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CURTISS-WRIGHT REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR 2018 FINANCIAL RESULTS; FULL-YEAR 2019 GUIDANCE REFLECTS HIGHER SALES, OPERATING MARGIN, EPS AND FREE CASH FLOW

DAVIDSON, N.C. – February 26, 2019 – Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW) reports financial results for the fourth quarter and full-year ended December 31, 2018.

Fourth Quarter 2018 Highlights

- Reported diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$1.89, with Adjusted diluted EPS of \$1.90, up 25% compared with the prior year (defined below);
- Free cash flow of \$214 million, up 3%;
- Net sales of \$649 million, up 6%, including 3% organic growth (defined below);
- Reported and Adjusted operating income of \$110 million, up 4% and 5%, respectively;
- Reported and Adjusted operating margin of 17.0%, down 20 basis points;
- New orders of \$608 million, up 7%; and
- Share repurchases of approximately \$119 million, or 1.1 million shares.

Full-Year 2018 Highlights

- Reported diluted EPS of \$6.22, with Adjusted diluted EPS of \$6.37, up 28% compared with the prior year, reflecting increased profitability in all three segments;
- Adjusted free cash flow of \$333 million and Adjusted free cash flow conversion of 121%;
- Net sales of \$2.4 billion, up 6%, including 3% organic growth, driven by higher sales in all end markets;
- Reported operating income of \$374 million, with Adjusted operating income of \$382 million, up 14%;
- Reported operating margin of 15.5%, with Adjusted operating margin of 15.8%, up 110 basis points;
- Effective tax rate of 22.6%;
- New orders of \$2.4 billion increased 6%, while Backlog of \$2.0 billion increased 1% from December 31, 2017; and
- Share repurchases of approximately \$199 million, or 1.7 million shares.

Full-Year 2019 Business Outlook

- Expect solid growth in sales (up 3-5%), driven by increases in all end markets;
- Anticipate higher operating income (up 4-6%), operating margin of 15.9% to 16.0% (up 10-20 basis points) and diluted earnings per share of \$6.80 to \$6.95 (up 7-9%), compared with Adjusted full-year 2018;
- Commercial/Industrial segment improved profitability due to higher sales and benefits of our ongoing margin improvement initiatives, partially offset by \$4 million for tariffs and a \$3 million increase in R&D investments;
- Defense segment reduced profitability, despite higher sales, due to a \$5 million increase in R&D investments;
- Power segment reduced profitability, despite solid sales growth, due to \$6 million for transition and IT security costs related to the relocation of our DRG business and a \$2 million increase in R&D investments;
- Absent these R&D investments, tariffs and DRG relocation costs, all three segments are expected to produce solid year-over-year operating margin expansion; and
- Expect Reported free cash flow to range from \$300 to \$310 million, with Adjusted free cash flow to range from \$320 to \$330 million, excluding a \$20 million capital investment in the Power segment related to construction of a new, state-of-the-art naval facility principally for the DRG business.

"We delivered strong Adjusted diluted EPS of \$1.90 in the fourth quarter, driven by better than expected operational performance in the Power segment," said David C. Adams, Chairman and CEO of Curtiss-Wright Corporation. "We reported a 6% increase in sales, led by a solid contribution from the DRG acquisition, as well as strong organic growth across all of our commercial markets. Further, we generated \$214 million in free cash flow, driving 259% free cash flow conversion in the quarter.

"Full-year 2018 Adjusted diluted EPS of \$6.37 exceeded our expectations, driven by a strong operational performance which included 6% top-line growth with higher sales in all end markets, and strong profitability that generated a 15.8% Adjusted operating margin, the highest level of profitability achieved by Curtiss-Wright in recent history. Full-year Adjusted free cash flow of \$333 million was also strong, and enabled us to return nearly \$200 million to shareholders through share repurchase activity this past year.

