

# INVESTOR PRESENTATION



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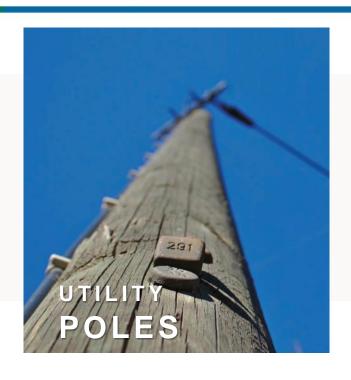
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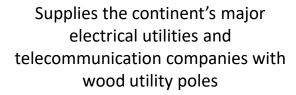
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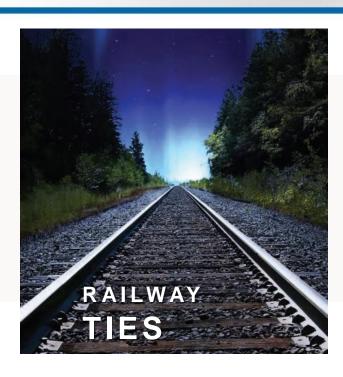
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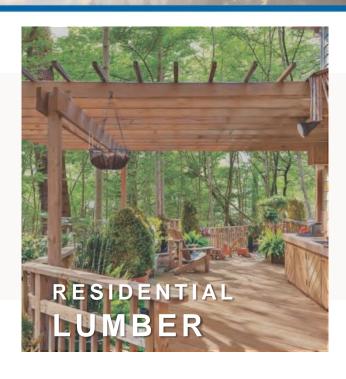
## BUILDING ON OUR STRONG FUNDAMENTALS







Supplies North America's Class 1, short line and commercial railroad operators with railway ties and timbers

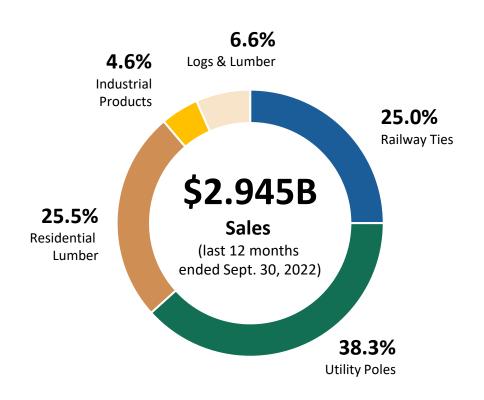


Manufactures and distributes premium residential lumber and accessories to Canadian and American retailers for outdoor applications



## STELLA-JONES AT A GLANCE

#### The Leading North American Supplier Of Pressure-Treated Wood Products





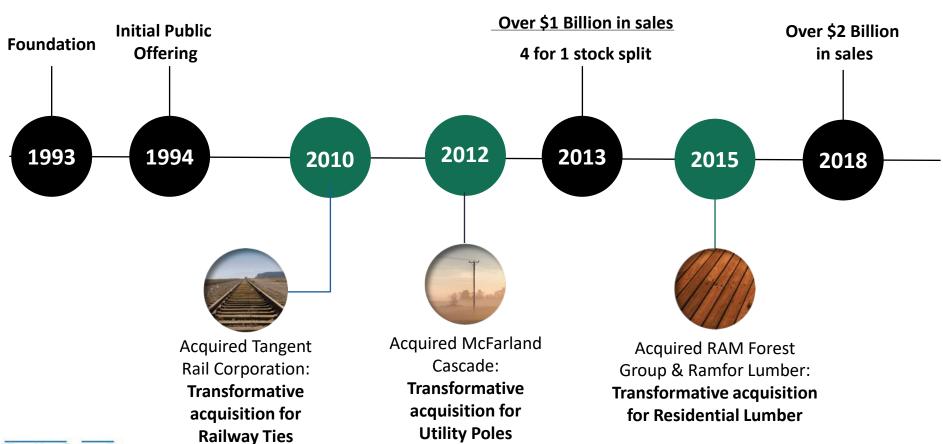


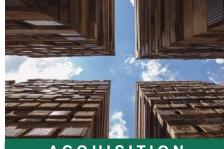
<sup>1)</sup> As at September 30, 2022

For the 12-month period ended September 30, 2022

#### HISTORICAL MILESTONES

#### Completed more than 20 acquisitions in the past 20 years





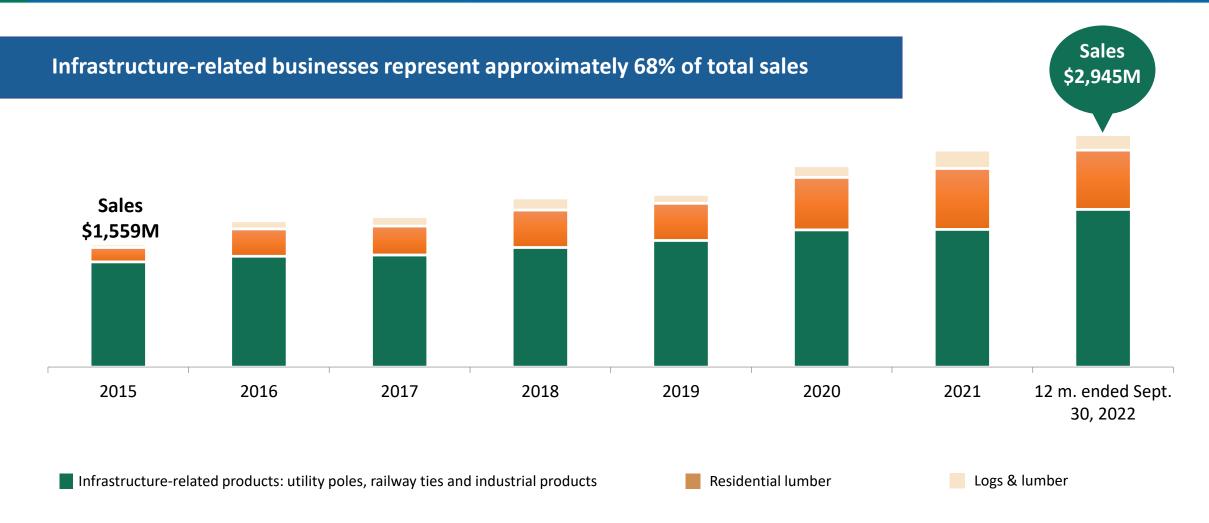
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## ACQUISITION CONTRIBUTIONS

