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John Engquist
Chief Executive Officer

Second Quarter Highlights

- ▶ Extreme rainfall/flooding, ongoing softness in O&G markets major factors.
- ▶ Rental business remained strong.
- ▶ Continued to maintain industry leading utilization despite challenges.
- ▶ Continued fleet redeployment into other regions.

Revenue/ Gross Margin

- ▶ Revenue was \$262.4 million vs. \$280.4 million in Q2 2014.
- ▶ Rental revenues up 9.9%.
- ▶ Gross margin was 32.9% vs. 31.8% a year ago.

Income from Operations/ EBITDA

- ▶ Income from operations was \$33.0 million (12.6% margin) vs. Q2 2014 income from operations of \$37.9 million (13.5% margin).
- ▶ EBITDA increased 1.0% to \$79.4 million (30.3% margin) vs. Q2 2014 EBITDA of \$78.7 million (28.1% margin).

Net Income

- ▶ Net income was \$11.5 million vs. net income of \$15.7 million in Q2 2014.
- ▶ Effective tax rate was 40.9% this quarter vs. 38.0% a year ago.
- ▶ Net income per share was \$0.33 vs. \$0.45 a year ago.

Fleet Utilization

- ▶ Time utilization (based on OEC) was 70.3% vs. 72.7% in Q2 2014.
- ▶ Time utilization (based on units) was 67.7% vs. 67.0% in Q2 2014.

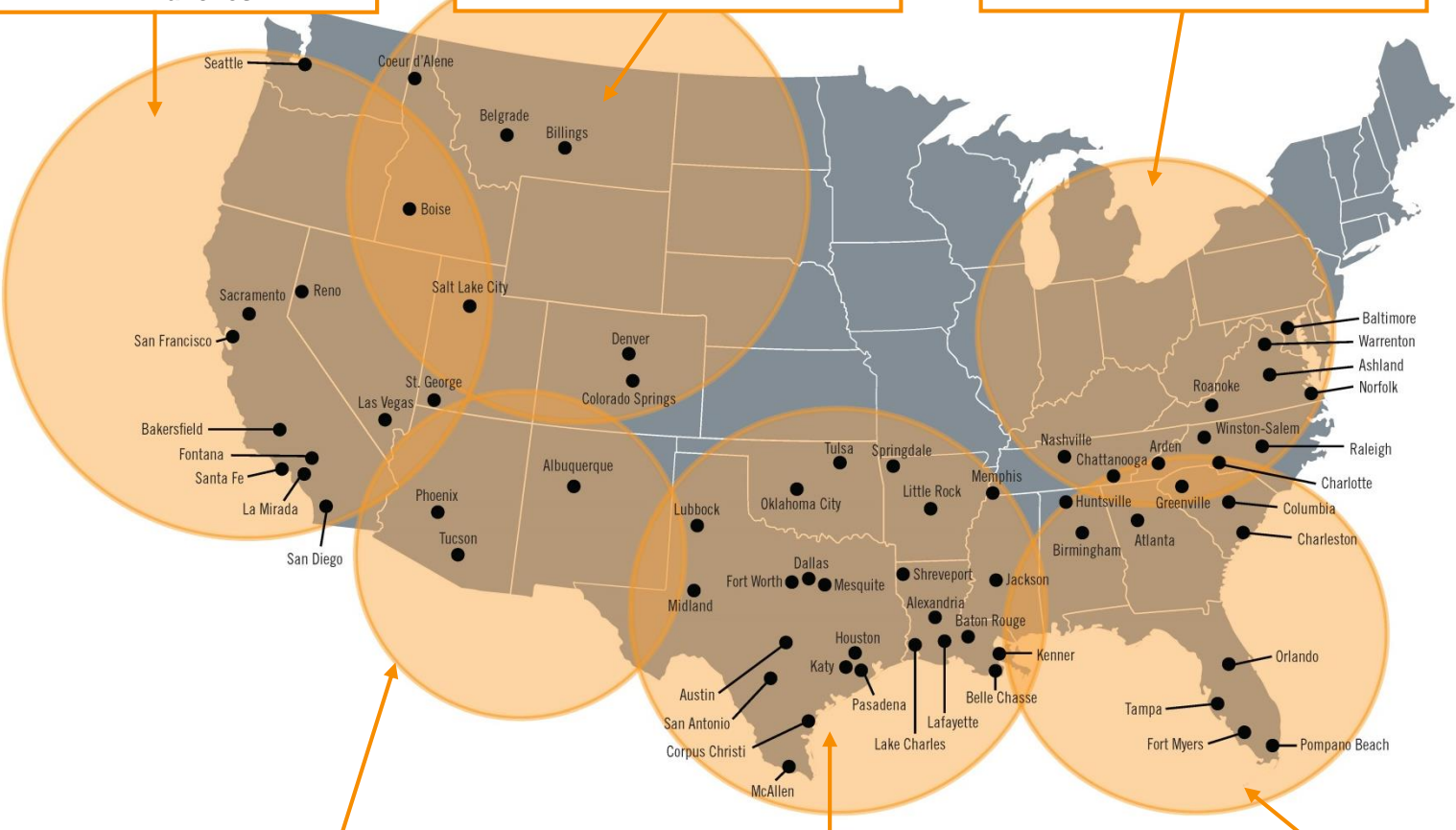
Rental Momentum Continues

- ▶ 9.9% rental revenue growth vs. Q2 2014.
- ▶ Rental gross margins were 46.7% vs. 48.4%.
- ▶ Rental rates improved 0.9% over Q2 2014 rates.
- ▶ Dollar utilization was 34.2% vs. 36.3% in Q2 2014.