"For 2019, we are projecting another solid performance, as we expect higher sales in all end markets and overall improved operating profitability, despite a planned ramp up in research and development costs and other strategic growth investments, to drive operating margin to approximately 16.0%. These investments remain critical to supporting our objectives for long-term profitable growth and maintaining top-quartile financial performance for all of our key financial metrics, in order to generate significant value for our shareholders."

Fourth Quarter 2018 Operating Results

(In millions)	4Q-2018	4Q-2017	Change		
Sales	\$ 648.6	\$ 611.9	6%		
Reported operating income	\$ 110.0	\$ 105.3	4%		
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	0.4		-		
Adjusted operating income	\$ 110.4	\$ 105.3	5%		
Adjusted operating margin	17.0%	17.2%	(20 bps)		

(1) Includes one-time Inventory Step-up, Backlog Amortization and Transaction costs for current and prior year acquisitions.

- Sales of \$649 million up \$37 million, or 6%, compared with the prior year (3% organic, 4% acquisitions, 1% unfavorable foreign currency translation);
- From an end market perspective, total sales to the defense markets increased 5%, as higher naval defense revenues associated with the DRG acquisition more than offset reduced revenues in the aerospace defense market, while total sales to the commercial markets increased 7%, led by higher power generation revenues from the China Direct AP1000 program and nuclear aftermarket, compared with the prior year. Please refer to the accompanying tables for a breakdown of sales by end market;
- Reported operating income was \$110 million, with Reported operating margin of 17.0%;
- Adjusted operating income of \$110 million, up \$5 million, or 5%, compared with the prior year, principally reflects higher power generation revenues and the contribution from our DRG acquisition in the Power segment, partially offset by reduced revenues and operating income in the Defense segment;
- Adjusted operating margin of 17.0%, essentially flat compared with the prior year, reflects higher revenues and favorable overhead absorption in the Power segment, offset by reduced revenues and increased research and development expenses in the Defense segment, and the negative impact from tariffs (as expected and included in prior guidance) and restructuring charges in the Commercial/Industrial segment; and
- Non-segment expenses of \$9 million were flat compared with the prior year, as lower pension costs were offset by higher environmental costs.

Net Earnings and Diluted EPS

(In millions, except EPS)	4Q-2018	4Q-2017	Change
Reported net earnings	\$ 82.8	\$ 67.8	22%
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	0.4	-	-
Tax impact on Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	<u>(0.1)</u>	-	-
Adjusted net earnings	\$ 83.2	\$ 67.8	23%
Reported diluted EPS	\$1.89	\$1.52	25%
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	\$0.01	-	-
Tax impact on Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	<u>(\$0.00)</u>	-	-
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$1.90	\$1.52	25%

(1) Includes one-time Inventory Step-up, Backlog Amortization and Transaction costs for current and prior year acquisitions.

- Reported net earnings of \$83 million and Reported diluted EPS of \$1.89;
- Adjusted net earnings of \$83 million, up \$15 million, or 23%, compared with the prior year, reflecting higher operating income, lower interest expense and a lower tax rate;
- Adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$1.90, up \$0.38, or 25%, compared with the prior year, reflecting higher operating income, lower interest expense and a lower tax rate, as well as a lower share count; and
- The effective tax rate (ETR) was 21.7%, a decrease from 31.8% in the prior year quarter, primarily driven by the reduction of the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% associated with the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).

Free Cash Flow

(In millions)	4Q-2018	4Q-2017	Change
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 237.3	\$ 226.4	5%
Capital expenditures	<u>(23.1)</u>	<u>(17.8)</u>	(30%)
Free cash flow	\$ 214.2	\$ 208.6	3%

- Free cash flow of \$214 million, defined as cash flow from operations less capital expenditures, increased \$6 million compared with the prior year, as higher cash earnings and lower taxes were largely offset by the timing of collections; and
- Capital expenditures increased by \$5 million to \$23 million compared with the prior year, due to higher capital investments within the Power segment.

