

INVESTOR PRESENTATION

December 2020

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### **NON-IFRS MEASURES**

Gross profit, operating income, operating income before depreciation and amortization (herein referred to as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ["EBITDA"]), cash flow from operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital components and interest and income taxes paid, net debt to total capitalization and net debt to EBITDA are financial measures not prescribed by IFRS and are not likely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers.

Management considers these non-IFRS measures to be useful information to assist knowledgeable investors understand the Company's operating results, financial condition and cash flows as they provide additional measures of its performance. Please refer to the Company's MD&A for a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA.



## **AGENDA**

- Overview of Stella-Jones
- Investment Highlights
- Strategy and Future Growth
- Overview by Business Unit
- Financial Trends
- 2019 Results
- Q3-2020 Results
- Appendix

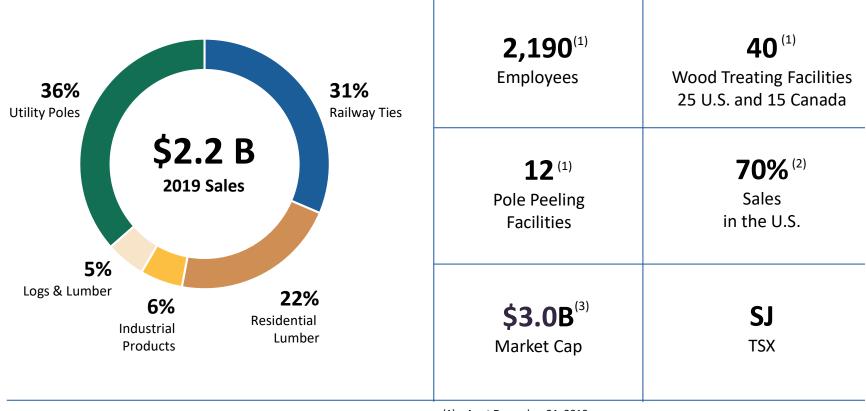




# **OVERVIEW OF STELLA-JONES**

## **STELLA-JONES AT A GLANCE**

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



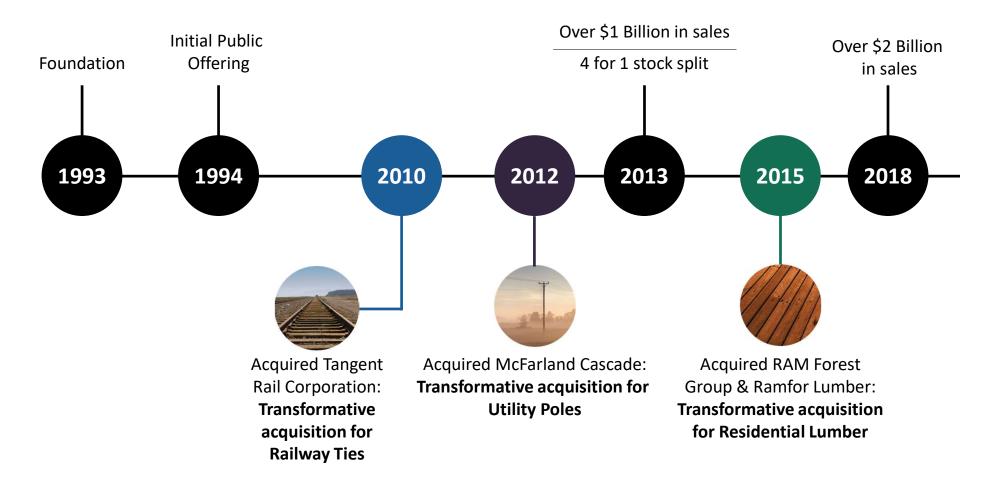


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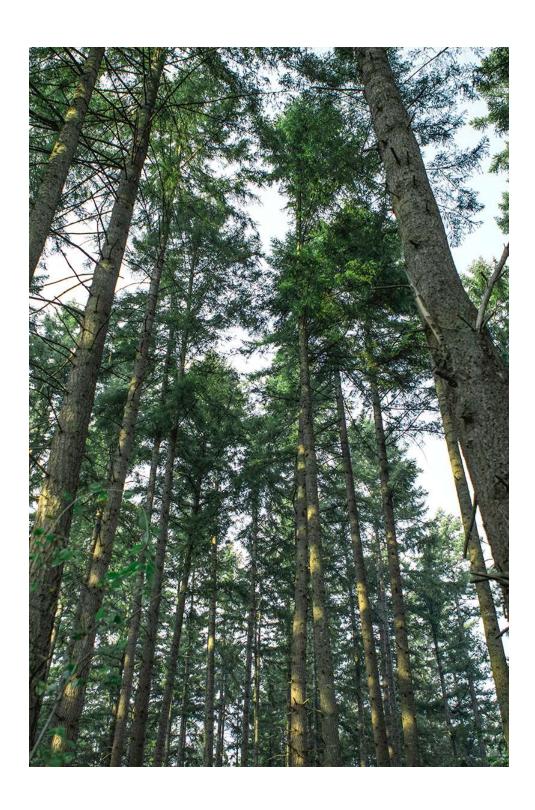


<sup>(3)</sup> As at December 4, 2020

## **IMPORTANT MILESTONES**







# **INVESTMENT**HIGHLIGHTS

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- Resilient business model: portfolio of businesses with steady demand
- Extensive network in North America
- Leadership position in markets served
- Track record of performance
- Experienced and proven management team
- Solid balance sheet
- Proven consolidator with disciplined acquisition strategy



