# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# OF OPERATING RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

# For the Year ended December 31, 2015

The following management discussion and analysis ("MD&A") was prepared as of March 3, 2016 and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 together with the notes thereto. All amounts in this MD&A are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated; and all tabular amounts are in thousands of Canadian dollars, except earnings per share and number of shares. Additional information about the Company, including the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2015, can be found at www.sedar.com.

# **OVERVIEW**

Martinrea International Inc. (TSX:MRE) ("Martinrea" or the "Company") is a leader in the development and production of quality metal parts, assemblies and modules, fluid management systems and complex aluminum products focused primarily on the automotive sector. Martinrea currently employs over 14,000 skilled and motivated people in 44 operating divisions in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Slovakia, Spain and China.

Martinrea's vision for the future is to be the best, preferred and most valued automotive parts supplier in the world in the products and services we provide our customers. The Company's mission is to deliver: outstanding quality products and services to our customers; meaningful opportunity, job satisfaction and job security to our people through competitiveness and prudent growth; superior long term investment returns to our stakeholders; and positive contributions to our communities as good corporate citizens.

Results of operations include certain unusual and other items which have been separately disclosed, where appropriate, in order to provide a clear assessment of the underlying Company results. In addition to IFRS measures, management uses non-IFRS measures in the Company's disclosures that it believes provides the most appropriate basis on which to evaluate the Company's results.

# **OVERALL RESULTS**

The following table sets out certain highlights of the Company's performance for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. Refer to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 for a detailed account of the Company's performance for the periods presented in the table below.

	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Sales	\$ 3,866,771	\$ 3,598,645	268,126	7.5%
Gross Margin	402,232	347,892	54,340	15.6%
Operating Income	161,761	131,900	29,861	22.6%
Net Income for the period	107,173	89,416	17,757	19.9%
Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	\$ 107,030	\$ 71,304	35,726	50.1%
Net Earnings per Share – Basic	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.84	0.41	48.8%
Net Earnings per Share – Diluted	\$ 1.24	\$ 0.83	0.41	49.4%
Non-IFRS Measures*				
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 178,870	\$ 147,748	31,122	21.1%
as a % of Sales	4.6%	4.1%		
Adjusted EBITDA	317,750	270,370	47,380	17.5%
as a % of Sales	8.2%	7.5%		
Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	118,788	83,386	35,402	42.5%
Adjusted Net Earnings per Share – Basic	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.99	0.39	39.4%
Adjusted Net Earnings per Share – Diluted	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.98	0.40	40.8%

The following table sets out a detailed account of the Company's performance for the fourth quarters of 2015 and 2014 (unaudited).

		Three months ended December 31, 2015		hree months ended ecember 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Sales	\$	1,035,314	\$	943,781	91,533	9.7%
Cost of sales (excluding depreciation)		(899,291)		(828,698)	(70,593)	8.5%
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (production)		(32,194)		(28,609)	(3,585)	12.5%
Gross Margin		103,829		86,474	17,355	20.1%
Research and development costs		(4,980)		(4,415)	(565)	12.8%
Selling, general and administrative expense		(51,027)		(56,112)	5,085	(9.1%)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (non-production)		(2,082)		(1,844)	(238)	12.9%
Amortization of customer contracts and relationships		(523)		(670)	147	(21.9%)
Restructuring costs		(1,718)		(3,542)	1,824	(51.5%)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Operating Income	\$	(523) 42,976	\$	(234) 19,657	(289) 23,319	123.5% 118.6%
Finance costs	φ		φ		23,319 542	
		(5,837)		(6,379)	-	(8.5%)
Other finance income		866		1,246	(380)	(30.5%)
Income before income taxes	\$	38,005	\$	14,524	23,481	161.7%
Income tax expense		(10,179)		(2,598)	(7,581)	291.8%
Net Income for the period		27,826		11,926	15,900	133.3%
Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	\$	27,731	\$	11,921	15,810	132.6%
Net Earnings per Share – Basic and Diluted	\$	0.32	\$	0.14	0.18	128.6%
Non-IFRS Measures*						
Adjusted Operating Income	\$	44,694	\$	33,944	10,750	31.7%
as a % of Sales		4.3%		3.6%		
Adjusted EBITDA		83,261		67,935	15,326	22.6%
as a % of Sales		8.0%		7.2%		
Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company		29,059		22,832	6,227	27.3%
Adjusted Net Earnings per Share - Basic and Diluted	\$	0.34	\$	0.27	0.07	25.9%

# \*Non-IFRS Measures

The Company prepares its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). However, the Company considers certain non-IFRS financial measures as useful additional information in measuring the financial performance and condition of the Company. These measures, which the Company believes are widely used by investors, securities analysts and other interested parties in evaluating the Company's performance, do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and therefore may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other publicly traded companies, nor should they be construed as an alternative to financial measures determined in accordance with IFRS. Non-IFRS measures include "Adjusted Net Income", "Adjusted Net Earnings per Share (on a basic and diluted basis)", "Adjusted Operating Income" and "Adjusted EBITDA". Unusual and other items are explained in the "Adjustments to Net Income" section of this MD&A.

The following tables provide a reconciliation of IFRS "Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company" to Non-IFRS "Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company", "Adjusted Operating Income" and "Adjusted EBITDA":

	Tł	ree months ended December 31, 2015	-	Three months ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014
Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	\$	27,731	\$	11,921	\$ 107,030	\$ 71,304
Unusual and Other Items (after-tax)*		1,328		10,911	11,758	12,082
Adjusted Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	\$	29,059	\$	22,832	\$ 118,788	\$ 83,386

\* Unusual and other items are explained in the "Adjustments to Net Income" section of this MD&A

	т	hree months ended December 31, 2015	٦	Three months ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014
Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	\$	27,731	\$	11,921	\$ 107,030	\$ 71,304
Non-controlling interest		95		5	143	18,112
Income tax expense		10,179		2,598	34,247	21,823
Other finance income		(866)		(1,246)	(4,925)	(2,137)
Finance costs		5,837		6,379	25,266	22,798
Unusual and Other Items(before-tax)*		1,718		14,287	17,109	15,848
Adjusted Operating Income	\$	44,694	\$	33,944	\$ 178,870	\$ 147,748
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		34,276		30,453	124,872	110,783
Amortization of intangible assets		3,768		3,304	14,238	11,518
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		523		234	(230)	321
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	83,261	\$	67,935	\$ 317,750	\$ 270,370

\* Unusual and other items are explained in the "Adjustments to Net Income" section of this MD&A

The year-over-year changes in significant accounts and financial highlights are discussed in detail in the sections below.

# SALES

#### Three months ended December 31, 2015 to three months ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	Т	hree months ended December 31, 2015	Three months ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
North America	\$	837,607	\$ 756,716	80,891	10.7%
Europe		166,870	171,503	(4,633)	(2.7%)
Rest of the World		30,837	15,562	15,275	98.2%
Total Sales	\$	1,035,314	\$ 943,781	91,533	9.7%

The Company's consolidated sales for the fourth quarter of 2015 increased by \$91.5 million or 9.7% to \$1,035.3 million as compared to \$943.8 million for the fourth quarter of 2014. The total increase in sales was driven by increases in the Company's North America and Rest of the World operating segments, partially offset by a year-over-year decrease in sales in Europe.

Sales for the fourth quarter of 2015 in the Company's North America operating segment increased by \$80.9 million or 10.7% to \$837.6 million from \$756.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2014. The increase was due to the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of U.S. denominated production sales, which had a positive impact on overall sales for the fourth quarter of 2015 of approximately \$105.1 million as compared to the fourth quarter of 2014, and the launch of new programs during or subsequent to the fourth quarter of 2014, including the Ford Edge, Ford Transit and GM Colorado. These positive factors were offset by a \$22.9 million decrease in tooling sales, which are typically dependent on the timing of tooling construction and final acceptance by the customer, and lower year-over-year OEM production volumes on certain light-vehicle platforms late in their product life cycle such as the GM Camaro and Equinox. The planned shutdown of Chrysler's V6 Pentastar engine block program for re-tooling, which commenced during the fourth quarter of 2015, also negatively impacted production sales in North America during the quarter as compared to the comparative period of 2014. The re-tooling is expected to be complete by the end of the first quarter of 2016 at which time production volumes of the engine block are expected to increase back to levels experienced prior to the re-tooling.

Sales for the fourth quarter of 2015 in the Company's Europe operating segment decreased by \$4.6 million or 2.7% to \$166.9 million from \$171.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2014. The decrease can be attributed to lower overall production volumes in the Company's Martinrea Honsel German operations including the impact from the sale of the Company's operating facility in Soest, Germany on August 31, 2015; partially offset by a \$4.6 million positive foreign exchange impact from the translation of Euro denominated production sales as compared to the fourth quarter of 2014, increased production sales in the Company's operating facilities in Spain and Slovakia, which continue to ramp up and launch their backlog of business, and a \$0.7 million increase in tooling sales.

Sales for the fourth quarter of 2015 in the Company's Rest of the World operating segment increased by \$15.3 million or 98.2% to \$30.8 million from \$15.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2014. The increase was mainly due to a year-over-year increase in production sales in the Company's new fluids systems plant in China, which began operations in 2013 and continues to ramp up its backlog of business, a

\$3.1 million increase in tooling sales, and a \$0.8 million positive foreign exchange impact from the translation of foreign denominated production sales as compared to the fourth quarter of 2014. Production sales for the fourth quarter of 2015 in the Company's operating facility in Brazil were down slightly year-over-year as OEM light vehicle production volumes in Brazil continue to trend at low levels.

Overall tooling sales decreased by \$19.1 million to \$62.6 million for the fourth quarter of 2015 from \$81.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2014.

#### Year ended December 31, 2015 to year ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
North America	\$ 3,094,463	\$ 2,851,370	243,093	8.5%
Europe	684,215	687,566	(3,351)	(0.5%)
Rest of the World	88,093	59,709	28,384	47.5%
Total Sales	\$ 3,866,771	\$ 3,598,645	268,126	7.5%

The Company's consolidated sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 increased by \$268.1 million or 7.5% to \$3,866.8 million as compared to \$3,598.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The total increase in sales was driven by increases in the Company's North America and Rest of the World operating segments, partially offset by a year-over-year decrease in sales in Europe.

Sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 in the Company's North America operating segment increased by \$243.1 million or 8.5% to \$3,094.5 million from \$2,851.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase was due to the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of U.S. denominated production sales, which had a positive impact on overall sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 of approximately \$331.5 million as compared to the comparative period of 2014, and the launch of new programs during or subsequent to the year ended December 31, 2014, including the new Chrysler 200, BMW X6, Ford Edge, Ford Transit and GM Colorado. These positive variances were partially offset by a year-over-year decrease in tooling sales of \$82.1 million and lower year-over-year OEM production volumes on certain light-vehicle platforms including the Chrysler Minivan platform, which was down for thirteen weeks during the first half of 2015 for re-tooling, and other platforms late in their product life cycle.

Sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 in the Company's Europe operating segment decreased by \$3.4 million or 0.5% to \$684.2 million from \$687.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The decrease can be attributed to the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of Euro denominated production sales, which had a negative impact on overall sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 of approximately \$25.6 million as compared to the comparable period of 2014, a \$5.6 million decrease in tooling sales, and lower overall production volumes in the Company's Martinrea Honsel German operations including the impact from the sale of the Company's operating facility in Soest, Germany on August 31, 2015; partially offset by increased production sales in the Company's operating facilities in Spain and Slovakia, which continue to ramp up and launch their backlog of business.

Sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 in the Company's Rest of the World operating segment increased by \$28.4 million or 47.5% to \$88.1 million from \$59.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase can be attributed to an increase in production sales in the Company's new fluids systems plant in China, which began operations in 2013 and continues to ramp up its backlog of business, and a \$4.8 million increase in tooling sales; partially offset by the translation of foreign denominated production sales, which had a negative impact on overall sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 of \$0.3 million as compared to the comparative period of 2014. Production sales for 2015 in the Company's operating facility in Brazil were down slightly year-over-year as OEM light vehicle production volumes in Brazil continue to trend at low levels.

Overall tooling sales decreased by \$82.9 million to \$162.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 from \$245.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2014.

# **GROSS MARGIN**

Three months ended December 31, 2015 to three months ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	=	hree months ended December 31, 2015	Three months ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Gross margin	\$	103,829	\$ 86,474	17,355	20.1%
% of sales		10.0%	9.2%		

The gross margin percentage for the fourth quarter of 2015 of 10.0% increased as a percentage of sales by 0.8% as compared to the gross margin percentage for the fourth quarter of 2014 of 9.2%. The increase in gross margin as a percentage of sales was generally due to:

- productivity and efficiency improvements at certain operating facilities in particular in the Company's U.S. metallic operations;
- new fluids systems plants in Slovakia and China which continue to ramp up and launch their backlog of business; and
- a decrease in tooling sales which typically earn low or no margins for the Company.

These factors were partially offset by the following:

- increased pre-operating and launch costs, in particular at new operating facilities in Mexico, China and Riverside, Missouri as these new plants execute on their backlog of new business;
- lower recoveries from scrap steel;
- operational inefficiencies and other costs at certain other facilities; and
- general sales mix including lower production volumes in the Company's Martinrea Honsel operating facility in Meschede, Germany.

#### Year ended December 31, 2015 to year ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Gross margin	\$ 402,232	\$ 347,892	54,340	15.6%
% of sales	10.4%	9.7%		

The gross margin percentage for the year ended December 31, 2015 of 10.4% increased as a percentage of sales by 0.7% as compared to the gross margin percentage for the year ended December 31, 2014 of 9.7%. The increase in gross margin as a percentage of sales was generally due to:

- productivity and efficiency improvements at certain operating facilities in particular in the Company's U.S. metallic operations;
- new fluids systems plants in Slovakia and China which continue to ramp up and launch their backlog of new business; and
- a decrease in tooling sales which typically earn low or no margins for the Company.

These factors were partially offset by the following:

- increased pre-operating and launch costs, in particular at new operating facilities in Spain, Mexico, China and Riverside, Missouri
  as these new plants execute on their backlog of new business;
- lower recoveries from scrap steel;
- operational inefficiencies and other costs at certain other facilities;
- general sales mix including lower production volumes in the Company's Martinrea Honsel operating facility in Meschede, Germany; and
- the resolution of certain commercial disputes in the Company's European operations in 2014 which positively impacted the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the first quarter of 2015.

# SELLING, GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE ("SG&A")

#### Three months ended December 31, 2015 to three months ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	Т	hree months ended December 31, 2015	Three months ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Selling, general & administrative % of sales	\$	51,027 4.9%	\$ 56,112 5.9%	(5,085)	(9.1%)

SG&A expense, before adjustments, for the fourth quarter of 2015 decreased by \$5.1 million to \$51.0 million as compared to \$56.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2014. Excluding the unusual and other item recorded in SG&A expense incurred during the fourth quarter of 2014 as explained in Table A under "Adjustments to Net Income", SG&A expense for the fourth quarter of 2015 increased by \$5.6 million to \$51.0 million from \$45.4 million for the comparative period. The increase is predominantly due to pre-operating costs incurred at new and/or expanded facilities, including incremental employment levels to support the business. SG&A expenses are being monitored and managed on a continuous basis in order to optimize costs.

Excluding the unusual and other items recorded in SG&A expense incurred during the fourth guarter of 2014 as explained in Table A under "Adjustments to Net Income", SG&A expense as a percentage of sales remained relatively consistent year-over-year at 4.9% for the fourth guarter of 2015 compared to 4.8% for the comparative period of 2014.

#### Year ended December 31, 2015 to year ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Selling, general & administrative	\$ 193,610	\$ 184,499	9,111	4.9%
% of sales	5.0%	5.1%		

SG&A expense, before adjustments, for the year ended December 31, 2015 increased by \$9.1 million to \$193.6 million as compared to \$184.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. Excluding the unusual and other items recorded in SG&A expense incurred during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 as explained in Table B under "Adjustments to Net Income", SG&A expense for the year ended December 31, 2015 increased by \$20.0 million to \$192.2 million from \$172.2 million for the comparative period of 2014. The increase is predominantly due to pre-operating costs incurred at new and/or expanded facilities, including incremental employment levels to support the business.

Excluding the unusual and other items recorded in SG&A expense incurred during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 as explained in Table B under "Adjustments to Net Income", SG&A expense as a percentage of sales increased year-over-year to 5.0% from 4.8% for the year ended December, 2014 due to pre-operating costs incurred at new and/or expanded facilities with currently no or a relatively low level of production.

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611

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# DEPRECIATION OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT ("PP&E") AND AMORTIZATION OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS

#### Three months ended Three months ended December 31, 2015 December 31, 2014 \$ Change % Change \$ \$ Depreciation of PP&E (production) 32,194 28.609 3,585 Depreciation of PP&E (non-production) 2,082 1,844 238 Amortization of customer contracts and relationships 523 670 (147)

#### Three months ended December 31, 2015 to three months ended December 31, 2014 comparison

\$

Total depreciation and amortization expense for the fourth quarter of 2015 increased by \$4.3 million to \$38.0 million as compared to \$33.8 million for the fourth guarter of 2014. The increase in total depreciation and amortization expense was primarily due to increases in depreciation expense on a larger PP&E base resulting from the growth in the Company's book of business and amortization of development costs as new and replacement programs, for which development costs were incurred, start production and reach peak volumes. A significant portion of the Company's recent investments relates to various new program launches put to use during or subsequent to the fourth guarter of 2014 as the Company has continued to work through its launch backlog. The Company continues to make significant investments in the business in light of a large backlog of business and a growing global footprint.

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Depreciation of PP&E (production) expense as a percentage of sales increased slightly year-over-over to 3.1% for the fourth quarter of 2015 from 3.0% for the fourth quarter of 2014 as recent investments in equipment are put to use.

Amortization of development costs

Total depreciation and amortization

#### Year ended December 31, 2015 to year ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	C	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Depreciation of PP&E (production)	\$	117,387	\$ 103,997	13,390	12.9%
Depreciation of PP&E (non-production) Amortization of customer contracts and		7,485	6,786	699	10.3%
relationships		2,134	2,485	(351)	(14.1%)
Amortization of development costs		12,104	9,033	3,071	34.0%
Total depreciation and amortization	\$	139,110	\$ 122,301	16,809	13.7%

Total depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2015 increased by \$16.8 million to \$139.1 million as compared to \$122.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. Similar to the year-over-year quarterly trend noted above, the increase in total depreciation and amortization expense was primarily due to increases in depreciation expense on a larger PP&E base resulting from growth in the Company's book of business and amortization of development costs as new and replacement programs, for which development costs were incurred, started production and reached peak volumes.

Depreciation of PP&E (production) expense as a percentage of sales increased slightly year-over-year to 3.0% for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to 2.9% for the year ended December 31, 2014 as recent investments in equipment are put to use.

# ADJUSTMENTS TO NET INCOME (ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY)

Adjusted Net Income excludes certain unusual and other items, as set out in the following tables and described in the notes thereto. Management uses Adjusted Net Income as a measurement of operating performance of the Company and believes that, in conjunction with IFRS measures, it provides useful information about the financial performance and condition of the Company.

# TABLE A

#### Three months ended December 31, 2015 to three months ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	For the three months ended December 31, 2015 (a)	For the three months ended December 31, 2014 (b)	(a)-(b) Change	
NET INCOME (A)	\$27,731	\$11,921	\$15,810	
Add back - Unusual and Other Items:				
Restructuring costs (1) Change in Chief Executive Officer (4)	1,718	3,542 10,745	(1,824) (10,745)	
TOTAL UNUSUAL AND OTHER ITEMS BEFORE TAX	\$1,718	\$14,287	(\$12,569)	
Tax impact of above items	(390)	(3,376)	2,986	
TOTAL UNUSUAL AND OTHER ITEMS AFTER TAX (B)	\$1,328	\$10,911	(\$9,583)	
ADJUSTED NET INCOME (A + B)	\$29,059	\$22,832	\$6,227	
Number of Shares Outstanding – Basic ('000) Adjusted Basic Net Earnings Per Share Number of Shares Outstanding – Diluted ('000) Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share	86,345 \$0.34 86,730 \$0.34	84,878 \$0.27 85,697 \$0.27		

# TABLE B

Year ended December 31, 2015 to year ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	For the year ended December 31, 2015	For the year ended December 31, 2014	(a)-(b)
	(a)	(b)	Change
NET INCOME (A)	\$107,030	\$71,304	\$35,726
Add back - Unusual and Other Items:			
Restructuring costs (1) Executive separation agreement (2)	15,337 1,402 370	3,542 -	11,795 1,402 370
Loss on sale of assets and liabilities held for sale (3) Change in Chief Executive Officer (4) External legal and forensic accounting costs related to		10,745	(10,745)
litigation (5)	-	1,561	(1,561)
TOTAL UNUSUAL AND OTHER ITEMS BEFORE TAX	\$17,109	\$15,848	\$1,261
Tax impact of above items	(5,351)	(3,766)	(1,585)
TOTAL UNUSUAL AND OTHER ITEMS AFTER TAX (B)	\$11,758	\$12,082	(\$324)
ADJUSTED NET INCOME (A + B)	\$118,788	\$83,386	\$35,402
Number of Shares Outstanding – Basic ('000) Adjusted Basic Net Earnings Per Share	85,863 \$1.38	84,615 \$0,99	
Number of Shares Outstanding – Diluted ('000) Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share	86,369 \$1.38	85,515 \$0.98	

#### (1) Restructuring costs

As part of the acquisition of Honsel (as described in the "Acquisitions" section of this MD&A), a certain level of restructuring was planned in order to be cost competitive over the long term, in particular at the Company's operating facility in Meschede, Germany. In connection with these restructuring activities, \$13.6 million ( $\in$ 9.7 million) of employee related severance was recognized during the third quarter of 2015, and a further \$1.7 million ( $\in$ 1.2 million) was recognized during the fourth quarter of 2015 (of which \$0.3 million relates to the right sizing of the Company's facility in Brazil).

During the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company right sized the workforce at two operating facilities in Canada resulting in \$3.5 million in employee related severance costs.

#### (2) Executive separation agreement

On July 14, 2015, Danny Infusino stepped down as the Company's Executive Vice President of Business Development and Engineering and Vice President of Operations. The costs added back for Adjusted Net Income purposes represents Mr. Infusino's termination benefits (included in SG&A expense) as set out in his employment contract payable over an eighteen month period.

#### (3) Loss on sale of assets and liabilities held for sale

During the second quarter of 2015, certain assets and liabilities of the Company's operating facility in Soest, Germany were transferred to assets held for sale. The Soest facility specializes in aluminum extrusions which the Company determined was not core to the strategy of the overall business going forward. The agreement to sell the Soest facility was closed on August 31, 2015. The net assets were sold for proceeds of \$20.6 million ( $\in$ 14.6 million) resulting in a pre-tax loss on sale of \$0.4 million ( $\in$ 0.3 million).

