

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017 Earnings Conference Call

October 26, 2017

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## **Financial Results**



Statement of Earnings	T	nird Quart	er	Year-to-Date			
\$ in millions except per share amounts	2017	2016	Change	2017	2016	Change	
Sales	\$ 380	\$ 327	16 %	\$ 1,100	\$ 980	12 %	
Gross Profit % of Sales	203 53.6 %	177 54.0 %	15 % (0.4) pts	593 53.9 %	524 53.4 %	13 % 0.5 pts	
Operating Earnings % of Sales	100 26.2 %	81 24.9 %	22 % 1.3 pts	284 25.8 %	221 22.5 %	29 % 3.3 pts	
Net Earnings % of Sales	\$ 75 19.9 %	\$ 54 16.6 %	39 % 3.3 pts	\$ 216 19.6 %	\$ 145 14.8 %	49 % 4.8 pts	
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 1.30	\$ 0.95	37 %	\$ 3.73	\$ 2.55	46 %	
Diluted Shares in Millions	58.2	57.0		57.9	56.9		
Net Earnings, Adjusted (1) Diluted Earnings Per Share, Adjusted (1)	\$ 67 \$ 1.15	\$ 54 \$ 0.95	23 % 21 %	\$ 190 \$ 3.28	\$ 145 \$ 2.55	31 % 29 %	

(1) Excludes reduction of income taxes resulting from the adoption of a new accounting standard related to excess tax benefits on stock option exercises, reducing diluted earnings per share \$0.06 for the quarter and \$0.36 for the year to date. Also excludes the effect of tax planning benefits realized in the third quarter of 2017, that will not recur in 2018, reducing diluted earnings per share \$0.09 for the quarter and year to date.

See Financial Results Adjusted for Comparability on page 18 for a reconciliation of the adjusted non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP

The increase in the diluted EPS, as reported and adjusted, includes \$0.02 for the quarter and \$0.04 for year to date from reduced intangible amortization expense resulting from the impairment charge recorded in fourth quarter 2016

## **Financial Results**



### Components of Net Sales Change

#### **Third Quarter September 2017**

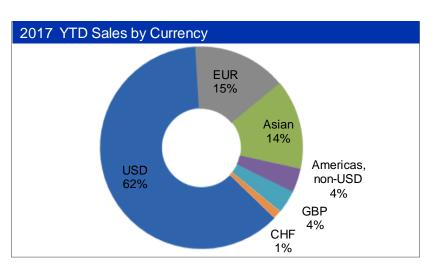
		Segment					
	Industrial	Process	Contractor	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Consolidated
Volume and Price	17 %	9 %	16 %	11 %	14 %	28 %	15 %
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
Currency	1 %	1 %	1 %	1 %	4 %	(1)%	1 %
Total	18 %	10 %	17 %	12 %	18 %	27 %	16 %

#### **Year-to-Date September 2017**

		Segment					
	Industrial	Process	Contractor	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Consolidated
Volume and Price	12 %	12 %	13 %	11 %	12 %	20 %	13 %
Acquisitions	1 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
Currency	(1)%	(1)%	0 %	0 %	(2)%	(2)%	(1)%
Total	12 %	11 %	13 %	11 %	10 %	18 %	12 %

Asian currencies include: AUD, CNY, KRW, JPY

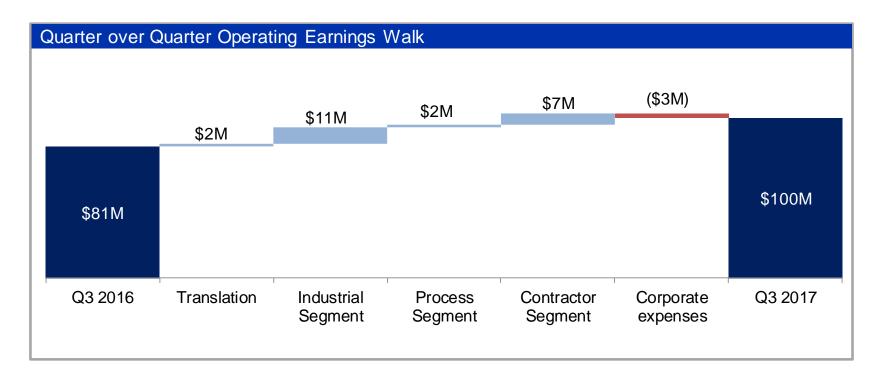
Americas currencies include: CAD, BRL, MXN



