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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
☒ 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018

Or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934

for the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 000-51728

AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Dakota 43-1481791  
(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Clark Street, St. Charles, Missouri 63301  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
(636) 940-6000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):  
Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☒

Non-accelerated filer ☐ Smaller Reporting Company ☐

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Emerging Growth Company “

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. “

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes “ No x

The number of shares of the registrant’s common stock, \$0.01 par value, outstanding on April 27, 2018 was 19,083,878 shares.

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## PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

|   | March 31,<br>2018<br>(unaudited) | December 31,<br>2017 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Assets  |                                  |                      |
| Current assets:   |                                  |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$100,089                        | \$100,244            |
| Restricted cash   | 16,496                           | 16,640               |
| Accounts receivable, net  | 32,816                           | 43,804               |
| Accounts receivable, due from related parties   | 1,199                            | 778                  |
| Income taxes receivable   | 19,171                           | 19,115               |
| Inventories, net  | 73,216                           | 54,147               |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | 6,881                            | 6,464                |
| Total current assets  | 249,868                          | 241,192              |
| Property, plant and equipment, net  | 157,455                          | 162,535              |
| Railcars on lease, net  | 1,044,538                        | 1,036,414            |
| Income tax receivable   | 14                               | 14                   |
| Goodwill  | 7,169                            | 7,169                |
| Investments in and loans to joint ventures  | 22,417                           | 22,571               |
| Other assets  | 3,199                            | 3,531                |
| Total assets  | \$1,484,660                      | \$1,473,426          |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity  |                                  |                      |
| Current liabilities:  |                                  |                      |
| Accounts payable  | \$30,804                         | \$21,275             |
| Accounts payable, due to related parties  | 6                                | 41                   |
| Accrued expenses, including loss contingency of \$6,481 and \$6,548 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively                   | 13,904                           | 12,787               |
| Accrued compensation  | 10,088                           | 12,874               |
| Short-term debt, including current portion of long-term debt  | 25,493                           | 25,590               |
| Total current liabilities   | 80,295                           | 72,567               |
| Long-term debt, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$4,593 and \$4,647 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively         | 513,805                          | 520,024              |
| Deferred tax liability  | 199,102                          | 194,084              |
| Pension and post-retirement liabilities   | 7,858                            | 8,099                |
| Other liabilities, including loss contingency of \$2,293 and \$2,283 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively                  | 14,506                           | 15,118               |
| Total liabilities   | 815,566                          | 809,892              |
| Stockholders' equity:   |                                  |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, 19,083,878 shares outstanding as of both March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 | 213                              | 213                  |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 239,609                          | 239,609              |
| Retained Earnings   | 520,478                          | 514,453              |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss  | (5,175)                          | (4,710)              |
| Treasury Stock  | (86,031)                         | (86,031)             |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 669,094                          | 663,534              |

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|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$1,484,660 | \$1,473,426 |
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See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts, unaudited)

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |           |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2018                            | 2017      |
| Revenues:   |                                 |           |
| Manufacturing   | \$ 64,141                       | \$ 60,726 |
| Railcar leasing (including revenues from affiliates of \$412 and \$224 for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)    | 34,121                          | 33,835    |
| Railcar services (including revenues from affiliates of \$2 and \$6,147 for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)   | 17,976                          | 20,120    |
| Total revenues  | 116,238                         | 114,681   |
| Cost of revenues:   |                                 |           |
| Manufacturing   | (58,183 )                       | (54,559 ) |
| Other operating (loss) income   | (13 )                           | 31        |
| Railcar leasing   | (12,993 )                       | (12,059 ) |
| Railcar services  | (15,576 )                       | (17,390 ) |
| Total cost of revenues  | (86,765 )                       | (83,977 ) |
| Gross profit  | 29,473                          | 30,704    |
| Selling, general and administrative   | (8,613 )                        | (8,802 )  |
| Net gains on disposition of leased railcars   | 181                             | 13        |
| Earnings from operations  | 21,041                          | 21,915    |
| Interest income (including income from related parties of \$220 and \$336 for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively) | 419                             | 373       |
| Interest expense  | (5,340 )                        | (5,531 )  |
| Other income  | —                               | 54        |
| Earnings from joint ventures  | 1,343                           | 550       |
| Earnings before income taxes  | 17,463                          | 17,361    |
| Income tax expense  | (4,472 )                        | (6,793 )  |
| Net earnings  | \$ 12,991                       | \$ 10,568 |
| Net earnings per common share—basic and diluted   | \$ 0.68                         | \$ 0.55   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding—basic and diluted  | 19,084                          | 19,084    |
| Cash dividends declared per common share  | \$ 0.40                         | \$ 0.40   |
| See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.   |                                 |           |

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AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(In thousands, unaudited)

|                              | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
|                              | 2018                            | 2017      |
| Net earnings                 | \$ 12,991                       | \$ 10,568 |
| Currency translation         | (492 )                          | 129       |
| Pension plans (1)            | 27                              | 108       |
| Short-term investments (2) — |                                 | (936 )    |
| Comprehensive income         | \$ 12,526                       | \$ 9,869  |

(1) Net of tax effect of less than \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(2) Net of tax effect of zero and \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(In thousands, unaudited)

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |            |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2018                            | 2017       |
| Operating activities:   |                                 |            |
| Net earnings  | \$ 12,991                       | \$ 10,568  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                 |            |
| Depreciation  | 14,931                          | 13,873     |
| Amortization of deferred costs  | 125                             | 125        |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant, equipment and leased railcars                  | (181)                           | (13)       |
| Earnings from joint ventures  | (1,343)                         | (550)      |
| Provision for deferred income taxes   | 4,790                           | 12,780     |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:  |                                 |            |
| Accounts receivable, net  | 14,670                          | 14,310     |
| Accounts receivable, due from related parties                                       | (435)                           | (1,680)    |
| Income taxes receivable   | (60)                            | (52)       |
| Inventories, net  | (21,918)                        | (3,770)    |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | (413)                           | 52         |
| Accounts payable  | 9,542                           | 897        |
| Accounts payable, due to related parties  | (35)                            | 311        |
| Accrued expenses and taxes  | (1,665)                         | (5,482)    |
| Other   | (561)                           | 1,050      |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 30,438                          | 42,419     |
| Investing activities:   |                                 |            |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment  | (802)                           | (1,550)    |
| Grant Proceeds  | —                               | 100        |
| Capital expenditures - leased railcars  | (18,068)                        | (55,909)   |
| Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant, equipment and leased railcars        | 743                             | 73         |
| Proceeds from repayments of loans by joint ventures                                 | 1,477                           | 1,477      |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (16,650)                        | (55,809)   |
| Financing activities:   |                                 |            |
| Repayments of debt  | (6,371)                         | (6,310)    |
| Payment of common stock dividends   | (7,633)                         | (7,633)    |
| Net cash used in financing activities   | (14,004)                        | (13,943)   |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash   | (83)                            | 4          |
| Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash                         | (299)                           | (27,329)   |
| Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period                  | 116,884                         | 195,285    |
| Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period                        | \$ 116,585                      | \$ 167,956 |
| Balance Sheet Reconciliation:   |                                 |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 100,089                      | \$ 151,246 |
| Restricted cash, refer to Note 9 for discussion of the nature of this balance       | 16,496                          | 16,710     |
| Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash as presented above                 | \$ 116,585                      | \$ 167,956 |

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.