# (4) Change in Chief Executive Officer

On November 1, 2014, Nick Orlando stepped down as Martinrea's President and Chief Executive Officer and Pat D'Eramo was appointed as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer following a comprehensive search process conducted by the Company's Board of Directors, which appointed a search committee of its members to oversee the process and to work with an outside executive search firm to make assessments and recommendations. The costs added back for adjusted net income purposes in 2014 include \$8.4 million in termination benefits for Nick Orlando as set out in his employment contract payable over a two year period, \$0.9 million in fees paid to an outside executive search firm, a \$0.9 million signing bonus paid to Pat D'Eramo upon his arrival to the Company and \$0.5 million in stock based compensation expense related to certain stock options granted to Pat D'Eramo upon his arrival which had no vesting requirements.

# (5) External legal and forensic accounting costs related to litigation

The costs added back for Adjusted Net Income purposes for the year ended December 31, 2014 reflects the legal and forensic accounting costs not covered by insurance (recorded as SG&A expense) incurred by the Company in relation to specific litigation matters outside the ordinary course of business as outlined in the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2015.

# NET INCOME (ATTIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY)

# Three months ended December 31, 2015 to three months ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	Three months ended December 31, 2015	Three months ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Net Income	\$ 27,731	\$ 11,921	15,810	132.6%
Adjusted Net Income	\$ 29,059	\$ 22,832	6,227	27.3%
Net Earnings per share				
Basic	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.14		
Diluted	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.14		
Adjusted Net Earnings per share				
Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.27		
Diluted	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.27		

Net income, before adjustments, for the fourth quarter of 2015 increased by \$15.8 million to \$27.7 million from \$11.9 million for the fourth quarter of 2014. Excluding the unusual and other items incurred during the fourth quarters of 2015 and 2014 as explained in Table A under "Adjustments to Net Income", net income for the fourth quarter of 2015 increased to \$29.1 million or \$0.34 per share, on a basic and diluted basis, from \$22.8 million or \$0.27 per share, on a basic and diluted basis, for the fourth quarter of 2014.

Adjusted Net Income for the fourth quarter of 2015, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2014, was positively impacted by the following:

- higher gross profit from an overall increase in year-over-year production sales as previously explained;
- productivity and efficiency improvements at certain operating facilities in particular in the Company's U.S. metallic operations; and
- new fluids systems plants in Slovakia and China, which continue to ramp up and launch their backlog of new business.

These factors were partially offset by the following:

- increased pre-operating and launch costs, in particular at new operating facilities in Mexico, China, and Riverside, Missouri as these new plants execute on their backlog of new business;
- lower recoveries from scrap steel;
- operational inefficiencies and other costs at certain other facilities;
- general sales mix including lower production volumes in the Company's Martinrea Honsel operating facility in Meschede, Germany;
- a higher effective tax rate on adjusted pre-tax income due generally to the mix of earnings (26.6% for the fourth quarter of 2015 compared to 20.7% for the fourth quarter of 2014); and
- a year-over-year increase in SG&A expense as previously discussed.

#### Three months ended December 31, 2015 actual to guidance comparison:

On November 5, 2015, the Company provided the following guidance for the fourth quarter of 2015:

	Guidance	Actual
Production sales (in millions)	\$ 930 - 970	\$ 973
Adjusted Net Earnings per Share		
Basic & Diluted	\$ 0.30 - 0.34	\$ 0.34

For the fourth quarter of 2015, while Adjusted Net Earnings per share was within the range of published guidance, production sales of \$973 million slightly exceeded the high end of the range primarily as a result of higher than expected volumes across several vehicle platforms and fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and the corresponding impact on the translation of foreign denominated sales to the Company's Canadian dollar reporting currency.

#### Year ended December 31, 2015 to year ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	Dec	Year ended ember 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Net Income	\$	107,030	\$ 71,304	35,726	50.1%
Adjusted Net Income	\$	118,788	\$ 83,386	35,402	42.5%
Net Earnings per share					
Basic	\$	1.25	\$ 0.84		
Diluted	\$	1.24	\$ 0.83		
Adjusted Net Earnings per share					
Basic	\$	1.38	\$ 0.99		
Diluted	\$	1.38	\$ 0.98		

Net income, before adjustments, for the year ended December 31, 2015 increased by \$35.7 million to \$107.0 million from \$71.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. Excluding the unusual and other items incurred during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 as explained in Table B under "Adjustments to Net Income", net income for the year ended December 31, 2015 increased to \$118.8 million or \$1.38 per share, on a basic and diluted basis, from \$83.4 million or \$0.99 per share, on a basic basis, and \$0.98 per share, on a diluted basis, for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Adjusted Net Income for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2014, was positively impacted by the following:

- higher gross profit from an overall increase in year-over-year production sales as previously explained;
- productivity and efficiency improvements at certain operating facilities in particular in the Company's U.S. metallic operations;
- new fluids systems plants in Slovakia and China, which continue to ramp up and launch their backlog of new business;
- the inclusion of 100% of the net earnings from the Martinrea Honsel group after the Company purchased the 45% non-controlling interest on August 7, 2014 (see "Acquisitions" section of this MD&A for further details on the transaction); and
- a net foreign exchange gain of \$4.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to a net foreign exchange gain of \$1.9 million for the comparative period of 2014.

These factors were partially offset by the following:

- increased pre-operating and launch costs, in particular at new operating facilities in Spain, Mexico, China, and Riverside, Missouri as these new plants execute on their backlog of new business;
- lower recoveries from scrap steel;
- operational inefficiencies and other costs at certain other facilities;
- general sales mix including lower production volumes in the Company's Martinrea Honsel operating facility in Meschede, Germany;
- the resolution of certain commercial disputes in the Company's European operations which positively impacted the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the first quarter of 2015;
- a higher effective tax rate on adjusted pre-tax income due generally to the mix of earnings (25.0% for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to 20.1% for the comparative period of 2014); and

year-over-year increases in SG&A expense as previously discussed, research and development expenses, due predominantly
to increased amortization of development costs, and finance expense related to increased levels of debt primarily used to sustain
the increased level of capital expenditures related to new program launches and to fund the purchase of the 45% non-controlling
interest of the Martinrea Honsel group on August 7, 2014 (see "Acquisitions" section of this MD&A for further details on the
transaction).

# ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

#### Three months ended December 31, 2015 to three months ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	 ree months ended December 31, 2015	Three months ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Additions to PP&E	\$ 85,683	\$ 67,424	18,259	27.1%

Additions to PP&E increased by \$18.3 million to \$85.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2015 from \$67.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2014 due generally to the timing of expenditures and the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of foreign denominated purchases. Additions as a percentage of sales increased year-over-year to 8.3% for the fourth quarter of 2015 from 7.1% for the fourth quarter of 2014. While capital expenditures are made to refurbish or replace assets consumed in the normal course of business and for productivity improvements, a large portion of the investment in the fourth quarter of 2015 continued to be for manufacturing equipment and multiple expansions for programs that recently launched or will be launching over the next 24 months.

#### Year ended December 31, 2015 to year ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	De	Year ended cember 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Additions to PP&E	\$	215,219	\$ 203,801	11,418	5.6%

Additions to PP&E increased by \$11.4 million year-over-year to \$215.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to \$203.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 due generally to the timing of expenditures and the impact of foreign exchange on the translation of foreign denominated purchases. Additions as a percentage of sales decreased slightly year-over-year to 5.6% for the year ended December 31, 2015 from 5.7% for the comparative period of 2014. Despite the slight decrease as a percentage of sales, the Company continues to make investments in the business in particular at new operating facilities in Spain, Mexico, China, and Riverside, Missouri as these new plants execute on their backlog of new business.

# SEGMENT ANALYSIS

The Company defines its operating segments as components of its business where separate financial information is available and routinely evaluated by the Company's chief operating decision maker which is the Chief Executive Officer. Given the differences between the regions in which the Company operates, Martinrea's operations are segmented and aggregated on a geographic basis between North America, Europe and Rest of the World. The Company measures segment operating performance based on operating income.

# Three months ended December 31, 2015 to three months ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	SAL	ES	<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)*</b>				
	Three months ended December 31, 2015	Three months ended December 31, 2014	Three months ended December 31, 2015	Three months ended December 31, 2014			
North America	\$ 837,607 \$	756,716	\$ 34,202 \$	24,569			
Europe	166,870	171,503	11,975	12,834			
Rest of the World	30,837	15,562	(1,483)	(3,459)			
Adjusted Operating Income			\$ 44,694	33,944			
Unusual and Other Items*			(1,718)	(14,287)			
Total	\$ 1,035,314 \$	943,781	\$ 42,976 \$	5 19,657			

\* Operating income for the operating segments has been adjusted for unusual and other items. Of the \$1.7 million of unusual and other items incurred during the fourth quarter of 2015, \$1.4 million was incurred in Europe and \$0.3 million in the Rest of the World. The \$14.3 million of unusual and other items for the fourth quarter of 2014 was incurred in the North America operating segment. The unusual and other items noted are all fully explained under "Adjustments to Net Income" in this MD&A.

## **North America**

Adjusted Operating Income in North America increased by \$9.6 million to \$34.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2015 from \$24.6 million for the fourth quarter of 2014. Adjusted Operating Income in North America was positively impacted by:

- higher gross profit from an overall increase in year-over-year production sales as previously explained; and
- productivity and efficiency improvements at certain operating facilities in particular in the Company's U.S. metallic operations.

These factors were partially offset by the following:

- increased pre-operating and launch costs, in particular at two new operating facilities in Mexico and Riverside, Missouri as these new plants prepare for upcoming new program launches;
- lower recoveries from scrap steel;
- general sales mix; and
- operational inefficiencies and other costs at certain other facilities.

#### Europe

Adjusted Operating Income in Europe decreased by \$0.8 million to \$12.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2015 from \$12.8 million for the fourth quarter of 2014. The operating results in Europe were positively impacted by a new fluids systems plant in Slovakia, which continues to ramp up and launch its backlog of new business as launch costs subside. The positive impact from the Slovakia facility during the quarter was more than offset by the impact of lower production volumes in the Company's Martinrea Honsel operating facility in Meschede, Germany.

#### **Rest of the World**

The operating results for the Rest of the World operating segment improved year-over-year. The improved operating results were due to increased production sales in the Company's new fluids systems plant in China, which began operations in 2013 and continues to ramp up its backlog of business, partially offset by increased pre-operating costs at a new aluminum operating facility in China as the plant prepares for its inaugural new program launch in 2016.

#### Year ended December 31, 2015 to year ended December 31, 2014 comparison

	SA	ES	<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)*</b>				
	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014			
North America	\$ 3,094,463	\$ 2,851,370	\$ 154,603 \$	105,264			
Europe	684,215	687,566	33,425	53,160			
Rest of the World	88,093	59,709	(9,158)	(10,676)			
Adjusted Operating Income			\$ 178,870 \$	147,748			
Unusual and Other Items*			(17,109)	(15,848)			
Total	\$ 3,866,771	\$ 3,598,645	\$ 161,761 \$	131,900			

\* Operating income for the operating segments has been adjusted for unusual and other items. Of the \$17.1 million of unusual and other items incurred during the year ended December 31, 2015, \$15.4 million was incurred in Europe, \$1.4 million in North America and \$0.3 million in the Rest of the World. The \$15.8 million of unusual and other items for the year ended December 31, 2014 was incurred in the North America operating segment. The unusual and other items noted are all fully explained under "Adjustments to Net Income" in this MD&A.

