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HCCI Introduction

HCCI Strengths & Opportunities

Demonstrated Strengths

- ◆ Excellent Customer Service
- ◆ Integrated Sales & Service Approach
- ◆ Large Branch Network – 91 Branches
 - Efficient Rollout Model
- ◆ Large and Highly Diverse Customer Base
- ◆ Experienced Management Team

Numerous Growth Avenues

- ◆ Same-Branch Sales Growth
- ◆ Expanded Service Offerings
- ◆ Geographic Expansion
- ◆ Focused on Pursuing Acquisition Opportunities

Robust Revenue Growth

HCCI Business Segments

Environmental Services

- ◆ Primary Services: parts cleaning, drummed waste, vacuum services
- ◆ Provider of industrial and hazardous waste services to small and mid-sized customers
 - Focus on small industrial manufacturers (e.g., metal product fabricators and printers) and vehicle maintenance providers (e.g., car dealerships and automotive repair shops)
- ◆ Customers outsource the handling and disposal of parts cleaning solvents and containerized waste to HCCI; allows them to focus on their core business
- ◆ Parts Cleaning Services:
 - 2nd largest full-service provider in the U.S.
 - Reduce the volume of hazardous waste generated and associated regulatory burden for our customers
 - Strong recurring revenue business with substantial majority of revenues under automatically renewing service contracts

Oil Business

- ◆ Includes used oil collection, oil filter disposal, RFO sales, re-refining and the sale of base oil and related by-products
- ◆ Complementary to Environmental Services segment; leverages branch infrastructure
- ◆ 2nd largest used oil collector and re-refiner in North America
- ◆ Integrated business from used oil collection to marketing and sale of re-refined base oil
- ◆ Annual base oil capacity of 47 million gallons

Environmental, Social & Governance



Environmental

- Our goal is to be an environmentally responsible member of the communities we operate in
- Through the various service offers, we provide our customers several ways to preserve and reuse natural resources



Social

- We strive to provide a safe, rewarding and developmental workplace
- We aim to positively impact the community via various forms of outreach and philanthropic activities



Governance

- We strive to operate our business with a high ethical standard and the utmost integrity

Environmental Highlights – Preserving Natural Resources

Oil

- Re-Refined base oil produced – 44.0 MM Gallons
- Other recycled oil products and by-products produced from used oil – 23.0 MM Gallons

Parts Cleaning Solvent

- Used solvent processed – 3.2 MM Gallons
- Recycled solvent produced – 2.9 MM Gallons
- Solvent reused as a manufacturing ingredient – 1.0 MM Gallons

Wastewater

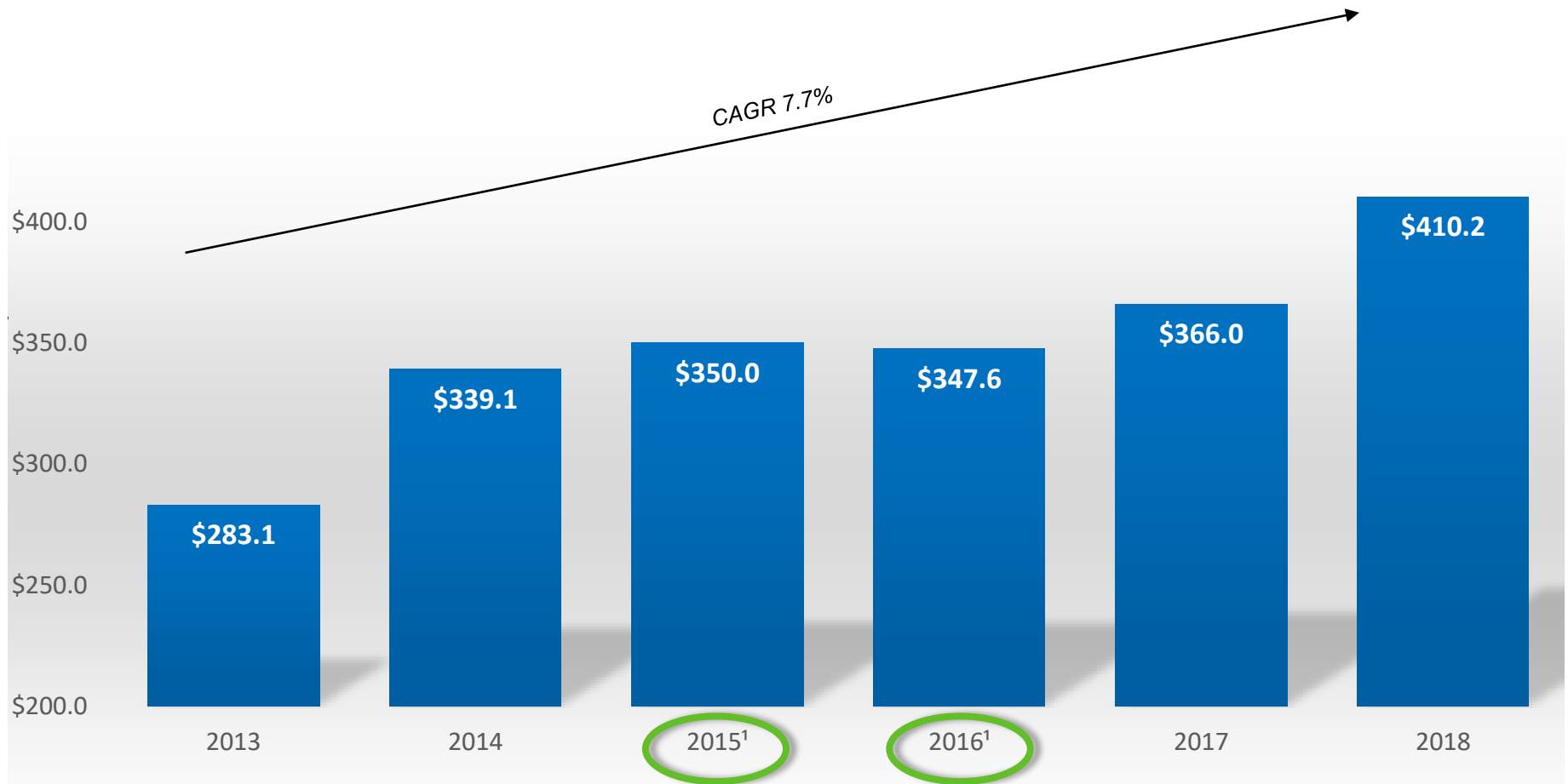
- Treatment of wastewater – 36.1 MM Gallons

