



#### **Letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer**

Dear Fellow Stockholders.

The year 2020 will be remembered as an unprecedented period as the business world navigated through a global health crisis, softening markets, supply chain disruptions and global economic uncertainty. We learn the most about ourselves and our organizations from the challenges we encounter, and it is through these challenges that we prove what we are capable of doing. With that in mind, I couldn't be prouder of how the Wabash National team responded to the challenges of 2020.

In addition to overcoming obstacles brought about by the pandemic, we remained focused on our purpose of Changing How the World Reaches You™ by executing our first to final mile strategy and maintaining our resolve to structurally realign and reorganize our business as One Wabash. Together we are creating a new environment where we are: 1) prioritizing ease of doing business for our customers; 2) creating a growing portfolio of innovative engineered solutions that span from first to final mile; and 3) designing a culture that continually seeks to improve process via the Wabash Management System to create value for our customers, employees and stockholders.

2020 was a test of our human resiliency, and it was also a test of the strength of our product portfolio and the processes we've embedded within our business. Our process discipline enabled the company to absorb a notable reduction in volume while minimizing the impact to operating income, resulting in strength of financial performance never before accomplished during a significantly challenging environment in the history of Wabash National. We aim to continue this improvement as we leverage our customer-centric organizational structure along with opportunities for strategic growth.

Our new organizational structure based on value streams and customer centricity is yielding early and significant wins of reducing friction for customers and is allowing us to think in new and interesting ways. Our purpose, vision and mission provide common direction throughout our organization, and the growth of a values-based culture that is also shaped by our Wabash Management System helps us act with renewed strategic purpose.

Part of our new culture and strategic purpose anchors on corporate responsibility and a commitment to environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles. Whether it's innovating with environmental impact in mind, ensuring diversity of backgrounds and viewpoints on our board of directors, or simply standing up for what we believe is right on social issues, I believe our ESG focus sets Wabash National apart and uniquely positions us as a desirable supplier to customers who value ESG principles. We were pleased to release our first sustainability report in December 2020 as evidence of our commitment to these principles.

There is something special happening at Wabash National, and we look forward to sharing the journey with you. I am ever grateful for the hard work and dedication of our people; the strategic oversight of our board of directors; the trust and support of our customers and suppliers; and the confidence of you, our stockholders, in Wabash National and our long-term success.

Sincerely.

**Brent L. Yeagy** 

President and Chief Executive Officer



#### **WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION**

1000 Sagamore Parkway South Lafayette, Indiana 47905

# Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders



#### When:

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time



#### **Items of Business:**

3 proposals as listed

#### **Date of Mailing:**

The date of mailing of this Proxy Statement or Notice of Internet Availability is on or about March 29, 2021.



#### **Who Can Vote:**

Stockholders of each share of common stock at the close of business on March 12, 2021.



#### Attending the Meeting:

As a result of the ongoing public health and travel concerns related to coronavirus or COVID-19, we have made alternative arrangements and the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held in a virtual meeting (via live audio webcast) format only. You will not be able to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders physically. You or your proxyholder may participate, vote, and examine our stockholder list at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders by visiting www.virtualshareholder meeting.com/WNC2021 and using your control number found on your proxy card.

#### **Items of Business:**

- 1. To elect eight members of the Board of Directors from the nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement;
- 2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers;
- 3. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Wabash National Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2021; and

To consider any other matters that properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Management is currently not aware of any other business to come before the Annual Meeting.

Each outstanding share of Wabash National Corporation (NYSE: WNC) Common Stock entitles the holder of record at the close of business on March 12, 2021 to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting. Shares of our Common Stock can be voted at the Annual Meeting only if the holder is present by virtual presence online or by valid proxy. Management cordially invites you to attend the Annual Meeting by virtual presence online.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 11, 2021:

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and the means to vote by internet are available at http://www.proxyvote.com.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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M. Kristin Glazner

Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, Chief Human Resources Officer

March 29, 2021

Whether or not you expect to attend by virtual presence online, we urge you to vote your shares at your earliest convenience. This will ensure the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Promptly voting your shares by signing, dating and returning the proxy card mailed with your notice, or by voting via the internet or by telephone, will save us the expense and extra work of additional solicitation. An addressed envelope for which no postage is required if mailed in the United States is enclosed with your proxy card. Submitting your proxy now will not prevent you from voting your shares at the meeting by virtual presence online if you desire to do so, as your proxy is revocable at your option. Your vote is important, so please act today.



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## **Proxy Statement Summary**

To assist you in reviewing the proposals that may be acted upon at our 2021 Annual Meeting, the summary below highlights certain information that is contained elsewhere in this Proxy Statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider, and you should read the entire Proxy Statement carefully before voting. Page references are supplied to help you find further information in this Proxy Statement.

## **Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

Date and Time: 10:00 a.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Virtual

Meeting Site: www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/WNC2021

Record Date: March 12, 2021

Voting: Stockholders as of the record date are entitled to vote. Each share of Common Stock is entitled

to one vote for each director nominee and one vote for each of the other proposals to be voted

on.

## **Company Overview**

Wabash National Corporation, which we refer to herein as "Wabash," "Wabash National," the "Company," "us," "we," or "our," is Changing How the World Reaches You™. Founded in 1985 in Lafayette, Indiana, as a dry van trailer manufacturer, today we are an innovation leader of engineered solutions for the transportation, logistics and distribution industries. Our mission is to enable customers to succeed with breakthrough ideas and solutions that help them move everything from the first to final mile.

To that end, we design and manufacture a diverse range of products, including dry freight and refrigerated trailers, platform trailers, tank trailers, dry and refrigerated truck bodies, structural composite panels and products, trailer aerodynamic solutions, and specialty food grade and pharmaceutical equipment. We have achieved this diversification through acquisitions, organic growth and product innovation.

We believe our position as a leader in our key industries is the result of longstanding relationships with our core customers, our demonstrated ability to attract new customers, our broad and innovative product lines, our technological leadership, and our extensive distribution and service network. More importantly, we believe our leadership position is indicative of the values and leadership principles that guide our actions.

## **People, Purpose and Performance Drive Our Business**

Our Purpose is to change how the world reaches you.

**Our Vision** is to be the innovation leader of engineered solutions for the transportation, logistics and distribution industries.

**Our Mission** is to enable our customers to succeed with breakthrough ideas and solutions that help them move everything from first to final mile.

Our Values are the qualities that govern our critical leadership behaviors and accelerate our progress.

- Be Curious: We will make bold choices and encourage creativity, collaboration and risk-taking to turn breakthrough ideas into reality.
- Have a Growth Mindset: We will be resilient and capable of the change required to succeed in a world that does not stand still.

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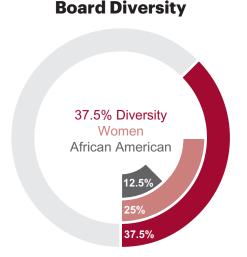
• Create Remarkable Teams: We will create a workplace culture that allows individuals to be their best in order to retain and attract talent from diverse industries, geographies and backgrounds.

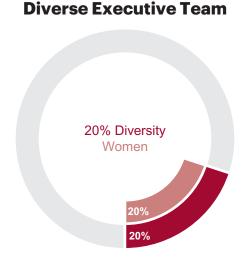
Our Leadership Principles are the behaviors that provide definition to our actions and bring our values to life.

- Embrace Diversity and Inclusion: We solicit and respect the input of others, celebrate our differences and strive for transparency and inclusiveness.
- Seek to Listen: We listen to our customers, partners, and each other to reach the best solutions and make the strongest decisions.
- Always Learn: To model a growth mindset, we continue learning through every stage of our careers. We do not guit and we are not satisfied with the status quo.
- Be Authentic: Employees who thrive at Wabash National are honest, have incredible energy and demonstrate grit in everything they do.
- Win Together: We collaborate, seek alignment and excel at cross-group communication to succeed as one team and One Wabash.

## **Corporate Responsibility and Governance Highlights**

At Wabash National, it's our focus on people, purpose and performance that drives us to do better so we can continue Changing How the World Reaches You™. We believe that our leadership principles, as set forth above, create a workplace culture in which our colleagues can share their talents and perspectives and are empowered to make a difference for our customers, for each other, for our communities and for our environment. Wabash National is committed to growing its business in a sustainable and socially responsible manner. We support the passions and interests of our employees and empower them to be a positive influence in the world. We are proud to provide many opportunities to be good neighbors by volunteering time and talent to support the causes that matter most to our employees. We publicly disclosed substantial information about our business in our 2019 Sustainability Report, available on the Governance/Sustainability page of the Investor Relations section of our website at ir.wabashnational.com, which details our commitments, programs and progress on a variety of topics including our products and supply chain, environmental impact, diversity and inclusion, workplace safety and governance. We have mapped our disclosures on environmental, social and governance topics to metrics outlined by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) and the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) in our SASB and TCFD Indices, included in our 2019 Sustainability Report. The 2019 Sustainability Report is not incorporated herein by reference or otherwise. Below are some of the highlights of our focus and commitment:







**Diversity and Inclusion**. We actively pursue and embrace diversity and inclusion throughout our entire organization.

- Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee actively prioritizes diversity in searches for new director candidates.
- We have a diverse Board: 2 out of 8 of our directors are female and 1 is African-American.
- We focus on preventing pay imbalances among genders, including proactive adjustments to pay, titles and/or benefits to prevent gender pay gaps.
- We work to promote diversity through our supply chain. Before we add any significant vendor to our supply chain, we complete a thorough pre-screen, including an assessment form that ensures that the vendor's actions and activities around environmental practices, human rights and general ethics align with our cultural and values.



**Community Involvement**. We succeed as one team and One Wabash, including through our devotion to philanthropy, volunteerism, charitable giving and community involvement.

- We donate time, needed materials and financial resources to support the communities where we live and work.
- We believe that enriching the lives of those around us is a powerful investment in the future, including through our partnerships with, among many others, United Way, Fisher House Foundation, the Salvation Army, the Wabash Center and Special Olympics.
- In 2020, we donated more than \$390,000 through corporate gifts and employee donations.
- As a way to support charitable giving, we have also adopted a Day of Giving Policy, whereby full-time hourly and salaried employees are provided with one day of paid time each year to participate in that employee's chosen volunteer program.



**Environmental Sustainability.** We are resilient and capable of the change required to succeed in a world that does not stand still, including with respect to environmental sustainability and climate change.

- We were the first semi-trailer manufacturer in North America to earn an ISO 14001 certification, which demonstrates our focus on minimizing our environmental footprint and promoting responsible manufacturing. Our environmental stewardship registrations and certifications include:
  - ISO 14001:2004 and ISO 14001:2015 Registrations for Environmental Management
    - · Cadiz, KY (since 2015)
    - Harrison, AR (since 2017)
    - · Lafayette, IN (since 2005)
    - San José Iturbide, Guanajuato, Mexico (since 2015)
  - Federal Clean Industry Certification (2017, San José Iturbide, Guanajuato, Mexico)
- Our products are designed to be fuel efficient and reduce emissions by reducing weight, improving aerodynamics, and improving thermal efficiency.
- In 2019, we introduced our DuraPlate® Cell Core technology, which delivers a 300-pound-lighter weight trailer compared to traditional designs, without compromising durability.

- Our Molded Structural Composite (MSC) Technology improves thermal efficiency by up to 30% and reduces weight by up to 20% compared to traditional designs.
- We configure and install telematics systems, providing real-time monitoring and analysis of performance and environmental data and allowing drivers to increase performance, reduce maintenance and prolong equipment life.
- We have a product line that reduces aluminum content, which ultimately reduces water needed to produce the aluminum.
- We have reduced air emissions from our painting operations by reformulating and reducing the volatile organic compound content in our coatings.
- We have produced a solar-powered, zero-emissions refrigerated trailer, which was first shown at the American Trucking Associations' Technology and Maintenance Council annual meeting in February 2020.
- By sourcing post-consumer resin to manufacture our DuraPlate® panels, we have diverted more than 1 billion plastic bottles from landfills.
- All Wabash facilities use energy-efficient lighting.
- Our manufacturing operations use pulse welders, which produce the same high-quality result as traditional welders but require only 1/3rd of the energy to run.
- In 2019, Wabash's recycling programs and use of recycled materials saved nearly 141,000 cubic yards of landfill space, 152,000 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, 23,000 mature trees and 73,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.
- We help customers extend the useful life of their equipment with remanufacturing and repair services, limiting the amount of raw materials needed to produce new machinery.
- We leverage partnerships with government entities and industry associations to develop efficient, effective and practical solutions to problems facing the manufacturing and transportation segments.
   Affiliations include:
  - Government and Regulatory Bodies:
    - California Air Resource Board (CARB)
    - U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
    - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
    - National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA)
    - Transport Canada
  - Transportation Associations:
    - American Trucking Associations (ATA)
    - ATA's Technology and Maintenance Council (TMC)
    - Cargo Tank Risk Management Committee (CTRMC)
    - National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC)
    - National Trailer Dealers Association (NTDA)

- Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association (TTMA)
- · Manufacturing Associations:
  - Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA)
  - National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)
  - Composites Application Group (CAG)
- We published our 2019 Sustainability Report in December 2020.



**Education**. To model a growth mindset, we continue learning through every stage of our careers, and we also believe in supporting the next generation of leaders who will continue to change how the world reaches you.

- Full-time Wabash National employees can pursue courses or degree programs at an accredited college or university without added financial burden by using the Wabash National Tuition Reimbursement Program, which reimburses approved fees and costs (including tuition, books and lab fees) for undergraduate and graduate degree studies.
- We offer career development and advancement opportunities. Employees are encouraged to continue learning and improving skills at all stages of their careers.
- We support our youth through program funding, training programs, internships and co-ops.
- We also sponsor youth clubs in our communities, including robotics clubs, STEM programs and the Purdue University's Women in Engineering Program.
- We have developed an annual scholarship program, whereby we award scholarships to certain dependents of Wabash National employees to help them pursue their academic goals. In 2019, we awarded 16 high school graduates with scholarships that amounted to a total of \$120,000.



#### **Ethics and Compliance**.

Employees who thrive at Wabash National are honest, have incredible energy, and demonstrate grit in everything they do. We also work to hold our entire supply chain accountable.

- We maintain a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that lays the foundation for our ethics and compliance program and defines our overall management approach to human rights, anti-corruption, the environment, governance and social matters.
- Our Employee Handbook is founded on and incorporates the values, policies and rules set forth in our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. All employees and directors are expected to take the values, policies, and rules set forth and apply them to all situations that arise in the course and scope of employment.
- We maintain an AlertLine whereby employees are able to report violations of Wabash's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.
- Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics also provides key directions to our suppliers, vendors, dealers and agents to abide by the same ethical and legal standards applicable to Wabash National employees, including:
  - · Labor and human rights, including child labor and human trafficking
  - Restrictions against corruption, bribery and extortion
  - · Health and safety activities
  - · Environmental accountability
- We require all facilities to practice equal opportunity employment and have zero tolerance for harassment, racism or bigotry of any kind.
   Employees, contract workers, visitors and other non-employees are

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- encouraged to immediately report harassment or any ethics or compliance violations committed by anyone.
- Our Conflict Minerals Policy is in place to prevent the use of minerals that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or in neighboring countries.
- We ask our suppliers to demonstrate that they source "conflict minerals" from outside the conflict region and/or can certify that conflict minerals sourced from within the conflict region are "conflict free."



**Awards and Recognition**. Our efforts to make bold choices and encourage creativity, collaboration, and risk-taking to turn breakthrough ideas into reality have been recognized throughout the years.

- · Safety and Environmental Awards:
  - 2017 Kentucky Governor's Safety and Health Award (Cadiz, KY)
  - Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association Plant Safety Awards:
    - 2019: New Lisbon, WI
    - 2018: San José Iturbide, Guanajuato, Mexico
    - 2016: New Lisbon, WI, and San José Iturbide, Guanajuato, Mexico
    - · 2015: New Lisbon, WI
    - 2013: San José Iturbide, Guanajuato, Mexico
- Product Awards:
  - SSAB Swedish Steel Prize Finalist (RIG-16 Rear Impact Guard, 2017)
  - IIHS Toughguard Award (RIG-16 Rear Impact Guard, 2017)
  - Heavy Duty Trucking Top 20 Products (Cold Chain and Final Mile equipment, 2016)
- · Corporate Awards:
  - IndustryWeek 50 Best U.S. Manufacturers (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2006)
  - INVESTIndiana Equity Conference Top 5 Indiana Public Company (2016)
  - Supplier Diversity Development Coalition of Greater Lafayette Golden Handshake Award for Diversity and Excellence (2016)
  - Forbes 100 Most Trustworthy Companies in America (2015)
  - Indiana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Above and Beyond Award (2014)

#### Environmental, Health and Safety •

- Reflected in our corporate Environmental, Health and Safety Policy, we
  maintain high standards for manufacturing safety. We commit to meet or
  exceed all applicable environmental, health, and safety standards,
  regulations and other requirements.
- The Operations Management at each of our facilities is directly responsible
  for implementing this policy and ensuring full compliance with all
  environmental, health, and safety laws, internal standards and requirements
  applicable within their respective organizations.
- We commit to manage all of our business activities in a responsible manner with respect for the environment through pollution prevention and with our highest priority being the health and safety of our employees.

 We continually focus on reducing the severity and frequency of workplace injuries to create a safe environment for our employees. • We believe that all injuries and occupational illnesses, as well as environmental incidents, are preventable. In support of this, all employees are expected to perform their work in such a manner as to not jeopardize the environment or the safety and health of themselves and their fellow workers. We work to ensure that our products, processes, services, and facilities minimize the generation of waste, pollution and adverse impact on the environment. We work on innovations to protect the people who operate our equipment and partner with others to promote higher standards in transportation and manufacturing by sharing best practices and ideas. • We also demonstrate a commitment to highway safety in our products. Our Upper ID/Aux Stoplights enhance collision avoidance by making trailer braking more visible to motorists and our Rear Underride Guard System-RIG-16 surpasses U.S. and Canadian standards and prevents underride in multiple offset impact scenarios. **Director Independence** • 7 out of 8 director nominees are independent. 3 fully independent Board committees: Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, Compensation Committee and Audit Committee. **Board Accountability** • All directors are elected annually via majority voting standard. · Stockholders may amend our bylaws. • Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is evolving to undertake responsibility for discussing and advising the management team with regard to the development of strategies, policies and practices expected to help the Company with ESG oversight, including the areas of energy consumption, climate change, greenhouse gas and other criteria relevant to our business practices. **Board Leadership**  We undertake annual assessment and determination of Board leadership structure. We have an independent Chairperson who has a strong role and significant governance duties, including presiding over all executive sessions of independent directors. Stockholder Engagement · We routinely meet with stockholders for conversations focused on a variety of topics, including governance, Company strategy, growth, risk management and ESG issues.

## Board Evaluation and Effectiveness

- Annual Board and Committee self-assessments.
- Annual two-way feedback and evaluation sessions with each director.

• Our head of investment stewardship attended Blackrock's director day.

During 2020, we held multiple discussions with stockholders.

• Annual independent director evaluation of the Chairperson and CEO.

Board Risk Oversight	<ul> <li>The Board and its Committees exercise robust oversight of the Company's enterprise risk management system.</li> </ul>
Board Refreshment and Diversity	<ul> <li>During 2019, we added 2 new directors, and we appointed a new independent Chairperson following the 2020 Annual Meeting.</li> <li>Board members represent diverse perspectives, including 2 female directors and 1 African-American director.</li> <li>We have a specified director retirement age.</li> </ul>
Director Engagement	<ul> <li>All of our directors attended 75% or more of the aggregate number of meetings of our Board and the Committees on which they served.</li> <li>We have limits on director/CEO membership on other public company boards.</li> </ul>
Succession Planning	CEO and leadership succession planning is one of our Board's most important responsibilities. At least once a year, our Board dedicates itself to examining the succession plans for our complete leadership team and the board.

## **Our Management Approach**

The purpose of WMS



Define, build and deploy the principles and disciplines that enable sustainable and profitable growth by:



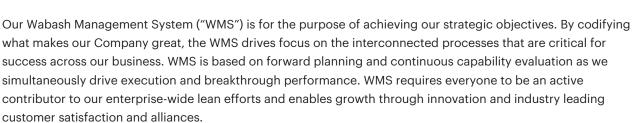
x Advancing our strategy



Creating breakthrough improvement



Delivering an increasing magnitude of results



Our WMS principles underpin an ongoing improvement cycle that includes Strategic Planning and Deployment, Kaizen and Daily Management. Through the WMS, we create scalable and sustainable processes that:

- Drive organic growth within existing and new businesses
- Provide a means to acquire/obtain and integrate new businesses and capabilities
- Create and exploit new markets
- Allow for breakthrough improvement within key areas of the business
- · While delivering the daily execution of our established businesses



It is through this set of standards and thinking that we create a "One Wabash" approach to our customers, add new business capabilities, and enable profitable growth.

## The One Wabash Strategic Approach to Serving Customers

Our One Wabash organizational transformation began during the first quarter of 2020 with the introduction of value streams. Our One Wabash organizational structure enables long-term growth for the Company with an intense focus on value streams, streamlined processes, product innovation, and a consistent, superior experience for all customers who seek our solutions in the transportation, logistics and distribution markets. The value streams leverage the power of our processes to close the cycle of customer needs and customer fulfillment.

We believe our One Wabash approach coupled with our Wabash Management System is uniquely designed to achieve breakthrough customer value. Our value streams align resources and processes on serving the customer, and our strategy is centered around our ability to scale core competencies by growing in and around core markets with known customers.

## **Voting Matters and Vote Recommendation (page 15)**

The following table summarizes the proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting and the Board's voting recommendation with respect to each proposal.

PROPOSALS	BOARD VOTE RECOMMENDATION	PAGE
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Advisory Vote on the Compensation of Our Named Executive Officers ("Say-on-Pay")	FOR	63
Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	FOR	64

## **Board Nominees (page 17)**

The following table provides summary information about each director nominee, as of the Record Date.

NAME	AGE	DIRECTOR SINCE	OCCUPATION	INDEPENDENT	OTHER PUBLIC BOARDS
Therese M. Bassett	57	November 2019	Managing Director, NuVentures LLC	Yes	No
John G. Boss	61	December 2017	Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Momentive Performance Materials Inc.	Yes	No
John E. Kunz	56	March 2011	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Concrete, Inc.	Yes	No
Larry J. Magee	66	January 2005	President, Magee Ventures Group	Yes	No
Ann D. Murtlow	60	February 2013	President and Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Central Indiana	Yes	Yes
Scott K. Sorensen	59	May 2005	Managing Director of Sorensen Capital, LLC Former President and Chief Operating Officer, Ivanti Software	Yes	No
Stuart A. Taylor II	60	August 2019	Chief Executive Officer, The Taylor Group LLC	Yes	Yes
Brent L. Yeagy	50	October 2016	President and Chief Executive Officer, Wabash National Corporation	No	No

The table below summarizes key qualifications, skills and attributes most relevant to the decision to nominate the candidates to serve on our Board. A mark indicates a specific area of focus or experience on which the Board relies most. The lack of a mark does not mean the director nominee does not possess that qualification or skill. Each director nominee biography in this proxy statement describes each nominee's qualifications and relevant experience in more detail.

DIRECTORS	Therese M. Bassett	John G. ("Jack") Boss	John E. Kunz	Larry J. Magee	Ann D. Murtlow	Scott K. Sorensen	Stuart A. Taylor II	
Independent	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Logistics, Transportation and Distribution			•					•
Diverse Manufacturing		•	•			•		•
Supply Chain/Commodities Management	•	•	•					•
Materials Science or Engineering		•			•			•
Government/Regulatory					•	•		
Qualified Financial Expert/Finance/Treasury			•			•	•	
M&A	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Global	•	•	•		•			
Technology/IT/Cybersecurity						•	•	
Marketing/Sales/Digital		•		•				
Talent/Culture	•	•		•	•			•
Strategy Development	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

## Named Executive Officer Compensation (Say-on-Pay) (page 63)

We are asking stockholders to vote to approve, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, the compensation of our named executive officers. The primary objectives and philosophy of our compensation programs are to (i) drive executive behaviors that maximize long-term stockholder value creation, (ii) attract and retain talented executive officers with the skills necessary to successfully manage and grow our business, and (iii) align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders by rewarding them for strong Company performance. In support of these objectives, in 2020, we:

- Weighted a significant portion of our executives' compensation toward variable and performance-based compensation. Specifically, in 2020, approximately 80.6% of our CEO's target direct compensation (consisting of base salary, annual cash incentives and long-term equity incentives) and, on average, 67.5% of our other named executive officers' target direct compensation, was delivered in stock-based and cash-based incentive compensation through our short-term and long-term incentive plans.
- **Engaged an independent compensation consultant** to conduct a market review of our compensation package to ensure it was competitive with our peers.
- **Encouraged our executives to be long-term stockholders** through rigorous stock ownership guidelines and providing a significant portion of our NEOs compensation through equity awards.

## **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (page 64)**

We ask that our stockholders ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accountants for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on May 11, 2021.

Our Annual Report and this Proxy Statement are available at www.proxyvote.com. To access our Annual Report and Proxy Statement, enter the control number referenced on your proxy card.

## Information About the Annual Meeting, Proxy Materials and Voting

#### What is the Purpose of the Annual Meeting?

At the Annual Meeting, our management will report on our performance during 2020 and respond to questions from our stockholders. In addition, stockholders will act upon the matters outlined in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which include the following three proposals:

- Proposal 1 To elect eight members of the Board of Directors.
- Proposal 2 To hold an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers.
- Proposal 3 To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Wabash National Corporation's

independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Stockholders will also consider any other matters that properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Management is currently not aware of any other business to come before the Annual Meeting.

Stockholders may act on the proposals by voting a proxy or voting by virtual presence online at the Annual Meeting.

#### What is the purpose of the proxy materials?

We are providing these proxy materials in connection with the solicitation by our Board of Directors of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. The proxy materials (including the Notice of Annual Meeting, this Proxy Statement, and our Annual Report on Form 10-K) include information that we are required to provide to you under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and are designed to assist you in voting on the matters presented at the Annual Meeting. We first mailed the proxy materials to stockholders on or about March 29, 2021.

#### What is a proxy?

A proxy is your legal designation of another person to vote on your behalf. By voting your proxy, you are giving the persons named on the proxy card the authority to vote your shares in the manner you indicate on your proxy card.

#### Who is Entitled to Vote?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 12, 2021 (the "Record Date") are entitled to receive notice of the Annual Meeting and to vote the shares of common stock of the Company (the "Common Stock") that they held on the Record Date at the Annual Meeting, or any postponement or adjournment of the Annual Meeting. As of the Record Date, we had 51,882,958 shares of Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote. Each share of Common Stock entitles its holder to cast one vote on each matter to be voted upon.

#### What is the difference between a stockholder of record and a beneficial owner?

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Equiniti Trust Company, you are a "stockholder of record." If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other custodian or nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name." As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other custodian or nominee on how to vote your shares.

#### Who can Attend the Annual Meeting by virtual presence online?

All stockholders of record as of the close of business on the Record Date, or their duly appointed proxies, may attend the Annual Meeting by virtual presence online by visiting www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/WNC2021 at 9:45 a.m. Eastern time through the conclusion of the meeting and providing the control number found on the proxy card. If your shares are held in "street name," you must first obtain a proxy issued in your name from your bank or other custodian or nominee before attending the Annual Meeting by virtual presence online. You will need to provide the control number found on the proxy card provided by such bank or other custodian or nominee.

Technical support, including related technical support phone numbers, will be available at 9:45 a.m. Eastern time through the conclusion of the meeting.

The 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be accessible through the Internet. This change is being made due to an abundance of caution related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the priority we place on the health and well-being of our stockholders, employees and other stakeholders. We have worked to offer the same participation opportunities as were provided at the in-person portion of our past meetings while further enhancing the online experience available to all stockholders regardless of their location. You are entitled to participate in the Annual Meeting if you were a stockholder as of the close of business on March 12, 2021. The Annual Meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time, and you should allow ample time for the online check-in procedures.

Whether or not you participate in the Annual Meeting, it is important that your shares be part of the voting process. The other methods by which you may vote are described below.

This year's stockholder question and answer session will provide our stockholders with the opportunities to ask questions regarding our business submitted live during the Annual Meeting. Questions may be submitted at the Annual Meeting through <a href="www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/WNC2021">www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/WNC2021</a>. We will post questions and answers if applicable to our business on our Investor Relations website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

#### How do I Vote?

If you are a "stockholder of record," you can vote on matters to come before the Annual Meeting in the following four ways:

- · Visit the website noted on your proxy card to vote via the internet;
- Use the telephone number on your proxy card to vote by telephone;
- Vote by mail by completing, dating and signing the proxy card mailed with your notice and returning it in the
  provided postage-paid envelope. If you do so, you will authorize the individuals named on the proxy card,
  referred to as the proxies, to vote your shares according to your instructions. If you provide no instructions, the
  proxies will vote your shares according to the recommendation of the Board of Directors or, if no
  recommendation is given, in their own discretion; or
- Attend the Annual Meeting by virtual presence online and cast your vote.

If you hold your shares in "street name" through a broker, then you can vote by following the materials and instructions provided by your broker, or you can vote by virtual presence online at the Annual Meeting.

#### What if I vote and then change my mind?

If you are a "stockholder of record," you may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised by:

- Providing written notice of revocation to the Corporate Secretary, Wabash National Corporation, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905;
- Voting again, on a later date, via the internet or by telephone (only your latest internet or telephone proxy submitted prior to the Annual Meeting will be counted);
- Submitting another duly executed proxy bearing a later date; or
- Attending the Annual Meeting by virtual presence online and casting your vote.

Only your last vote will be the vote that is counted.

If you hold your shares in "street name," then you must contact the record holder of your shares to change your voting instructions.

#### What are the Board's Recommendations?

The Board recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of the director nominees, FOR the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers, and FOR ratification of the appointment of our auditors.

#### What Vote is Required for Each Proposal?

The following table summarizes the vote threshold required for approval of each proposal and the effect of abstentions, uninstructed shares held by brokers, and unmarked, signed proxy cards. On all proposals, if you sign and return a proxy or voting instruction card, but do not mark how your shares are to be voted, they will be voted as the Board recommends.

PROPOSAL NUMBER	ITEM	VOTE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF EACH ITEM	ABSTENTIONS	UNINSTRUCTED SHARES	UNMARKED, SIGNED PROXY CARDS
1	Election of Directors	Majority of votes cast	No effect	Not voted	Voted "for"
2	Advisory vote on executive compensation	Majority of shares present and entitled to vote	Same effect as "against"	Not voted	Voted "for"
3	Ratification of Appointment of Independent Auditor	Majority of shares present and entitled to vote	Same effect as "against"	Discretionary vote	Voted "for"

If you hold your shares in "street name" through a broker and you do not provide your broker with voting instructions, then, under New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") Rules, your broker may elect to exercise voting discretion with respect to "routine matters," which includes the ratification of the appointment of our auditors (Proposal 3). However, on "non-routine" matters, which include the election of directors (Proposal 1) and the advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 2), your broker may not vote your shares unless you provide your broker with instructions. These so-called broker "non-votes" will be counted in determining whether there is a quorum.

#### What Constitutes a Quorum?

The presence at the Annual Meeting, by virtual presence online or by valid proxy, of the holders of a majority of the shares of our Common Stock outstanding on the Record Date will constitute a quorum, permitting us to conduct our business at the Annual Meeting. Proxies received but marked as abstentions and broker non-votes will be included in the calculation of the number of shares considered to be present at the Annual Meeting.

#### Who will Bear the Costs of this Proxy Solicitation?

We will bear the cost of solicitation of proxies. This includes the charges and expenses of brokerage firms and others for forwarding solicitation material to beneficial owners of our outstanding Common Stock. We may solicit proxies by mail, personal interview, telephone or via the Internet through our officers, directors and other management employees, who will receive no additional compensation for their services. In addition, we have retained Laurel Hill Advisory Group, LLC to assist with proxy solicitation. For their services, we will pay a fee of \$7,000 plus out-of-pocket expenses.

#### How will my shares be voted if other matters are presented at the Annual Meeting?

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors does not intend to present at the Annual Meeting any matters other than those described in this Proxy Statement and does not know of any matters that will be presented by other parties. If any other matter is properly brought before the meeting for action by the stockholders, proxies will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors or, in the absence of such a recommendation, in accordance with the judgment of the proxy holder.

## **Proposal 1 - Election of Directors**

Our Bylaws provide that our Board of Directors, or the Board, shall be comprised of not less than three, nor more than twelve, directors with the exact number to be fixed by resolution of the Board. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board is comprised of eight directors. The Board has fixed the authorized number of directors at eight directors as of the 2021 Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to elect each of the eight director nominees listed below, each of whom shall serve for a term of one year or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal.

Below is information regarding each of the director nominees. Information regarding the Board's process for nominating directors and director qualifications can be found below under the "Corporate Governance" section of this Proxy Statement.

#### **Information on Directors Standing for Election**

The biographies of each of the nominees below contains information regarding the experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that caused the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board to determine that the person should serve as a director of the Company. The name, age, business experience, and public company directorships of each nominee for director, during at least the last five years, are set forth in the table below.

#### **Therese M. Bassett**



Age: 57

Director since: November 2019

Ms. Bassett is the Managing Director of NuVentures LLC., a consulting firm focused on strategy, innovation and M&A pipeline development. Prior to NuVentures, she served as Chief Strategy, Innovation, and Mergers and Acquisitions Officer at Avnet, Inc., an electronic components and services company, where she was responsible for identifying growth opportunities to enhance the overall business portfolio, financial strength and global market value. During her 26-year career with Avnet, Ms. Bassett also held the positions of Senior Vice President, Global HR Solutions (2010- 2016), Vice President, Strategic Planning and Business Intelligence (1998-2010), Manager, Electronic Manufacturing Services Business Development (1995-1998), and International Export and Transportation Manager (1993-1995). She is a graduate of Temple University and received an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

**Qualifications:** Ms. Bassett's M&A, innovation and strategy expertise and her senior leadership experience reflected in her biography support our Board's conclusion that she should be nominated as a director.

#### John G. Boss



Age: 61

Director since: December 2017

Mr. Boss is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Momentive Performance Materials Inc. ("MPM"). MPM is a global producer of silicones, quartz and specialty ceramic materials. Mr. Boss served as a director of MPM Holdings Inc. from October 2014 to March 2020. Mr. Boss served as the President of the Silicones & Quartz Division at MPM since joining in March 2014 to December 2014 and served as its Executive Vice President from March 2014 to March 2020. In April 2014, shortly after Mr. Boss joined the company, MPM filed voluntary petitions for reorganization relief pursuant to Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Mr. Boss' career spans more than 30 years in the specialty chemicals and materials industry, including various executive leadership positions with Honeywell International, a producer of commercial and consumer products from 2003 through 2014. Mr. Boss served as Vice President and General Manager of Specialty Products, Vice President and General Manager of Specialty Chemicals and President of Honeywell Safety Products at Honeywell International. Prior to joining Honeywell, Mr. Boss held positions of increasing responsibility at Great Lakes Chemical Corporation and Ashland Corporation (formerly International Specialty Products). Since 2020, Mr. Boss has served as a Director for Cooper Standard Corporation and as a Director and Audit Committee Member for Libbey, Inc. Mr. Boss has a Master of Business Administration degree in Marketing and Finance from Rutgers Graduate School of Management in 1996 and a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from West Virginia University in 1981.

**Qualifications:** As reflected in his biography, Mr. Boss' service in various leadership positions at other public companies, particularly, his recent service as a sitting chief executive officer at another public company and concomitant understanding of the day-to-day complexities and challenges of running such an organization, and his service on our Board, support our Board's conclusion that he should again be nominated as a director.

#### John E. Kunz



**Age:** 56 **Director since:** March 2011

Mr. Kunz has been the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for U.S. Concrete, Inc., a concrete and aggregate products producer serving the construction and building materials industries, since October 2017. Prior to his current position, Mr. Kunz served as Vice President and Controller of Tenneco Inc., a global manufacturer of automotive emission control and ride control systems. In this role, which he held from March 2015 to September 2017, Mr. Kunz served as the company's principal accounting officer with responsibility for the company's corporate accounting and financial reporting globally. Prior to that, Mr. Kunz served as Tenneco's Vice President, Treasurer and Tax, a position he held since July 2006, preceded by his position as Tenneco's Vice President and Treasurer, which he held from February 2004 until July 2006. Prior to his employment with Tenneco, Mr. Kunz was the Vice President and Treasurer of Great Lakes Chemical Corporation, a position he held from August 2001 until February 2004, after holding several finance positions of increasing responsibility at Great Lakes, beginning in 1999. Mr. Kunz holds a Master of Management in finance from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, along with an undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Notre Dame.

**Qualifications:** As reflected in his biography, Mr. Kunz's financial expertise, his experience managing the financial and governance aspects of cyclical manufacturers in the transportation, building products, chemical and steel sectors, as well as his expertise in managing financing and equity transactions, and his participation on our Board all supported the Board's conclusion that he should again be nominated as a director.

#### **Larry J. Magee**



Age: 66
Director since: January 2005
Chairman of the Board since:
May 2020

Mr. Magee has served as President of Magee Ventures Group, a consulting firm, since May 2018. Prior to his current position, he served as Interim CEO of Magnolia Group, LLC in Waco, Texas from April 2017 until May 2018. Mr. Magee was President and CEO of Heartland Automotive Services, Inc., the largest operator of quick lube retail service centers, operating over 540 Jiffy Lube locations in North America. He held this position from April 2015 until his retirement in October 2016. Prior to assuming the role of President and CEO of Heartland Automotive, Mr. Magee was the President, Consumer Tire U.S. & Canada, for Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC, a tire and rubber manufacturing company, a position he held from January 2011 until his retirement from Bridgestone in September 2013. He also served as Chairman of BFS Retail & Commercial Operations, LLC and Bridgestone of Canada, Inc. From December 2001 until January 2011, he served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of BFS Retail & Commercial Operations, LLC. Prior to December 2001, Mr. Magee served as President of Bridgestone/ Firestone Retail Division, beginning in 1998. Mr. Magee has over 38 years combined experience in sales, marketing, and operational management, and held positions of increasing responsibility within the Bridgestone/Firestone family of companies during his 38-year tenure with Bridgestone/Firestone.

**Qualifications:** The retail leadership expertise reflected in Mr. Magee's biography, including his performance as the chief executive officer and as a board member for divisions of another company, as well as his participation on our Board, supported the Board's conclusion that he should again be nominated as a director.

#### **Ann D. Murtlow**



Age: 60

Director since: February 2013

Ms. Murtlow is the President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way of Central Indiana, an organization that fights for the education, financial stability, health and basic needs for Central Indiana through the development and support of programs and organizations that serve struggling families and move them to self-sufficiency, a position she has held since April 1, 2013. Prior to assuming this role, Ms. Murtlow had a 30-year career in the global energy industry. Ms. Murtlow began her career as a design engineer with Bechtel Power Corporation, one of the world's leading designers and constructors of electric utility infrastructure. Ms. Murtlow then joined AES Corporation ("AES"), where she developed a specialty in environmental permitting and became a leader in domestic and international power plant project development. She subsequently joined AES's London office where she was named Vice President and Group Manager of AES's development and operations in northern and central Europe. In 2002, Ms. Murtlow was named President and Chief Executive Officer at IPALCO Enterprises, Inc., and its subsidiary, Indianapolis Power & Light Company. Ms. Murtlow currently serves as a Director of Evergy, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (Kansas corporation), Evergy Kansas South, Inc., Evergy Metro, Inc., and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. Ms. Murtlow served as a Director of First Internet Bancorp and its subsidiary, First Internet Bank, from 2013 until March 2020. Ms. Murtlow holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University and is a National Association of Corporate Directors Board Leadership Fellow.

**Qualifications:** The financial and strategic leadership experience reflected in Ms. Murtlow's biography, her service as the former chief executive officer of a regulated electric utility company, service on the boards of other public companies, her participation on our Board and her experience in corporate social responsibility, supported the Board's decision that she should again be nominated as a director.

#### **Scott K. Sorensen**



Age: 59

Director since: May 2005

Mr. Sorensen is currently the Managing Director of Sorensen Capital, LLC. From May 2018 through November 2019, Mr. Sorensen served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Ivanti Software and member of its Board of Directors. Ivanti is a leading enterprise software provider of unified IT solutions for the security, endpoint management and service management requirements of customers. Prior to his role as President and Chief Operating Officer of Ivanti Software, Mr. Sorensen served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and was a member of the Board of Directors of Sorenson Holdings which is a leading provider of assistive communications products and services from 2016 - 2018. Mr. Sorensen also held the position of Chief Operating Officer from 2012 - 2016 and served as the Chief Financial Officer from 2007 - 2016. Previously, Mr. Sorensen served as the Chief Financial Officer of Headwaters Inc. from 2005 – 2007 which was a diversified energy and construction materials provider. Prior to joining Headwaters, Mr. Sorensen was the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hillenbrand Industries, a manufacturer and provider of products and services for the health care and funeral services industries, from 2001 – 2005. Mr. Sorensen also served in various financial leadership roles at Westinghouse Electric and worked in the operations and aerospace practices with McKinsey & Company.

**Qualifications:** Mr. Sorensen's financial expertise and experience in corporate finance, combined with his experience in manufacturing, technology, strategy and mergers and acquisitions, as reflected in his biography, and his participation on our Board, supported the Board's conclusion that he should again be nominated as a director.

#### Stuart A. Taylor II



**Age:** 60 **Director since:** August 2019

Mr. Taylor is the Chief Executive Officer of The Taylor Group LLC, a private equity firm focused on creating and acquiring businesses. In this role, which he has held since 2001, Mr. Taylor oversees the firm's sourcing and execution of investments and acquisition and disposition transactions. In addition, Mr. Taylor delivers deep financial and transactional expertise based on his Wall Street career along with significant experience as a director for publicly traded companies. He previously held positions as senior managing director at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. (1999-2001), and managing director of CIBC World Markets and head of its Global Automotive Group and Capital Goods Group (1996-1999). He also served as managing director of the Automotive Industry Group at Bankers Trust (1993-1996), following a 10-year position in corporate finance at Morgan Stanley & Co. He also serves as a director for Hillenbrand Inc. and Ball Corporation. He is a graduate of Yale University and received an MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

**Qualifications:** Mr. Taylor's in-depth knowledge of strategic M&A and corporate development, financial expertise and service on other public company boards, as reflected in his biography, support our Board's conclusion that he should be nominated as a director.

#### **Brent L. Yeagy**



Age: 50

Director since: October 2016

Mr. Yeagy serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Wabash National Corporation, a position he has held since June 2018. Prior to his current role, Mr. Yeagy was President and Chief Operating Officer of Wabash National from October 2016 to June 2018. Mr. Yeagy joined Wabash National in 2003 and held a number of positions with increasing responsibility, including Vice President of Manufacturing, Vice President and General Manager of Commercial Trailer Products, and Senior Vice President – Group President, Commercial Trailer Products. Prior to Wabash National, from 1999 to 2003, Mr. Yeagy held various positions within human resources, environmental engineering and safety management for Delco Remy International. Mr. Yeagy served in various plant engineering roles at Rexnord Corporation from December 1995 through 1999. He also served in the United States Navy from 1991 to 1994.

Mr. Yeagy holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering Science and a Master of Science in Safety Engineering from Purdue University, and an MBA in Business Management from Anderson University. He has also attended executive programs at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business as well as Stanford's Graduate School of Business. Mr. Yeagy is a graduate of the U.S. Navy's Naval Nuclear Power Program and participated in the Navy's Officer Candidate Program.

**Qualifications:** Mr. Yeagy's more than 25 years of experience in executive leadership, beginning with his career in the United States Navy, and his strong background in managing many facets of operations in a manufacturing company, as reflected in his biography, and his role as our President and Chief Executive Officer, supported the Board's conclusion that he should again be nominated as a director.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board of Directors
UNANIMOUSLY recommends a
vote "FOR" the election of each of
the director nominees listed above.

## **Corporate Governance**

#### **Governance Guidelines & Code of Business Conduct & Ethics**

The Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines (the "Guidelines") which set forth a framework within which the Board oversees and governs the affairs of Wabash National. The Guidelines cover, among other things, the composition and functions of the Board, director independence, director stock ownership, management succession and review, Board committees, the selection of new directors, and director responsibilities and duties.

Our Board has also adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (which applies to all of our directors, officers, and employees) and an additional Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Financial Officers (together, the "Codes"). The Codes cover, among other things, compliance with laws, rules and regulations (including insider trading), conflicts of interest, corporate opportunities, confidentiality, protection and use of Company assets, and the reporting process for any illegal or unethical conduct. Any amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of the Codes for a director or executive officer will be promptly disclosed and posted on our website as required by law or the listing standards of the NYSE.

The Guidelines and the Codes are available on the Governance/Governance Documents page of the Investor Relations section of our website at ir.wabashnational.com and are available in print without charge by writing to: Wabash National Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905.

## **Board Structure and its Role in Risk Oversight**

#### **Director Independence**

In February 2021, our Board of Directors undertook its annual review of director independence to determine the independence of our directors in accordance with NYSE listing standards. As a result of this review, the Board of Directors affirmatively determined that all of the directors nominated for election at the Annual Meeting are independent of Wabash National and its management within the meaning of the rules of NYSE, with the exception of Brent L. Yeagy, our President and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **Independent Chairman**

The Board does not have a formal policy on whether the roles of Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separate or combined. Rather, the Guidelines provide that the independent members of the Board may select the Chairman of the Board and the Company's Chief Executive Officer in the manner they consider in the best interests of the Company.

Currently, the Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company for the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer positions to be held by separate persons, given the differences between the two roles in our current management structure. Our Chief Executive Officer, among other duties, is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the Company and the day-to-day leadership and performance of the Company, while the Chairman of the Board, among his other responsibilities, presides at the executive sessions of our independent and non-management directors and facilitates communication between our independent directors and management. However, the Board reserves the right to combine the positions of the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, should it determine that such a change is appropriate for our Company in the future.

#### **Director Refreshment**

Our Guidelines require that once any Board member reaches the age of 72, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee must annually consider the member's continuation on the Board, and recommend to the Board whether, in light of all the circumstances, the Board should request that such member continue to serve on, or retire from, the Board. As of the date of the 2021 Annual Meeting, none of the director nominees will have reached the age of 72.

#### **Director Attendance**

During 2020, our Board held 7 meetings. In 2020, all of the directors attended 75% or more of the total meetings of the Board and of the committees on which they serve that were held during the period that the director served on the Board. Our Board strongly encourages all of our directors to attend our Annual Meeting, and in 2020, all of our then serving directors attended the Annual Meeting.

#### **Board's Role in Risk Oversight**

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board believes that strong and effective internal controls and risk management processes are essential elements in achieving long-term stockholder value. The Board, directly and through its committees, is responsible for overseeing material risks potentially affecting the Company, while management is responsible for implementing processes and controls to mitigate the effects of identified risks on the Company and managing day-to-day risks. Management also provides the Board with regular reports regarding oversight of financial and systemic risks within the Company.

The risk oversight by each of the Board committees is detailed below. Each committee reports to the Board of Directors quarterly regarding the committee's risk management considerations and actions.

## Audit Committee

- Reviews audit and financial controls
- Investigates any matters
   pertaining to the integrity of
   management, including
   conflicts of interest,
   compliance with our financial
   controls, and adherence to
   Company policies
- Regularly meets with our General Counsel and members of management to discuss and assess potential enterprise risks, including potential cyber security risks
- Regularly meets with our external auditors to discuss and assess potential risks
- Reviews our risk management practices and risk-related policies (including the Codes)
- Evaluates potential related person transactions

# Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

- Reviews our Governance
   Guidelines and Code of
   Business Conduct and Ethics
   and recommends revisions as
   necessary
- Evaluates director independence and committee membership
- Oversees annual evaluation of the Board, Committees, Chairman of the Board and CEO
- Reviews the Sustainability Report and recommends revisions as appropriate
- Oversees Board succession and professional development

# Compensation Committee

 Monitors our executive compensation packages and our incentive compensation plans, which seek to encourage appropriate, and not excessive, risk-taking by our executives and other employees

#### **Committees of the Board**

The Board has three standing committees: (1) the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, (2) the Compensation Committee, and (3) the Audit Committee. Each committee maintains a charter, which can be accessed electronically from the Governance/Governance Documents page of the Investor Relations section of our website at ir.wabashnational.com or by writing to us at Wabash National Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905.

The following table indicates each standing committee or committees on which our directors served in 2020, other than Mr. Yeagy, who did not serve on any committees in 2020:

NAME	NOMINATING AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	COMPENSATION COMMITTEE	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Therese M. Bassett	Member	Member	
John G. Boss	Member	Member	
John E. Kunz		Member	Chair
Larry J. Magee	Member	Member	
Ann D. Murtlow	Chair	Member	
Scott K. Sorensen		Chair	Member
Stuart A. Taylor II		Member	Member

Effective following the 2021 Annual Meeting, if all the nominees for election at the Annual Meeting are elected, then such nominees will continue to serve on the committees reflected in the chart above.