West Coast
 9% Revenue - 11% Gross Profit
 11 Branches

Intermountain
 13% Revenue - 14% Gross Profit
 7 Branches

Mid-Atlantic
 12% Revenue - 11% Gross Profit
 12 Branches



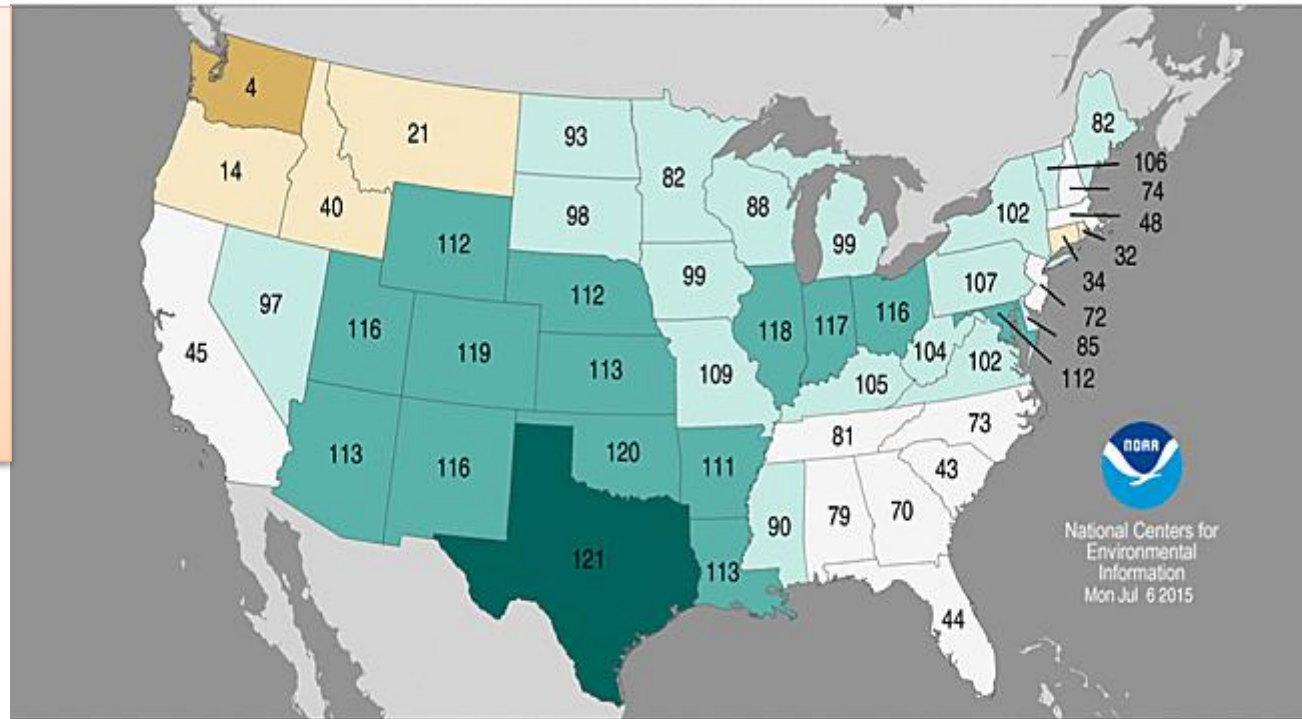
Southwest
 5% Revenue - 5% Gross Profit
 3 Branches

Gulf Coast
 53% Revenue - 51% Gross Profit
 28 Branches

Southeast
 8% Revenue - 8% Gross Profit
 10 Branches

Statewide Precipitation Ranks April-June 2015 Period: 1895-2015

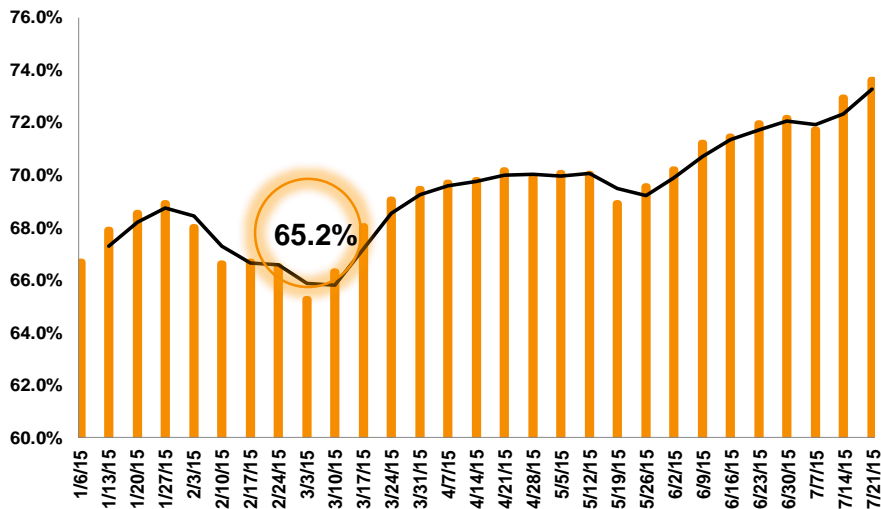
- ▶ Record setting rainfall/flooding in our Gulf Coast region, much above average precipitation in our Intermountain region.
- ▶ Nearly 50% of our total fleet resides in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas.
- ▶ Construction activity declined sharply, especially in May.



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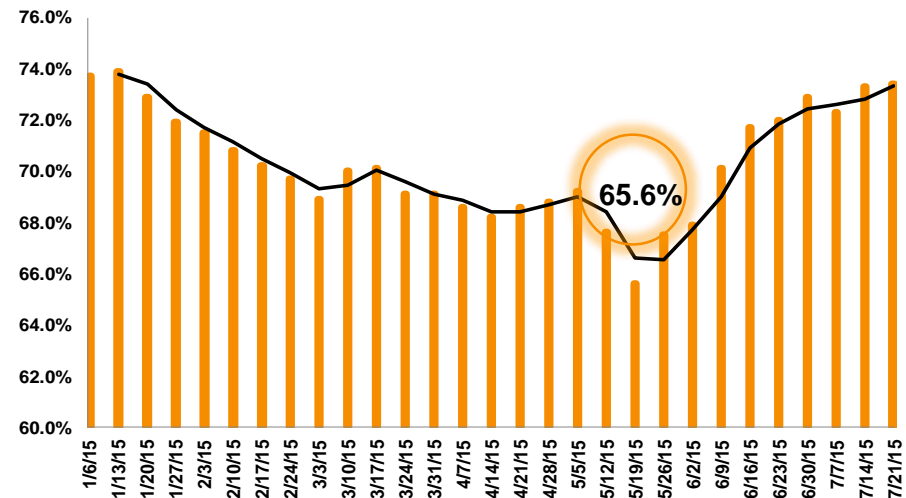


Total Weekly Utilization as % of OEC on Rent



- ▶ Total company weekly utilization dropped to a low of 65.2% in March largely as a result of the weakness in the O&G markets.
- ▶ Since the low point in March, utilization has increased over 800 basis points to 73.6%.
- ▶ Utilization for the week of 7/21/15 marks the first time exceeding weekly y-o-y utilization in 2015.

