

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

- **Free Cash Flow (“FCF”)**

Our measure of “FCF” meets the definition of a non-GAAP financial measure. FCF is used in addition to and in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP and FCF should not be relied upon to the exclusion of GAAP financial measures. Management strongly encourages investors to review our financial statements and publicly-filed reports in their entirety and to not rely on any single financial measure. FCF, which we reconcile to “Net cash provided by operating activities,” is cash flow from operations reduced by “Expenditures for property, plant and equipment”. We believe that FCF, although similar to cash flow from operations, is a useful additional measure since capital expenditures are a necessary component of ongoing operations. Management also views FCF, as a measure of the Company’s ability to reduce debt, add to cash balances, pay dividends, and repurchase stock. FCF has limitations due to the fact that it does not represent the residual cash flow available for discretionary expenditures. For example, FCF does not incorporate payments made on capital lease obligations or required debt service payments. In addition, different companies define FCF differently. Therefore, we believe it is important to view FCF as a complement to our entire consolidated statements of cash flows. A reconciliation of cash provided by operating activities to FCF for the thirteen week periods and fiscal years ended September 1, 2018 and September 2, 2017, respectively is shown below.

- **Results excluding DECO Tool Supply Co (DECO) and All Integrated Solutions (AIS), collectively “Acquisitions”**

To supplement MSC’s unaudited selected financial data presented consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”), the Company discloses certain non-GAAP financial measures, including Non-GAAP net sales, non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP (benefit) provision for income taxes, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share, that exclude the results of our acquisitions of DECO Tool Supply Co. (“DECO”) on July 31, 2017 and All Integrated Solutions (“AIS”) on April 30, 2018, collectively, “Acquisitions”. Beginning with the thirteen-week period ending December 1, 2018, the results of DECO are included.

These non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with or an alternative for GAAP, and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. We believe that these non-GAAP measures have limitations in that they do not reflect MSC’s results of operations as determined in accordance with GAAP, and that these measures should only be used to evaluate MSC’s results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the most directly comparable GAAP measures. We compensate for the limitations of non-GAAP financial measures by relying upon GAAP results to gain a complete picture of the Company’s performance.

In calculating non-GAAP financial measures, we exclude the results of our Acquisitions to facilitate a review of the Company’s operating performance on a period-to-period basis, for comparison with forecasts and strategic plans, and for benchmarking performance externally against competitors. We believe that investors benefit from seeing results “through the eyes” of management in addition to seeing GAAP results. We believe that these non-GAAP measures, when read in conjunction with the Company’s GAAP financials, provide useful information to investors by offering:

- the ability to make more meaningful period-to-period comparisons of the Company’s operating results;
- the ability to better identify trends in the Company’s underlying business and perform related trend analyses;
- a better understanding of how management plans and measures the Company’s underlying business; and
- an easier way to compare the Company’s operating results against analyst financial models and operating results of competitors that supplement their GAAP results with non-GAAP financial measures

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Information

Quarters and Years Ended September 1, 2018 and September 2, 2017

(dollars in thousands)

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure	
Net cash provided by operating activities		Expenditures for property, plant and equipment		Free cash flow	
Thirteen Weeks Ended		Thirteen Weeks Ended		Thirteen Weeks Ended	
September 1, 2018	September 2, 2017	September 1, 2018	September 2, 2017	September 1, 2018	September 2, 2017
\$ 109,421	\$ 87,710	\$ (14,125)	\$ (8,625)	\$ 95,296	\$ 79,085

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure	
Net cash provided by operating activities		Expenditures for property, plant and equipment		Free cash flow	
Fiscal Year Ended		Fiscal Year Ended		Fiscal Year Ended	
September 1, 2018	September 2, 2017	September 1, 2018	September 2, 2017	September 1, 2018	September 2, 2017
\$ 339,658	\$ 246,841	\$ (44,919)	\$ (46,548)	\$ 294,739	\$ 200,293

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Information

Thirteen Weeks and Year Ended September 1, 2018

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Net Sales		Acquisitions		Net Sales, excluding Acquisitions		Average Daily Sales Growth		Average Daily Sales Growth, excluding Acquisitions	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018
\$ 837,985	\$ 3,203,878	\$ 49,011	\$ 148,042	\$ 788,974	\$ 3,055,836	9.5 %	10.5 %	4.5 %	5.8 %
GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Gross Profit		Acquisitions		Gross Profit, excluding Acquisitions		Gross Margin		Gross Margin, excluding Acquisitions	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018
\$ 359,668	\$ 1,392,961	\$ 9,834	\$ 31,502	\$ 349,834	\$ 1,361,459	42.9 %	43.5 %	44.3 %	44.6 %
GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Operating Expenses		Acquisitions		Operating Expenses, excluding Acquisitions		Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales		Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales, excluding Acquisitions	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018
\$ 251,878	\$ 972,408	\$ 10,624	\$ 30,294	\$ 241,254	\$ 942,114	30.1 %	30.4 %	30.6 %	30.8 %
GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Operating Income		Acquisitions		Operating Income, excluding Acquisitions		Operating Margin		Operating Margin, excluding Acquisitions	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018
\$ 107,790	\$ 420,553	\$ (789)	\$ 1,208	\$ 108,579	\$ 419,345	12.9 %	13.1 %	13.8 %	13.7 %
GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Provision for income taxes		Acquisitions		Provision for income taxes, excluding Acquisitions					
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended				
September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018				
\$ 30,716	\$ 76,966	\$ (606)	\$ (372)	\$ 31,322	\$ 77,338				
GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Net Income		Acquisitions		Net Income, excluding Acquisitions					
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended				
September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018				
\$ 73,017	\$ 329,223	\$ (1,453)	\$ (892)	\$ 74,470	\$ 330,115				
GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Diluted Earnings Per Share		Acquisitions		Diluted Earnings Per Share, excluding Acquisitions					
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended				
September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018	September 1, 2018				
\$ 1.29	\$ 5.80	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.02)	\$ 1.32	\$ 5.82				