Antifreeze

- Spent antifreeze collected – 4.3 MM Gallons
- Remanufactured antifreeze produced – 3.2 MM Gallons

Historical Sales Growth

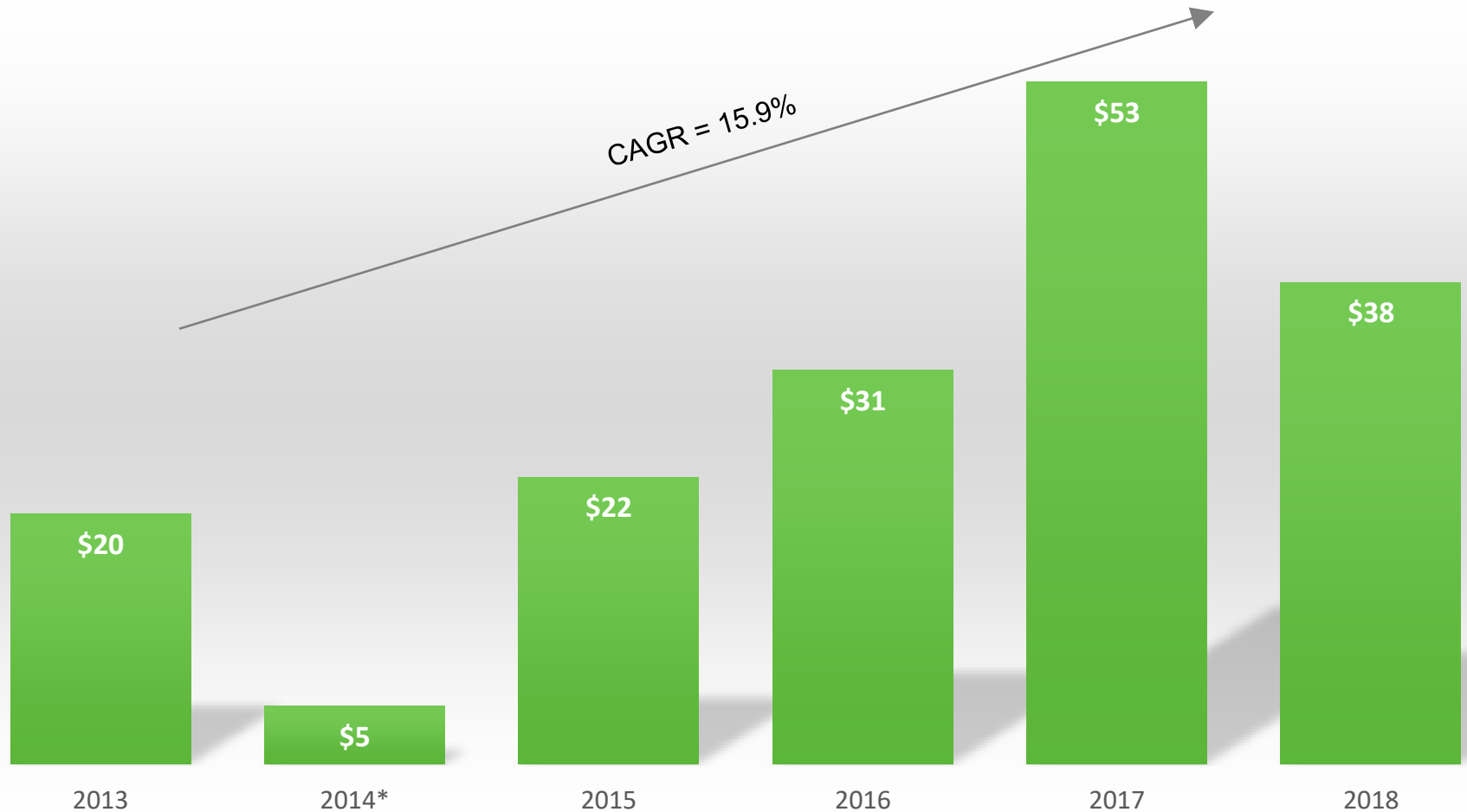
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EBITDA Growth Trend

(\$ in millions)



