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#### **Business Opportunity**



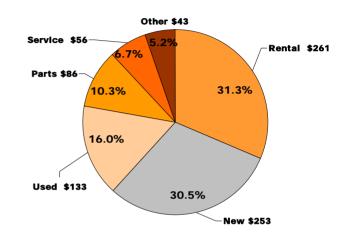


#### **H&E Equipment Services – Snapshot**

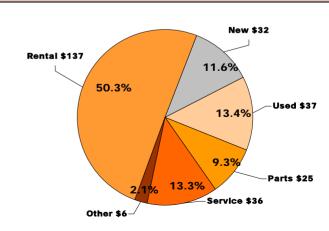
## Leading integrated equipment services company with \$831.9 million of LTM (as of 3/31/07) revenue

- H&E's integrated distribution and rental model reduces effects of cyclicality on the Company and reduces capital intensity of H&E's operations
- 47 full service facilities across the Southwest, Southeast, Intermountain, West Coast and Gulf Coast regions of the U.S.
- Strong supplier relationships with Komatsu, Grove, Manitowoc, Terex and JLG
- Strong track record of growth, profitability and cash flow

#### LTM Revenue by Business Segment (\$ in millions)



#### LTM Gross Profit by Business Segment (\$ in millions)





#### **Business Highlights**

Business Environment Remains Robust

- We are NOT materially exposed to the residential housing markets
- Non-residential/construction growth remains strong
- Government infrastructure projects accelerating
  - Roads, bridges, levy repair, etc.
  - Power generation facilities
- ▶ High commodity prices providing additional support
  - Mining
  - Petrochemicals



We Have a Winning Business Model

- ▶ Rent, Sell, Service—one-stop equipment solutions provider
- Competitive advantage versus pure distribution or pure rental
  - Maximizes customer penetration
  - Captures profitable parts and service business
  - Improves rental returns by controlling the sale of used equipment
- ▶ Competitors are trying to move to our model—we're already there



We are Focused on High Growth Regions

- Operations centered in the Southwest, Southeast, Intermountain, West Coast and Gulf Coast
- ▶ Well-positioned to benefit from the ongoing Katrina and Rita re-building
- Footprint provides strong exposure to petrochemical, mining and energy sector
- J.W. Burress acquisition creates a mid-Atlantic platform



We Have Significant Growth Opportunities

- Multiple growth opportunities
  - Expansion of our distribution business into new markets
  - Investment in our rental fleet
  - Growth of our high margin parts and services business
  - Selected acquisitions and Greenfield startups in high growth markets





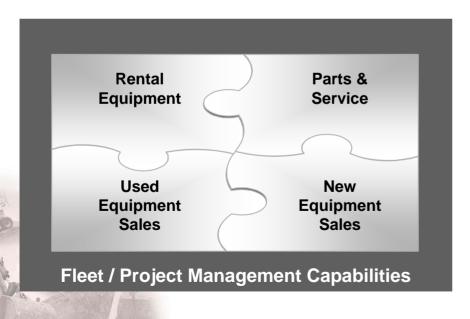
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## New Equipment Sales Parts & Service Sales