# **Operating Earnings**

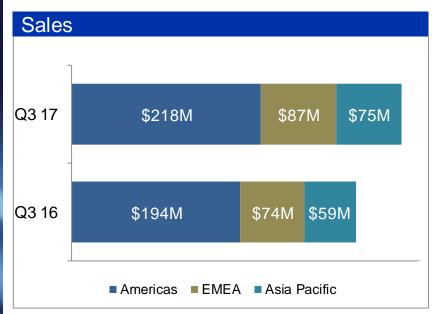


Change in Operating Earnings	Third C	Quarter	Year-to-Date	
2016 Operating Earnings (\$M and % of sales)	\$ 81	25 %	\$ 221	23 %
Translation effect	2	0	(3)	0
Volume, price and cost	25	0	72	1
Volume and earnings based incentives	(4)	(1)	(8)	(1)
Decrease in intangible amortization related to 2016 Oil and Natural Gas impairment	1	0	3	0
Unallocated corporate expenses (primarily stock compensation)	(3)	(1)	(1)	Q
Volume effect on expense leverage	(2)	3	0	3
2017 Operating Earnings (\$M and % of sales)	\$ 100	26 %	\$ 284	26 %



## Third Quarter 2017 Results



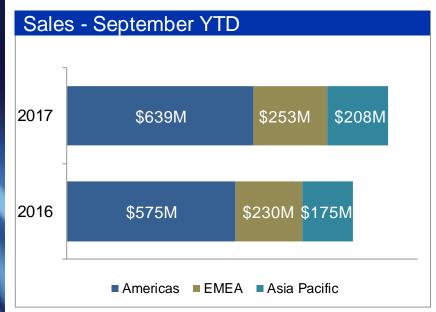




- ► Sales increase of 16%
  - Favorable effect of currency translation rates increased sales by approximately \$3 million, 1 percentage point
  - Acquired businesses had no significant impact on the quarter
- ► Gross margin rate down 0.4 percentage point from third quarter 2016
  - Unfavorable impact of product mix more than offsetting realized pricing and favorable effect of higher production volume on manufacturing cost
- Operating earnings are up \$18 million, or 22%, from third quarter 2016
  - Higher sales volume and expense leverage
    - Higher sales and earnings based incentives, \$4 million
  - Lower intangible amortization related to the 2016 Oil and Natural Gas impairment, \$1 million
  - Higher unallocated corporate expenses, primarily stock compensation and pension, \$3 million
- ► Tax rate for the quarter was 22%, down from 29% in the third quarter last year
  - 2017 rate benefited from the first quarter adoption of a new accounting standard for stock compensation. Excess tax benefits reduced the tax provision \$3 million and reduced the effective tax rate by 3 percentage points
  - 2017 rate benefited 4 percentage points from a \$6 million benefit related to tax planning, that will not recur in 2018, and foreign earnings taxed at lower rates than the U.S.

