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#### **NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES**

This presentation contains certain Non-GAAP measures (EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Free Cash Flow). Please refer to Appendix A of this presentation for a description of our use of these measures. These Non-GAAP measures, as calculated by the Company, are not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Additionally, these Non-GAAP measures are not a measurement of financial performance or liquidity under GAAP and should not be considered an alternative to the Company's other financial information determined under GAAP. See Appendix A for a reconciliation of these Non-GAAP measures.



### Integrated Business Model

By providing equipment rental, sales, and on-site parts, repair and maintenance functions under one roof, the Company is a one-stop provider for its customers' varied equipment needs.

#### **Geographic Diversity**

- 69 full-service locations in 22 U.S. States.
- Significant presence in Gulf Coast and Intermountain Regions; also serve Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Southwest and West Coast.

### Specialized Fleet Focus

- Focus on non-residential heavy construction and industrial equipment.
- ▶ Significant exposure to petrochemical, oil patch, mining industries.

### Well Maintained Young Fleet

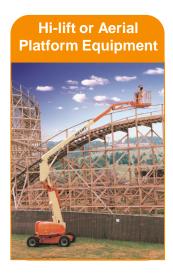
- Fleet age at September 30, 2014 was ~ 32 months; industry average near 43 months.
- Fleet is well maintained to maximize equipment life.

# Strong Balance Sheet with Flexible Capital Structure

Leverage was 2.9x at September 30, 2014 (on net debt to EBITDA1).

See Appendix A for a reconciliation of Non-GAAP measures.

- Leading integrated equipment services company with \$1.1 billion of revenue for LTM ended September 30, 2014.
- ► Formed in 2002 through the merger of H&E and ICM 53 years of operating history.
- Focused on heavy construction and industrial equipment and rents, sells and provides parts and service support for five categories of specialized equipment:











- Integrated, full-service approach provides the Company with multiple points of customer contact, enabling it to maintain a high quality rental fleet, as well as an effective distribution channel for fleet disposal and provides cross-selling opportunities among its new and used equipment sales, rental, parts sales and service operations.
- > \$1.2 billion of rental fleet (original acquisition cost at September 30, 2014).
- Well diversified customer base.
- Highly experienced management team; more than 1,800 employees.

H&E Integrated Equipment Services Model

- New Equipment Sales
- Used Equipment Sales
- Parts & Service
- Rental Equipment

#### **Key Advantages:**

- Mix of business activities enables effective operation through economic cycles
- Cross-selling opportunities among our rental, new and used equipment sales, parts sales and services operations
- ► High-margin parts and service operations
- Multiple points of contact with the customer
- ▶ Difficult to replicate infrastructure and improved purchasing power

#### **Business Strategy**

Leverage Integrated Business Model

Provide our customers with a "one-stop" solution to our customers' varied equipment needs and cross-sell our services to expand and deepen our customer relationships.

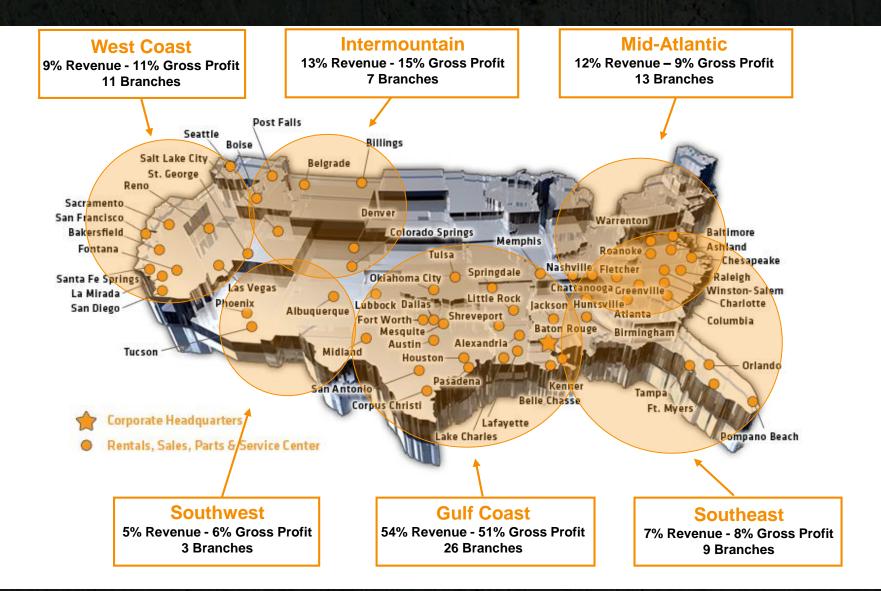
Manage Rental Equipment Life Cycle Actively manage the size, quality, age and composition of our rental fleet employing a "cradle through the grave" approach which allows us to purchase our rental equipment at competitive prices, optimally utilize our fleet, cost-effectively maintain our equipment quality and maximize equipment value.