#### **Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met 5 times during 2020. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's responsibilities include:

- Assisting the Board by leading board member recruitment efforts, including identifying individuals or reviewing stockholder-nominated individuals qualified to become directors, recommending to the Board the director nominees for the next annual meeting of stockholders, and performing initial interviews of potential board member candidates:
- Developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles applicable to the Company;
- · Leading the Board in its annual review of the Board's performance; and
- · Recommending to the Board director nominees for each Board committee.

As part of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's annual review of the Board's performance, and its process for recommending director nominees for the next annual meeting of stockholders (which is described in more detail below under "Nomination of Director Candidates,") it regularly considers each member's attendance and overall contributions to the Board, the diversity of the Board's composition (including diversity of expertise, geography, age, gender, race, and ethnicity), and the willingness of a member to represent and serve the long-term interests of our stockholders.

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee met 6 times during 2020. The Compensation Committee's responsibilities include:

- Considering, recommending, and approving our incentive compensation plans and our equity-based plans for our executive officers;
- · Annually reviewing and recommending to the Board the forms and amounts of director compensation; and
- Annually reviewing and approving the corporate goals and objectives relevant to the CEO's and other executive
  officers' compensation, evaluating their performance in light of those goals and objectives, and setting
  compensation levels based on the evaluations.

In 2020, as in past years, the Compensation Committee engaged an independent compensation consultant, Meridian Compensation Partners LLC ("Meridian"). The Compensation Committee requested that Meridian provide competitive market assessments regarding executive officer compensation, which were used by the Compensation Committee in determining the appropriate executive officer compensation levels for 2020 that are in line with the Company's compensation plans, philosophies and goals. Meridian also provides market assessments regarding non-employee director compensation.

Additional information regarding the Compensation Committee's process for determining executive officer compensation can be found below in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this Proxy Statement under the heading "Compensation Methodology and Process."

#### **Audit Committee**

The Board has established a separately designated standing Audit Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Audit Committee met 8 times during 2020. In addition to the Board's determination that each member of the Audit Committee is "independent" within the meaning of the rules of the NYSE, the Board also determined that Messrs. Kunz, Sorensen and Taylor are "audit committee financial experts" as defined by the rules of the SEC, and that they have accounting and related financial management expertise within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE.

The Audit Committee's responsibilities include:

- Reviewing the independence of the independent auditors and making decisions regarding engaging and discharging independent auditors;
- Reviewing with the independent auditors the plans and results of auditing engagements;
- Reviewing and approving non-audit services provided by our independent auditors and the range of audit and non-audit fees;
- Reviewing the scope and results of our internal audit procedures and the adequacy of the system of internal controls;
- Overseeing special investigations, if any;
- Reviewing our financial statements and reports filed with the SEC;
- Overseeing our efforts to ensure that our business and operations are conducted in compliance with legal and regulatory standards applicable to us, as well as ethical business practices;
- Overseeing the Company's internal reporting system regarding compliance with federal, state and local laws;
- Establishing and implementing procedures for confidential communications for "whistleblowers" and others who have concerns with our accounting, internal accounting controls and audit matters; and
- · Reviewing our significant accounting policies.

## **Related Persons Transactions Policy**

Our Board has adopted a written Related Persons Transactions Policy that sets forth our policy and procedures for review, approval and monitoring of transactions between the Company and "related persons." Related persons include directors, nominees for director, executive officers, stockholders owning 5% or greater of our outstanding stock, and any immediate family members of the aforementioned. The Related Persons Transactions Policy is administered by a committee designated by the Board, which is currently the Audit Committee.

Pursuant to the policy, transactions involving amounts exceeding \$120,000, in which a related person has a direct or indirect material interest, must be approved, ratified, rejected or referred to the Board by the Audit Committee. The policy provides that as a general rule all related person transactions should be on terms reasonably comparable to those that could be obtained by the Company in arm's length dealings with an unrelated third party. However, the policy takes into account that in certain cases it may be impractical or unnecessary to make such a comparison. In such cases, the transaction may be approved in accordance with the provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law. When evaluating potential related person transactions, the Audit Committee considers all reasonably available facts and circumstances and approves only the related person transactions determined in good faith to be in compliance with, or not inconsistent with, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and the best interests of our stockholders.

The Related Persons Transaction Policy provides that management, or the affected director or officer will bring any potentially relevant transaction to the attention of the Audit Committee. Additionally, each year, our directors and executive officers complete questionnaires designed to elicit information about potential related person transactions, and the directors and officers must promptly advise the Corporate Secretary if there are any changes to the information previously provided. If a director is involved in the transaction, he or she will be recused from all discussions and decisions with regard to the transaction, to the extent practicable. The transaction must be approved in advance whenever practicable, and if not practicable, must be ratified as promptly as practicable. All related person transactions will be disclosed to the full Board and will be included in the Company's proxy statement and other appropriate filings as required by the rules and regulations of the SEC and the NYSE. During 2020, there were no required disclosures arising from such relationships.

#### **Nomination of Director Candidates**

#### **Qualifications of Director Candidates**

To be considered by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, a director nominee must meet the following minimum criteria:

- · Has the highest personal and professional integrity;
- Has a record of exceptional ability and judgment;
- Possesses expertise, skills, experience and knowledge useful to our oversight;
- Is able and willing to devote the required amount of time to our affairs, including attendance at Board and committee meetings; and
- Has the interest, capacity and willingness, in conjunction with the other members of the Board, to serve the long-term interests of the Company and its stockholders.

In reviewing these and other relevant criteria, the Board may consider the diversity of director candidates, including diversity of expertise, geography, gender, race, and ethnicity. We seek independent directors who represent a mix of backgrounds and experiences that will enhance the quality of the Board's deliberations and decisions. The goal in reviewing these characteristics for individual director candidates is that they, when taken

together with those of other Board members, will lead to a Board that is effective, collegial, and responsive to the needs of the Company and its stockholders.

#### **Director Nomination Process**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends to the Board nominees that best suit the Board's needs at the time of the nomination. Nominees are selected by the committee with the assistance of, if desired by the committee, a retained search firm, after reviewing the candidates' credentials, clearing potential conflicts, performing reference checks, and conducting interviews with the candidates to determine if they meet the qualifications described above.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider stockholder recommendations for director nominees sent to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, Wabash National Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905. Stockholder recommendations for director nominees should include:

- · The name and address of the stockholder recommending the person to be nominated;
- A representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of our stock, including the number of shares held and the period of holding;
- A description of all arrangements or understandings between the stockholder and the recommended nominee;
- Such other information regarding the recommended nominee as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act;
- · The consent of the recommended nominee to serve as a director if so elected; and
- All other required information set forth in our Bylaws.

Stockholders' nominees that comply with the procedures for submitting a stockholder nomination will receive the same consideration as other candidates identified by or to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The procedures for submitting a stockholder nomination are set forth below under the heading "General Information – Stockholder Proposals and Nominations." Upon receipt by the Corporate Secretary of a stockholder notice of a director nomination, the Corporate Secretary will notify the stockholder that the notice has been received and will be presented to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for review.

## **Director Compensation**

The Compensation Committee makes recommendations to the full Board regarding non-employee director compensation. Meridian reviewed our director compensation with the Compensation Committee during 2020. As a result of such review, at the February 2020 Board meeting and based upon the recommendation of our Compensation Committee, the Board approved an increase of \$10,000 to the equity retainer and kept the cash retainer at the same level that was approved in 2020. However, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in May 2020 the Board decided to forgo the previously approved increase in their equity retainer as a part of the Company's cost cutting measures, resulting in the following annual retainers for 2020:

ANNUAL RETAINERS (1)	AMOUNT
Board	\$190,000 (2)
Member:	
Audit Committee	\$ 10,000
Compensation Committee	\$ 8,000
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	\$ 8,000
Chairman of the Board	\$ 25,000
Audit Committee Chair	\$ 15,000
Compensation Committee Chair	\$ 12,000
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chair	\$ 10,000

<sup>(1)</sup> All annual cash retainers are paid in quarterly installments. Annual grants of restricted stock units, referenced in footnote 2 below, are paid in full following the election of directors at the annual meeting.

Meridian continued to review our director compensation with the Compensation Committee during 2020 and 2021. As a result of such review and to more closely reflect the market for director compensation, at the February 2021 Board meeting and based upon the recommendation of our Compensation Committee, the Board approved a \$15,000 increase to the equity portion of the annual retainer, a \$50,000 increase for the Chairman of the Board, and a \$5,000 and \$3,000 increase resulting in the following annual retainers:

ANNUAL RETAINERS (1)	AMOUNT
Board	\$205,000(2)
Member:	
Audit Committee	\$ 10,000
Compensation Committee	\$ 8,000
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	\$ 8,000
Chairman of the Board	\$ 75,000
Audit Committee Chair	\$ 20,000
Compensation Committee Chair	\$ 15,000
Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chair	\$ 10,000

<sup>(1)</sup> All annual cash retainers are paid in quarterly installments. Annual grants of restricted stock units, referenced in footnote 2 below, are paid in full following the election of directors at the annual meeting.

<sup>(2)</sup> Consists of an \$80,000 cash retainer and an award of restricted stock units of Company stock having an aggregate market value at the time of grant of \$110,000. Restricted stock units vest in full on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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The following table summarizes the compensation paid to our directors during 2020, other than Mr. Yeagy, whose compensation is discussed below under Executive Compensation.

## Director Compensation for Year-End December 31, 2020

NAME	(1) FEES EARNED OR PAID IN CASH (\$)	(2) STOCK AWARDS (\$)	(3) ALL OTHER COMPENSATION (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
Larry J. Magee	\$111,866	\$110,001	\$4,225	\$226,091
Therese M. Bassett	\$ 96,000	\$110,001	\$ —	\$206,001
John G. Boss	\$ 96,000	\$110,001	\$3,840	\$209,841
Martin C. Jischke	\$ 44,941	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 44,941
John E. Kunz	\$103,000	\$110,001	\$4,120	\$217,121
Ann D. Murtlow	\$ 98,000	\$110,001	\$ —	\$208,001
Scott K. Sorensen	\$102,000	\$110,001	\$4,080	\$216,081
Stuart A. Taylor II	\$ 98,000	\$110,001	\$ —	\$208,001

- (1) Consists of cash fees earned in 2020 for annual retainers. This column includes any amounts a director elects to defer pursuant to the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The terms of this plan are discussed below.
- (2) For each director, other than Dr. Jischke, consists of a grant of 14,212 restricted stock units on May 12, 2020, which vest on May 12, 2021. As of December 31, 2020, each of the non-employee directors other than Dr. Jischke held 14,212 unvested restricted stock units. Dr. Jischke retired from the Board effective as of the 2020 annual stockholders' meeting so he did not receive a grant of restricted stock units during 2020.
- (3) Consists of the Company's match pursuant to our Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company fully matches the first 3% of earnings deferred by a participant under the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. In addition, the Company will contribute 1/2% for each additional percent of deferred earnings contributed by the participant, up to a maximum of 5% of the participant's deferred earnings (thus resulting in a maximum of a 4% Company match on a participant's deferral of 5% of his/her earnings).

#### **Non-employee Director Stock Ownership Guidelines**

The Board believes that it is important for each director to have a financial stake in the Company because it aligns the director's interests with those of the Company's stockholders. To meet this objective, the Board has established stock ownership guidelines, which require each non-employee director to hold 50% of all Company shares received from annual retainers (the "Director Holding Requirement") until the non-employee director achieves a target ownership level equal to five (5) times the cash portion of the non-employee director's Annual Board Retainer (provided, however, that the Director Holding Requirement shall never prohibit a director from withholding, selling, or tendering enough shares from an equity award to satisfy all applicable withholding taxes on such award). Once a non-employee director has achieved his/her stated target ownership level, s/he is no longer required to adhere to the Director Holding Requirement, unless and until his/her ownership level falls below the target.

For purposes of calculating target ownership levels, the following types of Company shares are counted: stock owned by the non-employee director and vested and unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units, including those deferred under the non-qualified deferred compensation plan.

Non-employee directors are required to comply with the Director Holding Requirement immediately upon their appointment as a director and are required to meet their target ownership level within five years of becoming a director. As of December 31, 2020, all non-employee directors had either met their target ownership level or had more time to do so, and all directors who had not yet met their target ownership level were in compliance with the Director Holding Requirement.

#### **Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan**

Directors may defer their cash retainer and their restricted stock unit awards under the Company's non-qualified deferred compensation plan. The Company matches dollar-for-dollar the first 3% of cash retainers that a director defers into the plan and one-half of the next 2% the director contributes to the plan. The Company does not make matching contributions with respect to any deferred restricted stock unit awards. Deferrals of cash retainers may be invested into one or more investment funds available under the plan from time to time, and directors can elect to have the funds paid out in a lump sum or up to 10 annual installments following termination from the Board, as well as limited in-service distributions. Deferrals of restricted stock units are deemed invested in shares of the Company's common stock and are paid out in shares at the time the director terminates from the Board. The deferred compensation plan is unfunded and subject to forfeiture in the event of bankruptcy.

#### Other

The Company reimburses all directors for travel and other reasonable, necessary business expenses incurred in the performance of their services for the Company and extends coverage to them under the Company's travel accident and directors' and officers' liability insurance policies. In addition, the Company allocates to each director an allowance of \$10,000 (every two years) to reimburse costs associated with attending continuing education courses related to Board of Directors service.

## **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

## **Compensation Highlights**

Our compensation program is designed to motivate our executives and other salaried employees to execute our business strategies and strive for higher Company performance, while maintaining our core values, as described in our Proxy Statement Summary. Although Wabash National's compensation program applies to most salaried employees, the following compensation discussion and analysis ("CD&A") focuses on our compensation program and policies' applicability to our Named Executive Officers, whom we refer to as NEOs. Our NEOs for 2020 are as follows:

#### **Brent L. Yeagy**

President and Chief Executive Officer

#### Michael N. Pettit

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer\*

#### **Kevin J. Page**

Senior Vice President, Customer Value Creation

**Jeffery L. Taylor**Former Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer\*

#### **Dustin T. Smith**

Senior Vice President, Global Operations

#### M. Kristin Glazner

Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Chief Human Resources Officer\*\*

#### Melanie D. Margolin

Former Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Secretary\*\*

- \* Mr. Taylor's employment with Wabash ended on January 16, 2020. Mr. Pettit succeeded Mr. Taylor as our Chief Financial Officer.
- \*\* Ms. Margolin's employment with Wabash ended on May 28, 2020. Ms. Glazner succeeded Ms. Margolin as our Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and continued in her role as Chief Human Resources Officer.

#### **Compensation Actions Taken in Connection With COVID-19**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we took a number of actions to reduce spending and preserve cash across our Company, including making pay cuts to our executive officers. Specifically, Mr. Yeagy took a 30% salary reduction, and the other NEOs each took a 15% salary reduction, in each case effective April 6, 2020 through July 27, 2020. As mentioned above, our directors also decided to forgo their previously approved increase in equity compensation as an additional cost saving measure. However, we did not to make adjustments to any performance goals under our 2020 MIP or with respect to any outstanding performance equity awards.

#### **Compensation Best Practices**

Highlighted below are certain executive compensation governance practices (that we employ and avoid) that support the needs of our business, drive performance and align with our stockholders' long-term interests. These practices include:

#### **PRACTICES WE EMPLOY**

- ✓ Pay for Performance
- Market Competitive Executive Severance/Change in Control Policy
- ✓ Annual Peer Review
- ✓ Incentive Compensation Designed to Discourage Excessive Risk-Taking
- ✓ Annual NEO Performance and Pay Review
- ✓ Rigorous Stock Ownership Requirements for Executives and Non- Employee Directors
- Engage Independent Compensation Consulting Firm

#### **PRACTICES WE AVOID**

- ✗ Pledging, Hedging, and Short Sales of Our Stock
- Repricing Underwater Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights Without Stockholder Approval
- ✗ Employment Contracts
- ★ Executive Pension Plans
- ✗ Substantial Perquisites
- Having Non-Independent Directors on the Compensation Committee
- ✗ Single Trigger Change in Control Benefits

#### **Summary of Compensation Elements**

A summary of each component of Wabash National's compensation program is summarized in the table below. A more detailed discussion of each element can be found below under the heading "Compensation Program Elements."

COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION	WHERE REPORTED IN THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TABLES
Base Salary	<ul> <li>Fixed cash compensation.</li> <li>Takes into consideration executive's level of responsibility, experience, knowledge and performance, internal equity considerations, and a competitive market assessment.</li> </ul>	Summary Compensation Table –     "Salary" column
Short-Term Incentive Award	<ul> <li>Variable short-term incentive paid in cash based on annual performance against Company-wide financial goals.</li> <li>Purpose is to promote the achievement of short-term financial goals aligned with fiscal year operational objectives and stockholder interests.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Summary Compensation Table –         "Non-Equity Incentive Plan         Compensation" column</li> <li>Grants of Plan-Based Awards         Table – "Estimated Possible Payouts         Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan         Awards" column</li> </ul>
Long-Term Incentive Award	<ul> <li>Variable compensation delivered through a combination of Performance Stock Units and Restricted Stock Units.</li> <li>Objectives are to create alignment with stockholder interests and promote achievement of longer-term financial and strategic objectives, reward executives for long-term growth and performance of the Company and encourage executive retention.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Summary Compensation Table –         "Stock Awards" column</li> <li>Grants of Plan-Based Awards         Table – "Estimated Possible Payouts         Under Equity Incentive Plan         Awards" column</li> <li>Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal         Year-End table</li> <li>Option Exercises and Stock Vested         Table</li> </ul>
Perquisites	We provide limited perquisites to help us remain competitive with the market.	Summary Compensation Table –     "All Other Compensation" column
Retirement and Deferred Compensation Benefits	<ul> <li>The NEOs participate in our 401(k) plan, which includes a Company match, on the same terms as all other salaried employees.</li> <li>A select group of employees, including the NEOs, can elect to defer their base salary and/or MIP Awards under our non- qualified deferred compensation plan. We partially match employee contributions when the performance of the Company allows.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Summary Compensation Table –         "All Other Compensation" column</li> <li>Non-Qualified Deferred         Compensation Table</li> </ul>
Potential Payments Upon Change in Control and Certain Terminations of Employment	<ul> <li>Encourages executives to operate in the best interests of stockholders both before and after a Change in Control event.</li> <li>Provides market competitive benefits in the event of certain terminations of employment.</li> </ul>	Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control Payment and Benefits Estimate Table

#### Our 2020 Say-on-Pay Vote

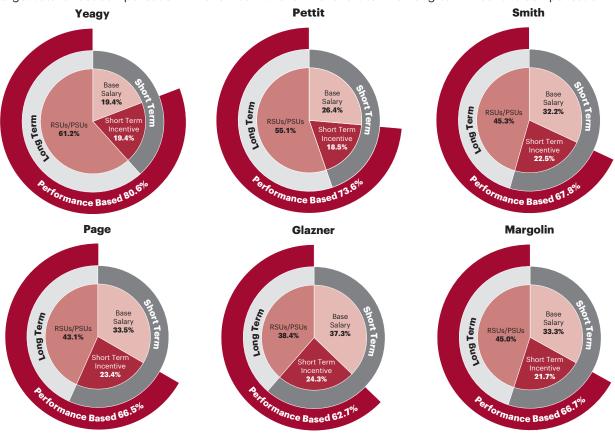
The Compensation Committee carefully considered the results of the Company's "Say-on-Pay Vote" taken by stockholders at its 2020 Annual Meeting, and the Committee plans to continue to carefully consider the results of this vote each year. At the 2020 Annual Meeting, over 97% of the stockholder votes cast on the proposal were cast in favor of the resolution stating that the stockholders "approve the compensation of Wabash National's executive

officers." The Compensation Committee believes that the level of support indicated by this vote reflects favorably on the Company's executive compensation program, which emphasizes "pay for performance," even in the highly cyclical industry in which Wabash National operates.

## **Compensation Objectives and Philosophy**

The primary objectives and philosophy of our compensation programs are to (i) drive executive behaviors that maximize long-term stockholder value creation, (ii) attract and retain talented executive officers with the skills necessary to successfully manage and grow our business, and (iii) align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders by rewarding them for strong Company performance. In support of these objectives, we:

- Target NEO total compensation package competitive with peers We regularly compare our NEOs' total
  compensation levels, as well as the elements of our NEO pay, with companies of a similar industry, size and
  complexity;
- **Deliver a meaningful proportion of NEO compensation in share-based incentives** In 2020, 61.2% to 38.4% of NEO total direct compensation was targeted to be delivered in the form of restricted stock units and performance stock units, with a goal of driving sustainable stockholder value;
- Encourage NEOs to be long-term stockholders In addition to delivering a significant portion of each of our NEO's compensation in share-based compensation, we also require that each of our NEOs hold shares of our stock equal to a multiple of his or her base salary; and
- Weight a significant portion of NEO compensation toward variable and performance-based pay elements In 2020, approximately 62.7% to 80.6% of NEO total direct compensation was targeted to be delivered in variable short-term (annual) or long-term incentive compensation. As shown below, approximately 80.6% of Mr. Yeagy's target total direct compensation in 2020 was in the form of short-term or long-term incentive compensation.



\* Mr. Taylor was not included since his employment terminated before LTI or STI was granted for 2020

## **Compensation Methodology and Process**

The Compensation Committee, consisting of only independent members of the Board, is responsible for considering, recommending, and approving our incentive compensation plans and our equity-based plans for our executive officers. In connection with that work, the Compensation Committee annually reviews and approves the corporate goals and objectives relevant to the CEO's and other executive officers' compensation, evaluating their performance in light of those goals and objectives, and setting compensation levels based on the evaluations. In addition, the Compensation Committee annually reviews and recommends to the Board the forms and amounts of director compensation.

To assist it in setting executive compensation for 2020, the Compensation Committee engaged Meridian, an independent compensation consultant, to help ensure that our compensation packages remain competitive with the market. (Additional details about Meridian's role is discussed below under the heading "The Role of the Independent Compensation Consultant.") In addition to reviewing the market data provided by Meridian, the Compensation Committee also considered the following factors when making compensation decisions for each of our NEOs in 2020:

- The CEO's evaluation of each of the other NEOs' performance, as well as his recommendations for changes to
  the NEOs' base salaries (if any) and MIP and LTI targeted award levels. Note that the Compensation Committee
  has the discretion to accept, reject or modify any of the CEO's recommendations, and the NEOs are not present
  during these discussions;
- Our Directors' annual evaluation of the CEO's performance, as obtained by the Nomination and Governance Committee, and delivered by the Compensation Committee;
- The expected cost of the incentive plans to the Company and the present and future availability of shares under our equity plans; and
- The results of our annual non-binding "say-on-pay" proposal, as discussed above under the heading "Our 2020 Say-On-Pay Vote."

#### **The Role of Independent Compensation Consultant**

As noted above, for 2020, the Compensation Committee retained Meridian to provide compensation market data and generally review and advise the Committee regarding our compensation programs, policies and disclosures.

Specifically, Meridian's engagement encompasses advisory services such as annual review of executive compensation philosophy, a competitive assessment of executive compensation levels and "pay-for-performance" linkage, executive cash and equity incentive program design, competitive assessment of non-employee director compensation, and other ad hoc support. Meridian works at the direction of, and reports directly to, the Compensation Committee. Meridian does not provide any other services to Wabash National.

The Compensation Committee has evaluated Meridian as a compensation consultant, taking into consideration all relevant factors required under NYSE listing standards, and has determined, based on its analysis in light of all relevant factors, that the work of Meridian has not created any conflicts of interest, and that Meridian is independent pursuant to the independence standards set forth in the NYSE listing standards promulgated pursuant to Section 10C of the Exchange Act.

#### **Peer Group Analysis and Compensation Market Data**

As referenced above, Meridian provides the Compensation Committee with market compensation data to help the Compensation Committee assess the competitiveness of total compensation for each NEO. However, the Committee does not use this data to specifically "benchmark" or target a certain percentage or level of

compensation for the NEOs compared to our peer groups. Rather, the Committee considers competitive peer group data as one significant factor in setting pay levels and amounts, and retains the flexibility to also consider subjective factors, such as each executive's fulfillment of duties, teamwork, level of responsibility, knowledge, time in position, experience and internal equity among the executives with similar experience and job responsibilities in addition to market data.

Meridian provides the Compensation Committee with market data from the following two sources: (i) published proxies of companies specifically selected as proxy peer companies (the "Proxy Peer Group"), and (ii) the proprietary Equilar database (the "Equilar Peer Group"). In setting 2020 compensation, the Committee utilized data from the Proxy Peer Group as the primary data source to assess the competitive positioning for the CEO and CFO's target compensation. Given the limited positional data available from proxies, the Committee utilized data from the Equilar Peer Group as the primary data source to assess competitive positioning for the other NEOs. Data from the Equilar Peer Group was considered a secondary data source for the CEO and CFO positions.

With the help of Meridian, the Committee reviews annually both peer groups to confirm that they continue to be appropriate comparator groups for NEO compensation and makes adjustments as it deems appropriate. The companies in the Proxy Peer Group and the Equilar Peer Group are similar to Wabash National in revenue, complexity, and market capitalization, as shown in the table below:

	REVENUE*	MARKET CAPITALIZATION**
Proxy Peer Group		
Range	\$925 million to \$6.026 billion	\$254 million - \$14.357 billion
Median	\$2.188 billion	\$2.338 billion
Equilar Peer Group		
Range	\$800 million to \$4.440 billion	\$637 million - \$12.759 billion
Median	\$2.074 billion	\$3.254 billion
Wabash National Corporation	\$2.3 billion	\$862 million

<sup>\*</sup> Revenues for the Proxy Peer Group and the Equilar Peer Group reflect those from the most recent four quarters reported as of 7/31/2019. The revenue shown for Wabash relates to our 2019 fiscal year.

The companies that make up the Proxy Peer Group and Equilar Peer Group for 2020 are reported in the following tables.

#### **2020 PROXY PEER GROUP**

A.O. Smith	EnPro Industries, Inc.	Meritor, Inc.
Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc.	Enterpac Tool Group Corp. (f/k/a Actuant)	Modine Manufacturing Company
Barnes Group	Federal Signal Corporation	Nordson Corp.
Briggs & Stratton Corporation	Greenbrier Companies, Inc.	Tower International, Inc.
Chart Industries, Inc.	Harsco Corporation	Wabtec Corporation
Commercial Vehicle Group, Inc.	IDEX Corporation	Woodward, Inc.
Donaldson Company	ITT, Inc.	

<sup>\*\*</sup> As of July 31, 2019.

#### **2020 EQUILAR PEER GROUP**

A.O. Smith	Flowserve Corporation	Snap-On Incorporated
Chart Industries Inc.	Franklin Electric Co., Inc.	SPX Flow, Inc.
Coherent Inc.	Graco, Inc.	The Timken Company
Donaldson Company	Hillenbrand, Inc.	The Toro Company
Enterpac Tool Group Corp. (f/k/a Actuant)	IDEX Corporation	Tower International, Inc.
ESCO Technologies, Inc.	Meritor, Inc.	TriMas Corporation
Federal Signal Corporation	Nordson Corp.	WABCO Holdings, Inc.

## **Compensation Program Elements**

The following information describes, in detail, each element of our executive compensation program for 2020, including a discussion of performance metrics and compensation levels. It is intended that this information be read in conjunction with the information provided in the tables that follow this CD&A.

#### **Base Salary**

Base salaries are intended to provide a stable source of compensation for each of our NEOs. In determining salary levels for each of our NEOs, the Committee takes into consideration a competitive market assessment provided to it by Meridian, the NEO's individual performance, level of responsibility, experience and knowledge, as well as each NEO's current salary as compared to the other NEOs and officers of the Company. The following table shows the changes that the Committee made to the NEOs' 2020 base salaries compared to their base salaries in effect at the end of 2019. All base salary increases were effective as of January 1, 2020.

NAME	2020 ANNUAL BASE SALARY	% INCREASE FROM 2019
Mr. Yeagy	\$900,000	7.1%
Mr. Pettit	\$390,000	20.0%
Mr. Smith	\$415,000	10.7%
Mr. Page	\$350,000	20.7%
Ms. Glazner	\$365,000	10.6%
Mr. Taylor	\$458,000	0%
Ms. Margolin	\$415,000	3.8%

Our Committee's review of the Proxy Peer Group data showed that Mr. Pettit's and Mr. Page's base salary were approximately 30% below their respective market median, so the Committee decided to provide each of them with a significant base salary increase in 2020 in an effort to better align their compensation internally and with the external market and, in the case of Mr. Pettit, to recognize his promotion to Chief Financial Officer. As shown in the table above, the Committee also approved modest increases for each of the NEOs, in each case in recognition of the NEO's performance during the preceding year and to better align the NEO's base salary with the Proxy Peer Group data.

However, as discussed above under "Compensation Actions Taken in Connection With COVID-19," in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, effective April 6, 2020, the Committee temporarily reduced Mr. Yeagy's base salary by 30% and the base salaries of the other NEOs employed on such date by 15% as a cash preservation measure. The base salaries were restored back to the levels set forth in the table above effective July 27, 2020.

#### **Short-Term Incentive Plan**

Our short-term incentive plan, or MIP Plan, is designed to reward participants (which include each of the NEOs as well as other key executives and employees) with a cash bonus for meeting or exceeding financial and other performance goals during a calendar year. At the beginning of each year, we establish a target MIP rate for each participant, which is equal to the percentage of the participant's base salary that he or she will receive as a cash bonus if the MIP goals are achieved at target. However, the actual bonus received may be higher or lower, depending on our financial performance against pre-established performance metrics, which are described in more detail below. We also have the ability, in our discretion, to decrease (or completely eliminate) a participant's MIP bonus if he or she fails to meet his or her personal performance criteria reviewed during the Company's employee performance review process.

#### **MIP Target Rates**

After review and consideration of peer group data and discussion with Meridian, the Committee approves target MIP rates for each of our NEOs, expressed as a percentage of base salary. The 2020 target MIP rates for each NEO were as follows:

	2020 TARGET MIP RATE
Mr. Yeagy	100%
Mr. Pettit	70%
Mr. Smith	70%
Mr. Page	70%
Ms. Glazner	65%
Ms. Margolin	65%

Mr. Pettit received a target increase from 65% to 70% to recognize his promotion to Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Page and Ms. Glazner also received a target increase (from 65% to 70% and 60% to 65%, respectively) to bring their compensation more in line with the market median. Mr. Taylor was not eligible for a MIP award for 2020 since his employment terminated before the MIP awards were granted.

#### Performance Metrics and Results for the 2020 MIP Plan

Payouts under our 2020 MIP Plan were based 70% on Operating Income and 30% on Free Cash Flow. The Committee chose these goals because it believes both are important indicators of profitability such that they align participants' interests with our stockholders' interests regarding short-term profitability and long-term growth and stock performance. We defined Operating Income and Free Cash Flow under the MIP as follows:

- Operating Income means income from operations as reported in our financial statements
- Free Cash Flow is calculated as our EBITDA minus interest and taxes paid in cash, minus capital expenditures, and plus or minus change in working capital from the beginning of the year to the end of the year (excluding income tax accruals).

The level of achievement of Operating Income and Free Cash Flow for 2020 under the MIP are determined after adjusting results to exclude any cumulative effects of changes in GAAP during the year; cumulative effect of changes in applicable tax laws resulting in a discrete item of tax expense or benefit to the Company during the year; the transaction costs (including legal, due diligence and investment banking expenses) of any merger, acquisition or divestiture consummated during the performance period that has a total purchase or sale price of more than \$20 million; any asset write-down or goodwill impairment expense during the performance period that exceeds \$3 million; expenses associated with judgements or the settlement of any claims during the performance

period that exceed \$3 million; and the effects of items that are either of an unusual nature or infrequently occurring, as described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-01.

Both the Operating Income and the Free Cash Flow performance metrics under the MIP Plan may be achieved at a threshold, target or maximum level. The threshold, target and maximum goals were based on various outcomes considered by the Compensation Committee, with the target amounts reflecting the Company's operating budget approved by the Board.

Because annual targets for performance goals are set at levels based on our expected financial performance for the year, the Committee believes that paying at 200% of a performance metric's target for superior performance (set at 125% or greater of the applicable metric under the Board-approved operating budget) provides appropriate incentive to achieve outcomes clearly exceeding target expectations. However, by capping the potential payout at 200% for such superior performance, the Committee believes this reduces the risk that executives might be motivated to pursue excessively high short-term goals to maximize short-term payouts, at the expense of the long-term performance of the Company.

The Committee further believes that threshold amounts, which are set at 75% or greater of the applicable metric under the Board-approved operating budget, represent sufficient performance to warrant incentive compensation, and that a potential payout equal to 35% of target is appropriate for such an achievement level. If the threshold level of performance for a particular goal is not achieved, the payout for that goal is zero. Actual MIP payouts are interpolated for performance between threshold and target or target and maximum.

The chart below details the goals necessary for the NEOs to achieve MIP payout in 2020:

(REPORTED IN MILLIONS)	THRESHOLD	TARGET	MAXIMUM	ACTUAL
Free Cash Flow ("FCF")	ΦCO O maillian	Ф20 О m:ill: a n	\$400.0 million	Φ404 O ==:IIi===
30% of MIP Award	\$60.0 million	\$80.0 million	\$100.0 million	\$104.0 million
Corporate				
Operating Income ("OI")				
70% of MIP Award	\$93.8 million	\$125.0 million	\$156.3 million	\$22.5 million

Based on the results shown above, the NEOs each received an MIP payout for 2020 equal to 60% of target.

#### **Long-Term Incentive Plan**

Our long-term incentive plan, or LTI Plan, is designed to reward our executives, including NEOs, for increasing stockholder value. It is also intended to be used as an attraction and retention tool in recruiting and promoting executive talent.

Consistent with past practice, the Compensation Committee made annual LTI grants to the NEOs in February 2020 after the release of 2019 year-end financial results in connection with a regularly scheduled meeting of the Compensation Committee. For 2020, the Compensation Committee granted a mix of Performance Share Units (PSUs) and Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) to each of the NEOs. The PSUs and RSUs accounted for approximately 60% and 40%, respectively, of the target LTIP award value for each NEO. The Committee believes this mix is appropriate to emphasize its goals of encouraging stock ownership in Wabash National, retaining NEOs in the long-term, focusing NEOs on long-term growth in stockholder value and setting compensation that is reflective of market practice.

#### **Determining LTI Award Values**

In February 2020, the Compensation Committee established the target LTI grant value for each NEO. The Compensation Committee established the LTI grant value for each NEO based on the following factors: level of responsibility, individual performance, peer group data, and the number of shares available under the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The LTI rate and target grant value that the Compensation Committee established for each of the NEOs in February 2020 was as follows:

	2020 LTI TARGET GRANT VALUE
Mr. Yeagy	\$2,850,000
Mr. Pettit	\$ 815,000
Mr. Smith	\$ 585,000
Mr. Page	\$ 450,000
Ms. Glazner	\$ 375,000
Ms. Margolin	\$ 560,000

Mr. Pettit received a significant increase in LTI target grant value in connection with his promotion to Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Taylor did not receive an LTI grant for 2020 because his employment terminated before the 2020 LTI awards were granted.

### **Summary of Terms of PSUs and RSUs**

The general terms for the PSUs and RSUs awarded to the NEOs in 2020 are listed below:

	PSUs	RSUs
Performance Metrics	<ul> <li>Relative Total Stockholder Return</li> <li>Cumulative Operating EBITDA</li> <li>Net Working Capital as a % of Revenue</li> </ul>	None
Performance Period	Three years (2020-2022)	None
Vesting Period	Earned awards, if any, vest in full on third anniversary of the grant date	Award vests in full on third anniversary of the grant date
Forfeiture/Settlement	Earned only upon achievement of at least threshold performance level, and paid out in Wabash National Common Stock upon vesting	Forfeitable until vesting date, at which time they are settled in Wabash National Common Stock

#### **Performance Share Unit Performance Metrics**

For 2020, the Committee decided to keep the performance metrics for the PSUs the same as in 2019: (1) Relative Total Stockholder Return to emphasize the Company's focus on long-term stockholder value creation, (2) Cumulative Operating EBITDA to encourage growth, and (3) New Working Capital as a % of Revenue to encourage balance sheet discipline and cash management objectives, which were weighted as follows:

METRIC	% OF PSUs BASED ON SUCH METRIC
Relative Total Stockholder Return	
("RTSR")	50%
Cumulative Operating EBITDA	30%
Net Working Capital ("NWC") as a %	
of Revenue	20%

Each of these metrics are independent of the other in calculating whether LTI Plan participants will earn the PSUs attributable to such metric. However, if the price of our common stock increases by more than a multiple of four between the grant date of the award and the settlement date, then the total number of shares issued in settlement of the PSUs will be reduced by taking the number of shares that would otherwise be issued absent any limitation and multiplying it by a fraction, the numerator of which is four times the fair market value of a share on the date of grant of the PSUs, and the denominator of which is the fair market value of a share on the date immediately before settlement of the award.

#### Relative Total Stockholder Return

RTSR measures our total stockholder return against the total stockholder return of our peers. For the 2020 grants, RTSR will be measured relative to a group of similarly cyclical companies over a three-year period, as the Committee believes this is the fairest way to track and reward Company performance with regard to stockholder return in a highly-cyclical industry. RTSR performance will be measured in relation to the following "Cyclical Peer Group":

Actuant Corporation	The Greenbrier Companies, Inc.	REV Group, Inc.
Commercial Vehicle Group	Meritor, Inc.	Ryder Systems, Inc.
Crane Co.	Modine Manufacturing Co.	Spartan Motors, Inc.
EnPro Industries, Inc.	Navistar International Corp.	The Manitowoc Company, Inc.
Federal Signal Corp.	Oshkosh Corp.	The Timken Co.
Flowserve Corporation	PACCAR Inc.	Trinity Industries, Inc.

The Cyclical Peer Group companies were approved by the Committee following a review of Meridian's analysis showing stock price correlation among these companies as compared to that of Wabash National. In the event any Cyclical Peer Group company ceases to be an independent, publicly traded company, or enters into a definitive agreement to be acquired by a non-publicly traded company the performance period, then such company will be removed from the Cyclical Peer Group. A Cyclical Peer Group that files for bankruptcy at any time during the performance period will remain in the Cyclical Peer Group but and will be deemed to have a total stockholder return of -100%.

The Company must achieve an RTSR that puts them at the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile or above within the Cyclical Peer Group by the end of the three-year performance period for the NEOs to earn at least 50% of the PSUs tied to the RTSR metric. The chart below details the potential RTSR award rates for various percentile ranking. Performance that is between the performance levels set forth above will be interpolated.

Wabash Ranking Against Cyclical Peer Group	% of PSUs Earned
80 <sup>th</sup> or Greater Percentile	200% (Maximum)
50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	100% (Target)
25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	50% (Threshold)

#### **Cumulative Operating EBITDA and NWC as a % of Revenue**

The definitions of Cumulative Operating EBITDA and NWC as a % of Revenue are as follows:

- Operating EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, stock-based compensation, impairment of goodwill or other intangibles and other non-operating income and expense.
   Cumulative Operating EBITDA Performance is calculated by totaling the Company's Operating EBITDA results from each of the three-year performance period fiscal years.
- NWC as a % of Revenue measures the Company's management of cash. It is calculated by taking the average of
  the following for each of the three years in the performance period: the quotient of (1) the sum of total accounts
  receivable and inventory, less accounts payable and less customer deposits, divided by (2) net sales.

Cumulative Operating EBITDA and NWC as a % of Revenue will be adjusted to exclude: any cumulative effects of changes in GAAP during the performance period; cumulative effect of changes in applicable tax laws resulting in a discrete item of tax expense or benefit to the Company during the performance period; the transaction costs (including legal, due diligence and investment banking expenses) of any merger, acquisition or divestiture consummated during the performance period that has a total purchase or sale price of more than \$30 million; any asset write-down or goodwill impairment expense during the performance period that exceeds \$3 million; expenses associated with judgements or the settlement of any claims during the performance period that exceed \$3 million; and the effects of items that are either of an unusual nature or infrequently occurring, as described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-01.

The chart below shows the level of Cumulative EBITDA performance that is necessary for the NEOs to earn the PSUs tied to such metric:

ACTUAL PERFORMANCE AS % OF TARGET	% OF PSUs EARNED
115%	200% (Maximum)
100%	100% (Target)
75%	50% (Threshold)
< 75%	0

The level of NWC as a % of Revenue performance that is necessary for the NEOs to earn the PSUs tied to such metric are as follows:

ACTUAL PERFORMANCE AS % OF TARGET	% OF PSUs EARNED
125%	200% (Maximum)
100%	100% (Target)
85%	50% (Threshold)
< 85%	0

The percent of PSUs earned for actual Cumulative EBITDA performance or actual NWC as a % of Revenue performance that is between the performance levels set forth above will be interpolated.

#### Payout of PSUs for 2018 to 2020 Performance Cycle

The PSUs granted during 2018 were subject to a three-year performance period established by the Compensation Committee in the Company's 2017 LTI Plan, which ended on December 31, 2020. Under the Company's 2018 LTI Plan, the Committee established three performance metrics — RTSR, Cumulative EBITDA Performance, and Cumulative Free Cash Flow, weighted at 50%, 30% and 20%, respectively — for measurement over the three-year period. These metrics were independent of the other in calculating whether LTI Plan participants would earn the PSUs tied to such metric. Performance with respect to each of the foregoing metrics was below threshold, resulting in none of the PSUs that were granted during 2018 being earned.

#### **Perquisites**

We offer our NEOs various perquisites that the Committee believes, based on its annual compensation review, are reasonable to remain competitive. These perquisites constitute a small percentage of total compensation, and, for 2020, included only executive physicals and a gross up on such benefit. For more information on these perquisites and to whom they are provided, see footnote 3 to the *Summary Compensation Table*. In addition to the items reported in the *Summary Compensation Table*, NEOs, as well as other Company employees, are provided access to seats at a local sporting venue for personal use when not occupied for business purposes, in each case at no incremental cost to the Company.

#### **Retirement and Deferred Compensation Benefits**

#### **Retirement Benefit Plan**

The Company has adopted a Retirement Benefit Plan that is applicable to our NEOs. The purpose of the plan is to clearly define benefits that are to be provided to qualified employees who retire from the workforce after service to the Company. Additional information regarding this Plan, including definitions of key terms and a quantification of retirement benefits, is set forth below in the section entitled *Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control*.

#### **Tax-qualified Defined Contribution Plan**

We maintain a tax-qualified defined contribution plan in the form of a traditional 401(k) plan with a Roth 401(k) option, either of which is available to a majority of the Company's employees, including the NEOs. When the Company's financial performance allows, the Company matches dollar-for- dollar the first 3% of compensation an employee places into these plans, and matches one-half of the next 2% contributed by the employee to the plan, up to federal limits. Any annual Company matches are reported under the "All Other Compensation" column, and related footnote 3 of the Summary Compensation Table.

#### **Deferred Compensation Benefits**

We maintain a non-qualified deferred compensation plan that allows eligible highly-compensated employees, including the NEOs, to voluntarily elect to defer receipt of all or a part of their cash compensation (base salary and MIP Plan payouts). The Company matches dollar-for-dollar the first 3% of compensation an employee places into the non-qualified deferred compensation plan, and matches one-half of the next 2% the employee contributes to the plan, up to a maximum of 5% of the participant's deferred earnings. Any annual Company matches are reported under the "All Other Compensation" column and related footnote 3 of the Summary Compensation Table.

Participants may elect to invest amounts deferred under this program into one or more investment funds available under the plan from time to time. We do not guarantee earnings on any investments or otherwise pay any above

market earnings on participants' accounts. Participants may elect to receive the funds in a lump sum or in up to 10 annual installments following retirement, as well as limited in-service distributions. The deferred compensation plan is unfunded and subject to forfeiture in the event of bankruptcy.

We make the non-qualified deferred compensation plan available to our highly-compensated employees as a means to attract, retain, and motivate employees by providing an additional method to save for retirement and a mechanism to defer taxation on a portion of compensation. Similar deferred benefits are commonly offered by companies with whom we compete for talent.

For additional information, see the Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Table below.

#### **Severance and Change in Control Benefits**

#### **Executive Severance Plan**

We maintain the Wabash National Corporation Executive Severance Plan (the "ESP"), which provides severance protections to certain executives who are designated by the Compensation Committee as eligible to participate in the ESP, including all of the NEOs. The ESP is not intended to duplicate any benefits that may be provided under other Company compensation plans or arrangements, but rather to provide benefits to certain executives who agree to execute a release, non-compete, and non-solicitation agreement with the Company upon non-cause based terminations.

During 2020, Mr. Taylor and Ms. Margolin were terminated without "cause" (as defined in the ESP) and thus were entitled to receive benefits under the ESP in connection with their terminations. Information about the benefits that they received in connection with their separations can be found below under the section heading "Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control."

For additional information regarding the ESP, including definitions of key terms and benefits, see the section entitled *Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control*.

#### Change in Control Plan

We have adopted a Change in Control Plan applicable to NEOs as well as other executives of the Company, as specifically designated by our Board of Directors. We determined that this plan was appropriate based on the prevalence of similar plans within the market, as well as the dynamic nature of the business environment in which we operate. We also believe the Change in Control Plan is an appropriate tool to motivate executive officers to exhibit the proper behavior when considering potential business opportunities because defining compensation and benefits payable under various merger and acquisition scenarios enable the NEOs to set aside personal financial and career objectives and focus on maximizing stockholder value. Furthermore, the Change in Control Plan encourages continuity of the leadership team through the completion of the change in control because the plan does not provide any benefits as the result of an NEO's voluntary termination of employment.

Additional information regarding the Change in Control Plan, including definitions of key terms and a quantification of benefits that would be received assuming a triggering event on December 31, 2020, is set forth below in the *Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control — Payment and Benefit Estimates* table.

#### Separations During 2020

Mr. Taylor's and Ms. Margolin's employment with the Company terminated on January 16, 2020 and May 28, 2020, respectively. Both were treated as a termination without cause under the ESP and therefore each were eligible to receive compensation and benefits under the ESP.

Pursuant to the terms of the ESP, Mr. Taylor was provided with severance payments equal to 150% of his base salary and target annual incentive award (totaling \$1,167,000) to be paid during the 18-month period following his

departure from the Company, a prorated portion of his annual cash incentive award for 2020 (which equaled \$8,409), reimbursement for welfare benefits continuation for 18 months (totaling approximately \$34,083), and outplacement services (in an amount of \$30,000). Such benefits are contingent on Mr. Taylor continuing to comply with the restrictive covenants in the ESP. Any outstanding equity awards were treated as provided in the applicable plans and award agreements. Under the terms of such agreements, he forfeited all outstanding RSU and PSU awards that were unvested as of his termination date and he remained eligible to exercise his vested stock options for 90 days following his termination.

Ms. Margolin was also entitled to severance payments equal to 150% of her base salary and target incentive award under the terms of the ESP (which would have totaled \$1,027,125), but she and the Company mutually agreed that she would take a reduced amount (specifically, \$900,000) payable in a lump sum rather than over 18-months. In addition to the \$900,000 cash payment, she also received, pursuant to the terms of the ESP, a prorated portion of her annual cash incentive award for 2020 (which equaled \$65,890) and outplacement services (in an amount of \$45,000). All such benefits are contingent on Ms. Margolin continuing to comply with the restrictive covenants in the ESP. Because she did not participate in our medical plans at the time of her termination, she is not entitled to continued medical coverage. Any outstanding equity awards were treated as provided in the applicable plans and award agreements. Under the terms of such agreements, she forfeited all outstanding RSU and PSU awards that were unvested as of her termination date.

Mr. Taylor and Ms. Margolin each executed a general release of claims and agreed to be subject to a non-compete and non-solicitation agreement in exchange for the above described benefits.

## **Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines**

Our stock ownership guidelines encourage our executive officers to maintain a certain equity stake in the Company, which aligns their interests with those of other stockholders. Our current stock ownership guidelines provide that each executive is required to hold 100% of the net number of Company shares received through the Company's incentive compensation plans, meaning the total number of shares received less the number of shares that would need to be sold, withheld, or tendered to pay withholding taxes and, if applicable, the exercise price of stock options (the "Executive Holding Requirement") until the executive achieves the target ownership levels set for his/her position. Once a Company executive has achieved his/her stated target ownership level, s/he is no longer required to adhere to the Executive Holding Requirement, unless and until his/her ownership level falls below the target. The target ownership levels are as follows:

CEO	Five (5) times base salary
CFO, COO	Three (3) times base salary
Other Executive Officers	Two-and-one-half (2 $1/2$ ) times base salary

For purposes of calculating target ownership levels, the following types of Company shares are counted: stock owned by the executive (including through retirement plans); vested and unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units; and performance stock units deemed earned, but not yet vested. Company executives are required to comply with the guidelines and the Executive Holding Requirement immediately upon hire or promotion and the Compensation Committee reviews compliance with the guidelines on a periodic basis. As of December 31, 2020, all our NEOs were in compliance with the guidelines, either because each NEO had met his or her target ownership level or because he or she was adhering to the Executive Holding Requirement.