## September Year-to-Date 2017 Results



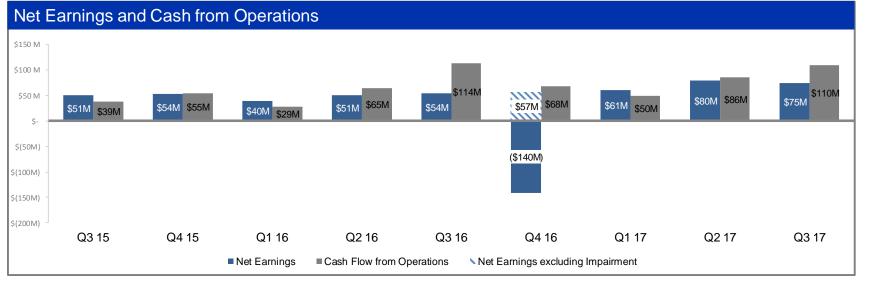


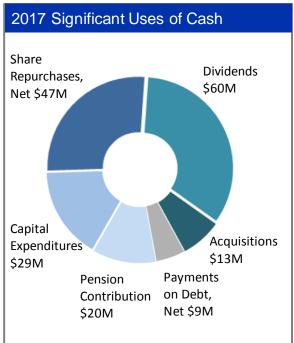


- Sales increase of 12%
  - Unfavorable effect of currency translation rates decreased sales by approximately \$6 million, 1 percentage point
  - Acquired businesses had no significant impact
- Gross margin rate up 0.5 percentage point from September 2016
  - Higher production volume, lower manufacturing cost and realized pricing more than offset unfavorable impact of mix
- ▶ Operating earnings are up \$63 million, or 29%, from September 2016
  - Higher sales volume and expense leverage
    - Higher sales and earnings based incentives, \$8 million
  - Lower intangible amortization related to the 2016 Oil and Natural Gas impairment, \$3 million
  - Higher unallocated corporate expenses, primarily stock compensation, \$1 million
- ► Tax rate for September year-to-date was 21%, down from 30% year-to-date 2016
  - 2017 rate benefited from the adoption of a new accounting standard for stock compensation. Excess tax benefits reduced the tax provision \$20 million and reduced the effective tax rate by 7 percentage points
  - 2017 rate benefited 2 percentage points from a \$6 million benefit related to tax planning, that will not recur in 2018, and foreign earnings taxed at lower rates than the U.S.

## **Cash Flow and Liquidity**







- Net cash provided by operating activities was \$246 million in 2017 vs. \$208 million in 2016
- Changes in working capital are in line with volume growth
- The Company made a \$20 million pension contribution to the U.S. pension plan during third quarter
- ▶ Debt, including notes payable, was \$306 million, down \$8 million from year-end
  - Current portion of long-term debt, \$75 million
  - Interest expense down \$1 million from September 2016
- ► Repurchased 880,000 shares of stock and issued 1,165,000 shares, resulting in a net cash outlay of \$47 million
  - Common stock outstanding at the end of the quarter, 56.1 million

## Other Discussion Items



- Capital expenditure expectations of approximately \$40 million in 2017
  - Currently evaluating brick and mortar requirements as Contractor and other regional production and distribution facilities near capacity
- During the third quarter, the Company notified certain U.S. pension plan participants currently receiving benefits that annuities would be purchased for their future benefit obligations and the liabilities associated with these defined benefit obligations will be transferred to a highly rated insurance company. The Company's U.S. pension liability and assets are expected to be reduced by approximately \$43 million and a pension settlement charge of approximately \$11-13 million is expected to be recognized during fourth quarter
  - The Company made a \$20 million contribution to the U.S. pension plan during the third quarter 2017
- Unallocated corporate expenses in 2017 are expected to be approximately \$32 million (excluding pension settlement)
- ▶ Impairment of intangible assets in fourth quarter 2016 reduced amortization expense by approximately \$1 million in each of the first three quarters of 2017 compared to 2016
- ▶ At current exchange rates, assuming the same volumes, mix of products and mix of business by currency as in 2016, foreign currency translation would have no impact for the full year 2017, with favorable currency effect continuing in Q4 offsetting the unfavorable effect experienced during the first half
- ▶ The effective tax rate for fourth quarter and the full year is expected to be approximately 28%, including an expected 2 percentage point benefit in fourth quarter related to completion of tax planning activities that will not recur in 2018. The quarter and annual rates exclude any impact from the change in accounting for stock compensation
- Fourth quarter 2016 included an extra week compared to our normal fiscal calendar