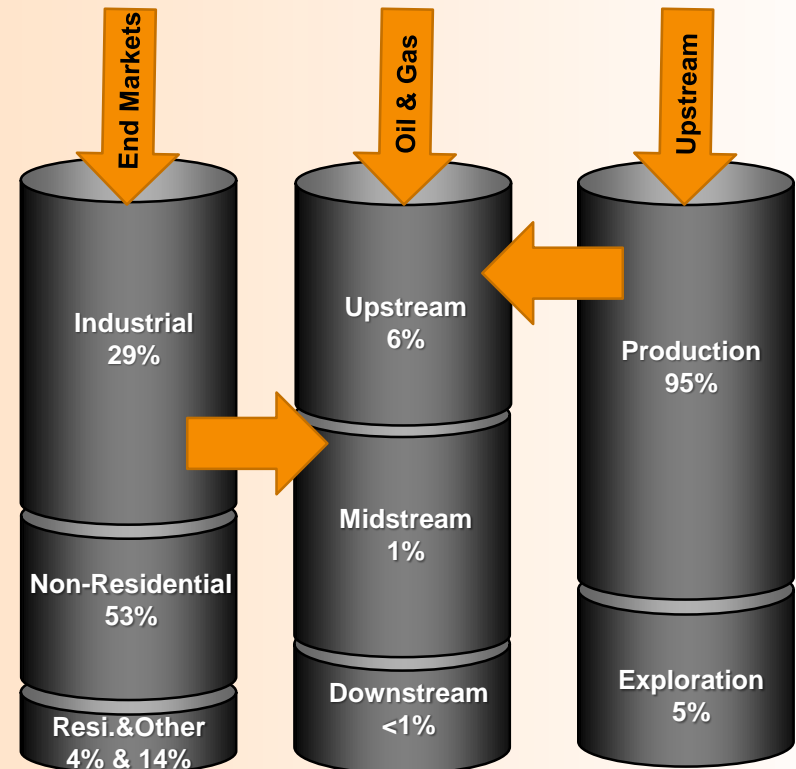
Texas Weekly Utilization as % of OEC on Rent

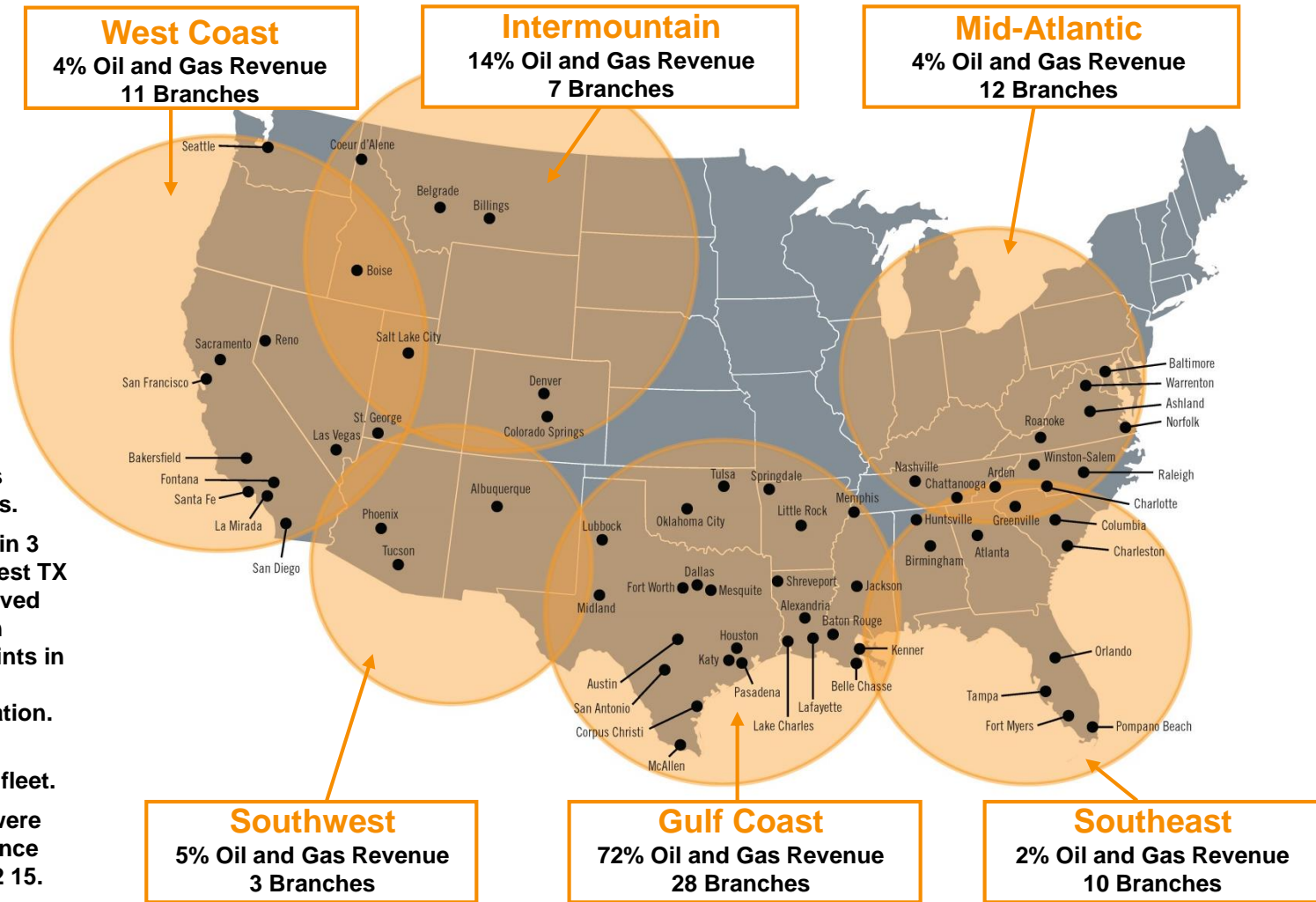


- ▶ Texas weekly utilization dropped to a low of 65.6% in May largely as a result of the rainfall/flooding.
- ▶ Since the low point in May, utilization has increased nearly 800 basis points to 73.4% utilization.
- ▶ Texas branches combined represent approximately 1/4 of total company OEC.

