# 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): January 19, 2016

#### **DULUTH HOLDINGS INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Wisconsin                    | <u>001-37641</u> | <u>39-1564801</u>   |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| (State or other jurisdiction | (Commission      | (IRS Employer       |
| of incorporation)            | File Number)     | Identification No.) |

170 Countryside Drive
Belleville, Wisconsin 53508
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (608) 424-1544

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| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) |

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 19, 2016, Duluth Holdings Inc. issued an Investor Presentation for the Third Quarter 2015. A copy of the Investor Presentation for the Third Quarter 2015 is attached as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information reported in this Form 8-K, including the exhibit, is not deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Further, the information reported in this Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filings.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Investor Presentation for the Third Quarter 2015, dated January 19, 2016

#### **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.

DULUTH HOLDINGS INC.

Dated: January 19, 2016 By: /s/ Mark M. DeOrio

Mark M. DeOrio Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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#### Disclaimer

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This presentation dated January 19, 2016 includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of U.S. federal securities laws, including Duluth Holdings Inc.'s (dba Duluth Trading Company) ("Duluth Trading" or the "Company") Intended use of proceeds from its initial public offering, its ability to execute on its growth strategies and its long-term growth targets. All statements, other than statements of historical facts included in this presentation, including statements concerning Duluth Trading's plans, objectives, goals, beliefs, useness strategies, future events, business contions, its results of operations, financial position and its business untition, business trends and certain other information herein are forward-looking statements. You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "may," might." "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "could," "believe," "estimate," project," "target," "predict," intend," "future," budget," "goods," "potential," continue," "design," "objective," "would" and other similar expressions. The ownexd-looking statements are not historical facts, and are based upon Duluth Trading's current expectations, beliefs and projections, and various assumptions, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond Duluth Trading's control. Duluth Trading's expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith, and Duluth Trading believes there is a reasonable basis for them. However, there can be no assurance that managements expectations, beliefs, estimates, and projections will result or be achieved and actual results may vary materially from what is expressed in or indicatingly from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements to refect actual results, subsequent events or circumstances or other changes

#### Non-GAAP Measurements

Management believes that non-GAAP financial measures may be useful in certain instances to provide additional meaningful comparisons between current results and results in prior operating periods. Within this presentation reference is made to adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA). See Appendix Table "Reconclisition of Adjusted EBITDA" for a reconcilitation of GAAP Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA is an extension of the provides insight into an organization's operating trends and facilitates comparisons between peer companies, since interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization can differ greatly between organizations as a result of differing capital structures and tax strategies. Adjusted EBITDA excludes certain items that are unusual in nature or not comparable from period to period. The Company provides this information to investors to assist in comparisons of past, present and future operating results and to assist in highlighting the results of on-going operations. While the Company's management believes that non-GAAP measurements as useful supplemental information, such adjusted results are not intended to replace the Company's GAAP financial results and should be read in conjunction with those GAAP results.

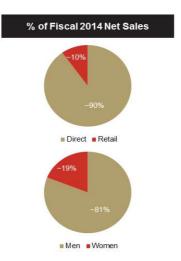




# **Duluth Trading at a Glance**

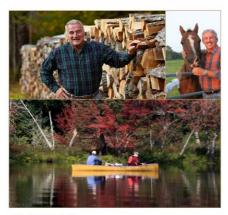
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# The Modern, Self-Reliant American Lifestyle

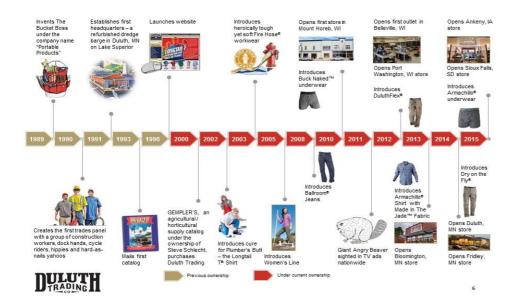
Men and women who are hands-on, value a job well done and are often outdoors for work and hobbies