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AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(unaudited)

Note 1 — Description of the Business

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by American Railcar Industries, Inc. (a North Dakota corporation) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Company or ARI), without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2017 has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheet as of that date. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. In the opinion of management, the information contained herein reflects all adjustments necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods reported. The results of operations of any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a fiscal year.

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of ARI and its material direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries: Castings, LLC (Castings), ARI Component Venture, LLC (ARI Component), ARI Fleet Services of Canada, Inc., ARI Longtrain, Inc. (Longtrain), Longtrain Leasing I, LLC (LLI), Longtrain Leasing II, LLC (LLII), Longtrain Leasing III, LLC (LLIII), ARI Leasing, LLC, ARI Railcar Services LLC and Southwest Steel Casting Company, LLC. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Note 2 — Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2018-02, Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, which amends ASC Topic 220, Income Statement - Reporting Comprehensive Income. This ASU allows for stranded tax effects in accumulated other comprehensive income resulting from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to be reclassified as retained earnings. This ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on its consolidated financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income, cash flows and disclosures.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718) – Scope of Modification Accounting. The amendments included in this update provide guidance about which changes to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award require an entity to apply modification accounting. The amendments in this update will be applied prospectively to an award modified on or after the adoption date. The amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of 2018, and there was no impact to our consolidated financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income, cash flows and disclosures.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18, Restricted Cash, which amends Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 230, Statement of Cash Flows. This ASU requires that the statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in total cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company adopted this ASU during the first quarter of 2018 and applied its provisions retrospectively. As a result of this adoption, we no longer show the changes in restricted cash balances as a component of cash flows from financing activities but instead include the balances of restricted cash together with cash and cash equivalents for the beginning and end of the periods presented. The adoption of ASU 2016-18 did not have a material impact on the Company's balance sheet, statement of operations, or statement of comprehensive income, but did result in revisions to the Company's statement of cash flows as well as other revised disclosures.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which amends ASC Topic 230, Statement of Cash Flows. This ASU seeks to reduce the diversity currently in practice by providing guidance on the presentation of eight specific cash flow issues in the statement of cash flows. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company's adoption of this guidance during the first quarter of 2018 caused no impact on our consolidated statement of cash flows.

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In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases, which replaces or supersedes ASC Topic 840, Leases, and is intended to increase the transparency and comparability of accounting for lease transactions. This ASU requires most leases to be recognized on the balance sheet. Lessees will need to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for virtually all leases. The liability will be equal to the present value of lease payments. The asset will be based on the liability, subject to adjustment, such as for initial direct costs. For income statement purposes, the FASB retained a dual model, requiring leases to be classified as either operating or finance. Lessor accounting remains similar to the current model. Targeted improvements were made to lessor accounting to align, where necessary, with certain changes to the lessee model and the new revenue recognition standard. The ASU will require both quantitative and qualitative disclosures regarding key information about leasing arrangements. The standard is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The FASB has proposed a change that would allow a company to elect an optional transition method that applies the new lease requirements through a cumulative-effect adjustment in the period of adoption. We believe the most significant impact will relate to the recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on our condensed consolidated balance sheets for long-term operating leases. The Company's assessment and implementation plan is anticipated to be ongoing during the remainder of 2018 and will include evaluating the impact of this standard on the consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) (ASC 606). ASU 2014-09 supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Revenue Recognition (Topic 605), and requires entities to recognize revenue in a way that depicts the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The new revenue recognition standard also requires disclosures that sufficiently describe the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts. This ASU was amended by ASU No. 2015-14, issued in August 2015, which deferred the original effective date by one year; the effective date of this ASU is for fiscal years, and interim reporting periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017, using one of two retrospective application methods. In addition, the FASB issued other amendments during 2016 to ASC 606, which include implementation guidance to principal versus agent considerations, guidance to identifying performance obligations and licensing guidance and other narrow scope improvements. The Company adopted this new guidance on January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective application method. As part of the Company's implementation plan for this new standard, the Company assessed the impact of these new standards on its business processes, business and accounting systems, and consolidated financial statements and related disclosures by evaluating the terms and conditions of samples of both standard and non-standard contracts across the Company's in-scope business segments in light of the new standards. The Company identified only slight modifications to accounting for repair work in progress, resulting in immaterial changes to business processes and systems. Specifically, the Company recognized the cumulative effect of initially applying the new revenue standard as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings of \$0.7 million. The comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. We expect the impact of the adoption of the new standard to be immaterial to our net income on an ongoing basis.

The following table summarizes the cumulative effect of the changes to our condensed consolidated balance sheet as of January 1, 2018 from the adoption of ASC 606 (in thousands):

|                             | December<br>31, 2017 | Adjustments<br>due to ASC<br>606 | January<br>1, 2018 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>               |                      |                                  |                    |
| Accounts receivable, net    | \$43,804             | \$ 3,717                         | \$47,521           |
| Inventories                 | 54,147               | (2,821 )                         | \$51,326           |
| <b>Liabilities</b>          |                      |                                  |                    |
| Deferred tax liability, net | 194,084              | (226 )                           | 193,858            |

Equity

|                                      |          |      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------|----------|
| Retained Earnings                    | 514,453  | 669  | 515,122  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (4,710 ) | (3 ) | (4,713 ) |

In accordance with the new revenue standard requirements, the disclosure of the impact of adoption on our condensed consolidated statement of operations and condensed consolidated balance sheet as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was as follows (in thousands):