#### North America

Adjusted Operating Income in North America increased by \$49.3 million to \$154.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 from \$105.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. Adjusted Operating Income in North America was positively impacted by:

- higher gross profit from an overall increase in year-over-year production sales as previously explained; and
- productivity and efficiency improvements at certain operating facilities in particular in the Company's U.S. metallic operations.

These factors were partially offset by the following:

- increased pre-operating and launch costs, in particular at two new operating facilities in Mexico and Riverside, Missouri as these
  new plants prepare for upcoming new program launches;
- lower recoveries from scrap steel;
- general sales mix; and
- operational inefficiencies and other costs at certain other facilities.

# Europe

Adjusted Operating Income in Europe decreased by \$19.8 million to \$33.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 from \$53.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. Adjusted Operating Income in Europe was negatively impacted by program specific launch and pre-operating costs at a new operating facility in Spain, as the plant executes on its backlog of new business, and in Slovakia, as the plant continues to ramp up its book of business; lower production volumes in the Company's Martinrea Honsel operating facility in Meschede, Germany; and the resolution of certain commercial disputes in the Company's European operations which positively impacted the first quarter of 2014 as compared to the first quarter of 2015.

# **Rest of the World**

The operating results for the Rest of the World operating segment improved year-over-year. The improved operating results were due to increased production sales in the Company's new fluids systems plant in China, which began operations in 2013 and continues to ramp up its backlog of business, partially offset by increased pre-operating costs at a new aluminum operating facility in China as the plant prepares for its inaugural new program launch in 2016 and the impact of lower OEM light vehicle production volumes in Brazil.

# SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS (unaudited)

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	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Sales	1,035,314	929,880	984,046	917,531	943,781	859,456	930,915	864,493
Gross Margin	103,829	96,385	106,379	95,639	86,474	78,076	95,863	87,479
Net Income	27,826	15,232	33,607	30,508	11,926	21,205	29,626	26,659
Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	27,731	15,469	33,411	30,419	11,921	19,384	23,308	16,691
Adjusted Net Income attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	29,059	25,899	33,411	30,419	22,832	19,384	23,614	17,556
Basic Net Earnings per Share	0.32	0.18	0.39	0.36	0.14	0.23	0.28	0.20
Diluted Net Earnings per Share	0.32	0.18	0.39	0.36	0.14	0.23	0.27	0.20
Adjusted Basic Net Earnings per Share	0.34	0.30	0.39	0.36	0.27	0.23	0.28	0.21
Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings per Share	0.34	0.30	0.39	0.36	0.27	0.23	0.28	0.21

# LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's financial condition remains solid, which can be attributed to the Company's low cost structure, reasonable level of debt and prospects for growth. As at December 31, 2015, the Company had total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company of \$776.3 million. As at December 31, 2015, the Company's ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 1.2:1. The Company's current working capital level of \$164.0 million and existing credit facilities (discussed below) are sufficient to cover the anticipated working capital needs of the Company. Management expects that all future capital expenditures will be financed by cash flow from operations, utilization of existing credit facilities or asset backed financing.

# CASH FLOWS

		Three months ended December 31, 2015	Three months ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Cash provided by operations before changes in non- cash working capital items	\$	81,046 \$	53,185	27,861	52.4%
Change in non-cash working capital items	Ψ	15,062	59,943	(44,881)	(74.9%)
		96,108	113,128	(17,020)	(15.0%)
Interest paid		(6,825)	(6,106)	(719)	11.8%
Income taxes paid		(2,905)	(7,164)	4,259	(59.5%)
Cash provided by operating activities		86,378	99,858	(13,480)	(13.5%)
Cash used in financing activities		(20,175)	(6,641)	(13,534)	203.8%
Cash used in investing activities		(45,913)	(64,473)	18,560	(28.8%)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		713	(1,628)	2,341	(143.8%)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$	21,003 \$	27,116	(6,113)	(22.5%)

Cash provided by operating activities during the fourth quarter of 2015 was \$86.4 million, compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$99.9 million in the corresponding period of 2014. The components for the fourth quarter of 2015 primarily include the following:

- cash provided by operations before changes in non-cash working capital items of \$81.0 million;
- working capital items source of cash of \$15.1 million comprised of a decrease in trade and other receivables of \$52.0 million, a
  decrease in inventories of \$1.6 million and a decrease in prepaid expenses and deposits of \$7.8 million, partially offset by a
  decrease in trade, other payables and provisions of \$46.3 million;
- interest paid (excluding capitalized interest) of \$6.8 million; and
- income taxes paid of \$2.9 million.

Cash used by financing activities during the fourth quarter of 2015 was \$20.2 million, compared to \$6.6 million used in the corresponding period in 2014, as a result of an \$18.0 million net decrease in long term debt (including repayments on the Company's revolving banking facility and asset backed financing arrangements), and \$2.6 million in dividends paid; partially offset by \$0.5 million in proceeds from the exercise of employee stock options. The \$6.6 million in cash used in financing arrangements and \$2.5 million in dividends paid; partially offset by \$0.5 million in dividends paid; partially offset by \$0.5 million in proceeds from the exercise of \$20.1 million of scheduled debt repayments on asset based financing arrangements and \$2.5 million in dividends paid; partially offset by proceeds of \$14.8 million from an equipment loan in the Company's Spanish operations and \$1.2 million in proceeds from the exercise of employee stock options.

Cash used in investing activities during the fourth quarter of 2015 was \$45.9 million, compared to \$64.5 million in the corresponding period in 2014. The components for the fourth quarter of 2015 primarily include the following:

- cash additions to PP&E of \$42.5 million;
- capitalized development costs relating to upcoming new program launches of \$3.6 million; partially offset by
- proceeds from the disposal of PP&E of \$0.2 million.

The cash used in investing activities of \$64.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2014 included \$60.5 million in cash additions to PP&E and \$4.3 million in capitalized development costs relating to upcoming new program launches; partially offset by \$0.3 million in proceeds from the disposal of PP&E.

Taking into account the opening cash balance of \$7.9 million at the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2015, and the activities described above, the cash and cash equivalents balance at December 31, 2015 was \$28.9 million.

		Year ended December 31, 2015	Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Cash provided by operations before changes in non-	۴	207 544 \$	050 507	40.074	40.00/
cash working capital items	\$	307,511 \$	258,537	48,974	18.9%
Change in non-cash working capital items		(38,635)	65,961	(104,596)	(158.6%)
		268,876	324,498	(55,622)	(17.1%)
Interest paid		(24,259)	(21,429)	(2,830)	13.2%
Income taxes paid		(51,990)	(38,715)	(13,275)	34.3%
Cash provided by operating activities		192,627	264,354	(71,727)	(27.1%)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(46,818)	189,042	(235,860)	(124.8%)
Cash used in investing activities		(171,456)	(458,141)	286,685	(62.6%)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		2,145	922	1,223	132.6%
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(23,502) \$	(3,823)	(19,679)	514.8%

Cash provided by operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$192.6 million, compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$264.4 million in the corresponding period of 2014. The components for the year ended December 31, 2015 primarily include the following:

- cash provided by operations before changes in non-cash working capital items of \$307.5 million;
- working capital items use of cash of \$38.6 million comprised of an increase in trade and other receivables of \$9.9 million; an increase in inventories of \$15.4 million, an increase in prepaid expenses and deposits of \$2.5 million, and a decrease in trade, other payables and provisions of \$10.8 million;
- interest paid (excluding capitalized interest) of \$24.3 million; and
- income taxes paid of \$52.0 million due to the timing of final income tax payments for 2014 and cash instalments for 2015.

Cash used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$46.8 million, compared to cash provided of \$189.0 million in the corresponding period in 2014, as a result of a \$47.6 million net decrease in long term debt (including repayments on the Company's revolving credit facility and asset based financing arrangements) and \$10.3 million in dividends paid; partially offset by \$11.1 million in proceeds from the exercise of employee stock options during the period.

The \$189.0 million in cash used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2014 was the result of \$217.8 million net drawn on the Company's amended banking facility (see below under "Financing") primarily to fund the purchase of the 45% non-controlling interest in Martinrea Honsel on August 7, 2014 (see below under "Acquisitions"), proceeds from equipment loans of \$29.2 million and \$3.0 million in proceeds from the exercise of employee stock options during the year; partially offset by the repayment of the shareholder loan held by the non-controlling shareholder in Martinrea Honsel of \$13.1 million, \$37.8 million of scheduled debt repayments on asset based financing arrangements and \$10.2 million in dividends paid.

Cash used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$171.5 million, compared to \$458.1 million in the corresponding period in 2014. The components for the year ended December 31, 2015 primarily include the following:

- cash additions to PP&E of \$179.6 million;
- capitalized development costs relating to upcoming new program launches of \$15.2 million; partially offset by
- proceeds from the sale of assets and liabilities held for sale of \$20.6 million; and
- proceeds from the disposal of PP&E of \$2.7 million.

The cash used in investing activities of \$458.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2014 included \$203.6 million in cash additions to PP&E, \$20.5 million in capitalized development costs relating to upcoming new program launches and the \$235.7 million purchase of the 45% non-controlling interest of the Martinrea Honsel group on August 7, 2014 (see "Acquisitions" section of this MD&A for further details on the transaction); partially offset by \$1.6 million in proceeds from the disposal of PP&E.

Taking into account the opening cash balance of \$52.4 million at the beginning of 2015, and the activities described above, the cash and cash equivalents balance at December 31, 2015 was \$28.9 million.

# Financing

On August 6, 2014, the Company's banking facility was amended to increase the total available revolving credit lines under the facility and add two new banks to the lending syndicate. The increase in credit lines facilitated the purchase of the 45% non-controlling interest in Martinrea Honsel as further described below. The primary terms of the amended banking facility, with a syndicate of nine banks, are as follows:

- available revolving credit lines of \$300 million and US \$350 million;
- available asset based financing capacity of \$205 million;
- no mandatory principal repayment provisions;
- an accordion feature which provides the Company with the ability to increase the revolving credit facility by up to \$100 million;
- pricing terms at market rates; and
- a maturity date of August 2018.

As at December 31, 2015, the Company had drawn US\$220 million (December 31, 2014 – US\$235 million) on the U.S. revolving credit line and \$273 million (December 31, 2014 - \$278 million) on the Canadian revolving credit line.

Net debt (i.e. long term debt less cash on hand) increased by \$48.1 million from \$640.0 million at December 31, 2014 to \$688.1 million at December 31, 2015 due to the impact of foreign exchange translation on foreign denominated debt. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange translation, net debt decreased by \$22.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2015.

The Company was in compliance with its debt covenants as at December 31, 2015.

#### Dividends

In the second quarter of 2013, Martinrea's Board of Directors approved, for the first time, a dividend to be paid to all holders of Martinrea common shares. Annual dividends are to be \$0.12 per share, to be paid in four quarterly payments of \$0.03 per share. The first quarterly dividend payment of \$0.03 per share was paid on July 11, 2013; with successive quarterly dividends paid thereafter, the most recent quarterly dividend being paid on January 15, 2016. The declaration and payment of future dividends will be subject to the Company's cash requirements as well as satisfaction of statutory tests. In addition, the Board will assess future dividend payment levels from time to time, in light of the Company's financial performance and then current and anticipated needs at that time.

#### Guarantees

The Company is a guarantor under certain tooling finance programs negotiated originally in 2004 and amended in 2013 that provide direct financing for the tooling on specific programs. The tooling finance program involves a third party that provides tooling suppliers with financing subject to a Company guarantee for a period of six to eighteen months depending upon the duration of the tooling program and the subsequent customer tooling payment. The amounts loaned to tooling suppliers through this financing arrangement do not appear on the Company's balance sheet. At December 31, 2015 the amount of off-balance sheet program financing was \$85.5 million (December 31, 2014 - \$17.2 million). As is customary in the automotive industry, tooling costs are ultimately paid for by customers of the Company generally upon acceptance of the final prototypes and commencement of commercial production.

