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HCCI Introduction

HCCI Strengths & Opportunities

Demonstrated Strengths

- ◆ Excellent Customer Service
- ◆ Integrated Sales & Service Approach
- ◆ Large Branch Network – 84 Branches
 - Efficient Rollout Model
- ◆ Large and Highly Diverse Customer Base
- ◆ Experienced Management Team

Numerous Growth Avenues

- ◆ Same-Branch Sales Growth
- ◆ Expanded Service Offerings
- ◆ Expansion of Re-Refining Capacity
- ◆ Geographic Expansion
- ◆ Selectively Pursue Acquisition Opportunities

Poised for Continued 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 its customers
 - Provide strong recurring revenue business with substantial majority of revenues under automatically renewing service contracts

Oil Business

- ◆ Includes used oil collection, re-refining and RFO and base oil sales
- ◆ 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
 - Indianapolis re-refinery constructed for capital cost of approximately \$1.00 per gallon of feedstock capacity
 - Initial re-refinery feedstock capacity of 50 million gallons
 - Current annual capacity of 65 million gallons
 - Expanding to 75 million gallons of annual re-refinery feedstock capacity
- ◆ Re-Refinery expansion is leveraging existing fixed costs, the oil collection business and driving revenue growth
- ◆ Complementary to Environmental Services segment; leverages branch infrastructure