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|  | As<br>Reported | Balances<br>Without<br>Adoption<br>of ASC<br>606 | Effect of<br>Change<br>Higher /<br>(Lower) |
|--|----------------|--|--|
| As of March 31, 2018                         |                |  |  |
| Balance Sheet                                |                |  |  |
| Assets                                       |                |  |  |
| Accounts receivable, net                     | \$ 32,816      | \$ 27,819  | \$ 4,997                                   |
| Inventories                                  | 73,216         | 77,826   | (4,610 )                                   |
|  |                |  |  |
|  | As<br>Reported | Balances<br>Without<br>Adoption<br>of ASC<br>606 | Effect of<br>Change<br>Higher /<br>(Lower) |
| For the three months ended<br>March 31, 2018 |                |  |  |
| Statement of Operations                      |                |  |  |
| Revenues                                     |                |  |  |
| Railcar Services                             | \$ 17,976      | \$ 16,679  | \$ 1,297                                   |
| Total revenues                               | 116,238        | 114,941  | 1,297                                      |
|  |                |  |  |
| Cost of Revenues                             |                |  |  |
| Railcar services                             | (15,576 )      | (14,164 )  | (1,412 )                                   |
| Total cost of revenues                       | (86,765 )      | (85,353 )  | (1,412 )                                   |
|  |                |  |  |
| Gross profit                                 | 29,473         | 29,588   | (115 )                                     |
| Earnings from operations                     | 21,041         | 21,156   | (115 )                                     |
| Earnings before income taxes                 | 17,463         | 17,578   | (115 )                                     |
| Income tax expense                           | (4,472 )       | (4,501 )   | 29   |
| Net earnings                                 | 12,991         | 13,077   | (86 )                                      |

## Note 3 — Revenue Recognition

From time to time, ARI enters into contracts with customers for the production of railcars and for the production of railcar and industrial components. ARI's railcar manufacturing contracts are generally structured as an order for any number of railcars that are generally identical in terms of design, technology and function. Each railcar in an order is priced individually but similar railcars are generally sold at the same price. Certain contracts may be structured to cover the production of multiple types of railcars or railcar and industrial components, and the transaction price for such contracts is allocated to products based upon their standalone selling price. ARI assesses these contracts individually to, among other things, identify individual performance obligations. Generally, the only distinct performance obligations identified are the individual products explicitly stated in the contract. As performance obligations related to manufacturing contracts are satisfied at a point in time, and railcars manufactured by ARI have an alternative use for the Company, manufacturing revenue is recognized at the point in time at which shipment occurs. A related receivable is recognized as the explicitly stated products are transferred to the customer and the customer obtains control, which is typically at the time of shipment, and represents ARI's unconditional right to consideration.

ARI also enters into contracts with customers for railcar services. Revenues generated from the Railcar Services segment are invoiced to the customer when all agreed-upon services have been provided and the railcar on which the

services were performed is shipped from the repair facility or the work has been performed by the Company's repair mobile unit. However, as the customer controls the railcar while ARI's repair services are performed under the contract, ARI satisfies its performance obligations as services are rendered, and revenues are recognized over time. As a result, at any given time, a contract asset exists related to railcar services that have been performed but not yet billed. The Company utilizes the input method and performs a calculation at the end of each accounting period whereby it analyzes all work-in-process for the Railcar Services

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segment, representing the cost of services performed on railcars that have not yet been shipped. The Company then estimates a corresponding amount of revenue based on an average profit margin for the Railcar Services segment. Therefore, the revenue recorded at each period-end reflects the estimated revenue recognition for Railcar Services over time. This method was selected because the costs incurred are proportionate to ARI's progress in satisfying the performance obligation, and therefore it faithfully depicts ARI's performance on the contract.

Revenue from contracts with customers is measured as the amount of consideration we expect to receive in exchange for transferring goods or providing services. Sales, use, value added, and other taxes we collect concurrent with revenue-producing activities are excluded from revenue.

As discussed further in Note 8, ARI's standard warranty is up to one year for parts and services and five years for new railcars. These warranties provide customers with quality assurance that the delivered product is as specified in the contract. In accordance with ASC 606, ARI accounts for all warranty obligations as a cost accrual.

Payment terms for ARI's products and services do not typically exceed normal payment terms used by the industry, and ARI does not have significant financing components or material collectability concerns in relation to its current contracts. Bill-and-hold arrangements are infrequent, and no bill-and-hold arrangements were in place during the three months ended March 31, 2018.

New railcar manufacturing contracts generally include a base price per railcar as well as a provision that allows the Company to pass on to the customer material cost escalations and surcharges incurred to produce the railcar, should they occur. The escalations and surcharges included as part of the contract with the customer are considered to be variable consideration that is constrained and allocable to a specific performance obligation. While the amounts of the escalations and surcharges are not known at the time at which the contract begins, these costs are known by the time the railcar is shipped, which is the point at which it is invoiced and revenue is recorded. Therefore, while escalations and surcharges are variable in nature, the amounts that are included in the customer invoice and recorded as revenue generally are not subject to change after revenue has been recognized on the transaction.

### Revenue Disaggregation

The following table further illustrates the nature of the Company's revenues arising from contracts with customers. The Railcar Leasing segment has been included in the tables below to reconcile to ARI's total consolidated revenues; however, revenues generated by the Railcar Leasing segment are recognized in accordance with lease accounting guidance rather than ASC 606.

|   | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018      2017<br>(in thousands) |           |
|---|--|-----------|
| Revenues from Contracts with Customers (Manufacturing and Railcar Services) | \$82,117   | \$80,846  |
| Railcar Leasing Segment Revenues  | 34,121   | 33,835    |
| Total Revenue   | \$116,238  | \$114,681 |

The following table presents our revenue disaggregated by type of product or service:

|   | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018      2017<br>(in thousands) |          |
|---|--|----------|
| Railcar Manufacturing                           | \$55,430   | \$52,771 |
| Railcar and Industrial Components Manufacturing | 8,711  | 7,955    |
| Total Manufacturing (1)                         | 64,141   | 60,726   |
| Railcar Leasing (2)                             | 34,121   | 33,835   |



|                      |           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Railcar Services (3) | 17,976    | 20,120    |
| Total Revenue        | \$116,238 | \$114,681 |

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- (1) Revenue recognized at a point in time  
 (2) Revenue recognition not in scope of ASC 606  
 (3) Revenue recognized over time

**Contract Balances**

In considering the distinction between a contract asset and a receivable, as defined in ASC 606, ARI reviewed its practices as follows. ARI bills its customers once services have been rendered or products have been delivered and the Company has an unconditional right to consideration as only the passage of time is required before payment of that consideration is due. The contract assets that ARI maintains are related to unbilled revenues recognized on repair services that have been performed but the entire project has not yet been completed, and the railcar has not yet been shipped to the customer. These contract assets are included within 'accounts receivable' on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The contract liabilities that ARI maintains represent deferred revenue related to its manufacturing and repair services segments. The short-term contract liabilities are included within 'accrued expenses' and the long-term contract liabilities are included within 'other liabilities' on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The allowance for doubtful accounts reflects ARI's best estimate of probable losses inherent in the accounts receivable balance. The Company determines the allowance based on the history of past write-offs and collections and current credit conditions of its customers. Refer to Note 4 for the balance of the allowance for doubtful accounts for each period presented.