# **Duluth Trading History and Evolution**

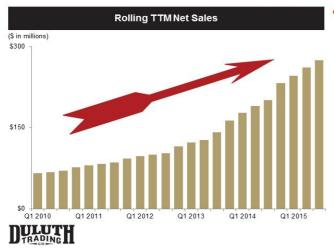


# **Business Model Overview**

# Suppliers Distribution Centers Retail Website Call Center O Owned Distribution Centers 3 PL Distribution Centers 3 PL Distribution Centers

# Track Record of Growth and Profitability

#### Continuous year-over-year growth every quarter, without exception

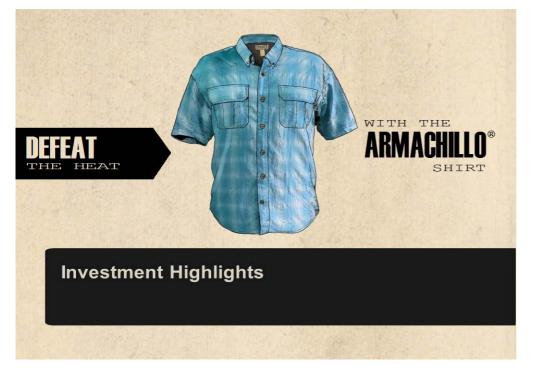


 Continuous net sales growth while also increasing adjusted EBITDA margins and profitability:

+28% Net Sales CAGR

from CY2009-FY2014

+51% Operating Income CAGR from CY2009-FY2014



# Differentiated, Everyday Lifestyle Brand

#### Tough enough for work yet comfortable enough for everyday casual wear

- Create personal connections with our customers who lead the Modern, Self-Reliant American Lifestyle
- Workwear heritage is the foundation of our authentic and differentiated brand
- Marketing efforts make our brand synonymous with this lifestyle, validate our authenticity and establish us as a trusted casual wear and workwear provider











# Large, Addressable Market Opportunity

#### Positioned within attractive segments of the U.S. apparel and footwear market

#### Large, Addressable \$264+ Billion Market...

# S334 Workwear/ Rugged Wear S3 Underwear S20 Underwear S20 Leveryday Casual Wear S40 Apparel, Footwear, and Accessories Market

#### ...with Trends in Our Favor

- Our Modern, Self-Reliant American Lifestyle brand positioning captures a wide demographic that is experiencing:
  - ✓ Increase in disposable income
  - Demand for style and functionality
  - Greater adoption of active lifestyles
  - ✓ Casual clothing becoming more versatile and worn for a variety of occasions, including work, weekends and hobbies

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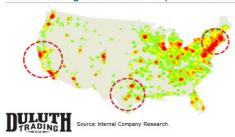
# **Nationwide Customer Presence**

#### U.S. Population



- Nationwide customer base aligned geographically with U.S. population
- Unique ability to know where our customers are through our direct sales channel

#### Duluth Trading Direct Customers (FY 2014 Net Sales)



#### **Top Three Markets**

#1 California

#2 Texas

#3 New York

# **Omnichannel Presence with Distribution Control**

#### Direct Segment 90% of Net Sales; 37% YoY Growth

e-Commerce (78%)<sup>(1)</sup>



Catalog (22%)(1)



#### Retail Segment 10% of Net Sales; 125% YoY Growt





# (1) Based on point of transaction. (2) As of November 2015, Includes two outlet stores.

#### **Key Benefits**

- Present our brand in a consistent manner
- Implement controlled pricing strategy
- Own the relationship with our customers
- Capture the full margin of our products
- ✓ Reduce logistics complexities and costs

# Solution-Based Design

#### "There are a whole lotta legs, torsos, feet and crotches out there counting on us"

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Buck Naked™ Underwear



DuluthFlex® Fire Hose® Pant



Soggy and restrictive underwear



Restrictive pants in sensitive areas



Pants that constrict movement



Fast-drying, odor-fighting underwear – "no pinch, no stink, no sweat"



Additional fabric lets our customers "crouch without the ouch"



