

## Stella-Jones

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## Agenda

- Investment Thesis
- Overview of Stella-Jones
- Strategy and Future Growth
- Overview by Business Unit
- Financial Trends
- Q3-2018 Results
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## Investment Thesis

## Investment Thesis

- Balanced portfolio of businesses
- Track record of performance
- Leadership positions in markets served
- Scope of network in North America
- Solid balance sheet
- Proven consolidator with disciplined acquisition strategy
- Experienced and proven management team


## Overview of <br> Stella-Jones

## Stella-Jones at a Glance

## A Leading North American Supplier of Pressure Treated Wood Products

|  | $\underset{\text { Employees }}{2,000}$ | 39 <br> Wood Treating Facilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19.4\% <br> 2017 <br> Residential Lumber <br> Revenues <br> \$1.9 B | 12 <br> Pole Peeling Facilities | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{7 0 \%} \\ & \text { Revenues } \\ & \text { from U.S. } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { B4iway Tes } \\ & \text { Ralw } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \$2.8B } \\ \text { Market Cap } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { TSX }}{\text { SJ }}$ |

## Important Milestones in 25-Year History



## Growing by Acquisitions

| July 2003 | Cambium Group Inc. (Canada) |
| :---: | :---: |
| August 2005 | Webster Wood Preserving (U.S.) |
| July 2006 | Bell Pole Company (Canada) |
| February 2007 | Wood utility pole business of J.H. Baxter (U.S.) |
| April 2008 | The Burke-Parsons-Bowlby Corporation (U.S.) |
| April 2010 | Tangent Rail Corporation (U.S.) |
| December 2011 | Thompson Industries (U.S.) |
| November 2012 | McFarland Cascade Holdings (U.S.) |
| November 2013 | The Pacific Wood Preserving Companies ${ }^{\text {® }}$ (U.S.) |
| May 2014 | Wood treating facilities of Boatright Railroad Products (U.S.) |
| September 2015 | Treated Materials Co., Inc. (U.S.) |
| October 2015 | Ram Forest Group Inc. and Ramfor Lumber Inc. (Canada) |
| December 2015 | United Wood Treating Company, Inc. (U.S.) |
| June 2016 | Lufkin Creosoting Co., Inc. and 440 Investments, LLC ["Kisatchie"] (U.S.) |
| December 2016 | Bois KMS Ltée and Northern Pressure Treated Wood Ltd (Canada) |
| December 2017 | Wood Products Industries Inc. (Canada) |
| February 2018 | Prairie Forest Products (Canada) |
| April 2018 | Wood Preservers Incorporated (U.S.) |



## Acquisition Contribution

- Stronger industry player
- Extended North

American network \& broadened product line

- Greater customer service flexibility \& ability to bid on larger projects
- Synergies


## North American Network



## Treating Facilities

- Coal Tar Distillery


## Track Record of Performance






## Stock Price Appreciation



## Strategy and Future Growth

## Strategy and Future Growth by Business Unit

|  | Market | Growth Drivers | Trends | Growth Strategy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Railway Ties 34.5\% of sales | - Stable market <br> - Market is fairly consolidated | - Maintenance requirements <br> - Market share gains <br> - GDP growth | - Oversupply of railway ties driving prices down <br> - Customers transitioning to "Black Tie" program | - Tuck-in acquisitions <br> - Market share gains |
| Utility Poles 34.7\% of sales | - Potential for further consolidation in the North American market | - Replacement programs <br> - Weather related events <br> - Mid-single digit growth | - Increase in replacement demand as average age of poles is very high | - Acquisitions <br> - Leveraging the upcoming increase in replacement demand |
| Residential Lumber | - Partially consolidated | - Home renovation <br> - Dealer network | - Limited supply of wood driving prices of lumber up | - Expanding the dealer network <br> - Select acquisitions |
| Industrial Products 5.0\% of sales | - Niche business driven primarily by bridge timbers, road crossings, pilings and special projects <br> - Recent acquisition in Warsaw, VA will further contribute to sales in this category |  |  |  |
| Logs and Lumber 6.4\% of sales | - Business used to optimize our costs |  |  |  |