Service Offerings

Parts Cleaner Services



- ◆ Solvent-based
- ◆ Aqueous-based
- ◆ Other

Drum Management



- ◆ Waste identification
- ◆ Pickup and disposal

Oil Recovery



- ◆ Used oil and oily water removal

Vacuum Services



- ◆ Liquids containing sediment or sludge
- ◆ Available in 2/3 of branches

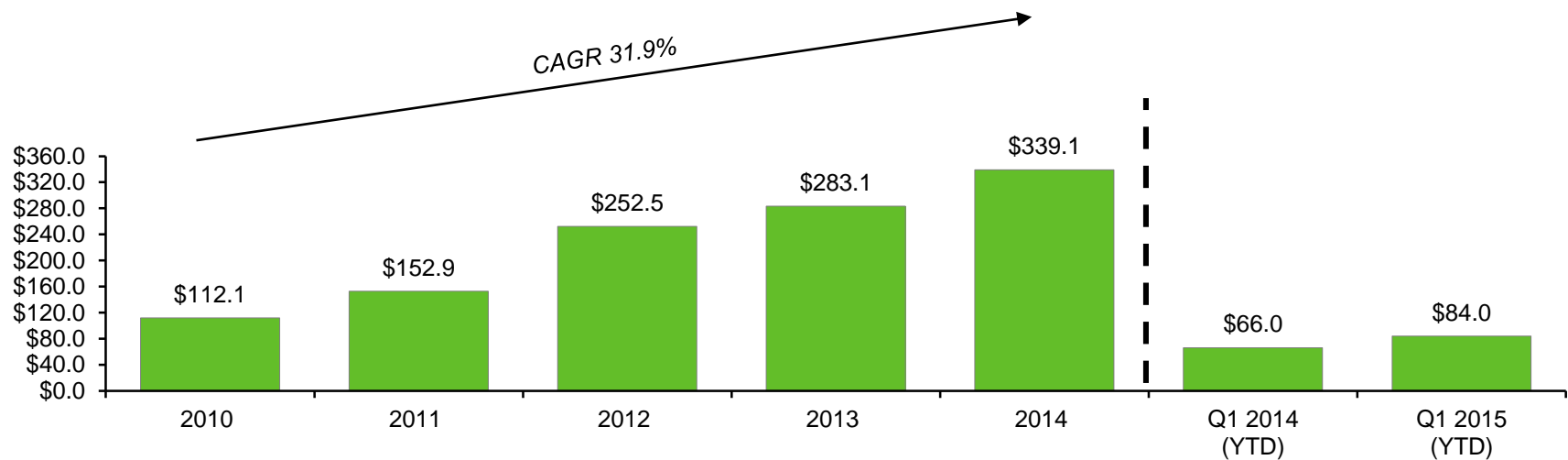
Highly Experienced Management Team

Name	Position/Experience	Years at Company	Years of Industry Experience	Years of Used Oil Experience
Joseph Chalhoub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ President, CEO and Director, Founder of Heritage-Crystal Clean ♦ Former President of Safety-Kleen 	15	32+	30+
Greg Ray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Chief Operating Officer ♦ Former Heritage-Crystal Clean CFO ♦ Former VP of Business Management at Safety-Kleen 	15	29+	20+
Mark DeVita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Chief Financial Officer ♦ Former Vice President of Business Management 	15	19+	10+
John Lucks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Senior VP of Sales and Marketing ♦ Served as the VP of Industrial Marketing and Business Management at Safety-Kleen 	15	32+	13+
Tom Hillstrom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ VP of Operations ♦ Formerly responsible for the Management of Several Recycling Plants and Strategic Planning and Acquisitions at Safety-Kleen 	12	29+	20+
Ellie Bruce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ VP of Oil and VP of Sales 	9	18+	16+

Strong Track Record of Sales Growth

(\$ in millions)

Sales



Investment Highlights

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Compelling Financial Model

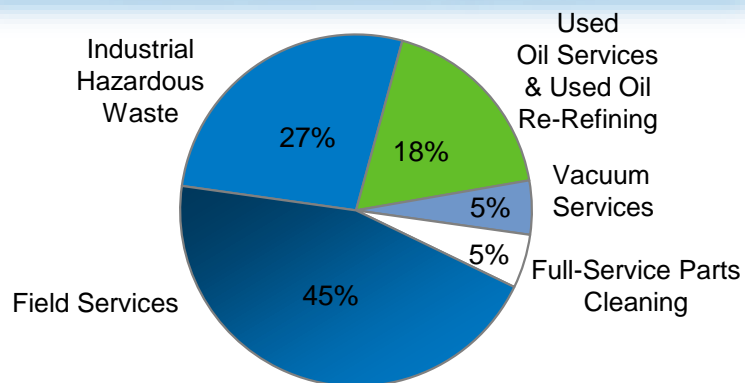
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- ◆ Improving route density and overhead leverage drive earnings growth
- ◆ Re-refinery expansion expected to improve profitability



Industry

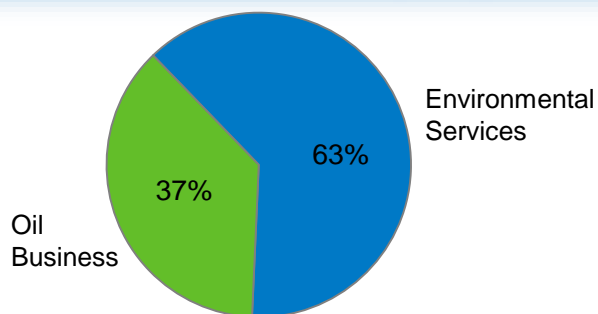
Large, Attractive Market

Market Addressed by HCCI⁽¹⁾



Total Market = \$11.0 billion

Q1 2015 HCCI Revenue by Segment



Q1 2015 Total Revenue = \$84.0 million

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 solvent
- ◆ Establishments generate used oil or waste paint 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

⁽¹⁾ Source: Management estimates.

⁽²⁾ Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2012.

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 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, used oil re-refining and vacuum truck services**

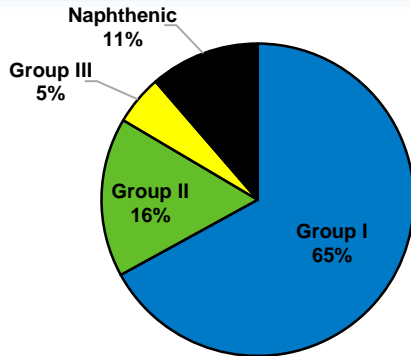
- HCCI believes that it competes favorably based on customer service and a broad service offering, and HCCI can depend on the depth of experience of its management team