## **Current Environment and Outlook**



#### Constant currency basis and excluding acquisitions completed in the prior 12 months

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	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Worldwide
Current Environment	Sales Growth Q3 2017 11% YTD 2017 11%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 14% YTD 2017 12%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 28% YTD 2017 20%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 15% YTD 2017 13%
ndustrial Segment	Environment Unchanged  Sales Growth Q3 2017 11% YTD 2017 9%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 13% YTD 2017 10%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 30% YTD 2017 22%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 17% YTD 2017 12%
Contractor Segment	Sales Growth Q3 2017 12% YTD 2017 12%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 29% YTD 2017 20%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 30% YTD 2017 13%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 16% YTD 2017 13%
Process Segment	Sales Growth Q3 2017 11% YTD 2017 12%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 (3%) YTD 2017 7%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 17% YTD 2017 17%	Sales Growth Q3 2017 9% YTD 2017 12%
Full Year 2017 Outlook	Outlook Raised High Single-digit	Outlook Raised High Single-digit	Outlook Raised  Low Double-digit	Outlook Raised High Single-digit to Low Double-digit

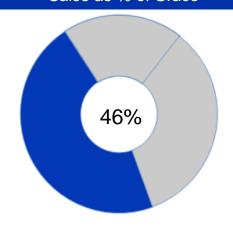
Demand levels remained robust and broad based in the third quarter. We expect the positive business environment to continue into 2018, however we do note that our fourth quarter represents our most difficult comparable of the year. In addition to the strong fourth quarter last year, we also had 14 weeks, compared to only 13 weeks in this year's fourth quarter. We anticipate low single-digit organic constant currency growth in the fourth quarter with the possibility to achieve double-digit sales growth for the full year 2017.

# **Industrial Segment Results**



Sales						
	Third C	Quarter		Year-to	o-Date	
\$ in millions	2017	2016	Change	2017	2016	Change
Americas	\$ 75	\$ 67	12 %	\$ 220	\$ 201	9 %
EMEA	52	44	18	146	134	9
Asia Pacific	51	40	30	144	120	20
Total	\$ 178	\$ 151	18 %	\$ 510	\$ 455	12 %
Operating Earnings	\$ 62	\$ 51	22 %	\$ 177	\$ 147	20 %
% of sales	35 %	34 %		35 %	32 %	

#### 2017 YTD Industrial Segment Sales as % of Graco



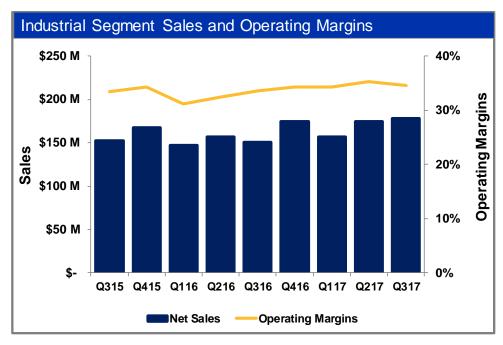


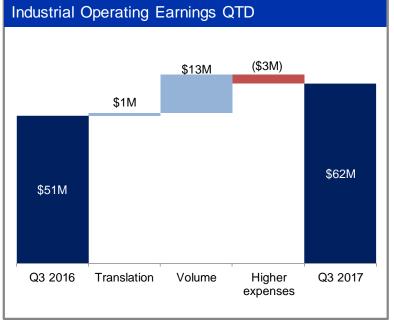
2017 Components of Net Sales Change				Current Environment
T	hird Quarter	Year-to-Date		
Americas				
Volume & Price	11 %	9 %		Favorable: Construction markets
Acquisitions	1 %	0 %		Stable: Tier one auto
Currency	0 %	0 %		<ul> <li>Challenging: Protective coatings, heavy machinery,</li> </ul>
Total	12 %	9 %		South America
EMEA				
Volume & Price	13 %	10 %		Favorable: construction markets
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %		Stable: Western Europe, general industrial, truck & trailer
Currency	5 %	(1)%		<ul> <li>Challenging: Geopolitical, Q4 comparables</li> </ul>
Total	18 %	9 %		
Asia Pacific				
Volume & Price	30 %	22 %		Stable: General industrial, adhesive dispense
Acquisitions	1 %	1 %		Challenging: Marine, agriculture, construction
Currency	(1)%	(3)%		Spotty: Project activity
Total	30 %	20 %		
Segment Total				
Volume & Price	17 %	12 %		
Acquisitions	0 %	1 %		
Currency	1 %	(1)%		
Total	18 %	12 %		Note: Fourth quarter 2016 included an extra week