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

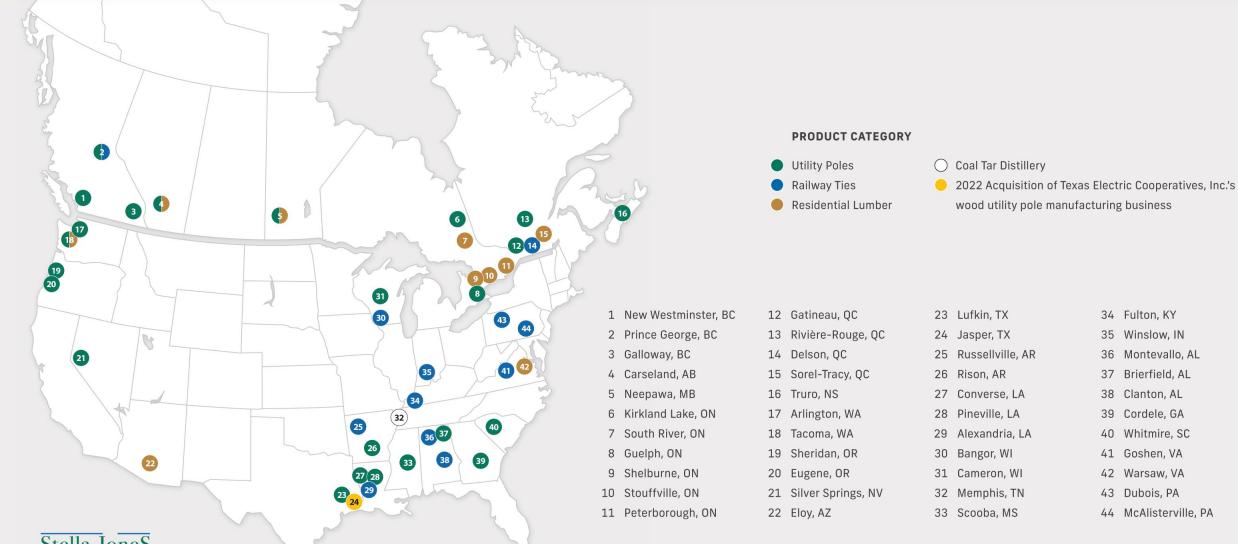


## INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED BUSINESSES





## STELLA-JONES' CONTINENTAL NETWORK



## **COMPETITIVE STRENGTHS**



#### **Resilient Business Model**

- Businesses with steady demand
- Leadership position in product categories
- Decentralized structure with the ability to rapidly adjust to changing environments and customer requirements
- Extensive network to service customers
- Solid and sustained customer relationships
- Long-standing stable sources of wood and registration to produce the wood preservative, creosote
- Track record of delivering solid results

#### **Seasoned Management Team**

- Extensive North American industry expertise
- Consistent record of successful acquisitions
- Entrenched culture of entrepreneurship balanced with environmentally sound and sustainable practices

#### **Solid Financial Position**

- Strong cash flow and low debt level
- Financial capacity to stockpile and air-season green wood
- Financial strength and flexibility to support growth opportunities

## STRATEGY AND FUTURE GROWTH BY BUSINESS UNIT

% of Sales*	Market	Growth Drivers	Trends	Growth Strategy	
• Potential for further consolidation in the North American market  Utility Poles		<ul> <li>Replacement programs (life span of poles is typically 65 years)</li> <li>Additional infrastructure for telecommunication</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increasing average age of poles</li> <li>Growth of 5G networks, "fibre-to-home" and other investments related to electric vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acquisitions</li> <li>Leveraging increase in replacement demand and telecommunication needs</li> <li>Expanding product offering</li> <li>High single-digit growth (2022-24)</li> </ul>	
25.0% Railway Ties	Market is fairly consolidated	<ul> <li>Maintenance requirements</li> <li>Economic stimulus programs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stable Class 1 maintenance demand</li> <li>Strong non Class 1 market demand</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acquisitions</li> <li>Increased market reach</li> <li>Low single-digit growth (2022-24)</li> </ul>	
25.5% Residential Lumber	Partially consolidated in Canada	Home renovation	<ul> <li>Sustainable growth for home improvement projects</li> <li>Increased market reach in dealer network</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expanding the dealer network</li> <li>Service big box stores</li> <li>Normalization to above pre-pandemic 2019 levels (2022-2024)</li> </ul>	
4.6% Industrial Products	Niche business driven primarily by railwa	ay bridges and crossings, marine and foundat	ion pilings, construction timber and special pr	rojects	
6.6% Logs and Lumber	Business used to optimize procurement				