DuluthFlex® - Crouch, Climb, Conquer Comfortably



# **Humorous and Distinctive Marketing**

#### Gives our products an identity and enhances our brand

- Makes shopping for our products fun with attention-grabbing advertisements that are humorous, irreverent and quirky
- National advertising campaigns feature characters such as our Giant Angry Beaver, Buck Naked™ Guy and Grab-Happy Grizzly
- Storytelling differentiates our products, creates emotional ties with our customers and adds authenticity to our brand and products
- Women's ads feature our women of "grit and substance"

#### Tony the Diver

- Example of our authentic storytelling
- Tony wears our Fire Hose® work pants over his wetsuit for added protection while working on marine construction











# **Outstanding and Engaging Customer Experience**

Treating our customers like next-door neighbors creates loyalty and drives repeat purchases

- Seamless, consistent omnichannel brand experience that makes shopping fun and hassle-free
- Content-rich, user-friendly website designed to provide an enjoyable, informative and efficient shopping experience
- Stores create an inviting and engaging experience with knowledgeable sales associates and hospitality areas
- Demonstrated pride in the heritage of our stores' regions
- Committed to outstanding customer service backed by our unconditional "No Bull Guarantee" and friendly staff



#### Trading Tales

"From the first pair of pants I ordered I knew this was a great company. I have only been extremely satisfied with your products. Recently ordered a huge amount of clothing for my company and the staff was nothing but exceptional. Thanks Duluth."



# **Outstanding Customer Experience: Retail Stores**

#### Retail stores designed to bring our brand to life with engaging and entertaining elements

#### Distinctive Exteriors





Inviting and Engaging In-Store Environments





Current Stores (Opening Year)

- Mt. Horeb, WI (2010)
- Belleville, WI (Outlet) (2012)
- Port Washington, WI (2012)
- Bloomington, MN (2013)
- Duluth, MN (2014)
- Fridley, MN (2014)
- Ankeny, IA (2015)
- Oshkosh, WI (Outlet) (2015)
- Sioux Falls, SD (2015)



# **Attractive, Loyal Customer Base**

#### Broad appeal to men and women who lead the Modern, Self-Reliant American Lifestyle





#### Our Core Consumers Are...

- ✓ ... Satisfied and Engaged with our Brand: 200,000+ product reviews on our website, over 90% of which are 4 or 5 stars
- ✓ ...Loyal: ~70% Net Promoter Score, and 76% of customers would recommend us
- ✓ ...Employed in Diverse Industries: Nearly 90% work outside the building trades
- ...Educated with Higher Incomes: Average household income of \$75,000+
- $\dots \mbox{\bf Quality}$  and  $\mbox{\bf Brand Focused:}$  Durability and quality drives them to repeat purchase



Source: RI and Internal Company data.

Note: Statistics represent the calendar year ended December 31, 2014, except for reviews which are as of September 2015.

# Seasoned Leadership Team

#### Embraces the Modern, Self-Reliant American Lifestyle and has fostered an impassioned culture

| Name               | Title   | Years with<br>Duluth Trading | Years of<br>Experience | Prior Experience            |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Steve Schlecht     | Executive Chairman and Founder                        | 14                           | 45                     | DULUTH GEMPLERS. Jewel-Osco |
| Stephanie Pugliese | President and CEO                                     | 7                            | 24                     | LANDS' END ( ANN INC.       |
| Mark DeOrio        | SVP and CFO   | 5                            | 39                     | eBags 🔛 🙀                   |
| Al Dittrich        | SVP of Omnichannel Customer Experience and Operations | 1                            | 38                     | Allen-Edmonds GANDER        |
| Jim Burke          | VP of DirectMarketing and Inventory Planning          | 11                           | 31                     | NORDSTROM LANDS' END (1)    |
| Barbara Wagner     | VP and General Merchandise Manager                    | 1                            | 26                     | LANDS'END ( ANN INC.        |
| Harry Schutte      | VP of Operations                                      | 1                            | 30                     | LANDS' END ®                |
| Suz Harms          | VP of Marketing                                       | 8                            | 26                     | * LANDS'END ♠ Y&R           |
| Joan Conlin        | Director of Customer Experience                       | 2                            | 30                     | LANDS' END ®                |
| Ricker Schlecht    | Director of Product Development                       | 8                            | 10                     | ORVIS                       |