- ▶ Total revenue exposure to oil & gas was ~7% in Q2 15.
- ▶ Upstream oil & gas exploration and production exposure represented ~6% of total revenue in Q2 15.
- ▶ Vast majority, ~95%, of upstream exposure tied to production rather than exploration.
- ▶ Weakness in O&G markets has significantly impacted new crane demand; visibility remains limited.
- ▶ Believe significant growth opportunities exist in the construction and industrial markets which are benefitting from low natural gas prices.

Oil & Gas Accounts for ~7% of Total Revenue in Q2 2015

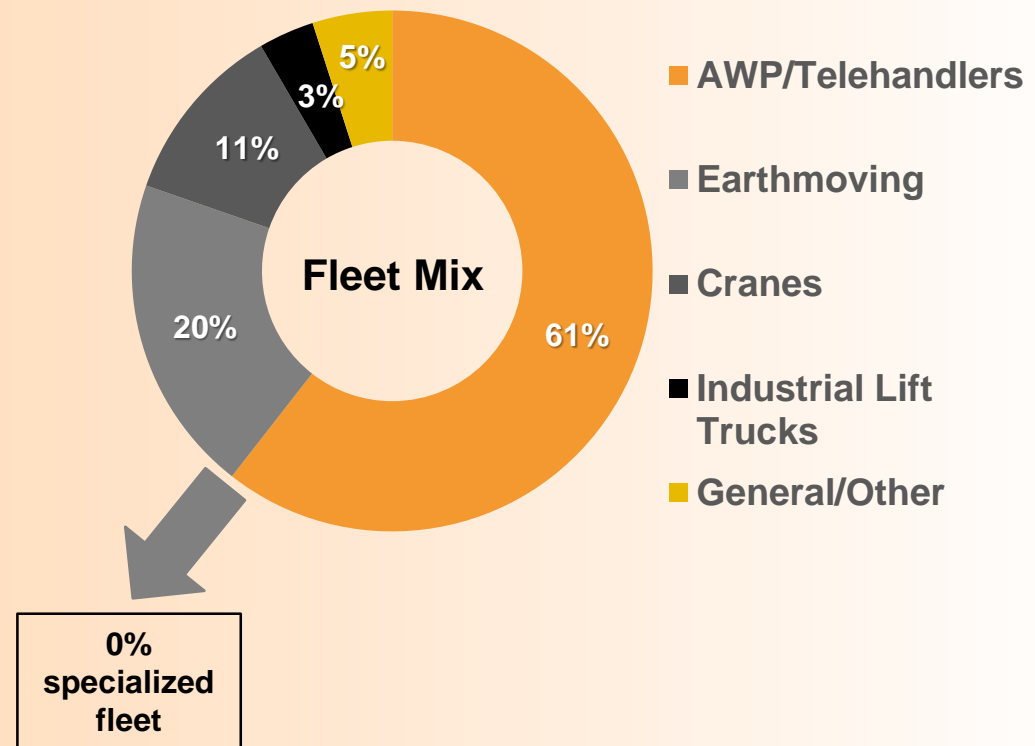




- ▶ Majority of our oil and gas exposure remains in Texas.
- ▶ Currently, time utilization in 3 branches comprising largest TX O&G exposure, has improved over 1,000 basis points on average from their low points in Q2 15 and are currently averaging near 75% utilization.
- ▶ These 3 stores represent approximately 9% of total fleet.
- ▶ These branch fleet sizes were reduced on average 8% since low point of demand in Q2 15.

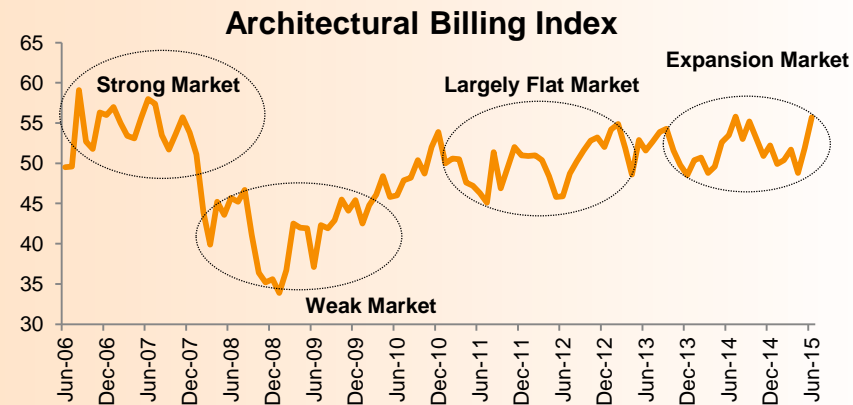
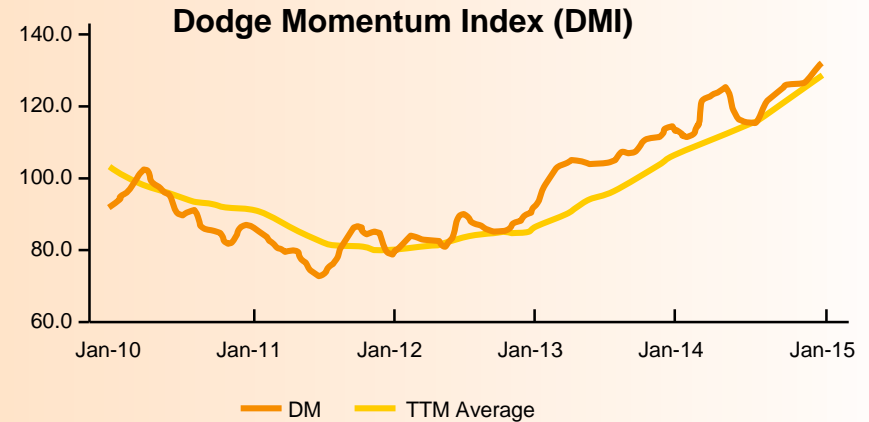
- ▶ 100% of fleet is transferrable.
- ▶ None of fleet is specialized for oil and gas industry applications.
- ▶ Idle fleet can be redeployed efficiently in other markets.
- ▶ Fleet mix core to our fleet management strategy.
- ▶ Flexible capex spending plans combined with proven fleet management and systems, demonstrated by industry leading rental revenue growth and utilization.