# **Industrial Segment Results**



Change in % of sales	Third Quarter	Year-to-Date
2016 Operating Earnings (% of sales)	34 %	32 %
Translation effect	0	0
Product and channel mix, net of favorable volume, price	(1)	0
Expense leverage	2	3
2017 Operating Earnings (% of sales)	35 %	35 %



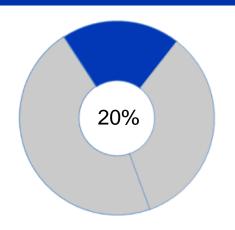


# **Process Segment Results**



Sales						
	Third (	Quarter		Year-to	o-Date	
\$ in millions	2017	2016	Change	2017	2016	Change
Americas	\$ 48	\$ 43	11 %	\$ 139	\$ 124	12 %
EMEA	13	13	(2)	41	40	3
Asia Pacific	13	11	17	37	32	16
Total	\$ 74	\$ 67	10 %	\$ 217	\$ 196	11 %
Operating Earnings	\$ 12	\$ 10	16 %	\$ 39	\$ 25	54 %
% of sales	16 %	15 %		18 %	13 %	

#### 2017 YTD Process Segment Sales as % of Graco





2017 Components of Net Sales Change					
	Third Quarter	Year-to-Date			
Americas					
Volume & Price	11 %	12 %			
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %			
Currency	0 %	0 %			
Total	11 %	12 %			
EMEA					
Volume & Price	(3)%	7 %			
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %			
Currency	1 %	(4)%			
Total	(2)%	3 %			
Asia Pacific					
Volume & Price	17 %	17 %			
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %			
Currency	0 %	(1)%			
Total	17 %	16 %			
Segment Total					
Volume & Price	9 %	12 %			
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %			
Currency	1 %	(1)%			
Total	10 %	11 %			

# Current Environment

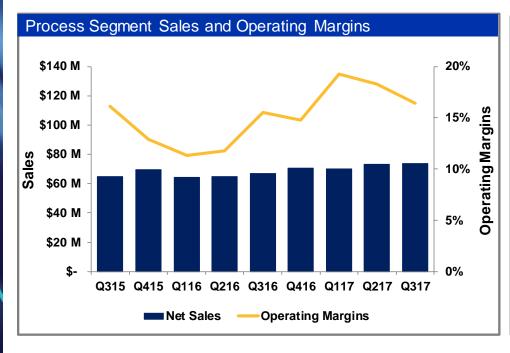
- Favorable: Technology, sanitary
- Stable: Industrial lubrication, environmental applications
- Bottom: Oil & natural gas
- Spotty: Project activity
- Stable: Western Europe, chemical
- Challenging: Offshore oil & natural gas, geopolitical
- · Stable: Process applications
- Bottom: Mining

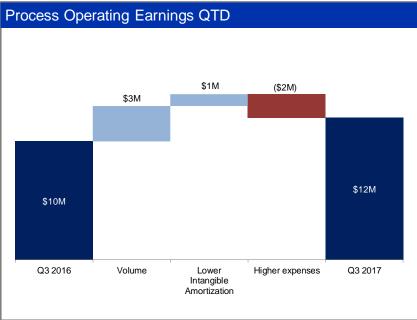
Note: Fourth quarter 2016 included an extra week

# **Process Segment Results**



Change in % of sales	Third Quarter	Year-to-Date
2016 Operating Earnings (% of sales)	15 %	13 %
Translation effect	0	0
Product and channel mix, volume, cost, net of favorable price	(1)	0
Decrease in intangible amortization related to 2016 Oil and Natural Gas impairment	2	2
Expense leverage	0	3
2017 Operating Earnings (% of sales)	16 %	18 %



