

Despite COVID-19 Impact Linamar Delivers Free Cash Flow and Solid Cost Reductions in Q2 2020

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- During the second quarter of 2020 ("Q2 2020"), the Company experienced lower sales and operating earnings in both segments which was primarily attributed to the adverse conditions associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic;
- Free cash flow¹ was \$170.5 million for Q2 2020 and when combined with the \$147.1 million for Q1 2020 is \$317.6 million for the first half of 2020;
- Capex was cut by 81% to \$24.0 million from \$126.4 million in the second quarter of 2019 ("Q2 2019");
- Liquidity, measured as cash and cash equivalents and available credit at June 30, 2020, is at \$1.1 billion, unchanged from December 31, 2019;
- Cost reduction and cash conservation efforts continue to be at the highest levels given continued uncertainties;
- As part of these cash conservation efforts the board has approved to continue with a reduced dividend of CAD\$0.06 per share for Q2 2020;
- Strong new business wins pushed the launch book to more than \$4.3 billion;
- Solid Transportation market share gains with Content per Vehicle growth in every region globally and market share growth in Europe for both Skyjack and MacDon; and
- The Company repaid its United States Dollar \$130 million Private Placement Notes in Q2 2020 to mitigate risk in an uncertain environment.

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	2020	June 30 2019	2020	June 30 2019
(in millions of dollars, except per share figures)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Sales	923.6	2,086.1	2,473.3	4,060.6
Operating Earnings (Loss)				
Industrial	24.5	99.6	67.4	172.8
Transportation	(49.8)	115.5	25.3	230.1
Operating Earnings (Loss) ¹	(25.3)	215.1	92.7	402.9
Net Earnings (Loss)	(37.9)	150.2	40.6	282.5
Net Earnings (Loss) per Share – Diluted	(0.58)	2.28	0.62	4.28
Earnings before interest, taxes and amortization ("EBITDA") ¹	81.1	315.5	309.0	603.1
Operating Earnings (Loss) – Normalized¹				
Industrial	36.5	107.5	67.9	185.4
Transportation	(55.9)	117.8	16.2	237.6
Operating Earnings (Loss) – Normalized	(19.4)	225.3	84.1	423.0
Net Earnings (Loss) – Normalized ¹	(22.0)	158.3	45.0	297.7
Net Earnings (Loss) per Share – Diluted – Normalized ¹	(0.34)	2.40	0.69	4.51
EBITDA – Normalized ¹	92.1	326.2	306.0	623.0

Operating Highlights

Sales for Q2 2020 were \$923.6 million, down \$1,162.5 million from \$2,086.1 million in Q2 2019.

The Industrial segment ("Industrial") product sales decreased 56.7%, or \$339.9 million, to \$259.2 million in Q2 2020 from Q2 2019. The sales decrease was due to:

- sales declines primarily attributed to adverse conditions associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic; and
- lower agricultural sales as expected due to poor crop conditions, stagnant commodity prices, and the ongoing trade dispute between the United States ("US") and China governments.

Sales for the Transportation segment ("Transportation") decreased by \$822.6 million, or 55.3% in Q2 2020 compared with Q2 2019. The sales in Q2 2020 were impacted by:

- sales declines primarily attributed to customer shutdowns associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic; partially offset by
- a favourable impact on sales from the changes in foreign exchange rates from Q2 2019.

¹ For more information refer to the section entitled "Non-GAAP and Additional GAAP Measures" in the Company's separately released Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A").

The Company's normalized operating loss for Q2 2020 was \$19.4 million. This compares to normalized operating earnings of \$225.3 million in Q2 2019, a decrease of \$244.7 million.

Industrial segment normalized operating earnings in Q2 2020 decreased \$71.0 million, or 66.0% from Q2 2019. The Industrial normalized operating earnings results were predominantly driven by:

- the lower sales volumes which is primarily attributed to the adverse conditions associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic; and
- lower agricultural sales as expected due to poor crop conditions, stagnant commodity prices, and the ongoing trade war between the US and China governments; partially offset by
- the utilization of various government support programs related to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Q2 2020 normalized operating earnings for Transportation were lower by \$173.7 million, or 147.5% compared to Q2 2019. The Transportation segment's earnings were impacted by the following:

- sales declines primarily attributed to customer shutdowns associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic; partially offset by
- targeted cost reductions to match lower demand;
- utilization of various government support programs related to the global COVID-19 pandemic; and
- a favourable impact on sales and expenses from the changes in foreign exchange rates from Q2 2019.