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Information
Thirteen Weeks and Year Ended September 2, 2017
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Net Sales		DECO Tool Supply Co.		Net Sales, excluding DECO		Average Daily Sales Growth		Average Daily Sales Growth, excluding DECO	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017
\$ 753,770	\$ 2,887,744	\$ 10,369	\$ 10,369	\$ 743,401	\$ 2,877,375	9.2 %	3.2 %	7.7 %	2.9 %

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Gross Profit		DECO Tool Supply Co.		Gross Profit, excluding DECO		Gross Margin		Gross Margin, excluding DECO	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017
\$ 333,450	\$ 1,286,247	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 331,550	\$ 1,284,347	44.2 %	44.5 %	44.6 %	44.6 %

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Operating Expenses		DECO Tool Supply Co.		Operating Expenses, excluding DECO		Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales		Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales, excluding DECO	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017
\$ 233,471	\$ 907,247	\$ 2,059	\$ 2,059	\$ 231,412	\$ 905,188	31.0 %	31.4 %	31.1 %	31.5 %

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure		GAAP Measure		Non-GAAP Measure	
Operating Income		DECO Tool Supply Co.		Operating Income, excluding DECO		Operating Margin		Operating Margin, excluding DECO	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017
\$ 99,979	\$ 379,000	\$ (159)	\$ (159)	\$ 100,138	\$ 379,159	13.3 %	13.1 %	13.5 %	13.2 %

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure	
Provision for income taxes		DECO Tool Supply Co.		Provision for income taxes, excluding DECO	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017
\$ 37,312	\$ 136,561	\$ (93)	\$ (93)	\$ 37,405	\$ 136,654

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure	
Net Income		DECO Tool Supply Co.		Net Income, excluding DECO	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017
\$ 60,748	\$ 231,431	\$ (157)	\$ (157)	\$ 60,905	\$ 231,588

GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure	
Diluted Earnings Per Share		DECO Tool Supply Co.		Diluted Earnings Per Share, excluding DECO	
Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Year Ended
September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 2, 2017
\$ 1.07	\$ 4.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.07	\$ 4.05

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Information
Guidance for Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018*
(dollars in millions, except per share data)

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure	GAAP Measure	Non-GAAP Measure
Net Sales Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Net Sales, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Average Daily Sales Growth Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Average Daily Sales Growth, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018
\$ 828.6	\$ 17.8	\$ 810.8	7.8 %	5.5 %

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure	GAAP Measure	Non-GAAP Measure
Gross Profit Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Gross Profit, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Gross Margin Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Gross Margin, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018
\$ 356.2	\$ 5.4	\$ 350.8	43.0 %	43.3 %

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure	GAAP Measure	Non-GAAP Measure
Operating Expenses Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Operating Expenses, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018
\$ 254.3	\$ 5.2	\$ 249.1	30.7 %	30.7 %

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure	GAAP Measure	Non-GAAP Measure
Operating Income Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Operating Income, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Operating Margin Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Operating Margin, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018
\$ 101.9	\$ 0.2	\$ 101.7	12.3 %	12.5 %

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure
Net Income Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Net Income, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018
73.3	\$ (0.6)	\$ 73.9

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure
Diluted Earnings Per Share Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018	Diluted Earnings Per Share, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended December 1, 2018
\$ 1.31	\$ (0.01)	\$ 1.32

* The data in the above tables represent the midpoint of management's guidance; see note regarding forward-looking statements

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Information
Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017
(dollars in millions, except per share data)

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure	GAAP Measure	Non-GAAP Measure
Net Sales Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	DECO Tool Supply Co. Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Net Sales, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Average Daily Sales Growth Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Average Daily Sales Growth, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017
\$ 768.6	\$ 29.7	\$ 738.9	12.0 %	7.7 %

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure	GAAP Measure	Non-GAAP Measure
Gross Profit Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	DECO Tool Supply Co. Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Gross Profit, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Gross Margin Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Gross Margin, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017
\$ 335.1	\$ 6.4	\$ 328.7	43.6 %	44.5 %

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure	GAAP Measure	Non-GAAP Measure
Operating Expenses Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	DECO Tool Supply Co. Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Operating Expenses, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017
\$ 235.8	\$ 5.9	\$ 229.9	30.7 %	31.1 %

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure	GAAP Measure	Non-GAAP Measure
Operating Income Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	DECO Tool Supply Co. Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Operating Income, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Operating Margin Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Operating Margin, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017
\$ 99.3	\$ 0.6	\$ 98.7	12.9 %	13.4 %

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure
Net Income Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	DECO Tool Supply Co. Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Net Income, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017
59.6	\$ 0.2	\$ 59.4

GAAP Measure	Items Affecting Comparability	Non-GAAP Measure
Diluted Earnings Per Share Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	DECO Tool Supply Co. Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017	Diluted Earnings Per Share, excluding DECO Thirteen Weeks Ended December 2, 2017
\$ 1.05	\$ 0.0	\$ 1.05