New Orders and Backlog

- During the fourth quarter, new orders of \$608 million increased 7% compared with the prior year, led by solid growth in aerospace and naval defense orders, including the contribution from the DRG acquisition;
- For full-year 2018, new orders of \$2.4 billion increased 6% compared with the prior year; and
- Backlog of \$2.0 billion increased 1% from December 31, 2017.

Other Items – Share Repurchase

• During the fourth quarter, the Company repurchased 1.1 million shares of its common stock for approximately \$119 million, increasing full-year 2018 repurchase activity to 1.7 million shares for approximately \$199 million.

Fourth Quarter 2018 Segment Performance

Commercial/Industrial

(In millions)	4Q-2018	4Q-2017	Change
Sales	\$ 304.8	\$ 298.3	2%
Reported operating income	\$ 46.9	\$ 47.3	(1%)
Reported operating margin	15.4%	15.8%	(40 bps)

- Sales of \$305 million, up \$7 million, or 2%, compared with the prior year (3% organic, 1% unfavorable foreign currency translation);
- Defense market sales were down slightly, as lower sales of sensors and controls products on various fighter jet programs in the aerospace defense market were partially offset by higher sales of valves on the Virginia class submarine program in the naval defense market;
- Commercial aerospace market sales growth reflects higher OEM sales of sensors and controls products and surface treatment services;
- General industrial market sales growth was principally driven by solid demand for industrial valves;
- Reported operating income of \$47 million, down less than \$1 million, or 1%, compared with the prior year ((2%) organic, 1% favorable foreign currency translation), as the benefit from higher sales was offset by the impact from tariffs and restructuring charges; and
- Reported operating margin decreased 40 basis points to 15.4%, principally reflecting the aforementioned impact from tariffs and restructuring, partially offset by higher sales and improved profitability for sensors and controls products; Operating margin would have increased 60 basis points excluding the impact from tariffs and restructuring charges.

Defense

(In millions)	4Q-2018	4Q-2017	Change
Sales	\$ 150.9	\$ 172.5	(13%)
Reported operating income	\$ 36.5	\$ 43.5	(16%)
Reported operating margin	24.2%	25.2%	(100 bps)

- Sales of \$151 million, down \$22 million, or 13%, compared with the prior year ((12%) organic, 1% unfavorable foreign currency translation);
- Aerospace defense market sales declines reflect reduced sales of flight test equipment on fighter jet and bomber programs, as well as lower sales of embedded computing equipment on unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) platforms;
- Naval defense market revenue declines principally reflect reduced sales of embedded computing and aircraft handling equipment on various naval defense platforms;
- Commercial aerospace market sales declines principally reflect reduced sales of avionics and electronics equipment on various domestic and international platforms; and
- Reported operating income of \$36 million, down \$7 million, or 16%, compared with the prior year, while reported operating margin decreased 100 basis points to 24.2%, driven by lower sales and higher research and development expenses, as expected, to support future organic growth initiatives, partially offset by favorable mix for our embedded computing products.

Power

(In millions)	4Q-2018	4Q-2017	Change
Sales	\$ 192.9	\$ 141.0	37%
Reported operating income	\$ 36.1	\$ 23.9	51%
Adjustments (1)	<u>0.4</u>	-	-
Adjusted operating income	\$ 36.5	\$ 23.9	52%
Adjusted operating margin	18.9%	17.0%	190 bps

(1) Includes one-time Inventory Step-up, Backlog Amortization and Transaction costs for current and prior year acquisitions.

- Sales of \$193 million, up \$52 million, or 37%, compared with the prior year (21% organic, 16% acquisition);
- Strong naval defense market sales were driven by higher CVN-80 aircraft carrier revenues and solid DRG service center revenues;
- Strong power generation market sales reflect higher revenues on the China Direct AP1000 program as well as solid growth in domestic aftermarket sales supporting currently operating nuclear reactors;
- Reported operating income was \$36 million, with Reported operating margin of 18.7%; and
- Adjusted operating income of \$36 million, up \$13 million, or 52%, compared with the prior year, while Adjusted operating margin increased 190 basis points to 18.9%, reflecting higher naval defense and power generation revenues, favorable overhead absorption and increased profitability on the China Direct AP1000 program.