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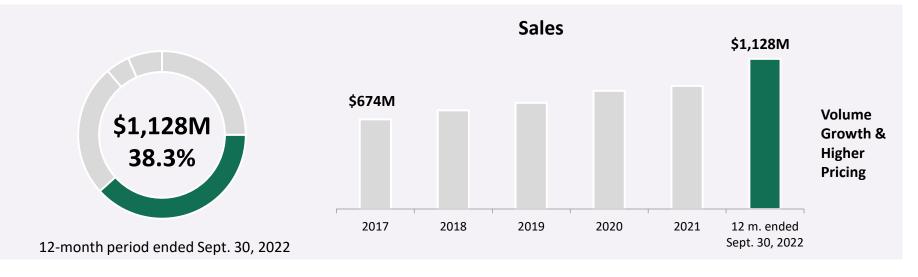


# OVERVIEW BY BUSINESS UNIT

### UTILITY POLES - OVERVIEW

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





#### 22 Facilities

#### **Transformative Acquisition**

- 7 in Canada
- 15 in U.S.

• McFarland (2012)



### UTILITY POLES - OFFERING



#### **Competitive Advantages**

An extensive distribution network, continuous supply, emergency response and fireresistant wrap

#### Customers

- Electrical utility companies
- Telecommunication companies

#### **Contracts**

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

#### **Product Category Size**

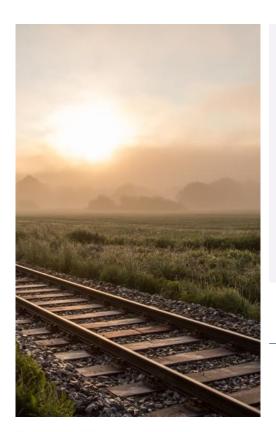
- There are about 150MM poles in North America, of which 105MM are wood
- Wood offers the best value over alternative materials such as steel, composites and concrete

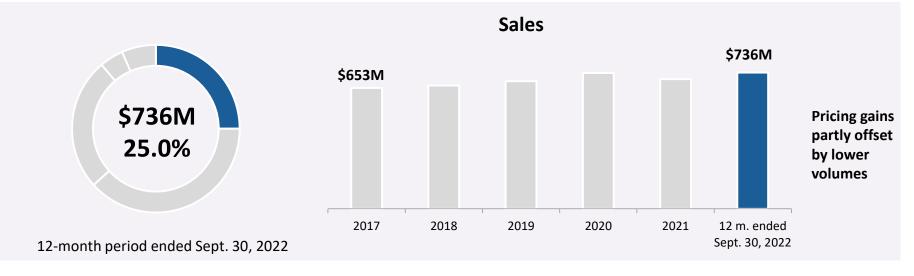
Services	Wood Species	Preservatives
<ul> <li>Incising</li> </ul>	Western Red Cedar	Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA)
<ul> <li>Radial Drilling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Douglas Fir</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Creosote</li> </ul>
Through Boring	Red Pine	<ul> <li>Copper Naphthenate (CuN)</li> </ul>
• Framing	Southern Yellow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



### RAILWAY TIES - OVERVIEW

Industry leader in the development, upgrade and maintenance of North America's railroad infrastructure, with the capacity to supply the continent's demand for railway ties and timbers with over 10 million pressure-treated wooden crossties per year





**12 Facilities** 

~850 Suppliers

**Transformative Acquisition** 

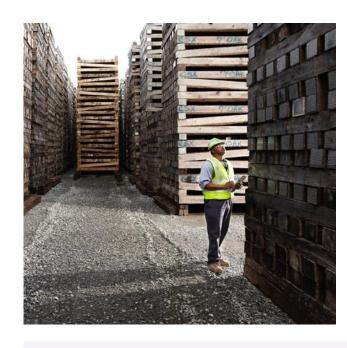
- 2 in Canada
- 10 in U.S.

Hardwood sawmills

• Tangent Rail (2010)



## RAILWAY TIES - OFFERING



#### **Competitive Advantages**

An extensive distribution network, steady 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

#### **Product Category 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

#### Services Wood Species Preservatives

- Pre-Plating
- Pre-boring
- Crossing panels
- End-plating

- Mixed Hardwood
- Oak

- Creosote
- Borate

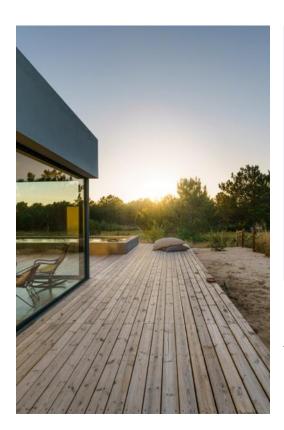
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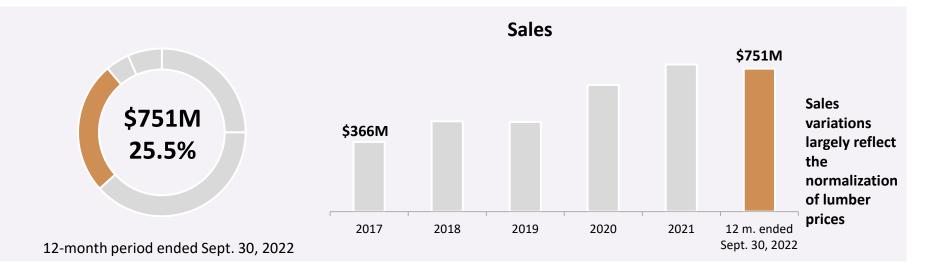
Copper Naphthenate



## 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





#### **8 Facilities**

- 6 in Canada
- 2 in U.S.