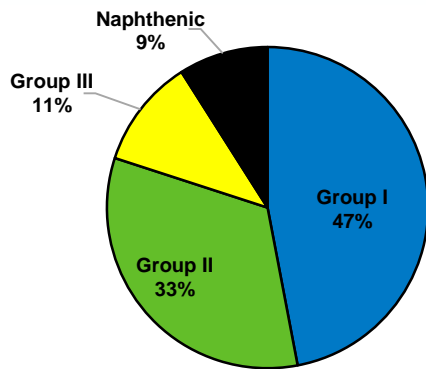
Oil Business

Base Oil Supply

2005 Global Base Oil Supply - by Type



2013 Global Base Oil Supply - by Type



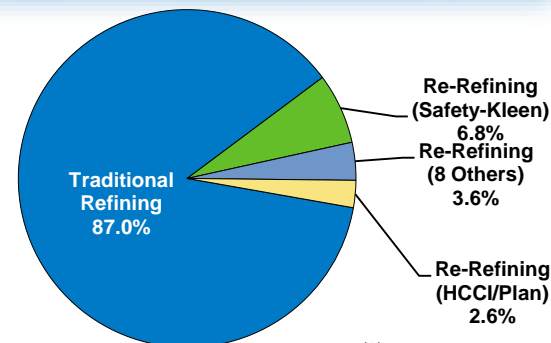
- ◆ Global nameplate base oil capacity is over 1 million barrels per day
- ◆ For decades base oil supply has shifted from lower quality Group I to higher quality Group II and Group III product
- ◆ Overall U.S. base oil produced is approximately 2.5 BB
 - Production rose 4% in 2013
 - 1.1 billion gallons exported in 2013
 - Approximately 13% of base oil is produced at re-refineries

Sources: Used Oil Re-refining Study to Address Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1838, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, July 2006, page 5-1 & 5-2, Lubes 'N' Greases Magazine, April 2014, page 46, and Company estimates (data reported by DOE as of 1995 and 1996).

Re-Refining Opportunities

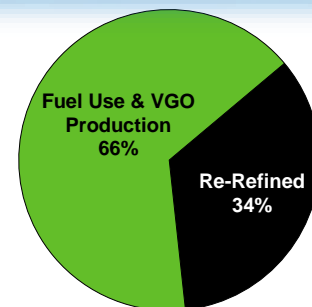
- ◆ Production of re-refined base oil limited by lack of used oil re-refining capacity – industry currently operating near capacity
- ◆ Strong potential to capture market share from traditional oil refining
- ◆ Re-Refined oil is preferred from environmental perspectives such as resource recovery and reuse, energy efficiency and pollution prevention
- ◆ Most used oil collected is sold for use as fuel, at lower value than re-refined base oil (e.g. sold as a percentage of no. 6 oil)