## **Insider Trading Policy and Anti-Hedging Rules**

We maintain an Insider Trading Policy that applies to all our employees, including our NEOs, and directors, which prohibits them from trading in our securities at times when they have material, non-public information about our

Company's affairs. Our Insider Trading Policy also includes anti- hedging rules, which prohibits certain executive officers, including our NEOs, and other employees from engaging in, directly or indirectly:

- · selling short our Common Stock;
- pledging of Company securities and/or holding Company securities in margin accounts; and
- transactions in derivative securities (including put and call options), zero-cost collars, equity swaps, exchange
  funds and forward sale contracts, or any other hedging and/or offsetting transactions regarding our Common
  Stock that allow the holder to limit or eliminate the risk of a decrease in the value of the Company's securities.

The following is a list of the specific employees that are covered by the anti-hedging rules in our Insider Trading Policy: (1) all directors and executive officers as defined under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, (2) all direct reports to our CEO, (3) all Directors of Finance for each of our business segments, (4) all Group Presidents and/or General Managers of our financial reporting segments, (5) all Financial Reporting Department employees, (6) all Tax and Treasury Department employees, (7) all employees regularly and routinely involved in corporate-wide business development and/or mergers and acquisitions activities and reviews, and (8) all executive assistants to the CEO, CFO, General Counsel and the Group Presidents or General Managers of the Company's financial reporting segments. In addition, the Company may deem additional persons to be temporarily subject to the anti-hedging rules based upon certain activities or circumstances in its discretion.

## **Compensation Risk Assessment**

The Board of Directors has concluded that the Company's compensation policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company for the following reasons:

- the performance metrics for determining short-term incentive awards are based on publicly reported metrics and, therefore, are not easily susceptible to manipulation;
- the maximum payouts for short-term incentive awards are capped, thereby reducing the risk that executives might be motivated to pursue excessively high short-term goals to maximize short-term payouts;
- the maximum number of long-term incentive awards that are performance-based are also capped, thereby
  reducing the risk that executives may be motivated to pursue excessively high performance targets (at the
  expense of long-term strategic growth) to maximize the number of performance-based awards received; and
- the Company's stock ownership guidelines incentivize our executives to focus on the Company's long-term, sustainable growth.

## **Compensation Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth in this Proxy Statement. Based on the review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and in the Wabash National Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 (including through incorporation by reference to this Proxy Statement).

#### **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

Scott K. Sorensen, Chair Therese M. Bassett John G. Boss John E. Kunz Larry J. Magee Ann D. Murtlow

Stuart A. Taylor II

## **Executive Compensation Tables**

In this section, we provide tabular and narrative information regarding the compensation of our NEOs for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

## **Summary Compensation Table for the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

The following table summarizes the compensation of the NEOs for the year ended December 31, 2020 and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	YEAR	SALARY	BONUS	STOCK AWARDS (1)	NON-EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN COMPENSATION (2)	ALL OTHER COMPENSATION (3)	TOTAL
Brent L. Yeagy	2020	\$805,385	\$ -	\$2,988,258	\$540,000	\$ 71,008	\$4,404,651
President, Chief Executive Officer,	2019	\$840,000	\$ -	\$2,655,572	\$820,285	\$ 78,709	\$4,394,566
Director	2018	\$690,666	\$ -	\$2,107,578	\$ -	\$ 32,943	\$2,831,187
Michael N. Pettit	2020	\$359,500	\$ -	\$ 854,535	\$163,800	\$ 37,414	\$1,415,249
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial	2019	\$325,000	\$ -	\$ 408,544	\$206,292	\$ 34,211	\$ 974,047
Officer	2018	\$275,000	\$ -	\$ 602,597	\$ -	\$ 20,900	\$ 898,497
<b>Dustin T. Smith</b>	2020	\$388,154	\$ -	\$ 613,373	\$174,300	\$ 39,398	\$1,215,225
Senior Vice President,	2019	\$375,000	\$ -	\$ 547,458	\$256,339	\$ 36,558	\$1,215,355
Global Operations	2018	\$355,000	\$ -	\$ 610,338	\$ -	\$ 19,780	\$ 985,118
Kevin J. Page	2020	\$322,308	\$ -	\$ 471,834	\$147,000	\$ 35,426	\$ 976,568
Senior Vice President,	2019	\$290,000	\$ -	\$ 398,336	\$184,076	\$ 33,063	\$ 905,475
Customer Value Creation	2018	\$275,000	\$ -	\$ 439,847	\$ -	\$ 69,104	\$ 783,951
M. Kristin Glazner Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Chief Human Resources Officer	2020	\$341,423	\$ -	\$ 393,205	\$142,350	\$ 28,949	\$ 905,927
Jeffery L. Taylor	2020	\$ 24,661	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,409	\$789,903	\$ 822,973
Former Senior Vice President, Chief	2019	\$458,000	\$ -	\$ 837,523	\$313,076	\$ 44,379	\$1,652,978
Financial Officer	2018	\$440,000	\$ -	\$ 927,264	\$ -	\$ 20,975	\$1,388,239
Melanie D. Margolin	2020	\$179,077	\$ -	\$ 587,163	\$ 65,890	\$951,548	\$1,783,678
Former Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary	2019	\$400,000	\$ -	\$ 526,010	\$253,898	\$ 1,820	\$1,181,728

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of grants of RSUs and PSUs made to each NEO during 2020 under the Company's 2020 LTI Plan, as computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, which (1) excludes the effect of estimated forfeitures and (2) assumes that the PSUs are earned at Target. The amounts shown for the PSU awards at the "Target" performance levels are as follows: Mr. Yeagy – \$1,848,253; Mr. Pettit – \$528,533; Mr. Smith – 379,378; Mr. Page – \$291,835; Ms. Glazner – \$243,200; and Ms. Margolin – \$363,162. If the Company achieves "Maximum" performance levels for both PSU performance metrics, then the value of the PSUs would be as follows: Mr. Yeagy – \$3,419,990; Mr. Pettit – \$977,992; Mr. Smith – \$701,997; Mr. Page – \$540,009; Ms. Glazner – \$450,016; and Ms. Margolin – \$671,991. Further information regarding the valuation of equity awards can be found in Note 15 to our Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020. Note that Ms. Margolin forfeited all awards granted during 2020 upon her termination of employment. We did not grant Mr. Taylor any equity awards during 2020 because his employment terminated before the annual grant date.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents amounts paid pursuant to our MIP Plan.

(3) Amounts in this column consist of the following amounts:

NAME	COMPANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS (a)	EXECUTIVE PHYSICAL (b)	SEVERANCE (c)	TOTAL ALL OTHER COMPENSATION
Brent L. Yeagy	\$66,135	\$4,873	\$ -	\$ 71,008
Michael N. Pettit	\$32,551	\$4,863	\$ -	\$ 37,414
Dustin T. Smith	\$34,533	\$4,865	\$ -	\$ 39,398
Kevin J. Page	\$30,561	\$4,865	\$ -	\$ 35,426
Kristin M. Glazner	\$23,979	\$4,970	\$ -	\$ 28,949
Melanie D. Margolin	\$ 6,548	\$ -	\$945,000	\$951,548
Jeffery L. Taylor	\$ 986	\$ -	\$788,917	\$789,903

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- (a) Includes Company matches of amounts deferred by an NEO into the Company's 401(k) and non-qualified deferred compensation plans.
- (b) Includes a tax gross up on the reimbursement of the executive physical for the following amounts: Mr. Yeagy \$873; Mr. Pettit \$863; Mr. Smith \$865; Mr. Page \$865; Ms. Glazner \$970.
- (c) Includes the cash severance and benefits continuation paid during 2020. The total amount of severance due to Ms. Margolin and Mr. Taylor is described below under the heading "Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control Payment and Benefit Estimates."

## **Grants of Plan-Based Awards for the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

The following table summarizes the awards we made under our MIP Plan and LTI Plan to our NEOs in 2020. We did not grant any awards to Mr. Taylor in 2020 since his employment terminated before the date we grant our awards, so he is excluded from the table below.

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NAME	GRANT DATE (1)	THRESHOLD (\$) (35%)	TARGET (\$) (100%)	MAXIMUM (\$) (200%)	THRESHOLD (#) (50%)	TARGET (#) (100%)	MAXIMUM (#) (200%)	STOCK OR UNITS (3) (#)	- (	OPTION AWARDS (4) (\$)	
Brent L. Yeagy		\$315,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000							
	2/19/2020				68,785	137,570	275,140		\$1	,848,253	
	2/19/2020							91,714	\$1	,140,005	
Michael N. Pettit		\$ 95,550	\$273,000	\$ 546,000	)						
	2/19/2020				19,670	39,340	78,680		\$	528,533	
	2/19/2020							26,227	\$	326,002	
<b>Dustin T. Smith</b>		\$101,675	\$290,500	\$ 581,000							
	2/19/2020				14,119	28,238	56,476		\$	379,378	
	2/19/2020							18,825	\$	233,995	
Kevin J. Page		\$ 85,750	\$245,000	\$ 490,000							
	2/19/2020				10,861	21,722	43,444		\$	291,835	
	2/19/2020							14,481	\$	179,999	
M. Kristin Glazner		\$ 83,038	\$237,250	\$ 474,500							
	2/19/2020				9,051	18,102	36,204		\$	243,200	
	2/19/2020							12,068	\$	150,005	
Melanie D. Margolin		\$ 94,413	\$269,750	\$ 539,500							
	2/19/2020				13,516	27,031	54,062		\$	363,162	
	2/19/2020	1						18,021	\$	224,001	
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<sup>(1)</sup> These columns show the range of cash payouts under our 2020 MIP Plan as described in the section titled "Short-Term Incentive Plan" in the CD&A.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the potential payout range of PSUs granted in 2020 pursuant to the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents the number of RSUs granted in 2020 pursuant to the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

<sup>(4)</sup> The amounts shown in this column represent the grant date fair market value of the PSUs and RSUs, as determined pursuant to FASB ASC Topic 718, excluding the effect of estimated forfeitures. The amount reported for the PSUs represents the grant date fair value assuming the target performance goals were met.

## **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End December 31, 2020**

The following table summarizes all equity awards that were granted in 2020 and prior years that remain outstanding as of December 31, 2020. Neither Mr. Taylor nor Ms. Margolin had any equity awards outstanding as of December 31, 2020, so they are excluded from the table below.

NAME	GRANT DATE	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS EXERCISABLE ( #)	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS UNEXERCISABLE (#)	OPTION EXERCISE PRICE	OPTION	NUMBER OF SHARES OR UNITS OF STOCK THAT HAVE NOT YET VESTED (#) (1)	MARKET VALUE OF SHARES OF STOCK	EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN AWARDS: NUMBER OF UNEARNED SHARES, UNITS OR RIGHTS THAT HAVE NOT VESTED (#) (3)	EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN AWARDS: MARKET OR PAYOUT VALUE OF UNEARNED SHARES, UNITS OR OTHER RIGHTS THAT HAVE NOT YET VESTED (\$) (2)
Brent L.	2/23/2012	19,810	_	\$10.85	2/23/2022	_	_	_	
Yeagy	2/19/2014	8,170	_	\$13.32	2/19/2024	_	_	_	_
	2/17/2015	11,380	_	\$14.16	2/17/2025	_	_	_	_
	_	_	_	_	_	195,531	\$3,392,463	242,762	\$4,211,921
Michael N.	2/19/2014	510	_	\$13.32	2/19/2024	_	_	_	_
Pettit	2/17/2015	1,500	_	\$14.16	2/17/2025	_	_	_	_
	_	_	_	_	_	50,872	\$ 882,629	55,523	\$ 963,324
Dustin T.	2/19/2014	767	_	\$13.32	2/19/2024	_	_	_	_
Smith	2/17/2015	1,500	_	\$14.16	2/17/2025	_	_	_	_
	_	_	_	_	_	42,103	\$ 730,487	49,924	\$ 866,181
Kevin J. Pag	е –	_	_	_	_	31,356	\$ 544,027	37,501	\$ 650,642
M. Kristin	2/17/2015	750	_	\$14.16	2/17/2025	_	_	_	
Glazner	_	_	_	_	_	26,810	\$ 465,154	27,611	\$ 479,051

(1) This column includes all outstanding RSUs. The vesting dates of these awards are as follows:

NAME	VESTING DATE	NUMBER OF UNITS
Brent L. Yeagy	2/21/2021	18,151
	6/2/2021	15,538
	2/21/2022	70,128
	2/19/2023	91,714
Michael N. Pettit	1/1/2021	7,500
	2/21/2021	6,356
	2/21/2022	10,789
	2/19/2023	26,227
<b>Dustin T. Smith</b>	2/21/2021	8,821
	2/21/2022	14,457
	2/19/2023	18,825
Kevin K. Page	2/21/2021	6,356
	2/21/2022	10,519
	2/19/2023	14,481
M. Kristin Glazner	2/21/2021	3,403
	11/12/2021	5,000
	2/21/2022	6,339
	2/19/2023	12,068

<sup>(2)</sup> Market value is equal to the closing price of our common stock on December 30, 2020 (the last trading day of the year) as reported on the NYSE (\$17.35 per share), times the number of unvested shares.

<sup>(3)</sup> The number of PSUs shown in this column reflects the target performance level for the 2019 awards and the target performance level for the 2020 awards in accordance with SEC regulations requiring that the number of PSUs shown be based on achieving threshold performance goals or, if the previous fiscal year's performance has exceeded the threshold, the next higher performance measure (target or maximum) that exceeds the previous fiscal year's performance. The vesting dates for these awards are as follows:

NAME	VESTING DATE	NUMBER OF UNITS
Brent L. Yeagy	2/21/2022	105,192
	2/19/2023	137,570
Michael N. Pettit	2/21/2022	16,183
	2/19/2023	39,340
<b>Dustin T. Smith</b>	2/21/2022	21,686
	2/19/2023	28,238
Kevin K. Page	2/21/2022	15,779
	2/19/2023	21,722
M. Kristin Glazner	2/21/2022	9,509
	2/19/2023	18,102

## **Option Exercises and Stock Vested During 2020**

The following table sets forth information concerning the exercise of options and the vesting of stock awards during 2020 by each of the NEOs:

	OPTION A	AWARDS	STOCK AWARDS		
NAME	NUMBER OF SHARES ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE (#)	VALUE REALIZED ON EXERCISE (\$) (1)	NUMBER OF SHARES ACQUIRED ON VESTING (#)	VALUE REALIZED ON VESTING (\$) (2)	
Brent L. Yeagy	_	_	26,126	\$325,007	
Michael N. Pettit	_	_	6,218	\$ 77,352	
Dustin T. Smith	_	_	17,703	\$216,550	
Kevin K. Page	_	_	12,600	\$153,069	
M. Kristin Glazner	_	_	3,204	\$ 39,858	
Jeffery L. Taylor	24,170	\$88,089	_	_	

<sup>(1)</sup> Calculated as the number of shares received on exercise multiplied by the difference between the market price of our stock at the time of exercise and the exercise price of the options.

## **Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation**

The table below sets forth, for each NEO, information regarding participation in our non-qualified deferred compensation plan.

NAME	EXECUTIVE CONTRIBUTION (IN LAST FY) (1)	REGISTRANT CONTRIBUTION (IN LAST FY) (2)	AGGREGATE EARNINGS (IN LAST FY) (3) WITI	AGGREGATE HDRAWALS/ DISTRIBUT	AGGREGATE BALANCE (AT LAST TIONS FYE) (4)
Brent L.					
Yeagy	\$ 95,419	\$54,735	\$151,230	\$ 92,158	\$1,497,804
Michael N. Pettit	\$154,894	\$21,151	\$ 71,446	\$191,144	\$ 408,192
Dustin T. Smith	\$ 28,917	\$23,133	\$111,964	\$ 57,718	\$ 813,318
Kevin J. Page	\$ 46,001	\$19,161	\$ 31,919	_	\$ 224,052
M. Kristin Glazner	\$ 14,002	\$12,579	\$ 25,946	_	\$ 172,835
Jeffery L. Taylor	\$ 3,699	\$ 986	\$ 58,842	\$860,060	\$ 4,653
Melanie D. Margolin	_	_	_	_	_

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts reflected in this column represent a portion of each NEO's salary deferred in 2020. It also reflects the portion of the MIP award earned in 2020, but not paid until 2021, that each NEO elected to defer. 100% of these amounts are also included in the "Salary" and "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" columns in the Summary Compensation Table.

<sup>(2)</sup> Calculated as the number of shares vested multiplied by the market price of stock on the date of vesting.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents Company matching contributions. 100% of these amounts are also included in the Summary Compensation Table under the "All Other Compensation" column.

<sup>(3)</sup> Amounts reflected in this column include changes in plan values during the last fiscal year, as well as any dividends and interest earned by the plan participant with regard to the investment funds chosen by such participant during the fiscal year. No portion of this amount was reported in the Summary Compensation Table for 2020.

(4) The following represents the extent to which the amounts that are reported in this aggregate balance column were previously reported as compensation to our NEOs in our Summary Compensation Table in years prior to 2020:

NAME	PRIOR YEARS (\$)
Brent L. Yeagy	\$604,012
Michael N. Pettit	\$168,997
Dustin T. Smith	\$171,553
Kevin J. Page	\$ 24,750
M. Kristin Glazner	\$ —
Jeffery L. Taylor	\$530,168
Melanie D. Margolin	\$ -

## **Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control**

The section below describes the payments that may be made to NEOs in connection with a change in control or pursuant to certain termination events in 2020.

#### **Retirement Benefit Plan**

The Company maintains a Retirement Benefit Plan that is applicable to all employees, including our NEOs. The Plan provides that Retirees (as defined below) will receive the following benefits upon his or her retirement:

- ability to exercise vested stock options through the 10th anniversary of the grant date;
- ability to earn a pro-rata portion of any outstanding PSUs based on the portion of the performance period that the Retiree was employed, to be paid at the end of the performance period based on actual performance;
- full vesting of all RSUs granted more than twelve (12) months prior to the Retiree's retirement date;
- payment of all eligible and unused vacation pay;
- · prorated MIP award payout for the year of retirement; and
- service awards for retirees celebrating a 5, 10, 15, 20 or greater service anniversary in their year of retirement.

A "Retiree" is defined as: (a) an employee attaining at least 65 years of age, with no service requirement, as of his/her date of retirement, or (b) an employee attaining at least 55 years of age, who has completed his/her 10th year of service with the Company as of his/her date of retirement.

Prior to 2016, Retirees received different benefits depending on whether a Retiree was considered a "Regular Retiree" (defined as an executive attaining at least 65 years of age or older entering the tenth year of Company service) or an "Early Retiree" (defined as an executive attaining at least 55 years of age and entering the fifth year of Company service). As a result, certain awards that were granted prior to 2016 may receive different treatment than that described above, depending on the Retiree's age and years of service when he or she retires.

#### **Benefits Upon Death or Disability**

Pursuant to a policy adopted in 2016, all equity awards granted during 2016 and later shall vest in full (and without proration) in the event of an employee's termination of employment due to death or disability.

#### **Executive Severance Plan**

As noted previously in the CD&A, the Company maintains an Executive Severance Plan ("ESP") that provides additional benefits to certain designated executives, including our NEOs, in the event we terminate their

employment without cause. For purposes of the Plan, "cause" is defined as: (i) a participant's willful and continued failure to perform his or her principal duties; (ii) conviction of, or a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to, any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or dishonesty or any felony; (iii) illegal conduct or gross misconduct which results in material and demonstrable damage to the business or reputation of the Company or an affiliate; (iv) gross negligence resulting in material economic harm to the Company or an affiliate; (v) material violation of the Company's applicable Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or similar policy; or (vi) a participant's breach of the restrictive covenants set out in the Plan (as described below). A "termination without cause" does not include terminations due to disability or death.

If we terminate an NEO without cause, the NEO would be entitled to receive the following severance benefits under the ESP:

- Cash severance payments equal to a multiple of the sum of the participant's (a) annual base salary and (b) target
  MIP award for the year of termination, payable in installments over the applicable severance period. The
  applicable multiple for the CEO is two times the above sum. The applicable multiple for the other NEOs is one
  and a half times the above sum;
- A pro-rated MIP award payout for the year of termination, based upon actual Company performance through the end of the performance period;
- Payment of any annual cash incentive bonus (MIP Award) that was otherwise earned for the fiscal year that ended prior to the termination of the participant's employment, to the extent not previously paid;
- Subject to the participant's election of COBRA coverage, payment or reimbursement of the Company's portion
  of medical, dental and vision care premiums for a period equal to (a) 24 months for the CEO, or (b) 18 months
  for the other NEOs; and
- Outplacement services with a cost to the Company not in excess of \$30,000.

To receive any of the severance benefits described above, a participant must agree to release all claims against the Company and its affiliates and comply with covenants not to compete with the Company, not to solicit or interfere with customers of the Company and not to solicit Company employees or contractors, in each case for a period equal to 24 months following termination, in the case of our CEO, or 18 months following termination in the case of our other NEOs.

If a participant's employment is terminated in connection with a change in control of the Company in circumstances that would entitle the participant to severance benefits under the Change in Control Plan described below, then the participant will receive severance benefits only under the Change in Control Plan, and not under the ESP.

#### Change in Control Plan

We also maintain a Change in Control Plan that provides severance benefits to certain designated executives, including our NEOs, in the event their employment is terminated without cause, or they are terminated for good reason, in either case within two (2) years of a change in control (which we refer to as a "Qualifying Termination"). Under the Change in Control Plan:

• a "change in control" means that (i) any person or group (other than any person or group that already owned more than 50% of the total fair market value of Company stock) acquires more than 50% of the total fair market value of Company stock; (ii) any one person or group, acquires (or has acquired during the 12-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) ownership of stock of Company that represents 30% or more of the total voting power of Company stock; (iii) a majority of members of the Board is replaced during any 12-month period (without the approval of the incumbent directors); or (iv) any person or group acquires ownership of all or substantially all of the assets of Company.

- "cause" means the employee's (i) willful and continued failure to perform his duties; (ii) chronic alcoholism or addiction to non-medically prescribed drugs; (iii) theft or embezzlement of Company property; (iv) conviction of, or plea of nolo contendre to, a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; or (v) material breach of any agreement with the Company.
- good reason" means (i) a material diminishment of the executive's position; (ii) assignment of duties to the executive that are materially inconsistent with duties performed prior to the change in control; (iii) a material breach of any agreement with the executive; (iv) for an executive officer of the Company, no longer being employed by the parent entity; (v) a material reduction in the executive's base salary and annual bonus; or (vi) requiring the executive to relocate by more than 50 miles.

If an NEO experiences a Qualifying Termination, then he or she is entitled to the following benefits:

- a cash severance payment equal to two times (three times for the CEO) the sum of (i) the NEO's annual base salary plus (ii) the NEO's Target Annual Bonus. The Target Annual Bonus is equal to the greater of (A) the NEO's target MIP award for the year of termination, and (B) the average MIP bonus awarded to the NEO for the prior two calendar years;
- a pro-rata portion of the executive's Target Annual Bonus for the year in which the Qualifying Termination occurs;
- health continuation benefits for 18 months; and
- outplacement counseling services up to a cost of \$25,000.

To receive any of the severance benefits described above, a participant must agree to release all claims against the Company and its affiliates and comply with covenants not to compete with the Company and not to solicit customers or employees, in each case for a period equal to 24 months following termination.

#### **Change in Control Benefits Under our LTI Plan**

In addition to the above-described benefits under our Change in Control Plan, the NEOs may also receive accelerated vesting under our LTI Plan if outstanding LTI awards are not assumed in the change in control transaction. Specifically, if not assumed in the transaction, (i) all PSUs shall be deemed earned at target if less than half the performance period has been completed or based on actual performance if more than half the performance period has been completed (or at target if performance is not determinable); (ii) all outstanding RSUs shall vest in full; and (iii) all outstanding stock options shall vest in full and be immediately exercisable for a period of 15 days prior to the scheduled consummation of the corporate transaction. In lieu of the foregoing, the Compensation Committee may, in its direction, cash out all outstanding awards.

For the sake of clarity, no accelerated vesting will occur if the successor agrees to assume or continue the outstanding awards, or to substitute each outstanding award for a similar award relating to the stock of the successor entity, or a parent or subsidiary of the successor entity, with appropriate adjustments to the number of shares of stock that would be delivered and the exercise price, grant price or purchase price relating to any such award. However, if an NEO is thereafter terminated within 12 months of the change in control event, any assumed award will vest immediately upon the NEO's termination.

## Potential Payments on Termination or Change in Control – Payment and Benefit Estimates

The table below shows the estimated payments that would have been made to the NEOs who were employed by us on December 31, 2020 pursuant to the policies and agreements described above assuming the applicable triggering event occurred on December 31, 2020 and using the share price of \$17.23 for our Common Stock as of December 31, 2020, which was the closing price on the NYSE on the last trading day of 2020. The tables below assume that the NEO executes of a release and fully complies with any restrictive covenants and other requirements to receive benefits under the Company's plans and policies described above.

NAME	CASH SEVERANCE (1)	PRO-RATA MIP BONUS (2)	ACCELERATED VESTING OF PSUs (3)(4)	ACCELERATED VESTING OF RSUs (3)(5)	ACCELERATED VESTING OF STOCK OPTIONS (3)(6)	WELFARE BENEFITS CONTINUATION (7)	TOTAL (\$)
Brent L. Yeagy							
Termination Without Cause	\$3,600,000	\$540,000	_			\$63,373	\$ 4,203,373
Termination Following a Change in Control	\$5,400,000	\$900,000	\$4,211,921	\$3,392,463	_	\$50,030	\$13,954,413
Change in Control Only (3)	_	_	\$4,211,921	\$3,392,463	_	_	\$ 7,604,384
Retirement	_	_	\$2,012,340	\$1,801,225	_	_	\$ 3,813,565
Termination due to Death or Disability	_	_	\$4,211,921	\$3,392,463	_	_	\$ 7,604,384
Michael N. Pettit Termination Without Cause	\$ 994,500	\$163,800	_	_	_	\$55,142	\$ 1,213,442
Termination Following a Change in Control	\$1,326,000	\$273,000	\$ 963,324	\$ 882,629	_	\$50,142	\$ 3,495,095
Change in Control Only (3)	_	_	\$ 963,324	\$ 882,629	_	_	\$ 1,845,953
Retirement	_	_	\$ 414,700	\$ 427,591	_	_	\$ 842,291
Termination due to Death or Disability	_	_	\$ 963,342	\$ 882,629	_	_	\$ 1,845,953
Dustin T. Smith Termination Without Cause	\$1,058,250	\$174,300	_	_	_	\$55,142	\$ 1,287,692
Termination Following a Change in Control	\$1,411,000	\$290,500	\$ 866,181	\$ 730,487	_	\$50,142	\$ 3,348,310
Change in Control Only	_	_	\$ 866,181	\$ 730,487	_	_	\$ 1,596,668
Retirement	_	_	\$ 414,145	\$ 403,873	_	_	\$ 818,018
Termination due to Death or Disability	_	_	\$ 866,181	\$ 730,487	_	_	\$ 1,596,668
<b>Kevin J. Page</b> Termination Without Cause	\$ 892,500	\$147,000	_	_	_	\$55,030	\$ 1,094,530
Termination Following a Change in Control	\$1,190,000	\$245,000	\$ 650,642	\$ 544,027	_	\$50,030	\$ 2,679,699
Change in Control Only	_	_	\$ 650,642	\$ 544,027	_	_	\$ 1,194,669
Retirement	_	_	\$ 308,136	\$ 292,781	_	_	\$ 600,917
Termination due to Death or Disability	_	_	\$ 650,642	\$ 544,027	_		\$ 1,194,669

NAME	CASH SEVERANCE (1)	PRO-RATA MIP BONUS (2)	ACCELERATED VESTING OF PSUs (3)(4)	ACCELERATED VESTING OF RSUs (3)(5)	ACCELERATED VESTING OF STOCK OPTIONS (3)(6)	WELFARE BENEFITS CONTINUATION (7)	TOTAL (\$)
M. Kristin Glazner							
Termination Without Cause	\$ 903,375	\$142,350				\$55,030	\$ 1,100,755
Termination Following a Change in							
Control	\$1,204,500	\$237,250	\$ 479,051	\$ 465,154	_	\$50,030	\$ 2,435,985
Change in Control Only	_	_	\$ 479,051	\$ 465,154	_	_	\$ 944,205
Retirement	_	_	\$ 214,672	\$ 255,774	_	_	\$ 470,446
Termination due to Death or							
Disability	_	_	\$ 479,051	\$ 465,154	_	_	\$ 944,205

- (1) For each of the NEOs, cash severance amounts are determined under the ESP for terminations without cause and under the Change in Control plan for a Qualifying Termination following a Change in Control.
- (2) If an NEO were terminated as of December 31, 2020 under circumstances entitling them to severance under the ESP or the Change in Control Plan, then they would be entitled to their full MIP actual bonus for 2020 or their Target Annual Bonus (as defined above), respectively.
- (3) The amounts shown for a Change in Control Only assumes purchaser did not assume outstanding equity awards. If purchaser did assume outstanding awards, no accelerated vesting would occur.
- (4) Amounts reflected in this column for "Termination Following a Change in Control," "Change in Control Only" and "Termination due to Death or Disability" include (i) the value of the earned PSUs granted in 2018 for which the performance period ended on December 31, 2020 (which equaled \$0 for all the NEOs), (ii) the value of the unearned performance share units granted in 2019 based on the performance trend as of December 31, 2020, and (iii) the value of the unearned PSUs granted in 2020, assuming target performance. Amounts reflected in this column for "Retirement" include the performance share units described in (i) and a pro-rata portion of the performance share units described in (ii) and (iii).
- (5) Amounts reflected in this column for "Termination Following a Change in Control," Change in Control Only" and "Termination due to Death or Disability" include all outstanding restricted stock units, and amounts reflected for "Retirement" included all RSUs granted prior to January 1, 2020.
- (6) All outstanding stock options were vested as of December 31, 2020, so no amount would be accelerated upon a Change in Control or termination of employment.
- (7) Includes the value of outplacement counseling services and reimbursement for welfare benefits continuation.

Mr. Taylor and Ms. Margolin both terminated employment during 2020. Both terminations were treated as a termination without cause under the ESP. Mr. Taylor received the following benefits: cash severance in the amount of \$1,167,000, a pro-rata 2020 MIP bonus in the amount of \$8,409, reimbursement for welfare benefits continuation, totaling approximately \$34,083, and outplacement services in an amount of \$30,000. Ms. Margolin received cash severance in the amount of \$900,000, a pro-rata portion of her 2020 MIP bonus in the amount of \$65,890, and outplacement services in an amount of \$45,000. Neither received acceleration of any unvested equity awards in connection with their termination.

## **Pay Ratio Disclosure**

Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, we are required to disclose the ratio of the annual total compensation of our principal executive officer, our CEO, Mr. Yeagy, to our median employee's annual total compensation.

For 2020, we used the same median employee that we identified in 2018 as permitted by the SEC's rules since there were no changes to our compensation program or our employee population that we reasonably believe would result in a significant change to our pay ratio disclosure. For 2018, we identified our median employee using a multi-step process, as detailed below:

• We determined, as of November 1, 2018, our gross employee population of individuals working at our parent company and consolidated subsidiaries, which was 6,748 employees. This population consisted of our full-time, part-time, and temporary employees. We do not have any seasonal employees.

- As permitted under the SEC's 5% de minimis rule, we adjusted the employee population to exclude 310 non-U.S. employees (approximately 4.6% of the employee population) who work in the following foreign jurisdictions:
  - United Kingdom: 75 employees
  - Mexico: 235 employees
- Based on the exclusion of 310 non-U.S. employees who work in the above jurisdictions, our adjusted employee population consisted of 6,438 U.S. employees.
- We then determined each employee's base salary paid during fiscal 2018 as reflected in our payroll records. We
  identified our median employee from our adjusted employee population based on this consistently applied
  compensation measure.

To calculate our ratio for 2020, we calculated the annual total compensation of the median employee and our CEO using the methodology required for disclosure of annual total compensation in the Summary Compensation Table, except that, as permitted by the SEC's rules, we included the value of compensation provided to the median employee and to our CEO under our nondiscriminatory group health insurance, group life insurance and group long-term disability insurance programs that are available generally to all salaried employees. The aggregate value of the nondiscriminatory benefits included in the annual total compensation amounts reported below was \$18,915 for our CEO and \$4,353 for the median employee. The difference between our CEO's annual total compensation as reported below for purposes of the CEO pay ratio disclosure and his annual total compensation as reported in the Summary Compensation Table is attributable to the inclusion of those nondiscriminatory benefits solely for purposes of determining the CEO pay ratio.

The CEO pay ratio reported below was determined using reasonable estimates as permitted by the SEC's rules. This ratio should not be used as a comparison with pay ratios disclosed by other companies, as there may be material differences in the methodologies used by other companies to estimate their CEO pay ratios, as well as differences in worker populations, geographic locations, business strategies and compensation practices.

Annual Total Compensation of the CEO	\$4	,404,651
Annual Total Compensation of the Median Employee	\$	45,493
Ratio of CEO Annual Total Compensation to Median Employee Annual Total		
Compensation		97:1

## **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table summarizes information regarding our equity compensation plan as of December 31, 2020:

PLAN CATEGORY	NUMBER OF SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED UPON EXERCISE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS, WARRANTS AND RIGHTS (1)	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS, WARRANTS AND RIGHTS (2)	NUMBER OF SECURITIES REMAINING AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS (3)
Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Security Holders	2,246,459	\$11.60	3,743,337
Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved by Security Holders	_	_	_
Total	2,246,459	\$11.60	3,743,337

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, and the settlement of unvested RSUs and PSUs (assuming target payout for any PSUs for which the performance period was not yet complete as of December 31, 2019), granted under the Wabash National Corporation 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2007 Plan"), the Wabash National Corporation 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2011 Plan"), and the Wabash National Corporation 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2017 Plan").

<sup>(2)</sup> Consists of the weighted average exercise price of outstanding options. Because participants do not need to pay us anything to receive shares upon the vesting of RSUs and PSUs, the weighted average exercise price does not take these awards into account.

<sup>(3)</sup> Consists of shares of Common Stock available for future issuance pursuant to the 2017 Plan.

## Proposal 2 – Advisory Vote on the Compensation of Our Named Executive Officers

At our 2017 Annual Meeting, we held a non-binding, advisory stockholder vote on the frequency of future advisory stockholder votes on the compensation of our NEOs. Our stockholders expressed a preference that advisory stockholder votes on the compensation of our NEOs be held on an annual basis and, as previously disclosed, the Company continued the policy to hold such votes annually. Accordingly, as required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we are asking stockholders to vote to approve, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, the compensation of the NEOs of our Company. The vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our named executive officers and the philosophy, policies and practices described in this Proxy Statement. We urge you to read the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Executive Compensation Tables" sections of this Proxy Statement, which begin on page 33 and 50, respectively, as such sections provide details on the Company's compensation programs and policies for our executive officers, including the 2020 compensation of our NEOs.

This proposal, commonly known as a "say-on-pay" proposal, gives our stockholders the opportunity to express their views on our executive officers' compensation. This say-on-pay vote is an advisory vote that is not binding on us.

The approval or disapproval by stockholders will not require the Board or the Compensation Committee to take any action regarding the Company's executive compensation practices. The final decisions on the compensation and benefits of our NEOs and on whether, and if so, how, to address stockholder disapproval remain with the Board and the Compensation Committee.

The Board believes that the Compensation Committee is in the best position to consider the extensive information and factors necessary to make independent, objective, and competitive compensation recommendations and decisions that are in the best interests of Wabash National and its stockholders.

However, the Board and our Compensation Committee value the opinions expressed by stockholders in their vote on this proposal, and will carefully consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions with respect to our executive officers. In that regard, the Board and our Compensation Committee carefully considered the results of last year's say-on-pay vote, in which over 97% of stockholders voted in favor of our say-on-pay proposal, and took such results into account by continuing to emphasize the core principles of our compensation philosophy and best practices of our compensation programs.

The Board urges you to carefully review the CD&A section of this Proxy Statement, together with the executive compensation tables, and to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the stockholders hereby approve on an advisory basis the compensation paid to the Wabash National Corporation named executive officers, as disclosed in the Wabash National Corporation Proxy Statement pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion)."

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board of Directors UNANIMOUSLY recommends that you vote "FOR" the approval of compensation of our named executive officers, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement.

# Proposal 3 – Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

### **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed the accounting firm Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the year ending December 31, 2021. Ernst & Young acted as our independent auditors for the year ended December 31, 2020. Representatives of Ernst & Young are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions. The Audit Committee is responsible for hiring, compensating and overseeing the independent registered public accounting firm, and reserves the right to exercise that responsibility at any time. If the appointment of Ernst & Young is not ratified by the stockholders, the Audit Committee is not obligated to appoint another registered public accounting firm, but the Audit Committee will give consideration to such unfavorable vote.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board of Directors UNANIMOUSLY recommends that you vote "FOR" ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2021.

## **Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

The fees billed by Ernst & Young for professional services provided to us for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were as follows:

FEE CATEGORY	2020	2019				
	(\$ IN THO	(\$ IN THOUSANDS)				
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 1,393	\$1,768				
Audit-Related Fees (2)	_	_				
Tax Fees (3)	\$ 11.5	\$ 8				
All Other Fees (4)	_	_				
Total Fees	\$1,404.5	\$1,776				

- (1) Fees for the audit of our consolidated financial statements and review of the interim consolidated financial statements included in quarterly reports, and services in connection with securities offerings, registration statements and statutory filings.
- (2) Fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our consolidated financial statements and are not reported under "Audit Fees".
- (3) Fees billed for professional services related to tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.
- (4) Fees for services that are not included in the service categories reported above, primarily transaction related services.

In 2020 and 2019, all Ernst & Young fees were pre-approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the pre-approval policy described below. After consideration, the Audit Committee has concluded that the provision of non-audit services by Ernst & Young to Wabash is compatible with maintaining the independence of Ernst & Young.

### **Pre-Approval Policy for Audit and Non-Audit Fees**

The Audit Committee has sole authority and responsibility to select, evaluate and, if necessary, replace the independent auditor. The Audit Committee has sole authority to approve all audit engagement fees and terms, and the Committee, or a member of the Committee, must pre-approve any non- audit service provided to the Company by the Company's independent auditor. The Audit Committee reviews the status of each engagement at its regularly scheduled meetings. In 2020 and 2019, the Committee pre-approved all services provided by the independent auditor. The independent auditor provides an engagement letter which is signed by the Chair of the Audit Committee, outlining the scope of the audit and related audit fees.

### **Audit Committee Report**

THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SOLICITING MATERIAL AND SHOULD NOT BE DEEMED FILED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO ANY OTHER FILING BY US UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT WE SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATE THIS REPORT.

As part of its ongoing activities, the Audit Committee has:

- · Reviewed and discussed with management our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020;
- Discussed with Ernst & Young, our independent auditors for 2020, the matters required to be discussed by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the SEC; and
- · Received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditors' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent auditors their independence.

On the basis of these reviews and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended that our audited consolidated financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, for filing with the SEC.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** 

John E. Kunz, Chair Scott K. Sorensen Stuart A. Taylor II

### **Beneficial Ownership Information**

### **Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock**

The following table sets forth certain information as of March 12, 2021 (unless otherwise specified), with respect to the beneficial ownership of our Common Stock by each person who is known to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, each person currently serving as a director, each nominee for director, each Named Executive Officer (as defined in the Compensation Discussion & Analysis below), and all directors and executive officers as a group:

		(ROUNDED)
Black Rock, Inc. and affiliates		
55 East 52nd Street		
New York, New York 10055	8,900,124 (2)	17.15%
The Vanguard Group, Inc.		
100 Vanguard Boulevard	0.550.005.(3)	40.040/
Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355	6,559,335 <sup>(3)</sup>	12.64%
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP Building One, 6300 Bee Cave Road		
Austin, Texas 78746	3,891,492 (4)	7.5%
Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC	0,001,402	7.070
101 John F. Kennedy Parkway		
Short Hills, New Jersey 07078	3,098,566 <sup>(5)</sup>	5.97%
Therese M. Bassett	3,665	_
John G. Boss	59,625	*
M. Kristin Glazner	13,443 <sup>(6)</sup>	*
John E. Kunz	50,888	*
Larry J. Magee	94,165	*
Melanie D. Margolin	(7)	*
Ann D. Murtlow	41,288 (8)	*
Kevin J. Page	12,412	*
Michael N. Pettit	27,644 <sup>(9)</sup>	*
Dustin T. Smith	28,250 (10)	*
Scott K. Sorensen	67,582 (11)	*
Jeffery L. Taylor	110,013 (12)	*
Stuart A. Taylor II	5,484	*
Brent L. Yeagy	176,075 <sup>(13)</sup>	*
All of our directors and executive officers as a group (12 persons)	580,521 <sup>(14)</sup>	1.12%

Less than one percent

<sup>(1)</sup> Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of Common Stock subject to restricted stock units and/or performance stock units are not deemed outstanding by the Company for purposes of reporting on Common Stock outstanding. As such, only those units that will vest within 60 days of March 12, 2021 are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of the person holding such units. Shares of Common Stock subject to options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 12, 2021 are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of the person holding such options, but are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except where indicated otherwise, and subject to community property laws where applicable, the persons named in the table above have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock shown as beneficially owned by

- (2) Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed January 25, 2021 by BlackRock, Inc. on its own behalf and on behalf of its subsidiaries BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V., BlackRock Advisors, LLC, BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited, BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited, BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd., BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG, BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., BlackRock Fund Advisors, BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A., BlackRock Life Limited, BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited, BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited, BlackRock Investment Management, LLC, and BlackRock Fund Managers Ltd (collectively, the "BlackRock Subsidiaries"). BlackRock, Inc. has sole voting power with respect to 8,725,803 shares and sole dispositive power over 8,900,124 shares. None of the BlackRock Subsidiaries claim beneficial ownership of 5% or greater of the outstanding shares of Common Stock except for BlackRock Fund Advisors.
- (3) Based solely on the Schedule 13G/A filed February 10, 2021 by The Vanguard Group, Inc. on its own behalf and on behalf of its subsidiaries Vanguard Asset Management, Limited, Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, Vanguard Global Advisors, LLC, Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited, Vanguard Investments Canada Inc., Vanguard Investments Hong Kong Limited, Vanguard Investments UK, Limited and Vanguard Investments Australia, Ltd. (collectively, the "Vanguard Subsidiaries"). The Vanguard Group does not have sole voting power with respect to any shares. The Vanguard Group has shared voting power with respect to 56,724 shares, sole dispositive power with respect to 6,463,701 shares, and shared dispositive power with respect to 95,634 shares. None of the Vanguard Subsidiaries claim beneficial ownership of 5% or greater of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (4) Based solely on the Schedule 13G/A filed February 16, 2021 by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP and its subsidiaries. Dimensional Fund Advisors LP has sole voting power with respect to 3,702,914 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 3,891,492 shares. None of Dimensional Fund Advisors LP's subsidiaries claim beneficial ownership of 5% or greater of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (5) Based solely on the Schedule 13G filed February 4, 2021 by Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC. Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC has sole voting power with respect to 2,907,588 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 3,098,566 shares.
- (6) Includes options held by Ms. Glazner to purchase 750 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of March 12, 2021, exercisable. Does not include any unvested restricted stock units or performance stock units, as no such awards held by Ms. Glazner will vest within 60 days of March 12, 2021.
- (7) Information as of May 28, 2020 (the date Ms. Margolin's employment terminated).
- (8) Through a family estate planning structure, Ms. Murtlow shares voting and investment power on all shares with her spouse (other than with respect to any deferred shares).
- (9) Includes options held by Mr. Pettit to purchase 2,010 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of March 12, 2021, exercisable. Does not include any unvested restricted stock units or performance stock units, as no such awards held by Mr. Pettit will vest within 60 days of March 12, 2021.
- (10) Includes options held by Mr. Smith to purchase 2,267 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of March 12, 2021, exercisable. Does not include any unvested restricted stock units or performance stock units, as no such awards held by Mr. Smith will vest within 60 days of March 12, 2021.
- (11) Through a family estate planning structure, Mr. Sorensen shares voting and investment power on all reported shares with his spouse (other than with respect to any deferred shares).
- (12) Information as of January 16, 2020 (the date Mr. Taylor's employment terminated). Includes options held by Mr. Taylor to purchase 24,170 shares that were exercisable on such date.
- (13) Includes options held by Mr. Yeagy to purchase 39,360 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of March 12, 2021, exercisable.

  Does not include any unvested restricted stock units or performance stock units, as no such awards held by Mr. Yeagy will vest within 60 days of March 12, 2021.
- (14) Includes options held by our executive officers to purchase an aggregate of 44,387 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of March 12, 2021, exercisable. The Company's directors, other than Mr. Yeagy, do not hold any options. Does not include any shares that were held by Mr. J. Taylor or Ms. Margolin since they were not executive officers as of March 12, 2021.

### **Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, executive officers and 10% stockholders to file reports of ownership of our equity securities. To our knowledge, based solely on our review of the copies of such forms furnished to us in 2020 and written representations from our executive officers and directors, we believe that all Section 16(a) filing requirements of our directors and executive officers were met except that a late Form 4 was filed for Mr. Boss reporting open-market purchases of our shares.

### **General Information**

### **Availability of Certain Documents**

A copy of our 2020 Annual Report on Form 10-K is posted with this Proxy Statement. You also may obtain additional copies without charge and without the exhibits by writing to: Wabash National Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905. These documents also are available through our website at www.wabashnational.com.

The charters for our Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees, as well as our Corporate Governance Guidelines and the Codes, are available on the Governance/Governance Documents page of the Investor Relations section of our website at ir.wabashnational.com and are available in print without charge by writing to: Wabash National Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905.

### **Communications with the Board of Directors**

Stockholders or other interested persons wishing to make known complaints or concerns about our accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, or bring other concerns to the Board or the Audit Committee, or to otherwise communicate with our independent directors as a group or the entire Board, individually or as a group, may do so by sending an email to board@wabashnational.com or auditcommittee@wabashnational.com, or by writing to Wabash National Corporation, Attention: General Counsel, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905. You may report your concerns anonymously or confidentially.

### **Stockholder Proposals and Nominations**

Stockholder Proposals for Inclusion in 2022 Proxy Statement. To be eligible for inclusion in the proxy statement for our 2022 Annual Meeting, stockholder proposals must be received by the Company's Corporate Secretary no later than the close of business on November 29, 2021. However, if the date of the 2022 Annual Meeting has changed by more than 30 days from the date of the 2021 Annual Meeting indicated herein, then stockholder proposals must be received a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and send its proxy materials for the 2022 Annual Meeting. Proposals should be sent to Wabash National Corporation, Attention: Corporate Secretary, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, Indiana 47905 and follow the procedures required by Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act.

Stockholder Director Nominations and other Stockholder Proposals for Presentation at the 2022 Annual Meeting. Under our Bylaws, written notice of stockholder nominations to the Board of Directors and any other business proposed by a stockholder that is not to be included in our proxy statement must be delivered to the Company's Corporate Secretary not less than 90 nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. Accordingly, any stockholder who wishes to have a nomination or other business considered at the 2022 Annual Meeting must deliver a written notice (containing the information specified in our Bylaws regarding the stockholder, the nominee and the proposed action, as appropriate) to the Company's Corporate Secretary between January 11, 2022 and February 10, 2022. However, if the date of the 2022 Annual Meeting is more than 30 days before or after the first anniversary of the 2021 Annual Meeting, any stockholder who wishes to have a nomination or other business considered at the 2022 Annual Meeting must deliver written notice (containing the information specified in our Bylaws regarding the stockholder, the nominee and the proposed action, as appropriate) to the Company's Corporate Secretary not earlier than 120 days prior to such Annual Meeting and not later than the later of the 90th day prior to such Annual Meeting or the tenth day following the public announcement of such Annual Meeting. SEC rules permit management to vote proxies in its discretion with respect to such matters if we advise stockholders how management intends to vote. A nomination or other proposal will be disregarded if it does not comply with the above procedure and any additional requirements set forth in our Bylaws. Please note that these requirements are separate from the SEC's requirements to have your proposal included in our proxy materials.

### **Householding of Proxy Materials**

Stockholders residing in the same household who hold their stock through a bank or broker may receive only one set of proxy materials in accordance with a notice sent earlier by their bank or broker. This practice of sending only one copy of proxy materials is called "householding" and this practice saves us money in printing and distribution costs and reduces the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting. This practice will continue unless instructions to the contrary are received by your bank or broker from one or more of the stockholders within the household. We will deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the proxy materials to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered. A stockholder who wishes to receive separate copies of the proxy materials, now or in the future, should submit a request to the Company by telephone at (765) 771-5310 or by submitting a written request to Wabash National Corporation c/o Director-Investor Relations, 3900 McCarty Lane, Lafayette, IN 47905.