Overview by Business Units

## Railway Ties - Overview


\% 2017 Sales


5-Year Revenue


Producer of pressure-treated railway ties

## Railway Ties - Business Model



Revenue Mix
65\% Class 1 railroads


Game-changing Acquisition
Tangent Rail (2010)


Value Proposition
Availability of inventory, scope of network \& flexible service

| Selected Metrics | Business Model |
| :--- | :--- |
| Customers | - $\quad \sim 65 \%$ Class 1 railroads (Union Pacific, CN, CP, CSX, BNSF, NS) |
| Contracts for Class 1 | -Long-term contracts up to 10 years (base contract) <br> Contracts for short and regional rail <br> lines \& contractors |
| - | Variable pricing periodically |

## Railway Ties - Market Conditions \& Drivers



Consolidation among railway operators favors large scale tie providers


Trends

Oversupply of railway ties driving prices down \& customers transitioning to "Black Tie" program

Tuck-in acquisitions and market gains as the market is fairly stable

| Selected Metric | Market Conditions and Drivers |
| :---: | :---: |
| Market size | - $\quad$ ~24 million railway tie purchases on an annualized basis in North America (source: Railway Tie Association) |
| Market share | - One of the leading players in the industry |
| Competition/ Comparables | - Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) <br> - Amerities Holdings, LLC <br> - Kansas City Southern |
| Marketplace | - Stable market <br> - Market is fairly consolidated |
| Growth drivers | - Maintenance requirements <br> - Market share gains <br> - GDP growth |

## Utility Poles - Overview

\% 2017 Sales


5-Year Revenues


Wood offers the best value over alternative materials, such as steel, composites and concrete

Producer of pressure-treated utility poles

## Utility Poles - Business Model



Revenue Mix
~80\% of business under multi-year agreements


Game-changing Acquisition
McFarland (2012)


Value Proposition
Availability of inventory, scope of network \& flexible service

| Selected Metrics | Business Model |
| :--- | :--- |
| Customers | - |
|  | Electrical utility companies |
| Contracts | - |
|  | Celecommunication companies |
| Facilities | - |
|  | Price increases bidding process |
| Inventory 3 to 7 years (evergreen features) |  |
|  | - 13 in Canada |

## Utility Poles - Market Conditions \& Drivers



## Residential Lumber - Overview




Sales are tied to the price of lumber as well as market share growth

Producer of treated wood sold through wholesalers and big-box retailers to consumers

## Residential Lumber - Business Model



## Residential Lumber - Market Conditions \& Drivers



Limited pure plays
Limited supply of wood driving prices of lumber up

Expanding the dealer network, implementing the direct-to-home model in the U.S. and select acquisitions

| Selected Metric | Market Conditions and Drivers |
| :--- | :--- |
| Market size | - N/A |
| Market share | - N/A |
| Competition/ Comparables | - |
|  | - Canwell Building Materials Group Ltd |
| Marketplace | - |
| Growth | Great Southern Wood Preserving, Incorporated |
|  | - |
|  | Partially consolidated |

## Industrial Products - Overview

\% 2017 Sales


## 5-Year Revenues

Producer of treated piles and timbers, mainly used for a variety of land-based and marine applications

## Logs and Lumber - Overview

\% 2017 Sales


5-Year Revenues

Business used to optimize our costs by selling non-pole quality logs as well as selling excess untreated dimensional lumber to the market

