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SPARTAN MOTORS TO ACQUIRE SMEAL FIRE APPARATUS



SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

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SMEAL TO JOIN SPARTAN MOTORS

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- Spartan Motors announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Smeal Fire Apparatus
- The transaction combines two leaders in the Emergency Response (ER) industry
- Combined, through increased capacity utilization, the new company will double its full apparatus production and leverage its strengths to accelerate its Emergency Response business unit turnaround plan
- A stronger, combined company provides a stable platform in a continually consolidating industry
- Logical next step in the longstanding relationship between the two companies
- The transaction provides a number of opportunities to increase shareholder value



SMEAL OVERVIEW



\$100 million manufacturer of fire apparatus, with sales primarily in the U.S. and Canada (includes Spartan chassis sales)



Longstanding supply relationship with Spartan Motors for chassis, which spans more than 30 years



Committed network of 25 dealers in 40 states, 10 provinces and 3 territories



Its two subsidiaries, Smeal U.S. Tanker Co. and Smeal Ladder Tower Co., are leaders and innovators in fire truck manufacturing and vehicle technology



Products include a full line of aerial ladders and platforms (including Sqrt®, TeleSqrt®, and Snorkel®), tractor-drawn aerials (TDAs), as well as a wide variety of custom and commercial pumpers and other vehicles



ACQUISITION RATIONALE

- ✓ **SECURES** the Spartan Motors' market leadership in an increasingly consolidating industry
- ✓ **POSITIONS** Spartan Emergency Response as a top-four fire apparatus manufacturer in North America
- ✓ **DIVERSIFIES** and expands the Company's product portfolio as well as geographic reach across 44 states in the U.S., 10 provinces and 3 territories in Canada
- ✓ **INCREASES** shared technology, product innovation, and manufacturing best practices
- ✓ **ACCELERATES** Spartan Motors' turnaround plan for its ER business unit
- ✓ **INTEGRATES** operational leadership team and R&D talent of Smeal with Spartan Emergency Response team



TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

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PRICE

\$36.3 million purchase price, subject to certain adjustments as outlined in the Form 8-K filed today

EBITDA

Smeal's 2016 EBITDA is expected to be positive

PROFITABILITY

Deal is projected to be accretive to Spartan's earnings in 2017

FINANCING

Purchase price will be initially financed through Spartan Motors' recently amended \$100 million line of credit

TIMING

The transaction is expected to close in January 2017

Acquisition of Smeal accelerates the turnaround efforts of the Spartan ER business unit – to increase shareholder value



COMBINED COMPANY PROFILE

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	Smeal	SPAR
Revenue (\$ millions)	\$100.0*	\$580.0**
EBITDA (\$ millions)***	\$0.5	\$16.4
Employees	400	1,800
Operating Facilities	4	11
Emergency Response Dealers	25	33

*Smeal's 2016 expected revenue (includes \$30 million of Spartan chassis sold to Smeal)

