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MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL REPORTS RESULTS FOR FISCAL 2022 THIRD QUARTER

Financial Highlights:

- Year-to-date consolidated sales of \$1.31 billion; 5.9% higher than last year
- Company remains on track for consolidated sales growth for fiscal 2022
- Company lowers earnings outlook reflecting currency impacts/global market conditions
- GAAP EPS of \$0.09; non-GAAP adjusted EPS of \$0.58 for fiscal 2022 third quarter
- Webcast: Friday, July 29, 2022, 9:00 a.m., (201) 689-8471

PITTSBURGH, PA, July 28, 2022 - <u>Matthews International Corporation</u> (NASDAQ GSM: MATW) today announced financial results for its third quarter of fiscal 2022 and nine months ended June 30, 2022.

In discussing the results for the Company's fiscal 2022 third quarter, Joseph C. Bartolacci, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated:

"Our Company reported another quarter of solid sales performance, despite increasingly challenged global economic conditions, and, as a result, we remain on track to deliver consolidated sales growth for fiscal 2022. We also expect to achieve this growth despite significant currency rate headwinds which have negatively impacted our year-to-date reported consolidated sales and adjusted EBITDA by \$32.8 million and \$6.2 million, respectively. We continue to focus our efforts toward managing through these challenges, including inflation, supply chain disruptions, currency volatility and other geopolitical events, and it is important to acknowledge the hard work and contributions of our employees in achieving these results.

"Memorialization sales continued to be strong in the fiscal 2022 third quarter. The segment reported sales of \$203.2 million for the current quarter compared to \$184.3 million a year ago, representing an increase of 10.2%. The increase primarily reflected growth in the sales of cemetery memorial products, steady casket sales, and improved pricing, which was necessary to mitigate commodity cost and other inflationary cost increases.

"For the fiscal 2022 third quarter, the Industrial Technologies segment (which includes our energy storage solutions business) reported sales of \$78.4 million, compared to \$81.8 million a year ago. Currency rate changes had an unfavorable impact of \$5.1 million on the segment's sales compared to a year ago. On a constant currency basis, the segment reported another quarter of organic sales growth primarily reflecting higher warehouse automation and product identification sales. Year-to-date, sales for the Industrial Technologies segment have increased 15.2% over last year.

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"The SGK Brand Solutions segment reported lower sales for the current quarter compared to the third fiscal quarter last year. The segment's results were impacted by challenging market conditions, particularly in Europe, including a corresponding unfavorable effect on currency rates. Currency rate changes had an unfavorable impact of \$10.9 million on the segment's third quarter sales compared to a year ago.

"The pending acquisitions of OLBRICH GmbH and R+S Automotive GmbH represent an important part of our long-term strategy to provide turn-key processing equipment and services for the burgeoning electric vehicle business."

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Q3	Q3 FY2022		FY2021	С	hange	% Change					
Sales	\$	421.7	\$	428.4	\$	(6.7)	(1.6)%					
Net income attributable to Matthews	\$	2.9	\$	3.4	\$	(0.5)	(13.8)%					
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.09	\$	0.10	\$	(0.01)	(10.0)%					
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$	17.8	\$	29.3	\$	(11.5)	(39.2)%					
Non-GAAP adjusted EPS	\$	0.58	\$	0.91	\$	(0.33)	(36.3)%					
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	46.0	\$	60.0	\$	(14.0)	(23.3)%					

Third Quarter Fiscal 2022 Consolidated Results (Unaudited)

Note: See the attached tables for additional important disclosures regarding Matthews' use of non-GAAP measures as well as reconciliations of non-GAAP measures to corresponding GAAP measures. Organic sales represent changes in sales excluding the impact of acquisitions, divestitures, and changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Consolidated sales for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 were \$421.7 million, compared to \$428.4 million for the same quarter a year ago, representing a decrease of \$6.7 million, or 1.6%. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates were estimated to have an unfavorable impact of \$17.6 million on fiscal 2022 third quarter sales compared to the prior year.