Full-Year 2019 Guidance

(In millions, except EPS)	2018 Reported	2018 Adjustments (1)(2)	2018 Adjusted (1)(2)	2019E Reported Guidance	2019 Adjustments	2019E Adjusted Guidance
Total Sales	\$2,412	-	\$2,412	\$2,490 - \$2,535	-	\$2,490 - \$2,535
Operating Income	\$374	\$9	\$382	\$396 - \$405	-	\$396 - \$405
Operating Margin	15.5%	30 bps	15.8%	15.9% - 16.0%	-	15.9% - 16.0%
Effective Tax Rate	22.6%	-	22.6%	23.0%	-	23.0%
Diluted EPS	\$6.22	\$0.15	\$6.37	\$6.80 - \$6.95	-	\$6.80 - \$6.95
Diluted Shares Outstanding	44.3	-	44.3	43.4	-	43.4
Free Cash Flow	\$283	\$50	\$333	\$300 - \$310	\$20	\$320 - \$330

The Company is issuing full-year 2019 financial guidance as follows:

(1) 2018 Adjusted results for operating income, operating margin and diluted EPS exclude the one-time Inventory Step-up, Backlog Amortization and Transaction costs for current and prior year acquisitions.

- (2) 2018 Adjusted results for free cash flow exclude a \$50 million voluntary pension contribution made in the first quarter of 2018.
- (3) 2019 Adjusted results exclude a \$20 million capital investment in the Power segment related to the construction of a new, state-of-the-art naval facility principally for DRG.

Full-year 2019 guidance notes:

- Expect solid growth in sales (up 3-5%), driven by increases in all end markets;
- Anticipate higher operating income (up 4-6%), operating margin of 15.9% to 16.0% (up 10-20 basis points) and diluted earnings per share of \$6.80 to \$6.95 (up 7-9%), compared with Adjusted full-year 2018;
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- Absent these R&D investments, tariffs and DRG relocation costs, all three segments are expected to produce solid year-over-year operating margin expansion;
- Reflects lower share count driven by 2018 share repurchase activity; and
- A more detailed breakdown of the Company's 2019 guidance by segment and by market can be found in the accompanying schedules.

Conference Call & Webcast Information

The Company will host a conference call to discuss fourth quarter and full-year 2018 financial results and expectations for 2019 guidance at 9:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. A live webcast of the call and the accompanying financial presentation, as well as a replay of the call, will be made available on the internet by visiting the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at <u>www.curtisswright.com</u>.

(Tables to Follow)

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (UNAUDITED)

(\$'s in thousands, except per share data)

			Th	ree Mont	hs l	Ended	Year Ended						
		Decem	ıbe	er 31,		Chang	ge	Decen	ıbe	r 31,		Chang	ge
	_	2018	_	2017		\$	%	2018		2017		\$	%
Product sales	\$	541,689	\$	503,140	\$	38,549	8%	\$ 1,993,249	\$	1,854,216	\$	139,033	7%
Service sales		106,933		108,741		(1,808)	(2%)	418,586		416,810		1,776	0%
Total net sales	_	648,622		611,881		36,741	6%	2,411,835		2,271,026		140,809	6%
Cost of product sales		336,402		311,570		24,832	8%	1,272,599		1,198,881		73,718	6%
Cost of service sales		71,168		68,967		2,201	3%	267,975		271,360		(3,385)	(1%)
Total cost of sales	_	407,570		380,537		27,033	7%	1,540,574		1,470,241		70,333	5%
Gross profit		241,052		231,344		9,708	4%	871,261		800,785		70,476	9%
Research and development expenses		19,291		15,188		4,103	27%	64,525		61,393		3,132	5%
Selling expenses		32,095		34,108		(2,013)	(6%)	126,641		121,873		4,768	4%
General and administrative expenses	_	79,661		76,766		2,895	4%	306,469		292,399	_	14,070	5%
Operating income		110,005		105,282		4,723	4%	373,626		325,120		48,506	15%
Interest expense		8,264		9,887		(1,623)	(16%)	33,983		41,471		(7,488)	(18%)
Other income, net	_	4,099		3,937		162	4%	16,596		15,970		626	4%
Earnings before income taxes		105,840		99,332		6,508	7%	356,239		299,619		56,620	19%
Provision for income taxes		(23,005)	_	(31,582)		8,577	27%	(80,490)		(84,728)		4,238	5%
Net earnings	\$	82,835	\$	67,750	\$	15,085	22%	\$ 275,749	\$	214,891	\$	60,858	28%
Net earnings per share:													
Basic earnings per share	\$	1.91	\$	1.54				\$ 6.28	\$	4.86			
Diluted earnings per share	\$	1.89	\$	1.52				\$ 6.22	\$	4.80			
Dividends per share	\$	0.15	\$	0.15				\$ 0.60	\$	0.56			
Weighted average shares outstanding:													
Basic		43,447		44,132				43,892		44,182			
Diluted		43,782		44,692				44,316		44,761			