The opening and closing balances of the Company's contract balances are presented below (in thousands):

|                      | 2018    |         |          |
|----------------------|---------|---------|----------|
|                      | January | March   | \$       |
|                      | 1       | 31      | Change   |
| Contract Assets      | \$3,717 | \$4,997 | \$ 1,280 |
| Contract Liabilities | 1,600   | 1,600   | —        |

The increase in contract assets from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018 was due to ramp up of activity at certain repair shops within the Company's repair network leading to certain work that ARI expects will be completed and billed to customers in the coming months. There was no change in contract liabilities during the three months ended March 31, 2018, as no revenue was recognized in the current reporting period that was in the contract liability balance at the end of the prior period. Additionally, impairments related to contract assets, including bad debt expense, were less than \$0.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2018.

**Contract Costs**

ARI has deemed its costs to obtain a contract as described in ASC Topic 340, Other Assets and Deferred Costs (ASC 340) to be immaterial. Further, in accordance with Topic 340, an entity may elect a practical expedient that allows the entity to recognize the incremental costs of obtaining a contract as an expense when incurred if the amortization period of the asset that the entity otherwise would have recognized is one year or less. ARI has determined that its costs to obtain a contract would be amortized over one year or less, and therefore, has elected this practical expedient, and the Company does not recognize assets from the costs to obtain a contract with a customer.

ARI incurs costs in the fulfillment of its contracts such as engineering hours and other salaries and wages. These costs incurred in fulfilling a contract with a customer are within the scope of ASC 330, Inventory. Therefore, in accordance with ASC 340, ARI accounts for these production costs, or costs to fulfill a contract, in accordance with ASC 330, Inventory.

**Remaining Performance Obligations**

Remaining performance obligations represent the transaction price of firm contractual commitments from customers for which work is partially completed. As of March 31, 2018, the estimated revenue expected to be recognized in the future related to remaining performance obligations was \$279.3 million. Of this total, we expect to recognize \$158.8 million into revenue during 2018 and \$120.5 million thereafter. No revenue was recognized in the current reporting period from performance obligations satisfied, or partially satisfied, in previous periods due to the adoption of ASC 606 during the current period.

**Note 4 — Accounts Receivable, net**

Accounts receivable, net, consists of the following:



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|                                      | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                                      | (in thousands) |                   |
| Accounts receivable, gross           | \$34,045       | \$ 45,041         |
| Less allowance for doubtful accounts | (1,229 )       | (1,237 )          |
| Total accounts receivable, net       | \$32,816       | \$ 43,804         |

## Note 5 — Inventories, net

Inventories consist of the following:

|                        | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                        | (in thousands) |                   |
| Raw materials          | \$46,496       | \$ 33,498         |
| Work-in-process        | 25,147         | 22,040            |
| Finished products      | 4,573          | 1,813             |
| Total inventories      | 76,216         | 57,351            |
| Less reserves          | (3,000 )       | (3,204 )          |
| Total inventories, net | \$73,216       | \$ 54,147         |

## Note 6 — Property, Plant, Equipment and Railcars on Leases, net

The following table summarizes the components of property, plant, equipment and railcars on leases, net:

|                                    | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                                    | (in thousands) |                   |
| Operations / Corporate:            |                |                   |
| Buildings                          | \$186,530      | \$ 186,664        |
| Machinery and equipment            | 233,406        | 233,025           |
| Land                               | 5,285          | 5,285             |
| Construction in process            | 1,810          | 1,818             |
|                                    | 427,031        | 426,792           |
| Less accumulated depreciation      | (269,576 )     | (264,257 )        |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | \$157,455      | \$ 162,535        |
| Railcar Leasing:                   |                |                   |
| Railcars on lease                  | \$1,177,338    | \$ 1,159,868      |
| Less accumulated depreciation      | (132,800 )     | (123,454 )        |
| Railcars on lease, net             | \$1,044,538    | \$ 1,036,414      |

## Railcars on lease agreements

Revenues from railcar leasing are generated from operating leases that are priced as an integrated service that includes amounts related to executory costs, such as certain maintenance, insurance, and ad valorem taxes and are recognized on a straight-line basis per the terms of the underlying lease.

Capital expenditures for leased railcars represent cash outflows for the Company's cost to produce railcars shipped or to be shipped for lease.

As of March 31, 2018, future contractual minimum rental revenues required under non-cancellable operating leases for railcars with terms longer than one year are as follows (in thousands):

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|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Remaining 9 months of 2018 | \$99,074 |
| 2019                       | 113,293  |
| 2020                       | 75,875   |
| 2021                       | 57,371   |
| 2022                       | 37,709   |
| 2023 and thereafter        | 81,683   |
| Total                      | 465,005  |

The future contractual minimum rental revenues shown above include total rental revenues from affiliates of \$7.4 million. See Note 15, Related Party Transactions for further discussion regarding lease agreements with IELP Entities.

Depreciation expense

The following table summarizes depreciation expense:

|   | Three Months Ended |           |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
|   | March 31,          |           |
|   | 2018               | 2017      |
|   | (in thousands)     |           |
| Total depreciation expense              | \$ 14,931          | \$ 13,873 |
| Depreciation expense on leased railcars | \$ 9,395           | \$ 8,237  |

Note 7 — Investments in and Loans to Joint Ventures

As of March 31, 2018, the Company was party to two joint ventures: Ohio Castings Company LLC (Ohio Castings) and Axis LLC (Axis). Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Castings, the Company has a 33.3% ownership interest in Ohio Castings, a limited liability company formed to produce various steel railcar parts for use or sale by the ownership group. Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, ARI Component, the Company has a 41.9% ownership interest in Axis, a limited liability company formed to produce railcar axles for use or sale by the ownership group. The Company accounts for these joint ventures using the equity method. Under this method, the Company recognizes its share of the earnings and losses of the joint ventures as they accrue. Advances and distributions are charged and credited directly to the investment accounts. From time to time, the Company also makes loans to its joint ventures that are included in the investment account. The investment balance for these joint ventures is recorded within the Company's manufacturing segment. The carrying amount of investments in and loans to joint ventures, which also represents ARI's maximum exposure to loss with respect to the joint ventures, is as follows:

|   | March 31December 31, |           |
|---|----------------------|-----------|
|   | 2018                 | 2017      |
|   | (in thousands)       |           |
| Carrying amount of investments in and loans to joint ventures |                      |           |
| Ohio Castings   | \$5,952              | \$ 6,202  |
| Axis  | 16,465               | 16,369    |
| Total investments in and loans to joint ventures              | \$22,417             | \$ 22,571 |

See Note 15, Related Party Transactions, for information regarding financial transactions with ARI's joint ventures.