Net income attributable to the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 was \$2.9 million, or \$0.09 per share, compared to \$3.4 million, or \$0.10 per share in the prior year. On a non-GAAP adjusted basis, earnings for the fiscal 2022 third quarter were \$0.58 per share, compared to \$0.91 per share a year ago. Adjusted EBITDA (net income before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and other adjustments) for the fiscal 2022 third quarter was \$46.0 million, compared to \$60.0 million a year ago. The decrease primarily reflected lower consolidated sales and the impacts of significant material cost increases (i.e. steel, lumber, copper), higher labor and freight costs, increased travel and entertainment costs, and other inflationary cost increases. These impacts were partially offset by the benefits of sales price increases and continued cost reduction efforts.

Fiscal 2022 Year-to-Date Consolidated Results (Unaudited)

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	YT	YTD FY2022		D FY2021	C	hange	% Change
Sales	\$	1,305.3	\$	1,232.2	\$	73.1	5.9 %
Net (loss) income attributable to Matthews	\$	(18.8)	\$	6.6	\$	(25.4)	(385.7)%
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$	(0.60)	\$	0.21	\$	(0.81)	(385.7)%
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$	64.8	\$	79.8	\$	(15.0)	(18.8)%
Non-GAAP adjusted EPS	\$	2.06	\$	2.48	\$	(0.42)	(16.9)%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	154.5	\$	175.7	\$	(21.2)	(12.1)%

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Consolidated sales for the nine months ended June 30, 2022 were \$1.31 billion, compared to \$1.23 billion a year ago, representing an increase of \$73.1 million, or 5.9%. The increase for fiscal 2022 reflected higher sales in both the Industrial Technologies and Memorialization segments. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates were estimated to have an unfavorable impact of \$32.8 million on fiscal 2022 sales compared to the prior year.

Net loss attributable to the Company for the nine months ended June 30, 2022 was \$18.8 million, or \$0.60 per share, compared to income of \$6.6 million, or \$0.21 per share in the prior year. The loss in the current year-to-date period primarily resulted from the settlement of the Company's principal defined benefit pension plan in the fiscal 2022 first quarter and asset write-downs related to the Russia-Ukraine conflict in the fiscal 2022 second quarter.

On a non-GAAP adjusted basis, earnings for the nine months ended June 30, 2022 were \$2.06 per share, compared to \$2.48 per share a year ago. Adjusted EBITDA for the nine months ended June 30, 2022 was \$154.5 million, compared to \$175.7 million a year ago. The impact of higher consolidated sales was offset by significant material cost increases, higher labor and freight costs, and other inflationary cost increases.

Outlook

Mr. Bartolacci further stated: "Based on our year-to-date results and current fourth quarter projections, we remain on track to deliver consolidated sales growth for fiscal 2022. Order rates in our growing Industrial Technologies segment remained solid through the fiscal 2022 third quarter, which are expected to support the segment's organic growth objectives for the balance of fiscal 2022 and into next fiscal year. Additionally, while the COVID-related impact on death rates continued to subside, we currently project fiscal 2022 fourth quarter Memorialization sales to be relatively comparable with a year ago."

"Market conditions, particularly in Europe, and the corresponding impact on currency rates are expected to continue to impact our businesses. In addition, inflation, supply chain issues and other geopolitical events are expected to persist and challenge our results. We will continue to implement actions in an effort to mitigate these challenges. As a result, based primarily on current European market conditions and the corresponding unfavorable impact on currency rates, we currently expect fiscal 2022 adjusted EBITDA in the range of \$200 million to \$210 million."

Webcast

The Company will host a conference call and webcast on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time to review its financial and operating results and discuss its corporate strategies and outlook. A questionand-answer session will follow. The conference call can be accessed by calling (201) 689-8471. The audio webcast can be monitored at <u>www.matw.com</u>. As soon as available after the call, a transcript of the call will be posted in the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at <u>www.matw.com</u>.