# **Growth Strategies**

Build Brand Awareness to Continue Customer Acquisition

2 Accelerate Retail Expansion 3 Broaden Assortment in Select Men's Product Categories

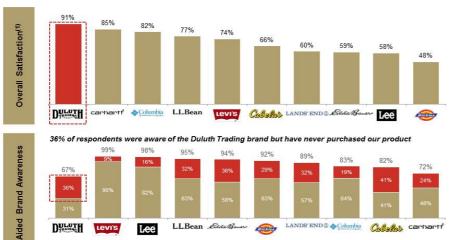
4 Grow Women's Business





# **Build Brand Awareness to Continue Customer Acquisition**





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Source: RI Clothing / Apparel Survey and Duluth Internal Panel, July 2015.

(1) As demonstrated by a score of 6 or 7 in response to the question: How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the following brands?' on a scale from 1-7, where 1-Not at all satisfied and 2 22

Purchased Aware but Never Purchased

LLBean Columbia Columbia Carbanti

# Key Strategies to Build Brand Awareness

- Build brand awareness and drive sales transactions through comprehensive marketing strategy
  - Traditional Advertising
    - National television advertisements
    - Radio marketing
    - Collateral print (newspaper inserts, postcards)
    - Outdoor marketing (billboards)
  - Digital Advertising Campaigns
    - Search engine optimization / search engine marketing
    - Social media initiatives, including our Whatchamablog
    - Digital video advertising
- Continued catalog circulation
  - Men's and women's issues mailed multiple times per year to drive web and retail store visits and sales
- Targeted retail expansion
  - Open new retail stores in new and existing U.S. markets









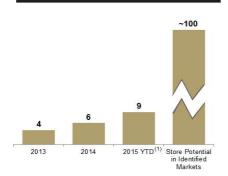


# **Accelerate Retail Expansion**



#### Significant white space opportunity to grow our U.S. retail presence

#### Retail Store Footprint





- Existing stores profitable in both metropolitan and rural locations across multiple markets
- Identified markets with ~100 locations that have attractive customer and population density metrics
- High concentration of existing Duluth Trading customers and potential customers that fit our brand demographics
- Utilize current customer data from direct segment to help identify new geographies and store locations

#### **New Store Assumptions**

- 7,000 to 12,000 selling square feet
- Average payback of less than two years
- \$2.0 million to \$2.6 million in capital expenditures and starting inventory to open a new store
- Anticipate opening three to five stores in 2016 and accelerating the rate of new store openings over the coming years

#### **Retail Stores Create Incremental Growth**



 $Addition \, of \, retail \, has \, \underline{tripled} \, the \, volume \, of \, total \, net \, sales \, in \, the \, Minneapolis-St. \, Paul \, area$ 



Strong market presence in Minneapolis-St. Paul in direct business 2012:

Opened stores in Bloomington (2013) and Fridley (2014) 2013 /

2014:



Total market (direct + retail) tripled in 2014:

volume since opening our retail stores



# Broaden Assortments in Select Men's Categories



Broaden assortment in categories that exhibit high potential with our Modern, Self-Reliant American Lifestyle

Outerwear



- Increase penetration in spring and transitional outerwear (rain, mid-weight jackets, etc.)
- Expand assortment and accelerate growth of Alaskan Hardgear®

 Continue to introduce products that expand seasonality and occasions for wear

Footwear



- Maximize upside of core collections: Wild Boar<sup>®</sup>, Jackpine Hiker<sup>®</sup>, Jackpine Trekker<sup>®</sup> and Grindstone<sup>™</sup>
- Bridge gap between workwear and durable casual footwear
- Increase penetration of spring footwear as well as core deep-winter workboots