* FCCE included from date of acquisition

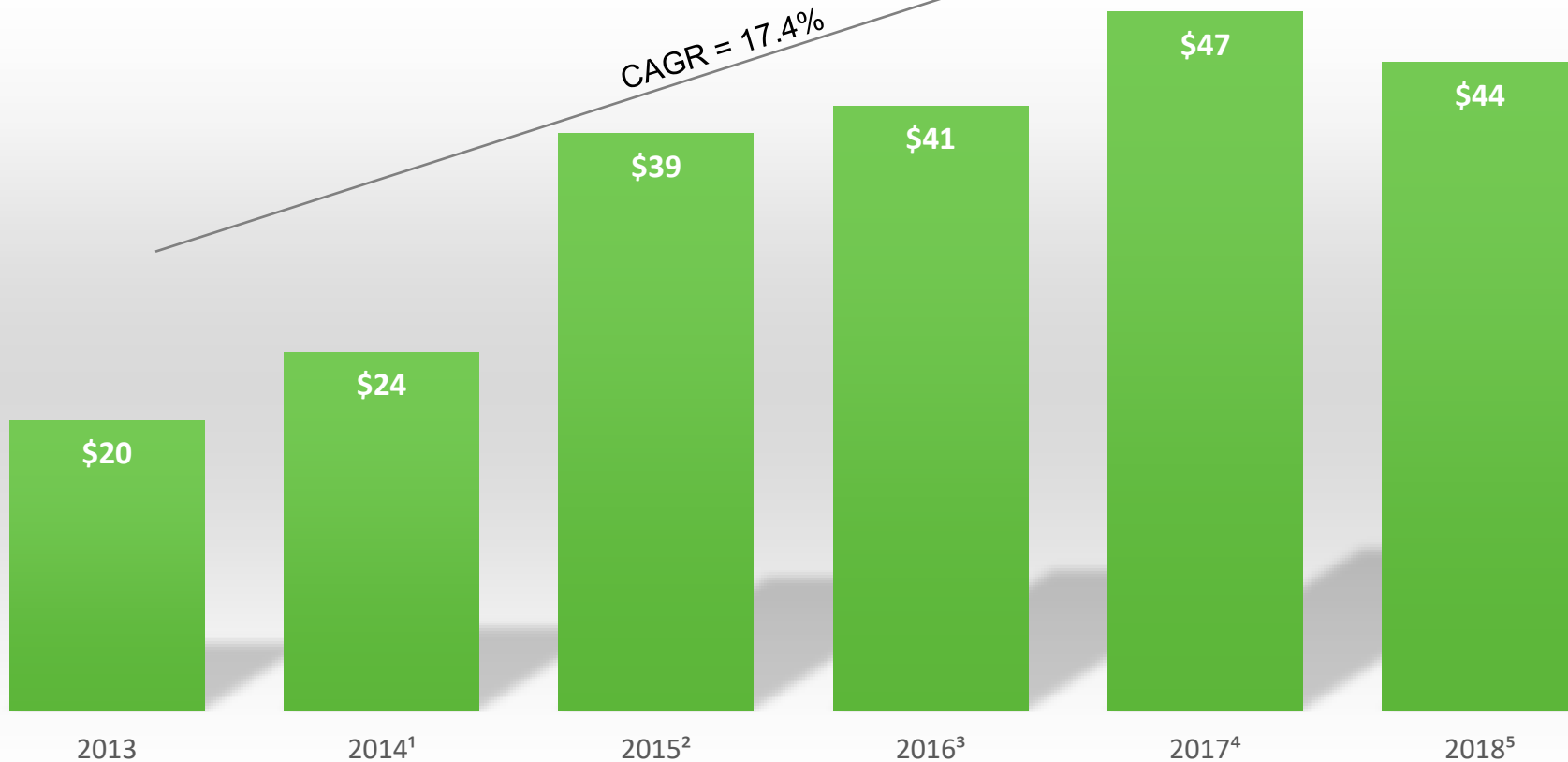
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Adjusted EBITDA Growth Trend

(\$ in millions)

CAGR = 17.4%



(1)- Includes add-backs for FCCE acquisition & integration costs (\$7.4 MM), inventory write-down (\$6.1MM), unreimbursed loss from refinery fire (\$0.3 MM) and FCCE stub period losses (\$5.9 MM)

(2)- Includes add-backs for Legal Fees (\$1.5MM), FCCE acquisition & integration expenses (\$1.8 MM), inventory write-down (\$9.2MM) and goodwill impairment (\$4.0 MM)

(3)- Includes add-backs for Legal Fees (\$5.6MM), inventory write-down (\$1.7MM), fines & restitution (\$1.6 MM) and severance (\$1.2MM)

(4)- Includes add-backs for Legal Fees (\$0.7MM), severance (\$1.2MM) and site closure costs (\$0.6MM)

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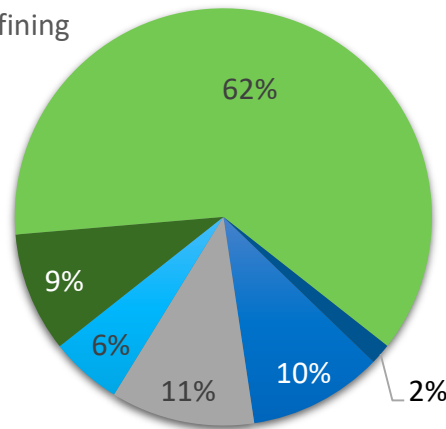
Industry

Large, Attractive Market

Market Addressed by HCCI⁽¹⁾

- Industrial & Hazardous Waste
- Used Oil Services & Used Oil Re-Refining
- Vacuum Services
- Parts Cleaning Services
- Field Services
- Anti-freeze

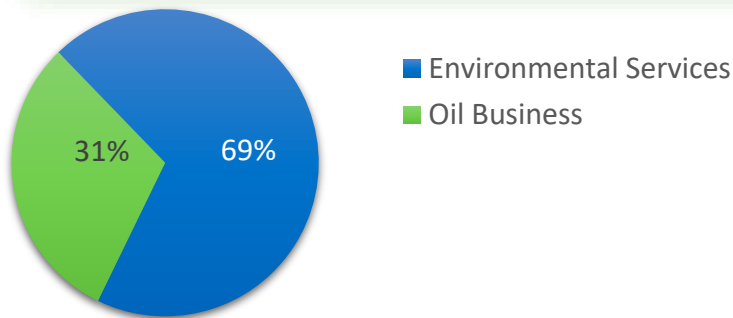
Total Market = \$8.1 billion



Key Characteristics

- ◆ Approximately 800,000 establishments in the U.S. engaged in manufacturing or vehicle maintenance ⁽²⁾
- ◆ Establishments need to remove grease and dirt from parts with industrial cleaning solutions
- ◆ Establishments generate used oil, waste paint, etc. which cannot be poured down the drain
- ◆ For small- and medium-sized generators, it is far more cost-effective to outsource to HCCI than manage themselves

Q1 2019 HCCI Revenue by Segment



Q1 2019 Total Revenue = \$95.8 million

⁽¹⁾ Source: Management estimates.

⁽²⁾ Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2013.