#### **Transformative Acquisitions**

 Ram Forest Group and Ramfor Lumber (2015)



## RESIDENTIAL LUMBER - OFFERING



#### **Competitive Advantages**

Solid supply, dedicated distribution centres, quick delivery times and low transportation costs

#### **Customers**

- ~70% Big box retailers
- Dealer network

#### **Contracts**

Renewed annually

#### **Product Category Size**

- Difficult to access
- Limited pure plays

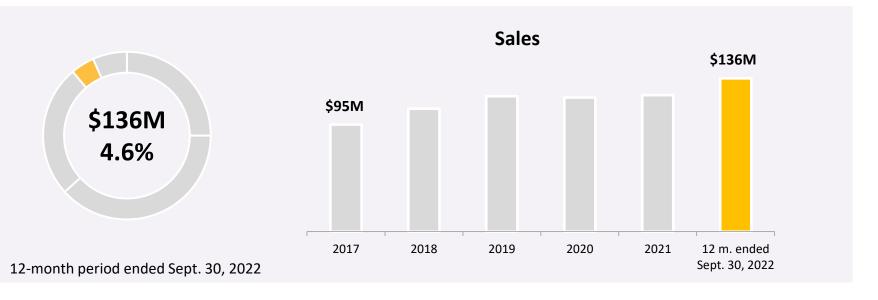
Services	<b>Wood Species</b>	Preservatives
• Lumber	Hemlock	Micronized Copper Azole (Micropro
<ul> <li>Distribution of complementary accessories</li> </ul>	• Pine	<ul> <li>Alkaline Copper Quaternary (ACQ)</li> </ul>
	Spruce	<ul> <li>Copper Azole (CA)</li> </ul>
	• Fir	



## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS - OVERVIEW

A leading supplier of pressure-treated wood products to the industrial, marine and civic sectors for outdoor applications, including wood for railway bridges and crossings, marine and foundation pilings and construction timbers, offered in a variety of select wood species and preservatives



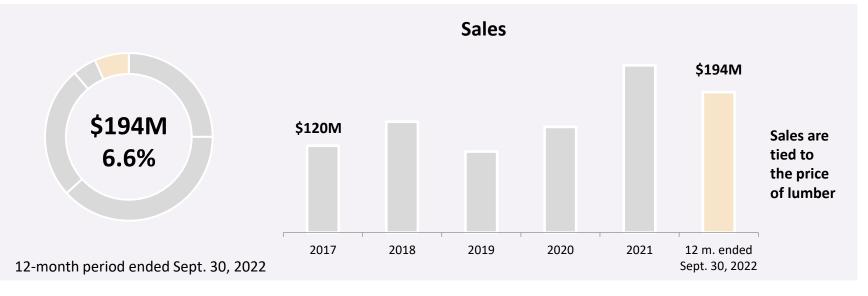




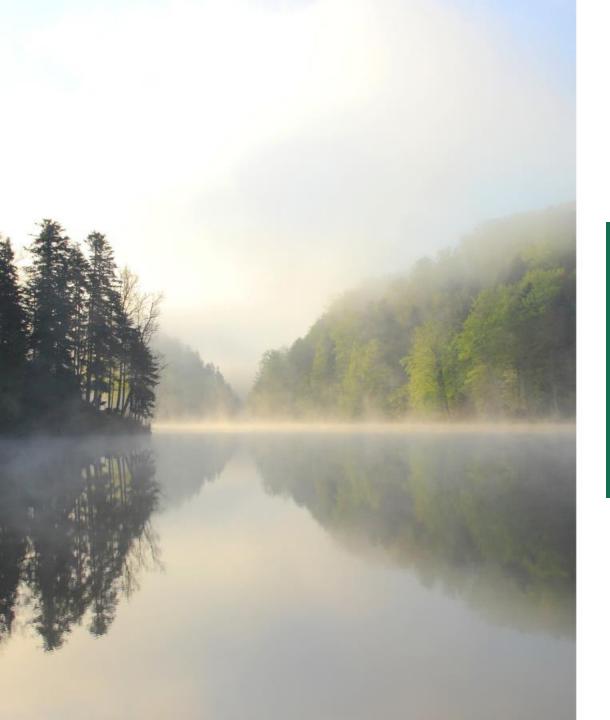
## LOGS AND LUMBER - OVERVIEW

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









## ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE



## PURSUING OUR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES RESPONSIBLY

We are committed to integrating ESG into our daily business decisions and strategies, which will make us a more resilient and agile business in the long-term. Keeping with our vision to consistently improve our sustainability practices and be transparent about our performance, and focusing on our four ESG pillars:





ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT



STEWARDSHIP

PRODUCT



GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES



Our latest ESG report is available at www.stella-jones.com/en-CA/investorrelations/environmental-social-governance



### **2021 ESG HIGHLIGHTS**















Directors, exceeding 30% gender diversity target

**SHIELD** rollout extends into Canada, our environment, health and safety management program

**Community engagement** added as a material topic following stakeholder feedback

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**Streamlined HR processes** Planning and implementation of our HR Information System (HRIS)







Regulatory compliance and the effective management of water, energy, and emissions

**PEOPLE** Safety, well being, and a collaborative and inclusive workforce

physical risk scenario analysis completed.

Solar analysis for 10 sites with full design and engineering completed for the first site installation

\$1.6M

invested in voluntary land remediation programs

reported from all wood treatment facilities





#### PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

Sustainable forest management, responsible manufacturing and product innovation initiatives

2.52M

Metric tonnes of CO2 sequestered by our wood products in 2021

Supported safety upgrades at 3 sawmills through small business loans and long-term supply commitments

Sustainable procurement certification maintained for residential lumber

trees planted in our managed forest tenures





#### **GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES**

Integrating ESG is central to our decision-making process.