**Grow Parts and Services Operations** 

- Our parts and service operations are keystones of our integrated equipment services platform and provide a relatively stable high-margin revenue source.
- This business helps us develop strong, on-going customer relationships, attract new customers and maintain a high-quality rental fleet.

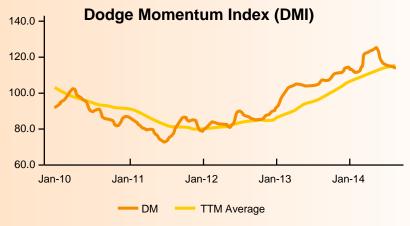
Enter Carefully Selected New Markets

Intend to continue our strategy of selectively expanding our network to solidify our presence in attractive regions where we operate.

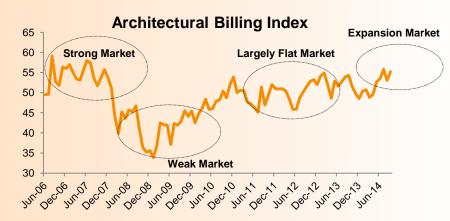


Construction growth	2015	2016	2017		
McGraw-Hill	13.0%	19.0%	8.0%		
Global Insight	10.0%	10.0%	9.0%		

- Traditional commercial construction activity appears to be in an upcycle.
- Strong industrial markets, especially energy and petrochemical related; less industrial regions improving.
- ► Expected capital investment in manufacturing and petrochemical facilities along Gulf Coast, especially in Louisiana, ramping up in 2015-2017.
- In "the right place at the right time" as the Gulf Coast region continues to experience what is reported as the highest levels of non-residential construction starts and activity.
- ▶ Improving labor statistics and modest GDP growth.
- **▶** Demand in end-user markets strong.



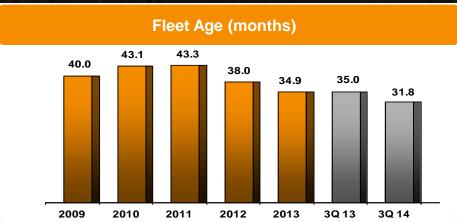
Source: McGraw Hill Construction

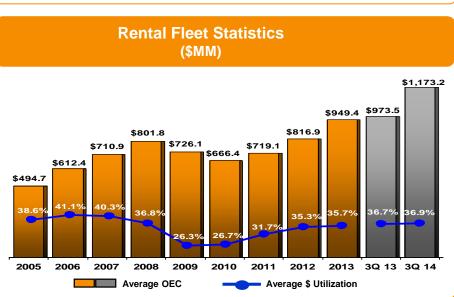


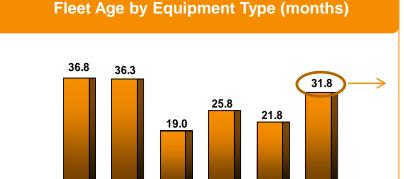
Source: American Institute of Architects