"Q2 2020 was certainly a difficult quarter for us and so many other companies around the world. I am so proud of the efforts of our team to manage through such a tough quarter, maintain employee spirits, execute so strongly on cost reductions and cash conservation initiatives and then so capably ramp operations back up safely and efficiently. We are through the toughest part and now laser focused on restarting, rejuvenating and recovering." said Linamar CEO Linda Hasenfratz.

Dividends

The Board of Directors today declared an eligible dividend in respect to the quarter ended June 30, 2020 of CDN\$0.06 per share on the common shares of the company, payable on or after September 11, 2020 to shareholders of record on August 21, 2020.

Forward Looking Information, Risk and Uncertainties

Certain information provided by Linamar in this press release, MD&A, the consolidated financial statements and other documents published throughout the year which are not recitation of historical facts may constitute forward-looking statements. The words "may", "would", "could", "will", "likely", "estimate", "believe", "expect", "plan", "forecast" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned that such statements are only predictions and the actual events or results may differ materially. In evaluating such forward-looking statements, readers should specifically consider the various factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements.

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Conference Call Information

Q2 2020 Release Information

Linamar will hold a webcast call on August 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. ET to discuss its second-quarter results. The event will be simulcast and can be accessed at the following URL <https://www.linamar.com/news-event/q2-2020-earnings-call> and can also be navigated to on the company's website. For those who wish to listen to an audio only call-in option, the numbers for this call are (877) 668-0168 (North America) or (825) 312-2386 (International) Conference ID 4440626, with a call-in required 15 minutes prior to the start of the webcast. The conference call will be chaired by Linda Hasenfratz, Linamar's Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the Company's quarterly financial statements, including the Management's Discussion & Analysis, will be available on the Company's website after 4:00 p.m. ET on August 6, 2020, and at www.sedar.com by the start of business on August 7, 2020. The webcast replay will be available at <https://www.linamar.com/news-event/q2-2020-earnings-call> after the call. A taped replay of the conference call will also be made available starting at 8:00 p.m. on August 6, 2020, for seven days. The number for the replay is (800) 585-8367, Passcode: 4440626. In addition, a recording of the call will be posted at <https://www.linamar.com/news-event/q2-2020-earnings-call>.

Q3 2020 Release Information

Linamar will hold a webcast call on November 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. ET to discuss its third-quarter results. The event will be simulcast and can be accessed at the following URL <https://www.linamar.com/news-event/q3-2020-earnings-call> and can also be navigated to on the company's website. For those who wish to listen to an audio only call-in option, the numbers for this call are (877) 668-0168 (North America) or (825) 312-2386 (International) Conference ID 6475831, with a call-in required 15 minutes prior to the start of the webcast. The conference call will be chaired by Linda Hasenfratz, Linamar's Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the Company's quarterly financial statements, including the Management's Discussion & Analysis, will be available on the Company's website after 4:00 p.m. ET on November 10, 2020, and at www.sedar.com by the start of business on November 11, 2020. The webcast replay will be available at <https://www.linamar.com/news-event/q3-2020-earnings-call> after the call. A taped replay of the conference call will also be made available starting at 8:00 p.m. ET on November 10, 2020, for seven days. The number for the replay is (800) 585-8367, Passcode: 6475831. In addition, a recording of the call will be posted at <https://www.linamar.com/news-event/q3-2020-earnings-call>.

Linamar Corporation (TSX:LNR) is an advanced manufacturing company where the intersection of leading edge technology and deep manufacturing expertise is creating solutions that power vehicles, motion, work and lives for the future. The Company is made up of two operating segments – the Industrial segment and the Transportation segment, both global leaders in manufacturing solutions and world-class developers of highly engineered products. The Industrial segment is comprised of Skyjack and MacDon. Skyjack manufactures scissor, boom and telehandler lifts for the aerial work platform industry. MacDon manufactures combine draper headers and self-propelled windrowers for the agricultural harvesting industry. The Transportation segment is subdivided into three regional groups; North America, Europe and Asia Pacific. Within the Transportation segment, the regional groups are vertically integrated operations combining expertise in light metal casting, forging, machining and assembly for both the global electrified and traditionally powered vehicle markets. The Transportation segment products are focused on both components and systems for new energy powertrains, body and chassis, driveline, engine and transmission systems of these vehicles. McLaren Engineering provides design, development, and testing services for the Transportation segment. Linamar has 26,000 employees in 61 manufacturing locations, 11 R&D centres and 25 sales offices in 17 countries in North and South America, Europe and Asia which generated sales of \$7.4 billion in 2019. For more information about Linamar Corporation and its industry leading products and services, visit www.linamar.com or follow us on Twitter at @LinamarCorp.

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