#### **Grow Women's Business**



#### Expand offering to appeal to a wider range of women and lifestyle needs



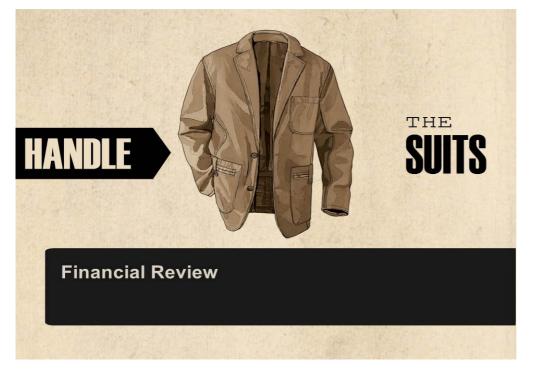
- · Utilize performance fabrics to solve problems year-round
- Expand offering in non-crewneck silhouettes and build innovation around Longtail T® solution silhouette
- Build on success of woven shirts in innovative fabrics like Women have lower Armachillo® and traditional favorites such as flannel



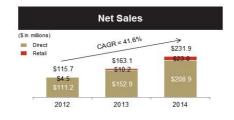
- Continue to leverage success in accessories
- Build on Duluth Trading franchise products in lifetime leather and in the Andina  $^{\rm TM}$  shoe collection
- Increase assortment penetration of Duluth Trading branded products
- Innovations in fabric and solution-based styling
- Expand reach for various weather conditions
- New product introductions in base layers and transitional outerwear

- 55% CAGR from 2012-2014 to 19% of Net Sales
- awareness of our brand relative to men but report high levels of satisfaction once they have tried our products<sup>(1)</sup>
- ✓ Continue growing through customer acquisition
- ✓ Continue to leverage all media channels and increase marketing spend as a percentage of total





# **Historical Annual Financials**





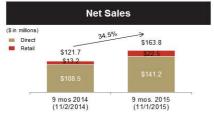
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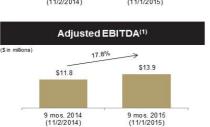


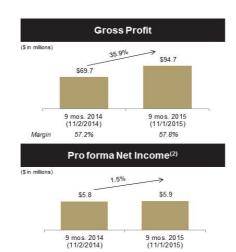
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(1) Adjusted for 46% tax rate for comparability purposes. Excided each end come attributable to noncontrolling interest.

# Nine Months Ended November 1, 2015









Note: Financials presented are Fiscal Year ended the Sunday nearest to January 31.

(1) Adjusted for effect the add-back of tax related payments from employee stock awards and stock compensation expense. 2. Adjusted for a 40% tax rate for comparability purposes. Excludes end income attributable to noncontrolling interest.

# Strong Balance Sheet and Liquidity

| (\$ in millions)           |    | As of<br>Nov-15 | Pro Forma |       |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|----|-----------------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| Cash                       | \$ | 0.2             | \$        | 37.6  |  |  |  |
| Debt:                      |    |                 |           |       |  |  |  |
| Long-Term Line of Credit   |    | 30.3            |           | 30.3  |  |  |  |
| Term Loan                  |    | 5.0             |           | 5.0   |  |  |  |
| Other Debt                 |    | 0.2             |           | 0.2   |  |  |  |
| Total Debt                 |    | 35.5            |           | 35.5  |  |  |  |
| Total Shareholders' Equity |    | 35.2            |           | 72.6  |  |  |  |
| Total Capitalization       | \$ | 70.7            | \$        | 108.1 |  |  |  |

#### Commentary

- Recent IPO proceeds were used to repay borrowings under a short-term note used to fund part of the final "S" corp. distribution, with the remaining proceeds to be used for retail expansion and for general corporate purposes
- Strong free cash flow generation with ability to fund organic growth
- High conversion of EBITDA to cash flow