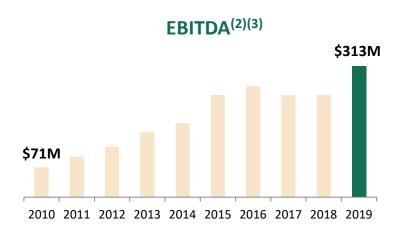
## STELLA-JONES' CONTINENTAL NETWORK

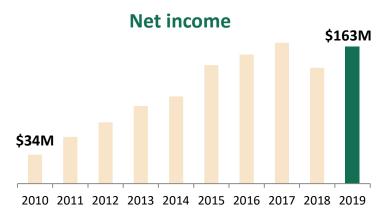


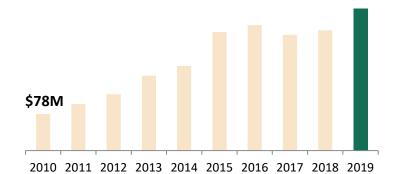


## TRACK RECORD OF PERFORMANCE









Cash Flow<sup>(2)(4)</sup>

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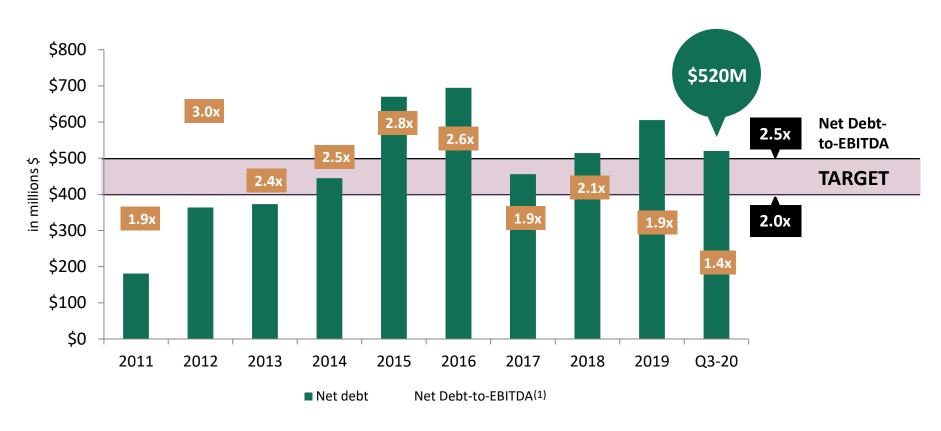
\$305M

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<sup>(3) 2019</sup> EBITDA was impacted by the adoption of IFRS 16.

## MAINTAINING A SOLID FINANCIAL POSITION



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## **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® (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)
<b>April 2018</b>	Wood Preservers Incorporated (U.S.)
<b>April 2019</b>	Shelburne Wood Protection Ltd. (Canada)



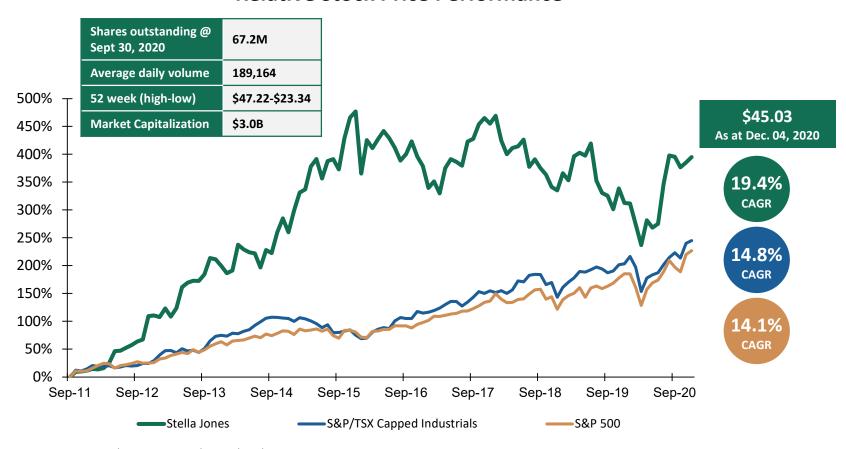
#### **Acquisition Contribution**

- Stronger industry player
- Expand North
   American network
- Broaden product line
- Greater customer service/ flexibility/ emergency response
- Ability to bid on larger projects
- Synergies