#### **Traditional Rental Model**

Rental Equipment

#### **H&E Integrated Equipment Services Model**



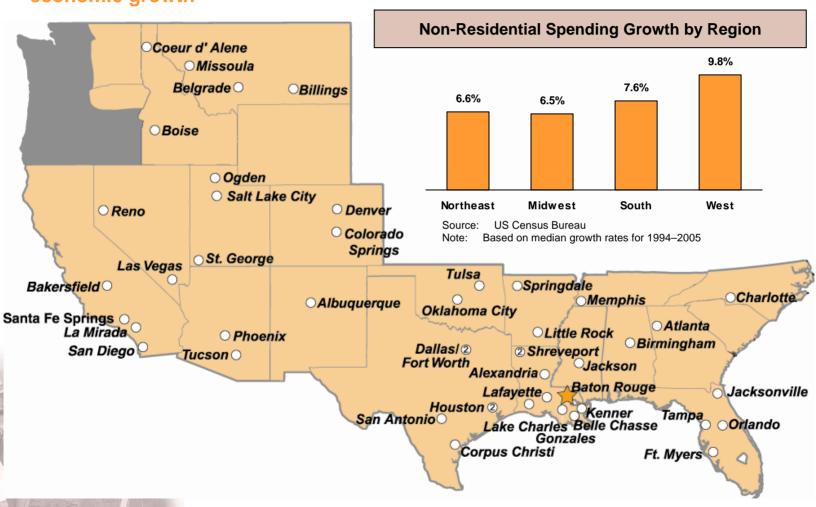
#### **Key Advantages:**

- Multiple points of contact with the customer
- High-margin parts and service operation
- Profitable disposal of used equipment
- Difficult to replicate infrastructure
- Improved purchasing power
- Balanced gross margin contribution

## We are Focused on High Growth Regions in the U.S.



Our markets are benefiting from strong population growth, expansion in the non-residential construction, petrochemical and mining markets as well as regional economic growth





#### **Key End Market Drivers Remain Robust**

#### Monthly Non-Residential Construction Spending Continues to Increase

- The previous growth cycle lasted approximately 8 years.
- We estimate we are 4 years into the current expansion and growth is forecasted into 2009.

#### Infrastructure Spending Continues to Increase

- Spending on infrastructure construction expected to continue increasing.
- Upgrades to aging infrastructure and the 2005 Highway Bill to boost spending.

#### Rental Indicators Remain Positive

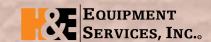
- Strong time utilization.
- Expect continued, although moderating, rate increases.
- Solid dollar returns.

#### Mining Exploration and Oil Prices Increasing

- Historically high global oil and gas prices benefit H&E due to strong Gulf Coast footprint.
- H&E's Intermountain branches have benefited from strong commodity markets which have fueled exploration spending.
- The opening of new mine sites (or re-opening of older sites) typically requires heavy equipment rental and purchase.

#### Rental and Distribution Markets Exhibit Favorable Long Term Growth Trends

- Rental industry continues to achieve long-term growth.
- Rental value proposition versus owning remains.
- Secular shift continues to drive rental penetration.
- U.S. remains under-penetrated by rental (vs. ownership) relative to other developed economies.



#### We Have Multiple Growth Opportunities

#### **Key Growth Strategies**

#### **Examples**

#### New Locations in High Growth Markets

- ▶ 2007 store openings or expansion to full-service in Austin, Corpus Christi and Fontana
- Evaluating additional locations in other high growth markets and created new management position with sole focus on evaluating expansion opportunities

#### Targeted Fleet Investment

Will continue to invest in fleet given high utilization and strong incremental return

#### **Expand Service Business**

- Service operations near capacity in most markets
- Added approximately 60 new technicians in 2006<sup>1</sup>
- No significant capital investment required

#### **Bolt-On Acquisitions**

- Opportunity to add additional products and services
- Definitive agreement with distributor J.W. Burress located in the mid-Atlantic region
- Additional bolt-on acquisitions on an opportunistic basis in target markets

#### Note:

Excluding technicians obtained through the Eagle acquisition

## The Potential Acquisition of Burress Provides a Platform for Mid-Atlantic Expansion



#### **Acquisition Rationale**

- Creates a platform for mid-Atlantic expansion
  - Adds twelve facilities in four states: Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia
- Formula-based purchase price represents 4.5x LTM ex-Hitachi Adjusted EBITDA plus the assumption of \$0.4 million in debt<sup>1</sup>.

Revenue (\$MM)

2006

\$178.0

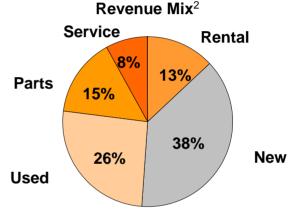
(\$ in millions)

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Revenues<sup>2</sup>

#### **Company Overview**

 Private company focused primarily on sales of new and used equipment



- Currently approximately 240 total employees, including 40 salesman and 90 technicians
- Relationships with leading suppliers, including:















We signed a definitive agreement with Burress on May 15; closing of this potential acquisition is subject to a number of conditions (See our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 17, 2007)

<sup>1</sup> Purchase price is estimated and is subject to adjustments.