Competitive Landscape

- ◆ Highly fragmented
 - Competitors typically include smaller regional firms or companies operating in a single city
- ◆ Significant barriers to entry
 - Route density is needed before profitability can be achieved
 - Significant capital is required to provide parts cleaning equipment for customer use
 - A used oil re-refining plant can cost tens of millions of dollars to build
 - Obtaining permits for transportation and operating sites is time consuming and expensive
 - Extensive branch service and supporting transportation network is costly and may take a long time to develop
- ◆ Clean Harbors/ Safety-Kleen is a competitor in parts cleaning, containerized waste management, used oil collection & re-refining, vacuum truck services, antifreeze recycling and field services businesses
 - HCCI believes that it competes favorably based on customer service and a broad service offering, and HCCI can depend on the depth of experience of its management team



Environmental Services

Environmental Services Offer

- ◆ Majority of Revenue from Three Businesses

- Parts Cleaning
- Containerized Waste
- Vacuum Services

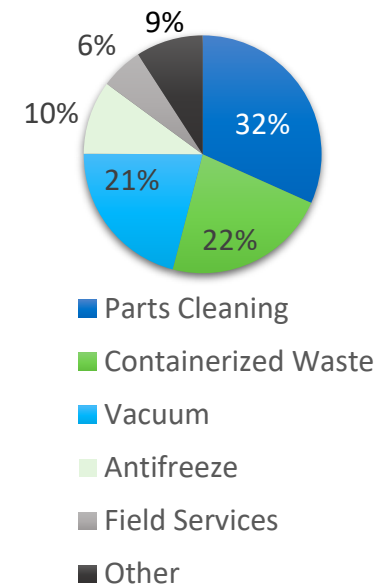
- ◆ Expanding Businesses

- Antifreeze
- Field Services

- ◆ ES Businesses Leverage

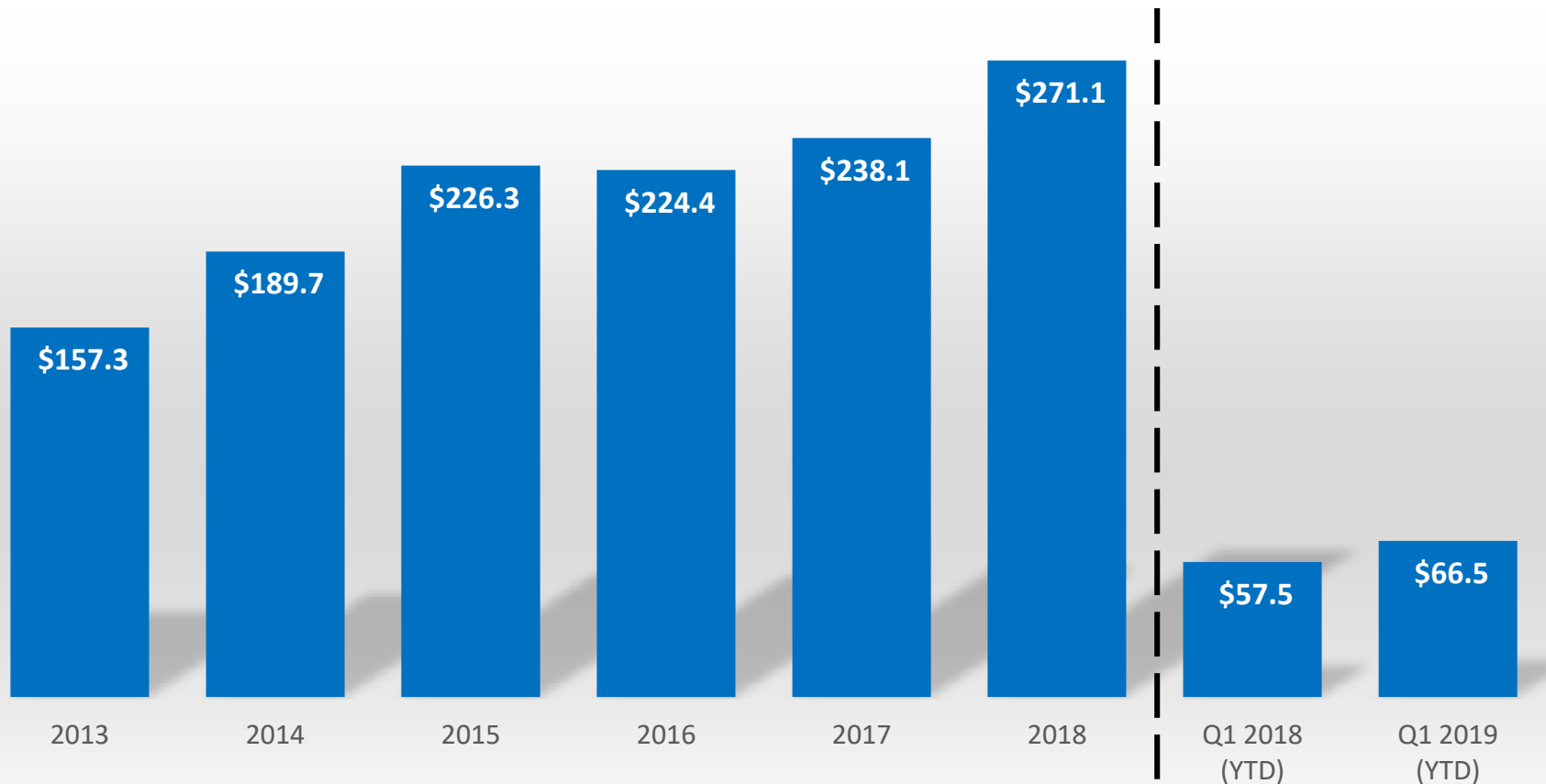
- Common customer set
- Facilities (i.e. branches)
- Branch management