If you hold your shares in "street name" and reside in a household that received only one copy of the proxy materials, you can request to receive a separate copy in the future by following the instructions sent by your bank or broker. If your household is receiving multiple copies of the proxy materials, you may request that only a single set of materials be sent by following the instructions sent by your bank or broker.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. Kristin Glazner

M. Kill Offer

Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, Chief Human Resources Officer



# **Annual Report**

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### **FORM 10-K**

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	ion 13 or 15(d) of the Securiti	es Exchange Act of 1934
For the	Fiscal Year Ended December	31, 2020
	or	
☐ Transition Report Pursuant to S	section 13 or 15(d) of the Secu	rities Exchange Act of 1934
For the train	nsition period from	to
Сог	nmission File Number: 001-1	0883
WABASH	NATIONAL CORP	ORATION
(Exact na	me of registrant as specified in	its charter)
Delaware		52-1375208
(State of Incorporation)		(IRS Employer Identification Number)
1000 Sagamore Parkway South	WABASH	
Lafayette Indiana	NATIONAL	47905
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's teleph	none number, including area co	de: (765) 771-5300
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	WNC	New York Stock Exchange
Securities re	egistered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the	he Act: None
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known season	soned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of	the Securities Act. Yes ⊠ No □
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file	e reports pursuant to Section 13 or Sect	ion 15(d) of the Act. Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$
		on 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during orts), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for
		Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of period that the registrant was required to submit such files).
		a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an ler reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in
Large accelerated filer □		Accelerated filer ⊠
Non-accelerated filer $\square$		Smaller reporting company □
Emerging growth company $\Box$		
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to	•	ne extended transition period for complying with any new or
,	1	ment's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control e registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell com-	pany (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the A	Act). Yes □ No ⊠
The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-af Company's common stock as quoted on the New York Stock		2020 was \$556,508,720 based upon the closing price of the e.
The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's commo	on stock as of February 12, 2021 was 52	2,056,803.

Part III of this Form 10-K incorporates by reference certain portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed

within 120 days after December 31, 2020.

### WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION FORM 10-K FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Annual Report") of Wabash National Corporation (together with its subsidiaries, "Wabash," "Company," "us," "we," or "our") contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Forward-looking statements may include the words "may," "will," "estimate," "intend," "continue," "believe," "expect," "plan" or "anticipate" and other similar words. Our "forward-looking statements" include, but are not limited to, statements regarding:

- our ability to effectively manage and operate our business given the ongoing uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- the highly cyclical nature of our business;
- demand for our products;
- the relative strength or weakness of the overall economy;
- our expected revenues, income or loss;
- our ability to achieve sustained profitability;
- dependence on industry trends;
- our strategic plan and plans for future operations;
- availability and pricing of raw materials, including the impact of tariffs or other international trade developments;
- the level of competition that we face;
- reliance on certain customers, suppliers and corporate relationships;
- our ability to develop and commercialize new products;
- acceptance of new technologies and products;
- export sales and new markets;
- engineering and manufacturing capabilities and capacity, including our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel;
- government regulations;
- the outcome of any pending litigation or notice of environmental dispute;
- the risks associated with climate change and related government regulation;
- availability of capital and financing, including for working capital and capital expenditures;
- our ability to manage our indebtedness;
- our ability to effectively integrate Supreme and realize expected synergies and benefits from the Supreme acquisition;
   and
- assumptions relating to the foregoing.

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in this Annual Report. Each forward-looking statement contained in this Annual Report reflects our management's view only as of the date on which that forward-looking statement was made. We are not obligated to update forward-looking statements or publicly release the result of any revisions to them to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Annual Report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

Currently known risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are described throughout this Annual Report, including in "Item 1A. *Risk Factors*." We urge you to carefully review that section for a more complete discussion of the risks of an investment in our securities.

#### PART I

#### ITEM 1—BUSINESS

#### Overview

Wabash National Corporation, which we refer to herein as "Wabash," "Wabash National," the "Company," "us," "we," or "our," is changing How the World Reaches You<sup>TM</sup>. Wabash was founded in 1985 and incorporated as a corporation in Delaware in 1991, with its principal executive offices in Lafayette, Indiana, as a dry van trailer manufacturer. Today we are an innovation leader of engineered solutions for the transportation, logistics, and distribution industries.

To that end, we design and manufacture a diverse range of products, including dry freight and refrigerated trailers, platform trailers, tank trailers, dry and refrigerated truck bodies, structural composite panels and products, trailer aerodynamic solutions, and specialty food grade and pharmaceutical equipment. We have achieved this diversification through acquisitions, organic growth, and product innovation.

We believe our position as a leader in our key industries is the result of longstanding relationships with our core customers, our demonstrated ability to attract new customers, our broad and innovative product lines, our technological leadership, and our extensive distribution and service network. More importantly, we believe our leadership position is indicative of the values and leadership principles that guide our actions.

At Wabash National, it's our focus on people, purpose, and performance that drives us to do better so we can continue changing How the World Reaches You<sup>TM</sup>. Our *Purpose* is to change how the world reaches you, our *Vision* is to be the innovation leader of engineered solutions for the transportation, logistics, and distribution industries, and our *Mission* is to enable our customers to succeed with breakthrough ideas and solutions that help them move everything from first to final mile.

Our Values are the qualities that govern our critical leadership behaviors and accelerate our progress.

- *Be Curious:* We will make bold choices and encourage creativity, collaboration and risk-taking to turn breakthrough ideas into reality.
- Have a Growth Mindset: We will be resilient and capable of the change required to succeed in a world that does not stand still.
- *Create Remarkable Teams:* We will create a workplace culture that allows individuals to be their best in order to retain and attract talent from diverse industries, geographies and backgrounds.

Our Leadership Principles are the behaviors that provide definition to our actions and bring our values to life.

- *Embrace Diversity and Inclusion:* We solicit and respect the input of others, celebrate our differences and strive for transparency and inclusiveness.
- Seek to Listen: We listen to our customers, partners, and each other to reach the best solutions and make the strongest decisions.
- Always Learn: To model a growth mindset, we continue learning through every stage of our careers. We do not quit and we are not satisfied with the status quo.
- Be Authentic: Employees who thrive at Wabash National are honest, have incredible energy and demonstrate grit in everything they do.
- Win Together: We collaborate, seek alignment and excel at cross-group communication to succeed as one team and One Wabash.

### Wabash Management System

Our Wabash Management System ("WMS") is a set of principles and standardized business processes for the purpose of achieving our strategic objectives. By codifying what makes our company great, the WMS drives focus on the interconnected processes that are critical for success across our business. WMS is based on forward planning and continuous capability evaluation as we simultaneously drive execution and breakthrough performance. WMS requires everyone to be an active contributor to our enterprise-wide lean efforts and enables growth through innovation and industry leading customer satisfaction and alliances. Our WMS principles underpin an ongoing improvement cycle that includes Strategic Planning and Deployment, Kaizen, and Daily Management. It is through this set of standards and thinking that we create a "One Wabash" approach to our customers, add new business capabilities, and enable profitable growth.

Our One Wabash organizational transformation began during the first quarter of 2020 with the introduction of value streams that align our resources and processes on serving the customer. Our One Wabash organizational structure enables long-term

growth for the Company with an intense focus on value streams, streamlined processes, product innovation, and a consistent, superior experience for all customers who seek our solutions in the transportation, logistics and distribution markets. The value streams leverage the power of our processes to close the cycle of customer needs and customer fulfillment.

### Impact of Coronavirus ("COVID-19")

In March 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the United States and the rest of the world and has negatively impacted portions of the economy, disrupted supply chains, and created volatility in financial markets. COVID-19 caused government authorities throughout the world to implement stringent measures to attempt to help control the spread of the virus, including business shutdowns, travel restrictions, disallowing group events and gatherings, quarantines, "shelter-in-place" and "stay-at-home" orders, curfews, social distancing, and other measures. The adverse economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has had a material impact on parts of our business, customers, and suppliers and caused challenges during 2020. Additional details regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our business, as well as information regarding human capital management actions taken by Wabash in response to the pandemic, can be found under the section titled "COVID-19 Update" included within Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. and risks related to COVID-19 can be found under Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Operating Segments**

We manage our business in three reportable segments: Commercial Trailer Products ("CTP"), Diversified Products ("DPG"), and Final Mile Products ("FMP"). Each of these reportable segments offers a diverse portfolio of industrial solutions for the end markets and industries that they serve.

Commercial Trailer Products	<b>Diversified Products</b>	Final Mile Products
■ Dry and Refrigerated Van Trailers	<ul> <li>Tank Trailers and Truck-Mounted Tanks</li> </ul>	■ Truck-Mounted Dry Bodies
<ul> <li>Platform Trailers</li> </ul>	■ Composite Panels and Products	<ul> <li>Truck-Mounted Refrigerated Bodies</li> </ul>
■ Aftermarket Parts and Service	<ul><li>Food, Dairy, and Beverage Equipment</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Service and Stake Bodies</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Containment and Aseptic Systems</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Fiberglass Reinforced Plywood ("FRP") Panels</li></ul>
	■ Aftermarket Parts and Service	■ Upfitting, Parts, and Service

### Commercial Trailer Products

Commercial Trailer Products designs and manufactures dry and refrigerated vans, platform trailers, and other transportation-related equipment. Commercial Trailer Products' transportation equipment is marketed under the Wabash®, DuraPlate®, DuraPlateB, ArcticLite®, Transcraft®, and Benson® brands. Our DuraPlate® Cell Core technology is a modified DuraPlate® panel that reduces the weight of a conventional 53 foot DuraPlate® trailer by 300 pounds without sacrificing strength or durability. In addition, our refrigerated van offerings now include our advanced molded structural composite ("MSC") technology. The MSC Reefer is up to 30% more thermally efficient than conventional refrigerated vans, and is lighter with greater strength and durability. CTP sells directly to many of the largest companies in the trucking industry, as well as through a network of independent dealers. The CTP segment also operates a wood flooring production facility that manufactures laminated hard wood oak products for van trailers.

#### Diversified Products

The Diversified Products segment has historically been comprised of four strategic business units: Tank Trailers, Process Systems, Composites, and Aviation and Truck Equipment ("AVTE"). During the fourth quarter of 2020 we sold our Beall® brand of tank trailers and associated assets, which was included in the Tank Trailers business unit. Also, in January 2019 we completed a transaction to divest the AVTE business unit.

The Tank Trailers business designs and manufactures liquid transportation systems, including stainless steel and aluminum tank trailers, for the North American chemical, dairy, food and beverage, and petroleum and energy service markets. Tank Trailers are marketed under the Walker Transport, Brenner® Tank, and Bulk International brands. Our Process Systems business designs and manufactures isolators, stationary silos, and downflow booths for the chemical, dairy, food and beverage, pharmaceutical, and nuclear markets. Process Systems markets its product offerings under the Walker® Engineered Products and Extract Technology® brands. Our Composites business includes offerings under our DuraPlate® composite panel technology, which contains unique properties of strength and durability that can be utilized in numerous applications in addition to trailers and truck bodies. Leveraging our DuraPlate® panel technology, our Composites business has designed and manufactured numerous

proprietary products, including a full line of aerodynamic solutions designed to improve overall trailer aerodynamics and fuel economy, most notably the DuraPlate® AeroSkirt®. In addition, we utilize our DuraPlate® technology in the production of truck bodies, overhead doors, foldable portable storage containers, truck boxes, decking systems, and other industrial applications. These products are sold to original equipment manufacturers and aftermarket customers.

#### Final Mile Products

The Company added the Final Mile Products reportable segment following the acquisition of Supreme Industries, Inc. ("Supreme") in September 2017. The FMP segment designs and manufactures cutaway, dry-freight, refrigerated, and stake bodies. This acquisition accelerated our growth and expanded our presence in the final mile space, with increased distribution paths and greater customer reach, and supports our mission to enable customers to succeed with breakthrough ideas and solutions that help them move everything from first to final mile. Final Mile Product truck bodies are offered in aluminum, FiberPanel PW, FiberPanel HC, or DuraPlate®, and are marketed under Kold King®, Iner-City®, Spartan, as well as other Wabash brands that leverage our fleet-proven DuraPlate® technology utilized in dry van trailers. Our Final Mile Products also include our molded structural composite truck bodies and fiberglass reinforced plywood used on some of our truck bodies. In addition, our MSC technology is available in our truck body offerings. With the acquisition of Supreme, our truck body line was expanded to include Classes 2 through 5, allowing us to serve a large variety of end customers in the final mile space. The FMP segment sells both direct to customers and through a large independent dealer network.

#### **Strategy**

We are an innovative engineered solutions provider with strong customer relationships across the first, middle, and final mile markets that will support profitable growth and provide adaptability to changes in the transportation, logistics, and distribution industries. We believe our One Wabash organizational structure and WMS are uniquely designed to achieve breakthrough customer value. Our value streams align our resources and processes on serving the customer, and our strategy is centered around our ability to scale core competencies by growing in and around core markets with known customers.

### COLD CHAIN

- Expand share in markets driven by movement of goods through the temperature-controlled cold chain
- Bringing differentiated solutions to create customer value by leveraging innovative technology offerings, including product offerings with Molded Structural Composites ("MSC"), eNow<sup>TM</sup>, and Gruau refrigerated inserts

### HOME DELIVERY

- Grow within the rapidly expanding market for home delivery of goods
- Augment truck body offerings to include vehicles specifically engineered to facilitate efficient home delivery of small packages

### PARTS & SERVICES

- Organic growth opportunities within trailer repair and truck body upfitting to become a scalable and tech-enabled distribution platform to serve existing and new customers
- Unifying historically disparate parts and services revenue streams to drive alignment and growth focus

We believe that if we are successful in focusing on each of these strategic initiatives, we will be well-positioned to advance our commitment to deliver long-term profitable growth within each of our reportable segments, support margin enhancement through our One Wabash organization and WMS mindset, and successfully deliver value to our shareholders. By continuing to be an innovation leader in the transportation, logistics, and distribution industries we expect to leverage our existing assets and capabilities into higher margin products and markets by delivering value-added customer solutions. Optimizing our product portfolio, operations, and processes to enhance manufacturing efficiency and agility is expected to well-position the Company to drive margin expansion and reinforce our customer relationships.

### Acquisition Strategy

We believe that our overall business and segments have significant opportunities to grow through disciplined strategic acquisitions. When evaluating acquisition targets, we generally look for opportunities that exhibit the following attributes:

- Customer-focused solutions;
- Access to new technology and innovation;
- Strong management team that is a cultural fit;
- Aligned with our core competencies in purchasing, operations, distribution, and product development; and
- Growth markets, whether end-markets or geographical, within the transportation, logistics, and distribution industries.

We believe that a balanced and disciplined capital allocation strategy is necessary to support our growth initiatives and create shareholder value. The objectives and goals of the Company's capital allocation strategy are summarized below:

- Maintain Liquidity:

  Manage the business for the long-term
  Continue to be equipped for changes in market conditions and strategic growth opportunities

**Debt Management:** • Reduce debt and de-lever the Company

### **Growth:**

Fund capital expenditures and research and development that support growth and productivity initiatives

**Dividends:** 

Maintain our regular dividend which has been paid for the last four consecutive years

- Share Repurchases:

  Opportunistically repurchase shares
  Offset dilution from stock-based compensation

#### **Industry and Competition**

Trucking in the U.S., according to the American Trucking Association ("ATA"), was estimated to be a \$791.7 billion industry in 2019, representing approximately 80% of the total U.S. transportation industry revenue. This represents a slight decrease of 0.6% from ATA's 2018 estimate. Furthermore, ATA estimates that approximately 72.5% of all domestic freight tonnage in 2019 was carried by trucks, and 304.9 billion miles were traveled by registered trucks in 2018. Trailer demand is a direct function of the amount of freight to be transported. To meet this continued high demand for freight, truck carriers will need to replace and expand their fleets, which typically results in increased trailer orders.

Transportation in the U.S., including trucking, is a cyclical industry that has experienced three cycles (excluding 2020's softened demand worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic) over the last 20 years. In each of the last three cycles the decline in freight tonnage preceded the general U.S. economic downturn and the recovery has generally preceded that of the economy as a whole. The trailer industry generally follows the transportation industry, experiencing cycles in the early and late 90's lasting approximately 58 and 67 months, respectively. Truck freight tonnage, according to ATA statistics, started declining year-overyear in 2006 and remained at depressed levels through 2009. The most recent cycle concluded in 2009, lasting a total of 89 months. After three consecutive years with total trailer demand well below normal replacement demand levels estimated to be approximately 220,000 trailers, the period ending December 31, 2019 demonstrated six consecutive years of healthy demand in which there were total trailer shipments of approximately 269,000, 308,000, 286,000, 288,000, 323,000, and 328,000 for the years ending 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019, respectively. Consistent with our expectations and industry forecasters, 2020 brought softened demand that was worsened and magnified by the uncertainty and economic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to ACT Research Company ("ACT"), the current estimate for 2020 production is approximately 202,000 trailers, which is somewhat below normal replacement demand levels. However, ACT is estimating recovery in 2021 to more historically consistent production levels within the trailer industry of approximately 275,000 trailers. In addition, overall demand is expected to be in excess of replacement demand and industry specific indicators we track, including ATA's truck tonnage index, carrier/fleet profitability, employment growth, housing and auto sectors, as well as the overall gross domestic product, continue to be positive indicators. Additional discussion and analysis is included under the section titled "Industry Trends" included within Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Trailer manufacturers compete primarily through the quality of their products, customer relationships, innovative technology, and price. We have observed others in the industry also pursue the development and use of composite sidewalls that compete directly with our DuraPlate® products. Our product development is focused on maintaining a leading position with respect to these products and on development of new products and markets, leveraging products across our segments such as MSC, as well as our expertise in the engineering and design of customized products.

Our Diversified Products segment, in most cases, participates in markets different than our historical core van and platform trailer product offerings. The customers and end markets that our Diversified Products segment serve are broader and more diverse than the trailer industry, including environmental, pharmaceutical, biotech, oil and gas, and specialty vehicle markets. In addition, our diversification efforts pertain to new and emerging markets and many of the products are driven by regulatory requirements or, in most cases, customer-specific needs.

Our Final Mile Products segment competes in the specialized vehicle industry, whereby there are only a few national competitors and many smaller, regional companies. Competitive factors include quality of product, lead times, geographic proximity to customers, and the ability to manufacture a product customized to customer specifications. With our national presence, diverse product offerings, and broad customer relationships, we believe that we are well positioned to meet the competitive challenges presented.

#### **Human Capital Resources and Management**

As of December 31, 2020, we had approximately 5,800 full-time employees. Throughout 2020, essentially all of our active employees were non-union. Our temporary employees represented approximately 12% of our overall production workforce as of December 31, 2020.

We believe our commitment to our human capital resources is key to our mission to enable our customers to succeed with breakthrough ideas and solutions that help them move everything from first to final mile. In addition, our human capital resources are at the core of our *Values* and *Leadership Principles*. The Company's executives, including the President and Chief Executive Officer (the "Senior Leadership Team"), are responsible for developing and executing the Company's human capital strategy. This includes the attraction, acquisition, development, and engagement of talent to deliver on the Company's strategy and the design of employee compensation and benefits programs. The Senior Leadership Team is also responsible for developing and integrating the Company's diversity and inclusion roadmap. In addition, regular updates are provided to the Company's Board of Directors and its committees on the operation and status of human capital trends and activities. Key areas of focus for the Company include:

- *Employee Engagement* We provide all employees with the opportunity to share their opinions and feedback on our culture through an annual employee engagement survey. Results of the survey are measured and analyzed to enhance the employee experience, promote employee retention, drive change, and leverage the overall success of our organization.
- *Talent Development* We provide all employees a wide range of professional development experiences, both formal and informal, at all stages in their careers. Our formal offerings include tuition reimbursement, leadership development experiences, vocational training, and self-directed learning modules. In addition, Wabash National employees and dependents of employees are eligible for a variety of scholarships offered by Wabash National and the industry associations to which we belong. In 2019, we awarded 16 high school graduates with Wabash National scholarships totaling \$120,000.
- Focus on Safety At Wabash National, safety is our number one value. We prioritize the safety of our employees, our customers, and our communities. We partner with other manufacturers in the industry to further promote safety by sharing best practices and ideas for implementing higher standards.

We provide ongoing safety training and development at our production facilities, which are designed to focus on empowering our employees with the knowledge and tools they need to make safe choices and to mitigate risks. Our employees are encouraged to identify safety opportunities through our safety good catch program. The Company utilizes a mixture of leading and lagging indicators to assess the health and safety performance of its operations. For example, a lagging indicator includes the OSHA Total Recordable Incident Rate ("TRIR"). In 2019, the Company had a TRIR of 6.4 and there were no work-related fatalities. A leading metric we use is scoring from our Blueprint for Excellence, which assesses a facility's overall safety program and identifies key areas of improvement. In 2020, Wabash National implemented a software platform to proactively mitigate safety risks by driving business decisions based on actionable insights and advanced analytics. In addition, we finished 2020 with best-ever TRIR performance of 3.8.

Our safety awards include:

- 2019 Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association Plant Safety Awards (New Lisbon, WI, and Portland, OR)
- 2018 Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association Plant Safety Award (San José Iturbide, Guanajuato, Mexico)
- 2017 Kentucky Governor's Safety and Health Award (Cadiz, KY)
- 2016 Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association Plant Safety Awards (New Lisbon, WI, and San José Iturbide, Guanajuato, Mexico)
- 2015 Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association Plant Safety Awards (New Lisbon, WI, and Portland, OR)
- 2015 Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association Most Improved Tank Plant (Portland, OR)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we implemented significant changes that we determined were in the best interest of our employees, as well as the communities in which we operate, and which comply with government orders. For additional information regarding our COVID-19 employee safety measures, refer to the section titled "COVID-19 Update" included within Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

• *Health and Wellness* – The health and wellness of our employees is critical to our success. We provide our employees with access to a variety of innovative, flexible, and convenient health and wellness programs. Such programs are

designed to support employees' physical and mental health by providing tools and resources to help them improve or maintain their health status and encourage engagement in healthy behaviors.

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Wabash National is committed to having a workforce that is diverse and non-discriminatory at all levels, reflecting the diversity of our customers and the varied environments in which we conduct business around the globe. Recognizing, valuing, and fully leveraging our different perspectives and backgrounds to achieve our business goals demonstrates our inclusive culture and is one of our Leadership Principles. We need inclusion and diversity to achieve our targeted business results and fulfill our vision of being the innovation leader of engineered solutions for the transportation, logistics and distribution industries. Openness to diversity widens our access to the best talent, and inclusion allows us to engage that talent fully. In addition, we focus on preventing pay imbalances among genders, including proactive adjustments to pay, titles, and/or benefits to prevent gender pay gaps.
- Compensation and Benefits We provide robust compensation and benefits. In addition to salaries, these programs can include annual bonuses, stock-based compensation awards, a 401(k) plan and non-qualified deferred compensation plan with employee matching opportunities, healthcare and insurance benefits, health savings and flexible spending accounts, paid time off, family leave, family care resources, flexible work schedules, safety shoe and prescription safety glass programs, an employee assistance program, and tuition assistance, among many others.
- Community Involvement Our employees volunteer with local charitable organizations and civic projects. In 2019, we donated more than \$915,000 through corporate gifts and employee and supplier donations to nonprofit organizations, including but not limited to: United Way, Salvation Army, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Wabash Center, Special Olympics, Wreaths Across America, Food Finders Food Bank, and Mental Health America. We have also established a Day of Giving Program, which allows all full-time hourly and salaried employees with the opportunity to volunteer one scheduled workday each calendar year. This program has supported organizations including, but not limited to: YMCA, Boy Scouts of America, local schools, and veterans' homes.

Our 2019 Sustainability Report is available on our website (ir.wabashnational.com) and references the ongoing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) initiatives that demonstrate our commitment to sustainability and social responsibility. The content on any website referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K unless expressly noted.

### **Competitive Strengths**

We believe our core competitive strengths include, but are not limited to:

- Long-Term Core Customer Relationships We are the leading provider of trailers to a significant number of top tier trucking companies, generating a revenue base that has helped to sustain us as one of the market leaders. Our van products are preferred by many of the industry's leading carriers. We are also a leading provider of liquid-transportation systems and engineered products and we have a strong customer base, consisting of mostly private fleets, and have earned a leading market position across many of the markets we serve. In addition, we are a leading manufacturer of truck bodies, and we have a strong customer base of large national fleet leasing companies and large retailers.
- Technology and Innovation We continue to be recognized by the trucking industry as a leader in developing technology to provide value-added solutions for our customers that reduce trailer operating costs, improve revenue opportunities, and solve unique transportation problems. Throughout our history, we have been and we expect to continue to be a leading innovator in the design and production of trailers and related products. We have commercialized and launched DuraPlate® Cell Core, a modified DuraPlate® panel that reduces the weight of a conventional 53 foot DuraPlate® trailer by 300 pounds without compromising strength or durability. Our refrigerated van offerings now include MSC technology. In connection with our Cold Chain strategic initiative, the MSC Reefer is up to 30% more thermally efficient than conventional refrigerated vans, and is lighter with greater strength and durability. We will leverage this innovative technology in other facets of our business, such as the final mile space. We believe we also have an opportunity to apply our composite materials expertise within the electric vehicle space.

During 2020, in combination with technologies from eNow<sup>TM</sup> and Carrier Transicold, we introduced a zero-emission composite refrigerated trailer. This innovative trailer is now commercially available and provides customers a zero-emission refrigerated transportation solution that is more energy efficient and has a lower operating cost.

In addition, during the first quarter of 2021 we entered into an agreement with Gruau SAS to manufacture their refrigerated van inserts. Gruau refrigerated inserts are superior to spray foam and are engineered to provide premium performance in the Cold Chain final mile market. These inserts hold temperature and eliminate issues with mold and degradation and are compliant with the Food Safety Modernization Act.

• Significant Brand Recognition – We have been one of the most widely recognized brands in the industry and we participate broadly in the transportation industry through all of our business segments.

• WMS and Enterprise Lean — Our Wabash Management System ("WMS") is a set of principles and standardized business processes for the purpose of achieving our strategic objectives. By codifying what makes our company great, the WMS drives focus on the interconnected processes that are critical for success across our business. WMS is based on forward planning and continuous capability evaluation as we simultaneously drive execution and breakthrough performance. WMS requires everyone to be an active contributor to our enterprise-wide lean efforts and enables growth through innovation and industry leading customer satisfaction and alliances. Our WMS principles underpin an ongoing improvement cycle that includes Strategic Planning and Deployment, Kaizen, and Daily Management. It is through this set of standards and thinking that we create a "One Wabash" approach to our customers, add new business capabilities, and enable profitable growth.

Safety, quality, delivery, cost, morale, and environment are the core elements of our program of continuous improvement. We currently maintain an ISO 14001 registration of the Environmental Management System at four facilities, which include our Lafayette, Indiana; Cadiz, Kentucky; San José Iturbide, Mexico; and Harrison, Arkansas locations. In addition, we have achieved ISO 9001 registration of the Quality Management Systems at our Lafayette, Indiana, Cadiz, Kentucky, and Huddersfield, England facilities.

• Corporate Culture — As further described above in the "Human Capital Resources and Management" section, we believe strong human capital acts as a competitive differentiator and our focus is not only on ensuring we have the right leaders in place to drive our strategic initiatives today, but also to nurture our talent pipeline to develop strong leaders for our company's future. To that end, we benefit from an experienced, value-driven management team and dedicated workforce.

We strive to achieve alignment at every layer and throughout all functional areas of our business and are focused on ensuring the right systems are in place to facilitate all team members working toward the same shared goals. Critical to this is the One Wabash mindset that our business is constructed of three interlinked segments that benefit from one another and are stronger as a result of being part of Wabash National.

■ Extensive Distribution Network — We utilize a network of 23 independent dealers with approximately 80 locations throughout North America to distribute our van trailers, and our Transcraft distribution network consists of 65 independent dealers with approximately 93 locations throughout North America. Our tank trailers are distributed through a network of 54 independent dealers with 56 locations throughout North America. Additionally, our truck body dealer network consists of more than 1,000 commercial dealers. Our dealers primarily serve mid-market and smaller sized carriers and private fleets in the geographic region where the dealer is located and occasionally may sell to large fleets.

#### Regulation

Truck trailer length, height, width, maximum weight capacity and other specifications are regulated by individual states. The federal government also regulates certain safety and environmental sustainability features incorporated in the design and use of truck and tank trailers, as well as truck bodies. These regulations include: requirements to install Electronic Logging Devices, the use of aerodynamic devices and fuel saving technologies, as well as operator restrictions as to hours of service and minimum driver safety standards (see "Industry Trends" included within Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for more details on these regulations). In addition, most tank trailers we manufacture have specific federal regulations and restrictions that dictate tank design, material type and thickness. Manufacturing operations are subject to environmental laws enforced by federal, state and local agencies (see "Environmental Matters").

### **Products**

Since our inception, we have worked to expand our product offerings from a single truck trailer dry van product to a broad range of engineered solutions for the transportation, logistics, and distribution industries to help our customers move everything from first to final mile. We manage a diverse product portfolio, maintain long-standing customer relationships, and focuses on innovative and breakthrough technologies within three operating segments.

Our current Commercial Trailer Products segment primarily includes the following products:

- Dry Van Trailers. The dry van market represents our largest product line and includes trailers sold under the DuraPlate® DuraPlateB trademarks. Our DuraPlate® trailers utilize a proprietary technology that consists of a composite plate wall for increased durability and greater strength. In addition, we recently introduced DuraPlate® Cell Core, a modified DuraPlate® panel that reduces the weight of a conventional 53 foot DuraPlate® trailer by 300 pounds.
- Platform Trailers. Platform trailers are sold under the Transcraft® and Benson® trademarks. Platform trailers consist of a trailer chassis with a flat or "drop" loading deck without permanent sides or a roof. These trailers are primarily

- utilized to haul steel coils, construction materials, and large equipment. In addition to our all steel and combination steel and aluminum platform trailers, we also offer a premium all-aluminum platform trailer.
- Refrigerated Trailers. Our refrigerated trailers provide thermal efficiency, maximum payload capacity, and superior damage resistance. Our refrigerated trailers are sold under the ArcticLite® trademark and use our proprietary SolarGuard® technology, coupled with our foaming process, which we believe enables customers to achieve lower costs through reduced operating hours of refrigeration equipment and therefore reduced fuel consumption. Our breakthrough MSC Reefer with advanced molded structural composite technology provides up to 30% improvement in thermal performance over conventional construction, prevents water intrusion, slows foam degradation, and ultimately, extends equipment life. The all-composite floor system of the MSC Reefer increases cube capacity and eliminates corrosion issues of conventional refrigerated trailers. The molded structural composite sidewalls, nose, and roof provide up to 2x the puncture resistance of standard liners, keeping maintenance costs at a minimum.
- Specialty Trailers. These products include a wide array of specialty equipment and services generally focused on products that require a higher degree of customer specifications and requirements. These specialty products primarily relate to converter dollies.
- Aftermarket Parts and Service. Aftermarket component products are manufactured to provide continued support to our
  customers throughout the life-cycle of the trailer. Aurora Parts & Accessories, LLC is the exclusive supplier of the
  aftermarket component products for our dry van, refrigerated, and platform trailers. Utilizing our on-site service
  centers, we provide a wide array of quality aftermarket parts and services to our customers.
- *Used Trailers*. These products includes the sale of used trailers through our used fleet sales center to facilitate new trailer sales with a focus on selling both large and small fleet trade packages to the wholesale market as well as through our branch network to enable us to re-market and promote new trailer sales.
- *Wood Products*. We manufacture laminated hardwood oak flooring used primarily in our dry van trailer segment at our manufacturing operations located in Harrison, Arkansas.

Our current Diversified Products segment primarily includes the following products:

- Tank Trailers. Tank Trailers currently has several principal brands dedicated to transportation products including Walker Transport, Brenner® Tank, and Bulk Tank International. Equipment sold under these brands include stainless steel and aluminum liquid and dry bulk tank trailers and other transport solutions for the dairy, food and beverage, chemical, environmental, petroleum and refined fuel industries. We also provide parts and maintenance and repair services for tank trailers and other related equipment through our five Brenner Tank Service centers.
  - Walker Transport Founded as the original Walker business in 1943, the Walker Transport brand includes stainless steel tank trailers for the dairy, food and beverage end markets.
  - Brenner® Tank Founded in 1900, Brenner® Tank manufactures stainless steel and aluminum tank trailers, dry bulk trailers, and fiberglass reinforced poly tank trailers, as well as vacuum tank trailers for the oil and gas, chemical, energy and environmental services end markets.
  - Bulk Tank International Manufactures stainless steel tank trailers for the oil and gas and chemical end markets.
  - Beall® Trailers With tank trailer production dating to 1928, the Beall® brand includes aluminum tank trailers and related tank trailer equipment for the dry bulk and petroleum end markets. As further described in Note 20 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II Item 8 of this Form 10-K, during the fourth quarter of 2020 we sold our Beall® brand of tank trailers and associated assets.
- Process Systems. Process Systems currently sells products under the Walker Engineered Products and Extract Technology® brands and specializes in the design and production of a broad range of products including: a portfolio of products for storage, mixing and blending, including process vessels, as well as round horizontal and vertical storage silo tanks; containment and isolation systems for the pharmaceutical, chemical, and nuclear industries, including custom designed turnkey systems and spare components for full service and maintenance contracts; containment systems for the pharmaceutical, chemical and biotech markets.
  - Walker Engineered Products Since the 1960s, Walker has marketed stainless steel storage tanks and silos, mixers, and processors for the dairy, food and beverage, pharmaceutical, chemical, craft brewing, and biotech end markets under the Walker Engineered Products brand.
  - Extract Technology® Since 1981, the Extract Technology® brand has included stainless steel isolators and downflow booths, as well as custom-fabricated equipment, including workstations and drum booths for the pharmaceutical, fine chemical, biotech and nuclear end markets.

Composites. Our Composites business is focused on the use of DuraPlate® composite panels beyond the semi-trailer market. Product offerings include truck bodies, overhead doors, and other industrial applications. We continue to develop new products and actively explore markets that can benefit from the proven performance of our proprietary technology. We offer a full line of aerodynamic solutions designed to improve overall trailer aerodynamics and fuel economy, most notably the DuraPlate® AeroSkirt®, which is EPA Smartway® verified and California Air Resource Board compliant.

The Final Mile Products segment, established after the acquisition of Supreme in 2017, primarily includes the following products:

- Signature Van Bodies. Signature van bodies range from 8 to 28 feet in length with exterior walls assembled from one of several material options including pre-painted aluminum, FiberPanel PW, FiberPanel HC, or DuraPlate®. Additional features include molded composite front and side corners, LED marker lights, sealed wiring harnesses, hardwood or pine flooring, and various door configurations to accommodate end-user loading and unloading requirements. This product is adaptable for a diverse range of uses in dry-freight transportation.
- *Iner-City*<sup>®</sup> *Cutaway Van Bodies*. An ideal route truck for a variety of commercial applications, the Iner-City bodies are manufactured on cutaway chassis which allow access from the cab to the cargo area. Borrowing many design elements from Supreme's larger van body, the Iner-City is shorter in length (8 to 18 feet) than a typical van body.
- Spartan Service Bodies. Built on a cutaway chassis and constructed of FiberPanel PW or DuraPlate®, the Spartan cargo van provides the smooth maneuverability of a commercial van with the full-height and spacious cargo area of a truck body. In lengths of 8 to 14 feet and available with a variety of pre-designed options, the Spartan cargo van is a bridge product for those moving up from a traditional cargo van into the truck body category.
- Kold King<sup>®</sup> Insulated Van Bodies. Kold King<sup>®</sup> insulated bodies, in lengths up to 28 feet, provide versatility and dependability for temperature controlled applications. Flexible for either hand-load or pallet-load requirements, they are ideal for multi-stop distribution of both fresh and frozen products.
- *Stake Bodies*. Stake bodies are flatbeds with various configurations of removable sides. The stake body is utilized for a broad range of agricultural and construction industries' transportation needs.
- Final Mile Series and Cold Chain Series. Introduced in 2015, we have combined fleet-proven equipment designs and advanced materials to create a line of high performance refrigerated and dry freight truck bodies for Class 6, 7, and 8 chassis. The truck body product leverages our DuraPlate® technology utilized in dry van trailers as well as DuraPlate® Cell Core to improve weight and thermal efficiency in refrigerated truck body applications.

#### **Customers**

Our customer base has historically included many of the nation's largest truckload common carriers, leasing companies, private fleet carriers, less-than-truckload common carriers, and package carriers. We continue to expand our customer base and achieve diversification through acquisitions, organic growth, product innovation, and through our extensive distribution and service network. All of these efforts have been accomplished while maintaining our relationships with our core customers. Our five largest customers together accounted for approximately 21%, 27%, and 25% of our aggregate net sales in 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. No individual customer accounted for more than 10% or more of our aggregate net sales during the past three years. International sales accounted for less than 10% of net sales for each of the last three years.

Our Commercial Trailer Products segment has established relationships as a supplier to many large customers in the transportation industry, including the following:

- *Truckload Carriers*: Averitt Express, Inc.; Covenant Transportation Group, Inc.; Cowan Systems, LLC; Crete Carrier Corporation; Heartland Express, Inc.; J.B Hunt Transport, Inc.; Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings Inc.; Schneider National, Inc.; and Werner Enterprises, Inc.
- Less-Than-Truckload Carriers: FedEx Corporation; Old Dominion Freight Lines, Inc.; R&L Carriers Inc.; and Saia, Inc.
- Refrigerated Carriers: CR England, Inc.; K&B Transportation, Inc.; Prime, Inc.; and Southern Refrigerated Transport,
- Leasing Companies: Penske Truck Leasing Company; Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc.; and Xtra Lease, Inc.
- Private Fleets: C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc.; Dollar General Corporation; and Safeway, Inc.
- Liquid Carriers: Dana Liquid Transport Corporation; Evergreen Tank Solutions LLC; Kenan Advantage Group, Inc.; Oakley Transport, Inc.; Quality Carriers, Inc.; Superior Tank, Inc.; and Trimac Transportation.

Through our Diversified Products segment we also sell our products to several other customers including, but not limited to: GlaxoSmithKline Services Unlimited; W.M. Sprinkman; Dairy Farmers of America; Nestlé; Matlack Leasing LLC; and Wabash Manufacturing, Inc. (an unaffiliated company).

Through our Final Mile Products segment we sell to fleet leasing customers and direct customers including, but not limited to: Penske Truck Leasing Company; Ryder System, Inc.; Amazon.com; Budget Truck Rental, LLC; Enterprise Holdings, Inc.; and Rent-A-Center.

### **Marketing and Distribution**

We market and distribute our products through the following channels:

- Factory direct accounts; and
- Independent dealerships.

Factory direct accounts are generally large fleets that are high volume purchasers. Historically, we have focused on the factory direct market in which customers are highly knowledgeable of the life-cycle costs of equipment and, therefore, are best equipped to appreciate the innovative design and value-added features of our products, as well as the value proposition for lower total cost of ownership over the life-cycle of our products.

We also sell our van, platform, and tank trailers through a network of independent dealers. Additionally, our truck body products are sold through commercial dealers. Our dealers primarily serve mid-market and smaller sized carriers and private fleets in the geographic region where the dealer is located and occasionally may sell to large fleets. The dealers may also perform service and warranty work for our customers.

#### **Raw Materials**

We utilize a variety of raw materials and components including, but not limited to, specialty steel coil, stainless steel, plastic, aluminum, lumber, tires, landing gear, axles and suspensions, which we purchase from a limited number of suppliers. Raw material costs as a percentage of net sales for 2020 were relatively consistent with 2019. However, significant price fluctuations or shortages in raw materials or finished components have had, and could have in the future, adverse effects on our results of operations. In 2021 and for the foreseeable future, we expect that the raw materials used in the greatest quantity will be steel, aluminum, plastic, and wood. We will endeavor to pass along raw material and component cost increases. Price increases used to offset inflation or disruption of supply in core materials have generally been successful, although sometimes are delayed. Increases in prices for these purposes represent a risk in execution. In an effort to minimize the effect of price fluctuations, we only hedge certain commodities that have the potential to significantly impact our results of operations.

#### **Backlog**

Orders that have been confirmed by customers in writing, have defined delivery timeframes and can be produced during the next 18 months are included in our backlog. Orders that comprise our backlog may be subject to changes in quantities, delivery, specifications, terms or cancellation. Our backlog of orders at December 31, 2020 was approximately \$1,482 million, which is an increase of 31% from the backlog as of December 31, 2019 of \$1,127 million. We believe our backlog of orders is strong as of December 31, 2020, especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our industry, operations, and demand for our products. We expect to complete the majority of our backlog orders as of December 31, 2020 within the next 12 months.

### **Patents and Intellectual Property**

We hold or have applied for 148 patents in the U.S. on various components and techniques utilized in our manufacture of transportation equipment and engineered products. In addition, we hold or have applied for 187 patents or registered designs in foreign countries.

Our patents include intellectual property related to the manufacture of trailers, containers, and aerodynamic-related products using our proprietary DuraPlate® products, truck body, trailer, and aerodynamic-related products utilizing other lightweight panel products and composite materials, our containment and isolation systems, tanks, and other engineered products—all of which we believe offer us a significant competitive advantage in the markets in which we compete.

Our DuraPlate® patent portfolio includes several patents and pending patent applications, which cover not only utilization of our DuraPlate® products in the manufacture of trailers, but also cover a number of aerodynamic-related products aimed at increasing the fuel efficiency of trailers. U.S. and foreign patents and patent applications in our DuraPlate® patent portfolio have expiration dates extending until 2036. Certain U.S. patents relating to the combined use of DuraPlate® panels and logistics systems within the sidewalls of our dry van trailers will not expire until 2027 or after; several other issued U.S. patents and pending patent applications relating to the use of DuraPlate® panels, or other composite materials, within aerodynamic-related products will not begin to expire until after 2030. Additionally, we also believe that our proprietary DuraPlate® and DuraPlate® Cell Core production processes, which have been developed and refined since 1995, offer us a significant competitive advantage in the industry – above and beyond the benefits provided by any patent protection concerning the use and/or design

of our DuraPlate® products. We believe the proprietary knowledge of these processes and the significant intellectual and capital hurdles in creating similar production processes provide us with an advantage over others in the industry who utilize composite sandwich panel technology.

Our intellectual property portfolio further includes a number of patent applications related to the manufacture of truck bodies and trailers using our high-performance MSC Technology™ polymer composite component parts. These patents and patent applications cover the polymer composite component structure and method of manufacturing the same. We believe the intellectual property related to this use of polymer composite technology in our industry, including proprietary knowledge of the processes involved in manufacturing these components and the resulting products, will offer us a significant market advantage to continue to create proprietary products exploiting this technology. These patent applications will not begin to expire until 2036. Additionally, our intellectual property portfolio includes patents related to the rear impact guard ("RIG"). The RIG patents include RIG designs which surpass the current and proposed federal regulatory RIG standards for the U.S. and Canada and will not begin to expire until 2035.

In addition, our intellectual property portfolio includes patents and patent applications covering many of our engineered products, including our containment and isolation systems, as well as many trailer industry components. These products have become highly desirable and are recognized for their innovation in the markets we serve. The engineered products patents and patent applications relate to our industry leading isolation systems, sold under the Extract Technologies® brand name. While these patents will begin to expire in late 2021 and 2022, we hold additional patents and/or patent applications relating to containment assemblies with recirculatory airflow which will expire in 2027 and to modular cell therapy isolators which expire in 2038. The patents relating to our proprietary trailer-industry componentry include, for example, those covering the Trust Lock Plus® door locking mechanism, the Max Clearance® Overhead Door System, which provides additional overhead clearance when an overhead-style rear door is in the opened position that would be comparable to that of swing-door models, the use of bonded or riveted\_intermediate logistics strips, the bonded D-ring hold-down device, bonded skylights, and the DuraPlate® arched roof. The patents covering these products will not expire before 2029. We believe all of these proprietary products offer us a competitive market advantage in the industries in which we compete.

We also hold or have applied for 43 trademarks in the U.S. as well as 63 trademarks in foreign countries. These trademarks include the Wabash®, Wabash National®, Transcraft®, Benson®, Extract Technology®, Brenner®, and Supreme® brand names as well as trademarks associated with our proprietary products such as DuraPlate®, Transcraft Eagle®, Arctic Lite®, Kold King®, Iner-City®, Isopharm®, and Steripharm®. Additionally, we utilize several tradenames that are each well-recognized in their industries, including Walker Transport, Walker Stainless Equipment, Walker Engineered Products, and Bulk Tank International. Our trademarks associated with additional proprietary products include MSC Technology™, MaxClearance® Overhead Door System, Trust Lock Plus® EZ-7®, DuraPlate Aeroskirt®, Aeroskirt CX®, DuraPlate HD®, SolarGuard®, Lock-Rite®, and EZ-Adjust®. We believe these trademarks are important for the identification of our products and the associated customer goodwill; however, our business is not materially dependent on such trademarks.

### **Environmental Matters**

Our facilities are subject to various environmental laws and regulations, including those relating to air emissions, wastewater discharges, the handling and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes and occupational safety and health. Our operations and facilities have been, and in the future may become, the subject of enforcement actions or proceedings for non-compliance with such laws or for remediation of company-related releases of substances into the environment. Resolution of such matters with regulators can result in commitments to compliance abatement or remediation programs and, in some cases, the payment of penalties (see "Legal Proceedings" in Part I Item 3 for more details).

We believe that our facilities are in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations. Our facilities have incurred, and will continue to incur, capital and operating expenditures and other costs in complying with these laws and regulations. However, we currently do not anticipate that the future costs of environmental compliance will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows, or results of operations.

### **Website Access to Company Reports**

We use our Investor Relations website, ir.wabashnational.com, as a channel for routine distribution of important information, including news releases, presentations, and financial information. We post filings as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including our annual, quarterly, and current reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, our proxy statements, and any amendments to those reports or statements. All such postings and filings are available on our Investor Relations website. The SEC also maintains a website, www.sec.gov, that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The content on any website referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K unless expressly noted.

#### **Information About Our Executive Officers**

The following are the executive officers of the Company:

Name	Age	Position
Brent L. Yeagy	50	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director of the Board of Directors
M. Kristin Glazner	43	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Human Resources Officer, Corporate Secretary
Kevin J. Page	59	Senior Vice President, Customer Value Creation
Michael N. Pettit	46	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Dustin T. Smith	43	Senior Vice President, Global Operations

Brent L. Yeagy. Since June 2018, Mr. Yeagy has been responsible for the strategic direction and operations of Wabash National in his role as President and Chief Executive Officer. Before his appointment as President and CEO, Mr. Yeagy was President and Chief Operating Officer from October 2016 to June 2018. Mr. Yeagy joined Wabash National in 2003 and held a number of positions with increasing responsibility, including Vice President of Manufacturing, Vice President and General Manager of Commercial Trailer Products, and Senior Vice President – Group President, Commercial Trailer Products. Prior to Wabash National, from 1999 to 2003, Mr. Yeagy held various positions within human resources, environmental engineering and safety management for Delco Remy International. Mr. Yeagy served in various plant engineering roles at Rexnord Corporation from December 1995 through 1999. He also served in the United States Navy from 1991 to 1994. Mr. Yeagy holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering Science and a Master of Science in Safety Engineering from Purdue University, and an MBA in Business Management from Anderson University. He has also attended executive programs at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business as well as Stanford's Graduate School of Business. Mr. Yeagy is a graduate of the U.S. Navy's Naval Nuclear Power Program and participated in the Navy's Officer Candidate Program.

M. Kristin Glazner. Ms. Glazner was appointed to Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Human Resources Officer, Corporate Secretary on June 1, 2020. She previously served as Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer since November 2018. Ms. Glazner joined Wabash National in February 2010 as Corporate Counsel and served in that role until October 2017, when she was appointed to the position of Vice President – Human Resources and Legal Administration, then Vice President – Corporate Human Resources. Before joining Wabash National, Ms. Glazner was an attorney with the law firm Baker & Daniels LLP (now Faegre Baker Daniels LLP) from 2002 to 2010. She holds a Juris Doctor degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Butler University.

Kevin J. Page. Mr. Page was appointed to Senior Vice President, Customer Value Creation on March 23, 2020. He previously served as Senior Vice President and Group President, Diversified Products Group and Final Mile Products since January 2020, after serving as Senior Vice President and Group President, Diversified Products Group from October 2017 to January 2020. Mr. Page joined Wabash National in February 2017 as Vice President and General Manager, Final Mile and Distributed Services. Prior to Wabash National, he was Interim President of Truck Accessories Group, LLC from 2015 to 2016, and Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Business Development from 2012 to 2015. He served as President of Universal Trailer Cargo Group from 2008 to 2012. Mr. Page also had a 23-year tenure at Utilimaster Corporation serving in various sales roles, including as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Mr. Page has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Wabash College and an MBA (Executive) from Notre Dame. Throughout his career he has also completed executive programs at the University of Chicago, Harvard Business School, University of Michigan and American Management Association.

