

3rd Quarter 2015 Earnings Conference Call

October 22, 2015

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Financial Results



\$ millions except EPS	Third Quarter				Year			ear-to-Date		
	2	2015		2014	Change		2015		2014	Change
Sales	\$	319.0	\$	302.6	5 %	\$	960.9	\$	915.1	5 %
Gross Profit % of Sales		170.2 53.4 %		165.8 54.8 %	3 % (1.4) pts		512.9 53.4 %		502.0 54.9 %	2 % (1.5) pts
Operating Earnings % of Sales		76.9 24.1 %		78.9 26.1 %	(3)% (2.0) pts		226.0 23.5 %		239.5 26.2 %	(6)% (2.7) pts
Held Separate Investment Income, Net		2.4		8.5			190.7		22.8	
Net Earnings % of Sales	\$	50.7 15.9 %	\$	59.6 19.7 %	(15)% (3.8) pts	\$	292.2 30.4 %	\$	176.5 19.3 %	66 % 11.1 pts
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	0.86	\$	0.97	(11)%	\$	4.90	\$	2.85	72 %
Diluted Shares in Millions		58.7		61.5			59.6		62.0	

• Changes in currency translation rates reduced sales by approximately \$16 million for the quarter and \$46 million year-to-date, and decreased net earnings by approximately \$6 million for the quarter and \$16 million for the year-to-date

• Non-recurring income tax benefits in the second quarter increased year-to-date net earnings by a total of \$9 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share

• In April, the Company sold the Held Separate business assets acquired in 2012. Net earnings and diluted EPS excluding investment income are:

	 Third C	er	Year-to-Date					
	 2015		2014		2015		2014	,
Adjusted Net Earnings	\$ 49.1 M	\$	50.9 M	\$	151.2 M	\$	153.2 M	
Diluted EPS as adjusted	\$ 0.84	\$	0.83	\$	2.54	\$	2.47	

See page 5 for detailed information on the sale

Divestiture of Held Separate Business Assets



- April 1, 2015, pursuant to the Federal Trade Commission final order, the Company sold the Liquid Finishing business assets acquired in 2012
- The sale proceeds were \$610 million, including the post-closing purchase price adjustment settled in the third quarter. No further adjustments are expected
- Net earnings include gain on the sale, after transaction costs and tax, and investment income of \$2 million (\$0.02 per diluted share) for the quarter (post-closing purchase price adjustments) and \$141 million (\$2.36 per diluted share) year-to-date
 - Transaction costs include a \$7 million contribution to the Company's charitable foundation
- Calculation of the non-GAAP measurement of net earnings excluding investment income and expense follows (in millions except per share amounts):

	Third Qu	uarter	Year-to-Date			
	2015	2014	2015	2014		
Net earnings as reported	\$ 50.7	\$ 59.6	\$ 292.2	\$ 176.5		
Held separate investment (income), net	(2.4)	(8.5)	(190.7)	(22.8)		
Income tax effect on Held Separate income	0.8	(0.2)	49.7	(0.5)		
Adjusted net earnings	\$ 49.1	\$ 50.9	\$ 151.2	\$ 153.2		
Diluted EPS as reported	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.97	\$ 4.90	\$ 2.85		
Diluted EPS as adjusted	0.84	0.83	2.54	2.47		

No further investment dividends will be received

Tax Items



- The effective tax rate was 31% for the quarter, up from 28% last year due to post-tax dividends that reduced the rate in the third quarter of 2014
- The year-to-date effective income tax rate of 27% decreased 2 percentage points compared to last year
 - A change in the Company's assertion with respect to reinvestment of foreign earnings decreased deferred income taxes related to undistributed foreign earnings by \$7 million and reduced the year-to-date effective tax rate compared to last year
 - Higher post-tax dividend income and an additional non-recurring tax benefit of \$2 million further reduced the year-to-date effective tax rate. Those reductions were partially offset by the tax rate effects of the gain on the sale of the Liquid Finishing assets
- Tax rate for fourth quarter is expected to be approximately 32-33%; for the full year approximately 28%
 - Assumes the Federal R&D tax credit will not be reinstated in 2015. If renewed, the annual benefit is expected to be approximately \$3 million and reduce the tax rate 1 percentage point