**TCFD-aligned** disclosures added this year

**Indigenous Peoples** identified as a priority

Board skills matrix and selfassessment completed

**Cyber security** maturity assessment completed



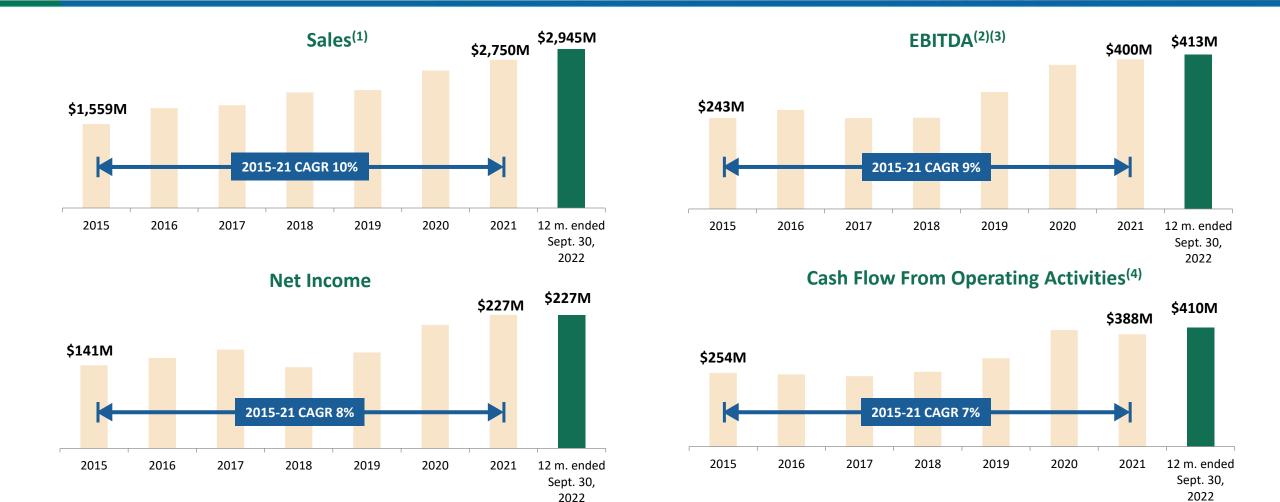
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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## TRACK RECORD OF PERFORMANCE



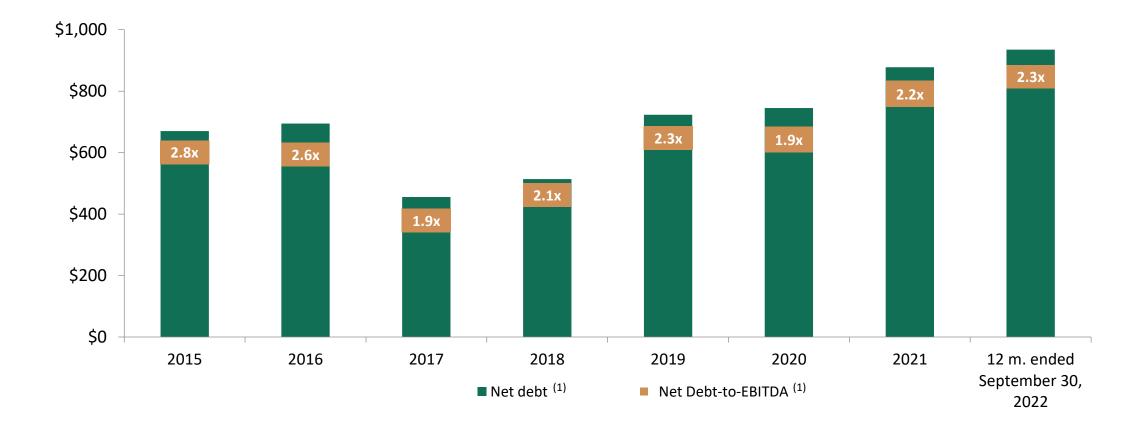


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<sup>(3)</sup> EBITDA prior to 2019 was not restated as permitted by IFRS 16, Leases.

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## MAINTAINING A SOLID FINANCIAL POSITION



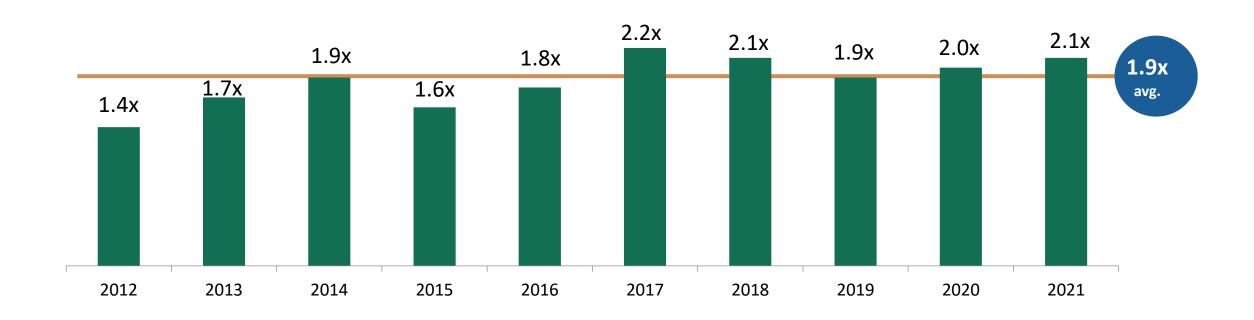


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Net debt-to-EBITDA calculations for 2015 to 2018 period were not restated, as IFRS 16, Leases was adopted in 2019 without restating comparative periods.