Fleet Mix a Positive in any Market Environment



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

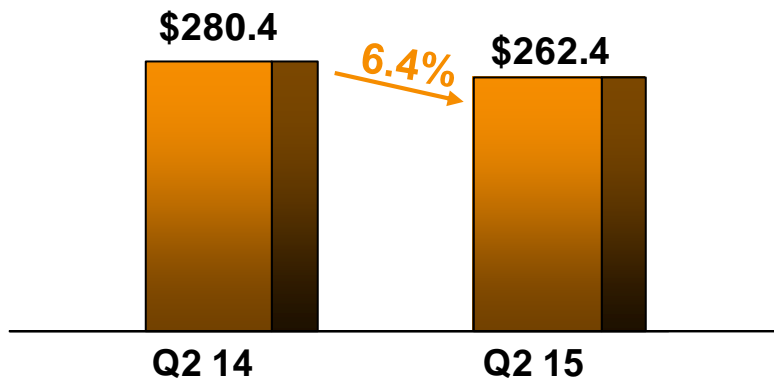
- ▶ Traditional commercial construction activity in a multi-year upcycle.
- ▶ Strong industrial markets and less industrial regions showing meaningful increases in demand.
- ▶ Petrochemical related construction markets remain very strong despite significantly lower oil prices.
- ▶ Expected capital investment in manufacturing and petrochemical facilities along Gulf Coast, especially in Louisiana, ramping up in 2015-2017.
- ▶ The Gulf Coast region continues to experience what is reported as the highest levels of non-residential construction starts and activity in the U.S.
- ▶ Improving labor statistics and modest GDP growth.
- ▶ Demand in end-user markets remains strong.



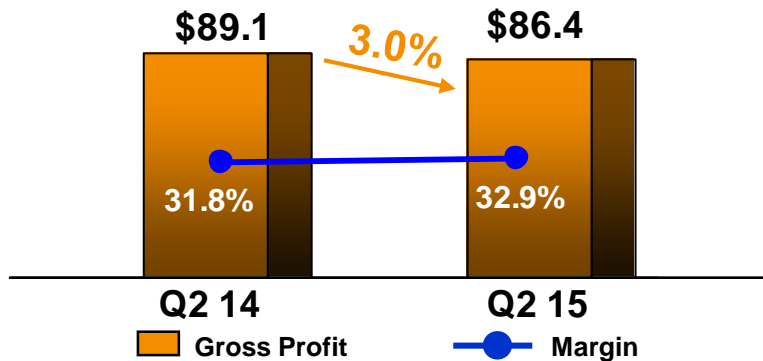


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Revenues (\$MM)



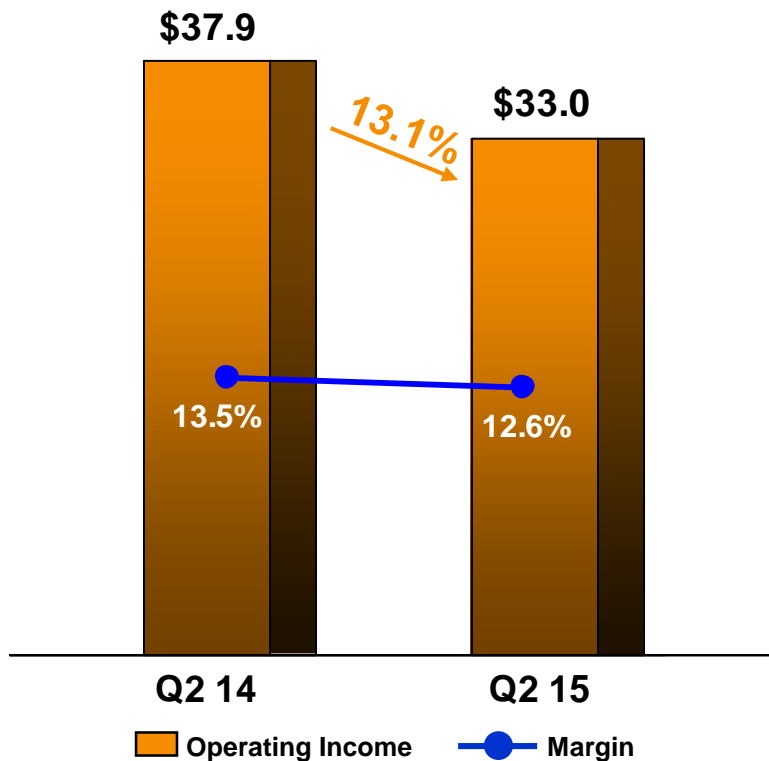
Gross Profit (\$MM)



Key Takeaways

- ▶ **Revenues decreased 6.4%.**
 - Net decrease is due to lower equipment sales.
 - Primarily driven by the 28.9% decrease in new equipment sales.
 - New cranes sales declined 41.8%, or \$26.4 million.
- ▶ **Rental demand remained strong.**
 - Rentals increased 9.9%.
 - Larger fleet and higher average rates.
 - Softness in O&G markets and wet spring resulted in a delayed seasonal ramp and lower year over year time utilization.
- ▶ **Gross profit decreased 3.0% on lower revenues.**
 - Gross margin was 32.9% vs. 31.8%.
 - Margins by segments Q2 15 vs. Q2 14:
 - Rentals 46.7% vs. 48.4%
 - New 11.8% vs. 12.3%
 - Used 32.2% vs. 32.9%
 - Fleet only 37.2% vs 35.4%
 - Parts 27.3% vs. 29.4%
 - Service 67.3% vs. 64.2%