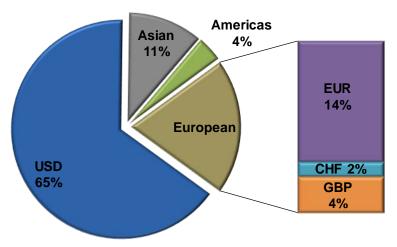
Financial Results



Components of Net Sales Change

	Third Quarter September 2015									
		Segment								
	Industrial	Process	Contractor	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Consolidated			
Volume and Price	5 %	(3)%	6 %	5 %	3 %	3 %	4 %			
Acquisitions	3 %	31 %	—	5 %	9 %	9 %	7 %			
Currency	(7)%	(5)%	(3)%	(2)%	(13)%	(7)%	(6)%			
Total	1 %	23 %	3 %	8 %	(1)%	5 %	5 %			
	Year-to-Date September 2015									
		Segment			Region					
	Industrial	Process	Contractor	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Consolidated			
Volume and Price	2 %	2 %	8 %	7 %	1 %	(1)%	4 %			
Acquisitions	2 %	30 %		4 %	9 %	7 %	6 %			
Currency	(6)%	(5)%	(4)%	(1)%	(14)%	(5)%	(5)%			
Total	(2)%	27 %	4 %	10 %	(4)%	1 %	5 %			

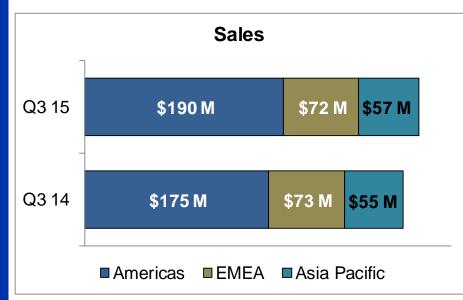
Sales by Currency YTD September 2015



Asian currencies include: AUD, CNY/RMB, KRW, JPY

Americas currencies include: CAD, BRL, MXN

Third Quarter 2015 Results



- Sales increase of 5% (11% at consistent currency translation rates)
 - Acquired businesses sales of \$19 million account for 7 percentage points of growth
- Gross margin rate down 1½ percentage points from third quarter 2014
 - Gross margin rate was lower than third quarter 2014 due mostly to changes in currency translation rates
 - Favorable effects of realized pricing and lower material costs offset the impact of lower average gross margin rates of acquired operations



- Operating earnings down \$2 million, 2 percentage points lower, as a percentage of sales, than third quarter 2014
 - Currency headwinds, 1 percentage point
 - Acquired operations reduced operating margin 1 percentage point
 - Unallocated corporate expenses, mostly pension and stock compensation, reduced operating margin 1 percentage point
 - Expense leverage increased operating margin 1 percentage point
- Tax rate of 31% is higher than third quarter 2014 rate of 28%
 - 2015 rate higher than 2014 due to no post-tax dividend income

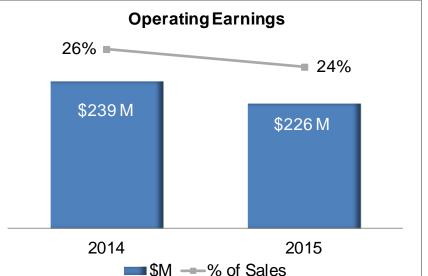


September 2015 Year-to-Date Results





- Sales increase of 5% (10% at consistent currency translation rates)
 - Acquired businesses sales of \$53 million account for 6 percentage points of growth
- Gross margin rate down 1½ percentage points from 2014
 - Gross margin rate was lower than 2014 due mostly to changes in currency translation rates
 - Favorable effects of realized pricing and lower material costs offset the impact of lower average gross margin rates of acquired operations (including purchase accounting effects)