# ACQUISITIONS

On July 29, 2011, the Company closed an agreement to purchase a controlling interest in the assets of Honsel, a German-based leading supplier of aluminum components for the automotive and industrial sectors forming the Martinrea Honsel group. The Company partnered with Anchorage Capital Group L.L.C. ("Anchorage") in the transaction, acquiring 55%, with Anchorage owning the remaining 45%.

Martinrea Honsel develops and manufactures complex aluminum products using state-of-the-art production technologies including high pressure die-casting, permanent mold, sand casting and rolling.

The Martinrea Honsel group provides the Company with a significant presence in the aluminum automotive parts market, and broadens the Company's metal forming capabilities and offerings. It also creates a more significant geographic presence outside North America, which the Company intends to grow over time. The Company's customer base was further expanded with the acquisition, with many of the larger European based OEMs being significant customers of Martinrea Honsel.

Initially, the 2011 purchase transaction envisaged the purchase of all of Honsel's operations, which included plants in Germany located in Meschede, Nuremburg, Soest, and Nuttlar, as well as Madrid, Spain, Queretaro, Mexico, and Monte Mor, Brazil. The Nuremburg facility was subsequently sold to ZF Friedrichshafen AG ("ZF"), the primary customer of the facility, immediately after the closing of the purchase transaction. After factoring in the sale of the Nuremburg facility to ZF, the net cash consideration for the acquisition was  $\in$ 62,125 (\$85,272), of which Martinrea's 55% portion was  $\in$ 34,169 (\$46,900).

As part of the transaction, the Company granted Anchorage a put option which, if exercised, would have required the Company to purchase Anchorage's 45% interest in Martinrea Honsel Holdings B.V. The put option would have become effective on April 1, 2015 with an expiry date of October 1, 2017. The put option provided a formula for determining the purchase price of the shares, designed to estimate the fair value of the non-controlling interest at the time the option is exercised. The put option provided an arbitration mechanism in the event that the two parties were unable to agree on the ultimate price.

On August 7, 2014, prior to the put option becoming exercisable, Martinrea acquired from Anchorage the remaining 45% equity interest in the Martinrea Honsel group for a negotiated purchase price of €160,000 (\$235,667 Canadian). Effective August 7, 2014, the Martinrea Honsel group is wholly owned by Martinrea. The transaction resulted in the carrying value of the put option liability on the date of the transaction being reversed out of other equity and the carrying amount of Anchorage's share of equity in Martinrea Honsel being reversed from non-controlling interest. The \$127,198 difference of the consideration paid and the carrying amount of the non-controlling interest at the date of the transaction was recognized in accumulated deficit.

During the second quarter ended June 30, 2015, certain assets and liabilities of the Company's operating facility in Soest, Germany, which formed part of the above described Martinrea Honsel group, were transferred to assets held for sale. The Soest facility specializes in aluminum extrusions which the Company determined was not core to the strategy of the overall business going forward. The agreement to sell the Soest facility was closed on August 31, 2015. The net assets of the facility were sold for proceeds of \$20,638 (€14,588) resulting in a pre-tax loss on sale of \$370 (€257).

The acquisition while bringing many benefits to Martinrea also provides some risks for the Company. Both the initial 2011 purchase of the 55% controlling interest and subsequent purchase of the remaining 45% equity interest in Martinrea Honsel were financed by the Company using available credit lines, which has increased the Company's debt levels. See also "Risks and Uncertainties".

# **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The following risk factors, as well as the other information contained in this Annual Information Form, the Company's MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2015 or otherwise incorporated herein by reference, should be considered carefully. These risk factors could materially and adversely affect the Company's future operating results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements relating to the Company.

The Company's success is primarily dependent upon the levels of car and light truck production by its customers and the relative amount of content the Company has on their various vehicle programs. OEM production volumes may be impacted by many factors including general economic and political conditions, interest rates, credit availability, energy and fuel prices, international conflicts, labour relations issues, regulatory requirements, trade agreements, infrastructure considerations, legislative changes, and environmental emissions standards and safety issues.

# North American and Global Economic and Political Conditions

The automotive industry is global, cyclical and sensitive to changes in economic and political conditions, including interest rates, currency issues, energy prices and international or domestic conflicts or political crises.

The Company operates in the midst of a volatile industry, which in the past decade has experienced a significant recession, particularly severe in North America and more recently Europe. Although there has been stabilization or growth in North America, current conditions continue to cause economic uncertainty about the future in different regions. It is uncertain what the Company's prospects will be in the

future. While the Company believes it has sufficient liquidity and a strong balance sheet to deal with present economic conditions, lower sales and production volumes in certain areas may occur.

#### **Automotive Industry Risks**

The automotive industry is highly cyclical and dependent on, among other factors, consumer spending and general economic conditions in North America and elsewhere. Future sales and production volumes are anticipated to grow modestly or stabilize in North America over the next several years, and have grown in the past several years, but growth rates are uncertain, and volume levels can decrease at any time. In Europe, the automotive industry has significant overcapacity as well as reduced sales and production levels, which can lead to downsizing and restructuring costs, or costs associated with overcapacity. Increased emphasis on the reduction of fuel consumption, fuel emissions and greenhouse gas emissions could also reduce demand for automobiles overall or specific platforms on which the Company has product, especially in the light truck segment. There can be no assurance that North American or European automotive production overall or on specific platforms will not decline in the future or that the Company will be able to utilize any existing unused capacity or any additional capacity it adds in the future. A continued or a substantial additional decline in the production of new automobiles overall or by customer or by customer platform may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations and ability to meet existing financial covenants.

#### **Dependence Upon Key Customers**

Due to the nature of the Company's business, it is dependent upon several large customers such that cancellation of a significant order by any of these customers, the loss of any such customers for any reason or the insolvency of any such customers, or reduced sales of automotive platforms of such customers, could significantly reduce the Company's ongoing revenue and/or profitability, and could materially and adversely affect the Company's financial condition. In addition, a work disruption at one or more of the Company's customers resulting from labour stoppages at or insolvencies of key suppliers to such customers or an extended customer shutdown could have a significant impact on the Company's revenue and/or profits.

#### **Financial Viability of Suppliers**

The Company relies on a number of suppliers to supply a wide range of products and components required in connection with the business. Economic conditions, production volume cuts, intense pricing pressures, increased commodity prices and a number of other factors including acts of God (fires, hurricanes, earthquakes) can result in many automotive suppliers experiencing varying degrees of financial distress. The continued financial distress or the insolvency or bankruptcy of any such supplier could disrupt the supply of products, materials or components to Martinrea or to customers, potentially causing the temporary shut-down of the Company's or customers' production lines. Martinrea has experienced supply disruptions of varying natures in the past, including in cases where an equipment supplier has gone out of business, or an act of God resulted in the shortage of a key commodity. There is a risk some suppliers may not have adequate capacity to timely accommodate increases in demand for their products which could lead to production disruption for the customer. Any prolonged disruption in the supply of critical components, the inability to re-source production of a critical component from a distressed automotive components sub-supplier, or any temporary shut-down of production lines or the production lines of a customer, could have a material adverse effect on profitability. Additionally, the insolvency, bankruptcy, financial restructuring or force majeure event of any critical suppliers could result in the Company incurring unrecoverable costs related to the financial work-out or resourcing costs of such suppliers and/or increased exposure for product liability, warranty or recall costs relating to the components supplied by such suppliers to the extent such supplier is not able to assume responsibility for such amounts, each of which could have an adverse effect on the Company's profitability. Also see "Dependence Upon Key Customers".

#### Competition

The markets for fluid handling systems, cast aluminum products and fabricated metal products and assemblies for automotive and industrial customers are highly competitive. Some of the Company's competitors have substantially greater financial, marketing and other resources than the Company. As the markets for the Company's products and other services expand, additional competition may emerge and competitors may commit more resources to products which directly compete with the Company's products. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to compete successfully with existing competitors or that its business will not be adversely affected by increased competition or by new competitors.

#### **Cost Absorption and Purchase Orders**

Given the current trends in the automotive industry, the Company is under continuing pressure to absorb costs related to product design and development, engineering, program management, prototypes, validation and tooling in addition to items previously paid for directly by OEMs. In particular, OEMs are requesting that suppliers pay for the above costs and recover these costs through the piece price of the applicable component. Contract volumes for customer programs not yet in production are based on the Company's customers' estimates of their own future production levels. However, actual production volumes may vary significantly from these estimates due to a reduction in consumer demand or new product launch delays, often without any compensation to the supplier by its OEM customer. Purchase orders issued by customers typically do not require they purchase a minimum number of the Company's products. For programs currently under production, the Company is generally unable to request price changes when volumes differ significantly from production estimates used during the quotation stage. If estimated production volumes are not achieved, the product development, design, engineering, prototype and validation costs incurred by the Company may not be fully recovered. Similarly, future pricing pressure or volume reductions by the Company's customers may also reduce the amount of amortized costs otherwise recoverable in the piece price of the Company's products. Either of these factors could have an adverse effect on the Company's profitability. While it is generally the case that once the Company receives a purchase order for products of a particular vehicle program it would continue to supply those products until the end of such program, customers could cease to source their production requirements from the Company for a variety of reasons, including the Company's refusal to accept demands for price reductions or other concessions.

# **Material Prices**

Prices for key raw materials and commodities used in parts production, particularly aluminum, steel, resin, paints, chemicals and other raw materials, as well as energy prices, have proven to be volatile at certain times. Martinrea has attempted to mitigate its exposure to price increases of key commodities, particularly steel and aluminum (through participation in steel resale programs or price adjustment mechanisms); however, to the extent the Company is unable to fully do so through engineering products with reduced commodity content, by passing commodity price increases to customers or otherwise, such additional commodity costs could have a material adverse effect on profitability. Increased energy prices also impact on production or transportation costs which in turn could affect competitiveness.

#### **Outsourcing and Insourcing Trends**

The Company is dependent on the outsourcing of components, modules and assemblies by OEMs. The extent of OEM outsourcing is influenced by a number of factors, including relative cost, quality and timeliness of production by suppliers as compared to OEMs, capacity utilization, and labour relations among OEMs, their employees and unions. As a result of any favourable terms in collective bargaining agreements which may lower cost structures, the Detroit 3 OEMs may insource some production which had previously been outsourced, or not outsource production which may otherwise be outsourced at some point. Outsourcing of some assembly is particularly dependent on the degree of unutilized capacity at the OEMs' own assembly facilities, in addition to the foregoing factors. A reduction in outsourcing by OEMs, or the loss of any material production or assembly programs coupled with the failure to secure alternative programs with sufficient volumes and margins, could have a material adverse effect on profitability.

#### Product Warranty, Recall and Liability Risk

Automobile manufacturers are increasingly requesting that each of their suppliers bear the costs of the repair and replacement of defective products which are either covered under an automobile manufacturer's warranty or are the subject of a recall by the automobile manufacturer and which were improperly designed, manufactured or assembled by their suppliers. The obligation to repair or replace such parts, or a requirement to participate in a product recall, could have an adverse effect on the Company's operations and financial condition.