<sup>2</sup> Based on preliminary December 31, 2006 unaudited revenues.

## **Experienced Management Team with Significant Equity Stake**



### H&E's senior management team has a long history in the industry with significant operational experience

Name	Position	Years With Company	Years in Industry
John Engquist	President, CEO & Director	32	32
Leslie Magee	CFO & Secretary	12	12
Brad Barber	Executive Vice President and General Manager	9	12
Bill Fox	VP, Cranes & Earthmoving	11	26
John Jones	VP, Product Support	12	30
	Average	15	22

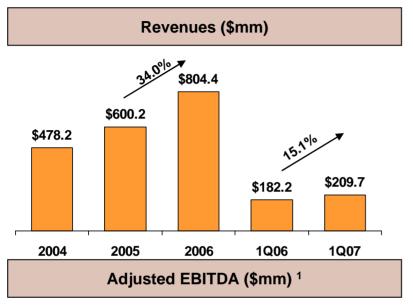
Senior management owns approximately 11% of the Company

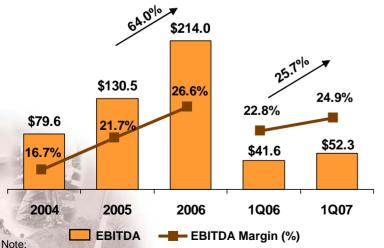
#### **Financial Overview**





#### Momentum in Our Business Continues...





#### **Comments**

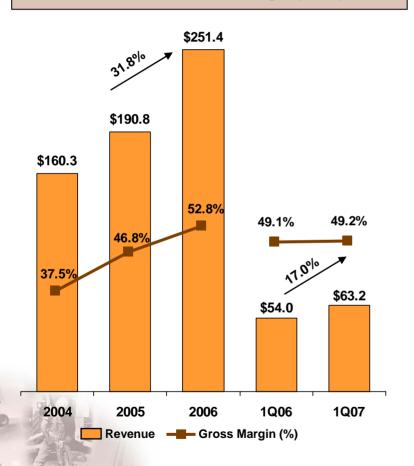
- Revenue growth continues to accelerate
- Incremental sales driving continued margin enhancement
- Solid pricing environment

As adjusted basis excludes the Q106 non-recurring charge of \$8.0 million related to the termination of a management services agreement in connection with the IPO in February 2006 and the \$40.8 million loss on the early extinguishment of debt in connection with our refinancing in August 2006. See Appendix A for a reconciliation of Non-GAAP financial measures.

## **Equipment Rentals— Segment Financial Summary**



#### **Revenues and Gross Margin (\$mm)**

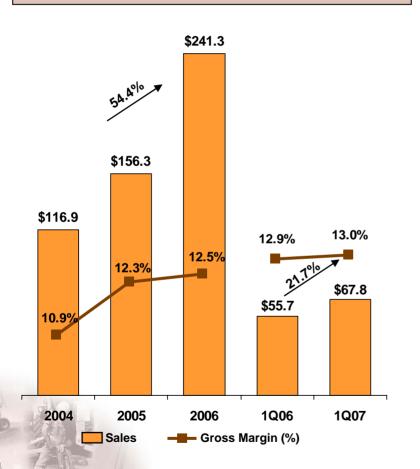


- Revenues up 31.8% for 2006 versus 2005
- Revenues up 17.0% in 1Q07
  - Rental rates remain strong
- Gross margin remains strong
  - Time utilization & dollar returns continuing to improve moving into spring and summer weather conditions
  - Reduced maintenance and repair costs as a % of revenues
- Expect strong growth in 2007
  - Opportunity for additional rate increases and fleet growth in our West Coast market
  - 2/3 of fleet growth occurred in second half of 2006; expect continued, although moderated, fleet growth in 2007