Ohio Castings

When active, Ohio Castings produces railcar parts that are sold to one of the joint venture partners. This joint venture partner then sells these railcar parts to outside third parties at current market prices and sells them to the Company and the other joint venture partner at Ohio Castings' cost plus a licensing fee.

Based on expected decline in industry demand, Ohio Castings was idled in January 2017 and continues to remain idle. The Company expects that Ohio Castings will remain idle through most, if not all, of 2018, subject to re-evaluation based on changes in future demand expectations. Ohio Castings performed an analysis of long-lived assets as of December 31, 2017, in accordance with ASC 360, Property, Plant and Equipment. Based on this analysis, Ohio Castings concluded that there was no impairment of its long-lived assets. In turn, ARI evaluated its investment in Ohio Castings and determined there was no



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impairment. As of March 31, 2018, there were no changes in the assumptions used in this analysis or the conclusions reached. The Company and Ohio Castings will continue to monitor for impairment as necessary.

The Company has determined that, although the joint venture is a variable interest entity (VIE), accounting for its activity under the equity method is appropriate given that the Company is not the primary beneficiary, does not have a controlling financial interest and does not have the ability to individually direct the activities of Ohio Castings that most significantly impact its economic performance. The significant factors in this determination were that neither Castings nor the Company has rights to the majority of returns, losses or votes, all major and strategic decisions are decided between the partners, and the risk of loss to the Company and Castings is limited to its investment in Ohio Castings.

Summary financial results for Ohio Castings, the investee company, in total, are as follows:

|                       |  |           |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|
|                       | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018    2017<br>(in thousands) |           |
| Results of operations |  |           |
| Revenues              | \$—  | \$4,449   |
| Gross (loss) profit   | \$(487)  | \$(1,980) |
| Net loss              | \$(749)  | \$(2,434) |

#### Axis

ARI, through ARI Component, owns a portion of a joint venture, Axis, to manufacture and sell railcar axles. ARI currently owns 41.9% of Axis, while a minority partner owns 9.7% and the other significant partner owns 48.4%. Under the terms of the joint venture agreement, ARI and the other significant partner are required, and the minority partner is entitled, to contribute additional capital to the joint venture, on a pro rata basis, of any amounts approved by the joint venture's executive committee, as and when called by the executive committee.

Under the amended Axis credit agreement (Axis Credit Agreement), whereby ARI and the other significant partner are equal lenders, principal payments are due each fiscal quarter, with the last payment due on December 31, 2019. During the first three months of 2018 and the full year of 2017, the applicable interest rate for the loans under the Axis Credit Agreement was 7.75%. Interest payments are due and payable monthly.

The balance outstanding on these loans, including interest, due to ARI Component, was \$10.3 million and \$11.8 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The Company has evaluated this loan to be fully recoverable.

The Company has determined that, although the joint venture is a VIE, accounting for its activity under the equity method is appropriate given that the Company is not the primary beneficiary, does not have a controlling financial interest and does not have the ability to individually direct the activities of Axis that most significantly impact its economic performance. The significant factors in this determination were that neither ARI Component nor the Company has rights to the majority of returns, losses or votes, the executive committee and board of directors of the joint venture are comprised of one representative from each significant partner with equal voting rights and the risk of loss to the Company and ARI Component is limited to its investment in Axis and the loans due to the Company under the Axis Credit Agreement. The Company will continue to monitor its investment in Axis for impairment as necessary.

Summary financial results for Axis, the investee company, in total, are as follows:

|                       |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
|                       | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018    2017<br>(in thousands) |  |
| Results of operations |  |  |

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|              |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Revenues     | \$14,589 | \$14,366 |
| Gross profit | \$4,116  | \$4,206  |
| Net earnings | \$3,470  | \$3,331  |



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### Note 8 — Warranties

The Company's standard warranty is up to one year for parts and services and five years for new railcars. Factors affecting the Company's warranty liability include the number of units sold, historical and anticipated warranty claim rates and costs per claim. Fluctuations in the Company's warranty provision and experience of warranty claims are the result of variations in these factors. The Company assesses the adequacy of its warranty liability based on changes in these factors.

The overall change in the Company's warranty reserve is reflected on the condensed consolidated balance sheets in accrued expenses and other liabilities and is detailed as follows:

|   | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018 2017<br>(in thousands) |         |
|---|---|---------|
| Liability, beginning of period  | \$8,838   | \$2,439 |
| Provision for warranties issued during the period, net of adjustments | 67  | 29      |
| Adjustments to warranties issued during previous periods              | (369 )  | 532     |
| Warranty claims   | (137 )  | (170 )  |
| Liability, end of period  | \$8,399   | \$2,830 |

### Note 9 — Debt

#### Subsidiary Lease Fleet Financings

From time to time, the Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries LLI, LLII and LLIII, has entered into lease fleet financings to, among other things, support and grow its railcar leasing business. Currently, only the LLIII lease fleet financing remains outstanding. The lease fleet financings are obligations of the respective wholly-owned subsidiary, are generally non-recourse to ARI, and are secured by a first lien on the subject assets of the respective subsidiary, consisting of railcars, railcar leases, receivables and related assets, subject to limited exceptions. ARI has, however, entered into agreements containing certain representations, undertakings, and indemnities customary for asset sellers and parent companies in transactions of this type, and ARI is obligated to make any selections of railcars, railcar leases, receivables and related assets to be transferred to the respective subsidiary without any adverse selection, to cause the manager of the railcars and their related leases, to maintain, lease, and re-lease the respective subsidiary's equipment no less favorably than similar portfolios serviced by the manager, and to repurchase or replace certain railcars under certain conditions set forth in the respective loan documents. American Railcar Leasing LLC (ARL) historically has acted as the manager under these lease fleet financings. Between June 1, 2017 and April 17, 2018, ARI subcontracted with ARL to provide services to ARL covering the day-to-day management of the LLIII railcars and the leases associated therewith. As of April 17, 2018, ARI became the manager under the LLIII lease fleet financing. See below, Note 15, Related Party Transactions and Note 17, Subsequent Events, for further discussion regarding these agreements with ARL and the impact on the Company of the sale of ARL (the ARL Sale) to an unaffiliated third party (Buyer).