About Matthews International Corporation

Matthews International Corporation is a global provider of memorialization products, industrial technologies, and brand solutions. The Memorialization segment is a leading provider of memorialization products, including memorials, caskets and cremation and incineration equipment, primarily to cemetery and funeral home customers that help families move from grief to remembrance. The Industrial Technologies segment designs, manufactures, services and distributes high-tech custom energy storage, marking, coding and industrial automation technologies and solutions. The SGK Brand Solutions segment is a leading provider of packaging solutions and brand experiences, helping companies simplify their marketing, amplify their brands and provide value. The Company has approximately 11,000 employees in more than 26 countries on six continents that are committed to delivering the highest quality products and services.

Forward-looking Information

Any forward-looking statements contained in this release are included pursuant to the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's actual results in future periods to be materially different from management's expectations. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove correct. Factors that could cause the Company's results to differ materially from the results discussed in such forward-looking statements principally include changes in domestic or international economic conditions, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, changes in the cost of materials used in the manufacture of the Company's products, changes in mortality and cremation rates, changes in product demand or pricing as a result of consolidation in the industries in which the Company operates, or other factors such as supply chain disruptions, labor shortages or labor cost increases, changes in product demand or pricing as a result of domestic or international competitive pressures, ability to achieve cost-reduction objectives, unknown risks in connection with the Company's acquisitions, cybersecurity concerns, effectiveness of the Company's internal controls, compliance with domestic and foreign laws and regulations, technological factors beyond the Company's control, impact of pandemics or similar outbreaks, or other disruptions to our industries, customers, or supply chains, the impact of global conflicts, such as the current war between Russia and Ukraine, and other factors described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and other periodic filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

		nths Ended le 30,		Nine Mon June			
	2022	2021	% Change	2022	2021	% Change	
Sales	\$ 421,719	\$ 428,380	(1.6)%	\$1,305,276	\$1,232,191	5.9 %	
Cost of sales	(300,854)	(291,122)	3.3 %	(928,255)	(828,424)	12.1 %	
Gross profit	120,865	137,258	(11.9)%	377,021	403,767	(6.6)%	
Gross margin	28.7 %	32.0 %		28.9 %	32.8 %		
Selling and administrative expenses	(98,098)	(104,947)	(6.5)%	(302,610)	(307,960)	(1.7)%	
Amortization of intangible assets	(11,804)	(23,039)	(48.8)%	(45,303)	(61,190)	(26.0)%	
Operating profit	10,963	9,272	18.2 %	29,108	34,617	(15.9)%	
Operating margin	2.6 %	2.2 %		2.2 %	2.8 %		
Interest and other deductions, net	(7,048)	(8,231)	(14.4)%	(50,290)	(25,464)	97.5 %	
Income (loss) before income taxes	3,915	1,041	276.1 %	(21,182)	9,153	(331.4)%	
Income taxes	(1,040)	2,325	(144.7)%	2,311	(2,627)	188.0 %	
Net income (loss)	2,875	3,366	(14.6)%	(18,871)	6,526	(389.2)%	
Non-controlling interests	18	(11)	263.6 %	56	60	(6.7)%	
Net income (loss) attributable to Matthews	\$ 2,893	\$ 3,355	(13.8)%	<u>\$ (18,815)</u>	\$ 6,586	(385.7)%	
Earnings (loss) per share diluted	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	\$ 0.10	(10.0)%	\$ (0.60)	<u>\$ 0.21</u>	(385.7)%	
Earnings per share non-GAAP ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 0.58</u>	\$ 0.91	(36.3)%	\$ 2.06	<u>\$ 2.48</u>	(16.9)%	
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.215	2.3 %	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.645	2.3 %	
Diluted Shares	31,552	32,193		31,531	32,118		

⁽¹⁾ See reconciliation of non-GAAP financial information provided in tables at the end of this release

SEGMENT INFORMATION (Unaudited)⁽²⁾ (In thousands)