Michael N. Pettit. Mr. Pettit was appointed to Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in January 2020. He previously served as Senior Vice President and Group President, Final Mile Products (2018-2020) and Vice President of Finance and Investor Relations (2014–2018). He joined Wabash National in 2012 as Director of Finance for Commercial Trailer Products. Prior to Wabash National, from 1998 to 2012, Mr. Pettit held various finance positions with increasing responsibility at Ford Motor Company. With more than 20 years of experience in the transportation industry, he has a broad understanding of strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, pricing strategy, production planning, and lean manufacturing processes and principles. Mr. Pettit has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from Purdue University and an MBA from Indiana University.

Dustin T. Smith. Mr. Smith was appointed Senior Vice President, Global Operations on March 23, 2020. He previously served as Senior Vice President and Group President, Commercial Trailer Products from October 2017 to March 2020. Mr. Smith joined Wabash National in 2007 and has held a number of positions with increasing responsibility, including Director of Finance, Director of Manufacturing, Vice President of Manufacturing, and Senior Vice President and General Manager. Prior to Wabash National, from 2000 to 2007, Mr. Smith held various positions at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn Michigan, across both product development and manufacturing divisions, including Plant Controller. His 17+ years of experience in finance and operations gives Mr. Smith a unique understanding of how manufacturing systems directly affect financial results. Mr. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and an MBA in Corporate Finance from Purdue University. He has also completed

the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School, in addition to attending several executive programs at the Booth School of Management from University of Chicago.

#### ITEM 1A—RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks described below in addition to other information contained or incorporated by reference in this Annual Report before investing in our securities. Realization of any of the following risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### Risks Related to Our Business, Strategy and Operations

The COVID-19 pandemic, or other outbreaks of disease or similar public health threats, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

The outbreak of COVID-19, and any other outbreaks of contagious diseases or other adverse public health developments in the United States or worldwide, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations. COVID-19 has significantly impacted economic activity and markets worldwide, and it could continue to negatively affect our business in a number of ways. These effects could include, but are not limited to:

- Disruptions or restrictions on our employees' ability to work effectively due to illness, travel bans, quarantines, shelter-in-place orders or other limitations.
- Temporary closures of our facilities or the facilities of our customers or suppliers, which could affect our ability to timely meet our customer's orders and negatively impact our supply chain.
- In an effort to increase the wider availability of needed medical and other supplies and products, we may elect to, or governments may require us to, allocate manufacturing capacity (for example, pursuant to the U.S. Defense Production Act) in a way that adversely affects our regular operations in a manner that may result in adversely affecting our reputation and customer and supplier relationships.
- Resulting cost increases from the effects of a pandemic such as COVID-19 may not be fully recoverable.
- The failure of third parties on which we rely, including our suppliers, customers, contractors, commercial banks and external business partners, to meet their respective obligations to the Company, or significant disruptions in their ability to do so, which may be caused by their own financial or operational difficulties.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased economic and demand uncertainty and has led to disruption and volatility in the global credit and financial markets, which increases the cost of capital and adversely impacts access to capital for both the Company and our customers and suppliers.
- Commodity costs have become more volatile due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We expect continued commodity cost volatility, and our commodity hedging program might not sufficiently offset this volatility.
- Disruptions or uncertainties related to the COVID-19 outbreak for a sustained period of time could result in delays or modifications to our strategic plans and initiatives and hinder our ability to achieve our strategic goals.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global economic slowdown that may last for a potentially extended duration, and it is possible that it could cause a global recession. Deteriorating economic and political conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as increased unemployment, decreases in capital spending, declines in consumer confidence, or economic slowdowns or recessions, could cause a decrease in demand for our products.
- An impairment in the carrying value of goodwill or intangible assets or a change in the useful life of definite-lived intangible assets could occur if there are sustained changes in consumer purchasing behaviors, government restrictions, financial results, or a deterioration of macroeconomic conditions.
- Actions we have taken or may take, or decisions we have made or may make, as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic may result in legal claims or litigation against us.

The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic, or other outbreaks of disease or similar public health threats, materially and adversely impacts our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations is highly uncertain and will depend on future developments. Such developments may include the geographic spread and duration of the virus, the severity of the disease and the actions that may be taken by various governmental authorities and other third parties in response to the outbreak. In addition, how quickly, and to what extent, normal economic and operating conditions can resume cannot be predicted, and the resumption of normal business operations may be delayed or constrained by lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our suppliers, third-party service providers, and/or customers.

### Our business is highly cyclical and a downturn could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

The truck trailer manufacturing industry historically has been, and is expected to continue to be, cyclical, as well as affected by overall economic conditions. Customers historically have replaced trailers in cycles that run from five to 12 years, depending on service and trailer type. Poor economic conditions can adversely affect demand for new trailers and has historically led to an overall aging of trailer fleets beyond a typical replacement cycle. Customers' buying patterns can also be influenced by regulatory changes, such as federal hours-of-service rules as well as overall truck safety and federal emissions standards.

The steps we have taken to diversify our product offerings through the implementation of our strategic plan do not insulate us from this cyclicality. During downturns, we operate with a lower level of backlog and have had to temporarily slow down or halt production at some or all of our facilities, including extending normal shut down periods and reducing salaried headcount levels. An economic downturn may reduce, and in the past has reduced, demand for trailers and our other products, resulting in lower sales volumes and lower prices and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### Demand for our products is sensitive to economic conditions over which we have no control and that may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

Demand for our products is sensitive to changes in economic conditions, including changes related to unemployment, consumer confidence, consumer income, new housing starts, industrial production, government regulations, and the availability of financing and interest rates. The status of these economic conditions periodically have an adverse effect on truck freight and the demand for, and the pricing of, our products, and have also resulted in, and could in the future result in, the inability of customers to meet their contractual terms or payment obligations, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### Economic weakness and its impact on the markets and customers we serve could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

While the trailer industry has recently experienced a period of strong demand levels, we cannot provide any assurances that we will be profitable in future periods or that we will be able to sustain or increase profitability in the future. Increasing our profitability will depend on several factors including our ability to increase our overall trailer volumes, improve our gross margins, gain continued momentum on our product diversification efforts and manage our expenses. If we are unable to sustain profitability in the future, we may not be able to meet our payment and other obligations under our outstanding debt agreements.

We continue to be reliant on the credit, housing, energy and construction-related markets in the U.S. The same general economic concerns faced by us are also faced by our customers. We believe that some of our customers are highly leveraged and have limited access to capital, and their continued existence may be reliant on liquidity from global credit markets and other sources of external financing. Lack of liquidity by our customers could impact our ability to collect amounts owed to us and our failure to collect these amounts could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### Changes in US trade policy, including the imposition of tariffs and the resulting consequences, may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

The U.S. government has announced, and in some cases implemented, an approach to trade policy that includes renegotiating or potentially terminating certain trade agreements, as well as implementing or increasing tariffs on foreign goods and raw materials such as steel and aluminum. These tariffs and potential tariffs have resulted, or may result, in increased prices for certain imported goods and raw materials. While we source the majority of our materials and components domestically, tariffs and potential tariffs have caused, and may continue to cause, increases and volatility in prices for domestically sourced goods and materials that we require for our products, particularly aluminum and steel. When the costs of our components and raw materials increase, we may not be able to hedge or pass on these costs to our customers, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

## We may not be able to execute on our long-term strategic plan and growth initiatives, or meet our long-term financial goals, and this may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

Our long-term strategic plan is intended to generate long-term value for our shareholders while delivering profitable growth through all our business segments. The long-term financial goals that we expect to achieve as a result of our long-term strategic plan and organic growth initiatives are based on certain assumptions, which may prove to be incorrect. We cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to fully execute on our strategic plan or growth initiatives, which are subject to a variety of risks including our ability to: diversify the product offerings of our non-trailer businesses; leverage acquired businesses and assets to

grow sales with our existing products; design and develop new products to meet the needs of our customers; increase the pricing of our products and services to offset cost increases and expand gross margins; scale our manufacturing capacity and resources to efficiently meet customer demand; and execute potential future acquisitions, mergers, and other business development opportunities. If we are unable to successfully execute on our strategic plan, we may experience increased competition, material adverse financial consequences and a decrease in the value of our stock. Additionally, our management's attention to the implementation of the strategic plan, which includes our efforts at diversification, may distract them from implementing our core business which may also have material adverse financial consequences.

# We have a limited number of suppliers of raw materials and components; increases in the price of raw materials or the inability to obtain raw materials could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

We currently rely on a limited number of suppliers for certain key components and raw materials in the manufacturing of our products, such as tires, landing gear, axles, suspensions, specialty steel coil, stainless steel, plastic, aluminum and lumber. From time to time, there have been, and may in the future be, shortages of supplies of raw materials or components, or our suppliers may place us on allocation, which would have an adverse impact on our ability to meet demand for our products. Shortages and allocations may result in inefficient operations and a build-up of inventory, which can negatively affect our working capital position. In addition, price volatility in commodities we purchase that impacts the pricing of raw materials could have negative impacts on our operating margins. The loss of any of our suppliers or their inability to meet our price, quality, quantity and delivery requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### Our diversification strategy may not be successfully executed, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

In addition to our commitment to long-term profitable growth within each of our existing reporting segments, our strategic initiatives include a focus on diversification, both organic and strategic, to continue to transform Wabash into a lean, innovation leader of engineered solutions with a higher growth and margin profile and successfully deliver a greater value to our shareholders. Organically, our focus is on profitably growing and diversifying our operations by leveraging our existing assets, capabilities, and technology into higher margin products and markets and thereby providing value-added customer solutions. Strategically, we continue to focus on becoming a more diversified industrial manufacturer, broadening the product portfolio we offer, the customers and end markets we serve, and our geographic reach.

Some of our existing diversification efforts are in the early growth stages and future success is largely dependent on continued customer adoption of our new product solutions and general expansion of our customer base and distribution channels. We also expect future acquisitions to form a key component of strategic diversification. Diversification through acquisitions involve identifying and executing on transactions and managing successfully the integration and growth of acquired companies and products, all of which involve significant resources and risk of failure. Diversification efforts put a strain on our administrative, operational and financial resources and make the determination of optimal resource allocation difficult. If our efforts to diversify the business organically and/or strategically do not meet the expectations we have, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### Volatility in the supply of vehicle chassis and other vehicle components could have a material adverse effect on our Final Mile Products business.

With the exception of some specialty vehicle products, we generally do not purchase vehicle chassis for our inventory and accept shipments of vehicle chassis owned by dealers or end-users for the purpose of installing and/or manufacturing our specialized truck bodies on such chassis. Historically, General Motors Company ("GM") and Ford Motor Company ("Ford") have been the primary suppliers of chassis. In the event of a disruption in supply from one major supplier, we would attempt to use another major supplier, but there can be no assurance that this attempt would be successful. Nevertheless, in the event of chassis supply disruptions, there could be unforeseen consequences that may have a material adverse effect on our truck body operations.

We also face risks relative to finance and storage charges for maintaining an excess supply of chassis from GM and Ford. Under the converter chassis pool agreements, if a chassis is not delivered to a customer within a specified time frame, we are required to pay finance or storage charges on such chassis.

### A change in our customer relationships or in the financial condition of our customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

We have longstanding relationships with a number of large customers to whom we supply our products. We do not have long-term agreements with these customers. Our success is dependent, to a significant extent, upon the continued strength of these relationships and the growth of our core customers. We often are unable to predict the level of demand for our products from these customers, or the timing of their orders. In addition, the same economic conditions that adversely affect us also often

adversely affect our customers. Furthermore, we are subject to a concentration of risk as the five largest customers together accounted for approximately 21% of our aggregate net sales in 2020. Over the previous three years, no customer has individually accounted for greater than 10% of our annual aggregate net sales. The loss of a significant customer or unexpected delays in product purchases could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

Significant competition in the industries in which we operate may result in our competitors offering new or better products and services or lower prices, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

The industries in which we participate are highly competitive. We compete with other manufacturers of varying sizes, some of which have substantial financial resources. Manufacturers compete primarily on the quality of their products, customer relationships, service availability and price. Barriers to entry in the standard trailer and truck body manufacturing industry are low. As a result, it is possible that additional competitors could enter the market at any time. In the recent past, manufacturing over-capacity and high leverage of some of our competitors, along with bankruptcies and financial stresses that affected the industry, contributed to significant pricing pressures.

If we are unable to successfully compete with other manufacturers, we could lose customers and our revenues may decline. In addition, competitive pressures in the industry may affect the market prices of our new and used equipment, which, in turn, may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### Our Final Mile Products segment competes in the highly competitive specialized vehicle industry which may impact its financial results.

The competitive nature of the specialized vehicle industry creates a number of challenges for our Final Mile Products segment. Important factors include product pricing, quality of product, lead times, geographic proximity to customers, and the ability to manufacture a product customized to customer specifications. Specialized vehicles are produced by a number of smaller, regional companies which create product pricing pressures that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

Our technology and products may not achieve market acceptance or competing products could gain market share, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

We continue to optimize and expand our product offerings to meet our customer needs through our established brands, such as DuraPlate®, DuraPlateBD®, DuraPlate® Cell Core, DuraPlate AeroSkirt®, ArcticLite®, Transcraft®, Benson®, MSC Technology™, Walker Transport, Brenner® Tank, Bulk Tank International, Extract Technology®, Supreme®, Iner-City®, Spartan, and Kold King®. While we target product development to meet customer needs, there is no assurance that our product development efforts will be embraced and that we will meet our strategic goals, including sales projections. Companies in the truck transportation industry, a very fluid industry in which our customers primarily operate, make frequent changes to maximize their operations and profits.

We have seen a number of our competitors follow our leadership in the development and use of composite sidewalls that bring them into direct competition with our DuraPlate® products. Our product development is focused on maintaining our leadership for these products but competitive pressures may erode our market share or margins. We hold patents on various components and techniques utilized in our manufacturing of transportation equipment and engineered products with expiration dates ranging from 2021 to 2039. We continue to take steps to protect our proprietary rights in our products and the processes used to produce them. However, the steps we have taken may not be sufficient or may not be enforced by a court of law. If we are unable to protect our intellectual properties, other parties may attempt to copy or otherwise obtain or use our products or technology. If competitors are able to use our technology, our ability to effectively compete could be harmed and this could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations. In addition, litigation related to intellectual property could result in substantial costs and efforts which may not result in a successful outcome.

### Our backlog may not be indicative of the level of our future revenues.

Our backlog represents future production for which we have written orders from our customers that can be produced in the next 18 months. Orders that comprise our backlog may be subject to changes in quantities, delivery, specifications and terms, or cancellation. Our reported backlog may not be converted to revenue in any particular period and actual revenue from such orders may not equal our backlog. Therefore, our backlog may not be indicative of the level of our future revenues.

### Disruption of our manufacturing operations could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

We manufacture our van trailer products at two facilities in Lafayette, Indiana, a flatbed trailer facility in Cadiz, Kentucky, a hardwood floor facility in Harrison, Arkansas, five liquid-transportation systems facilities in New Lisbon, Wisconsin; Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; and Queretaro, Mexico, three engineered products facilities in New Lisbon, Wisconsin; Elroy, Wisconsin;

Huddersfield, United Kingdom, seven truck body facilities in Goshen, Indiana; Ligonier, Indiana; Cleburne, Texas; Griffin, Georgia; Jonestown, Pennsylvania; Moreno Valley, California; and Lafayette, Indiana, and produce composite products in Lafayette, Indiana. Our production at these facilities could be subject to disruptions which may include work stoppages, severe weather, natural disaster or other catastrophic events beyond our control. An unexpected disruption in our production at any of these facilities for any length of time could have material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations. Similarly, if one of more of our customers experiences an unexpected disruption, that customer may reduce or halt purchases of our products, which could result in reduced production or other cost-reduction initiatives at our related manufacturing facilities.

### International operations are subject to increased risks, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

Our ability to manage our business and conduct operations internationally requires considerable management attention and resources and is subject to a number of risks, including the following:

- Challenges caused by distance, language and cultural differences and by doing business with foreign agencies and governments;
- Longer payment cycles in some countries;
- Uncertainty regarding liability for services and content;
- Credit risk and higher levels of payment fraud;
- Currency exchange rate fluctuations and our ability to manage these fluctuations;
- Foreign exchange controls that might prevent us from repatriating cash earned outside the U.S.;
- Import and export requirements that may prevent us from shipping products or providing services to a particular market and may increase our operating costs;
- Potentially adverse tax consequences;
- Higher costs associated with doing business internationally;
- Different expectations regarding working hours, work culture and work-related benefits; and
- Different employee/employer relationships and the existence of workers' councils and labor unions.

Compliance with complex foreign and U.S. laws and regulations that apply to international operations may increase our cost of doing business and could expose us or our employees to fines, penalties and other liabilities. These numerous and sometimes conflicting laws and regulations include import and export requirements, content requirements, trade restrictions, tax laws, environmental laws and regulations, sanctions, internal and disclosure control rules, data privacy requirements, labor relations laws, and U.S. laws such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and substantially equivalent local laws prohibiting corrupt payments to governmental officials and/or other foreign persons. Although we have policies and procedures designed to cause compliance with these laws and regulations, there can be no assurance that our officers, employees, contractors or agents will not violate our policies. Any violation of the laws and regulations that apply to our operations and properties could result in, among other consequences, fines, environmental and other liabilities, criminal sanctions against us, our officers or our employees, and prohibitions on our ability to offer our products and services to one or more countries and could also materially damage our reputation, our brand, our efforts to diversify our business, our ability to attract and retain employees, our business and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### The inability to attract and retain key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

Our ability to operate our business and implement our strategies depends, in part, on the efforts of our executive officers and other key associates. Our future success depends, in large part, on our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, including manufacturing personnel, sales professionals and engineers. The unexpected loss of services of any of our key personnel or the failure to attract or retain other qualified personnel, including personnel with engineering and technical expertise in the industry, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

# We rely significantly on information technology to support our operations and if we are unable to protect against service interruptions or security breaches, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

We depend on a number of information technologies to integrate departments and functions, to enhance the ability to service customers, to improve our control environment and to manage our cost reduction initiatives. We have put in place a number of systems, processes, and practices designed to protect against the failure of our systems, as well as the misappropriation,

exposure or corruption of the information stored thereon. Unintentional service disruptions or intentional actions such as intellectual property theft, cyber-attacks, unauthorized access or malicious software, may lead to such misappropriation, exposure or corruption if our protective measures prove to be inadequate. Any issues involving these critical business applications and infrastructure may adversely impact our ability to manage operations and the customers we serve. We could also encounter violations of applicable law or reputational damage from the disclosure of confidential business, customer, or employee information or the failure to protect the privacy rights of our employees in their personal identifying information. In addition, the disclosure of non-public information could lead to the loss of our intellectual property and diminished competitive advantages. Should any of the foregoing events occur, we may be required to incur significant costs to protect against damage caused by these disruptions or security breaches in the future, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

# We are subject to extensive governmental laws and regulations, and our costs related to compliance with, or our failure to comply with, existing or future laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

The length, height, width, maximum weight capacity and other specifications of truck and tank trailers are regulated by individual states. The federal government also regulates certain trailer safety features, such as lamps, reflective devices, tires, air-brake systems and rear-impact guards. In addition, most tank trailers we manufacture have specific federal regulations and restrictions that dictate tank design, material type and thickness. Changes or anticipation of changes in these regulations can have a material impact on our financial results, as our customers may defer purchasing decisions and we may have to reengineer products. We are subject to various environmental laws and regulations dealing with the transportation, storage, presence, use, disposal and handling of hazardous materials, discharge of storm water and underground fuel storage tanks, and we may be subject to liability associated with operations of prior owners of acquired property. In addition, we are subject to laws and regulations relating to the employment of our employees and labor-related practices.

If we are found to be in violation of applicable laws or regulations in the future, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations. Our costs of complying with these or any other current or future regulations may be material. Such regulations include technical safety standards that could delay product development or require manufacturer recall campaigns to remedy certain defects. In addition, if we fail to comply with existing or future laws and regulations, we may be subject to governmental or judicial fines or sanctions.

### Product liability and other legal claims could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

As a manufacturer of products widely used in commerce, we are subject to product liability claims and litigation, as well as warranty claims. From time to time claims may involve material amounts and novel legal theories, and any insurance we carry may not provide adequate coverage to insulate us from material liabilities for these claims.

In addition to product liability claims, we are subject to legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of business, such as workers' compensation claims, OSHA investigations, employment disputes and customer and supplier disputes arising out of the conduct of our business. Litigation may result in substantial costs and may divert management's attention and resources from the operation of our business, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### Climate change and related public focus from regulators and various stakeholders could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

There is scientific consensus and increased public concern that emissions of greenhouse gases are linked to global climate changes. Climate changes, such as extreme weather conditions, decreased water availability and overall temperature shifts, may have physical impacts on our facilities and operations, as well as those of our suppliers and customers. Such impacts are geographically specific, highly uncertain and may result in diminished availability of materials, indirect financial risks passed through our supply chain, decreased demand for our products and adverse impacts on our financial performance and operations.

These considerations may also result in international, national, regional or local legislative or regulatory responses to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Timing and scope of any regulations are uncertain and regulation could result in additional costs of compliance, increased energy, transportation and materials costs and other additional expenses to improve the efficiency of our products, facilities and operations.

Relatedly, the expectations of our customers, stockholders and employees have heightened in areas such as the environment, social matters and corporate governance. Increased public focus requires us to provide information on our approach to these issues, including certain climate-related matters such as mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and continuously monitor related reporting standards. A failure to adequately meet stakeholder expectations may result in a loss of business, diminished ability to successfully market our products to new and existing customers, diluted market valuation or an inability to attract and retain key personnel.

### An impairment in the carrying value of goodwill and other long-lived intangible assets could negatively affect our operating results.

We have a substantial amount of goodwill and purchased intangible assets on our balance sheet as a result of acquisitions. At December 31, 2020, approximately 36% of these long-lived intangible assets were concentrated in our Final Mile Products segment, 63% were concentrated in our Diversified Products segment, and 1% was concentrated in our Commercial Trailer Products segment. The carrying value of goodwill represents the fair value of an acquired business in excess of identifiable assets and liabilities as of the acquisition date. The carrying value of other long-lived intangible assets represents the fair value of trademarks and trade names, customer relationships and technology as of the acquisition date, net of accumulated amortization. Under generally accepted accounting principles, goodwill is required to be reviewed for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if potential interim indicators exist that could result in impairment, and other long-lived intangible assets require review for impairment only when indicators exist. If any business conditions or other factors cause profitability or cash flows to significantly decline, we may be required to record a non-cash impairment charge, which could adversely affect our operating results. Events and conditions that could result in impairment include a prolonged period of global economic weakness, a decline in economic conditions or a slow, weak economic recovery, sustained declines in the price of our common stock, adverse changes in the regulatory environment, adverse changes in the market share of our products, adverse changes in interest rates, or other factors leading to reductions in the long-term sales or profitability that we expect.

### We reinstituted a policy of paying regular quarterly dividends on our common stock, but there is no assurance that we will have the ability to continue a regular quarterly dividend.

In December 2016, our Board of Directors approved the reinstatement of a dividend program under which we will pay regular quarterly cash dividends to holders of our common stock. Prior to 2017, no dividends had been paid since the third quarter of 2008. Our ability to pay dividends, and our Board of Directors' determination to maintain our current dividend policy, will depend on numerous factors, including:

- The state of our business, competition, and changes in our industry;
- Changes in the factors, assumptions, and other considerations made by our Board of Directors in reviewing and revising our dividend policy;
- · Our future results of operations, financial condition, liquidity needs, and capital resources; and
- Our various expected cash needs, including cash interest and principal payments on our indebtedness, capital expenditures, the purchase price of acquisitions, and taxes.

Each of the factors listed above could negatively affect our ability to pay dividends in accordance with our dividend policy or at all. In addition, the Board may elect to suspend or alter the current dividend policy at any time.

Our ability to fund our working capital needs and capital expenditures, and our ability to pay dividends on our common stock, is limited by the net cash provided by operations, cash on hand and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Declines in net cash provided by operations, increases in working capital requirements necessitated by an increased demand for our products and services, decreases in the availability under the revolving credit facility or changes in the credit our suppliers provide to us, could rapidly exhaust our liquidity.

### Changes to U.S. or foreign tax laws could affect our effective tax rate and our future profitability.

Changes in tax legislation could significantly impact our overall profitability, the provisions for income taxes, the amount of taxes payable and our deferred tax asset and liability balances. On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act ("the Act") was signed into law. The Act contained numerous new and changed provisions related to the US federal taxation of domestic and foreign corporate operations. Most of these provisions went into effect starting January 1, 2018 for calendar year corporate taxpayers and companies were required to record the income tax accounting effects within the financial statements in the period of enactment. We have completed our accounting for the tax effects of enactment of the Act and we will continue to monitor further regulatory guidance issued by the Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service with regard to new provisions under the Act.

### Our indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations thereunder.

As of December 31, 2020, we had approximately \$454.2 million of total indebtedness, and approximately \$166.3 million of additional borrowings were available and undrawn under the Revolving Credit Agreement (as defined below). We also have other contractual obligations and currently pay a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.08 per share, or approximately \$4.3 million in the aggregate per quarter.

Our debt level could have significant consequences on future operations and financial position. For example, it could:

- Negatively affect our ability to pay principal and interest on our debt;
- Increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- Limit our ability to fund future capital expenditures and working capital, to engage in future acquisitions or
  development activities, or to otherwise realize the value of our assets and opportunities fully because of the need to
  dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments of interest and principal or to comply with
  any restrictive terms of our debt;
- Limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;
- Impair our ability to obtain additional financing or to refinance our indebtedness in the future;
- Place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that may have proportionately less debt; and
- Impact our ability to continue to fund a regular quarterly dividend.

### We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our debt obligations depends on our financial condition and operating performance, which are subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business, legislative, regulatory and other factors beyond our control. We may be unable to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to fund our day-to-day operations or to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, and other cash requirements, we could face substantial liquidity problems and could be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures or to sell assets or operations, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. We may not be able to effect any such alternative measures, if necessary, on commercially reasonable terms or at all and, even if successful, such alternative actions may not allow us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. The indenture governing the Senior Notes, the Revolving Credit Agreement, and Term Loan Credit Agreement (each, as defined below) restrict (a) our ability to dispose of assets and use the proceeds from any such dispositions and (b) the Company's and our subsidiaries' ability to raise debt or certain equity capital to be used to repay our indebtedness when it becomes due. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions or to obtain proceeds in an amount sufficient to meet any debt service obligations then due.

Our inability to generate sufficient cash flows to satisfy our debt obligations, or to refinance our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all, would materially and adversely affect our financial position and results of operations and our ability to satisfy our indebtedness.

If we cannot make scheduled payments on our debt, it will be in default and, as a result, holders of our outstanding debt could declare all outstanding principal and interest to be due and payable, the lenders under the Revolving Credit Agreement could terminate their commitments to loan money, our secured lenders could foreclose against the assets securing such borrowings and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

### Provisions of the Senior Notes could discourage a potential future acquisition of us by a third party.

Certain provisions of the Senior Notes could make it more difficult or more expensive for a third party to acquire us. Upon the occurrence of certain transactions constituting a fundamental change, holders of the Senior Notes will have the right, at their option, to require us to repurchase all of their Senior Notes, as applicable, or any portion of the principal amount of such Senior Notes, as applicable. In addition, the indentures governing the Senior Notes prohibit us from engaging in certain mergers or acquisitions unless, among other things, the surviving entity assumes our obligations under the Senior Notes. These and other provisions of the Senior Notes could prevent or deter a third party from acquiring us even where the acquisition could be beneficial to our stockholders.

### Our Term Loan Credit Agreement, Senior Notes indenture, and Revolving Credit Agreement contain restrictive covenants that, if breached, could limit our financial and operating flexibility and subject us to other risks.

Our Term Loan Credit Agreement, Senior Notes indenture, and revolving credit facility include customary covenants limiting our ability to, among other things, pay cash dividends, incur debt or liens, redeem or repurchase stock, enter into transactions with affiliates, merge, dissolve, repay subordinated indebtedness, make investments and dispose of assets. As required under our Revolving Credit Agreement, we are required to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0 to 1.0 as of the end of any period of 12 fiscal months when excess availability under the facility is less than 10% of the total revolving commitment.

If availability under the Revolving Credit Agreement is less than 15.0% of the total revolving commitment or if there exists an event of default, amounts in any of the Borrowers' and the Revolver Guarantors' deposit accounts (other than certain excluded

accounts) will be transferred daily into a blocked account held by the Revolver Agent and applied to reduce the outstanding amounts under the facility.

As of December 31, 2020, we believe we are in compliance with the provisions of our Term Loan Credit Agreement, Senior Notes indenture, and our revolving credit facility. Our ability to comply with the various terms and conditions in the future may be affected by events beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions.

### Risks Related to an Investment in Our Common Stock

### Our common stock has experienced, and may continue to experience, price and trading volume volatility.

The trading price and volume of our common stock has been and may continue to be subject to large fluctuations. The market price and volume of our common stock may increase or decrease in response to a number of events and factors, including:

- Trends in our industry and the markets in which we operate;
- Changes in the market price of the products we sell;
- The introduction of new technologies or products by us or by our competitors;
- Changes in expectations as to our future financial performance, including financial estimates by securities analysts and investors;
- Operating results that vary from the expectations of securities analysts and investors;
- Announcements by us or our competitors of significant contracts, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, financings or capital commitments;
- Changes in laws and regulations;
- Any announcement that we plan to issue additional equity to the public;
- General economic and competitive conditions; and
- Changes in key management personnel.

This volatility may adversely affect the prices of our common stock regardless of our operating performance. To the extent that the price of our common stock declines, our ability to raise funds through the issuance of equity or otherwise use our common stock as consideration will be reduced. These factors may limit our ability to implement our operating and growth plans.

Also, shareholders may from time to time engage in proxy solicitations, advance shareholder proposals or otherwise attempt to effect changes or acquire control over the Company. Such shareholder campaigns could disrupt the Company's operations and divert the attention of the Company's Board of Directors and senior management and employees from the pursuit of business strategies and adversely affect the Company's results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

### Risks Related to the Supreme Acquisition

### We may continue to experience difficulties with our integration of Supreme.

We have experienced, and may continue to experience, greater than anticipated difficulties in our integration of Supreme into our existing operations or we may not be able to achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisition, including cost savings and other synergies. In addition, it is possible that the continued integration process could result in the loss of key employees, errors or delays in systems implementation, the disruption of our ongoing business or inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies that adversely affect our ability to maintain relationships with customers and employees or to achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisition. We also expect that our ongoing integration of Supreme will place a significant burden on our management, employees, and internal resources, which could otherwise have been devoted to other business opportunities and improvements. These continued integration matters may have an adverse effect on us, our business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

### ITEM 1B—UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

#### ITEM 2—PROPERTIES

We have manufacturing and retail operations located throughout the United States as well as facilities in Mexico and the United Kingdom. Properties owned by Wabash are subject to security interests held by our lenders. We believe the facilities we are now using are adequate and suitable for our current business operations and the currently foreseeable level of operations. The following table provides information regarding the locations of our major facilities. In addition to the locations listed below, we have other facilities in the United States and one in the United Kingdom:

Location	Owned or Leased	Description of Activities at Location	Segment
Cadiz, Kentucky	Owned/Leased	Manufacturing	Commercial Trailer Products
Cleburne, Texas	Owned/Leased	Manufacturing	Final Mile Products
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	Owned	Manufacturing	<b>Diversified Products</b>
Goshen, Indiana	Owned	Manufacturing	Final Mile Products
Griffin, Georgia	Owned	Manufacturing	Final Mile Products
Jonestown, Pennsylvania	Owned/Leased	Manufacturing	Final Mile Products
Lafayette, Indiana	Owned/Leased	Corporate Headquarters, Manufacturing, and Used Trailers	Commercial Trailer Products, Diversified Products and Final Mile Products
Moreno Valley, California	Owned/Leased	Manufacturing	Final Mile Products
New Lisbon, Wisconsin	Owned	Manufacturing	Diversified Products
San Jose Iturbidé, Mexico	Owned	Manufacturing	<b>Diversified Products</b>

#### ITEM 3—LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

As of December 31, 2020, we were named as a defendant or were otherwise involved in numerous legal proceedings and governmental examinations, in connection with the conduct of our business activities, in various jurisdictions, both in the United States and internationally. On the basis of information currently available to us, management does not believe that existing proceedings and investigations will have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition or liquidity if determined in a manner adverse to the Company. However, such matters are unpredictable, and we could incur judgments or enter into settlements for current or future claims that could materially and adversely affect our financial statements. Costs associated with the litigation and settlements of legal matters are reported within *General and administrative expenses* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

### Environmental Disputes

In August 2014, we received notice as a potentially responsible party ("PRP") by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the "DHEC") pertaining to the Philip Services Site located in Rock Hill, South Carolina pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") and corresponding South Carolina statutes. PRPs include parties identified through manifest records as having contributed to deliveries of hazardous substances to the Philip Services Site between 1979 and 1999. The DHEC's allegation that the Company was a PRP arises out of four manifest entries in 1989 under the name of a company unaffiliated with Wabash National (or any of our former or current subsidiaries) that purport to be delivering a de minimis amount of hazardous waste to the Philip Services Site "c/o Wabash National Corporation." As such, the Philip Services Site PRP Group (the "PRP Group") notified us in August 2014 that it was offering the Company the opportunity to resolve any liabilities associated with the Philip Services Site by entering into a Cash Out and Reopener Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") with the PRP Group, as well as a Consent Decree with the DHEC. We have accepted the offer from the PRP Group to enter into the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree, while reserving our rights to contest our liability for any deliveries of hazardous materials to the Philips Services Site. The requested settlement payment is immaterial to our financial conditions and results of operations, and as a result, if the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree are finalized, the payment to be made by us thereunder is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

On November 13, 2019, we received a notice that we were considered one of several PRPs by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") under CERCLA and state law related to substances found in soil and groundwater at a property located at 817 South Earl Avenue, Lafayette, Indiana (the "Site"). We have never owned or operated the Site, but the Site is near certain of our owned properties. We have agreed to implement a limited work plan to further investigate the source

of the contamination at the Site and have worked with IDEM and other PRPs to finalize the terms of the work plan. We submitted our initial site investigation report to IDEM during the third quarter of 2020, indicating that the data collected by our consultant confirmed that our properties are not the source of contamination at the Site. IDEM issued to the PRPs a request for a Further Site Investigation ("FSI") work plan, and with IDEM's permission we submitted a Work Plan Addendum on December 17, 2020 for limited additional groundwater sampling work in lieu of a full FSI work plan. IDEM approved the Work Plan Addendum, and the additional work will be conducted in the first quarter of 2021. As of December 31, 2020, based on the information available, we do not expect this matter to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

### ITEM 4—MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable.

#### **PART II**

### ITEM 5—MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

### **Information Regarding our Common Stock**

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "WNC." The number of record holders of our common stock at February 12, 2021 was 565.

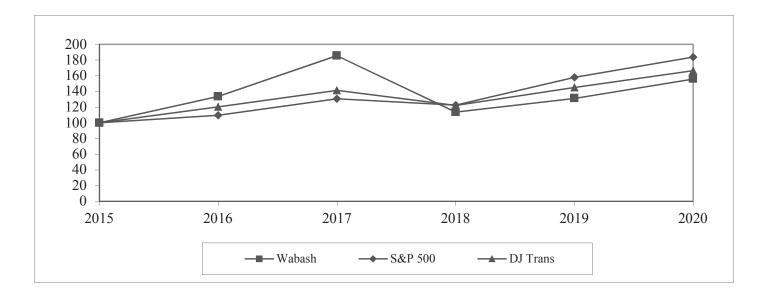
In December 2016, our Board of Directors approved the reinstatement of a dividend program under which we pay regular quarterly cash dividends to holders of our common stock. Prior to 2017, no dividends had been paid since the third quarter of 2008. Payments of cash dividends depends on our future earnings, capital availability, financial condition, and the discretion of our Board of Directors.

Our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended and approved by our stockholders, authorizes 225 million shares of capital stock, consisting of 200 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 25 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

### **Performance Graph**

The following graph shows a comparison of cumulative total returns for an investment in our common stock, the S&P 500 Composite Index and the Dow Jones Transportation Index. It covers the period commencing December 31, 2015 and ending December 31, 2020. The graph assumes that the value for the investment in our common stock and in each index was \$100 on December 31, 2015.

Comparative of Cumulative Total Return
December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2020
among Wabash National Corporation, the S&P 500 Index,
and the Dow Jones Transportation Index



	Base Period December 31,	Indexed Returns Years ended December 31,						
Company/Index	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Wabash National Corporation	\$100.00	\$133.73	\$185.46	\$113.67	\$131.21	\$155.93		
S&P 500 Index	\$100.00	\$109.54	\$130.81	\$122.65	\$158.07	\$183.77		
Dow Jones Transportation Index	\$100.00	\$120.45	\$141.33	\$122.13	\$145.18	\$166.57		

### **Purchases of Our Equity Securities**

In November 2018, the Company announced that the Board of Directors approved the repurchase of an additional \$100 million in shares of common stock over a three year period. This authorization was an increase to the previous \$100 million repurchase programs approved in February 2017 and February 2016. The repurchase program is set to expire on February 28, 2022. During the fourth quarter of 2020, there were 496,337 shares repurchased pursuant to our repurchase program. Additionally, for the quarter ended December 31, 2020, there were 7,520 shares surrendered or withheld to cover minimum employee tax withholding obligations generally upon the vesting of restricted stock awards. As of December 31, 2020, \$51.4 million remained available under the program.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share		0		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Yet Be Purchased Under		
October 2020	6,361	\$	11.95	_	\$	60.2			
November 2020	215,176	\$	17.40	215,176	\$	56.4			
December 2020	282,320	\$	17.74	281,161	\$	51.4			
Total	503,857	\$	17.52	496,337	\$	51.4			

#### ITEM 6—SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected consolidated financial data with respect to Wabash National for each of the five years in the period ending December 31, 2020, have been derived from our consolidated financial statements. The following information should be read in conjunction with *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

	Years Ended December 31,									
		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016
				(dollars in th	ous	ands, except p	er s	hare data)		
<b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>										
Net sales	\$	1,481,889	\$	2,319,136	\$	2,267,278	\$	1,767,161	\$	1,845,444
Cost of sales		1,322,135		2,012,754		1,983,627		1,506,286		1,519,910
Gross profit		159,754		306,382		283,651		260,875		325,534
Selling, general and administrative expenses		117,820		143,125		128,160		103,413		101,399
Amortization of intangibles		21,981		20,471		19,468		17,041		19,940
Acquisition expenses		_				68		9,605		
Impairment and other, net		105,561		_		24,968		_		1,663
(Loss) income from operations		(85,608)		142,786		110,987		130,816		202,532
Interest expense		(24,194)		(27,340)		(28,759)		(16,400)		(15,663)
Other, net		588		2,285		13,776		8,122		(1,452)
(Loss) income before income taxes		(109,214)		117,731		96,004		122,538		185,417
Income tax (benefit) expense		(11,802)		28,156		26,583		11,116		65,984
Net (loss) income	\$	(97,412)	\$	89,575	\$	69,421	\$	111,422	\$	119,433
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.320	\$	0.320	\$	0.305	\$	0.255	\$	0.060
Basic net (loss) income per common share	\$	(1.84)	\$	1.64	\$	1.22	\$	1.88	\$	1.87
Diluted net (loss) income per common share	\$	(1.84)	\$	1.62	\$	1.19	\$	1.78	\$	1.82
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>										
Working capital	\$	310,011	\$	282,011	\$	277,743	\$	292,723	\$	314,791
Total assets	\$	1,161,470	\$	1,304,591	\$	1,304,393	\$	1,351,513	\$	898,733
Total debt and finance leases	\$	448,357	\$	456,091	\$	505,911	\$	551,413	\$	237,836
Stockholders' equity	\$	404,879	\$	520,988	\$	473,849	\$	506,063	\$	472,391

### ITEM 7—MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") describes the matters that we consider to be important to understanding the results of our operations for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2020, and our capital resources and liquidity as of December 31, 2020. Our discussion begins with a COVID-19 update as well as our assessment of the condition of the North American trailer industry along with a summary of the actions we have taken to strengthen the Company. We then analyze the results of our operations for the last two years, including the trends in the overall business and our operating segments, followed by a discussion of our cash flows and liquidity, capital markets events and transactions, our debt obligations, and our contractual commitments. We also provide a review of the critical accounting judgments and estimates that we have made that we believe are most important to an understanding of our MD&A and our consolidated financial statements. We conclude our MD&A with information on recent accounting pronouncements that we adopted during the year, if any, as well as those not yet adopted that may have an impact on our financial accounting practices, if any.

We manage our business in three segments: Commercial Trailer Products, Diversified Products, and Final Mile Products. The Commercial Trailer Products segment manufactures standard and customized van and platform trailers and other transportation related equipment for customers who purchase directly from us or through independent dealers. The Diversified Products

segment, comprised of three strategic business units, including Tank Trailers, Process Systems, and Composites, focuses on our commitment to expand our customer base and diversify our product offerings and revenues. The Final Mile Products segment manufactures specialized commercial vehicles that are attached to a truck chassis, including cutaway and dry-freight van bodies, refrigerated units, and stake bodies, for customers who purchase directly from us or through independent dealers. The acquisition of Supreme, a leading manufacturer of specialized commercial vehicles, has enabled our customers to succeed by helping them move everything from first to final mile.

For discussion of results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2019 to the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2018, see Item 7—Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of our 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2020.

### **COVID-19 Update**

In March 2020, a global pandemic was declared by the World Health Organization (the "WHO") related to COVID-19. This pandemic continues to create significant uncertainties and disruption in the global economy. We are closely monitoring the most recent developments regarding the pandemic, and we continue to remain focused on the health and safety of our employees, as well as the health of our business, both in the short and long-term. We monitor, evaluate, and manage our operating plans in light of the most recent developments on an ongoing basis. Further, we continue to adhere to best-practice safe hygiene guidelines by recognized health experts, like the WHO, as well as any applicable government mandates related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We remain focused on business continuity and ensuring our facilities remain operational where safe and appropriate to do so.

The safety and well-being of our employees has been, and will remain, our highest priority. In early March 2020, we assembled a pandemic response team to manage the changes necessary to adapt to the rapidly-changing environment. This response team continues to meet regularly with our senior leadership team to provide updates and continuously monitor the most recent developments. Actions we have taken to protect our employees include, but are not limited to:

- Within our factories, we are providing personal protective equipment for our employees, conducting daily health monitoring, cleaning more frequently, and have modified our operations to embrace social distancing where possible.
- Within our office environments, a large number of our employees remain working remotely. This allows ample space for those coming in to the office to spread out and distance effectively.
- We are utilizing daily health screenings and self-declaration for employees, contractors, and visitors, and we are encouraging employees with symptoms to stay home. In addition, senior leadership approval is required for all travel as we are making concerted efforts to avoid "hotspots" throughout the country.
- We have suspended all Company-sponsored large events, community use of our facilities, and other forms of group gatherings involving external visitors.
- We have implemented pandemic continuity plans.
- We are informing our employees about the vaccines and encouraging them to get vaccinated.

We have also extended several actions implemented to address the COVID-19 impact to our business, including a temporary freeze on share repurchases in March 2020 (which we resumed during the fourth quarter), reductions to discretionary spending, business-related travel restrictions, elimination of non-essential investments, and re-prioritization of capital expenditures (including maintaining our assets to capitalize on any economic and/or industry upswings). In addition, on May 3, 2020, we completed a two-week idling of operations and Company-wide furlough that began on April 20, 2020. We completed an additional furlough during the second quarter of 2020, which included an idling of operations from June 29, 2020 through July 3, 2020. We continue to monitor the rapidly evolving situation and guidance from international and domestic authorities, including federal, state and local public health authorities, and may take additional actions based on their requirements and recommendations.

We are also working with local food banks, schools, healthcare facilities, and other nonprofit organizations to support agencies and families in need, including the following:

- We manufactured thousands of full splash protective face shields that were donated to hospitals, cancer centers, surgery centers, dentist offices and other healthcare facilities.
- We manufactured partitions so a local gym could open safely.
- We moved refrigerated trailers from our lots to assist hospitals. We also coordinated movement of refrigerated product from our dealer lots across the country to serve a similar need.
- We donated refrigerated trailers to transport food for school lunch pickups.
- We provided FEMA and local governments descriptions of capabilities as they amass their options and determine next steps for today, tomorrow, and into the future.

We manufactured vessels which are used in rapid COVID-19 testing.

While the global market downturn and overall impacts on our operations are expected to be temporary, the duration of the impacts cannot be estimated at this time. Should the disruptions continue for an extended period of time or worsen, the impact on our production, supply chain, and overall business could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows. In addition, see Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K regarding risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Executive Summary**

As reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, industry experts estimated decreased 2020 production of approximately 239,000 trailers due to softened demand. This softened demand for 2020 was worsened and magnified by the uncertainty and economic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to ACT Research Company ("ACT"), the current estimate for 2020 production is approximately 202,000 trailers, a 15% decrease from the expected 2020 production levels at the end of 2019. As we enter 2021 with continued uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic, the outlook for the overall trailer market for 2021 indicates some recovery from suppressed 2020 levels. The most recent estimates from industry forecasters, ACT and FTR Associates ("FTR"), indicate demand levels expected to be in excess of the estimated replacement demand of approximately 220,000 trailers in each year through 2025. More specifically, ACT is currently estimating 2021 demand will be approximately 275,000 trailers, an increase of 36% as compared to 2020, with 2022 through 2025 industry demand levels ranging between 275,000 and 305,000 trailers. In addition, FTR anticipates trailer production for 2021 at approximately 270,000 trailers, an increase of 30% compared to 2020 levels. These production levels are more consistent with historically normalized levels. In addition, industry forecasters indicate that backlogs are at the highest levels since the first half of 2019, providing a good foundation for 2021 production.

Despite the uncertainty caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we believe we have maintained a solid position from a liquidity perspective as we have prepared for an eventual downturn in our industry over the last two years. We also made efforts that contained certain costs and managed liquidity as a result of the pandemic. These actions included a temporary freeze on share repurchases beginning in March 2020 (which we resumed during the fourth quarter), reductions to discretionary spending, business-related travel restrictions, elimination of non-essential investments, and re-prioritization of capital expenditures (including maintaining our assets to capitalize on any economic and/or industry upswings). We believe that conditions strengthened throughout 2020 in many of our customers' end markets and demand for our products is poised to improve in 2021. While we are focused in the near-term on executing on this cyclical upturn, we also continue to work on strategic initiatives to profitably grow the Company in the long-term. Bringing new technologies to market combined with our focus on building out adjacent revenue opportunities will provide us with opportunities for growth beyond what the cycle gives us.

The Company's operating performance throughout 2020 during the pandemic highlights the success of our adaptability, balanced growth, and diversification initiatives, which are driven by our long-term strategic plan to transform the Company into an innovation leader of engineered solutions for the transportation, logistics, and distribution industries that helps customers move goods from the first to final mile. We will also continue to maintain our focus and expertise in lean and six sigma optimization initiatives to support a higher growth and margin profile as One Wabash. Operating loss in 2020 totaled \$(85.6) million and operating loss margin was (5.8)%, which were driven in part by goodwill impairment (as further described within this Annual Report on Form 10-K) and the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to our commitment to sustain profitable growth within each of our existing reporting segments, our long-term strategic initiatives include a focus on diversification efforts, both organic and strategic, to continue to transform Wabash into a lean, innovation leader of engineered solutions with a higher growth and margin profile and successfully deliver a greater value to our shareholders. Our ability to generate solid margins and cash flows and a healthy balance sheet should position the Company with ample resources to (1) fund our internal capital needs to support both organic growth and productivity improvements, (2) continue the planned reduction of our debt obligations, (3) return capital to shareholders and (4) selectively pursue strategic acquisitions. As evidenced by our purchase of Supreme in September 2017, we continue our internal effort to strategically identify potential acquisition targets that we believe can create shareholder value and accelerate our growth and diversification efforts, while leveraging our strong competencies in manufacturing execution, sourcing and innovative engineering leadership to assure strong value creation. Organically, our focus is on profitably growing and diversifying our operations through leveraging our existing assets, capabilities, and technology into higher margin products and markets and thereby providing value-added customer solutions.

Throughout 2020 we demonstrated our commitment to be responsible stewards of the business by maintaining a balanced approach to capital allocation. Even with the impacts and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our operational performance, healthy backlog and industry outlook, and financial position provided us the opportunity to take specific actions as part of the ongoing commitment to prudently manage the overall financial risks of the Company, returning capital to our shareholders and deleveraging our balance sheet. These actions included repurchasing \$17.6 million of common stock under the share repurchase program approved by our Board of Directors and paying dividends of \$17.3 million. In addition, as further

described below, during the third quarter of 2020 we used the proceeds from the closure of our \$150.0 million New Term Loan Credit Agreement to pay off the \$135.2 million outstanding balance on the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement. We used the remaining proceeds to pay related issuance costs and expenses as well as repay \$10.0 million against our Senior Notes, which are now our nearest maturity of outstanding debt, due October 2025. We also made a voluntary prepayment of \$11.2 million under our New Term Loan Credit Agreement during the fourth quarter of 2020. Collectively, these actions demonstrate our confidence in the financial outlook of the Company and our ability to generate cash flow, both near and long term, and reinforce our overall commitment to deliver shareholder value while maintaining the flexibility to continue to execute our strategic plan for profitable growth and diversification.