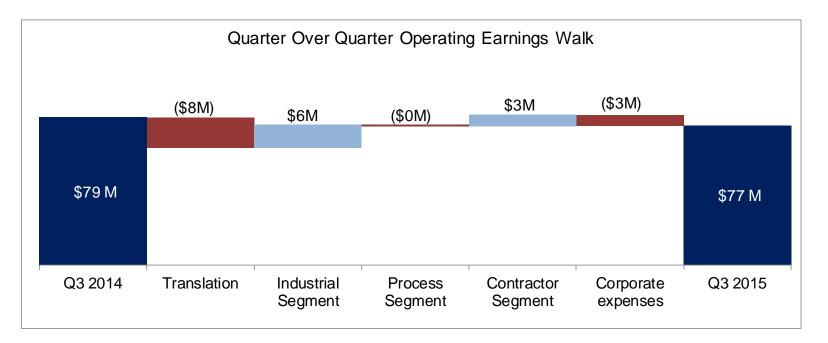


- Operating earnings down \$13 million, 2 percentage points lower, as a percentage of sales, than 2014
 - Currency headwinds 1 percentage point
 - Acquired operations reduced operating margin 1 percentage point
 - Unallocated corporate expenses, mostly pension and stock compensation, reduced operating margin 1 percentage point
 - Expense leverage increased operating margin 1 percentage point
- Tax rate of 27% is lower than 2014 rate of 29%
 - 2015 rate is lower than 2014 due to the assertion to indefinitely reinvest earnings of foreign subsidiaries (\$7 million, non-recurring), higher post-tax dividend income and additional non-recurring tax benefit of \$2 million partially offset by the tax rate effects of the gain on the sale of the Held Separate assets

Operating Earnings

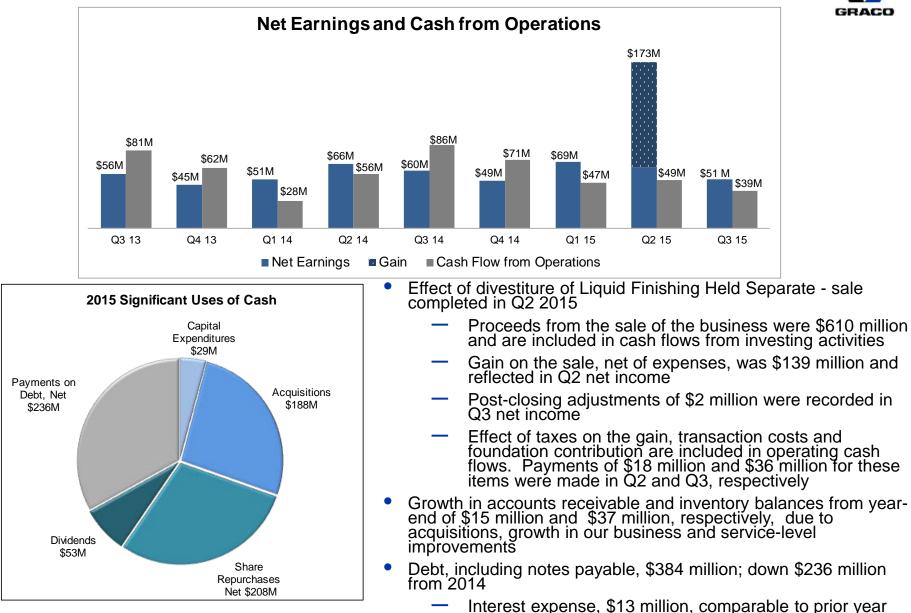


Change in Operating Earnings	Third Quarter		Year-to-Date	
2014 Q3 Operating Earnings (\$M and % of sales)	\$ 79	26 %	\$ 239	26 %
Translation effect	(8)	(1)	(23)	(1)
Mix, pricing and product cost	7	—	22	—
Effect of acquired businesses on operating earnings leverage	2	(1)	7	(1)
Effect of inventory step-up, net, and acquisition costs for acquired businesses	—	—	(3)	—
Incremental investment in growth initiatives	(1)	—	(3)	—
Increased unallocated corporate expenses (pension, stock compensation)	(3)	(1)	(6)	(1)
Volume effect on expense leverage	1	1	(7)	1
2015 Q3 Operating Earnings (\$M and % of sales)	\$ 77	24 %	\$ 226	24 %



Cash Flow and Liquidity





Other Discussion Items



- Capital expenditures expected to be approximately \$40 million in 2015
- Share repurchases will continue via open market transactions and/or short-dated accelerated share repurchase programs
- Full year 2015 unallocated corporate expenses are expected to be approximately \$7-8 million above last year, primarily due to increased pension, stock compensation and the new central warehouse

