

# Q4 2015 Earnings Release

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# Non-GAAP Financial Information

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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 less technology-related license expenses. Adjusted EBITDA margin is calculated as Adjusted EBITDA divided by net sales. Adjusted EBITDA margin excluding technology-related license expenses is calculated as Adjusted EBITDA 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. 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

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- **Q4 2015 Performance**
- **2016 Guidance**

# Q4 2015 Performance Summary

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	% Variance
Net Sales	\$478	\$544	(12.2%)
Gross Margin %	46.5%	47.0%	(50 bps)
Adjusted Net Income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$123	\$117	4.9%
Adjusted Free Cash Flow <sup>(1)</sup>	\$146	\$129	13.2%

## Commentary

**Net Sales:** the decrease was principally driven by lower demand in the global Off-Highway and Defense end markets, partially offset by price increases on certain products.

**Gross Margin:** the decrease was principally driven by decreased sales volume partially offset price increases on certain products and favorable material costs.

**Adjusted Net Income:** the increase was principally driven by decreased cash interest expense, price increases on certain products, favorable material costs, lower incentive compensation expense, reduced global commercial activities spending, reduced product initiatives spending, a favorable vendor settlement and 2014 foreign exchange losses on intercompany financing partially offset by decreased sales volume.

**Adjusted Free Cash Flow:** the increase was principally driven by increased net cash provided by operating activities partially offset by increased capital expenditures.

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

# Q4 2015 Sales Performance

(\$ in millions)

End Markets	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	% Variance	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$252	\$256	(2%)	Principally driven by lower demand for Pupil Transport / Shuttle Series models
North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus	\$23	\$17	35%	Principally driven by intra-year movement in the timing of orders
North America Off-Hwy	\$11	\$36	(69%)	Principally driven by lower demand from hydraulic fracturing applications
Defense	\$25	\$38	(34%)	Principally driven by reductions in U.S. defense spending to longer term averages experienced during periods without active conflicts
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$65	\$65	0%	Principally driven by higher demand in Europe and Japan offset by lower demand in China and South America
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$7	\$19	(63%)	Principally driven by lower demand in the energy sector
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$95	\$113	(16%)	Principally driven by lower demand for North America Off-Highway service parts partially offset by higher demand for global On-Highway service parts
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$478</b>	<b>\$544</b>	<b>(12%)</b>	

# Q4 2015 Financial Performance

(\$ in millions, except share data)	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	\$ Var	% Var	Commentary
Net Sales	\$478.2	\$544.4	(\$66.2)	(12.2%)	Decrease was principally driven by lower demand in the global Off-Highway and Defense end markets, partially offset by price increases on certain products
Cost of Sales	\$256.0	\$288.8	\$32.8	11.4%	
Gross Profit	\$222.2	\$255.6	(\$33.4)	(13.1%)	Decrease was principally driven by decreased sales volume partially by offset price increases on certain products, favorable material costs and lower incentive compensation expense
Operating Expenses					
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	\$81.5	\$88.8	\$7.3	8.2%	Decrease principally driven by reduced global commercial activities spending and lower incentive compensation expense
Engineering – Research and Development	\$23.5	\$33.6	\$10.1	30.1%	Decrease principally driven by reduced product initiatives spending, lower incentive compensation expense and 2014 technology-related license expenses
Impairment Loss <sup>(1)</sup>	\$80.0	\$15.4	(\$64.6)	(419.5%)	Trade name impairment charge of \$80 million as a result of lower forecasted net sales for certain of our end markets
Total Operating Expenses	\$185.0	\$137.8	(\$47.2)	(34.3%)	
Operating Income	\$37.2	\$117.8	(\$80.6)	(68.4%)	
Interest Expense, net	(\$20.8)	(\$37.4)	\$16.6	44.4%	Decrease principally driven by mark-to-market adjustments for LIBOR swaps and debt repayments and refinancing
Other Income (Expense), net	\$3.3	(\$2.6)	\$5.9	226.9%	
Income Before Income Taxes	\$19.7	\$77.8	(\$58.1)	(74.7%)	
Income Tax Expense	(\$6.7)	(\$27.3)	\$20.6	75.5%	
Net Income	\$13.0	\$50.5	(\$37.5)	(74.3%)	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.08	\$0.28	(\$0.20)	(71.4%)	Q4 2015: 171.9M shares; Q4 2014: 180.8M shares
<b>Adjusted Net Income<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$122.8</b>	<b>\$117.1</b>	<b>\$5.7</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	
<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$170.1</b>	<b>\$185.3</b>	<b>(\$15.2)</b>	<b>(8.2%)</b>	
<b>Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$170.1</b>	<b>\$188.1</b>	<b>(\$18.0)</b>	<b>(9.6%)</b>	