In addition to overall industry risks, there are downside risks relating to issues with both the domestic and global economies, including the housing, energy and construction-related markets in the U.S. Other potential risks as we proceed into 2021 primarily relate to our ability to effectively manage our manufacturing operations as well as the cost and supply of raw materials, commodities and components. Significant increases in the cost of certain commodities, raw materials or components have had, and may continue to have, an adverse effect on our results of operations. As has been our practice, we will endeavor to pass raw material and component price increases to our customers in addition to continuing our cost management and hedging activities in an effort to minimize the risk that changes in material costs could have on our operating results. In addition, we rely on a limited number of suppliers for certain key components and raw materials in the manufacturing of our products, including tires, landing gear, axles, suspensions, aluminum extrusions, chassis and specialty steel coil. At the current and expected demand levels, there may be shortages of supplies of raw materials or components which would have an adverse impact on our ability to meet demand for our products. Despite these risks, we believe we are well positioned to capitalize on the expected strong overall demand levels while maintaining or growing margins through improvements in product pricing as well as productivity and other operational excellence initiatives.

# **Operating Performance**

We measure our operating performance in five key areas – Safety/Morale, Quality, Delivery, Cost Reduction, and Environment. We maintain a continuous improvement mindset in each of these key performance areas.

Safety/Morale. The safety of our employees is our number one value and highest priority. We continually focus on reducing the severity and frequency of workplace injuries to create a safe environment for our employees and minimize workers compensation costs. We believe that our improved environmental, health and safety management translates into higher labor productivity and lower costs as a result of less time away from work and improved system management. See the "Human Capital Resources and Management" section in Part I, Item 1, "Business" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional detail on our commitment to safety and human capital.

**Quality.** We monitor product quality on a continual basis through a number of means for both internal and external performance as follows:

- Internal performance. Key process indicators for our quality measurement include both First Time Quality ("FTQ") and Defects Per Unit ("DPU"). FTQ is a performance metric that measures the impact of all aspects of the business on our ability to ship our products at the end of the production process and DPU is a measurement of defects found at the end of the production process. As with previous years, the expectations of the highest quality product continue to increase while maintaining Process Yield performance and reducing rework. In addition, we currently maintain ISO 9001 registrations at our Lafayette, Indiana, Cadiz, Kentucky, and Huddersfield, England facilities.
- External performance. We actively track our warranty claims and costs to identify and drive improvement opportunities in quality and reliability. Early life cycle warranty claims for our van trailers are trended for performance monitoring. Using a unit-based warranty reporting process to track performance and document failure rates, early life cycle warranty units per 100 trailers shipped averaged approximately 2.0, 2.4, and 2.5 units in 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Continued low claim rates have been driven by our successful execution of continuous improvement programs centered on process variation reduction and responding to the input from our customers. We expect that these activities will continue to drive down our total warranty cost profile.

**Delivery/Productivity.** We measure productivity on many fronts. Some key indicators include production line throughput, labor hours per trailer or truck body, labor cost as a percentage of revenue, scrap rates, and inventory levels. Improvements over the last several years in these areas have translated into significant improvements in our ability to better manage inventory flow, control costs, and analyze material and contribution margins.

• We remain focused on the availability of labor and any potential challenges as we enter 2021 and look to increase our operational capacity. We successfully hired approximately 600 new employees across our business during the fourth quarter of 2020, which equated to increasing our workforce by approximately 15%. We expect to continue to add additional labor during the first half of 2021 to support our operations and production.

- During the past several years, we have focused on productivity enhancements within manufacturing assembly and subassembly areas through developing the capability for mixed model production. These efforts have resulted in improvements in our Lafayette, Indiana, Goshen, Indiana, and Cadiz, Kentucky facilities.
- Through deployment of the Wabash Management System ("WMS"), all of our business reporting segments have focused on increasing velocity at all our manufacturing locations. We have engaged in extensive lean training and over the last couple years have deployed purposeful capital to accelerate our productivity initiatives.
- Our manufacturing leadership teams have developed competencies to isolate process constraints, and then address those constraints through multiple avenues that drive additional throughput and cost reductions.

Cost Reduction and our Operating System. The WMS allows us to develop and scale high standards of excellence across the organization. We believe in our One Wabash approach and standardized processes to drive and monitor performance inside our manufacturing facilities. Continuous improvement is a fundamental component of our operational excellence focus. Our focus on leveraging One Wabash and the WMS mindset across the Company, for example, has allowed us to make strides in all areas of manufacturing including safety, quality, on-time delivery, cost reduction, employee morale, and environment. While we implemented cost containment measures during 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we maintained focus on continuous improvement. We made adjustments throughout our processes to align variable and fixed costs with capacity. In addition, while our cost containment efforts re-prioritized capital expenditures for 2020, we continued to invest capital in our processes to reduce variable cost, lowered inherent safety risk in our processes, improved overall consistency in our manufacturing processes, and maintained our assets to capitalize on any economic and/or industry upswings. Finally, we took actions to align our business portfolio with our broader strategic plan.

Environment. We have been on a sustainability journey since the company's inception. Uniquely incentivized to improve product designs by utilizing new composite materials to reduce the weight and improve the durability of our products, Wabash National is a leader in creating value for customers by facilitating improved fuel efficiency and ensuring the quality and longevity of our equipment. We commit to our employees, customers and shareholders to manage all of our business activities in a responsible manner with respect for the environment through pollution prevention and with our highest priority being the health and safety of our employees. Energy conservation efforts are another critical part of our commitment to continuous improvement and environmental stewardship. We require energy conservation efforts across all of our facilities. This policy includes improving operational efficiency as well as upgrading to energy-conserving equipment where possible.

We demonstrate our commitment to sustainability by maintaining ISO 14001 registration of our Environmental Management System at our Lafayette, Indiana; Cadiz, Kentucky; San José Iturbide, Mexico; and Harrison, Arkansas locations. In 2005, our Lafayette, Indiana facility was one of the first trailer manufacturing operations in the world to be ISO 14001 registered. Being ISO 14001 registered requires us to demonstrate quantifiable and third-party verified environmental improvements. In addition, our San José Iturbide, Mexico facility was recognized with Clean Industry certification from Mexico's Federal Agency of Environmental Protection for adhering to environmental care in its manufacturing processes. During 2019, our recycling programs and use of recycled materials saved 141,000 cubic yards of landfill space, 152,000,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity, 73,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and 23,000 mature trees.

In 2009, our land use efforts began with a partnership between Wabash National, the Indiana Wildlife Federation (IWF) and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Together, we worked to restore 40 acres attached to our facility in Lafayette, Indiana, back to its native state with prairie grasses and wildflowers to encourage a sustainable approach to industrial land use. Our project provided a natural wildlife habitat and measurably reduced our environmental impact. In 2012, the IWF recognized Wabash National with its Wildlife Friendly Certification. Today, we continue to build momentum to improve and expand Wabash National's land use efforts at all of our locations.

Our 2019 Sustainability Report is available on our website (ir.wabashnational.com) and references the ongoing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) initiatives that demonstrate our commitment to sustainability and social responsibility. The content on any website referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K unless expressly noted.

# **Industry Trends**

Trucking in the U.S., according to the American Trucking Association ("ATA"), was estimated to be a \$791.7 billion industry in 2019, representing approximately 80% of the total U.S. transportation industry revenue. This represents a slight decrease of 0.6% from ATA's 2018 estimate. Furthermore, ATA estimates that approximately 72.5% of all domestic freight tonnage in 2019 was carried by trucks, and 304.9 billion miles were traveled by registered trucks in 2018. Trailer demand is a direct function of the amount of freight to be transported. To monitor the state of the industry, we evaluate a number of indicators related to trailer manufacturing and the transportation industry. Recent trends we have observed include the following:

*Transportation / Trailer Cycle.* The trailer industry generally follows the transportation industry cycles. Data related to new trailer shipments over the last eight years is shown below.

_	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
New Trailer Shipments	232,000	234,000	269,000	308,000	286,000	290,000	323,000	328,000	206,000
Year-Over-Year Change (%)	14 %	1 %	15 %	14 %	(7)%	1 %	11 %	2 %	(37)%

As reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, ACT estimated decreased 2020 production of approximately 239,000 trailers due to softened demand. This softened demand for 2020 was worsened and magnified by the uncertainty and economic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. ACT's current estimate for 2020 production is approximately 202,000 trailers, a 15% decrease from the expected 2020 production levels at the end of 2019. As we enter 2021 with continued uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic, ACT is estimating recovery in 2021 to more historically consistent production levels within the trailer industry of approximately 275,000 trailers. This represents an increase of approximately 36% from 2020. In addition, ACT is forecasting annual new trailer production levels for the four year period ending 2025 of approximately 305,000, 277,000, 284,000, and 289,000, respectively. We believe that estimated production will remain above replacement demand for 2021.

*New Trailer Orders.* According to ACT, total orders in 2020 were approximately 289,000 trailers, a 41% increase from 206,000 trailers ordered in 2019. Total orders for the dry van segment, the largest within the trailer industry, were approximately 199,000, an increase of 74% from 2019. These increases are generally consistent with our expectations due to the softened order season in 2019 for 2020, along with some recovery expected in 2021 from 2020's suppressed levels.

*Transportation Regulations and Legislation.* There are several different areas within both federal and state government regulations and legislation that are expected to have an impact on trailer demand, including:

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") proposed new greenhouse gas regulations in July 2015, in an effort to reduce fuel consumption and production of carbon dioxide of heavy duty commercial vehicles. Following a comment period, the final rule was released in August 2016. The regulations are presently under review processes in Congress, within the EPA, and NHTSA that will ultimately determine whether this rule actually goes into effect. The Phase 2 greenhouse gas trailer ("GHG2") rules were initially set to require compliance starting in January 2018. The Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association ("TTMA") filed a petition in the U.S. Court of Appeals seeking review of the rule as it relates to the authority of the agencies to regulate trailers under the Clean Air Act. In addition, TTMA also filed for a Stay to suspend enforcement of the rule, to allow time for the EPA and NHTSA to reconsider the trailer provisions in the rule. In October 2017, the Court of Appeals granted the motion for Stay of the GHG2 rule as it applies to trailers. Ultimately, while compliance is on hold, the final impact on the trailer industry will not be known until there is a final ruling on the TTMA lawsuit. The rule itself focuses mainly on van trailers, and is divided into four increasingly stringent greenhouse gas reduction standards. The rule requires fuel saving technologies on van trailers, such as trailer side skirts, low rolling resistance tires, and automatic tire inflation systems. For tank trailers and flatbed trailers, the rule will require low rolling resistant tires and automotive tire inflation systems. More stringent van trailer standards would come into play in model years 2021, 2024 and 2027 - requiring more advanced fuel efficiency technologies, such as rear boat tails and higher percentage improvement side skirts and tires. In addition to increasing the cost of a trailer, these regulations may also lead to a higher demand for various aerodynamic device products.
- In December 2017, the California Air Resource Board ("CARB") unveiled its own proposal for new greenhouse gas standards for medium- and heavy-duty trucks and trailers that operate in California. The CARB rules are similar to the EPA's current GHG2 standards for vehicles, but CARB made additions to counter pending EPA challenges to repeal rules pertaining to trailers. On September 27, 2018, CARB approved for adoption the California Phase 2 GHG regulation. That regulation largely aligns California's GHG emission standards and test procedures with the federal Phase 2 GHG emission standards and test procedures and provides nationwide consistency for engine and vehicle manufacturers, which will require trailers be equipped with the fuel savings technologies outlined in the EPA GHG2 rules.

On December 3, 2019, CARB issued an official advisory notifying trailer manufacturers that CARB will be suspending enforcement of GHG2 trailer requirements until January 1, 2022. Additionally, CARB continues to process and approve voluntary applications during the suspension period and will provide at least a 6-month written notice prior to commencement of enforcing GHG2. We will continue preparations to become compliant if/when official notice has been received for commencement of the regulation.

• On September 2, 2020, the Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association ("TTMA") notified its members, including Wabash National, that it had filed a motion in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (the "Court") asking for a Stay to the NHTSA GHG2 rules, which reflect the federal Phase 2 greenhouse gas emission standards. The hearing occurred on September 15, 2020, as scheduled, and on September 29, 2020, the ruling to Stay was granted by the Court. The Stay relates specifically to fuel economy regulations for truck trailers pending further order of the court. Therefore, Wabash National and our customers are not required to take any action concerning any new specification-driven regulatory requirements in 2021.

# Other Developments. Other developments and potential impacts on the industry include:

- While we believe the need for trailer equipment will be positively impacted by the legislative and regulatory changes addressed above, these demand drivers could be offset by factors that contribute to the increased concentration and density of loads.
- Trucking company profitability, which can be influenced by factors such as fuel prices, freight tonnage volumes, and
  government regulations, is highly correlated with the overall economy of the U.S.; carrier profitability significantly
  impacts demand for, and the financial ability to, purchase new trailers.
- We expect that the majority of freight in our industry will continue to be moved by truck and, according to ATA, even with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, freight volumes will grow around 36% over the next 11 years while total freight transportation revenue is expected to increase 45.7% by 2031.

# **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth certain operating data as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated:

	Years E	Ended December 3	51,
	2020	2019	2018
Net sales	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Cost of sales	89.2 %	86.8 %	87.5 %
Gross profit	10.8 %	13.2 %	12.5 %
General and administrative expenses	6.3 %	4.7 %	4.2 %
Selling expenses	1.7 %	1.5 %	1.5 %
Amortization of intangibles	1.5 %	0.9 %	0.8 %
Impairment and other, net	7.1 %	%	1.1 %
(Loss) income from operations	(5.8)%	6.2 %	4.9 %
Interest expense	(1.6)%	(1.2)%	(1.3)%
Other, net		0.1 %	0.6 %
(Loss) income before income taxes	(7.4)%	5.1 %	4.2 %
Income tax (benefit) expense	(0.8)%	1.2 %	1.1 %
Net (loss) income	(6.6)%	3.9 %	3.1 %

# **2020 Compared to 2019**

# Net Sales

Net sales in 2020 decreased \$837.2 million, or 36.1%, compared to 2019. By business segment, net sales prior to intersegment eliminations and related trailer units sold were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended	December 31,	Change	
_	2020	2019	Amount	%
_	(pr	ior to elimination	of intersegment sales)	
Sales by Segment				
Commercial Trailer Products	992,776	\$ 1,521,541	\$ (528,765)	(34.8 %)
Diversified Products	294,134	384,516	(90,382)	(23.5 %)
Final Mile Products	218,398	441,910	(223,512)	(50.6) %
Eliminations	(23,419)	(28,831)		
Total \$	5 1,481,889	\$ 2,319,136	\$ (837,247)	(36.1) %
New Trailers	(uı	nits)		
Commercial Trailer Products	34,585	54,650	(20,065)	(36.7 %)
Diversified Products	2,050	2,850	(800)	(28.1) %
Total	36,635	57,500	(20,865)	(36.3 %)
Used Trailers	(uı	nits)		
Commercial Trailer Products	475	75	400	533.3 %
Diversified Products	125	75	50	66.7 %
Total	600	150	450	300.0 %

Commercial Trailer Products segment sales, prior to the elimination of intersegment sales, were \$992.8 million in 2020, a decrease of \$528.8 million, or 34.8%, compared to 2019. The decrease in sales was primarily due to a 36.7% decrease in new trailer shipments as 34,585 trailers were shipped in 2020 compared to 54,650 trailer shipments in 2019. This decrease in new trailer shipments compared to the prior year period resulted in a \$522.7 million decrease in new trailer revenue. The overall decrease in sales and shipments is partially attributable to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, which reduced demand for our products. Despite these headwinds, revenue per new trailer unit increased approximately 1.7% compared to prior year period. Used trailer sales increased \$3.4 million compared to 2019 primarily due to a 400 unit increase in used trailer sales. Parts and service sales in 2020 decreased \$3.4 million, or 8.5%, compared to 2019.

Diversified Products segment sales, prior to the elimination of intersegment sales, were \$294.1 million in 2020, a decrease of \$90.4 million, or 23.5%, compared to 2019. New trailer sales decreased \$52.2 million, or 26.3%, due to a 28.1% decrease in new trailer shipments as approximately 2,050 trailers were shipped in 2020 compared to 2,850 trailers shipped in 2019. While revenue per new trailer unit increased approximately 2.9% comparatively, the decrease in new trailer shipments compared to the prior year period resulted in a \$52.2 million decrease in new trailer revenue. Equipment and other sales decreased \$15.7 million, or 22.0%, compared to the prior year period. Sales of our components, parts and service product offerings in 2020 decreased \$25.0 million, or 22.1%, compared to 2019. The overall decreases in sales in this market segment are in part due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, which caused reduced demand for our products.

Final Mile Products segment sales, prior to the eliminations of intersegment sales, were \$218.4 million in 2020 compared to \$441.9 million in 2019, a 50.6% decrease. Decreased truck body unit shipments of 48.0% drove a \$215.6 million decrease in new truck body sales compared to the prior year period. Sales of our parts and service product offerings in this segment decreased \$7.9 million, 33.8%, compared to prior year. The overall decrease in net sales compared to the prior year period is attributable to softer demand in this market segment and decreased chassis availability from suppliers, both of which were worsened by the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

# Cost of Sales

Cost of sales was \$1.3 billion in 2020, a decrease of \$690.6 million, or 34.3%, compared to 2019. Cost of sales is comprised of material costs, a variable expense, and other manufacturing costs, comprised of both fixed and variable expenses, including direct and indirect labor, outbound freight, and overhead expenses.

Commercial Trailer Products segment cost of sales was \$891.2 million in 2020, a decrease of \$453.1 million, or 33.7%, compared to 2019. The decrease was primarily driven by an overall decrease in manufacturing costs as a result of lower sales volumes, including a \$362.7 million decrease in materials costs and a \$90.4 million decrease in other manufacturing costs. The lower sales volumes were due in part to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Diversified Products segment cost of sales, prior to the elimination of intersegment sales, was \$241.2 million in 2020, a decrease of \$68.7 million, or 22.2%, compared to 2019. Driven by lower sales volumes partially attributable to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the decrease in cost of sales from the prior year period was primarily due to a decrease in materials costs of \$46.7 million and a decrease in other manufacturing costs totaling \$22.0 million.

Final Mile Products segment cost of sales was \$207.4 million in 2020 compared to \$384.1 million in 2019, a decrease of \$176.7 million or 46.0%. The decrease was driven by a \$125.9 million decrease in materials costs and a \$50.8 million decrease in other manufacturing costs related to decreased sales volumes; however, the decrease in cost of sales was not proportionate to the decrease in sales volumes. The lower sales volumes were due in part to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

# Gross Profit

Gross profit was \$159.8 million in 2020, a decrease of \$146.6 million, or 47.9% from 2019. Gross profit as a percentage of sales, or gross margin, was 10.8% in 2020 as compared to 13.2% in 2019. Gross profit by segment was as follows (in thousands):

	 Year Ended December 31, Char		ınge				
	2020		2019		\$	%	
<b>Gross Profit by Segment</b>							
Commercial Trailer Products	\$ 101,556	\$	177,190	\$	(75,634)	(42.7)%	<b>6</b>
Diversified Products	52,933		74,588		(21,655)	(29.0)%	<b>6</b>
Final Mile Products	10,973		57,815		(46,842)	(81.0)%	<b>6</b>
Corporate and Eliminations	(5,708)		(3,211)		(2,497)		
Total	\$ 159,754	\$	306,382	\$	(146,628)	(47.9)%	<b>6</b>
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Commercial Trailer Products segment gross profit was \$101.6 million in 2020 compared to \$177.2 million in 2019, a decrease of \$75.6 million. Gross profit, as a percentage of net sales prior to the elimination of intersegment sales, was 10.2% in 2020 as compared to 11.6% in 2019, a decrease of 140 basis points. We made purposeful efforts to mitigate lower sales volumes due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic by decreasing our fixed costs, including Company-wide furloughs, headcount reductions, and other cost containment measures. These actions include both temporary and permanent measures. While we made these purposeful efforts to contain costs, the decreases in gross profit and gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased mostly due to weaker volume leverage over fixed costs.

Diversified Products segment gross profit was \$52.9 million in 2020 compared to \$74.6 million in 2019. Gross profit, as a percentage of net sales prior to the elimination of intersegment sales, was 18.0% in 2020 compared to 19.4% in 2019, a decrease of 140 basis points. While fixed costs decreased between periods as a result of our cost containment initiatives in response to COVID-19 impacts (which include both temporary and permanent measures), the decreases in gross profit and gross profit as a percentage of net sales compared to the prior year period were primarily driven by weaker volume leverage over fixed costs.

Final Mile Products segment gross profit was \$11.0 million in 2020 compared to \$57.8 million in 2019. Gross profit, as a percentage of sales, was 5.0% in 2020, compared to 13.1% in 2019. While fixed costs decreased between periods as a result of our cost containment initiatives in response to COVID-19 impacts (which include both temporary and permanent measures), the decreases in gross profit and gross profit as a percentage of net sales were primarily attributable to weaker volume leverage over fixed costs as well as supply chain disruption related to chassis availability from our suppliers which was due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses were \$92.7 million in 2020, a decrease of \$15.5 million, or 14.3%, compared to 2019. The decrease from the prior year period was largely due to a decrease of approximately \$14.5 million in employee-related costs, including benefits and incentive programs, partially offset by an increase in severance-related expense. Additional decreases were attributable to lower professional service expenses, advertising and promotion, and travel-related costs totaling approximately \$2.6 million. Partially offsetting these decreases were fees and expenses incurred in closing on the New Term Loan Credit Agreement during the third quarter of 2020 of approximately \$1.2 million. The overall decrease in general and administrative expenses was due in part to the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and our implementation of cost containment measures. General and administrative expenses, as a percentage of net sales, were 6.3% in 2020 compared to 4.7% in 2019.

# Selling Expenses

Selling expenses were \$25.1 million in 2020, a decrease of \$9.8 million, or 28.0%, compared to 2019. The decrease was due to a decrease of approximately \$6.0 million in employee-related costs, including benefits and incentive programs, and a decrease in travel-related costs and advertising and promotion expense of approximately \$3.3 million. Consistent with general and administrative expenses, these overall decreases in selling expenses were due in part to the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and our implementation of cost containment measures. As a percentage of net sales, selling expenses were 1.7% in 2020 compared to 1.5% in 2019.

# Amortization of Intangibles

Amortization of intangibles was \$22.0 million in 2020 compared to \$20.5 million in 2019. Amortization of intangibles for both periods primarily includes amortization expense recognized for intangible assets recorded from the acquisition of Walker in May 2012, certain assets acquired from Beall® in February 2013, and Supreme in September 2017. The increase during 2020 compared to 2019 is primarily attributable to the graded amortization for the Supreme customer relationships intangibles, which was based off of an undiscounted cash flow analysis.

## Impairment and Other, Net

Impairment and other, net of \$105.6 million during 2020 was primarily the result of impairment charges related to goodwill within the Final Mile Products and Diversified Products segments totaling \$106.7 million during the first quarter of 2020. These impairment charges were partially offset by the net gain on sale of property, plant, and equipment assets. In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2020 we closed on the divestiture of the Beall® brand of tank trailers and recognized a loss on sale. There were no impairment charges or significant sales during 2019.

#### Other Income (Expense)

Interest expense in 2020 totaled \$24.2 million compared to \$27.3 million in 2019. Interest expense relates to interest and non-cash accretion charges on the New Term Loan Credit Agreement, Old Term Loan Credit Agreement, Senior Notes, and Revolving Credit Agreement. The decrease from the previous year is primarily due to our voluntary prepayments totaling

approximately \$50.0 million against our Old Term Loan Credit Agreement throughout 2019 and the significant decrease in LIBOR between periods.

Other, net for 2020 represented income of \$0.6 million as compared to income of \$2.3 million for 2019. Income for the current year period is primarily related to interest income, partially offset by debt extinguishment charges totaling \$0.4 million related to the payoff of the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement and \$10.0 million repayment on our Senior Notes during the third quarter, as well as the \$11.2 million prepayment on the New Term Loan Credit Agreement during the fourth quarter. Income for the prior year period is primarily related to interest income.

#### **Income Taxes**

We recognized an income tax benefit of \$11.8 million in 2020 compared to income tax expense of \$28.2 million in 2019. The effective tax rate for 2020 was 10.8% compared to 23.9% for 2019. Certain provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") had a significant impact on the effective tax rate, income tax payable, and deferred income tax positions of the Company for 2020. The effective tax rate for 2020 differs from the U.S. Federal statutory rate of 21% primarily due to the impact of state and local taxes, impairment of non-deductible goodwill, provisions related to the CARES Act, and discrete items incurred related to stock-based compensation. For 2019, the effective tax rate differs from the US Federal statutory rate of 21% primarily due to the impact of state and local taxes and research and development credits. Refunds received for income taxes in 2020 were \$4.7 million compared to cash paid for taxes during 2019 of \$20.4 million.

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

# **Capital Structure**

Our capital structure is comprised of a mix of debt and equity. As of December 31, 2020, our debt to equity ratio was approximately 1.1:1.0. Our long-term objective is to generate operating cash flows sufficient to support the growth within our businesses and increase shareholder value. This objective will be achieved through a balanced capital allocation strategy of sustaining strong liquidity, maintaining healthy leverage ratios, investing in the business, both organically and strategically, and returning capital to our shareholders.

Throughout 2020, and in keeping to this balanced approach, we repurchased \$17.6 million of common stock under the share repurchase program approved by our Board of Directors and paid dividends of \$17.3 million. In addition, as further described below, during the third quarter of 2020 we used the proceeds from the closure of our \$150.0 million New Term Loan Credit Agreement to pay off the \$135.2 million outstanding balance on the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement. We used the remaining proceeds to pay related issuance costs and expenses as well as repay \$10.0 million against our Senior Notes, which are now our nearest maturity of outstanding debt, due October 2025. We also made a voluntary prepayment of \$11.2 million under our New Term Loan Credit Agreement during the fourth quarter of 2020.

Despite the uncertainty caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we believe we are well-positioned from a liquidity perspective as we have prepared for an eventual downturn in our industry over the last two years. Our liquidity position, defined as cash on hand and available borrowing capacity on the Revolving Credit Facility, amounted to \$384.0 million as of December 31, 2020 and \$308.1 million as of December 31, 2019, an increase of 25%. In addition, as noted above our nearest debt maturity is not until October 2025. While the severity and duration of the impacts of COVID-19 remain unknown, for 2021 we expect to continue our commitment to fund our working capital requirements and capital expenditures, including maintaining our assets to capitalize on any economic and/or industry upswings, while also responsibly returning capital to our shareholders. We will continue to move rapidly to adjust to the current environment to contain cost and preserve the strength of our balance sheet, while prioritizing the safety of our employees and ensuring the liquidity and financial well-being of the Company.

# **Debt Agreements and Related Amendments**

#### **Senior Notes**

On September 26, 2017, we issued Senior Notes due 2025 (the "Senior Notes") in an offering pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with an aggregate principal amount of \$325 million. The Senior Notes bear interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from the date of issuance, and pay interest semi-annually in cash on April 1 and October 1 of each year. We used the net proceeds of \$318.9 million from the sale of the Senior Notes to finance a portion of the acquisition of Supreme and to pay related fees and expenses.

The Senior Notes will mature on October 1, 2025. At any time prior to October 1, 2020, we could have redeemed some or all of the Senior Notes for cash at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes being redeemed plus an applicable make-whole premium set forth in the indenture for the Senior Notes and accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. Prior to October 1, 2020, we could have redeemed up to 40% of the Senior Notes at a redemption price of 105.50% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date, with the proceeds of certain equity offerings so long as if, after any such redemption occurs, at least 60% of

the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes remained outstanding. On and after October 1, 2020, we may redeem some or all of the Senior Notes at redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) equal to 102.750% for the twelve-month period beginning on October 1, 2020, 101.375% for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2021 and 100.000% beginning on October 1, 2022, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined in the indenture for the Senior Notes), unless we have exercised our optional redemption right in respect of the Senior Notes, the holders of the Senior Notes have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of the Senior Notes at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase.

The Senior Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by all direct and indirect existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries, subject to certain restrictions. The Senior Notes and related guarantees are our and the guarantors' general unsecured senior obligations and are subordinate to all of our and the guarantors' existing and future secured debt to the extent of the assets securing that secured obligation. In addition, the Senior Notes are structurally subordinate to any existing and future debt of any of our subsidiaries that are not guarantors, to the extent of the assets of those subsidiaries.

The indenture for the Senior Notes restricts our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to: (i)incur additional indebtedness; (ii) pay dividends or make other distributions in respect of, or repurchase or redeem, our capital stock or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, our profits; (iii) make loans and certain investments; (iv) sell assets; (v) create or incur liens; (vi) enter into transactions with affiliates; and (vii) consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. During any time when the Senior Notes are rated investment grade by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and no event of default has occurred or is continuing, many of such covenants will be suspended and we and our subsidiaries will not be subject to such covenants during such period.

The indenture for the Senior Notes contains customary events of default, including payment defaults, breaches of covenants, failure to pay certain judgments and certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization. If an event of default occurs and is continuing, the principal amount of the Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, may be declared immediately due and payable. These amounts automatically become due and payable if an event of default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occurs. As of December 31, 2020, we were in compliance with all covenants, and while the duration and severity of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic remain unknown at this time, we do not anticipate that the pandemic will impact our ability to remain in compliance with these covenants.

Contractual coupon interest expense and accretion of discount and fees for the Senior Notes for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, was \$18.6 million, \$18.5 million and \$18.5 million, respectively and is included in *Interest expense* on our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

During the third quarter of 2020, we repaid \$10.0 million of the Senior Notes utilizing net proceeds from the closure of the new term loan credit agreement, which is described in more detail below.

# **Revolving Credit Agreement**

On December 21, 2018, we entered into the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Revolving Credit Agreement"), among us, certain of our subsidiaries as borrowers (together with us, the "Borrowers"), the lenders from time to time party thereto, Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as the administrative agent, joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner (the "Revolver Agent"), and Citizens Business Capital, a division of Citizens Asset Finance, Inc., as syndication agent, joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner, which amended and restated our existing amended and restated revolving credit agreement, dated as of May 8, 2012.

On September 28, 2020, we entered into the First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (together with the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, the "Revolving Credit Agreement" or "Revolving Facility") among us, certain of our subsidiaries party thereto, the lenders party thereto, and the Revolver Agent. The Amendment primarily made conforming changes to the provisions in the Revolving Credit Agreement to reflect modifications made under the new term loan credit agreement, which is described in more detail below.

The Revolving Credit Agreement is guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries (the "Revolver Guarantors") and is secured by (i) first priority security interests (subject only to customary permitted liens and certain other permitted liens) in substantially all personal property of the Borrowers and the Revolver Guarantors, consisting of accounts receivable, inventory, cash, deposit and securities accounts and any cash or other assets in such accounts and, to the extent evidencing or otherwise related to such property, all general intangibles, licenses, intercompany debt, letter of credit rights, commercial tort claims, chattel paper, instruments, supporting obligations, documents and payment intangibles (collectively, the "Revolver Priority Collateral"), and (ii) second-priority liens on and security interests in (subject only to the liens securing the Term Loan Credit Agreement (as defined below), customary permitted liens and certain other permitted liens) (A) equity interests of each direct subsidiary held by the Borrowers and each Revolver Guarantor (subject to customary limitations in the case of the equity of foreign

subsidiaries), and (B) substantially all other tangible and intangible assets of the Borrowers and the Revolver Guarantors including equipment, general intangibles, intercompany notes, insurance policies, investment property and intellectual property (in each case, except to the extent constituting Revolver Priority Collateral), but excluding real property (collectively, including certain material owned real property that does not constitute collateral under the Revolving Credit Agreement, the "Term Priority Collateral"). The respective priorities of the security interests securing the Revolving Credit Agreement and the Term Loan Credit Agreement are governed by an Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2012, between the Revolver Agent and the Term Agent (as defined below), as amended (the "Intercreditor Agreement"). The Revolving Credit Agreement has a scheduled maturity date of December 21, 2023, subject to certain springing maturity events.

Under the Revolving Credit Agreement, the lenders agree to make available to us a \$175 million revolving credit facility. We have the option to increase the total commitment under the facility to up to \$275 million, subject to certain conditions, including obtaining commitments from any one or more lenders, whether or not currently party to the Revolving Credit Agreement, to provide such increased amounts. Availability under the Revolving Credit Agreement will be based upon quarterly (or more frequent under certain circumstances) borrowing base certifications of the Borrowers' eligible inventory and eligible accounts receivable, and will be reduced by certain reserves in effect from time to time. Subject to availability, the Revolving Credit Agreement provides for a letter of credit subfacility in an amount not in excess of \$15 million, and allows for swingline loans in an amount not in excess of \$17.5 million. Outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Credit Agreement will bear interest at an annual rate, at the Borrowers' election, equal to (i) LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 1.25% to 1.75% or (ii) a base rate plus a margin ranging from 0.25% to 0.75%, in each case depending upon the monthly average excess availability under the revolving loan facility. The Borrowers are required to pay a monthly unused line fee equal to 0.20% times the average daily unused availability along with other customary fees and expenses of the Revolver Agent and the lenders.

The Revolving Credit Agreement contains customary covenants limiting our ability and certain of our affiliates to, among other things, pay cash dividends, incur debt or liens, redeem or repurchase stock, enter into transactions with affiliates, merge, dissolve, repay subordinated indebtedness, make investments and dispose of assets. In addition, we will be required to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0 to 1.0 as of the end of any period of 12 fiscal months when excess availability under the Revolving Credit Agreement is less than 10% of the total revolving commitment.

If availability under the Revolving Credit Agreement is less than 15% of the total revolving commitment or if there exists an event of default, amounts in any of the Borrowers' and the Revolver Guarantors' deposit accounts (other than certain excluded accounts) will be transferred daily into a blocked account held by the Revolver Agent and applied to reduce the outstanding amounts under the facility.

Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, if the covenants under the Revolving Credit Agreement are breached, the lenders may, subject to various customary cure rights, require the immediate payment of all amounts outstanding and foreclose on collateral. Other customary events of default in the Revolving Credit Agreement include, without limitation, failure to pay obligations when due, initiation of insolvency proceedings, defaults on certain other indebtedness, and the incurrence of certain judgments that are not stayed, satisfied, bonded or discharged within 30 days.

In connection with the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, we recognized a loss on debt extinguishment of \$0.1 million during 2018, which is included in *Other, net* on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. Our liquidity position, defined as cash on hand and available borrowing capacity on the Revolving Credit Facility, amounted to \$384.0 million as of December 31, 2020 and \$308.1 million as of December 31, 2019, an increase of 25%.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2020, we drew \$45.0 million under the Revolving Credit Agreement as a precautionary measure in response to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. During the second quarter of 2020, we repaid the \$45.0 million in outstanding borrowings, and for the remainder of 2020 and as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 there were no amounts outstanding under the Revolving Facility. We are in compliance with all covenants as of December 31, 2020, and while the duration and severity of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic remain unknown at this time, we do not anticipate that the pandemic will impact our ability to remain in compliance with these covenants.

Interest expense under the Revolving Credit Agreement for the year ended December 31, 2020, was approximately \$0.2 million. There was no interest expense under the Revolving Credit Agreement for years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

# New and Old Term Loan Credit Agreements

On September 28, 2020, we entered into a Term Loan Credit Agreement (the "New Term Loan Credit Agreement") among us, the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as the administrative agent (the "Term Agent"), providing for a senior secured term loan facility of \$150.0 million that was advanced at closing. The New Term Loan Credit Agreement refinanced and replaced that certain Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2012 (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Old Term Loan Credit Agreement"), among us, the lenders party thereto and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the administrative agent.

The New Term Loan Credit Agreement is guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries (the "Term Loan Guarantors") and is secured by (i) second priority security interests (subject only to the liens securing the Revolving Credit Agreement, customary permitted liens, and certain other permitted liens) in substantially all of our personal property and the Term Loan Guarantors, consisting of accounts receivable, inventory, cash, deposit and securities accounts and any cash or other assets in such accounts and, to the extent evidencing or otherwise related to such property, all general intangibles, licenses, intercompany debt, letter of credit rights, commercial tort claims, chattel paper, instruments, supporting obligations, documents and payment intangibles, and (ii) first priority security interests (subject only to customary permitted liens and certain other permitted liens) in (A) subject to certain limitations, equity interests of each direct subsidiary held by us and each Term Loan Guarantor, and (B) substantially all of our other tangible and intangible assets and the Term Loan Guarantors, including equipment, general intangibles, intercompany notes, investment property and intellectual property, but excluding real property. The respective priorities of the security interests securing the New Term Loan Credit Agreement and the Revolving Credit Agreement are governed by an Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2020, between the Term Agent and the Revolver Agent (the "Intercreditor Agreement"). The New Term Loan Credit Agreement has a scheduled maturity date of September 28, 2027. The loans under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement amortize in quarterly installments equal to 0.25% of the original principal amount of the term loans issued thereunder, with the balance payable at maturity.

Outstanding borrowings under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate, at our election, equal to (i) LIBOR (subject to a floor of 0.75% per annum) plus a margin of 3.25% per annum or (ii) a base rate plus a margin of 2.25% per annum.

The New Term Loan Credit Agreement contains customary covenants limiting our ability and our subsidiaries to, among other things, pay cash dividends, incur debt or liens, redeem or repurchase stock, enter into transactions with affiliates, merge, dissolve, pay off subordinated indebtedness, make investments and dispose of assets. As of December 31, 2020, we were in compliance with all covenants, and while the duration and severity of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic remain unknown at this time, we do not anticipate that the pandemic will impact our ability to remain in compliance with these covenants.

Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, if the covenants under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement are breached, the lenders may, subject to various customary cure rights, require the immediate payment of all amounts outstanding and foreclose on collateral. Other customary events of default in the New Term Loan Credit Agreement include, without limitation, failure to pay obligations when due, initiation of insolvency proceedings, defaults on certain other indebtedness, and the incurrence of certain judgments that are not stayed, satisfied, bonded or discharged within 60 days.

We used the net proceeds of \$148.5 million from the New Term Loan Credit Agreement to pay off the outstanding principal under the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement of \$135.2 million, repay a portion of its outstanding Senior Notes, and pay related fees and expenses. In connection with the pay off of the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement (specifically for those lenders that did not participate in the New Term Loan Credit Agreement) and partial repayment of the outstanding Senior Notes, we recognized a loss on debt extinguishment totaling approximately \$0.2 million, which is included in *Other*; *net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As further described in Note 20, during the fourth quarter of 2020 we sold our Beall® brand of tank trailers and associated assets. The net proceeds of approximately \$11.2 million from the sale were used to pay down outstanding principal under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement. In connection with the pay down we recognized a loss on debt extinguishment totaling approximately \$0.2 million. The required quarterly principal payments through maturity under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement were satisfied in full with this prepayment.

For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, under the New and Old Term Loan Credit Agreements we paid interest of \$4.8 million, \$7.8 million, and \$8.0 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 we paid principal of \$50.5 million, and \$1.9 million, respectively. During 2020, 2019, and 2018, we recognized losses on debt extinguishment totaling approximately \$0.4 million, \$0.2 million, and \$0.3 million, respectively, in connection with the New Term Loan Credit Agreement activity described above and prepayment of principal. The losses on debt extinguishment are included in *Other, net* on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we had \$138.8 million and \$135.2 million outstanding under the New and Old Term Loan Credit Agreements, respectively, of which none was classified as current on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, we incurred charges of \$0.2 million in each period for amortization of fees and original issuance discount which is included in *Interest expense* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

#### **Convertible Senior Notes**

In April 2012, we issued Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 (the "Convertible Notes") with an aggregate principal amount of \$150 million in a public offering. The Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 3.375% per annum from the date of issuance, payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, and matured on May 1, 2018. The Convertible Notes were senior unsecured obligations ranked equally with our existing and future senior unsecured debt. We used the net proceeds of \$145.1 million from the sale of the Convertible Notes to fund a portion of the purchase price of the acquisition of Walker Group Holdings ("Walker") in May 2012. We accounted separately for the liability and equity components of the Convertible Notes in accordance with authoritative guidance for convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion.

During 2018, we used \$80.2 million in cash, excluding interest, to settle \$44.6 million in principal of the Convertible Notes of which none were converted to common shares. The excess of the cash settlement amount over the principal value of the Convertible Notes was accounted for as a reacquisition of equity, resulting in a \$35.5 million reduction to additional paid-in capital during 2018. For the year ended December 31, 2018, we recognized a loss on debt extinguishment of \$0.2 million related to settlements and the retirement of the Convertible Notes, which is included in *Other, net* on our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

# **Cash Flow**

# 2020 compared to 2019

Cash provided by operating activities for 2020 totaled \$124.1 million, compared to \$146.3 million in 2019. The cash provided by operations during the current year was the result of net loss adjusted for various non-cash activities, including depreciation, amortization, net gain on the sale of assets and a business divestiture, deferred taxes, loss on debt extinguishment, stock-based compensation, impairment, accretion of debt discount, and a \$57.0 million decrease in our working capital. Changes in key working capital accounts for 2020 and 2019 are summarized below (in thousands):

	2020		2019		 Change
Source (use) of cash:					
Accounts receivable	\$	71,436	\$	8,327	\$ 63,109
Inventories		21,099		(2,510)	23,609
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(28,266)		(817)	(27,449)
Net source of cash	\$	64,269	\$	5,000	\$ 59,269

Accounts receivable decreased by \$71.4 million in 2020 and \$8.3 million for 2019. Days sales outstanding, a measure of working capital efficiency that measures the amount of time a receivable is outstanding, was approximately 23 days and 27 days as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The decrease in accounts receivable for 2020 was primarily due to lower shipment volume during the current year as well as the timing of customer payments. Inventories decreased in 2020 by \$21.1 million compared to an increase in 2019 of \$2.5 million. Our inventory turns, a commonly used measure of working capital efficiency that measures how quickly inventory turns per year, was approximately 6 times in 2020 compared to 8 times in 2019. The decrease in inventory for 2020 was primarily attributable to lower finished goods, raw materials, and work in progress inventories due to softer demand during 2020 compared to 2019. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities decreased by \$28.3 million in 2020 compared to a decrease of \$0.8 million for 2019. Days payable outstanding, a measure of working capital efficiency that measures the amount of time a payable is outstanding, was 26 days in 2020 and 24 days in 2019. The decrease in 2020 compared to 2019 was primarily due to the overall timing of payments and our cost containment measures implemented during 2020.

Investing activities used \$3.0 million during 2020 compared to \$36.9 million used in 2019. Investing activities for 2020 included capital expenditures of \$20.1 million to support maintenance, growth, and improvement initiatives at our facilities partially offset by proceeds from the sale of assets and a business divestiture totaling \$17.1 million. Cash used in investing activities in 2019 was primarily related to capital expenditures to support growth and improvement initiatives at our facilities totaling \$37.6 million, partially offset by proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment assets of \$0.8 million.

Financing activities used \$44.0 million during 2020, primarily related to the pay off of the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement and repayments against our Senior Notes totaling \$146.4 million, both of which utilized net proceeds from the closure of our New Term Loan Credit Agreement. In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2020 we made a prepayment under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement of \$11.2 million. We also repurchased common stock of \$18.9 million and paid cash dividends to our shareholders of \$17.3 million. Financing activities used \$101.6 million during 2019, primarily related to principal payments under the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement totaling \$50.5 million, common stock repurchases totaling \$33.7 million, and cash dividends paid to our shareholders of \$17.8 million.

Despite the uncertainty caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we believe we are well-positioned from a liquidity perspective as we have prepared for an eventual downturn in our industry over the last two years. Our liquidity position, defined as cash on hand and available borrowing capacity on the Revolving Credit Facility, amounted to \$384.0 million as of December 31, 2020 and \$308.1 million as of December 31, 2019, an increase of 25%. In addition, our nearest debt maturity is not until October 2025. While the severity and duration of the impacts of COVID-19 remain unknown, for 2021 we expect to continue our commitment to fund our working capital requirements and capital expenditures, including maintaining our assets to capitalize on any economic and/or industry upswings, while also responsibly returning capital to our shareholders. We will continue to move rapidly to adjust to the current environment to contain cost and preserve the strength of our balance sheet, while prioritizing the safety of our employees and ensuring the liquidity and financial well-being of the Company.

# **Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments**

A summary of our contractual obligations and commercial commitments, both on and off balance sheet, as of December 31, 2020 are as follows (in thousands):

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Thereafter	Total
Debt:							
Revolving Facility (due 2023)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Senior Notes (due 2025)	_	_	_	_	315,000		315,000
New Term Loan Credit Agreement (due 2027)	_	_	_	_	_	138,835	138,835
Interest payments on Revolving Facility, New Term Loan Agreement, and Senior Notes <sup>1</sup>	22,878	22,878	22,878	22,878	18,547	9,718	119,777
Finance Leases (including principal and interest)	361	30		_			391
Total debt	23,239	22,908	22,878	22,878	333,547	148,553	574,003
Other:							
Operating Leases	4,569	3,040	2,185	1,085	537	721	12,137
Total Other	4,569	3,040	2,185	1,085	537	721	12,137
Other Commercial Commitments:							
Letters of Credit	6,838	_	_	_	_	_	6,838
Raw Material Purchase Commitments	86,923	_	_	_	_	_	86,923
Chassis Agreements and Programs	20,367						20,367
Total Other Commercial Commitments	114,128		_		_	_	114,128
Total Obligations	\$ 141,936	\$ 25,948	\$ 25,063	\$ 23,963	\$ 334,084	\$ 149,274	\$ 700,268

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Future interest payments on variable rate long-term debt are estimated based on the rate in effect as of December 31, 2020.

Borrowings under the Revolving Facility bear interest at a variable rate based on the LIBOR or a base rate determined by the lender's prime rate plus an applicable margin, as defined in the agreement. Any outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Facility bear interest at a rate, at our election, equal to (i) LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 1.25% to 1.75% or (ii) a base rate plus a margin ranging from 0.25% to 0.75%, in each case depending upon the monthly average excess availability under the Revolving Facility. We are required to pay a monthly unused line fee equal to 0.20% times the average daily unused availability along with other customary fees and expenses of our agent and lenders. As a result of uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we drew \$45.0 million under the Revolving Facility during the first quarter of 2020. During the second quarter of 2020, we repaid the \$45.0 million in outstanding borrowings, and as of December 31, 2020 we had no amounts outstanding under our Revolving Facility.

Borrowings under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate, at our election, equal to (i) LIBOR (subject to a floor of 0.75% per annum) plus a margin of 3.25% per annum or (ii) a base rate plus a margin of 2.25% per annum.

The Senior Notes bear interest at the rate of 5.5% per annum from the date of issuance, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1.

Finance leases represent future minimum lease payments including interest. Operating leases represent the total future minimum lease payments for leases that have commenced. As of December 31, 2020, obligations related to operating leases that we have executed but have not yet commenced totaled approximately \$1.7 million on a non-discounted basis, which we generally expect to be recognized over the next 10 years.

We have standby letters of credit totaling \$6.8 million issued in connection with workers compensation claims and surety bonds.

We have \$86.9 million in purchase commitments through December 2021 for various raw material commodities, including aluminum, steel, polyethylene and nickel as well as other raw material components which are within normal production requirements.

We, through our subsidiary Supreme, obtain most vehicle chassis for its specialized vehicle products directly from the chassis manufacturers under converter pool agreements. Chassis are obtained from the manufacturers based on orders from customers, and in some cases, for unallocated orders. The agreements generally state that the manufacturer will provide a supply of chassis to be maintained at the Company's facilities with the condition that we will store such chassis and will not move, sell, or otherwise dispose of such chassis except under the terms of the agreement. In addition, the manufacturer typically retains the sole authority to authorize commencement of work on the chassis and to make certain other decisions with respect to the chassis including the terms and pricing of sales of the chassis to the manufacturer's dealers. The manufacturer also does not transfer the certificate of origin to the Company nor permit the Company to sell or transfer the chassis to anyone other than the manufacturer (for ultimate resale to a dealer). Although the Company is party to related finance agreements with manufacturers, the Company has not historically settled, nor expects to in the future settle, any related obligations in cash. Instead, the obligation is settled by the manufacturer upon reassignment of the chassis to an accepted dealer, and the dealer is invoiced for the chassis by the manufacturer. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2020 the Company's outstanding chassis converter pool with the manufacturer totaled \$17.8 million and has included this financing agreement on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets within Prepaid expenses and other and Other accrued liabilities. All other chassis programs through its Supreme subsidiary are handled as consigned inventory belonging to the manufacturer and totaled approximately \$2.6 million. Under these agreements, if the chassis is not delivered to a customer within a specified time frame the Company is required to pay a finance or storage charge on the chassis. Additionally, the Company receives finance support funds from manufacturers when the chassis are assigned into the Company's chassis pool. Typically, chassis are converted and delivered to customers within 90 days of the receipt of the chassis by the Company.