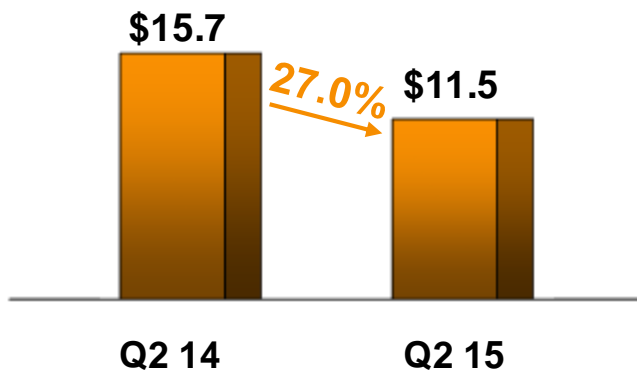
Income From Operations (\$MM)



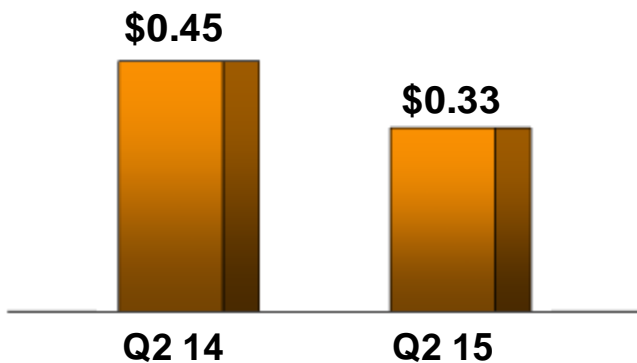
Key Takeaways

- ▶ **Income from operations was \$33.0 million compared to \$37.9 million a year ago.**
 - Declined on lower revenues and operating income margins.
 - Deleveraging in SG&A as % of revenues as new equipment sales have declined sharply with the weakness in the O&G markets, specifically new crane sales.
 - 12.6% margin in Q2 15 vs 13.5% in Q2 14.
 - Q2 15 vs. Q2 14:
 - Revenues decreased 6.4%.
 - Gross profit decreased 3.0%.
 - SG&A as a percentage of sales was 20.7% compared to 18.5% a year ago (see slide 18).

Net Income (\$MM)



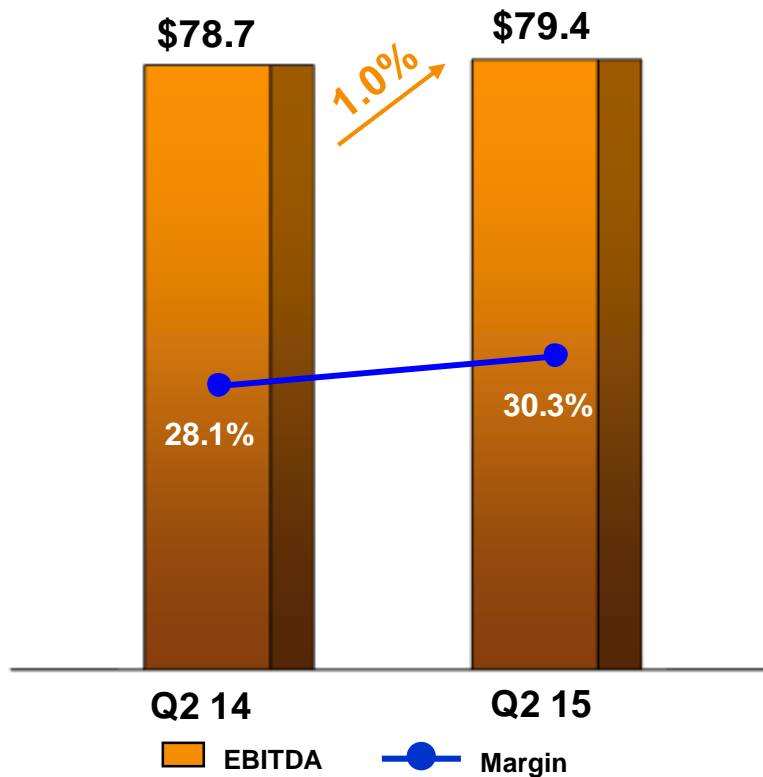
Net Income Per Share



Key Takeaways

- ▶ Net income of \$11.5 million compared to net income of \$15.7 million in Q2 14.
 - Effective tax rate was 40.9% vs. 38.0% a year ago.
- ▶ Diluted net income per share was \$0.33 vs. diluted net income per share of \$0.45 a year ago.

EBITDA (\$MM)