#### **Strong Rental Metrics**







Average industry Fleet age is 43 months



Fork

Trucks

General

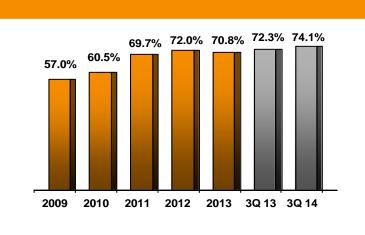
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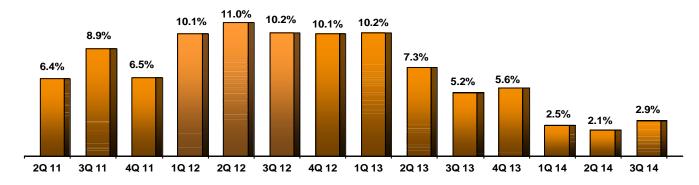
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**AWP** 

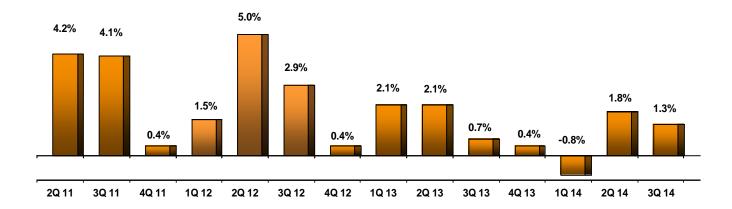
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#### Year over year average rental rate improvement

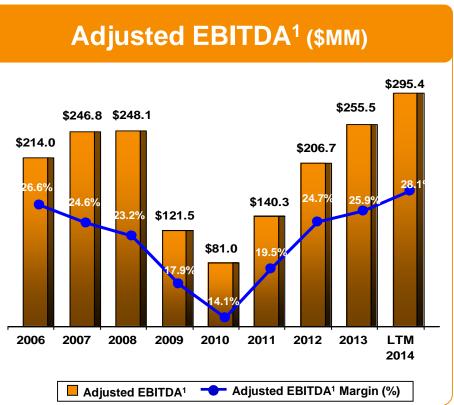


#### Sequential average rental rate improvement









Results include operating results of acquisitions from the effective date of the acquisitions made in February 2006 and September 2007.

See reconciliations of non-GAAP measures and adjustments in Appendix A. Adjusted EBITDA calculated as EBITDA adjusted for non-recurring items in years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012 as described in Appendix A.

### Third Quarter Highlights

- Another strong quarter driven by continued high demand for rentals.
- Double-digit revenue growth in combined parts and service revenues.
- Continued to maintain leading industry utilization. Further fleet growth.
- Generated solid leverage in business.

#### Revenue/ Gross Margin

- Revenue increased \$4.6 million to \$275.0 million vs. Q3 2013.
- Revenue growth driven by rentals, up 21.0%; and parts/service, up 10.7%.
- ► Gross margin was 33.1% vs. 29.7% a year ago.

# Income from Operations/ EBITDA

- Income from operations increased 17.9% to \$40.0 million (14.5% margin) vs. Q3 2013 income from operations of \$33.9 million (12.6% margin).
- ► EBITDA increased 18.8% to \$83.1 million (30.2% margin) vs. Q3 2013 EBITDA of \$70.0 million (25.9% margin).

#### **Net Income**

- Net income increased 9.7% to \$15.3 million vs. net income of \$14.0 million in Q3 2013 despite a much higher effective tax rate in the current quarter.
- Net income per share was \$0.43 vs. \$0.40 a year ago.

#### **Fleet Utilization**

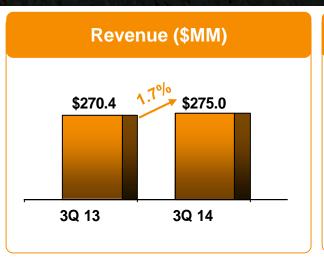
- ► Time utilization (based on OEC) was 74.1% vs. 72.3% in Q3 2013.
- ► Time utilization (based on units) was 68.3% vs. 66.6% in Q3 2013.

