

#### First Quarter 2015 Earnings Call April 23, 2015

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#### **Q1 Highlights**

- Q1 Adj. EPS of \$0.17 increased \$0.04 from \$0.13 in Q1'14
- Q1 Adj. EBITDA of \$181.3 million increased 15% from \$157.6 million in Q1'14
- Q1 Adj. EBITDA Margin increased 330 bps to 18.0% from 14.7% in Q1'14
- Acquired folding carton converting and paperboard mill assets of Cascades' Norampac Division and Rose City Printing and Packaging, Inc.
- \$0.05 per share dividend approved, paid in April
- Repurchased \$4 million of shares as part of \$250 million share repurchase program

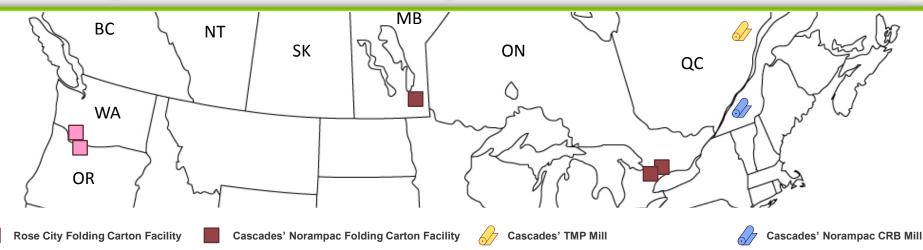
### **Q1 Performance**

- Global paperboard packaging volumes increased 9.1%
  - Driven by:
    - European expansion
    - Cascades' Norampac acquisition
    - Rose City acquisition
- U.S. Mills produced 20,000 more tons YoY
- Europe integration progressing well
  - SUS paperboard gaining acceptance and market share
  - Integrated incremental 20k tons of SUS board
  - Expect to ship ~150k tons to Europe in 2015, up from ~115k tons in 2014

### Market Update

- "Premiumization" trend continues in emerging markets
- US Food and Beverage folding carton markets mixed in Q1
  - Growth
    - Frozen Pizza, Craft Beer, Strength Packaging and New Product Development
  - Challenges
    - Cereal, Carbonated Soft Drinks and certain Frozen Food applications
- Fresh, healthier, convenience, and sustainability trends continue to reshape U.S. Food and Beverage markets
  - Customers adjusting mix to address changing end-consumer demands

#### Continuation of Strategy to Grow Integrated Folding Carton Converting Volumes



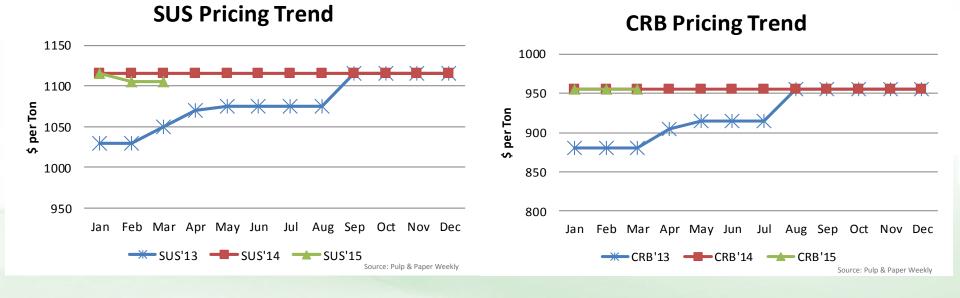
#### Acquired Rose City and Cascades' Norampac paperboard assets

- Combined purchase price of ~\$118M
- Combined Sales ~\$225M & Adj. LTM EBITDA of ~\$15M
- Expect synergies of \$10-15M over next 24 months
- Expect to integrate additional 20-25k tons
- Expect net incremental EBITDA to GPI of \$10M in 2015, \$20-25M in 2016 and \$25-30M in 2017
  - Acquisitions combined add 5 folding carton converting facilities, a CRB mill and a TMP mill