Current Environment and Outlook (as of October 2015)

Constant currency basis and excluding acquisition completed in the prior 12 months



Worldwide	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific				
	Current I	Environment					
Sales Growth Q3 2015 +4% YTD 2015 +4%	Sales Growth Q3 2015 +5% YTD 2015 +7%	Sales Growth Q3 2015 +3% YTD 2015 +1%	Sales Growth Q3 2015 +3% YTD 2015 (1%)				
Industrial Segment							
Contractor Segment							
Process Segment							
Full Year 2015 Outlook							
Mid Single Digits	Mid to High Single Digits	Low Single Digits	Flat to Low Single Digits				

Notes

- Recent demand combined with macroeconomic headwinds and a continued spotty capital equipment environment in the emerging markets of EMEA and Asia Pacific may limit growth to the lower end of our expectations
- At current exchange rates, unfavorable changes in foreign currency translation rates create a full-year headwind of approximately 5 percent on sales and 11 percent on earnings in 2015

Industrial Segment Results

\$

\$

\$

2015

70

45

37

152

51

33 %

\$

\$

\$

Sales (\$M)

Americas

Asia Pacific

Operating

Earnings

% of sales

EMEA

Total

Third Quarter

2014

65

48

37

150

49

33 %

Change

7%

1%

3%

(6)

Year-to-Date

2014

200

146

113

459

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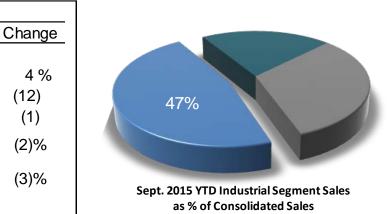
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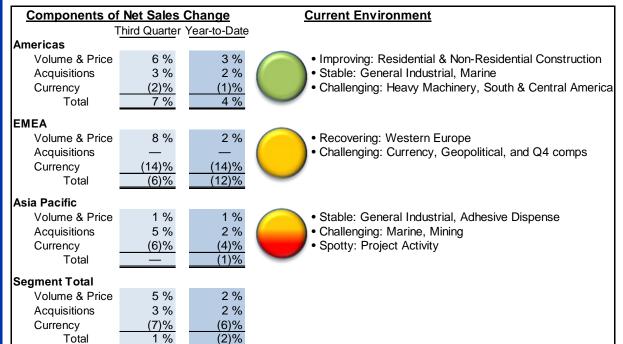
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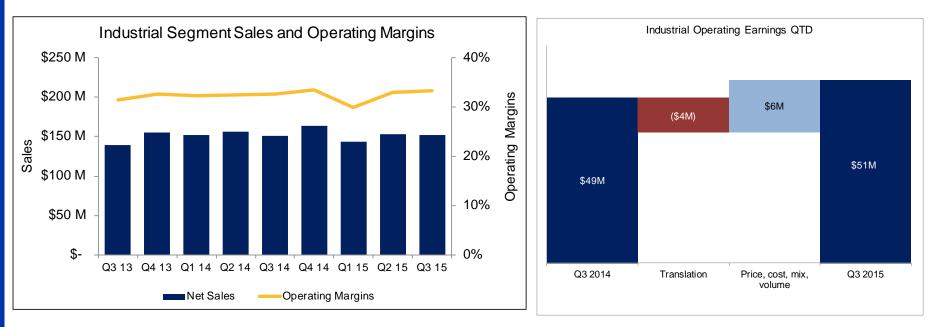




Industrial Segment Results



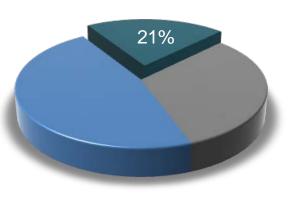
Change in % of sales	Third Quarter	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
2014 Q3 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	33 %	32 %
Translation effect	(1)	(1)
Price, cost, mix	1	1
Effect of acquired businesses on operating leverage	(1)	
Expense leverage	1	
2015 Q3 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	33 %	32 %