	 Three Mor Jun	iths E e 30,	Nine Months Ended June 30,						
	 2022		2021		2022		2021		
Sales:									
Memorialization	\$ 203,158	\$	184,337	\$	633,868	\$	573,068		
Industrial Technologies	78,443		81,832		230,928		200,538		
SGK Brand Solutions	140,118		162,211		440,480		458,585		
	\$ 421,719	\$	428,380	\$	1,305,276	\$	1,232,191		
Adjusted EBITDA:									
Memorialization	\$ 32,090	\$	36,402	\$	118,404	\$	132,080		
Industrial Technologies	11,809		12,173		33,377		23,446		
SGK Brand Solutions	14,546		27,025		43,422		67,222		
Corporate and Non-Operating	(12,421)		(15,585)		(40,656)		(47,030)		
Total Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$ 46,024	\$	60,015	\$	154,547	\$	175,718		

⁽¹⁾ See reconciliation of non-GAAP financial information provided in tables at the end of this release

⁽²⁾ Effective in the first quarter of fiscal 2022, the Company transferred its surfaces and engineered products businesses from the SGK Brand Solutions segment to the Industrial Technologies segment. This business segment change is consistent with internal management structure and reporting changes effective for fiscal 2022. Prior periods were revised to reflect retrospective application of this segment realignment.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	June 30, 2022		Septerr	nber 30, 2021
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	45,846	\$	49,176
Accounts receivable, net		207,503		309,818
Inventories, net		211,161		189,088
Other current assets		134,119		76,083
Total current assets		598,629		624,165
Property, plant and equipment, net		209,110		223,707
Goodwill		754,649		773,787
Other intangible assets, net		213,371		261,542
Other long-term assets		128,930		148,877
Total assets	\$	1,904,689	\$	2,032,078
LIABILITIES				
Long-term debt, current maturities	\$	3,364	\$	4,624
Other current liabilities		306,427		349,601
Total current liabilities		309,791		354,225
Long-term debt		772,673		759,086
Other long-term liabilities		231,622		282,364
Total liabilities		1,314,086		1,395,675
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Total shareholders' equity		590,603		636,403
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,904,689	\$	2,032,078

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS INFORMATION (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended June 30,							
		2022		2021				
Cash flows from operating activities:								
Net (loss) income	\$	(18,871)	\$	6,526				
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash flows from operating	activities:							
Depreciation and amortization		80,163		97,919				
Changes in working capital items		(8,393)		(7,513)				
Other operating activities		31,468		9,925				
Net cash provided by operating activities		84,367		106,857				
Cash flows from investing activities:								
Capital expenditures		(40,597)		(24,495)				
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		_		(15,623)				
Other investing activities		1,668		17,211				
Net cash used in investing activities		(38,929)		(22,907)				
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Net payments from long-term debt		13,763		(49,024)				
Purchases of treasury stock		(33,986)		(6,149)				
Dividends		(20,812)		(20,856)				
Other financing activities		(2,741)		(3,801)				
Net cash used in financing activities		(43,776)		(79,830)				
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(3,862)		776				
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	(2,200)	\$	4,896				

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Included in this report are measures of financial performance that are not defined by GAAP, including, without limitation, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income and EPS, net debt and net debt leverage ratio. The Company defines net debt leverage ratio as outstanding debt (net of cash) relative to adjusted EBITDA. The Company uses non-GAAP financial measures to assist in comparing its performance on a consistent basis for purposes of business decision-making by removing the impact of certain items that management believes do not directly reflect the Company's core operations including acquisition costs, ERP integration costs, strategic initiative and other charges (which includes non-recurring charges related to operational initiatives and exit activities), stock-based compensation and the non-service portion of pension and postretirement expense. Management believes that presenting non-GAAP financial measures is useful to investors because it (i) provides investors with meaningful supplemental information regarding financial performance by excluding certain items that management believes do not directly reflect the Company's core operations, (ii) permits investors to view performance using the same tools that management uses to budget, forecast, make operating and strategic decisions, and evaluate historical performance, and (iii) otherwise provides supplemental information that may be useful to investors in evaluating the Company's results. The Company's calculations of its non-GAAP financial measures, however, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. The Company believes that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures, when considered together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures and the reconciliations to those measures, provided herein, provide investors with an additional understanding of the factors and trends affecting the Company's business that could not be obtained absent these disclosures.