## ANNUAL INVENTORY TURNOVER

Because of the long periods required to air-season wood, inventory turnover is relatively low.





## CAPITAL ALLOCATION PRIORITIES



#### **Capital Expenditures**

Organic growth, innovation, productivity and asset maintenance **TARGET: \$50M-\$60M** 

annually

Expand capex to reflect growing demand of the infrastructure-related customer base **TARGET: additional** \$90M-\$100M over

2022-2024

#### Dividend

Durable dividend payout **TARGET: 20-30% of** prior year's EPS

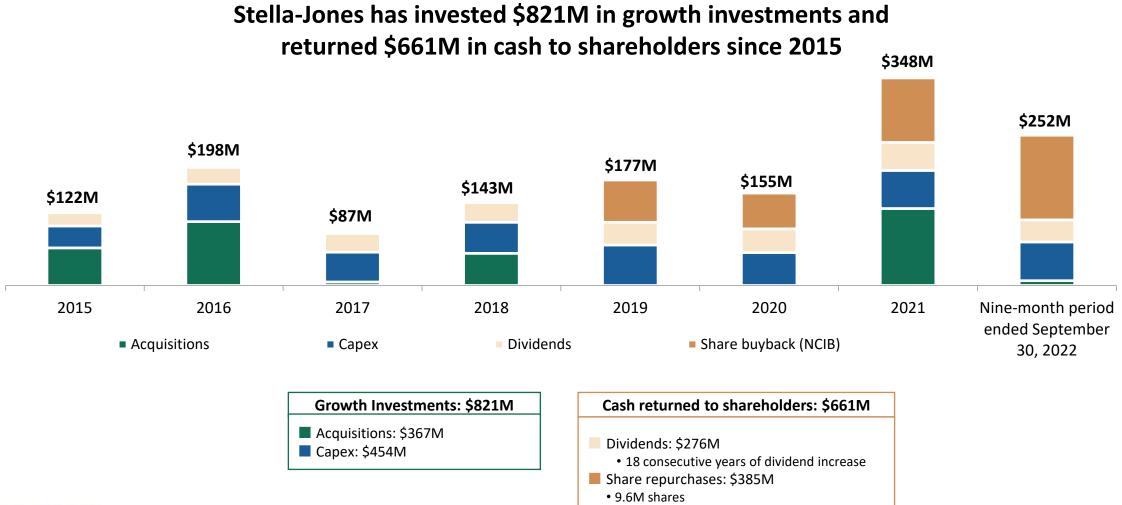
2021 payout: 23%

Acquisitions	Share Repurchase
Pursue accretive transactions to enhance strategic positioning and drive earnings growth	Return excess free cash flow to shareholders through share repurchases

**Leverage Target: 2.0x-2.5x Net Debt-to-EBITDA** 

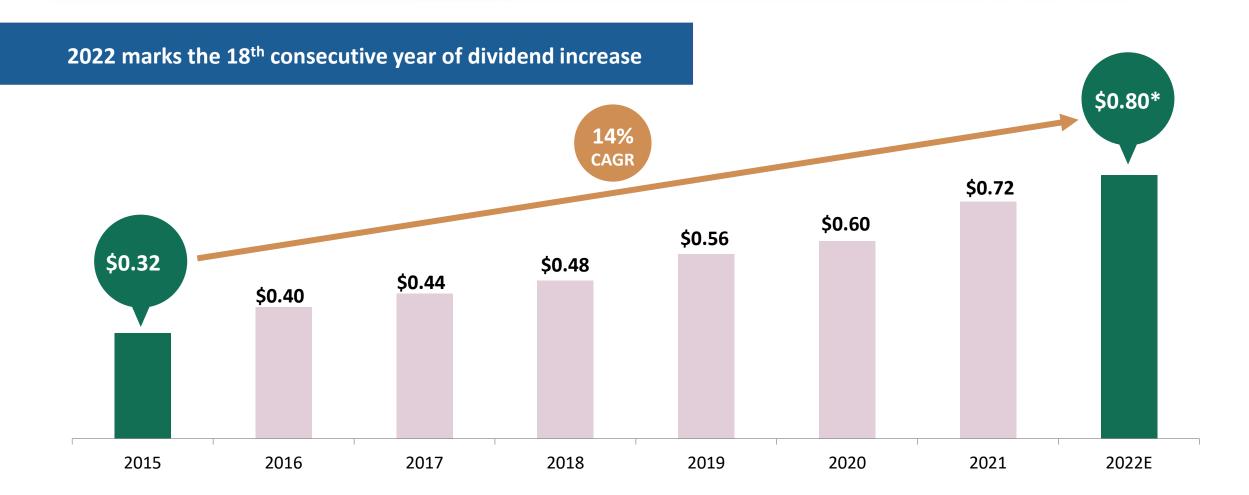


## ALLOCATING CAPITAL FOR GROWTH & RETURNS





## INCREASING DIVIDENDS CONSISTENTLY

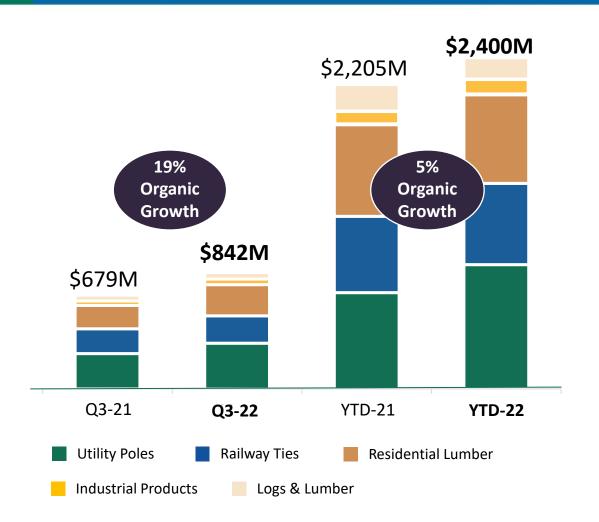






## Q3-2022 & YEAR-TO DATE 2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS

## Q3 & YTD-22 - SALES



SALES VARIANCE	Q3	YTD
2021 Sales (\$M)	679	2,205
Acquisitions	17	47
Currency variations	18	40
Organic growth	128	108
Pressure treated wood	125	146
Logs and lumber	3	(38)
2022 Sales (\$M)	842	2,400