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

(\$'s in thousands, except par value)

	De	ecember 31, 2018	D	ecember 31, 2017	Change %	
Assets						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	276,066	\$	475,120	(42%)	
Receivables, net		593,755		494,923	20%	
Inventories, net		423,426		378,866	12%	
Other current assets		50,719		52,951	(4%)	
Total current assets		1,343,966		1,401,860	(4%)	
Property, plant, and equipment, net		374,660		390,235	(4%)	
Goodwill		1,088,032		1,096,329	(1%)	
Other intangible assets, net		429,567		329,668	30%	
Other assets		19,160		18,229	5%	
Total assets	\$	3,255,385	\$	3,236,321	1%	
Liabilities Current liabilities:						
	\$	243	\$	150	62%	
Current portion of long-term and short term debt	Ф	243	Ф		02% 26%	
Accounts payable		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		185,176		
Accrued expenses		166,954		150,406	11%	
Income taxes payable		5,811		4,564	27%	
Deferred revenue		236,508		214,891	10%	
Other current liabilities		44,829		35,810	25%	
Total current liabilities		687,328		590,997	16%	
Long-term debt, net		762,313		813,989	(6%)	
Deferred tax liabilities, net		47,121		49,360	(5%)	
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefit costs		101,227		121,043	(16%)	
Long-term portion of environmental reserves		15,777		14,546	8%	
Other liabilities		110,838		118,586	(7%)	
Total liabilities		1,724,604		1,708,521	1%	
Stockholders' equity						
Common stock, \$1 par value	\$	49,187	\$	49,187	0%	
Additional paid in capital		118,234		120,609	(2%)	
Retained earnings		2,191,471		1,944,324	13%	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(288,447)		(216,840)	33%	
Less: cost of treasury stock		(539,664)		(369,480)	46%	
Total stockholders' equity		1,530,781		1,527,800	0%	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	3,255,385	\$	3,236,321	1%	

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

(\$'s in thousands)