Q1 2019 HCCI Environmental Services Revenue

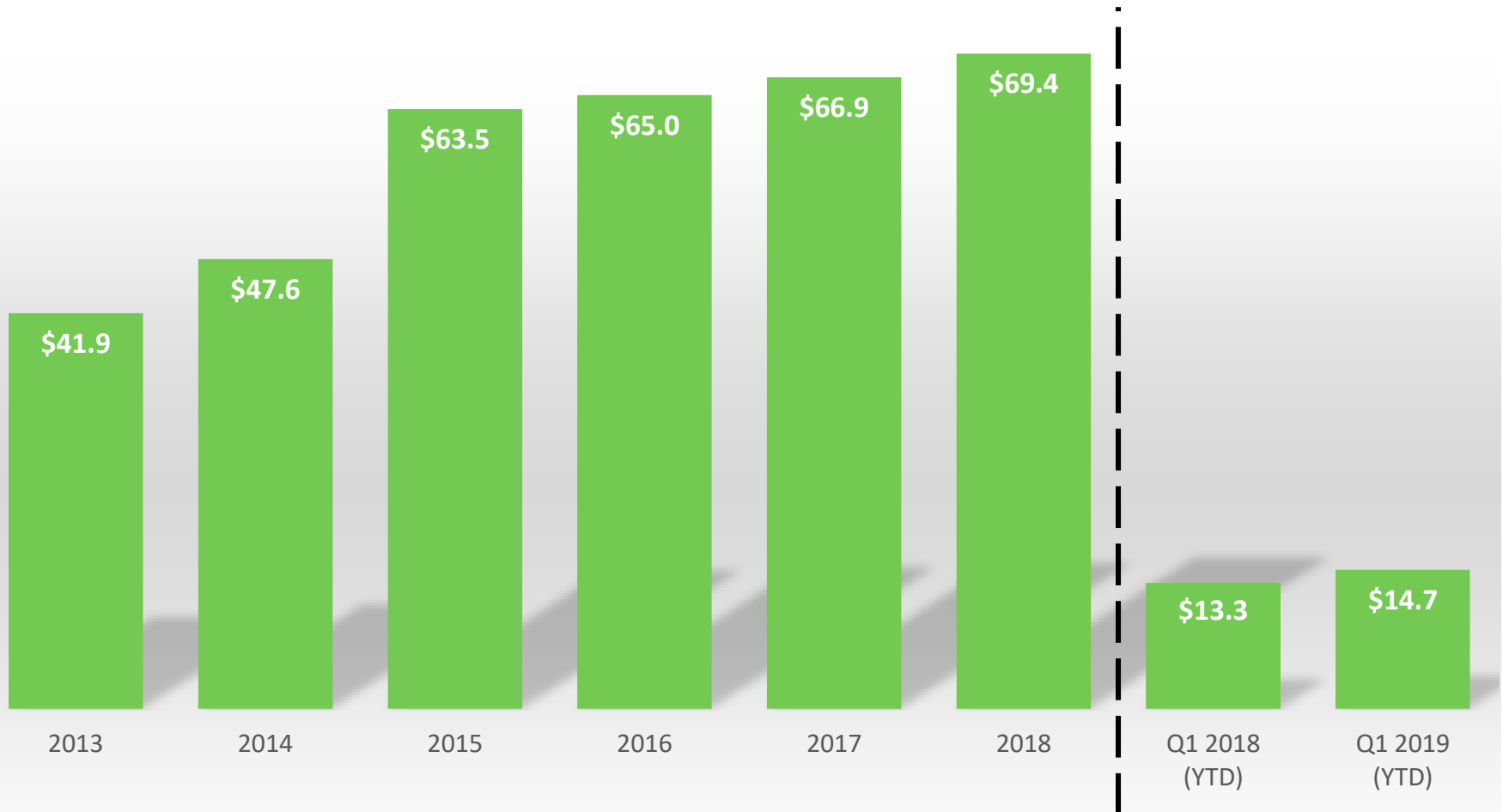


Q1 2019 Total ES Revenue = \$66.5 million

Environmental Services Sales Growth



Environmental Services Operating Margin



Parts Cleaning Service Offer

- ◆ Provide customers the ability to remove oil, dirt, grease and other contaminants from parts
- ◆ Differentiators
 - Aqueous parts cleaning
 - Patented equipment technology
 - Proprietary chemistry formulations
 - Reuse & non-Hazardous program
- ◆ Automatically renewing service agreements
- ◆ Strong revenue growth for almost two decades



Containerized Waste & Vacuum Service Offer

◆ Containerized Waste Service

- Manage hazardous and industrial waste
- Full Service
 - Waste profiling, analysis and regulatory support
 - Loading & labeling of containers
 - Provide proper shipping documentation
- Peace of mind



◆ Vacuum Service

- Remove and dispose of non-hazardous waste liquid and solid-liquid mixtures
- Capabilities to service small & large volume customers
- Wastewater treatment capabilities in some markets
- Peace of mind



Expanding Businesses

◆ Antifreeze

- Complete closed-loop antifreeze service
 - Remove waste antifreeze
 - Recycle waste via distillation process
 - Create re-manufactured product using high quality inhibitors/additives
- Offer full antifreeze product line
 - Conventional
 - Extended Life (OAT)
 - GM licensed Dex-Cool
 - Heavy Duty Product Line
 - ◆ Regular Heavy Duty
 - ◆ Heavy Duty Extended Life (NMOAT)
 - ◆ Heavy Duty NAPS Free Extended Life (OAT)
- Market approach
 - Dedicated route sales & service reps in some markets
 - Add-on service for existing parts cleaning/waste drum service reps in other markets



Expanding Businesses (cont.)

◆ Field Services

- Types of services offered
 - Tank cleaning
 - Lab Packs
 - Remediation (small scale)
- Asset light – Primarily use subcontractors to perform service work
- Focused on existing HCC customers



◆ ESP

- Offered to potential customers on the large-end of our target market
- Provide sole-source environmental program covering all environmental activities at target companies
- Leverage several services lines simultaneous which drives:
 - Greater average revenue per customer – AND-
 - Improved margins
- Currently offered in only 20% of HCC branches



Customers and Operations

Customers & Value Proposition

- ◆ Large and highly diversified base
 - Conducted over 305,000 machine service calls in 2018
 - During 2018, top ten Environmental Services customers represented 4.6% of total revenue
- ◆ Focus on small to medium-sized waste generators
 - Model structured for successful cross-selling of additional services
 - Of the size and scale where internal capabilities not effective or cost efficient
 - Generally less price sensitive than larger customers
 - Services reduce regulatory burden
 - Allow customers to focus on their business

Operations

- ◆ Route-based economic model
 - Route density is a significant profit driver
- ◆ The same HCCI representative provides both sales and service functions for each customer
 - Entrenched relationships with customers
 - Highly incentivized to provide excellent customer service and cross-sell additional products / services
- ◆ Cost efficient branch model
 - Operate a network of 91 branches; 5 hubs located in Indianapolis, Shreveport, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Kansas City
 - Consolidation of administrative and other functions that are not critical to sales / service