#### January 2015 private placement notes

In January 2015, LLIII issued \$625.5 million in aggregate principal amount of notes pursuant to an indenture (the Longtrain Indenture). The notes are fixed rate secured railcar equipment notes bearing interest at a rate of 2.98% per annum for the Class A-1 Notes and 4.06% per annum for the Class A-2 Notes (collectively, the Notes), each payable monthly. Of the aggregate principal amount, \$408.5 million was used to refinance previous lease fleet financing facilities, resulting in net proceeds of \$211.6 million. As of March 31, 2018, there were \$168.6 million and \$375.5 million of Class A-1 and Class A-2 notes outstanding, respectively, compared to \$174.9 million and \$375.5 million of Class A-1 and Class A-2 notes outstanding, respectively, as of December 31, 2017. The Notes have a legal final maturity date of January 17, 2045 and an expected principal repayment date of January 15, 2025.

While the legal final maturity date of the Notes is January 17, 2045, cash flows from LLIII's assets will be applied, pursuant to the flow of funds provisions of the Longtrain Indenture, so as to achieve monthly targeted principal balances. Also, under the flow of funds provisions of the Longtrain Indenture, early amortization of the Notes may be

required in certain circumstances. Pursuant to the terms of the Longtrain Indenture, LLIII is required to maintain deposits in a liquidity reserve bank account equal to nine months of interest payments. The liquidity reserve amount was \$16.5 million and \$16.6 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, and is included within 'Restricted cash' on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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LLIII can now prepay or redeem the Class A-1 Notes, in whole or in part, on any payment date. LLIII can now prepay or redeem the Class A-2 Notes, in whole or in part, on any payment date, subject to the payment of a make-whole amount with respect to certain prepayments or redemptions made on or prior to the payment date occurring in January 2022.

The Indenture contains covenants which limit, among other things, LLIII's ability to incur additional indebtedness or encumbrances on its assets, pay dividends or make distributions, make certain investments, perform its business other than specified activities, enter into certain types of transactions with its affiliates, and sell assets or consolidate or merge with or into other companies. These covenants are subject to a number of exceptions and qualifications. LLIII was in compliance with these covenants as of March 31, 2018.

The fair value of the Notes was \$550.1 million and \$556.6 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, and is calculated by taking the net present value of future principal and interest payments using a discount rate that is based on the Company's most recent fixed debt transaction. The inputs used in the calculation are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

**ARI Lease Fleet Financings**

**December 2015 revolving credit facility**

In December 2015, the Company completed a financing of its railcar lease fleet with availability of up to \$200.0 million (the amounts extended under this facility, the Revolving Loan) under a credit agreement, as amended (the 2015 Credit Agreement). See the 'Liquidity and Capital Resources' section for further discussion regarding the incremental borrowing provision under the 2015 Credit Agreement. As of March 31, 2018, the Company had borrowing availability of \$200.0 million under this facility. See Note 17, Subsequent Events, for a description of the amendment to the 2015 Credit Agreement that ARI entered into on April 17, 2018.

The Revolving Loan accrues interest at a rate per annum equal to Adjusted LIBOR (as defined in the 2015 Credit Agreement) for the applicable interest period, plus 1.45%. Interest is payable on the last day of each 1, 2, or 3-month interest period, the day of any mandatory prepayment, and the maturity date.

The Revolving Loan and the other obligations under the 2015 Credit Agreement are fully recourse to ARI and are secured by a first lien and security interest on certain specified railcars (together with specified replacement railcars), related leases, related receivables and related assets, subject to limited exceptions, a controlled bank account.

Subject to the provisions of the 2015 Credit Agreement, the Revolving Loan may be borrowed and reborrowed until the maturity date. The Revolving Loan may be prepaid at the Company's option at any time without premium or penalty (other than customary LIBOR breakage fees and customary reimbursement of increased costs). The final scheduled maturity of the Revolving Loan is December 10, 2018, or such earlier date as provided in the 2015 Credit Agreement. The Company was in compliance with all of its covenants under the 2015 Credit Agreement as of March 31, 2018.

As of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the net book value of the railcars that were pledged as part of the Company's and its subsidiaries' lease fleet financings was \$519.0 million and \$524.1 million, respectively.

The future contractual minimum rental revenues related to the railcars pledged as of March 31, 2018 are as follows (in thousands):

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Remaining 9 months of 2018 | \$47,886  |
| 2019                       | 49,555    |
| 2020                       | 29,010    |
| 2021                       | 18,506    |
| 2022                       | 9,960     |
| 2023 and thereafter        | 10,052    |
| Total                      | \$164,969 |

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The remaining principal payments under the Notes as of March 31, 2018 are as follows (in thousands):

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Remaining 9 months of 2018 | \$19,219  |
| 2019                       | 25,507    |
| 2020                       | 26,354    |
| 2021                       | 26,358    |
| 2022                       | 25,852    |
| 2023 and thereafter        | 420,764   |
| Total                      | \$544,054 |

### ARL Sale and Railcar Management Transition Agreement

As previously disclosed, on December 16, 2016, ARI entered into a railcar management transition agreement (the RMTA) with ARL in anticipation of the ARL Sale. The RMTA, among other things, addresses the transition, from ARL to ARI following the ARL Sale, of the management of railcars owned by ARI (the ARI Railcars) and railcars owned by LLIII (the Longtrain Railcars). American Entertainment Properties Corporation (AEPC), a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder through Icahn Enterprises L.P. (IELP), and an affiliate of Buyer are also parties to the RMTA for the limited purposes previously disclosed. Immediately prior to the ARL Sale, ARL and its subsidiaries were controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn. Following the ARL Sale, ARL is controlled by Buyer. The ARL Sale was consummated (the ARL Closing) on June 1, 2017 (the ARL Closing Date). In connection with the ARL Closing, the RMTA was amended by a Joinder and Amendment to the RMTA, principally to join ACF Industries, LLC (ACF), a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, as a party thereto, to address certain ACF books and records in the possession of ARL. The Railcar Management Agreement, dated February 29, 2012 (as amended), between ARI and ARL (the ARI RMA), pursuant to which ARL managed the ARI Railcars and marketed them for sale or lease was terminated pursuant to the terms of the RMTA as of the ARL Closing Date. Effective as of the ARL Closing Date, ARI manages the ARI Railcars and markets them for sale or lease.

Pursuant to a Railcar Management Agreement, dated January 29, 2015, between LLIII and ARL (the Longtrain RMA), ARL, as manager, has marketed Longtrain Railcars for lease, and has also arranged for the operation, storage, re-lease, sublease, service, repair, overhaul, replacement and maintenance of the Longtrain Railcars. In addition, a subsidiary of ARL served as administrator of the accounts used to service the debt under the Longtrain Indenture. As provided in the RMTA, following the ARL Closing, the Longtrain RMA continued in effect, with ARL remaining as manager of the Longtrain Railcars under the Longtrain RMA and the Longtrain Indenture, until ARI obtained the Noteholder Consent and became the manager of the Longtrain Railcars. The Noteholder Consent was obtained on April 10, 2018 and on April 17, 2018, as further described in Note 17, Subsequent Events, ARI became the manager of the Longtrain Railcars and the Longtrain RMA was terminated.