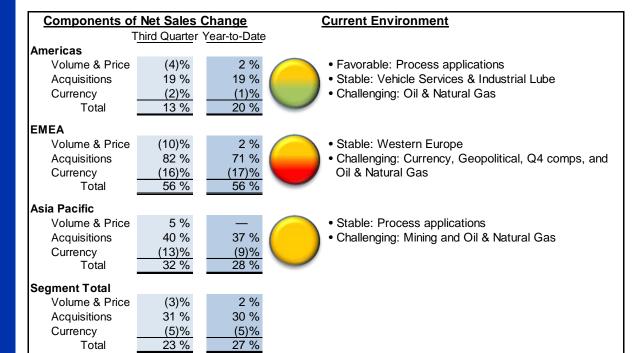
Process Segment Results



		Third Quarte	er	Year-to-Date			
Sales (\$M)	2015	2014	Change	2015	2014	Change	
Americas EMEA	\$ 41 13	\$ 37 8	13 % 56	\$ 128 42	\$ 107 27	20 % 56	
Asia Pacific	11	8	32	34	27	28	
Total	\$ 65	\$ 53	23 %	\$ 204	\$ 161	27 %	
Operating Earnings	\$ 10	\$ 12	(14)%	\$ 35	\$ 38	(9)%	
% of sales	16 %	23 %		17 %	24 %		



Sept. 2015 YTD Process Segment Sales as % of Consolidated Sales



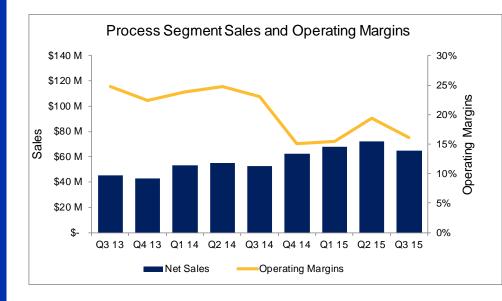


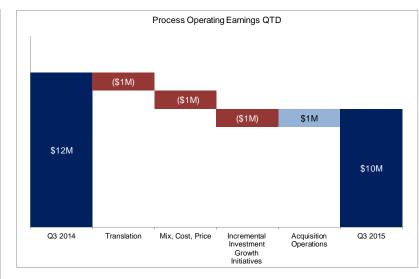
Process Segment Results



Change in % of sales
2014 Q3 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)
Translation effect
Effect of acquired businesses on operating earnings leverage
Effect of inventory step-up and acquisition costs, net of 2014 costs
Incremental investment in growth initiatives
Expense/volume leverage
2015 Q3 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)

Third Quarter	Year-to-Date
23 %	24 %
(2)	(2)
(2)	(1)
—	(1)
(2)	(2)
(1)	(1)
16 %	17 %

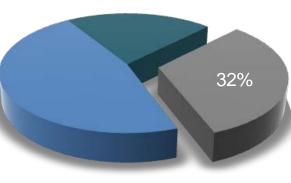




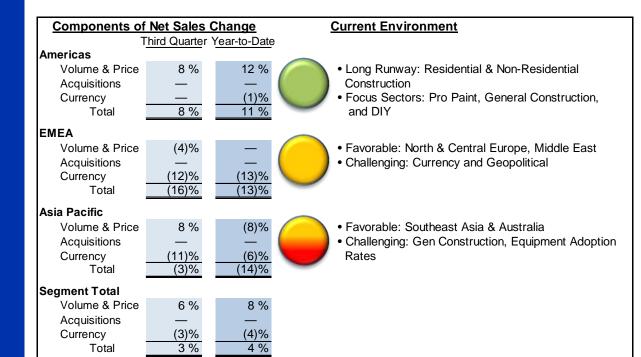
Contractor Segment Results



	7	Third Quarter	Year-to-Date			
Sales (\$M)	2015	2014 Change	2015 2014 Cha	ange		
Americas	\$79	\$ 74 8%	\$ 235 \$ 211 1	1 %		
EMEA Asia Pacific	14	16 (16)	47 54 (*	13)		
Total	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>26</u> <u>30</u> (1 \$ 308 \$ 295	14) 4 %		
Operating	\$ 24	\$ 23 3 %	\$ 71 \$ 70	1 %		
Earnings % of sales	\$ 24 24 %	23 %	23 % 24 %	1 /0		