Growth Strategies – Environmental Services

Same-Branch Sales Growth

- ◆ Adding Branch Sales Managers
- ◆ Obtain new customers in existing markets
- ◆ Cross-sell multiple services to existing customers
- ◆ Increase route density to further expand operating margins
- ◆ Continue growth through integrated sales and service approach and cross-selling; utilize incentives, such as commission and awards to drive sales

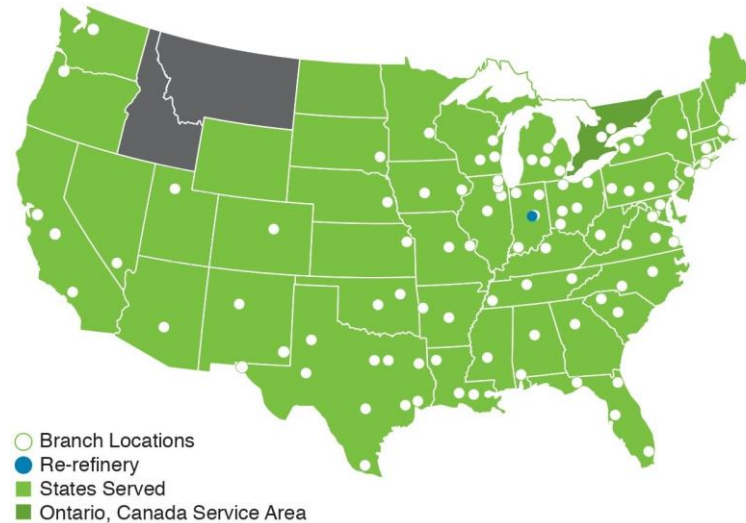
Expanded Service Offerings

- ◆ All branches offer parts cleaning and containerized waste services
- ◆ Only about two-thirds of branches offer vacuum truck services, presenting significant opportunity for further market penetration
 - Adding Vacuum Sales and Service Representatives in 2019
- ◆ Expanding businesses to be offered in additional branches.
 - Antifreeze Sales & Service Representatives
 - ESP Specialist
 - Field Services Representatives

Growth Strategies – Environmental Services (cont'd)

Geographic Expansion

- ◆ Operate from 91 branches servicing 46 states and parts of Canada; Have added 1 new location so far during 2019
- ◆ Some opportunities for expansion within the Northeastern and Southeastern U.S.
- ◆ Larger opportunities exist in Western U.S. and Eastern Canada.



Potential Acquisitions

- ◆ Additional acquisition opportunities exist
 - Tuck-in and Bolt-ons
 - Leverage our network and relationships
- ◆ Growth plans don't depend on acquisitions; more than 90% of historic revenue growth before FCCE acquisition was organic

Environmental Services Segment Update

Q1 2019

Revenue

- Growth Rate – 19.5% from Q1 2018 to Q1 2019
- Same Branch Sales Growth – 14.5%
- \$2.2 MM one-time adjustment due to implementation of new lease accounting standard (ASC 842)

Margin

- Operating margin up by 150 basis points in Q1 2019 (to 24.6%) compared to Q1 2018 after adjusting for one-time impact from implementation of new lease accounting standard (ASC 842)

Outlook

- We expect continued high single-digit organic revenue growth in 2019
- We expect our full year operating margin to improve in 2019 compared to 2018



Oil Business

Oil Business Components



◆ Used Oil Collection

- Volumes affected by seasonality (lower in winter months)
- Volume loss is expected during periods of reduction of pay-for-oil (PFO)/increase in charge-for-oil program
- If collections volumes decrease beyond normal seasonality, used oil collection fleet size is adjusted to maintain route efficiency
- Growth opportunity – results in increased route efficiency



◆ Re-Refining

- Nameplate capacity of 75 MM gpy; Base oil capacity of 47 MM gpy; Produces primarily Group II base oil
- Production of top quality lubricant base oil requires hydrotreating, a process practiced at major refineries that adds significant complexity and capital cost
- Focused on reducing operating costs

◆ Product Sales

- Our re-refinery has been sold-out since inception
- Used oil collected far from re-refinery sold as RFO
- Longer term opportunities to go downstream and sell blended and packaged lubricants



Oil Business – Managing The Spreads Are Key

- ◆ The Oil Business is a Spread Business
- ◆ Profitability is dependent on managing the difference between the cost to obtain feedstock and the price at which we sell our oil products
- ◆ As the price of crude oil moves, so does the price of the oil products we sell (typically)
 - ◆ Lubricating Base Oil
 - ◆ RFO
 - ◆ Etc.
- ◆ We are price takers when selling our oil products
- ◆ Managing what we charge or pay for used oil feedstock largely determines our spread
 - ◆ We have limited control; markets are very competitive
 - ◆ Price for feedstock varies regionally and sometimes even locally
 - ◆ Moving from pay-for-oil to charging for oil collection is a slow process

IMO 2020 Regulation & It's Impact

New Regulation

- International Maritime Organization (IMO) lowered the upper limit for sulfur content in marine fuels from 3.5% to 0.5%
- Effective Date: January 1, 2020
- As a result, the demand for high sulfur fuel is expected to decrease by 85%

Refining Impacts

- The demand for heavier, sour crude which is typically higher in sulfur is expected to decline relative to light, sweet crude which has a lower sulfur content
- Since many virgin base oil producers use the light, sweet crude to produce Group II base, the cost for their feedstock will increase
- Higher feedstock cost for virgin refiners should force them to raise their prices

Base Oil

- Since HCCI and all other re-refiners are price takers, we should see rising prices for our Group II base oil
- Base oil netback up \$0.17/gal compared to Q4 2017 but down \$0.19/gal compared to Q3 2018

Used Oil Collection

- Used oil collectors who are not vertically integrated (i.e. no re-refinery) sell their used oil as Recycled Fuel Oil (RFO)
- High sulfur fuel oil (e.g. No. 6 Oil, etc.) is often used as an index on which Recycled Fuel Oil (RFO) is sold
- The price for which non-vertically integrated used oil collectors will be able to sell their RFO is expected to plummet.
- With a lower selling price for their RFO, non-vertically integrated used oil collectors will then be forced to reduce the price they pay/increase the price they charge generators to collect their used oil.
- HCCI should expect lower feedstock costs