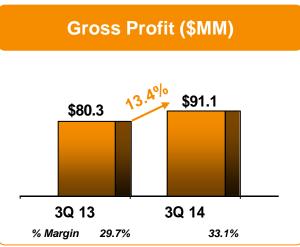
#### Rental Momentum Continues

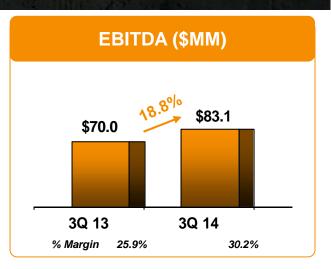
- > 21.0% rental revenue growth vs. Q3 2013.
- Rental gross margins were 50.5% vs. 49.6% in Q3 2013.
- ► Rental rates improved 2.9% over Q3 2013 rates and 1.3% over Q2 2014 rates.
- Dollar utilization was 36.9% vs. 36.7% in Q3 2013.

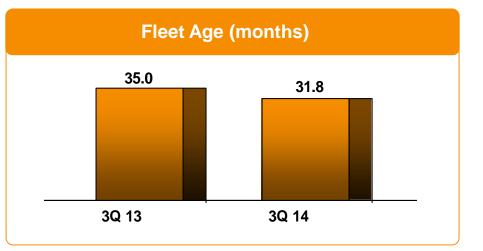


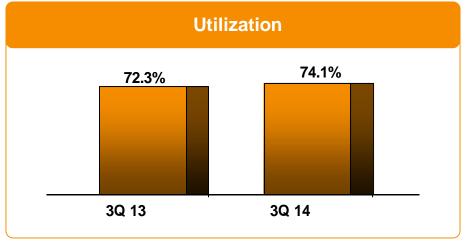
### Q3 Year over Year Performance



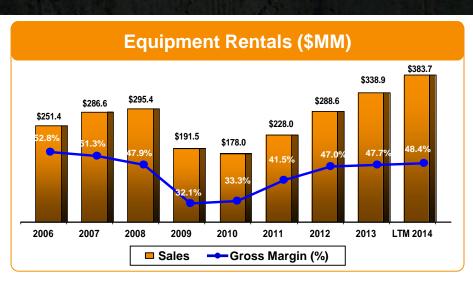


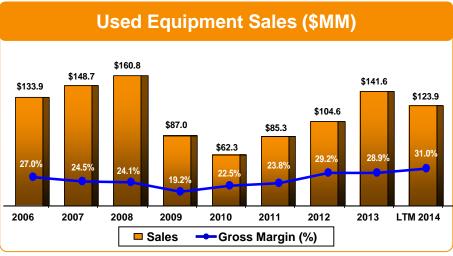








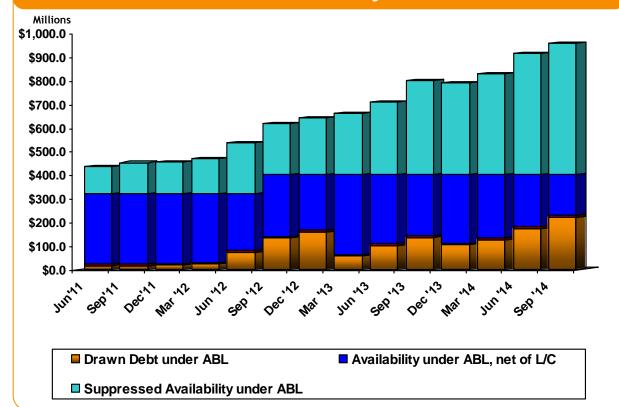






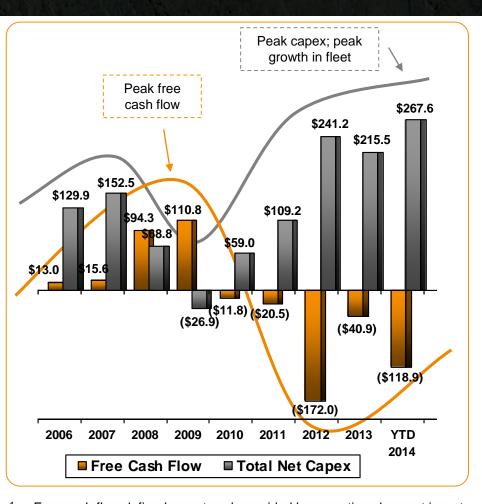


# Components of Asset-Backed Loan (ABL) Credit Facility



#### **ABL Credit Facility:**

- Liquidity under facility.
  - \$220.5 million drawn under ABL at September 30, 2014.
  - \$175.5 million of availability, net of letters of credit, under the ABL at September 30, 2014.
  - Suppressed availability (supporting asset value in excess of facility size) under ABL borrowing base certificate was \$555.9 million at September 30, 2014.