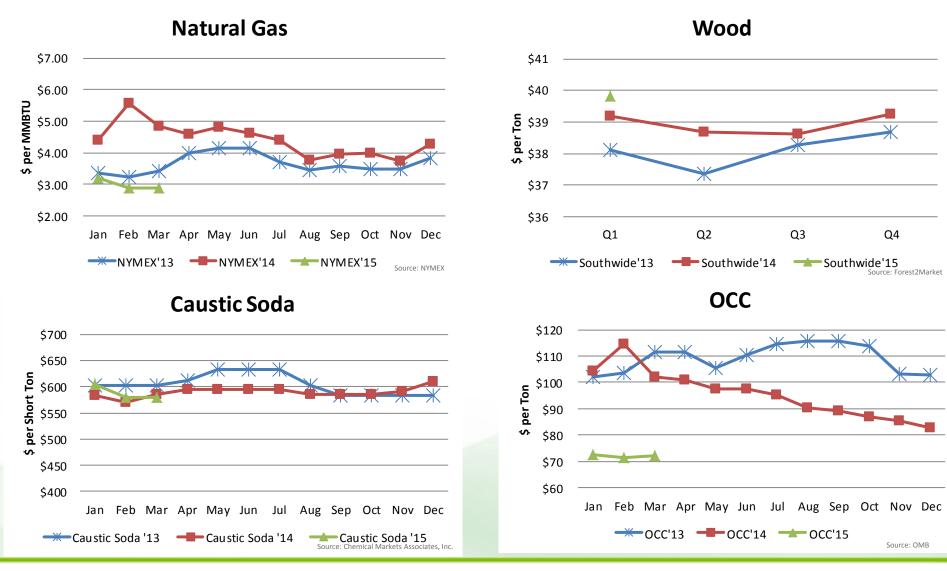
#### Extends Reach in Western US & Canada and Expands Range of Products & Services

#### **Pricing & Inflation**

- Pricing improved \$2.2 million in Q1
- Commodity input costs decreased \$2.7 million in Q1
- Expect pricing and commodity inflation/deflation to remain in balance throughout 2015



### **Key Input Cost Trends: Market Prices**



## **Q1 Financial Highlights**<sup>1</sup>

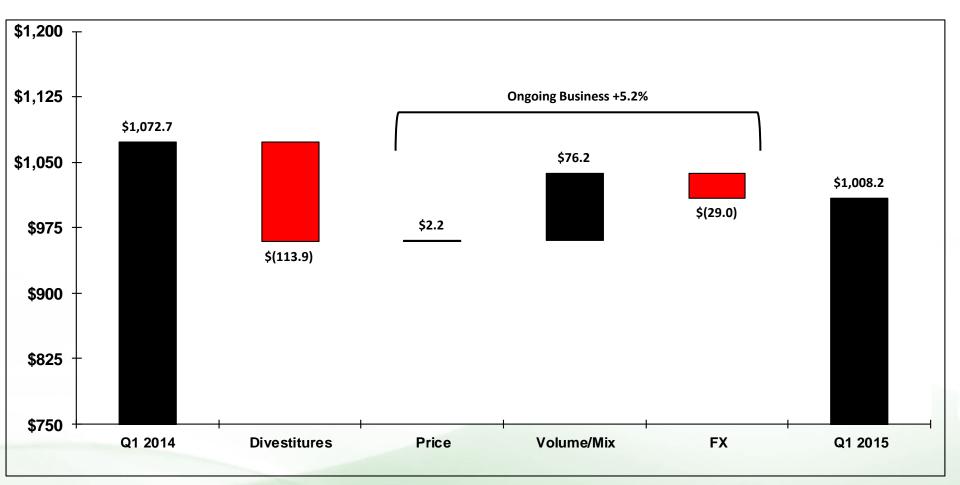
| <b>\$millions</b> (except EPS) | <u>Q1 2015</u> | <u>Q1 2014</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Net Sales                      | \$1,008.2      | \$1,072.7      | (\$64.5)        |
| Adjusted EBITDA                | \$181.3        | \$157.6        | \$23.7          |
| Adj. Net Income                | \$56.7         | \$44.5         | \$12.2          |
| Adj. EPS                       | \$0.17         | \$0.13         | \$0.04          |
|                                |                |                |                 |