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		2018		2017	Change %		2018		2017	Change %
<u>Sales:</u> Commercial/Industrial	¢	204 925	¢	208 220	20/	¢	1 200 179	¢	1 1(2 (90	407
Defense	\$	304,835 150,924	\$	298,329 172,511	2% (13%)	\$	1,209,178 554,374	\$	1,162,689 555,479	4% 0%
Power		192,863		141,041	37%		648,283		552,858	17%
Total sales	\$	648,622	\$	611,881	6%	\$	2,411,835	\$	2,271,026	6%
Operating income (expen	<u>se):</u>									
Commercial/Industrial	\$	46,922	\$	47,272	(1%)	\$	182,669	\$	168,146	9%
Defense		36,462		43,538	(16%)		128,446		109,338	17%
Power		36,066		23,928	51%		98,858		81,119	22%
Total segments	\$	119,450	\$	114,738	4%	\$	409,973	\$	358,603	14%
Corporate and other		(9,445)		(9,456)	0%		(36,347)		(33,483)	(9%)
Total operating income	\$	110,005	\$	105,282	4%	\$	373,626	\$	325,120	15%
Operating margins:										
Commercial/Industrial		15.4 %	Ď	15.8 %	(40bps)		15.1 %	ó	14.5 %	60bps
Defense		24.2 %	Ď	25.2 %	(100bps)		23.2 %	ó	19.7 %	350bps
Power		18.7 %	,)	17.0 %	170bps		15.2 %	ó	14.7 %	50bps
Total Curtiss-Wright		17.0%)	17.2%	(20bps)		15.5%	, D	14.3%	120bps
Segment margins		18.4 %	, D	18.8 %	(40bps)		17.0 %	ó	15.8 %	120bps

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES

SALES BY END MARKET (UNAUDITED)

(\$'s in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,						J		
		2018		2017	Change %		2018	 2017	Change %
Defense markets:									
Aerospace	\$	104,142	\$	112,193	(7%)	\$	376,951	\$ 372,678	1%
Ground		28,667		29,518	(3%)		97,131	96,042	1%
Naval		134,020		112,371	19%		486,476	408,221	19%
Total Defense	\$	266,829	\$	254,082	5%	\$	960,558	\$ 876,941	10%
Commercial markets:									
Aerospace	\$	108,529	\$	105,457	3%	\$	414,422	\$ 409,384	1%
Power Generation		124,317		109,742	13%		431,793	423,747	2%
General Industrial		148,947		142,600	4%		605,062	560,954	8%
Total Commercial	\$	381,793	\$	357,799	7%	\$	1,451,277	\$ 1,394,085	4%
Total Curtiss-Wright	\$	648,622	\$	611,881	6%	\$	2,411,835	\$ 2,271,026	6%

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information (Unaudited)

The Corporation supplements its financial information determined under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) with certain non-GAAP financial information. Curtiss-Wright believes that these non-GAAP measures provide investors with additional insight into the Company's ongoing business performance. These non-GAAP measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the related GAAP measures, and other companies may define such measures differently. Curtiss-Wright encourages investors to review its financial statements and publicly-filed reports in their entirety and not to rely on any single financial measure. The following definitions are provided:

Organic Revenue and Organic Operating Income

The Corporation discloses organic revenue and organic operating income because the Corporation believes it provides investors with insight as to the Company's ongoing business performance. Organic revenue and organic operating income are defined as revenue and operating income excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations and contributions from acquisitions made during the last twelve months.

		Three Months Ended December 31,										
		2018 vs. 2017										
	Commer	cial/Industrial	D	efense	I	Power	Total Curtiss-Wright					
	Sales	Operating income	Sales	Operating income	Sales	Operating income	Sales	Operating income				
Organic	3%	(2%)	(12%)	(18%)	21%	37%	3%	0%				
Acquisitions	0%	0%	0%	0%	16%	14%	4%	3%				
Foreign Currency	(1%)	1%	(1%)	2%	0%	0%	(1%)	1%				
Total	2%	(1%)	(13%)	(16%)	37%	51%	6%	4%				

		Year Ended December 31, 2018 vs. 2017									
	Commer	cial/Industrial	D	efense]	Power	Total Curtiss-Wright				
	Sales	Operating income	Sales	Operating income	Sales	Operating income	Sales	Operating income			
Organic	3%	7%	(1%)	17%	6%	21%	3%	14%			
Acquisitions	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	1%	3%	0%			
Foreign Currency	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%			
Total	4%	9%	0%	17%	17%	22%	6%	15%			

Free Cash Flow and Free Cash Flow Conversion

The Corporation discloses free cash flow because it measures cash flow available for investing and financing activities. Free cash flow represents cash available to repay outstanding debt, invest in the business, acquire businesses, return capital to shareholders and make other strategic investments. Free cash flow is defined as cash flow provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. The Corporation discloses free cash flow conversion because it measures the proportion of net earnings converted into free cash flow and is defined as free cash flow divided by net earnings from continuing operations.