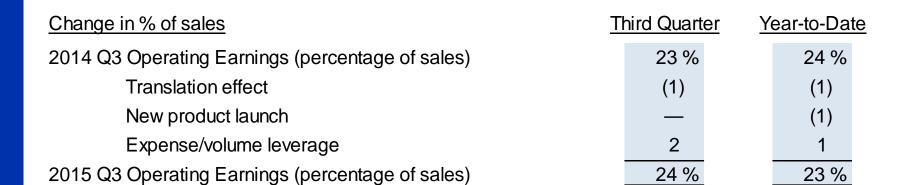
Sept. 2015 YTD Contractor Segment Sales as % of Consolidated Sales

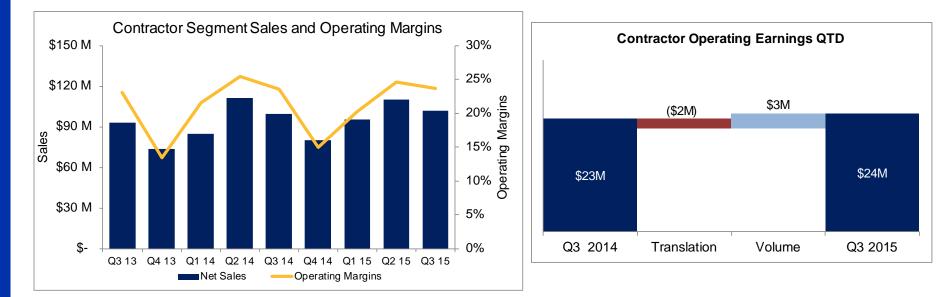




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Contractor Segment Results

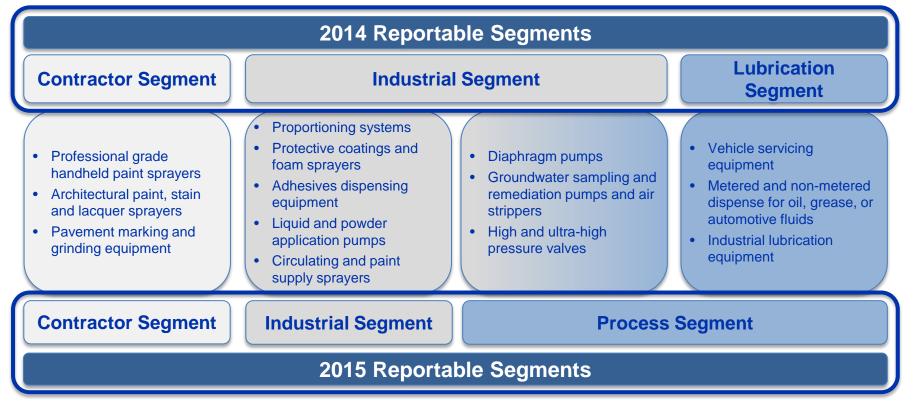




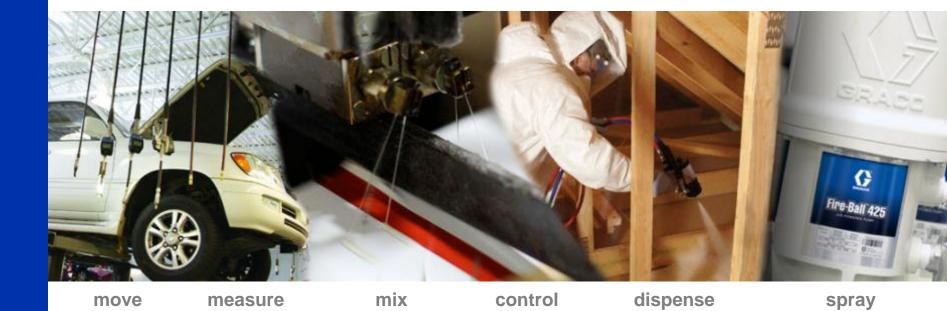
Change in Segment Reporting



- During Q1, the Company revised the presentation of its financial reporting segments into the following three segments:
 - Industrial includes Industrial Products and Applied Fluid Technologies divisions
 - Process includes Process, Oil and Natural Gas, and Lubrication divisions
 - Contractor remains unchanged
- Change aligns the types of products offered and markets served within the segments







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