The total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits for uncertain tax positions, including positions impacting only the timing of tax benefits, was \$2.2 million at December 31, 2020. Payment of these obligations would result from settlements with taxing authorities. Due to the difficulty in determining the timing of settlements, these obligations are not included in the table above. We do not expect to make a tax payment related to these obligations within the next year that would significantly impact liquidity.

# Significant Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates

Our significant accounting policies are more fully described in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements. Certain of our accounting policies require the application of significant judgment by management in selecting the appropriate assumptions for calculating financial estimates. By their nature, these judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. These judgments are based on our historical experience, terms of existing contracts, evaluation of trends in the industry, information provided by our customers, and information available from other outside sources, as appropriate.

We consider an accounting estimate to be critical if it requires us to make assumptions about matters that were uncertain at the time we were making the estimate or changes in the estimate or different estimates that we could have selected would have had a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

*Warranties.* We estimate warranty claims based on our historical information and the nature, frequency, and average cost of claims of our various product lines, combined with our current understanding of existing claims, recall campaigns, and discussions with our customers. Actual experience could differ from the amounts estimated requiring adjustments to these liabilities in future periods. Due to the uncertainty and potential volatility of the factors contributing to developing estimates, changes in our assumptions could materially affect our results of operations.

Legal and Other Contingencies. The outcomes of legal proceedings and claims brought against us and other loss contingencies are subject to significant uncertainty. We establish legal contingency reserves when we determine that it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining the appropriate accounting for loss contingencies, we consider the likelihood of loss or the incurrence of a liability, as well as our ability to reasonably estimate the amount of loss. We regularly evaluate current information available to us to determine whether an accrual should be established or adjusted. Estimating the probability that a loss will occur and estimating the amount of a loss or a range of loss involves significant judgment and such matters are unpredictable. We could incur judgments or enter into settlements for current or future claims that could materially impact our results of operations.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Definite-Lived Intangible Assets. We review, on at least a quarterly basis, the financial performance of each business unit for indicators of impairment. In reviewing for impairment indicators, we also consider events or changes in circumstances such as business prospects, customer retention, market trends, potential product obsolescence,

competitive activities, and other economic factors. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying value of an asset group exceeds the future net undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by that asset group. The impairment loss recognized is the amount by which the carrying value of the asset group exceeds its fair value.

Goodwill. We assess goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level on an annual basis as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, after the annual planning process is complete. More frequent evaluations may be required if we experience changes in our business climate or as a result of other triggering events that may take place. If the carrying value exceeds fair value, the asset is considered impaired and is reduced to its fair value.

In assessing goodwill for impairment, we may choose to initially evaluate qualitative factors to determine if it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If the qualitative assessment is not conclusive, then an impairment analysis for goodwill is performed at the reporting unit level using a quantitative approach. The quantitative test is a comparison of the fair value of the reporting unit, determined using a combination of the income and market approaches, to its recorded amount. If the recorded amount exceeds the fair value, an impairment is recorded to reduce the carrying amount to fair value, but will not exceed the amount of goodwill that is recorded.

The process of evaluating goodwill for impairment is subjective and requires significant judgment at many points during the analysis. If we elect to perform an optional qualitative analysis, we consider many factors including, but not limited to, general economic conditions, industry and market conditions, financial performance and key business drivers, long-term operating plans, and potential changes to significant assumptions used in the most recent fair value analysis for the reporting unit. When performing a quantitative goodwill impairment test, we generally determine fair value using a combination of an income-based approach and a market-based approach. The fair value determination consists primarily of using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) under the fair value measurement standards. We believe the most critical assumptions and estimates in determining the estimated fair value of our reporting units include, but are not limited to, the amounts and timing of expected future cash flows which is largely dependent on expected EBITDA margins, the discount rate applied to those cash flows, and terminal growth rates. The assumptions used in determining our expected future cash flows consider various factors such as historical operating trends and long-term operating strategies and initiatives. The discount rate used by each reporting unit is based on our assumption of a prudent investor's required rate of return of assuming the risk of investing in a particular company. The terminal growth rate reflects the sustainable operating income a reporting unit could generate in a perpetual state as a function of revenue growth, inflation, and future margin expectations.

# Interim goodwill impairment test

Subsequent to December 31, 2019, our share price and market capitalization declined. In addition, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related impact on our results of operations, the Company did not perform in-line with expectations. As a result, indicators of impairment were identified and we performed an interim quantitative assessment as of March 31, 2020, utilizing a combination of the income and market approaches, which were weighted evenly. Key assumptions used in the analysis were discount rates of 17.0% and 13.5% for FMP and Tank Trailers, respectively, EBITDA margins, and a terminal growth rate of 3.0%. The results of the quantitative analysis indicated the carrying value of the FMP and Tank Trailers reporting units exceeded their respective fair values and, accordingly, goodwill impairment charges of \$95.8 million and \$11.0 million, respectively, were recorded during the first quarter of 2020. The goodwill impairment charges, which are based on Level 3 fair value measurements, are included in *Impairment and other*, *net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

In addition, the results of the quantitative analysis performed as of March 31, 2020 indicated the fair value of the Process Systems reporting unit exceeded the carrying value by approximately 3%. Key assumptions used in the analysis were a discount rate of 14.5%, EBITDA margin, and a terminal growth rate of 3.0%. The Process Systems reporting unit designs and manufactures a broad range of products, such as isolators, stationary silos, and downflow booths used in a number of unique markets, including the chemical, dairy, food and beverage, pharmaceutical and nuclear markets. We believe this reporting unit's broad range of innovative products in unique industries will result in sufficient future earnings. Based on the results of the interim quantitative test, we performed sensitivity analyses around the key assumptions used in the analysis, the results of which were: (a) a 100 basis point decrease in the EBITDA margin used to determine expected future cash flows would have resulted in an impairment of approximately \$4.6 million, (b) a 100 basis point increase in the discount rate would have resulted in an impairment of approximately \$4.5 million, and (c) a 100 basis point decrease in the terminal growth rate would have resulted in an impairment of approximately \$1.2 million.

# Annual goodwill impairment test

As of December 31, 2020, goodwill allocated to our CTP, DPG, and FMP segments was approximately \$2.6 million, \$125.0 million, and \$71.9 million, respectively. In connection with our annual goodwill impairment test, we performed a quantitative assessment for each reporting unit as of October 1, 2020 utilizing a combination of the income and market approaches, the results of which we weighted evenly. No impairment was indicated as the fair value of each reporting unit exceeded its respective carrying value. While no impairment charges were required, the results of the quantitative analysis performed as of October 1, 2020 indicated the fair value of the Process Systems and FMP reporting units exceeded their respective carrying values by approximately 15% and 6%, respectively. Key assumptions used in the analysis of each reporting unit were a discount rate, EBITDA margin, and a terminal growth rate. We believe both of these reporting units will generate sufficient future earnings based on the markets in which they participate as well as growth potential in these markets.

Future events and changing market conditions may require a re-evaluation of the assumptions used in the determination of fair value for each reporting unit, including key assumptions used in the expected EBITDA margins and cash flows, as well as other key assumptions with respect to matters out of our control, such as discount rates and market multiple comparables. These future events and changing market conditions could result in an impairment of goodwill.

# Goodwill allocation for Beall®

During the fourth quarter of 2020 we sold our Beall® brand of tank trailers and associated assets. Prior to the divestiture Beall® was an operating unit within the Tank Trailers reporting unit. In accordance with the relevant accounting guidance, as part of the sale we allocated \$4.7 million of goodwill based upon the relative fair value of the Beall® operating unit compared to the Tank Trailers reporting unit as a whole. This goodwill was included in the carrying value of the disposed assets and the resulting loss recognized in connection with the sale. Subsequent to the divestiture, we performed an impairment assessment for the Tank Trailers reporting unit and concluded the fair value of the reporting unit continued to exceed the carrying value.

# Other

# Inflation

Inflation impacts prices paid for labor, materials and supplies. Significant increases in the costs of production or certain commodities, raw materials, and components could have an adverse impact on our results of operations. As has been our practice, we will endeavor to offset the impact of inflation through selective price increases, productivity improvements, and hedging activities.

# **New Accounting Pronouncements**

For information related to new accounting standards, see Note 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

# ITEM 7A-QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

In addition to the risks inherent in our operations, we have exposure to financial and market risk resulting from volatility in commodity prices and interest rates. The following discussion provides additional detail regarding our exposure to these risks.

# Commodity Price Risks

We are exposed to fluctuation in commodity prices through the purchase of various raw materials that are processed from commodities such as aluminum, steel, lumber, nickel, copper, and polyethylene. Given the historical volatility of certain commodity prices, this exposure can significantly impact product costs. We manage some of our commodity price changes by entering into fixed price contracts with our suppliers and through financial derivatives. To the extent that we are unable to offset the increased commodity costs in our product prices, our results would be materially and adversely affected. As of December 31, 2020, we had \$86.9 million in raw material purchase commitments through December 2021 for materials that will be used in the production process, as compared to \$83.9 million as of December 31, 2019. We typically do not set prices for our products more than 45-90 days in advance of our commodity purchases and can, subject to competitive market conditions, take into account the cost of the commodity in setting our prices for each order. As of December 31, 2020, a hypothetical ten percent change in commodity prices based on our raw material purchase commitments through December 2021 would result in a corresponding change in cost of goods sold over a one-year period of approximately \$8.7 million. This sensitivity analysis does not account for the change in the competitive environment indirectly related to the change in commodity prices and the potential managerial action taken in response to these changes.

## Interest Rates

As a result of uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we drew \$45.0 million under the Revolving Facility during the first quarter of 2020. During the second quarter of 2020, we repaid the \$45.0 million in outstanding borrowings, and as of December 31, 2020 we had no floating rate debt outstanding under our Revolving Facility. During the third quarter of 2020, we used the proceeds from the closure of our \$150.0 million New Term Loan Credit Agreement to pay off the \$135.2 million outstanding balance on the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement. As of December 31, 2020, we had outstanding borrowings under our New Term Loan Credit Agreement totaling \$138.8 million that bears interest at a floating rate, subject to a minimum interest rate. Based on any current borrowings under our Revolving Facility and the outstanding indebtedness under our New Term Loan Credit Agreement, a hypothetical 100 basis-point change in the floating interest rate would result in a corresponding change in interest expense over a one-year period of approximately \$1.4 million. This sensitivity analysis does not account for the change in the competitive environment indirectly related to the change in interest rates and the potential managerial action taken in response to these changes.

# Foreign Exchange Rates

We are subject to fluctuations in the British pound sterling and Mexican peso exchange rates that impact transactions with our foreign subsidiaries, as well as U.S. denominated transactions between these foreign subsidiaries and unrelated parties. A ten percent change in the British pound sterling or Mexican peso exchange rates would have an immaterial impact on our results of operations. We do not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

# ITEM 8—FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

# To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Wabash National Corporation

# **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Wabash National Corporation (the Company) as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive (loss) income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, in conformity with US generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 25, 2021 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

# **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Critical Audit Matter**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the account or disclosure to which it relates.

# Valuation of Goodwill

Description of the Matter At December 31, 2020, the Company's goodwill was \$199.6 million. As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, goodwill is tested for impairment at the reporting unit level at least annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate its carrying value may not be recoverable. As a result of the Company not performing consistent with expectations during the first quarter of 2020, partially as a result of impacts to its business and operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company performed an interim quantitative impairment assessment as of March 31, 2020. The results of the analysis indicated the carrying value of the FMP and Tank Trailers reporting units exceeded their respective fair values and, accordingly, goodwill impairment charges of \$95.8 million and \$11.0 million, respectively, were recorded during the first quarter of 2020. There were no impairment charges resulting from the Company's annual impairment tests.

Auditing management's quantitative goodwill impairment tests was complex and highly judgmental due to the significant estimation required to determine the fair values of the reporting units. In particular, the fair value estimates were sensitive to significant assumptions, such as changes in the discount rate, EBITDA margin, and terminal growth rates, which are affected by expectations about future market or economic conditions.

How We Addressed the Matter in Our Audit We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of controls over the Company's goodwill impairment testing process, including controls over management's review of the significant data and assumptions described above.

To test the estimated fair values of the Company's reporting units, we performed audit procedures that included, among others, assessing methodologies, testing the significant assumptions discussed above used to develop the prospective financial information and testing the underlying data used by the Company in its analysis. We compared the prospective financial information developed by management to the historical performance of each reporting unit as well as current industry and economic trends, and evaluated the expected impacts of the Company's operating strategies and initiatives on the significant assumptions. In addition, we tested management's reconciliation of the fair value of the reporting units to the market capitalization of the Company. We involved our valuation specialists to assist in our evaluation of the methodologies used by the Company, the weighted average cost of capital assumptions and the calculations of each reporting unit's fair value.

#### /s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2002. Indianapolis, Indiana February 25, 2021

# WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands)

		Decem	ıber 3	31,
		2020		2019
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	217,677	\$	140,516
Accounts receivable, net		101,301		172,737
Inventories		163,750		186,914
Prepaid expenses and other		63,036		41,222
Total current assets		545,764	-	541,389
Property, plant, and equipment, net		209,676		221,346
Goodwill		199,560		311,026
Intangible assets		166,887		189,898
Other assets		39,583		40,932
Total assets	\$	1,161,470	\$	1,304,591
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	_	\$	_
Current portion of finance lease obligations		348		327
Accounts payable		104,425		134,821
Other accrued liabilities		130,980		124,230
Total current liabilities		235,753		259,378
Long-term debt		447,979		455,386
Finance lease obligations		30		378
Deferred income taxes		46,777		37,576
Other non-current liabilities		26,052		30,885
Total liabilities		756,591		783,603
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 200,000,000 shares authorized; 52,536,482 and 53,473,620 shares outstanding, respectively		755		750
Additional paid-in capital		644,695		638,917
Retained earnings		107,233		221,841
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		7,633		(3,978)
Treasury stock, at cost: 23,004,607 and 21,640,109 common shares, respectively		(355,437)		(336,542)
Total stockholders' equity		404,879		520,988
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,161,470	\$	1,304,591
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# WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	 Ye	ar Ei	nded December	31,	
	2020		2019		2018
Net sales	\$ 1,481,889	\$	2,319,136	\$	2,267,278
Cost of sales	 1,322,135		2,012,754		1,983,627
Gross profit	 159,754		306,382		283,651
General and administrative expenses	92,740		108,274		95,114
Selling expenses	25,080		34,851		33,046
Amortization of intangible assets	21,981		20,471		19,468
Acquisition expenses	_		_		68
Impairment and other, net	 105,561		_		24,968
(Loss) income from operations	(85,608)		142,786		110,987
Other income (expense):					
Interest expense	(24,194)		(27,340)		(28,759)
Other, net	 588		2,285		13,776
Other expense, net	(23,606)		(25,055)		(14,983)
(Loss) income before income tax	(109,214)		117,731		96,004
Income tax (benefit) expense	 (11,802)		28,156		26,583
Net (loss) income	\$ (97,412)	\$	89,575	\$	69,421
Net (loss) income per share:					
Basic	\$ (1.84)	\$	1.64	\$	1.22
Diluted	\$ (1.84)	\$	1.62	\$	1.19
Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):					
Basic	52,945		54,695		56,996
Diluted	52,945		55,290		58,430
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.320	\$	0.320	\$	0.305

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# WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME

(Dollars in thousands)

		Year Ended December 31,				
	2020		2019			2018
Net (loss) income	\$	(97,412)	\$	89,575	\$	69,421
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:						
Foreign currency translation adjustment and other		(316)		712		(193)
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments		11,927		(1,347)		(765)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)		11,611		(635)		(958)
Comprehensive (loss) income	\$	(85,801)	\$	88,940	\$	68,463
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# WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Dollars in thousands)

	Commor	1 Sto	ck	Additional Paid-In	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensiv		Treasury	
	Shares	A	mount	Capital	(Deficit)	Con	Losses	Stock	Total
Balances at December 31, 2017	57,564,493	\$	737	\$ 653,435	\$ 98,728	\$	(2,385)	\$ (244,452)	\$ 506,063
Net income for the year					69,421				69,421
Foreign currency translation and other							(193)		(193)
Stock-based compensation	404,628		6	10,163					10,169
Stock repurchase	(2,935,978)							(58,383)	(58,383)
Equity component of convertible senior notes repurchase				(35,519)					(35,519)
Common stock dividends					(17,905)				(17,905)
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments, net of tax							(765)		(765)
Common stock issued in connection with:									
Stock option exercises	102,645		1	960					961
Balances at December 31, 2018	55,135,788	\$	744	\$ 629,039	\$ 150,244	\$	(3,343)	\$(302,835)	\$ 473,849
Net income for the year					89,575				89,575
Foreign currency translation							712		712
Stock-based compensation	319,430		5	9,031					9,036
Stock repurchase	(2,072,798)							(33,707)	(33,707)
Common stock dividends					(17,978)				(17,978)
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments, net of tax							(1,347)		(1,347)
Common stock issued in connection with:									
Stock option exercises	91,200		1	847				. <u> </u>	848
Balances at December 31, 2019	53,473,620	\$	750	\$ 638,917	\$ 221,841	\$	(3,978)	\$ (336,542)	\$ 520,988
Net loss for the year					(97,412)				(97,412)
Foreign currency translation							(316)		(316)
Stock-based compensation	212,009		4	4,506					4,510
Stock repurchase	(1,262,459)							(18,895)	(18,895)
Common stock dividends					(17,196)				(17,196)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments, net of tax							11,927		11,927
Common stock issued in connection with:									
Stock option exercises	113,312		1	1,272					1,273
Balances at December 31, 2020	52,536,482	\$	755	\$ 644,695	\$ 107,233	\$	7,633	\$ (355,437)	\$ 404,879

# WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands)

		Year Ended December 31,					
		2020		2019		2018	
Cash flows from operating activities:							
Net (loss) income	\$	(97,412)	\$	89,575	\$	69,421	
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:							
Depreciation		25,989		21,886		21,215	
Amortization of intangibles		21,981		20,471		19,468	
Net (gain) loss on sale of assets and business divestiture		(1,567)		(109)		(10,148)	
Loss on debt extinguishment		396		165		280	
Deferred income taxes		5,016		3,420		(2,976)	
Stock-based compensation		4,509		9,036		10,169	
Non-cash interest expense		1,112		1,045		1,745	
Impairment		107,114				24,968	
Accounts receivable		71,436		8,327		(39,539)	
Inventories		21,099		(2,510)		(18,713)	
Prepaid expenses and other		(2,875)		(3,809)		4,548	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(28,266)		(817)		32,653	
Other, net		(4,398)		(396)		(620)	
Net cash provided by operating activities		124,134		146,284		112,471	
Cash flows from investing activities:		,					
Capital expenditures		(20,131)		(37,645)		(34,009)	
Proceeds from sale of assets and business divestiture		17,115		785		17,776	
Other, net				_		3,060	
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,016)		(36,860)		(13,173)	
Cash flows from financing activities:		(=,===)		(==,===)		(,-,-)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		1,273		848		961	
Dividends paid		(17,324)		(17,797)		(17,768)	
Borrowings under revolving credit facilities		45,794		619		937	
Payments under revolving credit facilities		(45,794)		(619)		(937)	
Principal payments under finance lease obligations		(327)		(308)		(290)	
Principal payments against senior notes		(10,000)		_			
Borrowings under term loan credit facility, net of original issuance discount		148,500				_	
Principal payments under term loan credit facility		(146,393)		(50,470)		(1,880)	
Principal payments under industrial revenue bond		(1.0,000)		(50,170)		(93)	
Debt issuance costs paid		(791)		(164)		(476)	
Convertible senior notes repurchase		(,,,,,		(10.)		(80,200)	
Stock repurchases		(18,895)		(33,707)		(58,383)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(43,957)		(101,598)		(158,129)	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash:		(10,501)		(101,000)		(100,125)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		77,161		7,826		(58,831)	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period		140,516		132,690		191,521	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$	217,677	\$	140,516	\$	132,690	
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Cash paid for interest	\$	23,411	\$	26,234	\$	27,386	
(Refunds received) cash paid for income taxes	\$	(4,670)	\$	20,379	\$	24,243	
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# WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS

Wabash National Corporation (the "Company", "Wabash", or "Wabash National") was founded in 1985 in Lafayette, Indiana as a dry van trailer manufacturer. The Company designs and manufactures a diverse range of products, including dry freight and refrigerated trailers, platform trailers, bulk tank trailers, dry and refrigerated truck bodies, structural composite panels and products, trailer aerodynamic solutions, and specialty food grade and pharmaceutical equipment. This diversification has been achieved through acquisitions, organic growth, and product innovation. The Company's innovative products are sold under the following brand names: Wabash National®, Benson®, Brenner® Tank, Bulk Tank International, DuraPlate®, Extract Technology®, Supreme®, Transcraft®, Walker Engineered Products, and Walker Transport.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Consolidation.** The consolidated financial statements reflect the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany profits, transactions, and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

Reclassifications. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

*Use of Estimates.* The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that directly affect the amounts reported in its consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents.* Cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase.

Accounts Receivable. Accounts receivable are shown net of expected losses and primarily include trade receivables. The Company records expected losses for customers based upon a variety of factors including the Company's historical collection experience, the length of time the account has been outstanding and the financial condition of the customer. If the circumstances related to specific customers were to change, the Company's estimates of expected losses with respect to the collectability of the related accounts could be further adjusted. The Company's policy is to write-off receivables when they are determined to be uncollectible. Expected losses are charged to Selling and General and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The following table presents the changes in expected losses (in thousands):

	Years ended December 31,								
	2020			2019		2018			
Balance at beginning of year	\$	670	\$	665	\$	869			
Expected losses		362		282		63			
Write-offs, net of recoveries		(496)		(277)		(267)			
Balance at end of year	\$	536	\$	670	\$	665			

*Inventories.* Inventories are stated at the lower of cost, determined on either the first-in, first-out or average cost method, or net realizable value. The cost of manufactured inventory includes raw material, labor and overhead.

*Prepaid Expenses and Other.* Prepaid expenses and other as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 consists of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2020			2019
Chassis converter pool agreements	\$	17,767	\$	10,164
Income tax receivables		18,073		8,701
Insurance premiums & maintenance agreements		4,384		3,217
Assets held for sale		1,897		3,020
All other		20,915		16,120
	\$	63,036	\$	41,222

Chassis converter pool agreements represent chassis transferred to the Company on a restricted basis by the manufacturer, who retains the sole authority to authorize commencement of work on the chassis and to make certain other decisions with respect to the chassis including the terms and pricing of sales to the manufacturer's dealers. Assets held for sale are related to unused land

parcels. Insurance premiums and maintenance agreements are charged to expense over the contractual life, which is generally one year or less. Other items primarily consist of the Company's commodity swap contracts that are in an asset position, contract assets related to contracts for which the Company recognizes revenue on an over time basis, and investments held by the Company's captive insurance subsidiary. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, there was no restricted cash included in prepaid expenses and other current assets.

**Property, Plant and Equipment.** Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred, while expenditures that extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets. The estimated useful lives are up to 33 years for buildings and building improvements and range from three to ten years for machinery and equipment.

Goodwill. Goodwill represents the excess purchase price over fair value of the net assets acquired. The Company determines its reporting units at the individual operating segment level, or one level below, when there is discrete financial information available that is regularly reviewed by segment management for evaluating operating results. The Company reviews goodwill for impairment, at the reporting unit level, annually on October 1 and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate its carrying value may not be recoverable. In accordance with ASC 350, Intangibles - Goodwill and Other, goodwill is reviewed for impairment utilizing either a qualitative assessment or a quantitative process.

The Company has the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether the existence of events or circumstances leads to a determination that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. An entity has an unconditional option to bypass the qualitative assessment in any period and proceed directly to performing the quantitative impairment test, which is the option the Company has historically chosen.

For reporting units in which the Company performs the quantitative analysis, the Company compares the carrying value, including goodwill, of each reporting unit with its estimated fair value. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, the goodwill is not considered impaired. If the carrying value is greater than the fair value, the difference is recognized as an impairment loss charged to the reporting unit. After an impairment loss is recognized, the adjusted carrying amount of goodwill shall be its new accounting basis.

The Company exercised its unconditional option to bypass the qualitative assessment of goodwill for all of its reporting units and instead prepared a quantitative assessment to estimate the fair value of each reporting unit at the annual testing date of October 1, 2020 utilizing a combination of the income approach and the market approach, weighted equally. Based on the quantitative assessment performed, all of the Company's reporting units exceeded their carrying values; as such, there was no goodwill impairment as a result of the 2020 annual goodwill impairment test.

As of December 31, 2019, goodwill allocated to the Company's CTP, DPG, and FMP segments was approximately \$2.6 million, \$140.7 million, and \$167.7 million, respectively. Within the DPG segment, goodwill was allocated between the Tank Trailers and Process Systems reporting units in the amount of \$98.4 million and \$42.3 million, respectively.

The Company did not perform in-line with expectations during the first quarter of 2020, partially as a result of impacts to our business and operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, subsequent to December 31, 2019, the Company's share price and market capitalization declined. As a result, indicators of impairment were identified and the Company performed an interim quantitative assessment as of March 31, 2020, utilizing a combination of the income and market approaches, which were weighted evenly. The results of the quantitative analysis indicated the carrying value of the FMP and Tank Trailers reporting units exceeded their respective fair values and, accordingly, goodwill impairment charges of \$95.8 million and \$11.0 million, respectively, were recorded during the first quarter of 2020. The goodwill impairment charges, which are based on Level 3 fair value measurements, are included in *Impairment and other*, *net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

In the third quarter of 2018, the Aviation and Truck Equipment ("AVTE") reporting unit within the Diversified Products reportable segment did not perform in-line with forecasted results driven by unfavorable market conditions that the Company believed would continue to impact the reporting unit for the foreseeable future. As a result, an indicator of impairment was identified, and the Company performed an interim quantitative assessment as of September 30, 2018, utilizing a combination of the income and market approaches. The results of the quantitative analysis indicated the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeded the fair value of the reporting unit and, accordingly, a goodwill impairment of \$4.9 million was recorded.

As further described in Note 20, during the fourth quarter of 2020 the Company sold its Beall® brand of tank trailers and associated assets. Prior to the divestiture Beall® was an operating unit within the Tank Trailers reporting unit. In accordance with the relevant accounting guidance, as part of the sale the Company allocated \$4.7 million of goodwill based upon the relative fair value of the Beall® operating unit compared to the Tank Trailers reporting unit as a whole. This goodwill was included in the carrying value of the disposed assets and the resulting loss recognized in connection with the sale. Subsequent to the divestiture, the Company performed an impairment assessment for the Tank Trailers reporting unit and concluded the fair value of the reporting unit continued to exceed the carrying value.

**Long-Lived Assets.** Long-lived assets, consisting primarily of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment, are reviewed for impairment whenever facts and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Specifically, this process involves comparing an asset's carrying value to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows the asset is expected to generate over its remaining life. If this process were to result in the conclusion that the carrying value of a long-lived asset would not be recoverable, a write-down of the asset to fair value would be recorded through a charge to operations. Fair value is determined based upon discounted cash flows or appraisals as appropriate.

Net intangible assets of approximately \$1.1 million were written-off during the fourth quarter of 2020 in connection with the Beall® divestiture. In the third quarter of 2018, due to the impairment indicators noted above related to the AVTE reporting unit with the Diversified Products reportable segment, the Company performed an interim impairment assessment of the long-lived assets of the AVTE reporting unit, including intangible assets and property, plant and equipment. Based on the results of our analysis it was determined that the carrying values of the trade names and property, plant and equipment of the AVTE reporting unit exceeded their fair values and, accordingly, an asset impairment charge totaling \$7.1 million was recorded.

**AVTE Impairment.** On January 22, 2019 the Company announced the divestiture of the AVTE business. In the fourth quarter of 2018, with the financial framework of the agreement to sell the AVTE business largely agreed to with the buyers, the Company evaluated the remaining assets of AVTE for impairment based on the economics of the, then proposed, transaction. As a result of the Company's impairment analysis, an impairment of \$13.0 million was recorded to fully impair all current assets of the AVTE business.

*Other Assets.* The Company capitalizes the cost of computer software developed or obtained for internal use. Capitalized software is amortized using the straight-line method over three to seven years. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had software costs, net of amortization, of \$6.1 million and \$7.2 million, respectively. Amortization expense for 2020, 2019, and 2018 was \$2.0 million, \$1.7 million, and \$1.5 million, respectively.

Warranties. The Company offers a limited warranty for its products with a coverage period that ranges between one and five years, except that the coverage period for DuraPlate® trailer panels is ten years. The Company passes through component manufacturers' warranties to our customers. The Company's policy is to accrue the estimated cost of warranty coverage at the time of the sale.

The following table presents the changes in the product warranty accrual included in Other accrued liabilities (in thousands):

	 2020		2019
Balance as of January 1	\$ 22,575	\$	22,247
Provision for warranties issued in current year	4,334		8,027
Net adjustment to warranty accrual	(228)		(2,320)
Payments	 (6,111)		(5,379)
Balance as of December 31	\$ 20,570	\$	22,575

**Self Insured Liabilities.** The Company is self-insured up to specified limits for medical and workers' compensation coverage. The self-insurance reserves have been recorded to reflect the undiscounted estimated liabilities, including claims incurred but not reported, as well as catastrophic claims as appropriate.

The following table presents the changes in the self-insurance accrual included in *Other accrued liabilities* (in thousands):

	 2020	2019
Balance as of January 1	\$ 12,934	\$ 9,890
Expense	47,612	57,733
Payments	 (48,460)	 (54,689)
Balance as of December 31	\$ 12,086	\$ 12,934

*Income Taxes.* The Company determines its provision or benefit for income taxes under the asset and liability method. The asset and liability method measures the expected tax impact at current enacted rates of future taxable income or deductions resulting from differences in the tax and financial reporting basis of assets and liabilities reflected in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Future tax benefits of tax losses and credit carryforwards are recognized as deferred tax assets. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance to the extent management determines that it is more-likely-than-not the Company would not realize the value of these assets.

The Company accounts for income tax contingencies by prescribing a "more-likely-than-not" recognition threshold that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements.

*Used Trailer Trade Commitments.* The Company may accept trade-in of used trailers when a customer enters into a contract to purchase a new trailer. However, in the contracts for the sale of the new trailers, there is no commitment to repurchase that trailer or a similar trailer in the future. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had no outstanding trade commitments and \$3.5 million outstanding trade commitments as of December 31, 2019. On occasion, the amount of the trade allowance provided for in the used trailer commitments, or cost, may exceed the net realizable value of the underlying used trailer. In these instances, the Company's policy is to recognize the loss related to these commitments at the time the new trailer revenue is recognized. Net realizable value of used trailers is measured considering market sales data for comparable types of trailers.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Financial instruments that potentially subject us to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, cash equivalents, and customer receivables. We place our cash and cash equivalents with high quality financial institutions. Generally, we do not require collateral or other security to support customer receivables.

**Research and Development.** Research and development expenses are charged to *Cost of sales* and *General and administrative expenses* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations as incurred and were \$21.9 million, \$19.5 million, and \$8.8 million in 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

# 3. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") 2016-13, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses," which introduced new guidance for an approach based on expected losses to estimate credit losses on certain types of financial instruments. It also modifies the impairment model for available-for-sale debt securities and provides for a simplified accounting model for purchased financial assets with credit deterioration since their origination. Instruments in scope include loans, held-to-maturity debt securities, and net investments in leases as well as reinsurance and trade receivables. In November 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-19, which clarifies that operating lease receivables are outside the scope of the new standard. The Company adopted the standard using the modified retrospective approach as required on January 1, 2020. The adoption of the new credit losses model did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

# 4. REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Company recognizes revenue from the sale of its products when obligations under the terms of a contract with our customers are satisfied; this occurs with the transfer of control of our products and replacement parts or throughout the completion of service work. Revenue is measured as the amount of consideration we expect to receive in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer and excludes all taxes collected from the customer. Shipping and handling fees are included in *Net sales* and the associated costs included in *Cost of sales* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. For shipping and handling costs that take place after the transfer of control, the Company is applying the practical expedient and treating it as a fulfillment cost. Incidental items that are immaterial in the context of the contract are recognized as expense. For performance obligations satisfied over time, which include certain equipment-related sales within our Diversified Products reportable segment that have no alternative use and contain an enforceable right to payment, as well as service work whereby the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided, the Company recognizes revenue on the basis of the Company's efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of these performance obligations, measured by actual total cost incurred to the total estimated costs for each project. Total revenue recognized over time was not material to the consolidated financial statements for all periods presented.

The Company has identified three separate and distinct performance obligations: (1) the sale of a trailer or equipment, (2) the sale of replacement parts, and (3) service work. For trailer, truck body, equipment, and replacement part sales, control is transferred and revenue is recognized from the sale upon shipment to or pick up by the customer in accordance with the contract terms. The Company does not have any material extended payment terms as payment is received shortly after the point of sale. Accounts receivable are recorded when the right to consideration becomes unconditional. The Company does have customers who pay for the product prior to the transfer of control which is recorded as customer deposits in *Other accrued liabilities* as shown in Note 8. Customer deposits are recognized as revenue when the Company performs its obligations under the contract and transfers control of the product.

# 5. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill.

During the fourth quarters of 2020, 2019, and 2018, the Company completed its goodwill impairment test using the quantitative assessment. Except for the impairment charges during the first quarter of 2020 and third quarter of 2018 discussed below, based on all assessments performed in each of the last three years the Company believed it was more likely than not that the fair value of its reporting units were greater than their carrying amount and no additional impairment of goodwill was recognized.

As of December 31, 2019, goodwill allocated to the Company's CTP, DPG, and FMP segments was approximately \$2.6 million, \$140.7 million, and \$167.7 million, respectively. Within the DPG segment, goodwill was allocated between the Tank Trailers and Process Systems reporting units in the amount of \$98.4 million and \$42.3 million, respectively.

The Company did not perform in-line with expectations during the first quarter of 2020, partially as a result of impacts to our business and operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, subsequent to December 31, 2019, the Company's share price and market capitalization declined. As a result, indicators of impairment were identified and the Company performed an interim quantitative assessment as of March 31, 2020, utilizing a combination of the income and market approaches, which were weighted evenly. The results of the quantitative analysis indicated the carrying value of the FMP and Tank Trailers reporting units exceeded their respective fair values and, accordingly, goodwill impairment charges of \$95.8 million and \$11.0 million, respectively, were recorded during the first quarter of 2020. The goodwill impairment charges, which are based on Level 3 fair value measurements, are included in *Impairment and other, net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

During the third quarter of 2018, the Company performed an interim impairment analysis after identifying indicators of impairment based on the results of the AVTE reporting unit. Based on this assessment, it was determined that all of the goodwill allocated to the AVTE reporting unit was impaired resulting in an impairment charge for the Diversified Products reporting segment of \$4.9 million.

As further described in Note 20, during the fourth quarter of 2020 the Company sold its Beall® brand of tank trailers and associated assets. Prior to the divestiture Beall® was an operating unit within the Tank Trailers reporting unit. In accordance with the relevant accounting guidance, as part of the sale the Company allocated \$4.7 million of goodwill based upon the relative fair value of the Beall® operating unit compared to the Tank Trailers reporting unit as a whole. This goodwill was included in the carrying value of the disposed assets and the resulting loss recognized in connection with the sale. Subsequent to the divestiture, the Company performed an impairment assessment for the Tank Trailers reporting unit and concluded the fair value of the reporting unit continued to exceed the carrying value.

For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, the changes in the carrying amounts of goodwill were as follows (in thousands):

		mmercial er Products		Diversified Products					 Total
Balance at December 31, 2018									
Goodwill	\$	4,288	\$	145,688	\$	167,715	\$ 317,691		
Accumulated impairment losses		(1,663)		(4,944)		_	(6,607)		
Net balance at December 31, 2018		2,625		140,744		167,715	311,084		
Impact of divestiture on goodwill		_		(4,944)		_	(4,944)		
Impact of divestiture on accumulated impairment losses		_		4,944		_	4,944		
Effects of foreign currency		_		(58)		_	(58)		
Balance at December 31, 2019									
Goodwill		4,288		140,686		167,715	312,689		
Accumulated impairment losses		(1,663)		_		_	(1,663)		
Net balance as of December 31, 2019	•	2,625		140,686		167,715	311,026		
Goodwill impairments	•	_		(10,971)		(95,766)	(106,737)		
Impact of divestiture on goodwill		_		(4,685)		_	(4,685)		
Effects of foreign currency		_		(44)			(44)		
Balance as of December 31, 2020									
Goodwill		4,288		135,957		167,715	307,960		
Accumulated impairment losses		(1,663)		(10,971)		(95,766)	(108,400)		
Net balance as of December 31, 2020	\$	2,625	\$	124,986	\$	71,949	\$ 199,560		

Intangible Assets.

As of December 31, 2020, the balances of intangible assets, other than goodwill, were as follows (in thousands):

	Weighted Average Amortization Period	Gross Intangible Assets		8			t Intangible Assets
Tradenames and trademarks	20 years	\$	51,481	\$	(19,975)	\$	31,506
Customer relationships	13 years		276,973		(145,356)		131,617
Technology	12 years		12,828		(9,064)		3,764
Total		\$	341,282	\$	(174,395)	\$	166,887

As of December 31, 2019, the balances of intangible assets, other than goodwill, were as follows (in thousands):

	Weighted Average Amortization Period	Gross Intangible Assets		verage ortization Gross Intangible Accu		ccumulated mortization	Ne	t Intangible Assets
Tradenames and trademarks	20 years	\$	53,103	\$	(17,962)	\$	35,141	
Customer relationships	13 years		282,863		(132,903)		149,960	
Technology	12 years		14,045		(9,248)		4,797	
Total		\$	350,011	\$	(160,113)	\$	189,898	

Intangible asset amortization expense was \$22.0 million, \$20.5 million, and \$19.5 million for 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively. Annual intangible asset amortization expense for the next 5 fiscal years is estimated to be \$23.0 million in 2021; \$17.9 million in 2022; \$15.3 million in 2023; \$15.1 million in 2024; and \$14.0 million in 2025. Net intangible assets of approximately \$1.1 million were written-off during the fourth quarter of 2020 in connection with the Beall® divestiture.

# 6. INVENTORIES

Inventories, net of reserves, consist of the following (in thousands):

	 December 31,			
	2020		2019	
Raw materials and components	\$ 99,418	\$	105,332	
Finished goods	44,695		58,224	
Work in progress	11,592		14,269	
Used trailers	1,478		2,499	
Aftermarket parts	6,567		6,590	
	\$ 163,750	\$	186,914	

# 7. PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

Depreciation expense, which is recorded in *Cost of sales* and *General and administrative expenses* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, as appropriate, on property, plant and equipment was \$24.0 million, \$20.2 million, and \$19.7 million in 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively, and includes depreciation of assets recorded in connection with the Company's finance lease agreements. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the assets related to the Company's finance lease agreements are recorded within *Property, plant and equipment, net* in the Consolidated Balance Sheets in the amount of \$2.8 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1.8 million and \$1.7 million, respectively.

See Note 20 for information related to property, plant, and equipment sales during 2020.

Property, plant and equipment, net consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,					
	2020			2019		
Land	\$	38,886	\$	36,794		
Buildings and building improvements		149,364		146,210		
Machinery and equipment		309,063		287,332		
Construction in progress		9,349		36,179		
		506,662		506,515		
Less: accumulated depreciation		(296,986)		(285,169)		
	\$	209,676	\$	221,346		

# 8. OTHER ACCRUED LIABILITIES

The following table presents the major components of *Other accrued liabilities* (in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2020		2019	
Customer deposits	\$ 37,792	\$	19,324	
Chassis converter pool agreements	17,767		10,164	
Warranty	20,570		22,575	
Payroll and related taxes	16,163		25,263	
Self-insurance	12,086		12,934	
Accrued interest	4,368		4,696	
Operating lease obligations	4,117		4,369	
Accrued taxes	4,790		10,344	
All other	13,327		14,561	
	\$ 130,980	\$	124,230	

# 9. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following (in thousands):

	De	ecember 31, 2020	De	ecember 31, 2019
Senior Notes due 2025	\$	315,000	\$	325,000
New Term Loan Credit Agreement		138,835		135,228
		453,835		460,228
Less: unamortized discount and fees		(5,856)		(4,842)
Less: current portion		_		
	\$	447,979	\$	455,386

# Senior Notes

On September 26, 2017, the Company issued Senior Notes due 2025 (the "Senior Notes") in an offering pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with an aggregate principal amount of \$325 million. The Senior Notes bear interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from the date of issuance, and pay interest semi-annually in cash on April 1 and October 1 of each year. The Company used the net proceeds of \$318.9 million from the sale of the Senior Notes to finance a portion of the acquisition of Supreme and to pay related fees and expenses.

The Senior Notes will mature on October 1, 2025. At any time prior to October 1, 2020, the Company could have redeemed some or all of the Senior Notes for cash at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes being redeemed plus an applicable make-whole premium set forth in the indenture for the Senior Notes and accrued and

unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. Prior to October 1, 2020, the Company could have redeemed up to 40% of the Senior Notes at a redemption price of 105.50% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date, with the proceeds of certain equity offerings so long as if, after any such redemption occurs, at least 60% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes remained outstanding. On and after October 1, 2020, the Company may redeem some or all of the Senior Notes at redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) equal to 102.750% for the twelve-month period beginning on October 1, 2020, 101.375% for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2021 and 100.000% beginning on October 1, 2022, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined in the indenture for the Senior Notes), unless the Company has exercised its optional redemption right in respect of the Senior Notes, the holders of the Senior Notes have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or a portion of the Senior Notes at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase.

The Senior Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by all direct and indirect existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries, subject to certain restrictions. The Senior Notes and related guarantees are the Company and the guarantors' general unsecured senior obligations and are subordinate to all of the Company and the guarantors' existing and future secured debt to the extent of the assets securing that secured obligation. In addition, the Senior Notes are structurally subordinate to any existing and future debt of any of the Company's subsidiaries that are not guarantors, to the extent of the assets of those subsidiaries.

The indenture for the Senior Notes restricts the Company's ability and the ability of certain of its subsidiaries to: (i) incur additional indebtedness; (ii) pay dividends or make other distributions in respect of, or repurchase or redeem, its capital stock or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits; (iii) make loans and certain investments; (iv) sell assets; (v) create or incur liens; (vi) enter into transactions with affiliates; and (vii) consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of its assets. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. During any time when the Senior Notes are rated investment grade by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and no event of default has occurred or is continuing, many of such covenants will be suspended and the Company and its subsidiaries will not be subject to such covenants during such period.

The indenture for the Senior Notes contains customary events of default, including payment defaults, breaches of covenants, failure to pay certain judgments and certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization. If an event of default occurs and is continuing, the principal amount of the Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, may be declared immediately due and payable. These amounts automatically become due and payable if an event of default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occurs. As of December 31, 2020, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

Contractual coupon interest expense and accretion of discount and fees for the Senior Notes for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, was \$18.6 million, \$18.5 million and \$18.5 million, respectively and is included in *Interest expense* on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

During the third quarter of 2020, the Company repaid \$10.0 million of the Senior Notes utilizing net proceeds from the closure of the new term loan credit agreement, which is described in more detail below.

# Revolving Credit Agreement

On December 21, 2018, the Company entered into the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Revolving Credit Agreement"), among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries as borrowers (together with the Company, the "Borrowers"), the lenders from time to time party thereto, Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as the administrative agent, joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner (the "Revolver Agent"), and Citizens Business Capital, a division of Citizens Asset Finance, Inc., as syndication agent, joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner, which amended and restated the Company's existing amended and restated revolving credit agreement, dated as of May 8, 2012.

On September 28, 2020, the Company entered into the First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (together with the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, the "Revolving Credit Agreement" or "Revolving Facility") among the Company, certain of its subsidiaries party thereto, the lenders party thereto, and the Revolver Agent. The Amendment primarily made conforming changes to the provisions in the Revolving Credit Agreement to reflect modifications made under the new term loan credit agreement, which is described in more detail below.

The Revolving Credit Agreement is guaranteed by certain subsidiaries of the Company (the "Revolver Guarantors") and is secured by (i) first priority security interests (subject only to customary permitted liens and certain other permitted liens) in substantially all personal property of the Borrowers and the Revolver Guarantors, consisting of accounts receivable, inventory, cash, deposit and securities accounts and any cash or other assets in such accounts and, to the extent evidencing or otherwise related to such property, all general intangibles, licenses, intercompany debt, letter of credit rights, commercial tort claims, chattel paper, instruments, supporting obligations, documents and payment intangibles (collectively, the "Revolver Priority

Collateral"), and (ii) second-priority liens on and security interests in (subject only to the liens securing the Term Loan Credit Agreement (as defined below), customary permitted liens and certain other permitted liens) (A) equity interests of each direct subsidiary held by the Borrowers and each Revolver Guarantor (subject to customary limitations in the case of the equity of foreign subsidiaries), and (B) substantially all other tangible and intangible assets of the Borrowers and the Revolver Guarantors including equipment, general intangibles, intercompany notes, insurance policies, investment property and intellectual property (in each case, except to the extent constituting Revolver Priority Collateral), but excluding real property (collectively, including certain material owned real property that does not constitute collateral under the Revolving Credit Agreement, the "Term Priority Collateral"). The respective priorities of the security interests securing the Revolving Credit Agreement and the Term Loan Credit Agreement are governed by an Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2012, between the Revolver Agent and the Term Agent (as defined below), as amended (the "Intercreditor Agreement"). The Revolving Credit Agreement has a scheduled maturity date of December 21, 2023, subject to certain springing maturity events.

Under the Revolving Credit Agreement, the lenders agree to make available to the Company a \$175 million revolving credit facility. The Company has the option to increase the total commitment under the facility to up to \$275 million, subject to certain conditions, including obtaining commitments from any one or more lenders, whether or not currently party to the Revolving Credit Agreement, to provide such increased amounts. Availability under the Revolving Credit Agreement will be based upon quarterly (or more frequent under certain circumstances) borrowing base certifications of the Borrowers' eligible inventory and eligible accounts receivable, and will be reduced by certain reserves in effect from time to time. Subject to availability, the Revolving Credit Agreement provides for a letter of credit subfacility in an amount not in excess of \$15 million, and allows for swingline loans in an amount not in excess of \$17.5 million. Outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Credit agreement will bear interest at an annual rate, at the Borrowers' election, equal to (i) LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 1.25% to 1.75% or (ii) a base rate plus a margin ranging from 0.25% to 0.75%, in each case depending upon the monthly average excess availability under the revolving loan facility. The Borrowers are required to pay a monthly unused line fee equal to 0.20% times the average daily unused availability along with other customary fees and expenses of the Revolver Agent and the lenders.

The Revolving Credit Agreement contains customary covenants limiting the ability of the Company and certain of its affiliates to, among other things, pay cash dividends, incur debt or liens, redeem or repurchase stock, enter into transactions with affiliates, merge, dissolve, repay subordinated indebtedness, make investments and dispose of assets. In addition, the Company will be required to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.0 to 1.0 as of the end of any period of 12 fiscal months when excess availability under the Revolving Credit Agreement is less than 10% of the total revolving commitment.

If availability under the Revolving Credit Agreement is less than 15% of the total revolving commitment or if there exists an event of default, amounts in any of the Borrowers' and the Revolver Guarantors' deposit accounts (other than certain excluded accounts) will be transferred daily into a blocked account held by the Revolver Agent and applied to reduce the outstanding amounts under the facility.

Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, if the covenants under the Revolving Credit Agreement are breached, the lenders may, subject to various customary cure rights, require the immediate payment of all amounts outstanding and foreclose on collateral. Other customary events of default in the Revolving Credit Agreement include, without limitation, failure to pay obligations when due, initiation of insolvency proceedings, defaults on certain other indebtedness, and the incurrence of certain judgments that are not stayed, satisfied, bonded or discharged within 30 days.

In connection with the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, the Company recognized a loss on debt extinguishment of \$0.1 million during 2018, which is included in *Other, net* on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company's liquidity position, defined as cash on hand and available borrowing capacity on the Revolving Credit Facility, amounted to \$384.0 million as of December 31, 2020 and \$308.1 million as of December 31, 2019.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2020, the Company drew \$45.0 million under the Revolving Credit Agreement as a precautionary measure in response to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. During the second quarter of 2020, the Company repaid the \$45.0 million in outstanding borrowings, and for the remainder of 2020 and as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 there were no amounts outstanding under the Revolving Facility. The Company was in compliance with all covenants as of December 31, 2020.

Interest expense under the Revolving Credit Agreement for the year ended December 31, 2020, was approximately \$0.2 million. There was no interest expense under the Revolving Credit Agreement for years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

On September 28, 2020, the Company entered into a Term Loan Credit Agreement (the "New Term Loan Credit Agreement") among the Company, the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as the administrative agent (the "Term Agent"), providing for a senior secured term loan facility of \$150.0 million that was advanced at closing. The New Term Loan Credit Agreement refinanced and replaced that certain Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2012 (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Old Term Loan Credit Agreement"), among the Company, the lenders party thereto and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the administrative agent.