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## YTD-22 - SALES VARIANCE

#### **Infrastructure-Related Businesses Organic Growth of 13%**

(in millions of dollars)	Utility Poles	Railway Ties	Residential Lumber	Industrial Products	TOTAL PRESSURE TREATED WOOD	Logs & Lumber	CONSOLIDATED SALES
YTD 2021	698	553	666	96	2,013	192	2,205
Acquisitions	47	-	-	-	47	-	47
FX impact	20	12	5	2	39	1	40
Organic growth	136	24	(27)	13	146	(38)	108
YTD 2022	901	589	644	111	2,245	155	2,400
Organic growth %	19%	4%	(4%)	14%	7%	(20%)	5%

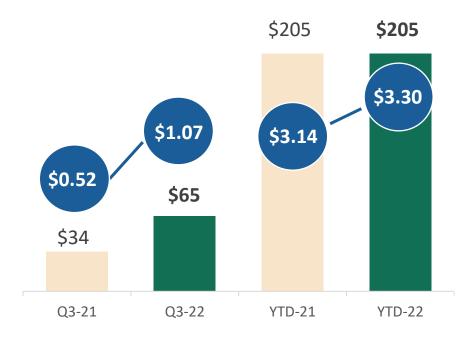


### Q3 & YTD-22 - PROFITABILITY

#### **EBITDA**<sup>(1)</sup> & Operating Income (in millions of \$) \$361 \$348 \$298 \$294 14.1% 15.8% 15.0% 10.2% \$119 \$98 \$69 \$51 Q3-21 Q3-22 YTD-21 YTD-22 EBITDA ■ Operating Income

#### **Net Income & Earnings Per Share**

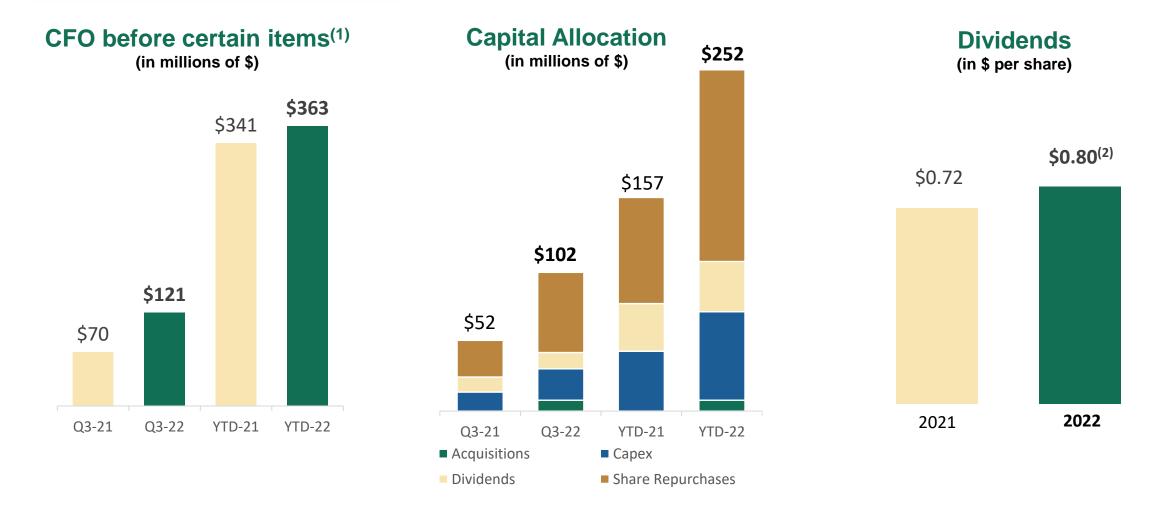
(in millions of \$, except per share data)





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## Q3-22 - CASH FLOW AND CAPITAL ALLOCATION





<sup>(1)</sup> Before changes in non-cash working capital components and interest paid and income taxes paid.

<sup>(2)</sup> Projected based on the latest declared quarterly dividend.



# 2022-2024 FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES

## 2022-2024 OBJECTIVES BY PRODUCT CATEGORIES



- Support customers with ample and timely supply of key infrastructure requirements
- Expected average growth in high single-digits through the end of 2024
- Growth from replacement demand, internet infrastructure and to support growing electrical needs



- Strong procurement network provided a steady raw material inflow to meet customer needs despite market tightness
- Expect average growth in low single-digits through the end of 2024
- Demand driven by sustained maintenance and replacement demand

