy	\$100	(30%)	Principally driven by decreased demand from hydraulic fracturing applications
Defense	\$157	(34%)	Principally driven by continued reductions in U.S. defense spending to longer term averages experienced during periods without active conflicts
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$264	0%	Principally driven by increased fully-automatic penetration offset by continued challenging market demand conditions
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$81	(20%)	Principally driven by continued weakness in the energy and mining sectors
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$444	(5%)	Principally driven by decreased demand for North America Off-Highway service parts

Allison expects first quarter net sales to be higher than the same period in 2014. The anticipated year-over-year increase in first quarter net sales is principally driven by higher demand in the North America On-Highway and Off-Highway end markets, partially offset by previously considered reductions in Defense net sales and lower demand in the North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus end market.



# Guidance - Summary

	Guidance	Commentary				
Net Sales Change from 2014	0 to (5) percent	Guidance reflects a cautious approach given the heightened level of uncertainty and the lack of near term visibility and confidence in the global Off-Highway end markets. Our net sales outlook also assumes a continued recovery in the North America On-Highway end market, previously considered reductions in the U.S. defense spending, continued weakness in the Outside North America On-Highway end market and lower demand for North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus.				
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	34.0 to 35.5 percent	Principally driven by sales mix and volume timing				
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (\$ in millions)	\$475 to \$525	\$2.60 to \$2.90 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							
\$ in millions, Unaudited	For the year ended December 31,					Three months ended December 31,	
·	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2013	2014
Net income	\$29.6	\$103.0	\$514.2	\$165.4	\$228.6	\$42.9	\$50.5
plus:							
Interest expense, net	277.5	217.3	151.2	132.9	138.4	28.4	37.4
Cash interest expense	(239.1)	(208.6)	(167.3)	(159.2)	(140.0)	(46.3)	(36.7)
Income tax expense (benefit)	53.7	47.6	(298.0)	100.7	139.5	24.6	27.3
Cash income taxes	(2.2)	(5.8)	(10.7)	(3.8)	(5.0)	(0.3)	(1.5)
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	_	_	16.0	_	_	_	_
Technology-related investment expenses	_	_	14.4	5.0	2.0	2.5	_
Public offering expenses	_	_	6.1	1.6	1.4	0.7	_
Impairments	_	_	_	_	15.4	_	15.4
Amortization of intangible assets	154.2	151.9	150.0	105.3	98.8	25.2	24.7
Adjusted net income	\$273.7	\$305.4	\$375.9	\$347.9	\$479.1	\$77.7	\$117.1
Cash interest expense	239.1	208.6	167.3	159.2	140.0	46.3	36.7
Cash income taxes	2.2	5.8	10.7	3.8	5.0	0.3	1.5
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	99.6	103.8	102.5	98.7	93.8	24.6	22.8
(Gain)/loss on redemptions and repayments of long-term debt	(3.3)	16.0	22.1	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2
Dual power inverter module extended coverage	(1.9)	_	9.4	(2.4)	1.0	_	1.0
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)	0.4	0.7
Unrealized (gain) loss on foreign exchange	(0.2)	0.3	0.1	2.3	5.2	_	1.8
Premiums and expenses on tender offer for long-term debt	_	56.9	_	_	_	_	_
Restructuring charges	_	_	_	1.0	0.7	_	_
Reduction of supply contract liability	(3.4)	_	_	_	_	_	_
Other, net (1)	10.9	8.6	7.0	13.8	14.7	3.1	3.5
Adjusted EBITDA	\$617.0	\$711.9	\$705.1	\$626.6	\$739.0	\$152.7	\$185.3
Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses	\$617.0	\$711.9	\$717.1	\$632.6	\$745.1	\$152.7	\$188.1
Net Sales	\$1,926.3	\$2,162.8	\$2,141.8	\$1,926.8	\$2,127.4	\$491.0	\$544.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin	32.0%	32.9%	32.9%	32.5%	34.7%	31.1%	34.0%
Adjusted EBITDA margin excl technology-related license expenses	32.0%	32.9%	33.5%	32.8%	35.0%	31.1%	34.6%

<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									
,						Three months	s ended		
\$ in millions, Unaudited	For the year ended December 31,					December 31,			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2013	2014		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$388.9	\$469.2	\$497.5	\$453.5	\$556.9	\$138.1	\$140.9		
(Deductions) or Additions:									
Long-lived assets	(73.8)	(96.9)	(123.9)	(74.4)	(64.1)	(33.2)	(26.5)		
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	_	_	16.0	_	_	_	_		
Technology-related license expenses	_	_	12.0	6.0	6.1	_	2.8		
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	_	_	5.3	13.7	24.6	4.4	11.8		
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$315.1	\$372.3	\$406.9	\$398.8	\$523.5	\$109.3	\$129.0		
Net Sales Adjusted Free Cash Flow (% to Net Sales)	\$1,926.3 16.4%	\$2,162.8 17.2%	\$2,141.8 19.0%	\$1,926.8 20.7%	\$2,127.4 24.6%	\$491.0 22.3%	\$544.4 23.7%		