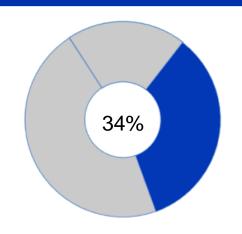


# **Contractor Segment Results**



Sales						
	Third C	Quarter		Year-to	o-Date	
\$ in millions	2017	2016	Change	2017	2016	Change
Americas EMEA Asia Pacific	\$ 95 22 11	\$ 85 16 8	12 % 34 31	\$ 280 66 27	\$ 250 55 24	12 % 19 13
Total	\$ 128	\$ 109	17 %	\$ 373	\$ 329	13 %
Operating Earnings	\$ 33	\$ 26	31 %	\$ 93	\$ 72	30 %
% of sales	26 %	23 %		25 %	22 %	

#### 2017 YTD Contractor Segment Sales as % of Graco





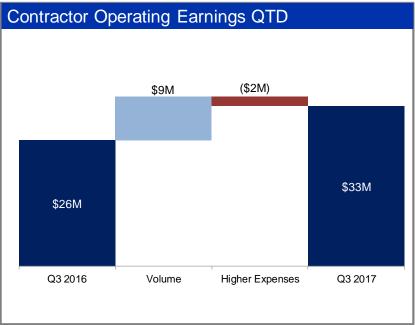
2017 Comp	onents of Ne	et Sales Chan	ge Current Environment
T	hird Quarter	Year-to-Date	
Americas			
Volume & Price	12 %	12 %	Stable: Residential and commercial construction
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %	Focus Sectors: Pro paint, general construction, DIY
Currency	0 %	0 %	Challenging: Q4 comparables
Total	12 %	12 %	
EMEA			
Volume & Price	29 %	20 %	Favorable: Western Europe, emerging markets
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %	Challenging: Geopolitical, Q4 comparables
Currency	5 %	(1)%	
Total	34 %	19 %	
Asia Pacific			
Volume & Price	30 %	13 %	Stable: Pavement products
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %	Challenging: General construction, equipment adoption
Currency	1 %	0 %	rates
Total	31 %	13 %	
Segment Total			
Volume & Price	16 %	13 %	
Acquisitions	0 %	0 %	
Currency	1 %	0 %	
Total	17 %	13 %	Note: Fourth quarter 2016 included an extra week

# **Contractor Segment Results**



Change in % of sales	Third Quarter	Year-to-Date
2016 Operating Earnings (% of sales)	23 %	22 %
Translation effect	0	0
Volume, cost, product and channel mix	1	1
Expense leverage	2	2
2017 Operating Earnings (% of sales)	26 %	25 %





## Non-GAAP Disclosure Reconciliation



Net income excluding the excess tax benefits on exercised stock options and other tax planning benefits, which will not recur in 2018, presents a more consistent comparison of financial results. A calculation of the non-GAAP measurements of adjusted income taxes, net earnings and diluted earnings per share follows:

Non-GAAP Reconciliation	Third Quarter		Year-to-Date		
\$ in millions except per share amounts	2017	2016 Change	2017 2016 Change		
Income taxes, as reported Excess tax benefit from option exercises Tax planning benefit Income taxes, adjusted	\$ 20.9 3.2 5.5 \$ 29.6	\$ 22.2 (6)% - - \$ 22.2 33 %	\$ 57.6 \$ 62.7 (8)% 20.5 - 5.5 - \$ 83.6 \$ 62.7 33 %		
Effective income tax rate As reported Adjusted	22% 31%	29% 29%	21% 30% 31% 30%		
Net earnings, as reported Excess tax benefit from option exercises Tax planning benefit Net earnings, adjusted	\$ 75.5 (3.2) (5.5) \$ 66.8	\$ 54.4 39 % - - \$ 54.4 23 %	\$ 216.0 \$ 144.9 49 % (20.5) - (5.5) - \$ 190.0 \$ 144.9 31 %		
Weighted Average Diluted Shares, in millions	58.2	57.0	57.9 56.9		
Diluted Earnings per Share As reported Adjusted	\$ 1.30 \$ 1.15	\$ 0.95 37 % \$ 0.95 21 %	\$ 3.73 \$ 2.55 46 % \$ 3.28 \$ 2.55 29 %		





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