U.S. Paraffinic Supply by Source



Total Volume: 2.5 BB GPY⁽¹⁾

Used Oil Disposition in the U.S.⁽²⁾



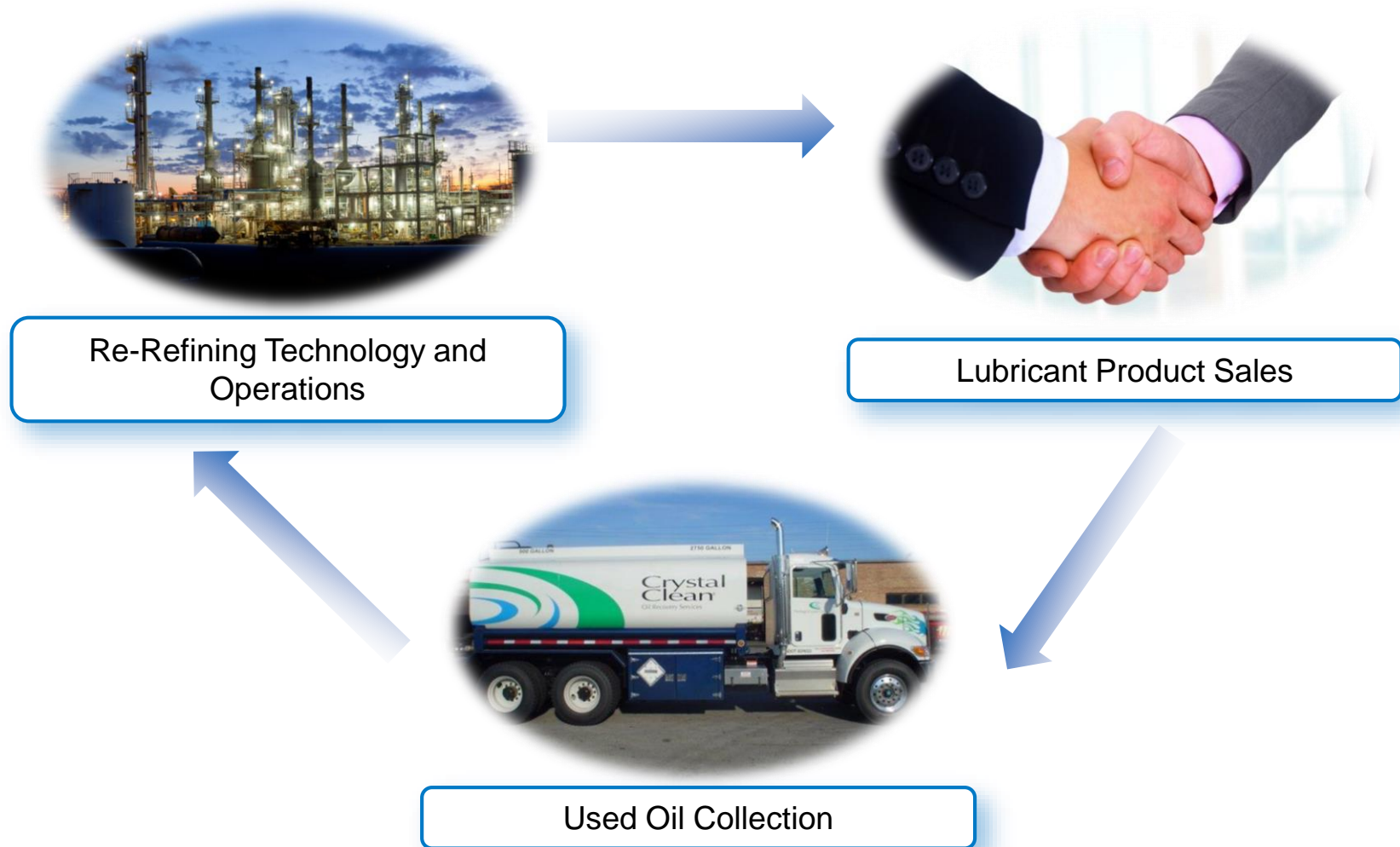
Total Volume: 945 MM GPY⁽¹⁾

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(1) GPY is defined as gallons per year.

(2) Management estimates the "Re-Refined" segment to be 34%. "Fuel Use" segment consists of asphalt plant fuel, space heater fuel, boiler fuel, steel mill fuel and other burning.

Oil Business Success Triangle



Source: J. Chalhoub presentation to Fifth International Conference on Recovery and Reuse, November 1983, Las Vegas, NV.

Used Oil Collection

- ◆ With our acquisition of FCC Environmental we now collect enough used oil to fully supply the feedstock needs of our re-refinery
- ◆ Collection volumes are affected by seasonality (lower in winter months)
- ◆ Used oil can be collected from wide geography, but transportation economics are important; a large branch network is also key
- ◆ Operation of many trucks serving thousands of generators requires significant investment in infrastructure and management
- ◆ Most often, customers are looking for used oil collectors to provide a menu of corollary services, adding complexity to the business
- ◆ HCC significantly increased route density with FCC Environmental acquisition
- ◆ In Q1 2015, experienced some volume loss due to aggressive reduction of pay-for-oil (PFO)

Re-Refining Technology

- ◆ Production of top quality lubricant base oil requires hydrotreating, a process practiced at major refineries that adds significant complexity and capital cost
- ◆ Several EPC firms willing to license re-refining technology and designs including distillation and hydrotreating
- ◆ Critical issues are operability, economies of scale, and capital cost
- ◆ Low capital cost per gallon equals competitive advantage
- ◆ Inconsistency of used oil feedstock, including industrial waste contaminants, creates need for screening and testing programs and a robust process