#### New Equipment Sales— Segment Financial Summary



#### Sales and Gross Margin (\$mm)

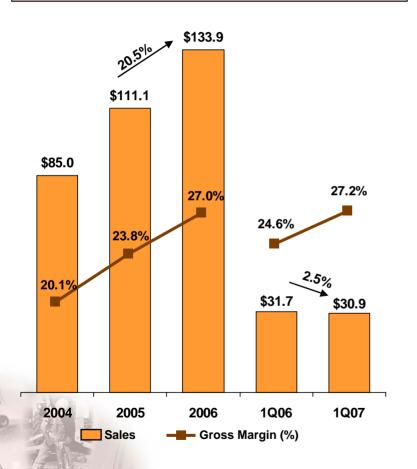


- Sales up 54.4% for the 2006 versus 2005
  - Strong sales growth in all product lines
- Sales up 21.7% for 1Q07
- Strong market drivers such as the petrochemical industry, mining activity, highway bill and hurricane rebuilding should continue to drive growth
- ► Gross margin up 20 bps 2006 versus 2005

#### Used Equipment Sales— Segment Financial Summary



#### Sales and Gross Margin (\$mm)

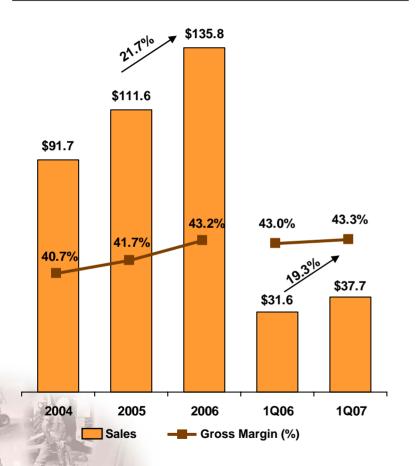


- Represents an extension of the rental business
- Strong retail sales capability
  - Maximizes residual values
  - Controls fleet age and mix
- ► Used equipment gross margin up approximately 320 bps in 2006 versus 2005 and 260 bps in Q107 versus Q106

## Parts & Service— Segment Financial Summary



#### Sales and Gross Margin (\$mm)



- Sales up 21.7% in 2006 versus 2005
- Sales up 19.3% for 1Q07
- Provides a relatively stable and high-margin revenue source
  - All-makes repair
  - Adding technicians
  - Increasing charge-out rates

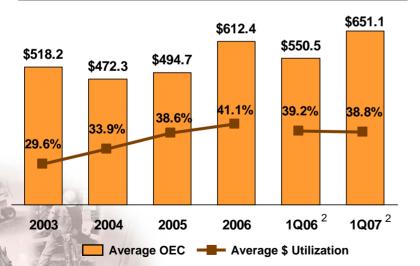


#### **Capital Expenditures**

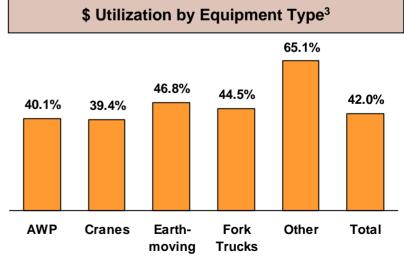
#### **Rental CapEx Summary**

(\$ in millions)	2004	2005	2006	YTD2007
Gross Rental CapEx <sup>1</sup>	\$82.2	\$182.6	\$221.0	\$41.3
Sale of Rental Equipment	(\$65.4)	(\$87.0)	(\$105.7)	(\$28.1)
Net Rental CapEx	\$16.8	\$95.6	\$115.3	\$13.2

#### **Rental Fleet Statistics (\$mm)**



# Fleet Age by Equipment Type (months) 42.9 37.6 24.7 25.6 18.5 AWP Cranes Earth- Fork Other Total moving Trucks



Note: Fleet statistics as of March 31, 2007

- 1 Gross purchases include amounts transferred from new and used inventory. Gross capex for 2006 excludes February and March purchases of equipment previously held under operating leases.
- 2 Represents quarterly rental revenues annualized divided by the average monthly original rental fleet equipment for the three months ended March 31, 2007.
- 3 Represents monthly rental revenues annualized divided by the original rental fleet equipment costs at March 31, 2007.