(1) 2014: Impairment of 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 2015 Cash Flow Performance

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$174	\$141	\$33	23.4%	Principally driven by lower excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation, reduced operating working capital, price increases on certain products, favorable material costs, lower global commercial activities and product initiatives spending, reduced technology-related license expenses and a favorable vendor settlement partially offset decreased sales volume and unfavorable product warranty adjustments
CapEx	\$28	\$27	\$1	5.7%	In line with prior period
Adjusted Free Cash Flow <sup>(1)</sup>	\$146	\$129	\$17	13.2%	Principally driven by increased net cash provided by operating activities partially offset by increased capital expenditures

(\$ in millions)	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	\$ Variance	% Variance	Commentary
Operating Working Capital <sup>(2)</sup> Percentage of LTM Sales	10.6%	9.4%	N/A	120 bps	Principally driven by reduced Accounts Payable due to 2014 payment timing partially offset by lower Accounts Receivable and Inventory due to decreased sales volume
Cash Paid for Interest	\$22	\$37	(\$15)	(40.9%)	Principally driven by debt repayments and refinancing
Cash Paid for Income Taxes	\$0	\$1	(\$1)	(86.7%)	In line with prior period

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

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



# 2016 Guidance – End Markets Net Sales Commentary

(\$ in millions)

End Market	2015 Net Sales	2016 Midpoint	Commentary
North America On-Hwy	\$1,059	(7%)	Principally driven by persistently high commercial vehicle retail inventory levels and lower Class 8 straight truck production
North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus	\$73	(16%)	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	\$55	(80%)	Principally driven by decreased demand from hydraulic fracturing applications
Defense	\$113	(1%)	Principally driven by decreased Tracked Defense demand partially offset by increased Wheeled Defense demand
Outside North America On-Hwy	\$262	2%	Principally driven by increased fully-automatic penetration partially offset by continued challenging market demand conditions
Outside North America Off-Hwy	\$35	(34%)	Principally driven by continued weakness in the energy and mining sectors
Service Parts, Support Equipment & Other	\$389	(6%)	Principally driven by decreased demand for global Off-Highway service parts

*Allison expects first quarter net sales to be lower than the first and fourth quarters of 2015. The anticipated year-over-year decrease in first quarter net sales is expected to occur principally due to lower demand in the North America On-Highway and global Off-Highway end markets.*