Sell untreated lumber and logs unsuitable for use as poles


## Financial Trends

## Diversifying Product Mix



## Growing Proportion of U.S. Sales



## Growing EBITDA ${ }^{(1)}$ in Absolute Dollars



## Generating Strong Free Cash Flow ${ }^{(1)}$

Free cash flow ${ }^{(1)}$ profile improving

## Deploying Capital Prudently



## Increasing Dividends Consistently

2018 will mark the $14^{\text {th }}$ consecutive year of dividend increase


## Maintaining a Solid Financial Position




## Q3 2018 <br> Results

## Q3-18 - Sales Increased in All Product Categories



SALES VARIANCE
Q3-17 Sales (M) \$517.6

Acquisitions 19.9

Currency variations12.9
Organic growth ..... 79.6
Q3-18 Sales (M)\$630.0

## Q3-18 - Sales Variance

## Organic growth of $15.4 \%$ on a consolidated basis

| (in millions of <br> dollars) | Railway <br> Ties | Utility <br> Poles | Residential <br> Lumber | Industrial <br> Products |  <br> Lumber | Consolidated <br> Sales |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2017 Sales | $\mathbf{1 6 0 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 2 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 5 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{5 1 7 . 6}$ |
| Acquisitions | - | 0.1 | 15.2 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 19.9 |
| FX impact | 5.1 | 5.1 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 12.9 |
| Organic growth | 21.8 | 22.9 | 18.0 | 1.8 | 15.1 | 79.6 |
| 2018 Sales | $\mathbf{1 8 7 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 3 0 . 0}$ |
| Organic growth \% | $\mathbf{1 3 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 . 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 . 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 . 4 \%}$ |

*Numbers may not add exactly due to rounding

## Q3-18 - Gross Profit Remains Under Pressure

## $\$ 94.0 \mathrm{M}$


(1) Increase in untreated railway tie costs and certain untreated species of poles
(2) Higher lumber costs, which are a pass through to customers, have contributed to increased cost of sales and have put downward pressure on margins as a percentage of sales
(3) Foreign currency translation
\$83.6M


Q3-18

## Q3-18 - Increased Net Income \& EPS

Net income
EPS


## Managing Cash Flow for Seasonality

Cash Flow before certain items ${ }^{(1)}$


## Cash Flow from Operating Activities



## Maintaining a Solid Financial Position



## Outlook

## Based on current market conditions and stable currencies

|  | 2018 vs 2017 | 2019 vs 2018 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Consolidated | - Higher sales <br> - The progression of operating margins in Q4-18 will continue to be impacted by higher untreated railway tie costs until sales prices can be adjusted | - Higher sales <br> - Operating margins expected to improve |
| Railway Ties | - In Q4-18, pricing will continue to improve but related margin gains will be partially offset by rapidly increasing costs of untreated railway ties due to the tightening of supply | - Pricing adjustments will have a positive effect on sales and margins |
| Utility Poles | - In Q4-18, sales will benefit from pricing adjustments and strong demand | - Strong demand for replacement programs <br> - Increased project-based sales <br> - Sales and margins expected to improve |
| Residential Lumber | - Increased sales | - Continued strong demand |
| Logs \& Lumber | - Increased sales | - Since this business does not generate any margin, sales growth will further reduce overall margins |



## Appendix

## Income Statement - 5-Year Financial Summary

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales | $1,886.1$ | 1838.4 | 1559.3 | $1,249.5$ | $1,011.3$ |
| EBITDA $^{(1)}$ | 240.6 | 264.8 | 243.4 | 176.3 | 155.0 |
| EBITDA $^{(1)}$ | $12.8 \%$ | $14.4 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $15.3 \%$ |
| Operating income | 207.4 | 233.2 | 220.1 | 155.7 | 138.7 |
| Operating \% | $11.0 \%$ | $12.7 \%$ | $14.1 \%$ | $12.5 \%$ | $13.7 \%$ |
| Net income | 167.9 | 153.9 | 141.4 | 103.8 | 92.5 |
| EPS - diluted | 2.42 | 2.22 | 2.04 | 1.50 | 1.34 |

## Financial Position - 5-Year Financial Summary

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | 2014 | 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Working capital | 779.4 | 928.0 | 854.4 | 615.1 | 517.0 |
| Total assets | $1,786.0$ | 1960.9 | $1,778.9$ | $1,289.0$ | $1,071.9$ |
| Total debt | 455.6 | 694.0 | 669.9 | 444.6 | 372.9 |
| Shareholders' equity | $1,115.5$ | $1,026.4$ | 913.5 | 692.3 | 572.2 |
| Total debt to <br> capitalization | $0.29: 1$ | $0.40: 1$ | $0.42: 1$ | $0.39: 1$ | $0.39: 1$ |
| Total debt to trailing 12- <br> month EBITDA | 1.89 | 2.62 | 2.75 | 2.52 | 2.41 |

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