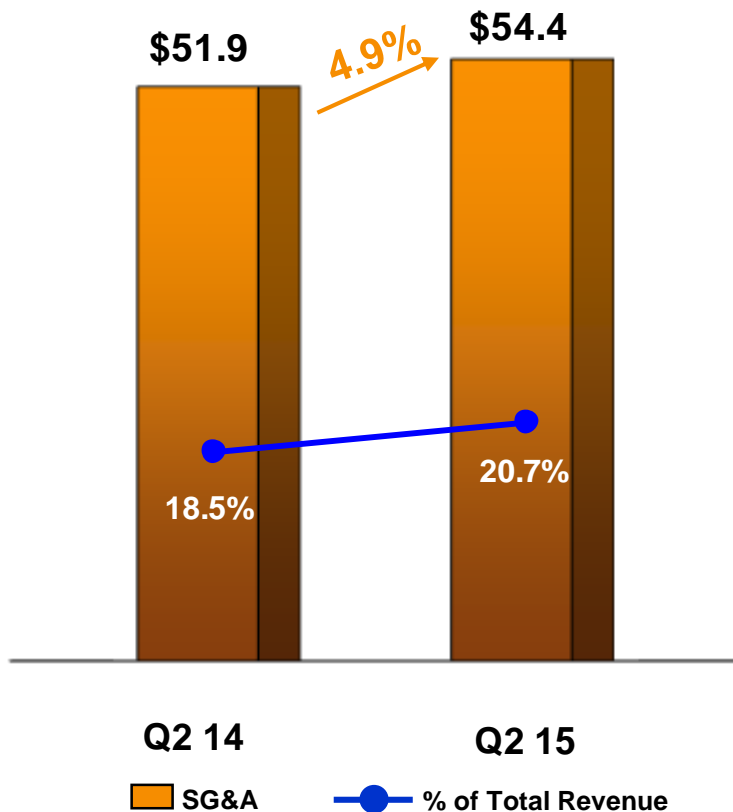


Key Takeaways

- ▶ **EBITDA grew 1.0% on a 6.4% decrease in revenue.**
 - Results were \$79.4 million compared to \$78.7 million a year ago.
 - Positive results were driven primarily by continued strength in rental business.

- ▶ **Margin was 30.3% compared to 28.1% a year ago.**
 - 220 basis points improvement in EBITDA margins.
 - Positive impact to margins from revenue mix.

SG&A (\$MM)



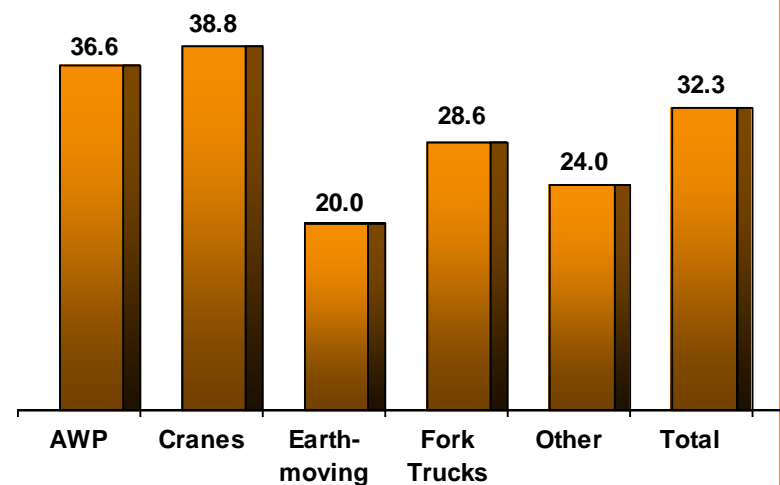
Key Takeaways

- ▶ **\$2.5 million, or 4.9% increase.**
 - SG&A as a percentage of revenue was 20.7% compared to 18.5% in Q2 14.
 - Increased costs are primarily employee travel, employee training, professional and other service fees, and promotional and marketing expenses.
 - Branch expansions contributed \$0.8 million in SG&A in Q2 15.
 - Deleverage in SG&A as percentage of revenues is primarily result of lower demand for new equipment sales.
 - New equipment sales declined 28.9% compared to a year ago.

Rental Cap-Ex Summary (\$MM)

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 YTD |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Gross Rental CapEx¹ | \$ 155.6 | \$ 296.4 | \$ 303.3 | \$ 412.7 | \$ 114.1 |
| Sale of Rental Equipment | \$ (63.4) | \$ (90.5) | \$ (114.6) | \$ (101.4) | \$ (44.4) |
| Net Rental CapEx | \$ 92.2 | \$ 205.9 | \$ 188.7 | \$ 311.3 | \$ 69.7 |

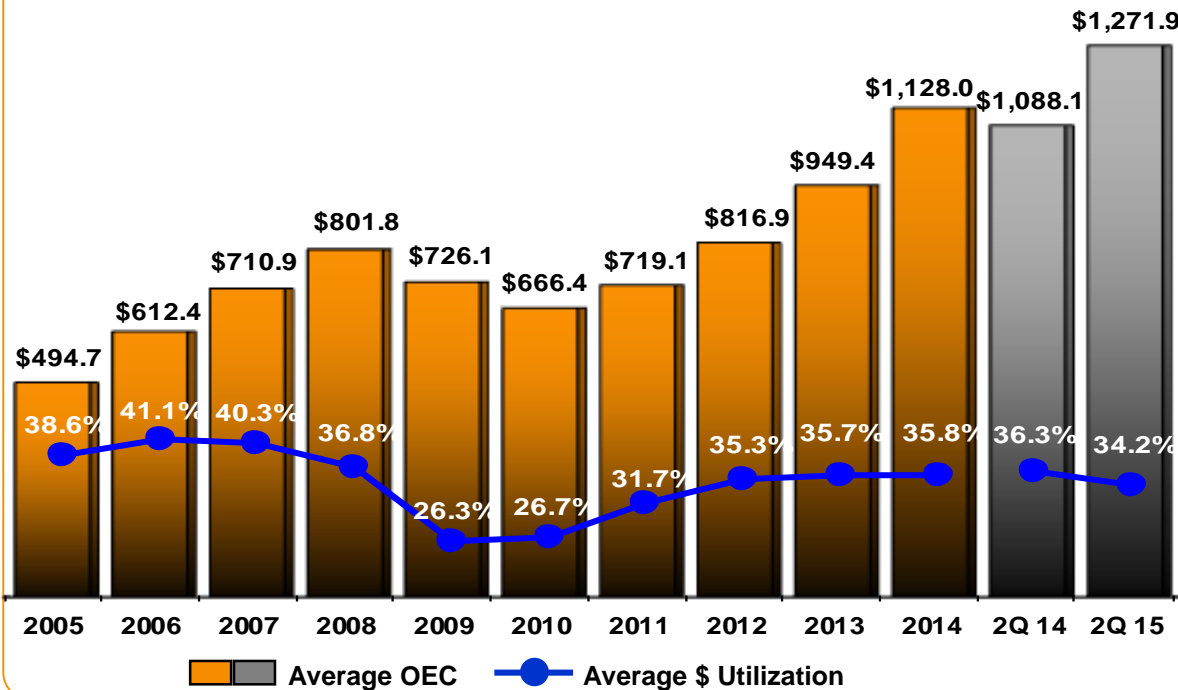
Fleet Age by Equipment Type (months)