Oil Business Segment Update

Q1 2019

Revenue

- Growth Rate was 14.0% compared to Q1 2018
- Stronger base oil sales volume was offset by significantly lower base oil pricing compared to Q1 2018

Re-refinery

- Unplanned downtime during Q1 2019 prevented us from showing a greater improvement in production compared to Q1 2018
- Completed repairs including additional replacement of carbon steel piping with stainless steel to prevent further corrosion related issues
- Should provide for more consistent future operations

Base Oil

- Base oil netback decreased \$0.36/gal compared to Q1 2018 and \$0.34/gal compared to Q4 2018
- There have been two base oil posted price increases in March-April 2018 which will driver higher prices in Q2 2019

Used Oil Collection

- PFO decreased by \$0.18gal from Q4 2018 and \$0.07/gal from Q1 2018
- Route efficiency was flat compared to Q1 2018



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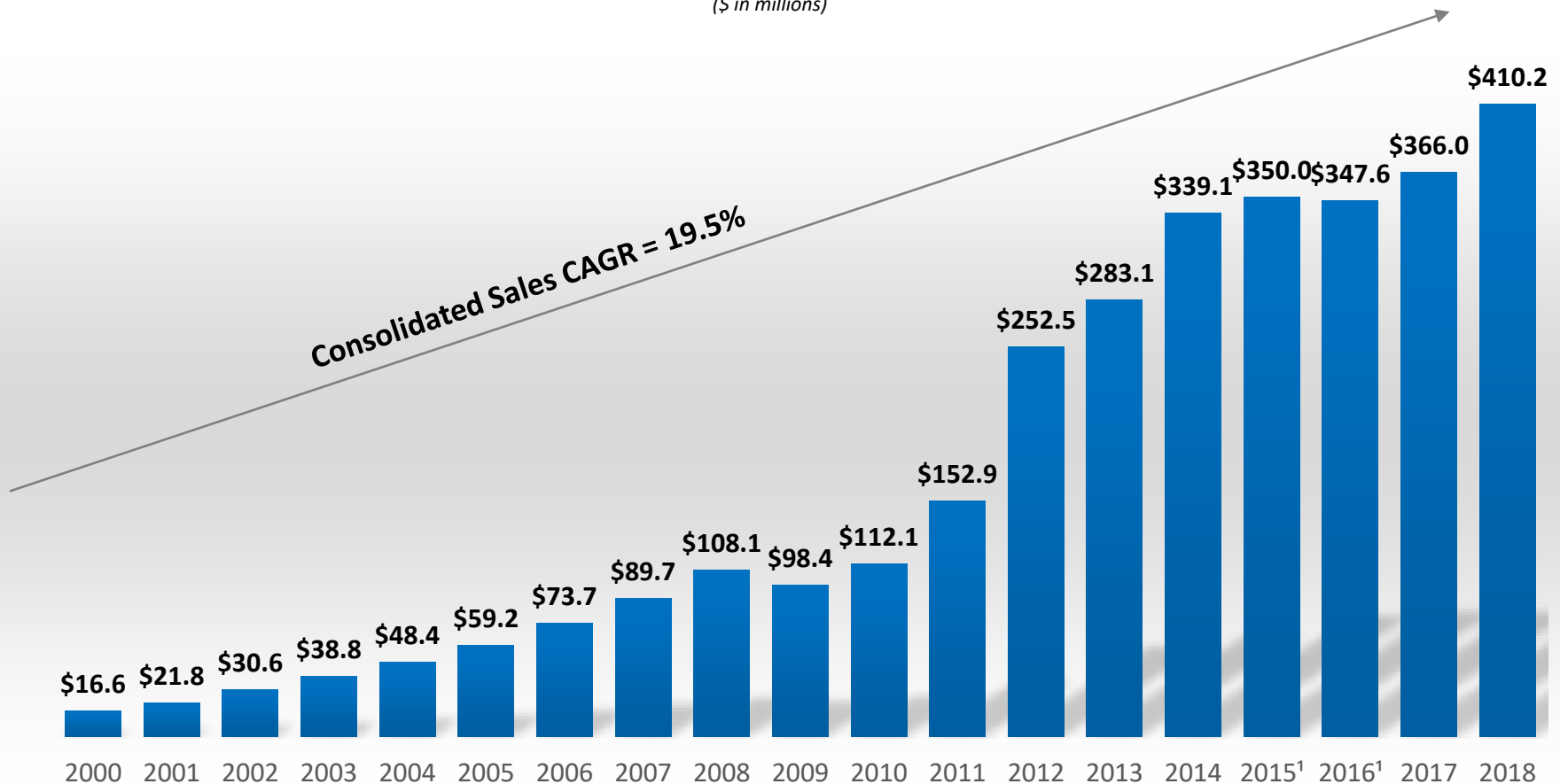
Financial Highlights & Information

- ◆ Demonstrated strong revenue growth from 2006 to 2018
 - Sales CAGR of 15.38%
- ◆ After new branch developed, target breakeven within 36 months and free cash flow after Year 3
- ◆ Profitability enhancements over time include leveraging SG&A and other fixed costs and implementing price increases
- ◆ First 3 quarters consist of 12 weeks; fourth quarter consists of 16 or 17 weeks

Long History of Strong Revenue Growth

- ♦ Oil Business (2006-2018) - CAGR 38.61%
- ♦ Environmental Service (2006-2018) - CAGR 11.82%