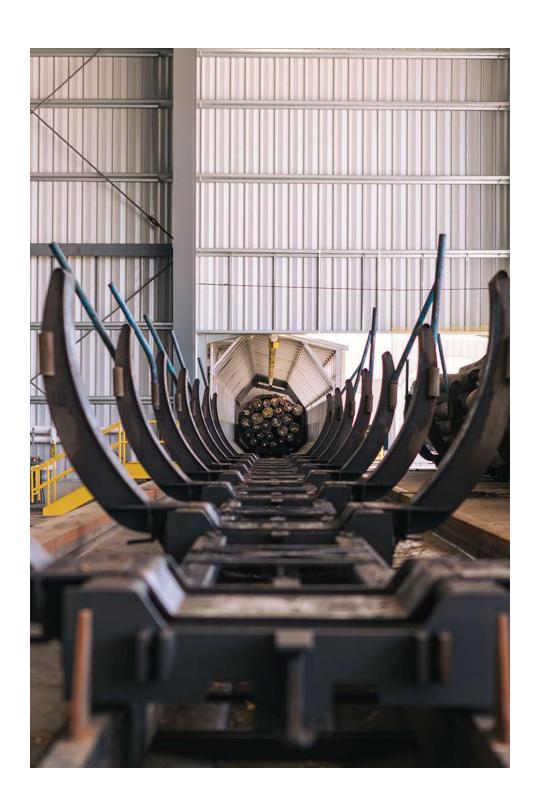
## **INCREASING SHAREHOLDER VALUE**

#### **Relative Stock Price Performance**



Source: Yahoo Finance, Marketwatch and FactSet



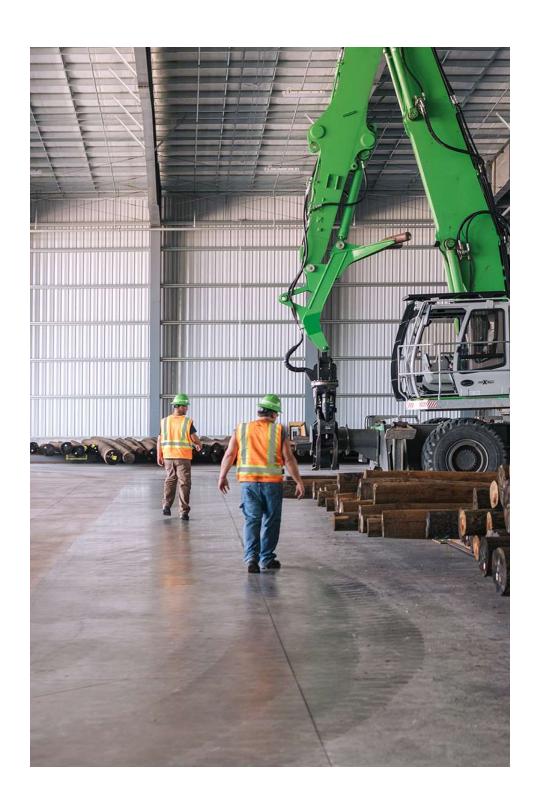


# STRATEGY AND FUTURE GROWTH

## STRATEGY AND FUTURE GROWTH BY BUSINESS UNIT

	Market	Growth Drivers	Trends	Growth Strategy
36% Utility Pole Sales	Potential for further consolidation in the North American market	<ul><li>Replacement programs</li><li>Mid-single digit growth</li></ul>	Growth in replacement demand from increasing average age of poles	<ul> <li>Acquisitions</li> <li>Leveraging the upcoming increase in replacement demand</li> </ul>
<b>31%</b> Railway Tie Sales	<ul> <li>Stable market</li> <li>Market is fairly consolidated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintenance requirements</li> <li>Market gains</li> <li>GDP growth</li> </ul>	Improved untreated railway ties availability	<ul><li>Acquisitions</li><li>Increased market reach</li></ul>
22% Residential Lumber Sales	Partially consolidated in Canada	<ul><li>Home renovation</li><li>Dealer network</li></ul>	Increased market reach in dealer network	Expanding the dealer network
6% Industrial Product Sales	Niche business driven primarily by bridge timbers, road crossings, pilings and special projects			
5% Logs and Lumber Sales	Business used to optimize	costs		



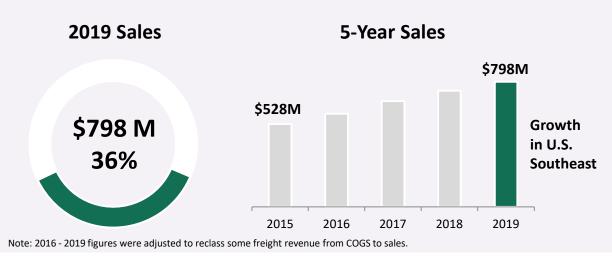


# **OVERVIEW BY BUSINESS UNIT**

## **UTILITY POLES – OVERVIEW**

Leading North American supplier of wood utility poles, providing over one million poles per year to replace, upgrade and develop new electrical utility and telecommunications lines across Canada and the United States





#### **20 Facilities**

#### **Transformative Acquisition**

- 7 in Canada
- 13 in U.S.

McFarland (2012)



## **UTILITY POLES – OFFERING**



#### **Competitive Advantages**

An extensive distribution network, continuous supply, emergency response and fire-resistant wrap

#### **Customers**

- Electrical utility companies
- Telecommunication companies

#### **Contracts**

- Majority of business under multi-year agreements
- Varying 3 to 7 years (evergreen features)

Services	<b>Wood Species</b>	Preservatives	
<ul> <li>Incising</li> <li>Radial Drilling</li> <li>Through Boring</li> <li>Framing</li> <li>Laminated Wood Pole Design</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Western Red Cedar</li> <li>Douglas Fir</li> <li>Red Pine</li> <li>Southern Yellow Pine</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chromated Copper Arsenate</li> <li>Creosote</li> <li>Copper Naphthenate</li> <li>Dichloro-octyl-isothiazolinone (DCOI)</li> <li>Pentachlorophenal (Penta)</li> </ul>	



## **UTILITY POLES – MARKET CONDITIONS**

#### Growth in replacement demand from increasing average age of poles



#### **Market Size**

- There are about 150MM poles in North America, of which 105MM are wood
- Wood offers the best value over alternative materials such as steel, composites and concrete



#### Marketplace

 Potential for further consolidation in the North American market



#### **Growth Drivers**

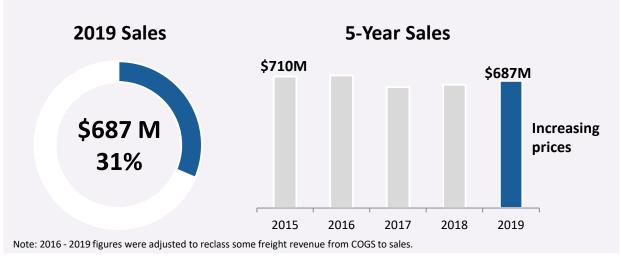
- Replacement programs
   (life span of poles is typically 65 years)
- Mid-single digit growth



## **RAILWAY TIES – OVERVIEW**

Industry leader in the production of quality pressure treated railroad ties and timbers, supplying over 10 million crossties per year





Transformative +1,200 Suppliers Acquisition

- 2 in Canada
- 10 in U.S.

Hardwood sawmills

Tangent Rail (2010)



## **RAILWAY TIES – OFFERING**



#### **Competitive Advantages**

An extensive distribution network, continuous supply and short delivery times

#### **Customers**

- ~65% Class 1 railroads
- ~35% short and regional rail lines & contractors

#### **Contracts**

- Long-term contracts of up to 5 years with Class 1 railroads
- Short and regional rail lines and contractor orders are obtained primarily through spot market bids

Services	<b>Wood Species</b>	Preservatives
<ul><li>Pre-Plating</li><li>Pre-boring</li><li>Crossing panels</li><li>End-plating</li></ul>	<ul><li>Mixed Hardwood</li><li>Oak</li></ul>	<ul><li>Creosote</li><li>Borate</li><li>Copper Naphthenate</li></ul>



## **RAILWAY TIES – MARKET CONDITIONS**

#### Improved untreated railway tie inventory availability



#### **Market Size**

- ~18 million railway tie purchases on an annualized basis in North America
- 90% of ties sold in North
   America are for maintenance
   and over 90% are wood