Lubricant Base Oil Product Sales

- ◆ Our re-refinery is producing high quality base oils
- ◆ Base oil sales to both independent blenders/compounders and major oil companies
 - Sales have kept pace with increased re-refinery output
- ◆ Longer term opportunities to go downstream and sell blended and packaged lubricants

Indianapolis Re-Refinery Expansion

- ◆ Increased nameplate capacity to 65 million gallons in Q2 2014
- ◆ Completion of current expansion project (to 75 million gallons) to be completed by the end of 2015



Oil Business Growth Strategies

Increase Used Oil Collection

- ◆ Continue to increase oil collection route density

Increase Re-Refining Capacity

- ◆ Continue to sell out Indianapolis, IN re-refinery production
- ◆ Complete capacity expansion at existing facility

Potential Acquisitions

- ◆ Acquisition opportunities exist, particularly in used oil collection due to fragmented nature of industry and in the finished lubricants industry



Environmental Services

Environmental Services Offer

- ◆ Vehicle repair & manufacturing businesses have the need for the following services
 - Parts Cleaning
 - Allows businesses to remove contaminants (oil, dirt, grease) from parts
 - ◆ Solvent - Reuse and non-hazardous programs reduce regulatory burden
 - ◆ Aqueous - Patented equipment, superior cleaning chemistry
 - Regularly scheduled, turnkey service
 - Drum Management & Vacuum Services
 - Pickup & removal of materials businesses can neither dispose of in the trash nor down the drain/sewer
 - Provide required regulatory shipping papers and labeling
 - Peace of mind

Customers and Operations

Customers & Value Proposition

- ◆ **Large and highly diversified base**
 - ◆ Conducted over 318,000 parts cleaning service calls in 2014
 - ◆ During 2014, top ten Environmental Services customers represented only 3% of revenue
- ◆ **Focus on small to medium-sized waste generators**
 - ◆ 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
 - ◆ Model structured for successful cross-selling of additional services

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 84 branches; hubs located in Indianapolis, Shreveport, Philadelphia, and Atlanta
 - ◆ Consolidation of administrative and other functions that are not critical to sales / service

Growth Strategies – Environmental Services

Same-Branch Sales Growth

- ◆ Legacy FCC Environmental customers provide a great opportunity for growth
- ◆ Obtain new customers in existing markets
- ◆ Cross-sell multiple services to existing customers
- ◆ Increase route density to further expand operating margins
- ◆ Annual same branch sales growth rates were 13 -14% from 2010 -2012, and 10 - 11% during 2013 - 2014 and 23.9% in the first quarter of 2015
- ◆ Accelerate growth through integrated sales and service approach; utilize incentives, such as commission and awards to drive sales

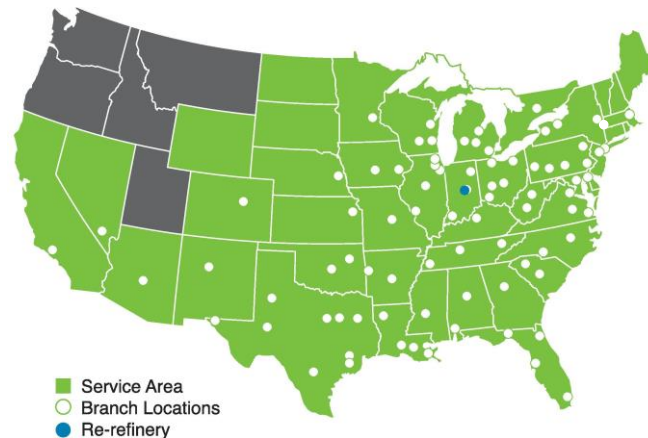
Expanded Service Offerings

- ◆ All branches offer parts cleaning and containerized waste services
- ◆ Only two-thirds of branches offer vacuum truck services, presenting significant opportunity for further market penetration
- ◆ New business programs in development to be offered through branches

Growth Strategies – Environmental Services (cont'd)

Geographic Expansion

- ◆ Operate from 84 branches servicing 43 states and parts of Canada; typically open 3-5 branches per year
- ◆ Opportunities for expansion within the Northeastern and Southeastern U.S.
- ◆ Long term opportunity exists to develop Western U.S. and Eastern Canada