#### **Product Development and Technological Change**

The automotive industry is characterized by rapid technological change and frequent new product introductions. Price pressure downward by customers and unavoidable price increases from suppliers can have an adverse effect on the Company's profitability. Accordingly, the Company believes that its future success depends upon its ability to enhance manufacturing techniques offering enhanced performance and functionality at competitive prices. The Company's inability, for technological or other reasons, to enhance operations in a timely manner in response to changing market conditions or customer requirements could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations. The ability of the Company to compete successfully will depend in large measure on its ability to maintain a technically competent workforce and to adapt to technological changes and advances in the industry, including providing for the continued compatibility of its products with evolving industry standards and protocols. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in its efforts in these respects.

#### **Dependence Upon Key Personnel**

The success of the Company is dependent on the services of a number of the members of its senior management. The experience and talents of these individuals will be a significant factor in the Company's continued success and growth. The loss of one or more of these individuals without adequate replacement measures could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations and business prospects. The Company does not currently maintain key man insurance.

#### Limited Financial Resources/Uncertainty of Future Financing/Banking

The Company is engaged in a capital-intensive business and its financial resources are less than the financial resources of some of its competitors. There can be no assurance that, if, as and when the Company seeks additional equity or debt financing, the Company will be able to obtain the additional financial resources required to successfully compete in its markets on favourable commercial terms or at all. Additional equity financings may result in substantial dilution to existing shareholders.

#### Acquisitions

The Company has acquired and anticipates that it will continue to acquire complementary businesses, assets, technologies, services or products. The completion of such transactions poses additional risks to the Company's business. The benefit to the Company of previous and future acquisitions is highly dependent on the Company's ability to integrate the acquired businesses and their technologies, employees and products into the Company, and the Company may incur costs associated with integrating and rationalizing the facilities (some of which may need to be closed in the future). The Company cannot be certain that it will successfully integrate acquired businesses or that acquisitions will ultimately benefit the Company. Any failure to successfully integrate businesses or failure of the businesses to benefit the Company could have a material adverse effect on its business and results of operations. Such transactions may also result in additional dilution to the Company's shareholders or increased debt. Such transactions may involve partners, and the formula for determining contractual sale provisions may be subject to a variety of factors that may not be easily quantified or estimated until the time of sale (such as market conditions and determining fair market value).

#### **Potential Rationalization Costs and Turnaround Costs**

The Company has incurred restructuring costs over the past several years. In response to the increasingly competitive automotive industry conditions, it is likely that the Company will continue to rationalize some production facilities. In the course of such rationalization, restructuring costs related to plant closings or alterations, relocations and employee severance costs will be incurred. Such costs could have an adverse effect on short-term profitability. In addition, while the Company's goal is for every plant to be profitable, there is no assurance this will occur, which will likely result in a rationalizing or closing of the plant. Martinrea is working to turn around any financially underperforming divisions, however, there is no guarantee that it will be successful in doing so with respect to some or all such divisions. The continued underperformance of one or more operating divisions could have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability and operations.

# Launch and Operational Costs

The launch of new business, in an existing or new facility, is a complex process, the success of which depends on a wide range of factors, including the production readiness of the Company and its suppliers, as well as factors related to tooling, equipment, employees, initial product quality and other factors. A failure to successfully launch material new or takeover business could have an adverse effect on profitability. Significant launch costs were incurred by the Company in recent years.

The Company's manufacturing processes are vulnerable to operational problems that can impair its ability to manufacture its products in a timely manner. The Company's facilities contain complex and sophisticated machines that are used in its manufacturing processes. The Company has in the past experienced equipment failures and could experience equipment failure in the future due to wear and tear, design error or operator error, among other things, which could have an adverse effect on profitability.

# **Potential Volatility of Share Prices**

The market price of the Company's common shares has been, and will likely continue to be, subject to significant fluctuations in response to a variety of factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control. These fluctuations may be exaggerated if the trading volume of the common shares is low. In addition, due to the evolving nature of its business, the market price of the common shares may fall dramatically in response to a variety of factors, including quarter-to-quarter variations in operating results, the gain or loss of significant contracts, announcements of technological or competitive developments by the Company or its competitors, acquisitions or entry into

strategic alliances by the Company or its competitors, the gain or loss of a significant customer or strategic relationship, changes in estimates of the Company's financial performance, changes in recommendations from securities analysts regarding the Company, the industry or its customers' industries, litigation involving the Company or its officers and general market or economic conditions.

# Changes in Laws and Governmental Regulations

A significant change in the regulatory environment in which the Company currently carries on business could adversely affect the Company's operations. The Company's operations could be adversely impacted by significant changes in tariffs and duties imposed on its products, particularly significant changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement, the TPP, or the adoption of domestic preferential purchasing policies in other jurisdictions, particularly the United States.

# Labour Relations Matters

The Company has a significant number of its employees subject to collective bargaining agreements, as do many of the Company's customers and suppliers. To date, the Company has had no material labour relations disputes. However, production may be affected by work stoppages and labour-related disputes (including labour disputes of the Company's customers and suppliers), whether in the context of potential restructuring or in connection with negotiations undertaken to ensure a division's competitiveness, or otherwise, which may not be resolved in the Company's favour and which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations. The Company cannot predict whether and when any labour disruption may arise or how long such disruption could last. A significant labour disruption could lead to a lengthy shutdown of the Company or its customers' or suppliers' facilities or production lines, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations and profitability.

#### Litigation and Regulatory Compliance and Investigations

The Company has been and is involved in litigation from time to time and has received, in the past, letters from third parties alleging claims and claims have been made against it including those described under "Legal Proceedings". Although litigation claims may ultimately prove to be without merit, they can be time-consuming and expensive to defend. There can be no assurance that third parties will not assert claims against the Company in the future or that any such assertion will not result in costly litigation, or a requirement that the Company enter into costly settlement arrangements. There can be no assurance that such arrangements will be available on reasonable terms, or at all. Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, it is not possible to predict the outcome or determine the amount of any potential losses of the law suits referenced under "Legal Proceedings" and any other claims to which the Company may be subject. In addition, there is no assurance that the Company will be successful in a litigation matter. Any of these events may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. See "Legal Proceedings". The Company's policy is to comply with all applicable laws. However, the Company may also be subject to regulatory risk in the markets in which it operates. Regulatory investigations, if any, can continue for several years, and depending on the jurisdiction and type of proceeding can result in administrative or civil or criminal penalties that could have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability (even where the Company is innocent, investigations can be expensive to defend). Additionally, the Company could be subject to other consequences including reputational damage, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

# **Currency Risk - Hedging**

A substantial portion of the Company's revenues are now, and are expected to continue to be, realized in currencies other than Canadian dollars, primarily the U.S. dollar. Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and such other currencies may have a material effect on the Company's results of operations. To date, the Company has engaged in some hedging activities to mitigate the risk of identified exchange rate exposures. To the extent the Company may seek to implement more substantial hedging techniques in the future with respect to its foreign currency transactions, there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in such hedging activities.

# Currency Risk – Competitiveness in Certain Jurisdictions

The appreciation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar (and other currencies) over the past several years negatively affected the competitiveness of the Company's Canadian operations in this respect against the operations in the U.S. and Mexico, as well as other jurisdictions, of competitors and the operations of the Company in those jurisdictions. More recently, the Canadian dollar has depreciated against the U.S. dollar. One result of the general Canadian dollar appreciation over the last decade affecting the Company has been that some existing work has been moved to the U.S. or Mexico, or work has been sourced to U.S. or Mexican divisions as opposed to Canadian divisions, in order for the Company to remain or become competitive. These work shifts may entail significant restructuring and other costs as work is shifted, as Canadian plants are consolidated, downsized or closed, or as plants in the U.S. or Mexico are expanded.

#### **Fluctuations in Operating Results**

The Company's operating results have been and are expected to continue to be subject to quarterly and other fluctuations due to a variety of factors including changes in purchasing patterns, production schedules of customers (which tend to include a shutdown period in each of July and December), pricing policies, launch costs, or operational (or equipment or systems) failures, or product introductions by competitors. This could affect the Company's ability to finance future activities. Operations could also be adversely affected by general economic downturns or limitations on spending.

#### Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting and Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Inadequate disclosure controls or ineffective internal controls over financial reporting could result in an increased risk of material misstatements in the financial reporting and public disclosure record of the Company. Inadequate controls could also result in system downtime, give rise to litigation or regulatory investigation, fraud or the inability of the Company to continue its business as presently constituted. The Company has designed and implemented a system of internal controls and a variety of policies and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that material misstatements in the financial reporting and public disclosures are prevented and detected on a timely basis and other business risks are mitigated. In accordance with the guidelines adopted in Canada, the Company assesses the effectiveness of its internal and disclosure controls using a top-down, risk-based approach in which both qualitative and quantitative measures are considered. An internal control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable – not absolute – assurance to management and the Board regarding achievement of intended results. The Company's current system of internal and disclosure controls also places reliance on key personnel across the Company to perform a variety of control functions including key reviews, analysis, reconciliations and monitoring. The failure of individuals to perform such functions or properly implement the controls as designed could adversely impact results.

#### **Environmental Regulation**

The Company is subject to a variety of environmental regulations by the federal, provincial and municipal authorities in Canada, the United States, Mexico, South America, Europe and China that govern, among other things, soil, surface water and groundwater contamination; the generation, storage, handling, use, disposal and transportation of hazardous materials; the emission and discharge of materials, including greenhouse gases, into the environment; and health and safety. If the Company fails to comply with these laws, regulations or permits, the Company could be fined or otherwise sanctioned by regulators or become subject to litigation. Environmental and pollution control laws, regulations and permits, and the enforcement thereof, change frequently, have tended to become more stringent over time and may necessitate substantial capital expenditures or operating costs.

Under certain environmental requirements, the Company could be responsible for costs relating to any contamination at the Company's or a predecessor entity's current or former owned or operated properties or third-party waste-disposal sites, even if the Company was not at fault. In addition to potentially significant investigation and cleanup costs, contamination can give rise to third-party claims for fines or penalties, natural resource damages, personal injury or property damage.

The Company's customers are also under pressure to meet tighter emissions regulations, reduce fuel consumption and act with more environmental responsibility.

The Company cannot provide assurances that the Company's costs, liabilities and obligations relating to environmental matters (or any issues that may arise as a result of its customers' own environmental compliance) will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow.

# A Shift Away from Technologies in Which the Company is Investing

The Company continues to invest in technology and innovation which the Company believes will be critical to its long-term growth. The Company's ability to anticipate changes in technology and to successfully develop and introduce new and enhanced products and/or manufacturing processes on a timely basis will be a significant factor in its ability to remain competitive. If there is a shift away from the use of technologies in which the Company is investing, its costs may not be fully recovered. In addition, the Company may be placed at a competitive disadvantage if other technologies in which the investment is not as great, or the Company's expertise is not as developed, emerge as the industry-leading technologies. This could have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability and financial condition.

# **Competition with Low Cost Countries**

The competitive environment in the automotive industry has intensified as customers seek to take advantage of low wage costs in China, Korea, Thailand, India, Brazil and other low cost countries. As a result, there is potentially increased competition from suppliers that have manufacturing operations in low cost countries. The loss of any significant production contract to a competitor in low cost countries or significant costs and risks incurred to enter and carry on business in these countries could have an adverse effect on profitability.

# The Company's ability to shift its manufacturing footprint to take advantage of opportunities in growing markets

Many of the Company's customers have sought, and will likely continue to seek to take advantage of lower operating costs and/or other advantages in China, India, Brazil, Russia and other growing markets. While the Company continues to expand its manufacturing footprint with a view to taking advantage of manufacturing opportunities in some of these markets, the Company cannot guarantee that it will be able to fully realize such opportunities. The inability to quickly adjust its manufacturing footprint to take advantage of manufacturing opportunities in these markets could harm its ability to compete with other suppliers operating in or from such markets, which could have an adverse effect on its profitability.