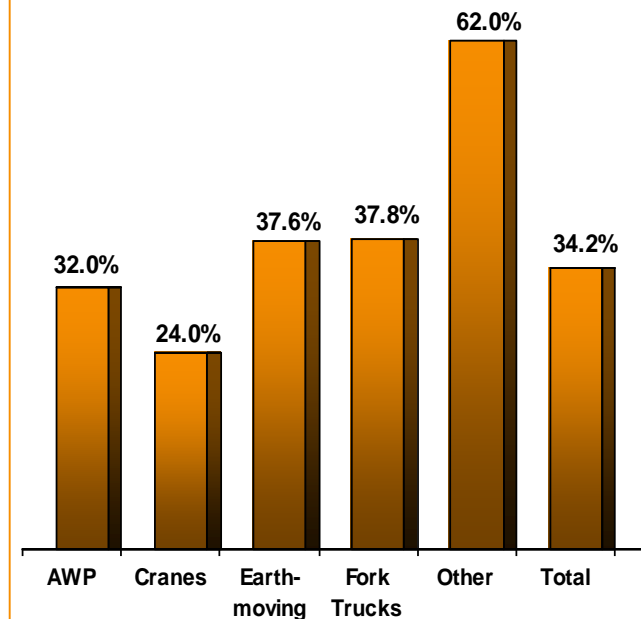
Note: Fleet statistics as of June 30, 2015.

¹ Gross rental cap-ex includes amounts transferred from new and used inventory.

Rental Fleet Statistics¹ (\$MM)



\$ Utilization by Equipment Type¹



Note: Fleet statistics as of June 30, 2015.

¹ Represents rental revenues annualized divided by the average original equipment cost.

Capital Structure (\$MM)

6/30/15

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Cash | \$ 11.9 |
| Debt: | |
| Sr. Sec'd Credit Facility (ABL) | 257.1 |
| Senior Unsecured Notes¹ | 630.0 |
| Capital Leases Payable | 2.0 |
| Total Debt | \$ 889.1 |
| Shareholders' Equity | \$ 134.8 |
| Total Book Capitalization | \$ 1,023.9 |

Credit Statistics

| | 12/31/09 | 12/31/10 | 12/31/11 | 12/31/12 | 12/31/13 | 12/31/14 | LTM 6/30/15 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Adj. EBITDA²/ Total Interest Exp. | 3.9x | 2.8x | 4.9x | 5.8x | 5.0x | 6.0x | 5.9x |
| Total Net Debt³/ Adj. EBITDA² | 1.7x | 2.8x | 1.7x | 3.3x | 2.8x | 2.8x | 2.8x |
| Total Debt/ Total Capitalization | 47.7% | 50.0% | 50.4% | 93.4% | 88.6% | 87.0% | 86.8% |

¹ Senior Unsecured Notes exclude \$7.6 million of unaccreted note discount and \$6.4 million of unamortized premium.

² 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.

³ Net debt is defined as total debt less cash on hand.



John Engquist
Chief Executive Officer

- ▶ **Believe healthy growth opportunities will continue into 2015, especially back half of the year, driven by momentum in the non-residential construction markets and the industrial expansion in the Gulf Coast Region.**
- ▶ **Positive outlook based on market trends and customer feedback.**
 - **Believe increasing activity in the construction markets should help offset weakness in oil and gas activity; we expect continued industrial expansion along the Gulf Coast.**
- ▶ **Due to unusually wet spring and ongoing softness in O&G markets and resulting delayed seasonal ramp, adjusting annual guidance:**
 - **Now expect 2015 revenues to range from \$1.030 billion to \$1.052 billion and 2015 EBITDA in the range of \$319 million to \$335 million.**
- ▶ **2015 fleet investment moderating significantly after heavy investment the last three years combined with earlier redeployment of assets.**
- ▶ **Paid fourth consecutive quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share on June 9, 2015; intend to continue dividend payments; subject to board approval.**
- ▶ **Announced a regular quarterly dividend of 27.5 cents per share, an increase of 10 percent from the first quarter of 2015 and the Company's fifth consecutive quarter paying a dividend (Record Date: August 24, 2015; Payment Date: September 9, 2015).**



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 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 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.

Additionally, we have not reconciled our EBITDA outlook for the full year 2015 to our net income outlook because we do not provide an outlook for, among other things, interest expense and provision for income taxes, which are reconciling items between net income and EBITDA. As certain items that would impact interest expense and provision for income taxes cannot be reasonably predicted, we are unable to provide such an outlook. Accordingly, reconciliation to net income outlook for the full year 2015 is not available without unreasonable effort. For a reconciliation of historical non-GAAP financial measures to the nearest comparable GAAP measures, see the Non-GAAP reconciliations included below in this presentation.

(\$ in thousands)

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | Q2 14 | Q2 15 |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net income (loss) | \$ (11,943) | \$ (25,460) | \$ 8,926 | \$ 28,836 | \$ 44,140 | \$ 55,139 | \$ 15,726 | \$ 11,480 |
| Interest expense | 31,339 | 29,076 | 28,727 | 35,541 | 51,404 | 52,353 | 12,922 | 13,749 |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | (6,178) | (14,920) | 3,215 | 15,612 | 21,007 | 37,545 | 9,638 | 7,961 |
| Depreciation | 98,702 | 91,707 | 99,036 | 116,447 | 138,903 | \$166,514 | 40,387 | 46,245 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 591 | 559 | 362 | 66 | — | — | — | — |
| EBITDA | \$112,511 | \$ 80,962 | \$ 140,266 | \$ 196,502 | \$ 255,454 | \$ 311,551 | \$ 78,673 | \$ 79,435 |
| Impairment of goodwill, loss on early extinguishment of debt ¹ | 8,972 | — | — | 10,180 | — | — | — | — |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$121,483 | \$ 80,962 | \$ 140,266 | \$ 206,682 | \$ 255,454 | \$ 311,551 | \$ 78,673 | \$ 79,435 |

¹ Adjustments relate to non-cash asset impairment charge in the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009 and loss from early extinguishment of debt incurred in the third quarter ended September 30, 2012.