Potential Acquisitions

- ◆ Integration of FCCE acquisition essentially complete
- ◆ Additional acquisition opportunities exist
- ◆ Growth plans don't depend on acquisitions; more than 90% of historic revenue growth before FCCE acquisition has been organic



Financial Overview

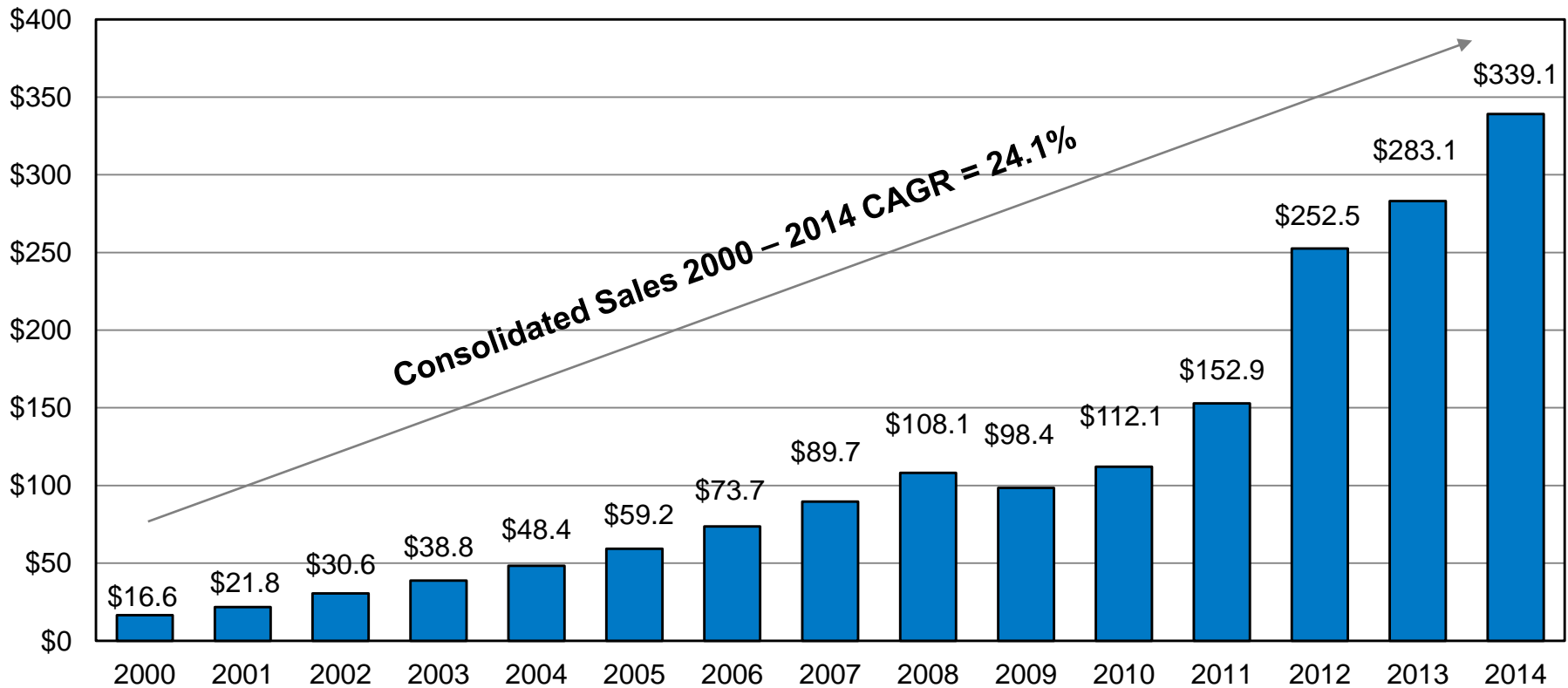
Financial Highlights

- ◆ Demonstrated strong growth in financial performance from 2006 to 2014
 - Sales CAGR of 21%
- ◆ Emerged from difficult economic environment during severe recession in 2008-2009 to show strong revenue growth from 2010-2014
- ◆ 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