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

(\$'s in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Year Ended December 31,				
	 2018		2017		2018		2017		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 237,298	\$	226,405	\$	336,273	\$	388,712		
Capital expenditures	 (23,130)		(17,831)		(53,417)		(52,705)		
Free cash flow	\$ 214,168	\$	208,574	\$	282,856	\$	336,007		
Pension payment			_		50,000				
Adjusted free cash flow	\$ 214,168	\$	208,574	\$	332,856	\$	336,007		
Free Cash Flow Conversion	 259%		308%		121%		156%		

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION

2019 Guidance

As of February 26, 2019 (\$'s in millions, except per share data)

	Re	2018 Reported (GAAP)		2018 Adjustments ⁽¹⁾ (Non-GAAP)		2018 Adjusted (Non- GAAP)		2019 Reported Guidance ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ (GAAP)					
								Low		High	2019 Chg vs 2018 Adjusted		
<u>Sales:</u>			-										
Commercial/Industrial	\$	1,209	\$	-	\$	1,209	\$	1,245	\$	1,270			
Defense		554		-		554		565		575			
Power		648		-		648		680		690			
Total sales	\$	2,412	\$	-	\$	2,412	\$	2,490	\$	2,535	3 to 5%		
Operating income:													
Commercial/Industrial	\$	183	\$	-	\$	183	\$	193	\$	198			
Defense		128		-		128		128		131			
Power		99		9		108		109		111			
Total segments		410		9		419		430		440			
Corporate and other		(36)		-		(36)		(34)		(36)			
Total operating income	\$	374	\$	9	\$	382	\$	396	\$	405	4 to 6%		
Interest expense	\$	(34)	\$	-	\$	(34)	\$	(33)	\$	(33)			
Other income, net		17		-		17		19		19			
Earnings before income taxes		356		9		365		383		391			
Provision for income taxes		(81)		(2)		(83)		(88)		(90)			
Net earnings	\$	276	\$	7	\$	282	\$	295	\$	301			
Diluted earnings per share	\$	6.22	\$	0.15	\$	6.37	\$	6.80	\$	6.95	7 to 9%		
Diluted shares outstanding		44.3				44.3		43.4		43.4			
Effective tax rate		22.6%				22.6%		23.0%		23.0%			
Operating margins:													
Commercial/Industrial		15.1%		-		15.1%		15.5%		15.6%	40 to 50 bps		
Defense		23.2%		-		23.2%		22.6%		22.7%	(50 to 60 bps)		
Power		15.2%		+140 bps		16.6%		16.0%		16.1%	(50 to 60 bps)		
Total operating margin		15.5%		+30 bps		15.8%		15.9%		16.0%	10 to 20 bps		

Note: Full year amounts may not add due to rounding

(1) Adjusted financials are defined as Reported Operating Income, Operating Margin, Net Income and Diluted EPS under GAAP excluding the impact of first year purchase accounting costs associated with acquisitions for current and prior year periods, specifically one-time inventory step-up, backlog amortization and transaction costs.

(2) Commercial/Industrial segment 2019 guidance reflects improved profitability due to higher sales and benefits of our ongoing margin improvement initiatives, partially offset by \$4 million for tariffs and a \$3 million increase in R&D investments.

(3) Defense segment 2019 guidance reflects reduced profitability, despite higher sales, due to a \$5 million increase in R&D investments.

(4) Power segment 2019 guidance reflects reduced profitability, despite solid sales growth, due to \$6 million for transition and IT security costs related to the relocation of our DRG business and a \$2 million increase in R&D investments.