### ARL Subcontractor Agreement

Further, as contemplated by the RMTA, effective as of the ARL Closing Date, ARI entered into a subcontract arrangement with ARL (the Subcontractor Agreement) to provide services to ARL covering the day-to-day management of the Longtrain Railcars and the leases associated therewith. Under this arrangement, ARL and its subsidiary, as manager and administrator, respectively, remained in control of the accounts used to service the debt under the Longtrain Indenture until the Noteholder Consent was obtained and ARI and its subsidiary became manager and administrator, respectively. During the term of the Subcontractor Agreement, management fees and expenses paid to ARL in respect of management duties subcontracted to ARI were paid by ARL to ARI. The Subcontractor Agreement terminated automatically on April 17, 2018, when ARI became the manager of the Longtrain Railcars following receipt of the Noteholder Consent. See Note 17, Subsequent Events for further information.

### Note 10 — Income Taxes

The Company's federal income tax returns for tax years 2014 and beyond remain subject to examination, with the latest statute of limitations expiring in October 2021. Certain of the Company's 2013 state income tax returns and a majority of the Company's state income tax returns for 2014 and beyond remain open and subject to examination, with the latest statute of limitations expiring in December 2022, upon filing of the Company's 2017 state tax returns. The Company's foreign subsidiary's income tax returns for 2013 and beyond remain open to examination by foreign tax authorities.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted on December 22, 2017 resulted in substantial changes to the U.S. tax code, effective for 2018. These changes included, but were not limited to, (i) reducing the federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% and

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(ii) requiring companies to pay a one-time transition tax on earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries that were previously tax deferred. The Company applied the guidance in SAB 118, and at December 31, 2017, recorded provisional estimates to re-measure its deferred taxes using the new, 21% statutory rate resulting in a tax benefit of \$107.9 million and recorded an estimated transition tax expense of \$0.6 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company has not recorded any adjustments to the provisional estimates recorded at December 31, 2017. Final accounting for these impacts is expected no later than the fourth quarter of 2018 after the Company files its 2017 tax return.

### Note 11 — Pension Plans

The Company is the sponsor of three defined benefit plans that are frozen and no additional benefits are accruing thereunder. Two of the Company's defined benefit pension plans cover certain employees at designated repair facilities. The assets of these defined benefit pension plans are held by independent trustees and consist primarily of equity and fixed income securities. The Company also sponsors an unfunded, non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plan that covers several of the Company's current and former employees.

The components of net periodic benefit cost for the pension plans are as follows:

|   | Pension<br>Benefits<br>Three<br>Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018 | 2017  |
|---|--|-------|
|   | (in<br>thousands)  |       |
| Service cost  | \$85   | \$88  |
| Interest cost   | 210  | 235   |
| Expected return on plan assets                        | (281)  | (282) |
| Amortization of net actuarial loss/prior service cost | 46   | 184   |
| Net periodic cost recognized                          | \$60   | \$225 |

### Note 12 — Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is subject to comprehensive federal, state, local and international environmental laws and regulations relating to the release or discharge of materials into the environment, the management, use, processing, handling, storage, transport or disposal of hazardous materials and wastes, and other laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and the environment. These laws and regulations not only expose ARI to liability for the environmental condition of its current or formerly owned or operated facilities, and its own negligent acts, but also may expose ARI to liability for the conduct of others or for ARI's actions that were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time such actions were taken. In addition, these laws may require significant expenditures to achieve compliance and are frequently modified or revised to impose new obligations. Civil and criminal fines and penalties and other sanctions may be imposed for non-compliance with these environmental laws and regulations. ARI's operations that involve hazardous materials also raise potential risks of liability under common law.

Certain real property ARI acquired from ACF in 1994 had been involved in investigation and remediation activities to address contamination both before and after their transfer to ARI. ACF is an affiliate of Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder through IELP. Substantially all of the issues identified with respect to these properties relate to the use of these properties prior to their transfer to ARI by ACF and for which ACF has retained liability for environmental contamination that may have existed at the time of transfer to ARI. ACF has also agreed to indemnify ARI for any cost that might be incurred with those existing issues. As of the date of this report, ARI does not believe it will incur material costs in connection with activities relating to these properties, but it cannot assure that this will be the case. If ACF fails to honor its obligations to ARI, ARI could be responsible for the cost of any additional investigation or remediation that may be required.

ARI is party to collective bargaining agreements with labor unions at two repair facilities that will expire in January and September 2021, respectively, unless extended or modified. ARI is also party to a collective bargaining agreement with a labor union at a steel component manufacturing facility that will expire in April 2022, unless extended or modified.

The Company has various agreements with and commitments to related parties. See Note 15, Related Party Transactions, for further detail.

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Certain claims, suits and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business, as well as the GyanSys, Inc. (GyanSys) litigation discussed below, have been filed or are pending against ARI. In the opinion of management, based on information currently available, all such claims, suits, and complaints are without merit or would not have a significant effect on the future liquidity, results of operations or financial position of ARI if disposed of unfavorably. However, resolution of certain claims or suits by settlement or otherwise, could impact the operating results of the reporting period in which such resolution occurs.

### GyanSys

On October 24, 2014, the Company filed a complaint in United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against GyanSys. The complaint asserted a claim against GyanSys for breaching its contract with ARI to implement an enterprise resource planning system. GyanSys denied responsibility and alleged a counterclaim against ARI for breach of contract and wrongful termination, seeking damages of more than \$9 million. After a trial completed in August 2017, the court ruled in favor of ARI and against GyanSys, awarding ARI damages, interest and costs of approximately \$1.8 million. However, as the amount of this judgment has not been realized, no such recovery has been recorded as of March 31, 2018. ARI has filed a motion to recover its attorneys' fees and that motion is currently pending. Both parties have filed notices of appeal. Briefing for the appeals is expected to complete by October 15, 2018. As of the date of this report, no date has been set for oral argument.

### FRA Directive

On September 30, 2016, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued Railworthiness Directive (RWD) No. 2016-01 (the Original Directive). The Original Directive addressed, among other things, certain welding practices in one weld area in specified DOT 111 tank railcars manufactured between 2009 and 2015 by ARI and ACF. ACF is an affiliate of Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder through IELP. The Company met and corresponded with the FRA following the issuance of the Original Directive to express the Company's concerns with the Original Directive and its impact on ARI, as well as the industry as a whole. On November 18, 2016 (the Issuance Date), the FRA issued RWD No. 2016-01 [Revised] (the Revised Directive). The Revised Directive changed and superseded the Original Directive in several ways.