- Q1 Net Sales grew \$49.4 million or 5.2% when excluding divested businesses
- Adj. EBITDA grew \$28.8 million or 18.9% when excluding divested businesses
- Adj. EBITDA margin increased ~330 bps to 18.0%
- Adj. Net Income up ~27%
- Adj. EPS up 4 cents

# **Y-o-Y Net Sales Comparison**

\$ millions

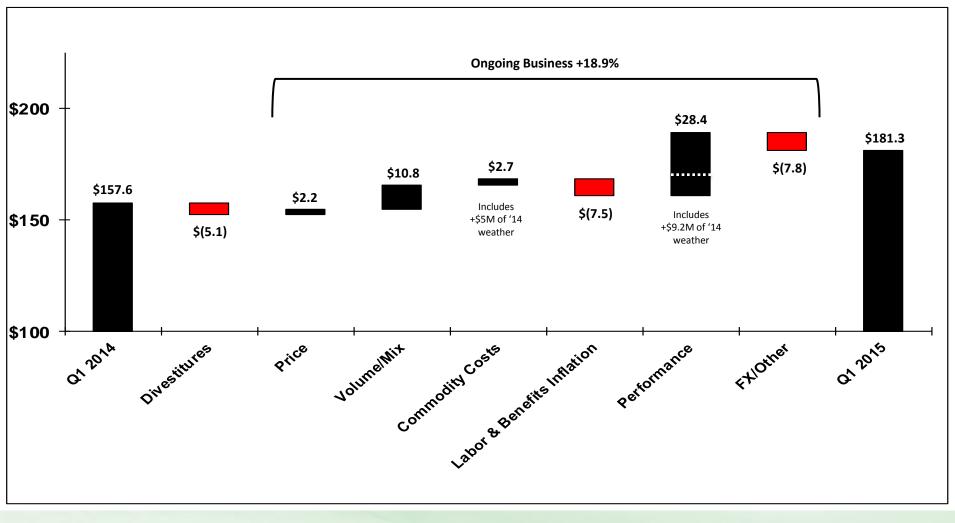
Q1'15 over Q1'14



### **Y-o-Y Adjusted EBITDA Comparison**

\$ millions

Q1'15 over Q1'14



A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures can be found in the financial information attached to the earnings release for the quarter available on the Company's website under "Investors" at www.graphicpkg.com. ©2015 Graphic Packaging

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## Q1'15 Cash Flow, Debt, Liquidity

- Net Debt increased ~\$170 million to ~\$2.1B
  - Seasonal Q1 working capital build
  - M&A (Rose City and Cascades' Norampac paperboard assets) of ~\$118 million
  - Pension contribution of ~\$12 million
  - Share repurchases of \$4 million
- When considering extra pension contribution, cash generation was modestly better year-over-year and met expectations
- Net leverage ratio of 2.81x -- down from 3.27x at end of Q1'14
- Domestic liquidity > \$900 million

#### **Q2'15 Expectations**

- Q2'15 mill maintenance down time drives \$3-4 million negative EBITDA comparison to Q2'14, down time occurred during second half of prior year
- \$7.5M weather recovery that occurred in Q2'14 will not repeat in Q2'15
- FX impact is expected to be higher versus Q1'15 given currency rates and seasonally higher volumes
- Expect Q2'15 EBITDA to be approximately \$10 million sequentially higher than Q1'15 or in line with Q2'14

#### 2015 \$350-\$375M Cash available for Net Debt Reduction, Dividends & Share Repurchase (ex M&A/Capital Markets activity) Capital Expenditures \$220-\$230M **Cash Pension Contributions** \$40-\$60M \$20M Pension Expense \$275-\$285M **Depreciation & Amortization** (ex pension amortization) \$23M Pension Amortization \$70-\$80M Interest Expense **Effective Tax Rate** 36-38% Year End Net Leverage Ratio 2.50x - 3.00x