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION 2019 Sales Growth Guidance by End Market As of February 26, 2019

2019 % Change vs 2018

<u>Defense Markets</u>	
Aerospace	6 - 8%
Ground	5 - 7%
Navy	6 - 8%
Total Defense	6 - 8%
<u>Commercial Markets</u>	
Commercial Aerospace	4 - 6%
Power Generation	1 - 3%
General Industrial	1 - 3%
Total Commercial	1 - 3%
Total Curtiss-Wright Sales	3 - 5%

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2017 Reconciliation Reported (GAAP)⁽¹⁾ to Adjusted (Non-GAAP)⁽²⁾ (\$'s in millions, except per share data)

Sales: Commercial/Industrial \$ 279 \$ - \$ 279 \$ - \$ 292 \$ - \$ 294 \$ 298 \$ 1,163 \$ - Defense 115 - 115 126 - 126 142 173 555 - Power 130 - 130 150 - 150 132 141 553 - Total sales \$ 524 - \$ 524 \$ 568 - \$ 568 \$ 568 \$ 612 \$ 2,271	\$ 1,163 555 553 - \$ 2,271
Defense 115 - 115 126 - 126 142 173 555 - Power 130 - 130 150 - 150 132 141 553 -	555 553
Power 130 130 150 150 132 141553	553
Operating income:	
Commercial/Industrial \$ 31_\$ - \$ 31_\$ 44_\$ - \$ 44_\$ \$ 47_\$ \$ 168_\$ -	\$ 168
Defense 11 5 16 21 5 26 34 44 109	10 119
Power <u>16 - 16 24 - 24 18 24 81</u> -	81
	10 368
Corporate and other (10) (9) (9) (9) (6) (9) (34)	(34)
Total operating income \$ 48 5 \$ 5 \$ 85 \$ 92 \$ 105 \$ 325 \$	10 \$ 335
Interest expense \$ (10) \$ - \$ (10) \$ (11) \$ - \$ (11) \$ (10) \$ (10) \$ (41) \$	\$ (41)
Other income, net 4 - 4 4 - 4 4 16	16
Earnings before income taxes 41 5 46 73 5 78 86 99 300	10 309
Provision for income taxes $(9)'$ (1) (10) $(22)'$ (2) (24) (22) (32) (85)	(3) (88)
Net earnings \$ 33 \$ 4 \$ 36 \$ 51 \$ 4 \$ 54 \$ 64 \$ 68 \$ 215 \$	7 \$ 222
Diluted earnings per share \$ 0.73 \$ 0.08 \$ 0.81 \$ 1.13 \$ 0.08 \$ 1.21 \$ 1.43 \$ 1.52 \$ 4.80 \$ 0.	16 \$ 4.96
Diluted shares outstanding 44.9 44.9 44.8 44.7 44.7 44.8	44.8
Effective tax rate 20.9% 20.9% 30.3% 30.3% 26.0% 31.8% 28.3%	28.3%
Operating margins:	
Commercial/Industrial 11.0% 11.0% 15.0% 15.0% 15.9% 15.8% 14.5%	14.5%
Defense 9.7% +395 bps 13.6% 16.7% +410 bps 20.8% 23.7% 25.2% 19.7% +170	1
Power 11.9% 15.9% 15.9% 13.5% 17.0% 14.7%	14.7%
Total operating margin 9.1% +90 bps 10.0% 14.0% +100 bps 15.0% 16.3% 17.2% 14.3% +40	ops 14.7%

Note: Full year amounts may not add due to rounding

(1) Reported 2017 results reflect the retrospective impact from the adoption of ASU 2017-07 "Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost," which results in reclassification of the non-service components of Pension expense from Operating Income to Other Income/Expense effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. This accounting change lowers operating income by \$14.6 million and lowers operating margin by 70 basis points for the full-year 2017 period. This change is neutral to earnings per share.

(2) Adjusted operating income, operating margin and diluted EPS exclude first year purchase accounting costs, specifically one-time inventory step-up, backlog amortization and transaction costs, associated with the acquisition of TTC in 2017 (Defense segment). First year purchase accounting costs in the third and fourth quarters of 2017 are not material.

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