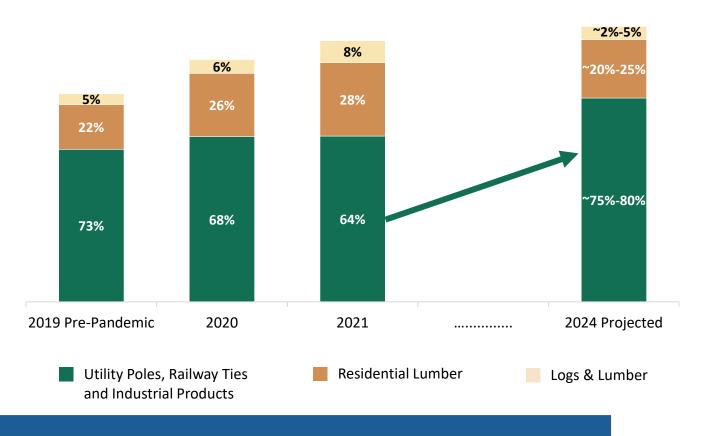


- Navigated through the market price of lumber volatility
- Demand expected to normalize above pre-pandemic levels and represent between 20-25% of sales by 2024

EBITDA margin of approximately 15% for the 2022-2024 period



## 2022-2024 OUTLOOK - EVOLVING PRODUCT SALES



- Compound annual sales growth rate in the mid-single digit range from 2019 pre-pandemic levels to 2024.
- Infrastructure-related sales are expected to represent 75-80% of total sales by 2024.

Please refer to the Company's MD&A for a complete list of assumptions.



## INVESTING AND INNOVATING IN OUR NETWORK

#### **IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

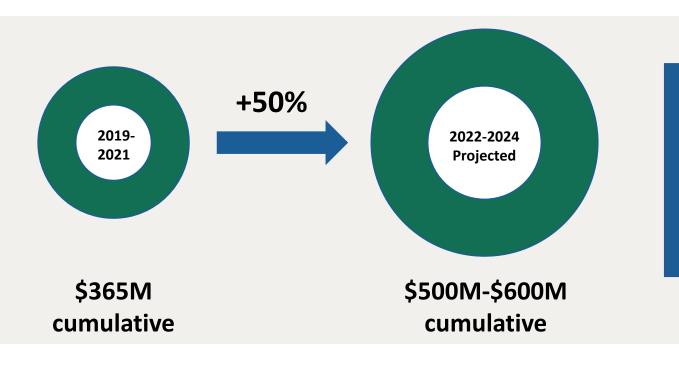
- Capex Program Expanded Incremental \$90M to \$100M over 3 years to support the growing demand of its infrastructure-related customer base, in addition to the \$50 to \$60 million of annual capital expenditures
- Equipment Upgrades Underway
- New Procurement Sites Continually being assessed
- DCOI Preservative to Replace Penta Ongoing phased roll-out of plant conversions
- Accelerating Integration of Fire-Resistant Pole Wrap







## RETURNING CAPITAL TO SHAREHOLDERS



- The Company expects to return approximately \$500 to \$600 million to shareholders in the 2022-2024 period.
- \$180M returned in first nine months of 2022

Please refer to the Company's MD&A for a complete list of assumptions.





## **APPENDIX**



## INCOME STATEMENT - FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	12 m. ended Sept. 30, 2022	2021	2020	2019	<b>2018</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	2017 <sup>(1)</sup>
Sales <sup>(2)</sup>	2,945	2,750	2,551	2,189	2,144	1,908
Gross Profit <sup>(3)</sup>	477	456	446	358	328	315
Gross Profit margin <sup>(3)</sup>	16.2%	16.6%	17.5%	16.4%	15.3%	16.5%
EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	413	400	385	313	244	243
EBITDA margin <sup>(3)</sup>	14.0%	14.5%	15.1%	14.3%	11.4%	12.7%
Operating income	330	326	309	242	206	207
Operating margin <sup>(3)</sup>	11.2%	11.9%	12.1%	11.1%	9.6%	10.8%
Net income	227	227	210	163	138	168
EPS - diluted	3.62	3.49	3.12	2.37	1.98	2.42

<sup>(1)</sup> Comparative figures for 2017-2018 were not restated as permitted by IFRS 16, Leases



<sup>(2) 2017 -2019</sup> figures were adjusted to reclass freight revenue from COGS to sales.

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## FINANCIAL POSITION - FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	YTD 2022	2021	2020	2019	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2017 <sup>(1)</sup>
Working capital <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1,231	1,146	1,101	1,010	909	779
Total assets	2,936	2,665	2,426	2,281	2,062	1,786
Long-term debt <sup>(4)</sup>	774	734	606	605	514	456
Lease liabilities <sup>(4)</sup>	161	144	139	118	-	-
Shareholders' equity	1,586	1,448	1,373	1,288	1,281	1,116
Net debt <sup>(5)</sup> to total capitalization <sup>(3)</sup>	0.37:1	0.38:1	0.35:1	0.36:1	0.29:1	0.29:1
Net debt <sup>(5)</sup> to EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.9
Return on avg. capital employed(3)(6)	12.9%	13.7%	13.7%	11.6%	11.3%	11.8%

<sup>(6)</sup> In the first quarter of 2022, the Company changed the composition of this ratio to better reflect its operating performance and the efficiency of its capital allocation process throughout the period. 2019 to 2021 ratios have been adjusted.



<sup>(1)</sup> Comparative figures for 2017-2018 were not restated as permitted by IFRS 16, Leases.

<sup>(2)</sup> Comparative figures have been adjusted to include the current portion of long-term debt, lease liabilities and provisions and other long-term liabilities.

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<sup>(4)</sup> Including current portion.

<sup>(5)</sup> The definition of net debt includes lease liabilities. As IFRS 16, *Leases* was adopted in 2019 without restating comparative periods, the calculations of net debt-to-total capitalization and net-debt-to-EBITDA for the 2017-2018 periods were not restated.