# Long Term Annual Financial Targets<sup>(1)</sup>

Net Sales Growth: ~20%

Adjusted EBITDA Growth: 25%+

Net Income Growth: 25%+

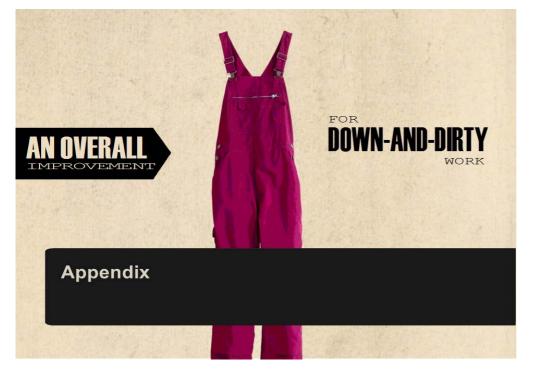
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# **Investment Highlights**

- Large, Addressable Market Opportunity
- Differentiated, Everyday Lifestyle Brand with Attractive, Loyal Customer Base
- Omnichannel Presence with Complete Distribution Control
- Demonstrated Track Record of Growth and Profitability
- 5 Proven Strategy for Long-Term Growth
- 6 Seasoned Management Team Driving an Impassioned Culture







# Reconciliation to Adjusted EBITDA

| (\$ in millions)   |    | 2012A 2013A |    | 0404 | 2014A |      | 2015 |     |    |     |    |      |  |
|--|----|-------------|----|------|-------|------|------|-----|----|-----|----|------|--|
| 1)   | 20 | )12A        | 2  | 013A | 2     | 014A |      | Q1  |    | Q2  | -  | Q3   |  |
| Net Income   | \$ | 6.4         | \$ | 16.1 | \$    | 24.1 | \$   | 2.8 | \$ | 5.7 | \$ | 1.6  |  |
| (+) Depreciation & Amorization                             |    | 0.9         |    | 1.2  |       | 1.8  |      | 0.6 |    | 0.6 |    | 0.8  |  |
| (+) Interest Expense, net                                  |    | 0.3         |    | 0.2  |       | 0.3  |      | 0.1 |    | 0.1 |    | 0.1  |  |
| EBITDA   | \$ | 7.7         | \$ | 17.5 | \$    | 26.3 | \$   | 3.4 | \$ | 6.4 | \$ | 2.5  |  |
| Adjustm ents   |    |             |    |      |       |      |      |     |    |     |    |      |  |
| (+) Non-Cash Stock Based Compensation Expense              |    | 0.1         |    | 0.1  |       | 0.1  |      | 0.2 |    | 0.2 |    | 0.2  |  |
| (+) Payment for a Portion of the Grantees' Tax Liabilities |    |             |    |      |       |      |      |     |    |     |    |      |  |
| Associated with a Grant of Restricted Stock Awards         |    | 0.1         |    | 446  |       | 0.3  |      | 1.1 |    | 2   |    | 1000 |  |
| Total Adjustments  |    | 0.1         |    | 0.1  |       | 0.4  |      | 1.3 |    | 0.2 |    | 0.2  |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | \$ | 7.8         | \$ | 17.6 | \$    | 26.7 | \$   | 4.7 | \$ | 6.6 | \$ | 2.7  |  |



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# Reconciliation to Pro Forma Net Income

| (\$ in millions)                              | 20424 |     |       |      |       |       |    | 2015 |    |     |    |     |  |  |
|---|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|----|------|----|-----|----|-----|--|--|
|   | 2012A |     | 2013A |      | 2014A |       |    | Q1   |    | Q2  |    | Q3  |  |  |
| Net Income Before Provisions for Income Taxes | \$    | 5.9 | \$    | 15.5 | \$    | 23.6  | \$ | 2.7  | \$ | 5.7 | \$ | 1.5 |  |  |
| (-) Provision for Income Taxes (1)            |       | 2.4 |       | 6.2  |       | 9.5   |    | 1.1  |    | 2.3 |    | 0.6 |  |  |
| Pro Forma Net Income                          | •     | 36  | •     | 9.3  | •     | 1/1 2 | •  | 16   | •  | 3.4 | •  | 0.0 |  |  |



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(1) Provision for income Taxes reflects an estimated 40% tax rate given S to C Corp conversion. Excludes net income attributable to noncontrolling interest.