**Spartan's 2016 mid-point revenue guidance

***See GAAP reconciliation table in Appendix



RESULTING EXPANDED NORTH AMERICA DEALER NETWORK

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**SPARTAN
NETWORK**



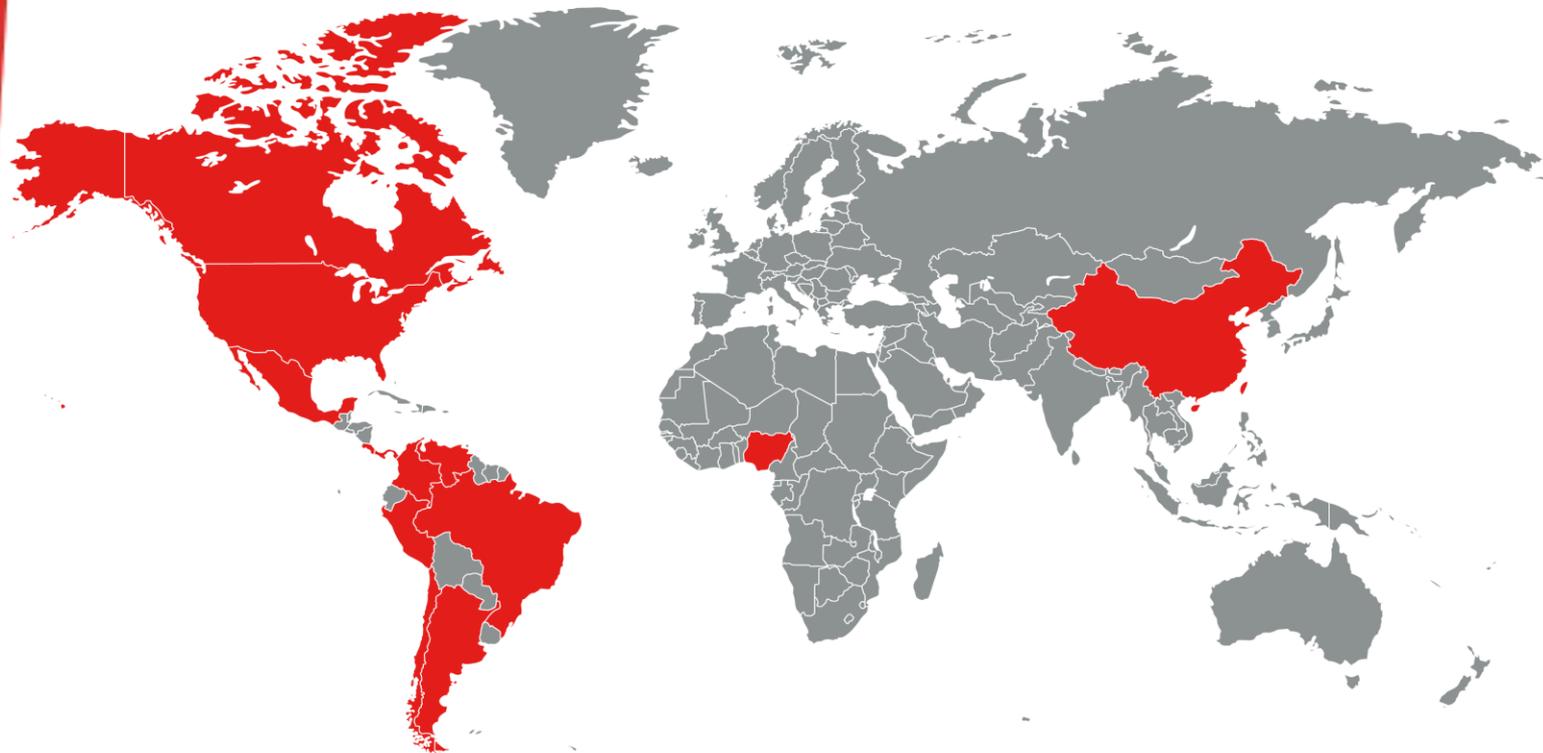
**SPARTAN &
SMEAL
NETWORK**





COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL PRODUCT DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

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SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYNERGIES

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- Talent acquisition and leveraging of operational leadership expertise
- Rationalization of manufacturing processes and facilities will complement operational improvements and optimization of resources
- Spartan will be able to invest more in new product innovations to deliver exceptional quality and performance for customers
- Aligning design and manufacturing expertise will increase buying power and enable the adoption of best practices across operations
- Combined Company is a top-four North American fire apparatus manufacturer with a robust and respected portfolio of products that is well-positioned in a continually consolidating industry
- Both organizations share a similar culture and are driven by a desire to deliver product and service excellence to their customers



A POWERFUL COMBINATION



OVERALL

Introduces immediate scale and additional geographic reach in the industry



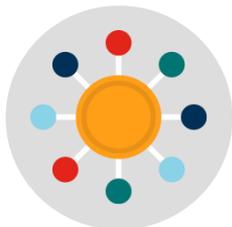
FINANCIAL

Will accelerate Spartan's Emergency Response business unit turnaround plan



CUSTOMERS

A larger, consolidated fire apparatus company with more resources and reach provides new opportunities for Smeal dealers and OEMs, as well as end-user customers and fire departments



BENEFITS

In addition to strengthening the manufacturing expertise of the newly combined company, the Smeal and Spartan brand portfolio will incorporate a legacy of quality, precision, and performance in the emergency vehicle industry



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APPENDIX



Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This release contains the non-GAAP financial measure Earnings Before Interest expense, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA). We believe EBITDA serves as an appropriate measure in evaluating the performance of our business and helps investors better compare our operating performance with our competitors.

EBITDA is not a measurement of our financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income under GAAP. This Non-GAAP measure has limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. We compensate for these limitations by providing equal prominence of our GAAP results and using adjusted Non-GAAP measures only as a supplement.

The following tables reconcile Net income to EBITDA for the periods indicated. Amounts may not sum due to rounding.



Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Financial Summary (Non-GAAP) For the Year Ending December 31, 2016 (In millions, Unaudited)

	<u>Smeal Fire Apparatus Co.</u>	<u>Spartan Motors, Inc</u>
Forecasted net income	\$ (0.6)	\$ 8.2
Add (subtract):		
Depreciation and amortization	0.7	7.9
Interest expense	0.4	0.4
Tax expense	-	(0.1)
Forecasted EBITDA	<u>\$ 0.5</u>	<u>\$ 16.4</u>



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