ADJUSTED EBITDA RECONCILIATION (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Nine Mon Jun	ths l e 30	
		2022		2021	2022			2021
Net income (loss)	\$	2,875	\$	3,366	\$	(18,871)	\$	6,526
Income tax provision (benefit)		1,040		(2,325)		(2,311)		2,627
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	3,915	\$	1,041		(21,182)		9,153
Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests		18		(11)		56		60
Interest expense		6,659		6,748		19,426		21,709
Depreciation and amortization *		22,938		35,389		80,163		97,919
Strategic initiatives and other charges (1)**		7,290		7,213		17,863		23,498
Non-recurring / incremental coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") costs ^{(2)***}		301		1,993		2,204		4,689
Defined benefit plan termination related items $^{(3)}$		(63)		_		284		_
Asset write-downs, net ⁽⁴⁾		(469)				10,017		
Stock-based compensation		5,197		5,713		14,128		12,960
Non-service pension and postretirement expense ⁽⁵⁾		238		1,929		31,588		5,730
Total Adjusted EBITDA	\$	46,024	\$	60,015	\$	154,547	\$	175,718
Adjusted EBITDA margin		10.9 %		14.0 %	_	11.8 %		14.3 %

⁽¹⁾ Includes certain non-recurring items associated with recent acquisition activities, costs associated with global ERP system integration efforts, certain nonrecurring costs associated with productivity and cost-reduction initiatives intended to result in improved operating performance, profitability and working capital levels, and exchange losses associated with highly inflationary accounting.

⁽²⁾ Includes certain non-recurring direct incremental costs (such as costs for purchases of computer peripherals and devices to facilitate working-from-home, additional personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies and services, etc.) incurred in response to COVID-19. This amount does not include the impact of any lost sales or underutilization due to COVID-19.

⁽³⁾ Represents items associated with the termination of the Company's DB Plan, supplemental retirement plan and the defined benefit portion of the officers retirement restoration plan.

⁽⁴⁾ Represents asset write-downs, net of recoveries within the SGK Brand Solutions segment.

⁽⁵⁾ Non-service pension and postretirement expense includes interest cost, expected return on plan assets, amortization of actuarial gains and losses, curtailment gains and losses, and settlement gains and losses. These benefit cost components are excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they are primarily influenced by external market conditions that impact investment returns and interest (discount) rates. Curtailment gains and losses and settlement gains and losses are excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they are primarily influenced by external market conditions that impact investment returns and interest (discount) rates. Curtailment gains and losses and settlement gains and losses are excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they generally result from certain non-recurring events, such as plan amendments to modify future benefits or settlements of plan obligations. The service cost and prior service cost components of pension and postretirement expense are included in the calculation of adjusted EBITDA, since they are considered to be a better reflection of the ongoing service-related costs of providing these benefits. Please note that GAAP pension and postretirement expense or the adjustment above are not necessarily indicative of the current or future cash flow requirements related to these employee benefit plans.

* Depreciation and amortization was \$5,835 and \$5,838 for the Memorialization segment, \$2,459 and \$2,829 for the Industrial Technologies segment, \$1,3,334 and \$25,383 for the SGK Brand Solutions segment, and \$1,310 and \$1,339 for Corporate and Non-Operating, for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Depreciation and amortization was \$17,448 and \$17,016 for the Memorialization segment, \$7,643 and \$8,449 for the Industrial Technologies segment, \$51,119 and \$68,492 for the SGK Brand Solutions segment, and \$3,953 and \$3,962 for Corporate and Non-Operating, for the nine months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