#### Marketplace

- Stable market
- Market is fairly consolidated



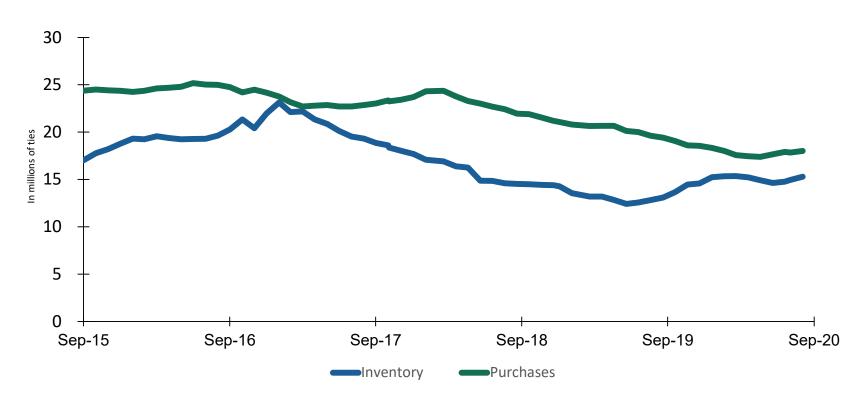
#### **Growth Drivers**

- Maintenance requirements
- Market reach gains
- Acquisitions
- GDP growth



## **ANNUALIZED RAILWAY TIE – PURCHASES & INVENTORY**

## Industry inventory levels remained stable in the first nine months of 2020 to 15.3 million as at September 30, 2020



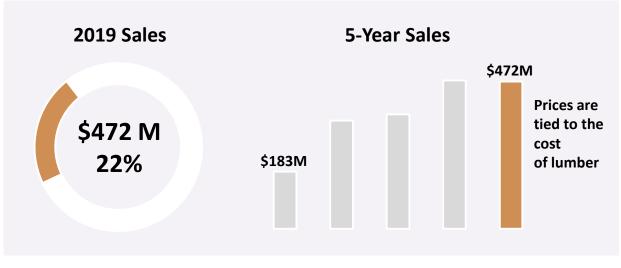
Source: Railway Tie Association (RTA)



## **RESIDENTIAL LUMBER - OVERVIEW**

Provides seamless, end-to-end service to key North American retailers, supplying hundreds of millions of board feet of treated residential lumber across Canada and the United States each year





#### **8 Facilities**

#### **Transformative Acquisition**

- 6 in Canada
- 2 in U.S.

 Ram Forest Group and Ramfor Lumber (2015)



## **RESIDENTIAL LUMBER - OFFERING**



#### **Competitive Advantages**

Low transportation costs, continuous supply, short delivery times and dedicated distribution centres

#### **Customers**

- ~80% Big box retailer
- Dealer network

#### **Contracts**

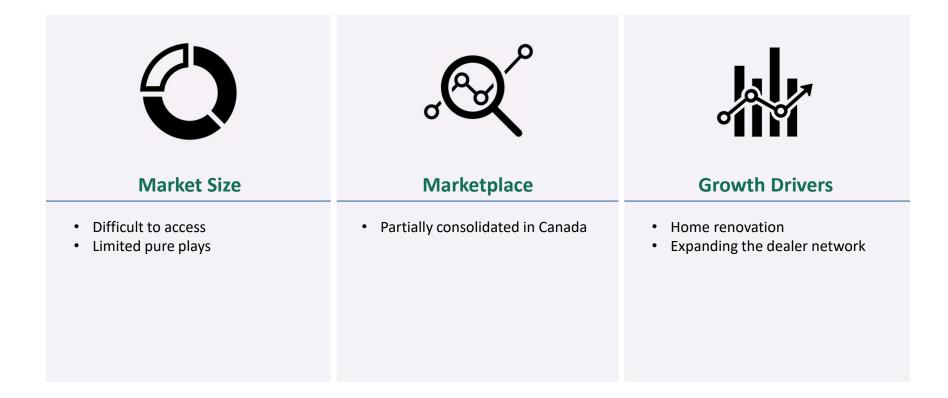
Renewed annually

Services	<b>Wood Species</b>	Preservatives
<ul> <li>Lumber</li> <li>Distribution of complementary accessories</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Hemlock</li><li>Pine</li><li>Spruce</li><li>Fir</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Micronized Copper Azole (Micropro)</li> <li>Alkaline Copper Quaternary (ACQ)</li> <li>Copper Azole (CA)</li> </ul>



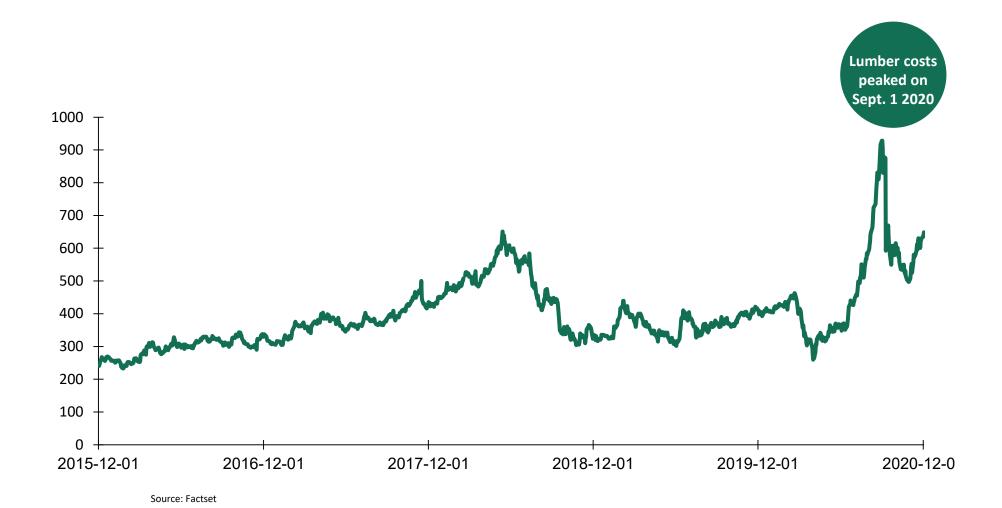
## **RESIDENTIAL LUMBER – MARKET CONDITIONS**

Continued demand for new construction and outdoor renovation projects in the North American residential and commercial markets