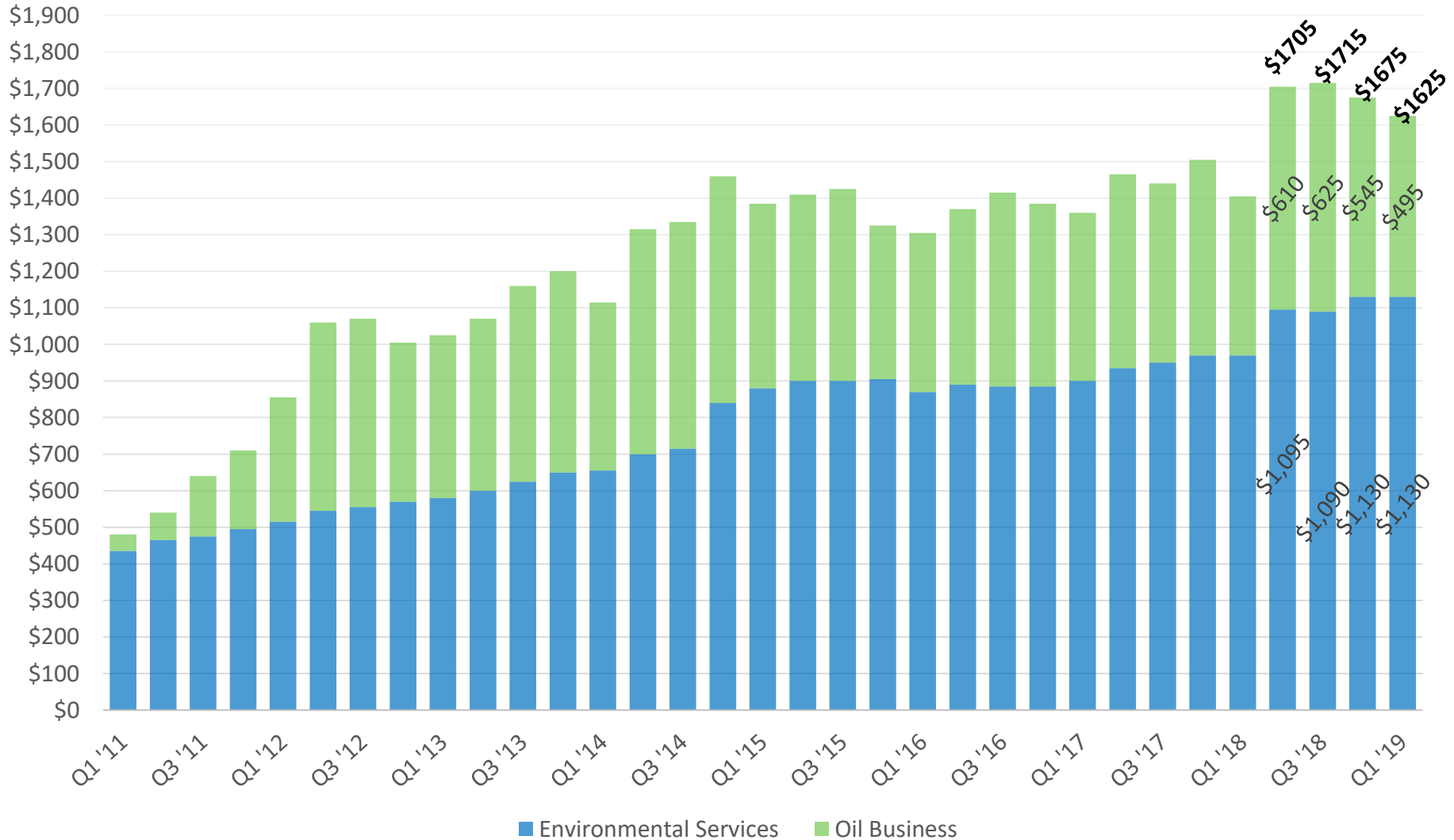
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Average Sales Per Working Day

(\$ in thousands)





Appendix

EBITDA & Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

(\$ in millions)

| | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
|--|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Net (loss) Income | \$ 2.3 | \$ 4.6 | \$ (6.9) | \$ 1.4 | \$ 6.0 | \$ 28.4 | \$ 15.0 |
| Interest Expense - net | \$ 0.6 | \$ 0.4 | \$ 0.7 | \$ 1.9 | \$ 2.1 | \$ 1.1 | \$ 1.1 |
| (Benefit of) Provision for Income Taxes | \$ 1.7 | \$ 3.5 | \$ (3.5) | \$ 0.9 | \$ 2.8 | \$ 5.9 | \$ 5.5 |
| Depreciation & Amortization | \$ 8.1 | \$ 9.5 | \$ 12.9 | \$ 17.2 | \$ 18.0 | \$ 18.0 | \$ 16.2 |
| EBITDA | \$ 12.7 | \$ 18.0 | \$ 3.2 | \$ 21.4 | \$ 28.9 | \$ 53.4 | \$ 37.7 |
| Non-Cash Compensation | \$ 1.2 | \$ 1.6 | \$ 1.3 | \$ 1.1 | \$ 1.9 | \$ 3.0 | \$ 4.4 |
| EBITDA + Non-Cash Compensation | \$ 13.9 | \$ 19.6 | \$ 4.5 | \$ 22.5 | \$ 30.8 | \$ 56.4 | \$ 42.1 |
| Legal Fees | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1.5 | \$ 5.6 | \$ 0.7 | \$ - |
| Fines & Restitution | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1.6 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Inventory write down | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6.1 | \$ 9.2 | \$ 1.7 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Severance | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1.2 | \$ 1.2 | \$ 0.7 |
| Gain on Sale of Property | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (3.1) | \$ - |
| Gain from Arbitration award and FCC Settlement | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (8.7) | \$ - |
| Site Closure Costs | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 0.6 | \$ 1.0 |
| Impairment of Goodwill | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4.0 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Acquisition & Integration Costs | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7.4 | \$ 1.8 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Unrealized Acquisition Costs | \$ 1.1 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Additional Costs due to Unplanned Re-Refinery Shutdown | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 0.3 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| FCCE Stub Period Losses | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5.9 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 15.0 | 19.6 | 24.2 | 39.0 | 40.9 | 47.2 | 43.8 |

EBITDA & Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation - 2019

(\$ in millions)

| | Q1 2019 |
|---|---------------|
| Net Loss | \$ (2.4) |
| Interest Expense - Net | \$ 0.2 |
| Benefit from Income Taxes | \$ (1.0) |
| Depreciation & Amortization | <u>\$ 4.1</u> |
| EBITDA | \$ 1.0 |
| Adoption of ASC 842 lease accounting standard | \$ 2.2 |
| Non-cash Compensation | \$ 0.9 |
| Retirement Costs | \$ 0.7 |
| Implementation costs of ASC 842 | \$ 0.4 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ 5.1 |



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