#### Risks of conducting business in foreign countries, including China, Brazil and other growing markets

The Company has or may establish foreign manufacturing, assembly, product development, engineering and research and development operations in foreign countries, including in Europe, China and Brazil. International operations are subject to certain risks inherent in doing business abroad, including:

- political and economic instability;
- corruption risks;
- trade, customs and tax risks;
- currency exchange rates and currency controls;
- limitations on the repatriation of funds;
- insufficient infrastructure;
- restrictions on exports, imports and foreign investment;
- increases in working capital requirements related to long supply chains; and
- difficulty in protecting intellectual property rights.

Expanding the Company's business in growing markets is an important element of its strategy and, as a result, the Company's exposure to the risks described above may be greater in the future. The likelihood of such occurrences and their potential effect on the Company vary from country to country and are unpredictable, however any such occurrences could have an adverse effect on the Company's profitability.

# **Potential Tax Exposures**

The Company may incur losses in some countries which it may not be able to fully or partially offset against income the Company has earned in those countries. In some cases, the Company may not be able to utilize these losses at all if the Company cannot generate profits in those countries and/or if the Company has ceased conducting business in those countries altogether. The Company's inability to utilize material tax losses could materially adversely affect its profitability. At any given time, the Company may face other tax exposures arising out of changes in tax laws, tax reassessments or otherwise. The taxation system and regulatory environment in some of the jurisdictions in which the Company operates are characterized by numerous indirect taxes and frequently changing legislation subject to various interpretations by the various regulatory authorities and jurisdictions are empowered to impose significant fines, penalties and interest charges. The Company's subsidiary in Brazil is currently being assessed by the State of Sao Paulo tax authorities for certain value added tax credits claimed. Although the Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the legislation in Brazil and has obtained legal advice to such effect there is no assurance that the Company will be successful with respect to such assessment (see Note 21 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015). To the extent the Company cannot implement measures to offset this and other tax exposures, it may have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability.

Change in the Company's mix of earnings between jurisdictions with lower tax rates and those with higher tax rates, as well as its ability to fully benefit from tax losses

The Company's effective tax rate varies in each country in which it conducts business. Changes in its mix of earnings between jurisdictions with lower tax rates and those with higher tax rates could have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability.

#### Pension Plans and other post employment benefits

The Company's pension plans acquired as a result of the acquisition of the North American body and chassis business of ThyssenKrupp Budd in 2006 (the "TKB Acquisition") had an aggregate funding deficiency as at the latest measurement date of December 31, 2015, based on an actuarial estimate for financial reporting. The unfunded liability at December 31, 2015, on a solvency basis which currently represents the basis for annual pension funding, is significant. Based on current interest rates, benefits and projected investment returns, the Company is obligated to fund some amounts in 2016 and beyond. A significant portion of the estimated funding is expected to be a payment towards the reduction of the unfunded liabilities. The unfunded liability could increase due to a decline in interest rates, investment returns at less than the actuarial assumptions, or changes to the governmental regulations governing funding and other factors. The Company could be adversely affected by the resulting increases in annual funding obligations. See also Note 12 ("Pension and Other Post Retirement Benefits") to the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, which reflects the financial position of the Company's defined benefit pension plan and other post-employment benefit plans at December 31, 2015.

The Company provides certain post-employment benefits to certain of its retirees acquired as a result of the TKB Acquisition. These benefits include drug and hospitalization coverage. The Company does not pre-fund these obligations. At December 31, 2015, the unfunded actuarial liability for these obligations was significant. Expected benefit payments for 2016 and beyond are significant. The Company's obligation for these benefits could increase in the future due to a number of factors including changes in interest rates, changes to the collective bargaining agreements, increasing costs for these benefits, particularly drugs, and any transfer of costs currently borne by government to the Company. The Company has in the past negotiated changes to its post-employment benefits package in several of its facilities with its employees, in conjunction with the applicable union for the facility, setting maximum limits on future post-employment benefits payments. The Company may negotiate similar arrangements in future in respect of such benefits at other facilities, as applicable. See also Note 12 ("Pension and Other Post Retirement Benefits") to the Company's post-employment benefits other than pension plans at December 31, 2015.

#### **Impairment Charges**

The Company may take, in the future, significant impairment charges, including charges related to long-lived assets. The early termination, loss, renegotiation of the terms of, or delay in the implementation of, any significant production contract could be indicators of impairment. In addition, to the extent that forward-looking assumptions regarding: the impact of turnaround plans on underperforming operations; new business opportunities; program price and cost assumptions on current and future business; the timing and success of new program launches; and forecast production volumes, are not met, any resulting impairment loss could have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability.

# **Cybersecurity Threats**

The reliability and security of the Company's information technology (IT) systems is important to the Company's business and operations. Although the Company has established and continues to enhance security controls intended to protect the Company's IT systems and infrastructure, there is no guarantee that such security measures will be effective in preventing unauthorized physical access or cyberattacks. A significant breach of the Company's IT systems could: cause disruptions in the Company's manufacturing operations, lead to the loss, destruction or inappropriate use of sensitive data; or result in theft of the Company's or its customers' intellectual property or confidential information. If any of the foregoing events occurs, the Company may be subject to a number of consequences, including reputational damage, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

# **DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA**

As at March 3, 2016, the Company had 86,384,667 common shares outstanding. The Company's common shares constitute its only class of voting securities. As at March 3, 2016, options to acquire 4,330,617 common shares were outstanding.

# CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND OFF BALANCE SHEET FINANCING

At December 31, 2015, the Company had contractual obligations requiring annual payments as follows (all figures in thousands):

	Less than 1						
	year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	Thereafter	Total
Purchase obligations (i)	\$481,448	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$481,448
Long-term debt	\$43,399	\$30,654	\$596,121	\$3,784	\$2,842	\$40,212	\$717,012
Rent Commitments	\$18,870	\$17,097	\$14,838	\$13,535	\$11,302	\$49,876	\$125,518
Operating leases with third parties	\$5,444	\$3,835	\$2,307	\$1,619	\$1,471	\$538	\$15,214
Pension funding & post-employment							
benefit payments	\$3,087	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,087
Total contractual obligations	\$552,248	\$51,586	\$613,266	\$18,938	\$15,615	\$90,626	\$1,342,279

(i) Purchase obligations consist of those related to inventory, services, tooling and fixed assets in the ordinary course of business.

The Company has negotiated tool financing facilities that provide direct financing for specific programs. The tool financing program involves a third party that provides tooling suppliers with financing subject to a Company guarantee. Payments from the third party to the tooling supplier are approved by the Company prior to the funds being advanced. The amounts loaned to tooling suppliers through this financing arrangement do not appear on the Company's balance sheet. At December 31, 2015, the amount of the off balance sheet program financing was \$85.5 million representing the maximum amount of undiscounted future payments the Company could be required to make under the guarantee. The Company would be required to perform under the guarantee in cases where a tooling supplier could not meet its obligation to the third party. Since the amount advanced to the tooling supplier is required to be repaid generally when the Company receives reimbursement from the final customer, and at this point the Company will in turn repay the tooling supplier, the Company views the likelihood of a tooling supplier default as remote. Moreover, if such an instance were to occur, the Company would obtain the tool inventory as collateral. The term of the guarantee will vary from program to program, but typically ranges between 6-18 months.

#### **Financial Instruments**

The Company periodically utilizes certain financial instruments, principally forward currency exchange contracts to manage the risk associated with fluctuations in currency exchange rates. It is the Company's policy to not utilize financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. Forward currency exchange contracts are used to reduce the impact of fluctuating exchange rates on the Company's foreign denominated sales and the Company's purchases of materials and equipment. Gains and losses on forward foreign exchange contracts are reflected in the consolidated financial statements in the same period as the hedged item. In the event that a hedged item is sold or cancelled prior to the termination of the related hedging item, any unrealized gain or loss on the hedging item is immediately recognized in income.

At December 31, 2015, the Company had committed to trade U.S. dollars in exchange for the following:

	Weighted average				
Currency	Amount of U.S. dollars \$	exchange rate of U.S. dollars	Maximum period in months		
Buy Euro	13,867	0.9158	1		
Buy Mexican Peso	1,745	17.1900	1		
Buy Japanese Yen	5	120.3500	1		

The aggregate value of these forward contracts as at December 31, 2015 was a loss of \$134 and was recorded in trade and other payables (December 31, 2014 - loss of \$9 recorded in trade and other payables).

#### DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information required to be publicly disclosed by a public company is gathered and reported to senior management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), on a timely basis so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding public disclosure. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures was conducted as of December 31, 2015, based on the criteria set forth in the Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway

Commission ("COSO") by and under the supervision of the Company's management, including the CEO and the CFO. Based on this evaluation, the CEO and the CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in National Instrument 52-109 - Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings of the Canadian Securities Administrators) are effective in providing reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is made known to them and information required to be disclosed by the Company is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in such legislation.

Under the supervision of the CEO and CFO, the Company has designed internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in National Instrument 52-109) to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. The Company's management team used COSO to design the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

The CEO and CFO have caused an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015. This evaluation included documentation activities, management inquiries and other reviews as deemed appropriate by management in consideration of the size and nature of the Company's business including those matters described above. Based on that evaluation the CEO and the CFO concluded that the design and operating effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting was effective as at December 31, 2015 to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

It is important to understand that there are inherent limitations of internal controls as stated within COSO. Internal controls no matter how well designed and operated can only provide reasonable assurance to management and the Board of Directors regarding achievement of an entity's objectives. A system of controls, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls or procedures. As a result, there is no certainty that an organization's disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors or all fraud. Even disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting determined to be effective can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives.

The Company has and will continue to implement enhancements to its internal controls. The Company is committed to the highest standards of integrity and diligence in its business dealings and to the ethical and legally compliant business conduct of its employees. The Company reviews its compliance programs on a regular basis to assess and align them with emerging trends and business practices.

# **CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

There have been no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the year ended December 31, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

# **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. The discussion below describes the Company's significant policies and procedures.

The Company's management bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable in the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates these estimates. However, actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. In making and evaluating its estimates, management also considers economic conditions generally and in the automotive industry in particular, which have more recently been very different from historical patterns, as well as industry trends and the risks and uncertainties involved in its business that could materially affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. See "Automotive Industry Highlights and Trends" in the Company's Annual Information Form and "Risks and Uncertainties" above.

Management believes that the accounting estimates discussed below are critical to the Company's business operations and an understanding of its results of operations or may involve additional management judgment due to the sensitivity of the methods and assumptions necessary in determining the related asset, liability, revenue and expense amounts. Management has discussed the development and selection of the following critical accounting estimates with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee has reviewed its disclosure relating to critical accounting estimates in this MD&A.

# **Revenue Recognition on Separately Priced Tooling Contracts**

Revenue from tooling contracts is recognized at the date on which the Company transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer and retains neither continuing managerial involvement nor effective control over the goods sold. This generally corresponds to when the tool is inspected and accepted by the Customer, which is typically defined as the PPAP (production part approval process or customer acceptance) date. Under tooling contracts, the related sale could be paid in full upon completion of the contract, or in installments.

Revenue and cost of sales from tooling contracts are presented on a gross basis in the consolidated statements of operations.