## **LUMBER COSTS – 5 YEAR EVOLUTION**

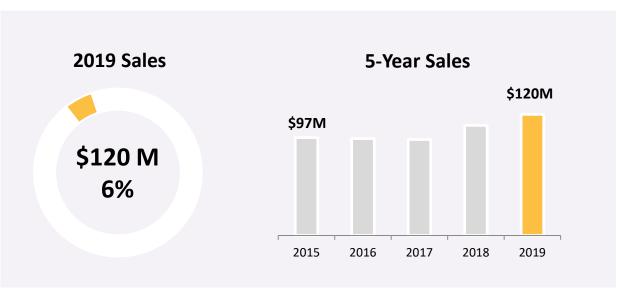




## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS – OVERVIEW

A leading supplier of pressure treated wood products to the marine, industrial and civic sectors for outdoor applications including piling, wharf timbers, bridge timbers, crane mats, railway crossings and laminated poles



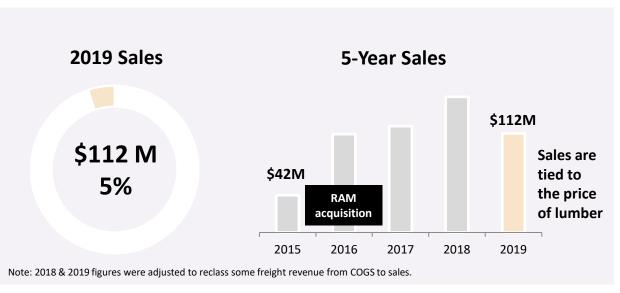




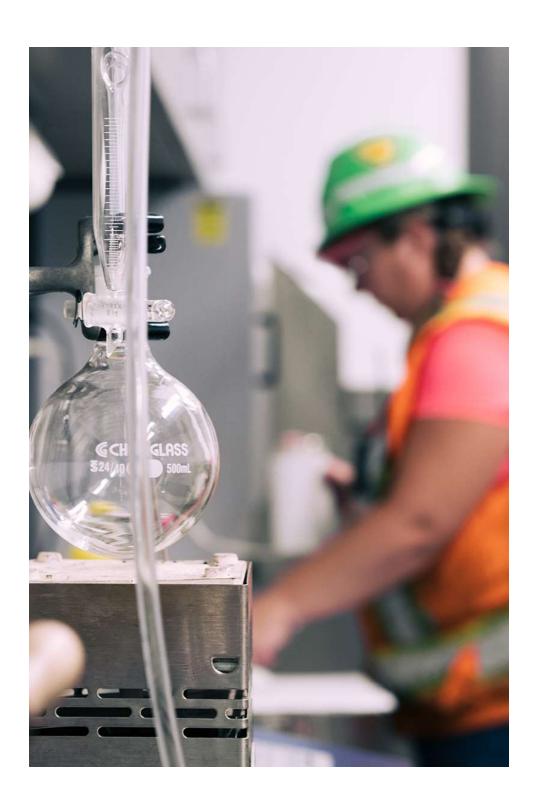
## LOGS AND LUMBER – OVERVIEW

#### Business used to optimize procurement and does not generate margin









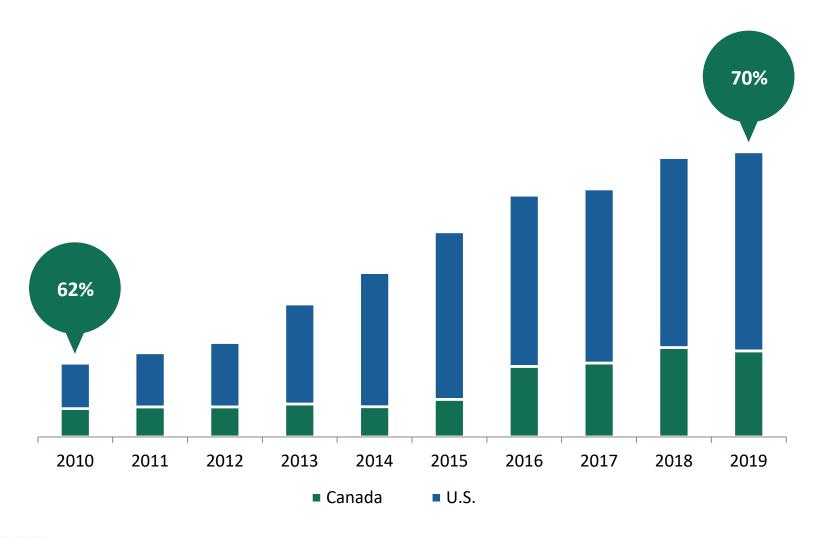
## **FINANCIAL TRENDS**

## **BUILDING A STRONG THIRD PILLAR**

Residential lumber grew from 10% of sales in 2014 to 22% in 2019 \$561M 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2017 2018 2016 2019 **Industrial Products** Logs & Lumber Utility Poles Railway Ties Residential Lumber Note: 2016 - 2019 figures were adjusted to reclass some freight revenue from COGS to sales.



## **GROWING PROPORTION OF U.S. SALES**





## EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>

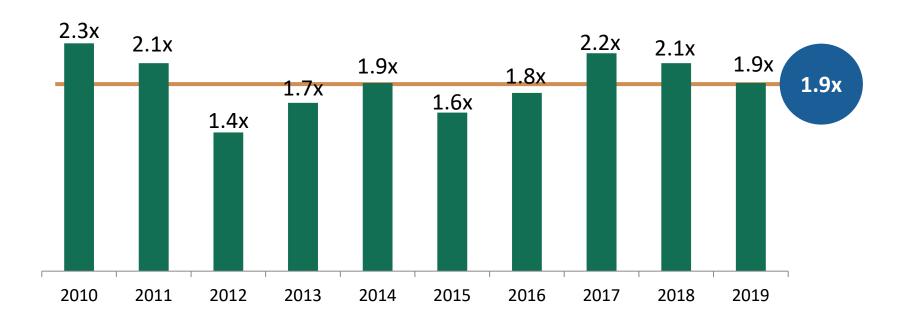


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## **INVENTORY TURNOVER**

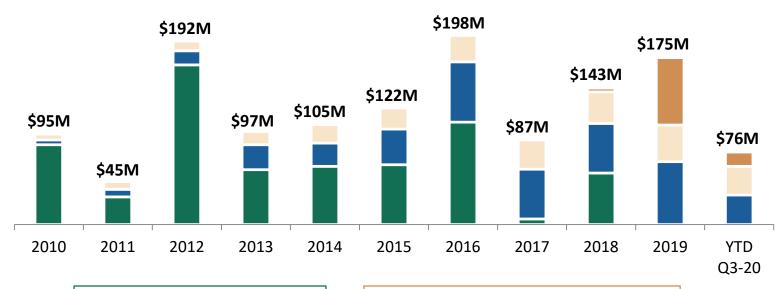
## Because of the long periods required to air-season wood, inventory turnover has historically been relatively low