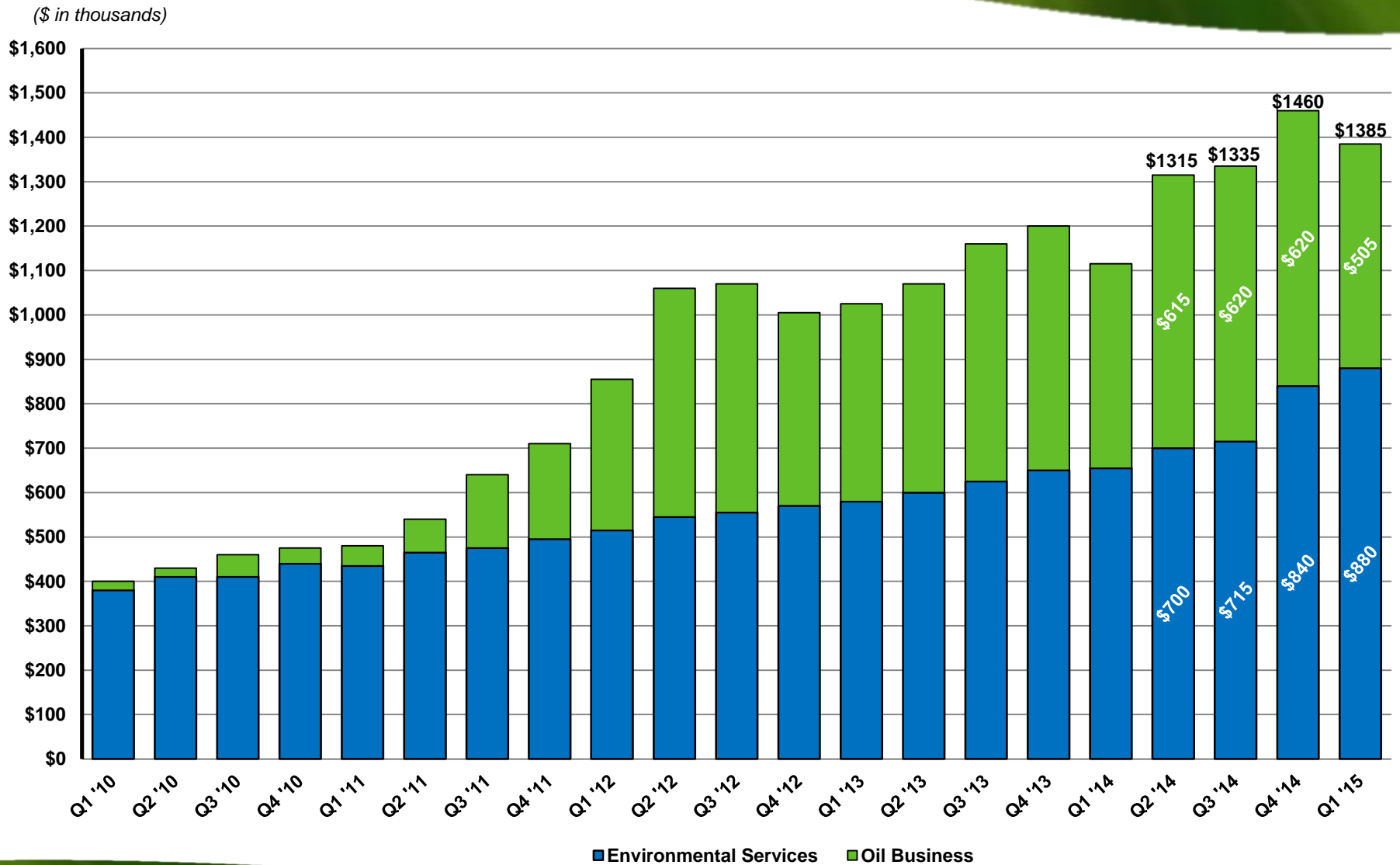
Long History of Strong Revenue Growth

- ◆ Oil Business (2006-2014) - CAGR 108.5%
- ◆ Environmental Service (2006-2014) - CAGR 16.2%

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Average Sales Per Working Day





Conclusion

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