The New Term Loan Credit Agreement is guaranteed by certain subsidiaries of the Company (the "Term Loan Guarantors") and is secured by (i) second priority security interests (subject only to the liens securing the Revolving Credit Agreement, customary permitted liens, and certain other permitted liens) in substantially all personal property of the Company and the Term Loan Guarantors, consisting of accounts receivable, inventory, cash, deposit and securities accounts and any cash or other assets in such accounts and, to the extent evidencing or otherwise related to such property, all general intangibles, licenses, intercompany debt, letter of credit rights, commercial tort claims, chattel paper, instruments, supporting obligations, documents and payment intangibles, and (ii) first priority security interests (subject only to customary permitted liens and certain other permitted liens) in (A) subject to certain limitations, equity interests of each direct subsidiary held by the Company and each Term Loan Guarantor, and (B) substantially all other tangible and intangible assets of the Company and the Term Loan Guarantors, including equipment, general intangibles, intercompany notes, investment property and intellectual property, but excluding real property. The respective priorities of the security interests securing the New Term Loan Credit Agreement and the Revolving Credit Agreement are governed by an Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2020, between the Term Agent and the Revolver Agent (the "Intercreditor Agreement"). The New Term Loan Credit Agreement has a scheduled maturity date of September 28, 2027. The loans under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement amortize in quarterly installments equal to 0.25% of the original principal amount of the term loans issued thereunder, with the balance payable at maturity.

Outstanding borrowings under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate, at the Company's election, equal to (i) LIBOR (subject to a floor of 0.75% per annum) plus a margin of 3.25% per annum or (ii) a base rate plus a margin of 2.25% per annum.

The New Term Loan Credit Agreement contains customary covenants limiting the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to, among other things, pay cash dividends, incur debt or liens, redeem or repurchase stock, enter into transactions with affiliates, merge, dissolve, pay off subordinated indebtedness, make investments and dispose of assets. As of December 31, 2020, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, if the covenants under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement are breached, the lenders may, subject to various customary cure rights, require the immediate payment of all amounts outstanding and foreclose on collateral. Other customary events of default in the New Term Loan Credit Agreement include, without limitation, failure to pay obligations when due, initiation of insolvency proceedings, defaults on certain other indebtedness, and the incurrence of certain judgments that are not stayed, satisfied, bonded or discharged within 60 days.

The Company used the net proceeds of \$148.5 million from the New Term Loan Credit Agreement to pay off the outstanding principal under the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement of \$135.2 million, repay a portion of its outstanding Senior Notes, and pay related fees and expenses. In connection with the pay off of the Old Term Loan Credit Agreement (specifically for those lenders that did not participate in the New Term Loan Credit Agreement) and partial repayment of the outstanding Senior Notes, the Company recognized a loss on debt extinguishment totaling approximately \$0.2 million, which is included in *Other*; *net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As further described in Note 20, during the fourth quarter of 2020 the Company sold its Beall® brand of tank trailers and associated assets. The net proceeds of approximately \$11.2 million from the sale were used to pay down outstanding principal under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement. In connection with the pay down the Company recognized a loss on debt extinguishment totaling approximately \$0.2 million. The Company's required quarterly principal payments through maturity under the New Term Load Credit Agreement were satisfied in full with this prepayment.

For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, under the New and Old Term Loan Credit Agreements the Company paid interest of \$4.8 million, \$7.8 million, and \$8.0 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 the Company paid principal of \$50.5 million, and \$1.9 million, respectively. During 2020, 2019, and 2018, the Company recognized losses on debt extinguishment totaling approximately \$0.4 million, \$0.2 million, and \$0.3 million, respectively, in connection with the New Term Loan Credit Agreement activity described above and prepayment of principal. The losses on debt extinguishment are included in *Other, net* on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had \$138.8 million and \$135.2 million outstanding under the New and Old Term Loan Credit Agreements, respectively, of which none was classified as current on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

For the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, the Company incurred charges of \$0.2 million in each period for amortization of fees and original issuance discount which is included in *Interest expense* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

# Convertible Senior Notes

In April 2012, the Company issued Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 (the "Convertible Notes") with an aggregate principal amount of \$150 million in a public offering. The Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 3.375% per annum from the date of issuance, payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, and matured on May 1, 2018. The Convertible Notes were senior unsecured obligations of the Company ranking equally with its existing and future senior unsecured debt. The Company used the net proceeds of \$145.1 million from the sale of the Convertible Notes to fund a portion of the purchase price of the acquisition of Walker Group Holdings ("Walker") in May 2012. The Company accounted separately for the liability and equity components of the Convertible Notes in accordance with authoritative guidance for convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion.

During 2018, the Company used \$80.2 million in cash, excluding interest, to settle \$44.6 million in principal of the Convertible Notes of which none were converted to common shares. The excess of the cash settlement amount over the principal value of the Convertible Notes was accounted for as a reacquisition of equity, resulting in a \$35.5 million reduction to additional paid-in capital during 2018. For the year ended December 31, 2018, we recognized a loss on debt extinguishment of \$0.2 million related to settlements and the retirement of the Convertible Notes, which is included in *Other*, *net* on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Contractual coupon interest expense and accretion of discount and fees on the liability component for the Convertible Notes for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 included in *Interest expense* on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations were as follows (in thousands):

		Year Ended December 31,							
	2	2020	2019		2018				
Contractual coupon interest expense	\$	_	\$ —	\$	470				
Accretion of discount and fees on the liability component	\$	_	\$ —	\$	461				

#### 10. FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

# Commodity Pricing Risk

As of December 31, 2020, the Company was party to commodity swap contracts for specific commodities with notional amounts of approximately \$86.9 million. The Company uses commodity swap contracts to mitigate the risks associated with fluctuations in commodity prices impacting its cash flows related to inventory purchases from suppliers. The Company does not hedge all commodity price risk.

At inception, the Company designated the commodity swap contracts as cash flow hedges. The contracts mature at specified monthly settlement dates through January 2022. The change in fair value effective portion of the hedging transaction is recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) ("AOCI") and transferred to earnings when the forecasted hedged transaction takes place or when the forecasted hedged transaction is no longer probable to occur.

### Financial Statement Presentation

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the fair value carrying amount of the Company's derivative instruments were recorded as follows (in thousands):

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		Asset / (Liability) Derivatives			
	<b>Balance Sheet Caption</b>	December 31, 2020		December 31, 2019	
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments					
Commodity swap contracts	Prepaid expenses and other	\$	13,750	\$	1,290
Commodity swap contracts	Accounts payable and Other accrued liabilities		(366)		(3,216)
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$	13,384	\$	(1,926)

The following table summarizes the gain or loss recognized in AOCI as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the amounts reclassified from AOCI into earnings for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 (in thousands):

	Amount of Gain (Loss)  Recognized in  Location of Gain  AOCI on Derivatives  (Loss) Replacified						Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified AOCI into Earnings						
	(E1		Derivatives tion, net of tax)		(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into	Year Ended December 31,							
	Dec	ember 31, 2020	December 31, 2019		Earnings (Effective Portion)	2020			2019		2018		
Derivatives instruments													
Commodity swap contracts	\$	9,815	\$	(2,112)	Cost of sales	\$	(7,778)	\$	(2,297)	\$	142		

Over the next 12 months, the Company expects to reclassify approximately \$12.8 million of pretax deferred gains related to the commodity swap contracts from AOCI to cost of sales as inventory purchases are settled.

#### 11. LEASES

The Company records a right-of-use ("ROU") asset and lease liability for substantially all leases for which it is a lessee, in accordance with ASC 842. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet; the Company recognizes lease expense for these leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Company has no significant lease agreements in place for which the Company is a lessor. At inception of a contract, the Company considers all relevant facts and circumstances to assess whether or not the contract represents a lease by determining whether or not the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, either explicit or implicit, for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The Company leases certain industrial spaces, office space, land, and equipment. Some leases include one or more options to renew, with renewal terms that can extend the lease term from generally one to 5 years. The exercise of lease renewal options is at the Company's sole discretion, and are included in the lease term only to the extent such renewal options are reasonably certain of being exercised upon lease commencement. Certain leases also include options to purchase the leased property. The depreciable life of assets and leasehold improvements are limited by the expected lease term, unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise. Leased assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities during the year ended December 31, 2020 were approximately \$2.2 million. As of December 31, 2020 obligations related to leases that the Company has executed but have not yet commenced totaled approximately \$1.7 million on a non-discounted basis, which the Company generally expects to be recognized over the next 10 years.

Leased assets and liabilities included within the Consolidated Balance Sheets consist of the following (in thousands):

	Classification	December 31, 2020		December 31, 2019		
Right-of-Use Assets						
Operating	Other assets	\$	10,842	\$	14,246	
Finance	Property, plant and equipment, net		2,802		2,945	
Total leased ROU assets		\$	13,644	\$	17,191	
<b>Liabilities</b> Current						
Operating	Other accrued liabilities	\$	4,117	\$	4,369	
Finance	Current portion of finance lease obligations		348		327	
Noncurrent						
Operating	Non-current liabilities		6,967		10,041	
Finance	Finance lease obligations		30		378	
Total lease liabilities		\$	11,462	\$	15,115	

Lease costs included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations consist of the following (in thousands):

	Classification	Months Ended ber 31, 2020	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2019			
Operating lease cost	Cost of sales, selling expenses and general and administrative expense	\$ 5,116	\$	5,172		
Finance lease cost						
Amortization of ROU leased assets	Depreciation and amortization within Cost of sales	144		144		
Interest on lease liabilities	Interest expense	53		65		
Net lease cost		\$ 5,313	\$	5,381		

Maturity of the Company's lease liabilities for leases that have commenced is as follows (in thousands):

	Opera	Operating Leases		Finance Leases		Total
2021	\$	4,569	\$	361	\$	4,930
2022		3,040		30		3,070
2023		2,185		_		2,185
2024		1,085		_		1,085
2025		537		_		537
Thereafter		721		_		721
Total lease payments	\$	12,137	\$	391	\$	12,528
Less: interest		1,053		13		
Present value of lease payments	\$	11,084	\$	378		
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As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. Remaining lease term and discount rates are as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2020</b>	December 31, 2019		
Weighted average remaining lease term (years)				
Operating leases	3.6	4.0		
Finance leases	1.1	2.1		
Weighted average discount rate				
Operating leases	5.07 %	5.17 %		
Finance leases	6.16 %	6.16 %		

Lease costs included in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows are as follows (in thousands):

	Months Ended ber 31, 2020	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2019		
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities				
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 5,091	\$	5,016	
Operating cash flows from finance leases	\$ 34	\$	53	
Financing cash flows from finance leases	\$ 327	\$	308	

#### 12. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company's fair value measurements are based upon a three-level valuation hierarchy. These valuation techniques are based upon the transparency of inputs (observable and unobservable) to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 — Valuation is based on quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;

- Level 2 Valuation is based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or other inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for the full term of the financial instrument; and
- Level 3 Valuation is based upon other unobservable inputs that are significant to the fair value measurement.

#### Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The Company maintains a non-qualified deferred compensation plan which is offered to senior management and other key employees. The amount owed to participants is an unfunded and unsecured general obligation of the Company. Participants are offered various investment options with which to invest the amount owed to them, and the plan administrator maintains a record of the liability owed to participants by investment. To minimize the impact of the change in market value of this liability, the Company has elected to purchase a separate portfolio of investments through the plan administrator similar to those chosen by the participant.

The investments purchased by the Company include mutual funds, which are classified as Level 1, and life-insurance contracts valued based on the performance of underlying mutual funds, which are classified as Level 2. Additionally, upon the Company's acquisition of Supreme, the Company acquired a pool of investments made by a wholly owned captive insurance subsidiary. These investments are comprised of mutual funds, which are classified as Level 1.

The fair value of the Company's derivatives is estimated with a market approach using third-party pricing services, which have been corroborated with data from active markets or broker quotes.

Fair value measurements and the fair value hierarchy level for the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2020 are shown below (in thousands):

_	Frequency	Asset / (Liability)		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)			Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
December 31, 2020									
Commodity swap contracts	Recurring	\$	13,384	\$		\$	13,384	\$	_
Mutual funds	Recurring	\$	5,331	\$	5,331	\$	_	\$	
Life-insurance contracts	Recurring	\$	16,930	\$	_	\$	16,930	\$	_
December 31, 2019									
Commodity swap contracts	Recurring	\$	(1,926)	\$	_	\$	(1,926)	\$	_
Mutual funds	Recurring	\$	7,367	\$	7,367	\$	_	\$	_
Life-insurance contracts	Recurring	\$	15,072	\$	_	\$	15,072	\$	_

# Estimated Fair Value of Debt

The estimated fair value of debt at December 31, 2020 consists primarily of the Senior Notes due 2025 and borrowings under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement (see Note 9). The fair value of the Senior Notes due 2025, New Term Loan Credit Agreement, and Old Term Loan Credit Agreement are based upon third party pricing sources, which generally do not represent daily market activity or represent data obtained from an exchange, and are classified as Level 2. The interest rates on the Company's borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility are adjusted regularly to reflect current market rates and thus carrying value approximates fair value for any borrowings. All other debt approximates their fair value as determined by discounted cash flows and are classified as Level 3.

The Company's carrying and estimated fair value of debt at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2020						December 31, 2019						
			Fair Value			•							
	Carrying Value	Lev	vel 1	Level 2	L	evel 3	Carrying Value	L	evel 1	Level 2	Le	evel 3	
Instrument													
Senior Notes due 2025	\$ 311,357	\$	—	\$319,140	\$	_	\$ 320,572	\$	_	\$320,572	\$		
New (2020) & Old (2019) Term Loan Credit Agreements	136,622		_	136,280		_	134,814		_	134,814		_	
	\$ 447,979	\$	_	\$455,420	\$	_	\$ 455,386	\$	_	\$455,386	\$		

The fair value of debt is based on current public market prices for disclosure purposes only. Unrealized gains or losses are not recognized in the financial statements as long-term debt is presented at the carrying value, net of unamortized premium or discount and unamortized deferred financing costs in the consolidated financial statements.

# 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

# a. Litigation

As of December 31, 2020, the Company was named as a defendant or was otherwise involved in numerous legal proceedings and governmental examinations, in connection with the conduct of its business activities, in various jurisdictions, both in the United States and internationally. On the basis of information currently available to it, management does not believe that existing proceedings and investigations will have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition or liquidity if determined in a manner adverse to the Company. However, such matters are unpredictable, and we could incur judgments or enter into settlements for current or future claims that could materially and adversely affect our financial statements. Costs associated with the litigation and settlements of legal matters are reported within *General and administrative expenses* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

# Environmental Disputes

In August 2014, the Company received notice as a potentially responsible party ("PRP") by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the "DHEC") pertaining to the Philip Services Site located in Rock Hill, South Carolina pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") and corresponding South Carolina statutes. PRPs include parties identified through manifest records as having contributed to deliveries of hazardous substances to the Philip Services Site between 1979 and 1999. The DHEC's allegation that the Company was a PRP arises out of four manifest entries in 1989 under the name of a company unaffiliated with Wabash National (or any of its former or current subsidiaries) that purport to be delivering a de minimis amount of hazardous waste to the Philip Services Site "c/o Wabash National Corporation." As such, the Philip Services Site PRP Group (the "PRP Group") notified Wabash in August 2014 that it was offering the Company the opportunity to resolve any liabilities associated with the Philip Services Site by entering into a Cash Out and Reopener Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") with the PRP Group, as well as a Consent Decree with the DHEC. The Company has accepted the offer from the PRP Group to enter into the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree, while reserving its rights to contest its liability for any deliveries of hazardous materials to the Philips Services Site. The requested settlement payment is immaterial to the Company's financial conditions and results of operations, and as a result, if the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree are finalized, the payment to be made by the Company thereunder is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

On November 13, 2019, the Company received a notice that it was considered one of several PRPs by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") under CERCLA and state law related to substances found in soil and groundwater at a property located at 817 South Earl Avenue, Lafayette, Indiana (the "Site"). The Company has never owned or operated the Site, but the Site is near certain of the Company's owned properties. The Company has agreed to implement a limited work plan to further investigate the source of the contamination at the Site and have worked with IDEM and other PRPs to finalize the terms of the work plan. The Company submitted its initial site investigation report to IDEM during the third quarter of 2020, indicating that the data collected by the Company's consultant confirmed that the Company's properties are not the source of contamination at the Site. IDEM issued to the PRPs a request for a Further Site Investigation ("FSI") work plan, and with IDEM's permission the Company submitted a Work Plan Addendum on December 17, 2020 for limited additional groundwater sampling work in lieu of a full FSI work plan. IDEM approved the Work Plan Addendum, and the additional work will be conducted in the first quarter of 2021. As of December 31, 2020, based on the information available, the Company does not expect this matter to have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

# b. Environmental Litigation Commitments and Contingencies

The Company generates and handles certain material, wastes and emissions in the normal course of operations that are subject to various and evolving federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.

The Company assesses its environmental liabilities on an on-going basis by evaluating currently available facts, existing technology, presently enacted laws and regulations as well as experience in past treatment and remediation efforts. Based on these evaluations, the Company estimates a lower and upper range for treatment and remediation efforts and recognizes a liability for such probable costs based on the information available at the time. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had reserved estimated remediation costs of \$0.1 million for activities at existing and former properties which are recorded within *Other accrued liabilities* on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

# c. Letters of Credit

As of December 31, 2020, the Company had standby letters of credit totaling \$6.8 million issued in connection with workers compensation claims and surety bonds.

#### d. Purchase Commitments

The Company has \$86.9 million in purchase commitments at December 2020 for various raw material commodities, including aluminum, steel, nickel, and polyethylene, as well as other raw material components which are within normal production requirements.

#### e. Chassis Converter Pool Agreements

The Company, through Supreme, obtains most vehicle chassis for its specialized vehicle products directly from the chassis manufacturers under converter pool agreements. Chassis are obtained from the manufacturers based on orders from customers, and in some cases, for unallocated orders. The agreements generally state that the manufacturer will provide a supply of chassis to be maintained at the Company's facilities with the condition that we will store such chassis and will not move, sell, or otherwise dispose of such chassis except under the terms of the agreement. In addition, the manufacturer typically retains the sole authority to authorize commencement of work on the chassis and to make certain other decisions with respect to the chassis including the terms and pricing of sales of the chassis to the manufacturer's dealers. The manufacturer also does not transfer the certificate of origin to the Company nor permit the Company to sell or transfer the chassis to anyone other than the manufacturer (for ultimate resale to a dealer). Although the Company is party to related finance agreements with manufacturers, the Company has not historically settled, nor expects to in the future settle, any related obligations in cash. Instead, the obligation is settled by the manufacturer upon reassignment of the chassis to an accepted dealer, and the dealer is invoiced for the chassis by the manufacturer. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2020 the Company's outstanding chassis converter pool with the manufacturer totaled \$17.8 million and has included this financing agreement on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets within Prepaid expenses and other and Other accrued liabilities. All other chassis programs through its Supreme subsidiary are handled as consigned inventory belonging to the manufacturer and totaled approximately \$2.6 million. Under these agreements, if the chassis is not delivered to a customer within a specified time frame the Company is required to pay a finance or storage charge on the chassis. Additionally, the Company receives finance support funds from manufacturers when the chassis are assigned into the Company's chassis pool. Typically, chassis are converted and delivered to customers within 90 days of the receipt of the chassis by the Company.

# 14. PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK

Basic earnings per share is calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is determined based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period combined with the incremental average common shares that would have been outstanding assuming the conversion of all potentially dilutive common shares into common shares as of the earliest date possible. The calculation of basic and diluted net (loss) income per share is determined using net (loss) income applicable to common stockholders as the numerator and the number of shares included in the denominator as shown below (in thousands, except per share amounts). Due to the net loss applicable to common stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2020, no securities had a dilutive impact.

	Year Ended December 31,							
		2020		2019		2018		
Basic net (loss) income per share:								
Net (loss) income applicable to common stockholders	\$	(97,412)	\$	89,575	\$	69,421		
Weighted average common shares outstanding		52,945		54,695	-	56,996		
Basic net (loss) income per share	\$	(1.84)	\$	1.64	\$	1.22		
Diluted net (loss) income per share:								
Net (loss) income applicable to common stockholders	\$	(97,412)	\$	89,575	\$	69,421		
Weighted average common shares outstanding		52,945		54,695		56,996		
Dilutive shares from assumed conversion of convertible senior notes		_		_		455		
Dilutive stock options and restricted stock		_		595		979		
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding		52,945		55,290		58,430		
Diluted net (loss) income per share	\$	(1.84)	\$	1.62	\$	1.19		

As noted above, due to the net loss applicable to common stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2020, no securities had a dilutive impact. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, there were no options excluded from average diluted shares outstanding as the average market price of the common shares was greater than the exercise price. In addition, the

calculation of diluted net income per share for the year ending December 31, 2018 includes the impact of the Company's Convertible Senior Notes as the average stock price of the Company's common stock during this period was above the initial conversion price of approximately \$11.70 per share. The convertible notes matured in May 2018; as such, there were no dilutive shares in 2020 or 2019.

# 15. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

On May 18, 2017, the shareholders of the Company approved the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2017 Incentive Plan") which authorizes 3,150,000 shares for issuance under the plan. Awards granted under the 2017 Incentive Plan may be in the form of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, other share-based awards, and cash awards to directors, officers, and other eligible employees of the Company.

The Company recognizes all share-based awards to eligible employees based upon their fair value. The Company's policy is to recognize expense for awards that have service conditions only subject to graded vesting using the straight-line attribution method. Total stock-based compensation expense was \$4.5 million, \$9.0 million, and \$10.2 million in the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and is included in *Cost of sales, General and administrative expenses*, and *Selling expenses* within the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The amount of compensation costs related to nonvested stock options and restricted stock not yet recognized was approximately \$10.9 million at December 31, 2020, for which the weighted average remaining life was 1.8 years.

#### Restricted Stock

Restricted stock awards vest over a period of one to three years and may be based on the achievement of specific financial performance metrics and market conditions. Awards based strictly on time-based vesting and those awards with performance metrics are valued at the market price on the date of grant. The fair values of the awards that contain market conditions are estimated using a Monte Carlo simulation approach in a risk-neutral framework to model future stock price movements based upon historical volatility, risk-free rates of return, and correlation matrix. Restricted stock awards are generally forfeitable in the event of terminated employment prior to vesting.

A summary of all restricted stock activity during 2020 is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value		
Restricted Stock Outstanding at December 31, 2019	1,691,699	\$	20.24	
Granted	1,010,802		12.43	
Vested	(314,048)		19.60	
Forfeited	(556,074)		20.56	
Restricted Stock Outstanding at December 31, 2020	1,832,379	\$	16.06	

During 2020, 2019, and 2018, the Company granted 1,010,802, 853,994 and 593,705 shares of restricted stock, respectively, with aggregate fair values on the date of grant of \$12.6 million, \$13.0 million, and \$14.6 million, respectively. The total fair value of restricted stock that vested during 2020, 2019, and 2018 was \$3.7 million, \$7.4 million and \$15.0 million, respectively.

#### Stock Options

Stock options are awarded with an exercise price equal to the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, become fully exercisable three years after the date of grant and expire ten years after the date of grant. No stock options have been granted by the Company since February 2015.

A summary of all stock option activity during 2020 is as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average ercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (\$ in millions)		
Options Outstanding at December 31, 2019	531,942	\$ 11.54	3.1	\$	1.7	
Exercised	(113,312)	\$ 11.24		\$	0.5	
Forfeited	_	\$ _				
Expired	(4,550)	\$ 13.74				
Options Outstanding at December 31, 2020	414,080	\$ 11.60	2.2	\$	2.3	
Options Exercisable at December 31, 2020	368,333	\$ 11.67	2.3	\$	2.0	

The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during 2020, 2019, and 2018 was \$0.5 million, \$0.5 million, and \$1.5 million, respectively.

# 16. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### Share Repurchase Program

In November 2018, the Company announced that the Board of Directors approved the repurchase of an additional \$100 million in shares of common stock over a three-year period. This authorization was an increase to the previous \$100 million repurchase programs approved in February 2017 and February 2016. The repurchase program is set to expire on February 28, 2022. Stock repurchases under this program may be made in the open market or in private transactions at times and in amounts determined by the Company. As of December 31, 2020, \$51.4 million remained available under the program.

# Common and Preferred Stock

The Board of Directors has the authority to issue common and unclassed preferred stock of up to 200 million shares and 25 million shares, respectively, with par value of \$0.01 per share, as well as to fix dividends, voting and conversion rights, redemption provisions, liquidation preferences, and other rights and restrictions.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income

Changes in AOCI by component, net of tax, for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Ti	Foreign Currency ranslation nd Other	_	erivative struments	Total
Balances at December 31, 2017	\$	(2,385)	\$	_	\$ (2,385)
Net unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period <sup>(a)</sup>		(193)		(660)	(853)
Less: Net realized gains (losses) reclassified to net income <sup>(b)</sup>		_		105	 105
Net change during the period		(193)		(765)	(958)
Balances at December 31, 2018		(2,578)		(765)	 (3,343)
Net unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period <sup>(c)</sup>		712		(3,059)	(2,347)
Less: Net realized gains (losses) reclassified to net income <sup>(d)</sup>		_		(1,712)	(1,712)
Net change during the period		712		(1,347)	(635)
Balances at December 31, 2019		(1,866)		(2,112)	(3,978)
Net unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period(e)		(316)		6,111	5,795
Less: Net realized gains (losses) reclassified to net loss <sup>(f)</sup>		_		(5,816)	(5,816)
Net change during the period		(316)		11,927	11,611
Balances at December 31, 2020	\$	(2,182)	\$	9,815	\$ 7,633

<sup>(</sup>a) Derivative instruments net of \$230 thousand of tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2018.

<sup>(</sup>b) Derivative instruments net of \$37 thousand of tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2018.

<sup>(</sup>c) Derivative instruments net of \$1,031 thousand of tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2019.

<sup>(</sup>d) Derivative instruments net of \$585 thousand of tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2019.

- (e) Derivative instruments net of \$2,058 thousand of tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2020.
- (f) Derivative instruments net of \$1,962 thousand of tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### 17. EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLANS

Substantially all of the Company's employees are eligible to participate in a defined contribution plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company also provides a non-qualified defined contribution plan for senior management and certain key employees. Both plans provide for the Company to match, in cash, a percentage of each employee's contributions up to certain limits. The Company's matching contribution and related expense for these plans was approximately \$7.9 million, \$10.2 million, and \$7.9 million for 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

#### 18. INCOME TAXES

(Loss) Income Before Income Taxes

The consolidated (loss) income before income taxes for 2020, 2019, and 2018 consists of the following (in thousands):

	 Years Ended December 31,									
	 2020			2018						
Domestic	\$ (110,049)	\$	116,886	\$	94,978					
Foreign	 835		845		1,026					
Total (loss) income before income taxes	\$ (109,214)	\$	117,731	\$	96,004					

Income Tax (Benefit) Expense

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") was enacted and signed into law in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Certain provisions of the CARES Act had a significant impact on the effective tax rate, income tax payable, and deferred income tax positions of the Company for 2020. The CARES Act permits net operating losses ("NOLs") incurred in tax years 2020, 2019, and 2018 to offset 100% of taxable income and be carried-back to each of the five preceding taxable years to generate a refund of previously paid income taxes. The Company evaluated the impact of the CARES Act during the year ended December 31, 2020 and recorded an income tax receivable of \$13.2 million for the benefit of carrying back the NOL for the year ended December 31, 2020. As the Company is carrying the losses back to years beginning before January 1, 2018, the receivables were recorded at the previous 35% federal tax rate rather than the current statutory rate of 21%.

The consolidated income tax (benefit) expense for 2020, 2019, and 2018 consists of the following components (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,							
		2020		2019		2018		
Current								
Federal	\$	(15,190)	\$	18,167	\$	22,120		
State		(2,072)		6,233		7,271		
Foreign		444		336		168		
		(16,818)		24,736		29,559		
Deferred								
Federal		7,918		2,760		(1,613)		
State		(2,959)		620		(1,312)		
Foreign		57		40		(51)		
		5,016		3,420		(2,976)		
Total consolidated (benefit) expense	\$	(11,802)	\$	28,156	\$	26,583		

The following table provides a reconciliation of differences from the U.S. Federal statutory rates as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,					
		2020		2019		2018
Pretax book (loss) income		(109,214)	\$	117,731	\$	96,004
Federal tax (benefit) expense at applicable statutory rate		(22,935)		24,723		20,161
State and local income taxes (net of federal benefit)		(4,948)		5,513		4,737
Rate differential		(5,004)		_		_
Goodwill impairment		20,111		_		_
Tax credits		_		(3,301)		_
Remeasurement of deferred taxes		_		_		(421)
Nondeductible officer compensation		490		_		1,152
Compensation expense		1,070		1,317		(1,009)
Other		(586)		(96)		1,963
Total income tax (benefit) expense	\$	(11,802)	\$	28,156	\$	26,583

# Deferred Taxes

The Company's deferred income taxes are primarily due to temporary differences between financial and income tax reporting for incentive compensation, depreciation of property, plant and equipment, amortization of intangibles, and other accrued liabilities.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Companies are required to assess whether valuation allowances should be established against their deferred tax assets based on the consideration of all available evidence, both positive and negative, using a "more likely than not" standard. In making such judgments, significant weight is given to evidence that can be objectively verified.

The Company assesses, on a quarterly basis, the realizability of its deferred tax assets by evaluating all available evidence, both positive and negative, including: (1) the cumulative results of operations in recent years, (2) the nature of recent losses, if applicable, (3) estimates of future taxable income, (4) the length of net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs") and (5) the uncertainty associated with a possible change in ownership, which imposes an annual limitation on the use of these carryforwards.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company retained a valuation allowance of \$1.0 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, against deferred tax assets related to various state and local NOLs that are subject to restrictive rules for future utilization.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had no U.S. federal tax NOLs. The Company incurred a net loss in 2020 and will fully utilize that loss in carrybacks. The Company had various multi-state income tax NOLs aggregating approximately \$87.0 million which will expire between 2021 and 2041, if unused.

The components of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,				
		2020		2019	
Deferred tax assets					
Tax credits and loss carryforwards	\$	2,518	\$	672	
Accrued liabilities		6,415		7,489	
Incentive compensation		9,202		14,420	
Other		328		5,423	
		18,463		28,004	
Deferred tax liabilities					
Property, plant and equipment		(22,355)		(17,899)	
Intangibles		(40,043)		(44,477)	
Other		(1,822)		(2,379)	
		(64,220)		(64,755)	
Net deferred tax liability before valuation allowances and reserves		(45,757)		(36,751)	
Valuation allowances		(1,020)		(825)	
Net deferred tax liability	\$	(46,777)	\$	(37,576)	

#### Tax Reserves

The Company's policy with respect to interest and penalties associated with reserves or allowances for uncertain tax positions is to classify such interest and penalties in *Income tax (benefit) expense* on the Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the total amount of unrecognized income tax benefits, including interest and penalties, was approximately \$2.2 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, all of which, if recognized, would impact the effective income tax rate of the Company. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had recorded a total of \$0.7 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, of accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Company expects no significant changes to the facts and circumstances underlying its reserves and allowances for uncertain income tax positions as reasonably possible during the next 12 months. As of December 31, 2020, the Company is subject to unexpired statutes of limitation for U.S. federal income taxes for the years 2017 through 2019. The Company is also subject to unexpired statutes of limitation for Indiana state income taxes for the years 2017 through 2019.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits, excluding interest and penalties, was as follows (in thousands) and all balances as of December 31, 2020 were included in either *Other noncurrent liabilities* or *Deferred income taxes* in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	Unr Tax		
Balance at January 1, 2019	\$	1,177	
Increase in prior year tax positions		245	
Balance at December 31, 2019		1,422	
Increase in prior year tax positions		84	
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	1,506	

#### 19. SEGMENTS

#### Segment Reporting

The Company manages its business in three segments: Commercial Trailer Products, Diversified Products, and Final Mile Products. The Commercial Trailer Products segment manufactures standard and customized van and platform trailers and other transportation related equipment for customers who purchase directly from the Company or through independent dealers. The Diversified Products segment, comprised of three strategic business units including, Tank Trailers, Process Systems, and Composites, focuses on the Company's commitment to expand its customer base and diversify its product offerings and revenues, and making available products that are complementary to truck and tank trailers and transportation equipment. The Final Mile Products segment manufactures truck bodies for customers in the final mile space.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies except that the Company generally evaluates segment performance based on (loss) income from operations. The Company has not allocated certain corporate related administrative costs, interest, and income taxes included in the corporate and eliminations segment to the Company's other reportable segments. The Company accounts for intersegment sales and transfers at cost plus a specified mark-up.

Reportable segment information is as follows (in thousands):

	Commercial iler Products	Diversified Products	Final Mile Products	Corporate and Eliminations		C	Consolidated	
2020								
Net sales								
External customers	\$ 992,528	\$ 270,963	\$ 218,398	\$		\$	1,481,889	
Intersegment sales	 248	23,171	_		(23,419)			
Total net sales	\$ 992,776	\$ 294,134	\$ 218,398	\$	(23,419)	\$	1,481,889	
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 11,557	\$ 19,300	\$ 14,891	\$	2,222	\$	47,970	
Income (Loss) from operations	\$ 79,662	\$ 1,563	\$ (123,585)	\$	(43,248)	\$	(85,608)	
Assets	\$ 306,587	\$ 278,643	\$ 375,115	\$	201,125	\$	1,161,470	
2019								
Net sales								
External customers	\$ 1,519,592	\$ 357,634	\$ 441,910	\$		\$	2,319,136	
Intersegment sales	1,949	26,882	_		(28,831)		_	
Total net sales	\$ 1,521,541	\$ 384,516	\$ 441,910	\$	(28,831)	\$	2,319,136	
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 10,667	\$ 18,621	\$ 11,361	\$	1,708	\$	42,357	
Income (Loss) from operations	\$ 145,877	\$ 29,748	\$ 9,804	\$	(42,643)	\$	142,786	
Assets	\$ 362,328	\$ 317,246	\$ 511,862	\$	113,155	\$	1,304,591	
2018								
Net sales								
External customers	\$ 1,536,687	\$ 372,342	\$ 358,249	\$		\$	2,267,278	
Intersegment sales	252	21,629	_		(21,881)		_	
Total net sales	\$ 1,536,939	\$ 393,971	\$ 358,249	\$	(21,881)	\$	2,267,278	
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 9,631	\$ 21,177	\$ 8,314	\$	1,561	\$	40,683	
Income (Loss) from operations	\$ 141,795	\$ (3,033)	\$ 7,907	\$	(35,682)	\$	110,987	
Assets	\$ 355,183	\$ 349,423	\$ 484,634	\$	115,153	\$	1,304,393	

# Customer Concentration

The Company is subject to a concentration of risk as the five largest customers together accounted for approximately 21%, 27%, and 25% of the Company's aggregate net sales in 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively. In addition, for each of the last three years there were no customers whose revenue individually represented 10% or more of our aggregate net sales. International sales accounted for less than 10% in each of the last three years.

# **Product Information**

The Company offers products primarily in four general categories: (1) new trailers, (2) used trailers, (3) components, parts and service, and (4) equipment and other. The following table sets forth the major product categories and their percentage of consolidated net sales (dollars in thousands):

Year ended December 31, 2020	nercial Trailer Products	 Diversified Products	_	Final Mile Products																Eliminations		Consolid	ated
New trailers	\$ 941,932	\$ 145,888	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1,087,820	73.4%														
Used trailers	3,841	4,545				_		8,386	0.6%														
Components, parts and service	36,912	88,010		12,517		(23,391)		114,048	7.7%														
Equipment and other	 10,091	55,691		205,881		(28)		271,635	18.3%														
Total net external sales	\$ 992,776	\$ 294,134	\$	218,398	\$	(23,419)	\$	1,481,889	100.0%														

Year ended December 31, 2019	Com	Commercial Trailer Products		Diversified Products						Final Mile Products		Eliminations		Consolid	ated
New trailers	\$	1,464,636	\$	198,043			\$	_	\$	1,662,679	71.7%				
Used trailers		435		2,044		_		_		2,479	0.1%				
Components, parts and service		40,344		113,024		15,023		(27,902)		140,489	6.1%				
Equipment and other		16,126		71,405		426,887		(929)		513,489	22.1%				
Total net external sales	\$	1,521,541	\$	384,516	\$	441,910	\$	(28,831)	\$	2,319,136	100.0%				

Year ended December 31, 2018	Com	mercial Trailer Products	Diversified Products	_	Final Mile Products														Eliminations		Eliminations		Consolid	ated
New trailers	\$	1,473,583	\$ 164,790	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1,638,373	72.2%														
Used trailers		9,618	3,514		_		_		13,132	0.6%														
Components, parts and service		34,994	122,099		9,968		(21,811)		145,250	6.4%														
Equipment and other		18,744	103,568		348,281		(70)		470,523	20.8%														
Total net external sales	\$	1,536,939	\$ 393,971	\$	358,249	\$	(21,881)	\$	2,267,278	100.0%														

#### 20. DIVESTITURES AND SALES

During the fourth quarter of 2020 the Company sold its Beall® brand of tank trailers and associated assets for net proceeds of \$11.2 million. Prior to the sale, Beall® was an operating unit within the Tank Trailers reporting unit. A loss on sale of approximately \$2.1 million was recognized in connection with the divestiture, and the net proceeds of \$11.2 million from the sale were used to pay down outstanding principal under the New Term Loan Credit Agreement. The loss on sale is included in *Impairment and other, net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. In accordance with the relevant accounting guidance, as part of the sale the Company allocated \$4.7 million of goodwill based upon the relative fair value of the Beall® operating unit compared to the Tank Trailers reporting unit as a whole. This goodwill was included in the carrying value of the disposed assets and the resulting loss recognized in connection with the sale.

In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2020 the Company sold the property, plant, and equipment assets, which were previously classified as held for sale, from the remaining retail location in Columbus, Ohio for net proceeds of \$3.2 million. A gain on sale of approximately \$2.3 million was recognized as part of the sale. The gain on sale is included in *Impairment and other, net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

During the second quarter of 2020, the Company sold property, plant, and equipment assets for proceeds totaling \$2.7 million and recognized a gain on sale of approximately \$1.7 million. The gain on sale is included in *Impairment and other, net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

# 21. CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

The following is a summary of the unaudited quarterly results of operations for fiscal years 2020, 2019, and 2018 (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

	 First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	
2020					
Net sales	\$ 387,074	\$ 339,153	\$ 351,584	\$ 404,078	
Gross profit	\$ 36,743	\$ 34,321	\$ 43,194	\$ 45,496	
Net (loss) income	\$ (106,647)	\$ (146)	\$ 3,887	\$ 5,494	
Basic net (loss) income per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (2.01)	\$ _	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.10	
Diluted net (loss) income per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (2.01)	\$ _	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.10	
2019					
Net sales	\$ 533,174	\$ 626,053	\$ 580,908	\$ 579,001	
Gross profit	\$ 68,690	\$ 87,650	\$ 77,735	\$ 72,307	
Net income	\$ 14,780	\$ 30,960	\$ 25,460	\$ 18,375	
Basic net income per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.34	
Diluted net income per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.34	
2018					
Net sales	\$ 491,319	\$ 612,690	\$ 553,073	\$ 610,196	
Gross profit	\$ 64,119	\$ 85,315	\$ 65,162	\$ 69,056	
Net income	\$ 21,272	\$ 31,902	\$ 4,664	\$ 11,584	
Basic net income per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.21	
Diluted net income per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.21	

<sup>(1)</sup> Basic and diluted net (loss) income per share is computed independently for each of the quarters presented. Therefore, the sum of the quarterly net (loss) income per share may differ from annual net (loss) income per share due to rounding.

ITEM 9—CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A—CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and board of directors that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on an evaluation conducted under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2020, including those procedures described below, we, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, determined that those controls and procedures were effective.

# Changes in Internal Controls

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act, identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rules 13a-15(d) and 15d-15(d) of the Exchange Act that occurred during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The management of Wabash National Corporation ("the Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; (3) provide reasonable assurance that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (4) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (COSO). Based on this assessment, management has concluded that internal control over financial reporting is effective as of December 31, 2020.

Ernst & Young LLP, an Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, has audited the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and its report on internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020 appears on the following page.

Brent L. Yeagy President and Chief Executive Officer
Michael N. Pettit Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

February 25, 2021

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

# To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of Wabash National Corporation

# **Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

We have audited Wabash National Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Wabash National Corporation (the Company) maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive (loss) income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes and our report dated February 25, 2021 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

# **Basis for Opinion**

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

# **Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana February 25, 2021

ITEM 9B—OTHER INFORMATION

None.

#### **PART III**

#### ITEM 10—DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information contained under the heading "Information About Our Executive Officers" from Item 1 Part I of this Annual Report.

The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information contained under the headings "Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports," "Proposal 1 - Election of Directors" and "Corporate Governance" from its definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to stockholders of the Company and filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 11, 2021.

# Code of Ethics

As part of our system of corporate governance, our Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics ("Code of Ethics") that is specifically applicable to our Chief Executive Officer and Senior Financial Officers. This Code of Ethics is available within the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations page of our website at ir.wabashnational.com. The content on any website referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K unless expressly noted. We will disclose any waivers for our Chief Executive Officer or Senior Financial Officers under, or any amendments to, our Code of Ethics by posting such information on our website at the address above.

# ITEM 11—EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information contained under the headings "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Compensation Committee Report," "Executive Compensation Tables" and "Corporate Governance—Director Compensation" from its definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to the stockholders of the Company and filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 11, 2021.

# ITEM 12—SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information contained under the headings "Beneficial Ownership Information—Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information" from its definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to the stockholders of the Company and filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 11, 2021.

# ITEM 13—CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The Company hereby incorporates by reference the information contained under the headings "Corporate Governance—Board Structure and its Role in Oversight—Director Independence" and "Corporate Governance—Related Persons Transactions Policy" from its definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to the stockholders of the Company and filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 11, 2021.

# ITEM 14—PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

Information required by Item 14 of this form and the audit committee's pre-approval policies and procedures regarding the engagement of the principal accountant are incorporated herein by reference to the information contained under the heading "Proposal 3—Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" from the Company's definitive Proxy Statement to be delivered to the stockholders of the Company and filed with the SEC within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 11, 2021.

#### **PART IV**

# ITEM 15—EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

- (a) *Financial Statements:* The Company has included all required financial statements in Item 8 of this Annual Report. The financial statement schedules have been omitted as they are not applicable or the required information is included in the Notes to the consolidated financial statements.
- (b) *Exhibits:* Reference is made to the Exhibit Index of this Annual Report for a list of exhibits filed with this Annual Report or incorporated herein by reference to the document.

# ITEM 16 – FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None

# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

No.	Description 1.1 (2)
3.01 3.02	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (8)
4.01	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, as amended (7)
4.01	Specimen Stock Certificate (1)  Indenture, dated as of September 26, 2017, by and among Wabash National Corporation, the several guarantors named therein and
	Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (13)
4.03	Form of 5.50% Senior Notes due 2025 (13)
4.04	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 17, 2018, between Wabash National Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (2)
4.05	Description of Securities (17)
10.01#	Corporate Plan for Retirement – Executive Plan (3)
10.02#	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (5)
10.03#	2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended (6)
10.04#	2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan (9)
10.05#	2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan (12)
10.06#	Change in Control Severance Pay Plan (10)
10.07#	Wabash National Corporation Executive Severance Plan (4)
10.08#	Form of Wabash National Corporation Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for awards granted to employees under the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan (18)
10.09#	Wabash National Corporation Supplemental Plan, effective May 12, 2020 (15)
10.10#	Form of Wabash National Corporation Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan (15)
10.11#	Form of Wabash National Corporation Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for awards granted to employees under the 2017 Omnibus Plan (18)
10.12	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated December 21, 2018 among Wabash National Corporation, certain subsidiaries of Wabash National Corporation, the lenders from time to time party thereto and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as administrative agent (11)
10.13	First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated September 28, 2020, among Wabash National Corporation, certain of its subsidiaries party thereto, Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as the arranger and administrative agent for the Lenders, and the Lenders party thereto (16)
10.14	Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated September 28, 2020, among Wabash National Corporation, the several lenders from time to time parties thereto, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as administrative agent, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners (16)
10.15	Form of Indemnification Agreement with Directors and Executive Officers (14)
21.1	List of Significant Subsidiaries (18)
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP (18)
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer (18)
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer (18)
32.1	Written Statement of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350) (18)
101	The following materials from Wabash National Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 are filed herewith, formatted in iXBRL (Inline Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2020 and 2019, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the twelve months ended December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018, and (vi) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The instance document does not appear in the interactive data file because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document. (18)
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101) (18)
#	Management contract or compensatory plan
(1)	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-27317) filed on May 16, 1997
(2)	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 (File No. 001-10883)
(3)	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2005 (File No. 001-10883)
(4)	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on December 16, 2015 (File No. 001-10883)

- (5) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on May 24, 2007 (File No. 001-10883)
- (6) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 (File No. 001-10883)
- (7) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on August 4, 2009 (File No. 001-10883)
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 (File No. 001-10883)
- (9) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on May 25, 2011 (File No. 001-10883)
- (10) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on September 14, 2011 (File No. 001-10883)
- (11) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on December 27, 2018 (File No.001-10883)
- (12) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form S-8 filed on May 18, 2017 (File No. 333-218085)
- (13) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on September 26, 2017 (File No. 001-10883)
- (14) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2017 (File No. 001-10883)
- (15) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed on July 29, 2020 (File No. 001-10883)
- (16) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on September 30, 2020 (File No 001-10883)
- (17) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed on February 25, 2020 (File No 001-10883)
- (18) Filed herewith

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION

February 25, 2021 By: /s/ Michael N. Pettit

Michael N. Pettit

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature and Name	re and Name Title				
/s/ Brent L. Yeagy	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director	February 25, 2021			
Brent L. Yeagy	(Principal Executive Officer)				
/s/ Michael N. Pettit	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	February 25, 2021			
Michael N. Pettit	(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)				
/s/ Larry J. Magee	Chairman of the Board of Directors	February 25, 2021			
Larry J. Magee					
/s/ Therese M. Bassett	Director	February 25, 2021			
Therese M. Bassett					
/s/ John G. Boss	Director	February 25, 2021			
John G. Boss					
/s/ John E. Kunz	Director	February 25, 2021			
John E. Kunz					
/s/ Ann D. Murtlow	Director	February 25, 2021			
Ann D. Murtlow					
/s/ Scott K. Sorensen	Director	February 25, 2021			
Scott K. Sorensen					
/s/ Stuart A. Taylor II Stuart A. Taylor II	Director	February 25, 2021			

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- I, Brent L. Yeagy, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Wabash National Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 25, 2021

/s/ Brent L. Yeagy
Brent L. Yeagy
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- I, Michael N. Pettit, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Wabash National Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 25, 2021

/s/ Michael N. Pettit
Michael N. Pettit
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

# Written Statement of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350)

The undersigned, the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Wabash National Corporation (the "Company"), each hereby certifies that, to his knowledge, on February 25, 2021:

- the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2020 filed on February 25, 2021, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brent L. Yeagy
Brent L. Yeagy
President and Chief Executive Officer
February 25, 2021

/s/ Michael N. Pettit Michael N. Pettit Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer February 25, 2021

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Wabash National Corporation and will be retained by Wabash National Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.







# **Stockholder Information**

#### **Executive Officers**

Brent L. Yeagy President and Chief Executive Officer Director of the Board

M. Kristin Glazner Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, Chief Human Resources Officer

Kevin J. Page Senior Vice President, Customer Value Creation

Michael N. Pettit Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dustin T. Smith Senior Vice President, Global Operations

# **Auditors**

Ernst & Young LLP 111 Monument Circle Suite 2600 Indianapolis, IN 46204-5120

# **Transfer Agent**

EQ Shareowner Services 1110 Centre Pointe Curve Suite 101 Mendota Heights, MN 55120-4100 Telephone: 1-800-468-9716

Fax: 651-450-4033

#### Form 10-K

In lieu of a separate annual report to stockholders, enclosed is Wabash National Corporation's Form 10-K, which includes as an exhibit the certifications required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act.

# **Stock Listing**

Symbol: WNC New York Stock Exchange

# **Internet Address**

www.wabashnational.com

#### **Directors**

Therese M. Bassett Managing Director NuVentures LLC

John G. Boss

Former President and Chief Executive Officer Momentive Performance Materials Inc.

John E. Kunz Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer U.S. Concrete, Inc.

Larry J. Magee, Chairman of the Board President Magee Ventures Group

Ann D. Murtlow President and Chief Executive Officer United Way of Central Indiana

Scott K. Sorensen Managing Director of Sorensen Capital, LLC Former President and Chief Operating Officer, Ivanti Software

Stuart A. Taylor II Chief Executive Officer The Taylor Group LLC

Brent L. Yeagy President and Chief Executive Officer Wabash National Corporation

#### Requests

For stockholder requests for information, please contact:

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