#### **Managing Cash Through The Cycle**

- Continued growth in rental fleet with increased demand.
  - Increased fleet \$118 million in 2013.
  - Increased fleet \$196 million YTD 2014.

Free cash flow defined as net cash provided by operations less net investment. See Appendix A for non-GAAP measures and reconciliations.

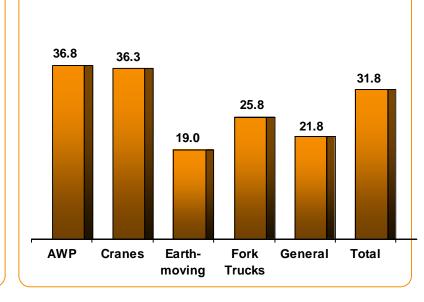
Total Net Capex is defined as gross investment less proceeds from the sale of rental equipment and property and equipment, and includes non-cash transfers from inventory to rental fleet.



### Rental Cap-Ex Summary (\$MM)

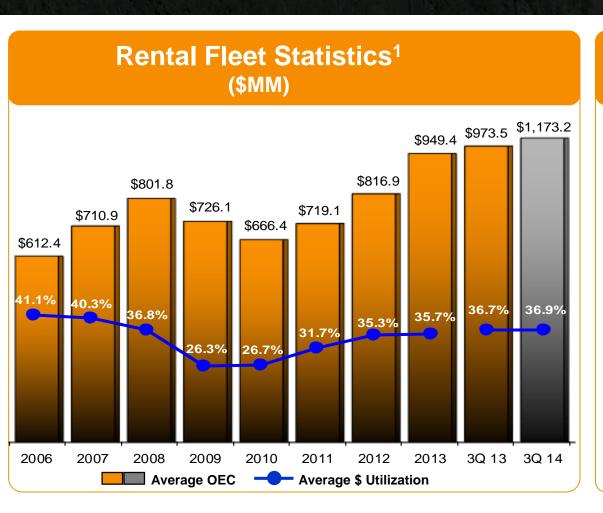
	2010	2011	2012	2013	YTD 2014
Gross Rental CapEx <sup>1</sup>	\$ 102.5	\$ 155.6	\$ 296.4	\$ 303.3	\$ 316.4
Sale of Rental Equipment	\$ (47.6)	\$ (63.4)	\$ (90.5)	\$ (114.6)	\$ (71.6)
Net Rental CapEx	\$ 54.9	\$ 92.2	\$ 205.9	\$ 188.7	\$ 244.8

## Fleet Age by Equipment Type (months)

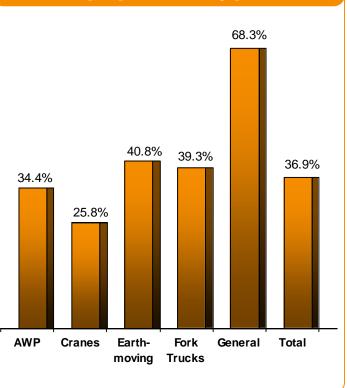


Note: Fleet statistics as of September 30, 2014.