# 2016 Guidance - Summary

	Guidance	Commentary
Net Sales Change from 2015	(6.5) to (9.5) percent	Guidance reflects expectations for tempering demand conditions in the North America On-Highway end market, no meaningful relief from the global Off-Highway end market challenges and divergent global economic environments. Guidance also assumes previously considered reductions in demand for North America Hybrid-Propulsion Systems for Transit Bus due to engine emissions improvements and non-hybrid alternatives.
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	32.5 to 34.0 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)	\$400 to \$450	\$2.30 to \$2.60 per diluted share
CapEx (\$ in millions) Maintenance New Product Programs	\$60 \$5 to \$15	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	2015	2014	2015
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$29.6</b>	<b>\$103.0</b>	<b>\$514.2</b>	<b>\$165.4</b>	<b>\$228.6</b>	<b>\$182.3</b>	<b>\$50.5</b>	<b>\$13.0</b>
plus:								
Interest expense, net	277.5	217.3	151.2	132.9	138.4	114.5	37.4	20.8
Cash interest expense, net	(239.1)	(208.6)	(167.3)	(159.2)	(140.0)	(97.1)	(36.7)	(21.7)
Income tax expense (benefit)	53.7	47.6	(298.0)	100.7	139.5	106.5	27.3	6.7
Cash income taxes	(2.2)	(5.8)	(10.7)	(3.8)	(5.0)	(5.2)	(1.5)	(0.2)
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	—	—	16.0	—	—	—	—	—
Technology-related investment expenses	—	—	14.4	5.0	2.0	—	—	—
Public offering expenses	—	—	6.1	1.6	1.4	—	—	—
Impairments	—	—	—	—	15.4	81.3	15.4	80.0
Environmental Remediation	—	—	—	—	—	14.0	—	—
Amortization of intangible assets	154.2	151.9	150.0	105.3	98.8	97.1	24.7	24.2
<b>Adjusted net income</b>	<b>\$273.7</b>	<b>\$305.4</b>	<b>\$375.9</b>	<b>\$347.9</b>	<b>\$479.1</b>	<b>\$493.4</b>	<b>\$117.1</b>	<b>\$122.8</b>
Cash interest expense	239.1	208.6	167.3	159.2	140.0	97.1	36.7	21.7
Cash income taxes	2.2	5.8	10.7	3.8	5.0	5.2	1.5	0.2
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	99.6	103.8	102.5	98.7	93.8	88.3	22.8	22.5
(Gain)/loss on redemptions and repayments of long-term debt	(3.3)	16.0	22.1	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1
Dual power inverter module extended coverage	(1.9)	—	9.4	(2.4)	1.0	(2.1)	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)	1.1	0.7	0.4
Unrealized (gain) loss on foreign exchange	(0.2)	0.3	0.1	2.3	5.2	1.4	1.8	(0.2)
Premiums and expenses on tender offer and redemption of long-term debt	—	56.9	—	—	—	25.3	—	—
Restructuring charges	—	—	—	1.0	0.7	—	—	—
Reduction of supply contract liability	(3.4)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other, net <sup>(1)</sup>	10.9	8.6	7.0	13.8	14.7	9.8	3.5	2.6
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$617.0</b>	<b>\$711.9</b>	<b>\$705.1</b>	<b>\$626.6</b>	<b>\$739.0</b>	<b>\$719.8</b>	<b>\$185.3</b>	<b>\$170.1</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA excluding technology-related license expenses</b>	<b>\$617.0</b>	<b>\$711.9</b>	<b>\$717.1</b>	<b>\$632.6</b>	<b>\$745.1</b>	<b>\$720.0</b>	<b>\$188.1</b>	<b>\$170.1</b>
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>\$1,926.3</b>	<b>\$2,162.8</b>	<b>\$2,141.8</b>	<b>\$1,926.8</b>	<b>\$2,127.4</b>	<b>\$1,985.8</b>	<b>\$544.4</b>	<b>\$478.2</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA margin</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>32.9%</b>	<b>32.9%</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>34.7%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>35.6%</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA margin excl technology-related license expenses</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>32.9%</b>	<b>33.5%</b>	<b>32.8%</b>	<b>35.0%</b>	<b>36.3%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>35.6%</b>

(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

\$ in millions, Unaudited	For the year ended December 31,						Three months ended December 31,	
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014	2015
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$388.9</b>	<b>\$469.2</b>	<b>\$497.5</b>	<b>\$453.5</b>	<b>\$556.9</b>	<b>\$563.8</b>	<b>\$140.9</b>	<b>\$173.8</b>
(Deductions) or Additions:								
Long-lived assets	(73.8)	(96.9)	(123.9)	(74.4)	(64.1)	(58.1)	(26.5)	(28.0)
Fee to terminate services agreement with Sponsors	—	—	16.0	—	—	—	—	—
Technology-related license expenses	—	—	12.0	6.0	6.1	0.2	2.8	—
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	—	—	5.3	13.7	24.6	8.4	11.8	0.2
<b>Adjusted Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$315.1</b>	<b>\$372.3</b>	<b>\$406.9</b>	<b>\$398.8</b>	<b>\$523.5</b>	<b>\$514.3</b>	<b>\$129.0</b>	<b>\$146.0</b>
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>\$1,926.3</b>	<b>\$2,162.8</b>	<b>\$2,141.8</b>	<b>\$1,926.8</b>	<b>\$2,127.4</b>	<b>\$1,985.8</b>	<b>\$544.4</b>	<b>\$478.2</b>
<b>Adjusted Free Cash Flow (% to Net Sales)</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>25.9%</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>30.5%</b>