#### **Current Capital Structure**

(\$mm)	3/31/07
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$12.7
Debt:	
Senior Secured Credit Facility due 2009	5.1
11.125% Senior Secured Notes due 2012¹	4.5
8.375% Senior Unsecured Notes due 2016	250.0
Other Notes Payable	2.0
Total Debt	261.6
Shareholder's Equity	247.6
Total Book Capitalization	509.2

#### **Credit Statistics**

	12/31/05	12/31/06	LTM
Adj. EBITDA <sup>2</sup> / Total Interest Exper	nse 3.1x	5.7x	6.2x
Total Debt / Adj. EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	2.7x	1.2x	1.2x
Debt / Total Capitalization	101.5%	53.0%	51.4%

Net of discount.

As adjusted basis excludes the 1Q06 non-recurring charge of \$8.0 million related to the termination of a management services agreement in connection with the IPO in February 2006 and the \$40.8 million loss on the early extinguishment of debt in connection with our refinancing in August 2006. See Appendix A for a reconciliation of Non-GAAP financial measures.

#### Conclusions



Key Business Drivers
Remain Strong

Right Time

We Have a Winning Business Model

Right Company

We are Focused on High Growth Regions

Right Markets

We Have Significant Growth Opportunities



#### **Appendix A—Unaudited Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**



## Unaudited Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures



We define EBITDA as net income before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2006 as EBITDA adjusted for the \$8.0 million fees paid in connection with the termination of a management services agreement. For the year ended December 31, 2006, we define Adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA adjusted for the \$8.0 million fees paid in connection with the termination of a management services agreement and the \$40.8 million loss on the early extinguishment of debt in connection with our refinancing. 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 these in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. We find them as 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 and Adjusted 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, the loss from litigation. 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 as alternatives to net income, operating income or any other measures derived in accordance with GAAP. Because EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not calculated in the same manner by all companies, they may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies.

Set forth on the following page are reconciliations of net income (loss) to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA. Also, we have included reconciliations of income from operations, net income, basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share as reported to a Non-GAAP basis (or As Adjusted). We believe the amounts for the periods presented on an as adjusted basis are more meaningful measurements of our financial performance as compared to comparable periods as a result of excluding non-recurring charges.

## **Unaudited Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**



(Amounts in thousands)			Three Month Period Ended March 31,				
				2006 2006			
				As Reported	Adjustment(1)	(As Adjusted)	2007
Gross profit				\$ 56,023	\$ -	\$ 56,023	\$ 65,711
Selling, general and administrative expense	nses			41,043	(8,000)	33,043	37,155
Gain on sales of property and equipmen	t, net			99		99	308
Income from operations				15,079	8,000	23,079	28,864
Interest expense Other income, net				(10,167) 75	_	(10,167) 75	(8,703) 137
Income before provision income taxes				4,987	8,000	12,987	20,298
Provision for income taxes				1,067	1,712	2,779	8,164
Net income				\$ 3,920	\$ 6,288	\$ 10,208	\$ 12,134
EARNINGS PER SHARE Basic – Earnings per share			\$ 0.12	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.32	
Basic – Weighted average number of common shares outstanding  Diluted – Earnings per share			33,458 <b>\$ 0.12</b>	33,458 <b>\$ 0.19</b>	33,458 <b>\$ 0.31</b>	38,087 <b>\$ 0.32</b>	
Diluted – Weighted average number of	common shares	outstanding		33,462	33,462	33,462	38,114
				Three	Month Period	d Ended March	31,
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	2006	As Reported			2007
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Net income (loss) Interest expense	\$ (13,737) 39,856	\$ 28,160 41,822	\$ 32,714 37,684	\$ 3,920 10,167			\$ 12,134 8,703
Provision for income taxes	39,000	673	9,694	1,067			8,164
Depreciation and amortization	53,526	59,859	85,123	18.440			23.269
EBITDA	\$ 79,645	\$ 130,514	\$ 165,215	\$ 33,594			\$ 52,270
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	_	_	40,771	_			_
Management services agreement			9 000	9.000			
termination fee Adjusted EBITDA	* 79,645	 \$ 130,514	8,000 <b>\$ 213,986</b>	8,000 <b>\$ 41,594</b>	-		\$ 52,270
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<sup>(1)</sup> Adjustment relates to a non-recurring charge of \$8.0 million for the termination of a management services agreement in connection with the Company's initial public offering in February 2006.