** Acquisition costs, ERP integration costs, and strategic initiatives and other charges were \$902 and \$484 for the Memorialization segment, \$1,183 and \$881 for the Industrial Technologies segment, \$1,970 and \$2,909 for the SGK Brand Solutions segment, and \$3,235 and \$2,939 for Corporate and Non-Operating, for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Acquisition costs, ERP integration costs, and strategic initiatives and other charges were \$2,090 and \$1,279 for the Memorialization segment, \$1,376 and \$3,666 for the Industrial Technologies segment, \$7,673 and \$10,470 for the SGK Brand Solutions segment, and \$6,724 and \$8,083 for Corporate and Non-Operating, for the nine months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

*** Non-recurring/incremental COVID-19 costs were \$225 and \$1,333 for the Memorialization segment, \$1 and \$6 for the Industrial Technologies segment, \$74 and \$638 for the SGK Brand Solutions segment, and \$1 and \$16 for Corporate and Non-Operating, for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Non-recurring/incremental COVID-19 costs were \$1,268 and \$3,223 for the Memorialization segment, \$6 and \$36 for the Industrial Technologies segment, \$464 and \$1,344 for the SGK Brand Solutions segment, and \$466 and \$86 for Corporate and Non-Operating, for the nine months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

ADJUSTED NET INCOME AND EPS RECONCILIATION (Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share data)

	 Three Months Ended June 30,					Nine Months Ended June 30,								
	202	2			202 ⁻	1			2022		2021			
		p	er share			pe	er share		p	er share			pe	er share
Net income (loss) attributable to Matthews	\$ 2,893	\$	0.09	\$	3,355	\$	0.10	\$	(18,815) \$	(0.60)	\$	6,586	\$	0.21
Strategic initiatives and other charges ⁽¹⁾	5,689		0.19		5,975		0.19		13,663	0.44		20,091		0.62
Non-recurring / incremental COVID-19 costs ⁽²⁾	235		_		1,512		0.05		1,676	0.05		3,559		0.11
Defined benefit plan termination related items ⁽³⁾	(46)		_		_		_		355	0.01		_		_
Asset write-downs, net (4)	(353)		(0.01)		—				9,955	0.32		—		
Non-service pension and postretirement expense ⁽⁵⁾	305		0.02		1,426		0.04		23,817	0.76		4,239		0.13
Amortization	 9,034		0.29		17,050		0.53		34,158	1.08		45,281		1.41
Adjusted net income	\$ 17,757	\$	0.58	\$	29,318	\$	0.91	\$	64,809 \$	2.06	\$	79,756	\$	2.48

Note: Adjustments to net income for non-GAAP reconciling items were calculated using an income tax rate of 21.7% and 24.6% for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2022, respectively, and 26% for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2021.

⁽¹⁾ Includes certain non-recurring items associated with recent acquisition activities, costs associated with global ERP system integration efforts, certain nonrecurring costs associated with productivity and cost-reduction initiatives intended to result in improved operating performance, profitability and working capital levels, and exchange losses associated with highly inflationary accounting.

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⁽⁵⁾ Non-service pension and postretirement expense includes interest cost, expected return on plan assets, amortization of actuarial gains and losses, curtailment gains and losses, and settlement gains and losses. These benefit cost components are excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they are primarily influenced by external market conditions that impact investment returns and interest (discount) rates. Curtailment gains and losses and settlement gains and losses excluded from adjusted EBITDA since they generally result from certain non-recurring events, such as plan amendments to modify future benefits or settlements of plan obligations. The service cost and prior service cost components of pension and postretirement expense are included in the calculation of adjusted EBITDA, since they are considered to be a better reflection of the ongoing service-related costs of providing these benefits. Please note that GAAP pension and postretirement expense or the adjustment above are not necessarily indicative of the current or future cash flow requirements related to these employee benefit plans.

NET DEBT AND NET DEBT LEVERAGE RATIO RECONCILIATION (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands)

	June	30, 2022	Septen	nber 30, 2021
Long-term debt, current maturities	\$	3,364	\$	4,624
Long-term debt		772,673		759,086
Total debt		776,037		763,710
Less: Cash and cash equivalents		(45,846)		(49,176)
Net Debt	\$	730,191	\$	714,534
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	206,579	\$	227,750
Net Debt Leverage Ratio		3.5		3.1

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