Gross rental cap-ex includes amounts transferred from new and used inventory.



# \$ Utilization by Equipment Type<sup>1</sup>



Note: Fleet statistics as of September 30, 2014.

Represents rental revenues annualized divided by the average original equipment cost.

#### **Capital Structure** (\$MM)

#### 9/30/14 Cash 5.3 Debt: Sr. Sec'd Credit Facility (ABL) 220.5 Senior Unsecured Notes<sup>1</sup> 630.0 **Capital Leases Payable** 2.1 **Total Debt** 852.6 Shareholders' Equity 125.7 **Total Book Capitalization** \$ 978.3

#### **Credit Statistics**

	12/31/09	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13	LTM 9/30/14
Adj. EBITDA <sup>2</sup> / Total Interest Exp.	3.9x	2.8x	4.9x	5.8x	5.0x	5.7x
Total Net Debt <sup>3</sup> / Adj. EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	1.7x	2.8x	1.7x	3.3x	2.8x	2.9x
Debt/ Total Capitalization	47.7%	50.0%	50.4%	93.4%	88.6%	87.2%

Senior Unsecured Notes exclude \$8.3 million of unaccreted note discount and \$7.0 million of unamortized premium.

Excludes the impact of (a) the non-cash asset impairment charge of \$9.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2009 and (b) the \$10.2 million loss from early extinguishment of debt incurred in the third quarter of 2012. See Appendix A for a reconciliation of Non-GAAP measures.

Net debt is defined as total debt less cash on hand.





Appendix A-Unaudited Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures



We define EBITDA as net income (loss) before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2012 as EBITDA adjusted for the \$10.2 million loss from early extinguishment of debt incurred in the third quarter ended September 30, 2012. We define Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2009 as EBITDA adjusted for the \$9.0 million goodwill impairment charge recorded in the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009. We define Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Net Income per Share for the year ended December 31, 2012 as Net Income and Net Income per Share, adjusted for the \$10.2 million loss from early extinguishment of debt, net of income taxes, incurred in the third quarter ended September 30, 2012. We define Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Net Income per Share for the year ended December 31, 2009 as Net Income and Net Income per Share, adjusted for the \$9.0 million goodwill impairment charge, net of income taxes, recorded in the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009. We define Adjusted EBITDA for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, as applicable, as EBITDA adjusted for: (1) the \$22.7 million impairment of goodwill and intangible assets recorded in 2008; (2) the \$0.3 million loss and \$40.8 million loss on the early extinguishment of debt in connection with our refinancing recorded in 2007 and 2006, respectively; and (3) the \$8.0 million fee paid for the termination of a management services agreement in connection with our Initial Public Offering in 2006.

We use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in our business operations to, among other things, evaluate the performance of our business, develop budgets and measure our performance against those budgets. We also believe that analysts and investors use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as supplemental measures to evaluate a company's overall operating performance. However, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have material limitations as analytical tools and you should not consider them in isolation, or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. We consider them useful tools to assist us in evaluating performance because they eliminate items related to capital structure, taxes and non-cash charges. The items that we have eliminated in determining EBITDA are interest expense, income taxes, depreciation of fixed assets (which includes rental equipment and property and equipment) and amortization of intangible assets and, in the case of Adjusted EBITDA, any goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges and the other items described above applicable to the particular period. However, some of these eliminated items are significant to our business. For example, (i) interest expense is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue because we incur a significant amount of interest expense related to our outstanding indebtedness; (ii) payment of income taxes is a necessary element of our costs; and (iii) depreciation is a necessary element of our costs and ability to generate revenue because rental equipment is the single largest component of our total assets and we recognize a significant amount of depreciation expense over the estimated useful life of this equipment. Any measure that eliminates components of our capital structure and costs associated with carrying significant amounts of fixed assets on our balance sheet has material limitations as a performance measure. In light of the foregoing limitations, we do not rely solely on EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA as performance measures and also consider our GAAP results. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measurements of our financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered alternatives to net income, operating income or any other measures derived in accordance with GAAP.