Tooling contract prices are generally fixed; however, price changes, change orders and program cancellations may affect the ultimate amount of revenue recorded with respect to a contract. Contract costs are estimated at the time of signing the contract and are reviewed at each reporting date. Adjustments to the original estimates of total contract costs are often required as work progresses under the contract and as experience is gained, even though the scope of the work under the contract may not change. When the current estimates of total contract revenue and total contract costs indicate a loss, a provision for the entire loss on the contract is made. Factors that are considered in arriving at the forecasted loss on a contract include, amongst others, cost over-runs, non-reimbursable costs, change orders and potential price changes.

# Intangible Assets

The Company's intangible assets are comprised of customer contracts and relationships acquired in acquisitions and development costs.

Customer contracts and relationships are amortized over their estimated economic life of up to 10 years on a straight line basis which approximates a basis consistent with the contract value initially established upon acquisition.

Development costs are capitalized when the Company can demonstrate:

- that it has the intention and the technical and financial resources to complete the development;
- that the intangible asset will generate future economic benefits; and
- that the cost of the intangible asset can be measured reliably.

Capitalized development costs correspond to projects for specific customer applications that draw on approved generic standards or technologies already applied in production. These projects are analyzed on a case-by-case basis to ensure they meet the criteria for capitalization as described above. Development costs are subsequently amortized over the life of the program from the start of production. Amortization of development costs is recognized in research and development costs in the statements of operations.

Research costs, including costs of market research and new product prototyping during the marketing stage, are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

# Impairment of Non-financial Assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets, other than inventories and deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. For intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives or that are not yet available for use, the recoverable amount is estimated each year at the same time.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. Fair value less costs to sell is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset or CGU in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable willing parties, less the costs of disposal. Costs of disposal are incremental costs directly attributable to the disposal of an asset or CGU, excluding finance costs and income tax. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "CGUs").

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognized in respect of CGUs are allocated to the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (group of units).

In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

Management believes that accounting estimates related to the impairment of non-financial assets and potential reversal are critical accounting estimates because: (i) they are subject to significant measurement uncertainty and are susceptible to change as management is required to make forward-looking assumptions regarding the impact of improvement plans on current operations, in-sourcing and other new business opportunities, program price and cost assumptions on current and future business, the timing of new program launches and future forecasted production volumes; and (ii) any resulting impairment loss could have a material impact on consolidated net income and on the amount of assets reported on the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

# **Income Tax Estimates**

The Company is subject to income taxes in numerous jurisdictions where it has foreign operations. Significant judgement is required in determining the worldwide provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Company recognizes liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the period in which such determination is made.

The Company is required to estimate the tax basis of assets and liabilities. The assessment for the recognition of a deferred tax asset requires significant judgement. Where applicable tax laws and regulations are either unclear or subject to varying interpretations, it is possible that changes in these estimates could occur that materially affect the amounts of deferred income tax assets and liabilities recorded. Changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities generally have a direct impact on earnings in the period of changes. Unknown future events and circumstances, such as changes in tax rates and laws, may materially affect the assumptions and estimates made from one period to the next. Any significant change in events, tax laws, and tax rates beyond the control of the Company may materially affect the consolidated financial statements.

At December 31, 2015, the Company had recorded a net deferred income tax asset in respect of pensions and other post-retirement benefits, loss carry-forwards and other temporary differences of \$67.7 million. Deferred tax assets in respect of loss carry-forwards relate to legal entities in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Europe. A deferred tax asset is recognized for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that they can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized. The factors used to assess the probability of realization are the Company's forecast of future taxable income, the pattern and timing of reversals of taxable temporary differences that give rise to deferred tax liabilities and available tax planning strategies that could be implemented to realize the deferred tax assets. The Company has and continues to use tax planning strategies to realize deferred tax assets in order to avoid the potential loss of benefits.

# **Employee Future Benefits**

The Company provides pensions and other post-employment benefits including health care, dental care and life insurance to certain employees. The determination of the obligation and expense for defined benefit pension plans and post-employment benefits is dependent on the selection of certain assumptions used by the Company's actuaries in calculating such amounts. Those assumptions are disclosed in Note 12 to the Company's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 the most significant of which are the discount rate, and the rate of increase in the cost of health care. The assumptions are reviewed annually and the impact of any changes in the assumptions is reflected in actuarial gains or losses which are recognized in other comprehensive income as they arise. The significant actuarial assumptions adopted are internally consistent and reflect the long-term nature of employee future benefits. Significant changes in assumptions could materially affect the Company's employee benefit obligations and future expense.

# Recently issued accounting standards not yet adopted

The IASB issued the following new standards and amendments to existing standards, which have not yet been adopted by the Company:

IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customer (IFRS 15) – In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15 which introduces a single model for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers except leases, financial instruments and insurance contracts. The core principle of

the new standard is for companies to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The new standard will also result in enhanced disclosures about revenue, provide guidance for transactions that were not previously addressed comprehensively and improve guidance for multiple-element arrangements. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

*IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (IFRS 9)* - In July 2014, the IASB issued the final publication of the IFRS 9 standard, superseding IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 standard establishes principles for the reporting of financial assets and financial liabilities that will present relevant and useful information to users of financial statements for their assessment of the amounts, timing and uncertainty of an entity's future cash flows. This new standard also includes a new general hedge accounting standard which will align hedge accounting more closely with risk management. It does not fully change the types of hedging relationships or the requirement to measure and recognize ineffectiveness, however, it will provide more hedging strategies that are used for risk management to qualify for hedge accounting and introduce more judgment to assess the effectiveness of a hedging relationship. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 with early adoption permitted.

Amendments to IFRS 11, Joint Arrangements – In May 2014, the IASB issued an amendment to this standard requiring business combination accounting to be applied to acquisitions of interests in a joint operation that constitute a business. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

*IFRS 16, Leases (IFRS 16)* – In January 2016, the IASB issued the final publication of IFRS 16, superseding IAS 17, Leases and IFRIC 4, Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease. The standard applies a control model to the identification of leases, distinguishing between leases and service contracts on the basis of whether there is an identified asset controlled by the customer. The standard removes the distinction between operating and finance leases with assets and liabilities recognized in respect of all leases. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019 with early adoption permitted if IFRS 15 has been adopted.

The Company is assessing the impact, if any, of these standards and amendments on the consolidated financial statements.

# Selected Annual Information

The following table sets forth selected information from the Company's consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2015, December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

Fiscal Year Ended	2015	2014	2013
Sales	\$ 3,866,771 \$	3,598,645 \$	3,221,881
Gross margin	 402,232	347,892	324,036
Net income	107,173	89,416	37,929
Net income attributable to equity holders of the Company	 107,030	71,304	16,950
Adjusted net income attributable to equity holders of the Company	 118,788	83,386	82,442
Net Earnings per Share			
Basic	1.25	0.84	0.20
Diluted	 1.24	0.83	0.20
Adjusted Net Earnings per Share			
Basic	1.38	0.99	0.98
Diluted	 1.38	0.98	0.97
Total assets	\$ 2,463,928 \$	2,114,895 \$	1,924,831
Total interest bearing debt	\$ 717,012 \$	692,442 \$	471,777
Dividends declared	\$ 10,336 \$	10,159 \$	7,588

The year-over-year trends in the selected information above have been discussed previously in this MD&A, including the unusual items in Table B under "Adjustments to Net Income".

# OUTLOOK

The automotive industry is traditionally an extremely challenging business, characterized at the OEM level by intense competition for market share, rebates to consumers and drives for quality and profits and characterized at the supplier level by price reductions, increasing quality standards, higher input prices and a declining number of qualified suppliers in the normal course or as a result of insolvencies and consolidation. The challenges of the industry were exacerbated by the 2008-2009 economic recession and the financial distress in the industry involving both OEMs and suppliers particularly evidenced by the bankruptcy filings of Chrysler and General Motors in the United States in 2009. The Company believes that the long term outlook of the automotive industry overall, while always challenging, is much improved from 2008 - 2010. In 2010, the North American automotive industry experienced a recovery in volume and revenues, as sales and production volumes increased from 2009 levels, although not to pre-recession levels. Production in 2011 through 2015 improved substantially. This has resulted in increasing revenues for most automotive OEMs and for suppliers who survived the automotive crisis of 2008 and 2009, including Martinrea.

There are many challenges, but opportunities will exist for innovative and cost effective suppliers who build great products in the short, medium and longer term. It is expected that growth in business for individual suppliers will occur as OEMs reduce the number of Tier 1 suppliers, continue to outsource product, and provide opportunities for new work and takeover business. The Company believes that its capabilities provide it with the ability to capitalize on a broad range of opportunities. The Company has built its footprint and continues to pursue its strategies, including the recent acquisition of the assets of Martinrea Honsel to broaden its product offerings and customer base, and will continue to do so in the future with a view to increasing revenue and profits over the longer term.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

#### Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This MD&A and the documents incorporated by reference therein contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws including statements related to the Company's expectations as to revenue, gross margin percentage, earnings per share, positive cash flow, debt levels and other financial metrics, views on automotive industry volumes in North America and other markets, the growth of the Company and pursuit of its strategies, the ramping up and launching of new programs, the increase in volume of customer programs after shutdown due to tooling or other issues, investments in its business, continued consolidation of automotive suppliers and opportunity for growth of individual suppliers, the opportunity to increase sales, the future amount and type of restructuring expenses to be expensed, the continuous management and monitoring of SG&A expenses, the financing of future capital expenditures, likelihood of tooling and component part supplier default, the Company's ability to capitalize on opportunities in the automotive industry, the Company's views on its liquidity and capital resources to cover anticipated working capital needs and ability to deal with present economic conditions, the payment of dividends, statements on evaluating internal controls and critical accounting estimates as well as other forward-looking statements. The words "continue", "expect", "anticipate", "estimate", "may", "will", "should", "views", "intend", "believe", "plan" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on estimates and assumptions made by the Company in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors that the Company believes are appropriate in the circumstances. Many factors could cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, the following factors, some of which are discussed in detail in the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2015 and other public filings which can be found at www.sedar.com:

- North American and global economic and political conditions;
- the highly cyclical nature of the automotive industry and the industry's dependence on consumer spending and general economic conditions;
- the Company's dependence on a limited number of significant customers;
- financial viability of suppliers;
- the Company's reliance on critical suppliers and on suppliers for components and the risk that suppliers will not be able to supply components on a timely basis or in sufficient quantities;
- competition;
- the increasing pressure on the Company to absorb costs related to product design and development, engineering, program management, prototypes, validation and tooling;
- increased pricing of raw materials and commodities;
- outsourcing and in-sourcing trends;
- the risk of increased costs associated with product warranty and recalls together with the associated liability;
- the Company's ability to enhance operations and manufacturing techniques;

- dependence on key personnel;
- limited financial resources;
- risks associated with the integration of acquisitions;
- costs associated with rationalization of production facilities;
- launch costs;
- the potential volatility of the Company's share price;
- changes in governmental regulations or laws including any changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement;
- labour disputes;
- litigation and regulatory compliance and investigations;
- currency risk;
- fluctuations in operating results;
- internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures;
- environmental regulation;
- a shift away from technologies in which the Company is investing;
- competition with low cost countries;
- the Company's ability to shift its manufacturing footprint to take advantage of opportunities in emerging markets;
- risks of conducting business in foreign countries, including China, Brazil and other markets;
- potential tax exposures;
- a change in the Company's mix of earnings between jurisdictions with lower tax rates and those with higher tax rates, as well as the Company's ability to fully benefit from tax losses;
- under-funding of pension plans;
- the cost of post-employment benefits;
- impairment charges; and
- Cybersecurity threats.

These factors should be considered carefully, and readers should not place undue reliance on the Company's forward-looking statements. The Company has no intention and undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.