### **CAPITAL ALLOCATION OVERVIEW**

## Stella-Jones has invested \$1,007M in growth investments and returned \$329M in cash to shareholders since 2010



Acquisitions

Capex

**Growth Investments: \$1,007M** 

• Acquisitions: \$629M

• Capex: \$378M

Dividends

Share buyback (NCIB)

Cash returned to shareholders: \$329M

• Dividends: \$239M

• CAGR 18.5%

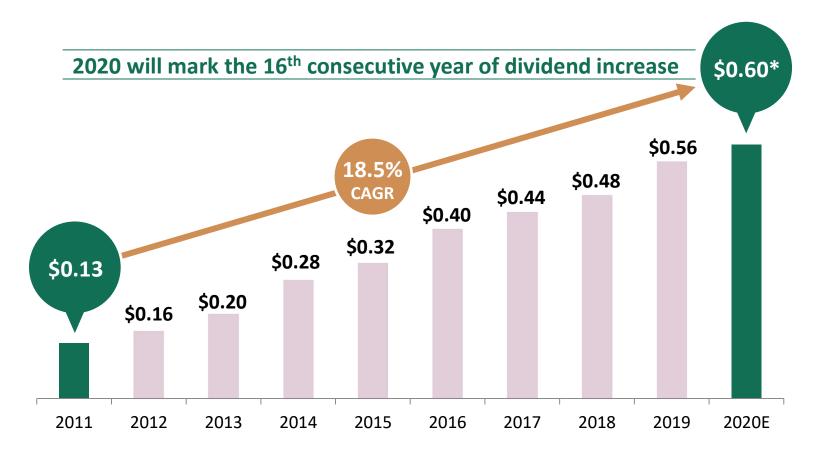
• 16 consecutive years of dividend increases

• Share repurchases: \$90M

• 2.3M shares

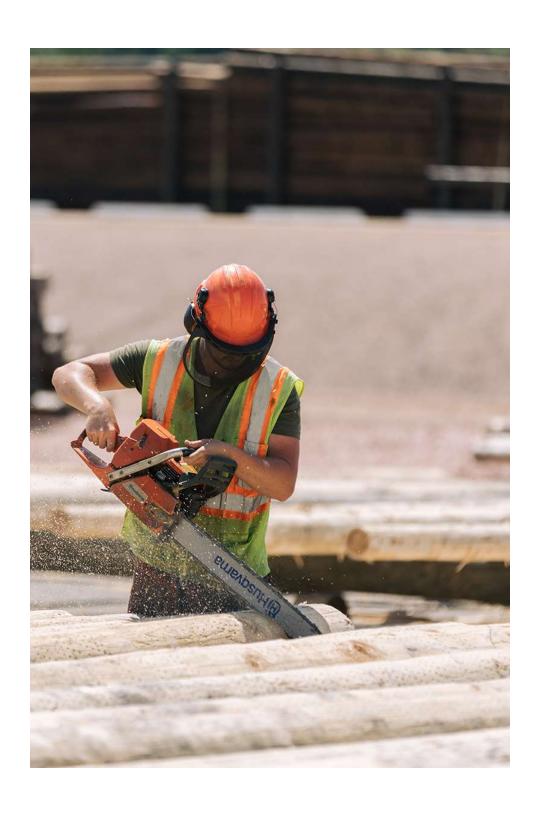


## INCREASING DIVIDENDS CONSISTENTLY



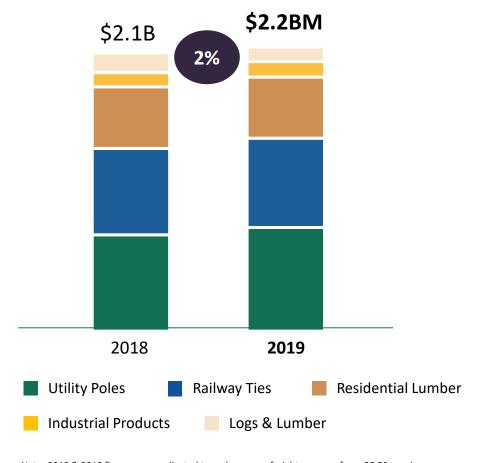
<sup>\*</sup> Projected based on the latest quarterly dividend





# **2019 RESULTS**

# 2019 – 19th CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF SALES GROWTH



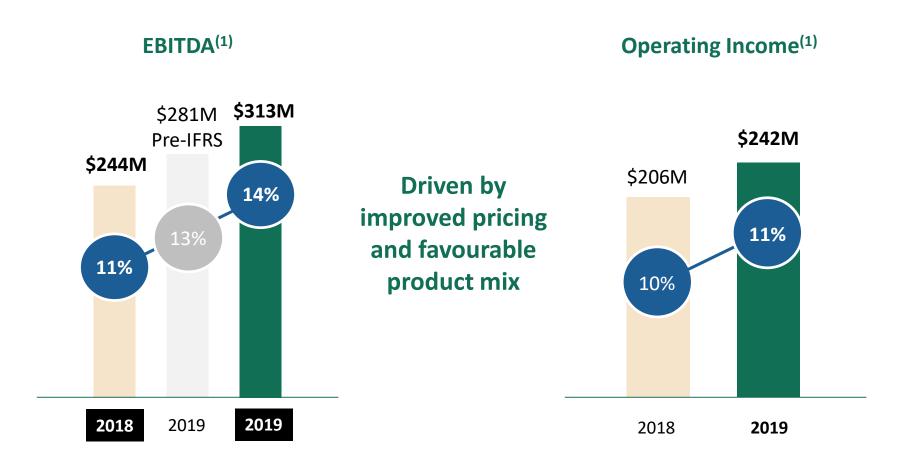
#### **SALES VARIANCE**

2018 Sales (M)	\$2,144
Acquisitions	11
Currency variations	42
Organic growth	
Pressure treated wood	34
Logs and lumber	(42)
2019 Sales (M)	\$2,189

Note: 2018 & 2019 figures were adjusted to reclass some freight revenue from COGS to sales.