Because EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Free Cash Flow are not calculated in the same manner by all companies, they may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies. We define "free cash flow" as net cash provided by/used in operating activities less purchases of rental equipment and property and equipment plus proceeds from the sales of rental equipment and property and equipment. We believe free cash flow provides useful additional information concerning cash flow available to meet future debt service obligations and working capital requirements. However, free cash flow is not a measure of financial performance or liquidity under GAAP. Accordingly, free cash flow should not be considered an alternative to net income or cash flow from operating activities as indicators of operating performance or liquidity.

(\$ in thousands)

Adjusted EBITDA	\$213,984	\$246,787	\$248,050	\$121,483	\$ 80,962	\$140,266	\$206,682	\$255,454	\$295,398	\$ 69,974	\$ 83,135
intangible asset <sup>3</sup>	-	-	22,721	8,972	_	-	-	-	-	   – 	_
agreement termination fee <sup>2</sup> Impairment of goodwill and	8,000	-	-	_	_	-	-	_	_	I I – I	-
Loss on early extinguishment of debt <sup>1</sup> Management services	40,771	320	_	_	_	_	10,180	_	_	; ! ! _	_
EBITDA	\$165,213	\$246,467	\$225,329	\$112,511	\$ 80,962	\$140,266	\$196,502	\$255,454	\$295,398	\$ 69,974	\$ 83,135
income taxes Depreciation Amortization of intangibles	9,695 85,077 46	40,789 103,221 1,060	26,101 115,453 2,224	(6,178) 98,702 591	(14,920) 91,707 559	3,215 99,036 362	15,612 116,447 66	21,007 138,903 –	32,855 157,883 –	7,023 35,805 -	11,815 42,849 –
Net income (loss) Interest expense Provision (benefit) for	\$ 32,712 37,683	\$ 64,626 36,771	\$ 43,296 38,255	\$ (11,943) 31,339	\$ (25,460) 29,076	\$ 8,926 28,727	\$ 28,836 35,541	\$ 44,140 51,404	\$ 53,063 51,597	1	\$ 15,300 13,171
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	LTM 09/30/14	Q3 <u>13</u>	Q4 14

Adjustments relate to a loss on early extinguishment of the Company's Senior Secured and Senior Subordinated Notes.

Adjustment relates to \$8.0 million of fees paid in connection with the termination of a management services agreement.

Adjustments relate to non-cash goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges of \$22.7 million in 2008 and non-cash goodwill impairment charges of \$9.0 million in 2009.

(\$ in thousands)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	YTD 09/30/14
Cash flows from operating activities Net Investment (per cash flows from investing activities)	\$ 117.7	\$ 104.1	\$ 120.5	\$ 72.9	\$ 17.9	\$ 60.4	\$ 41.0	\$ 138.7	\$ 106.6
Purchases of property and equipment	(16.7)	(18.0)	(24.6)	(19.4)	(4.7)	(18.4)	(37.4)	(29.5)	(25.0)
Purchases of rental equipment	(195.8)	(194.1)	(125.9)	(15.1)	(73.2)	(127.2)	(268.2)	(267.5)	(274.3)
Proceeds from sales of property									
and equipment	2.0	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.6	1.4	2.1	2.8	2.2
Proceeds from sales of rental equipment	105.7	122.6	123.1	71.0	47.6	63.4	90.5	114.6	71.6
Free cash flow	\$ 13.0	\$ 15.6	\$ 94.3	\$ 110.8	\$ (11.8)	\$ (20.5)	\$(172.0)	\$ (40.9)	\$(118.9)

Note: Free cash flow for 2006, 2007, and 2008 excludes acquisition of business, net of cash and operating lease equipment purchased.