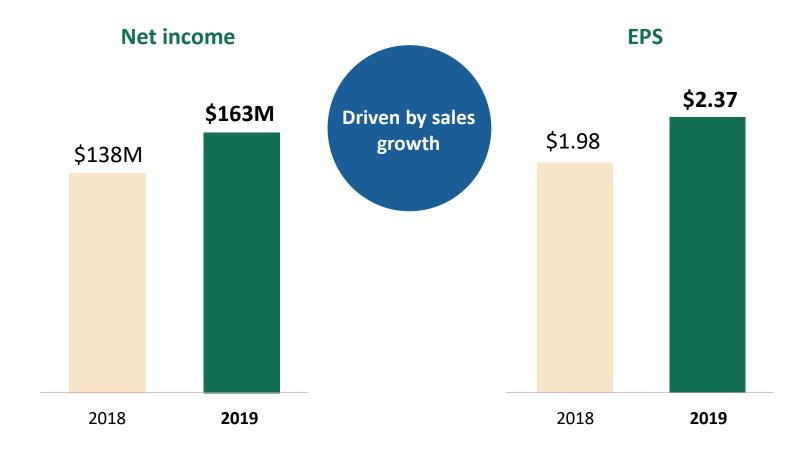
# 2019 – HIGHER EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> AND MARGINS



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# 2019 – NET INCOME & EPS INCREASED





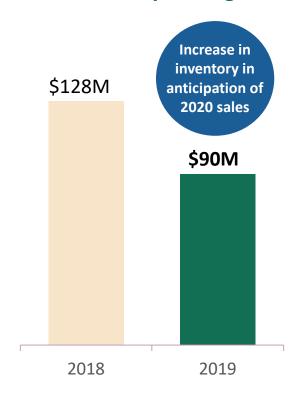
## MANAGING CASH FLOW FOR SEASONALITY

### Cash Flow before certain items<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

# \$305M \$258M

2018

## **Cash Flow from Operating Activities**

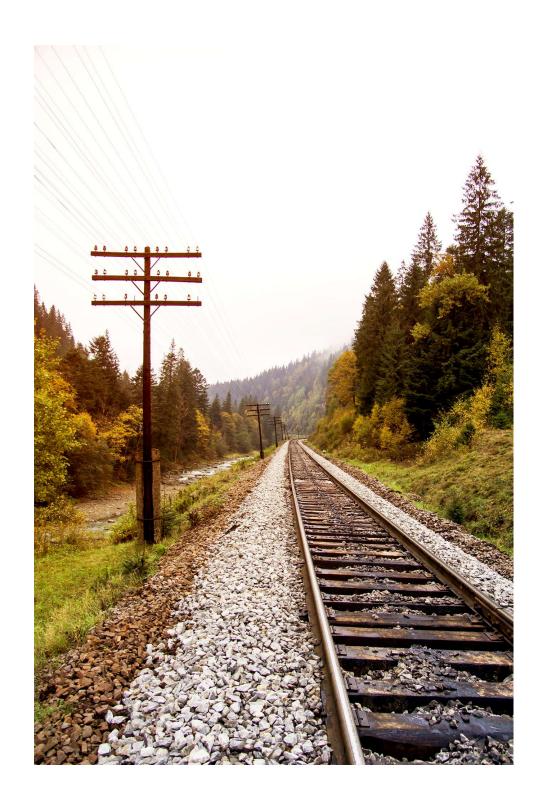


2019

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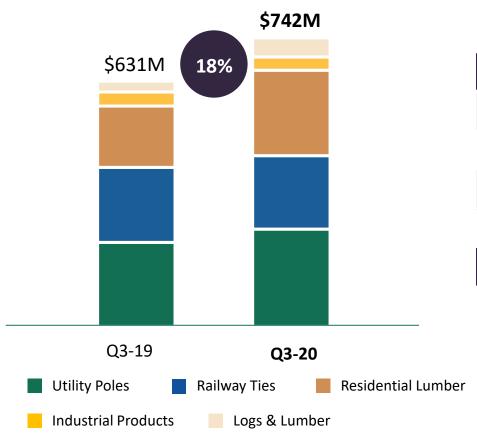


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# Q3-2020 FINANCIAL RESULTS

# Q3-20 – SALES UP 18%



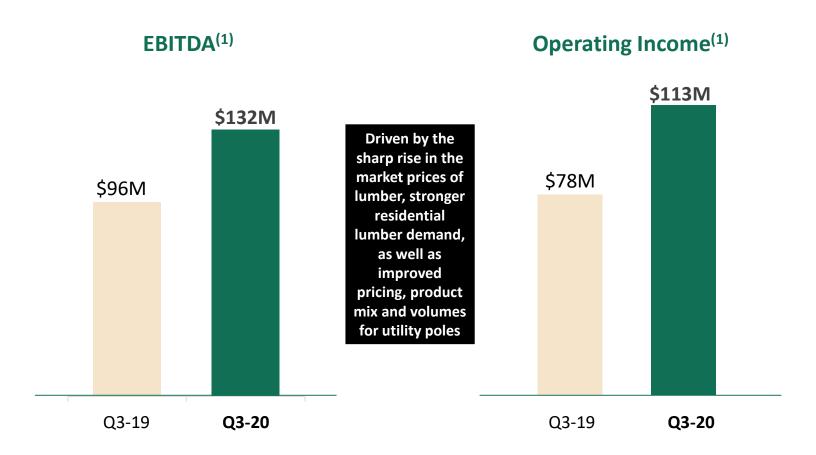
#### **SALES VARIANCE**

Q3-19 Sales (M)	\$631
Currency variations	5
Organic growth	
Pressure treated wood	85
Logs and Lumber	21
Q3-20 Sales (M)	\$742

Note: Prior period figures have been adjusted to conform to the current period presentation.



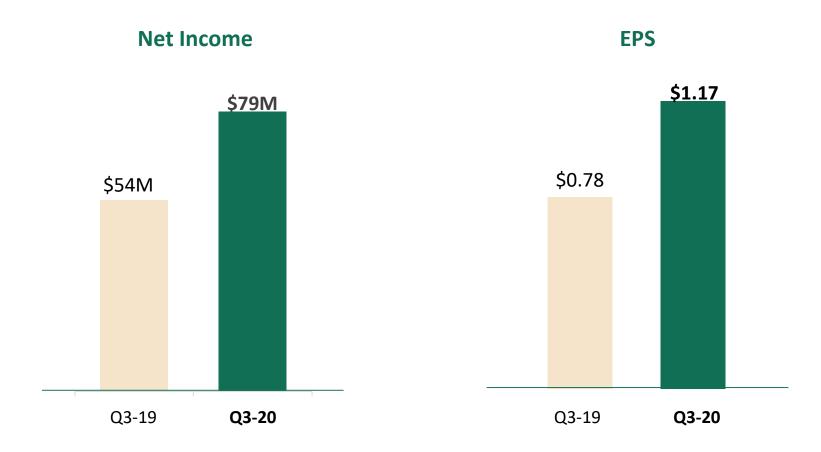
# Q3-20 – INCREASING EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> & OPERATING INCOME<sup>(1)</sup>



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# Q3-20 – INCREASING NET INCOME AND EPS

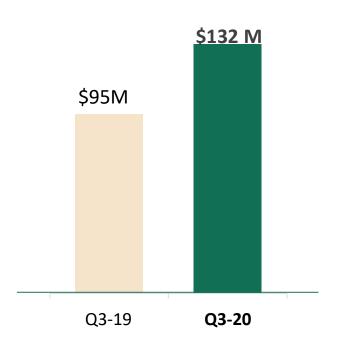


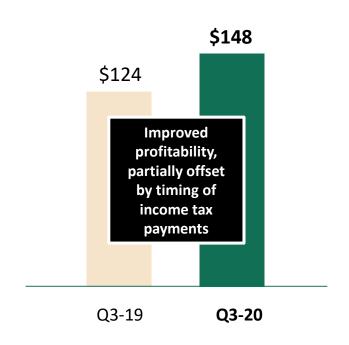


## Q3-20 – INCREASING CASH FLOW

#### Cash Flow before certain items<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

### **Cash Flow From Operating Activities**





<sup>(2)</sup> Before changes in non-cash working capital components and interest and income taxes paid



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## **PROACTIVELY MANAGING COVID-19**



## **OUTLOOK** – Updated on November 5, 2020

#### **2020 GUIDANCE**

- Updated EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> guidance in the range of \$365 to \$375 million
- EBITDA margin<sup>(1)</sup> expected to be higher than 2019
- Capex in the range of \$45 to \$55 million

#### **ASSUMPTIONS**

 A Canadian-to-U.S. dollar exchange rate of 1.35 for the full year

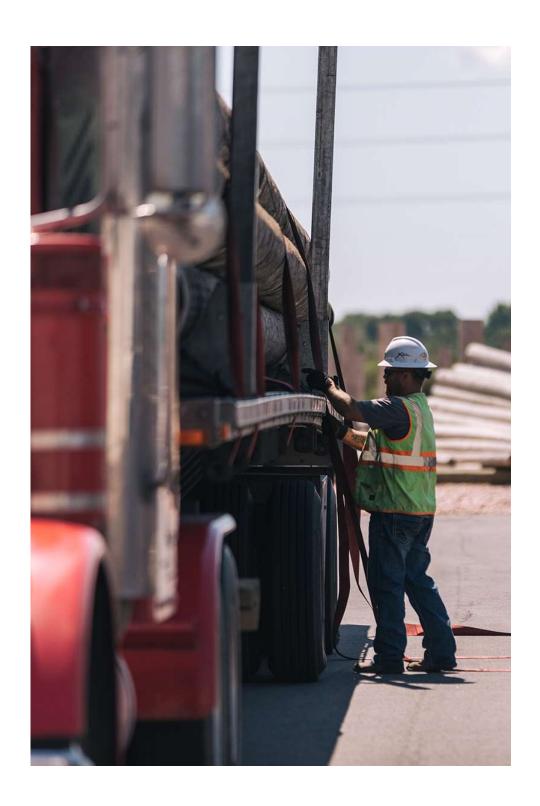
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#### **2021 GUIDANCE**

Based on current expectations and stable currencies:

- Healthy sales for 2021
- Utility pole sales are expected to increase in the mid to high-single digits vs 2020
- Railway ties and industrial product sales are projected to be relatively comparable to 2020
- Residential lumber should continue to benefit from demand for new construction and outdoor renovation projects



# **APPENDIX**

## ADOPTION OF IFRS 16, LEASES ("IFRS 16")

- On January 1, 2019, the Company retrospectively adopted IFRS 16
- Comparatives for the 2018 reporting period have not been restated, as permitted
- The application of this new standard resulted in:
  - The addition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities to the consolidated statements of financial position
  - Instead of lease expenses, right-of-use asset depreciation and financing costs will be recorded to the consolidated statement of income
- Please refer to the impact of new accounting pronouncements and interpretation section in the Company's annual MD&A for further details on the adoption of IFRS 16.



# **INCOME STATEMENT - 5-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Sales	2,189	2,144	1,908	1,854	1,559
Gross Profit <sup>(1)</sup>	359	328	315	334	307
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	313	244	243	265	243
EBITDA % <sup>(1)</sup>	14%	11%	13%	14%	16%
Operating income <sup>(1)</sup>	242	206	207	233	220
Operating % <sup>(1)</sup>	11%	10%	11%	13%	14%
Net income	163	138	168	154	141
EPS - diluted	2.37	1.98	2.42	2.22	2.04

<sup>(1)</sup> This is a non-IFRS financial measure. Please refer to the Company's MD&A.

Note: 2016 -2019 figures were adjusted to reclass some freight revenue from COGS to sales.



# **FINANCIAL POSITION - 5-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Working capital	1,010	909	779	928	854
Total assets	2,281	2,062	1,786	1961	1,779
Long-term debt <sup>(1)</sup>	605	514	456	694	670
Shareholders' equity	1,288	1,281	1,116	1,026	914
Net debt <sup>(2)</sup> to total capitalization <sup>(1)</sup>	0.32:1	0.29:1	0.29:1	0.40:1	0.42:1
Net debt <sup>(2)</sup> to EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.6	2.8
Return on capital employed	12%	11%	13%	13%	14%



<sup>(1)</sup> Including the current portion of long-term debt.

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