The Revised Directive required owners to identify their subject tank railcars and then from that population identify the 15% of subject tank railcars then in hazardous materials service with the highest mileage in each tank railcar owner's fleet. Visual inspection of each of the subject tank railcars is required by the railcar operator prior to putting any railcar into service. Owners were required to ensure appropriate inspection, testing and repairs, if needed, within twelve months of the Issuance Date for the 15% of their subject tank railcars identified to be in hazardous materials service with the highest mileage. The FRA reserved the right to impose additional test and inspection requirements for the remaining tank railcars subject to the Revised Directive. The FRA also reserved the right to seek civil penalties or to take any other appropriate enforcement action for violations of the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations that have occurred.

Although the Revised Directive addressed some of the Company's concerns and clarified certain requirements of the Original Directive, ARI identified significant issues with the Revised Directive. As a result, in December 2016, ARI sought judicial review of and relief from the Revised Directive by filing a petition for review against the FRA in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

On August 17, 2017, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with the FRA, which covered the subject railcars owned by ARI and certain of its affiliates. This settlement agreement, among other things, extended the deadline for ARI to complete the inspection, testing and repairs, if needed, for the 15% identified railcars to December 31, 2017. Adding clarity regarding certain unknown requirements referenced in the Revised Directive, under the settlement agreement, ARI is required to inspect, test, and if necessary repair the remaining 85% subject tank railcars at the next tank railcar qualification, scheduled routine or regular maintenance, shopping or repair event, but no later than December, 31, 2025. However, the settlement agreement permits ARI to: (i) if the FRA does not impose a similar requirement by July 31, 2018 on other owners' railcars subject to the Revised Directive, suspend compliance with this requirement until such time as the FRA imposes requirements on all 85% railcars subject to the Revised Directive, and (ii) elect to be governed by any different requirements later imposed by the FRA on other owners' railcars subject to



the Revised Directive. In addition, the settlement agreement also provides that railcars owned by ARI are no longer required to have a surface inspection performed when the railcars are being inspected pursuant to the Revised Directive. Finally, as part of the settlement agreement, ARI dismissed its lawsuit against the FRA.

ARI inspected, tested, and if necessary, repaired all of its 15% identified railcars as required pursuant to the settlement agreement prior to December 31, 2017.

ARI has evaluated its potential exposure related to the Revised Directive and has a loss contingency reserve remaining of \$8.8 million to cover its probable and estimable liabilities, as of March 31, 2018, with respect to the Company's response to the Revised Directive. This loss contingency reserve takes into account information available as of March 31, 2018 and ARI's

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contractual obligations in its capacity as both a manufacturer and owner of railcars subject to the Revised Directive. This reserve is separated into \$6.5 million included in accrued expenses and \$2.3 million included in other liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheet. This amount will continue to be evaluated as the Company's and its customers' compliance with the Revised Directive and the Company's compliance with the settlement agreement progresses. Actual results could differ from this estimate.

It is reasonably possible that a loss exists in excess of the amount accrued by the Company. However, the amount of potential costs and expenses expected to be incurred for compliance with the Revised Directive in excess of the loss contingency reserve of \$8.8 million cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

Legal fees incurred with respect to this matter are expensed in the period in which they occur, in accordance with ARI's accounting policy.

### Note 13 — Share-based Compensation

The following table presents the amounts incurred by ARI for share-based compensation, related to stock appreciation rights (SARs), and the corresponding line items on the condensed consolidated statements of operations that they are classified within:

|                                       | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018 2017<br>(in thousands) |         |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Share-based compensation income       |   |         |
| Cost of revenues: Manufacturing       | \$(53 )   | \$(18 ) |
| Cost of revenues: Railcar services    | —   | (2 )    |
| Selling, general and administrative   | (359 )  | (227 )  |
| Total share-based compensation income | \$(412)   | \$(247) |

As of March 31, 2018, unrecognized compensation costs related to the unvested portion of SARs were estimated to be \$2.5 million and were expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 32 months.

### Note 14 — Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table presents the balances of related after-tax components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

|  | Accumulated<br>Currency<br>Translation | Accumulated<br>Postretirement<br>Transactions | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income (Loss) |
|--|--|---|--|
|  | (in thousands)                         |   |  |
| Balance December 31, 2017  | \$(838 )                               | \$ (3,872 )                                   | \$ (4,710 )  |
| Currency translation   | (492 )                                 | —   | (492 )   |
| Reclassifications related to pension plans, net of tax effect of \$9 (1) | —                                      | 27  | 27   |
| Balance March 31, 2018   | \$(1,330)                              | \$ (3,845 )                                   | \$ (5,175 )  |

These accumulated other comprehensive income components relate to amortization of actuarial loss/(gain) and (1) prior period service costs/(benefits) and are included in the computation of net periodic costs for our pension plans.

See Note 11 for further details and pre-tax amounts.

### Note 15 — Related Party Transactions

#### Agreements with ACF

The Company has the following agreements with ACF, a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder through IELP.

#### Component purchases



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The Company has from time to time purchased components from ACF under a long-term agreement, as well as on a purchase order basis. Under the manufacturing services agreement entered into in 1994 and amended in 2005, ACF agreed to manufacture and distribute, at the Company's instruction, various railcar components. In consideration for these services, the Company agreed to pay ACF based on agreed upon rates. The agreement automatically renews on an annual basis unless written notice of termination is provided by the Company.

In April 2015, ARI entered into a parts purchasing and sale agreement with ACF. The agreement was unanimously approved by the independent directors of ARI's Audit Committee. Under this agreement, ARI and ACF may, from time to time, purchase and sell to each other certain parts for railcars (Parts). ARI also provides a non-exclusive and non-assignable license of certain intellectual property to ACF related to the manufacture and sale of Parts to ARI. The buyer under the agreement must pay the market price of the Parts as determined in the agreement or as stated on a public website for all ARI buyers. ARI may provide designs, engineering and purchasing support, including all materials and components to ACF. Subject to certain early termination events, the agreement terminates on December 31, 2020.

ARI purchased \$1.0 million and \$1.8 million of components from ACF during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

### Purchasing and engineering services agreement

In January 2013, ARI entered into a purchasing and engineering services agreement and license with ACF. The agreement was unanimously approved by the independent directors of ARI's Audit Committee. Under this agreement, ARI provides purchasing support and engineering services to ACF in connection with ACF's manufacture and sale of tank railcars at its facility in Milton, Pennsylvania. Additionally, ARI has granted ACF a non-exclusive, non-assignable license to certain of ARI's intellectual property, including certain designs, specifications, processes and manufacturing know-how required to manufacture and sell tank railcars during the term of the agreement. Effective December 31, 2017, ARI and ACF amended this agreement to, among other provisions, extend the termination date to December 31, 2018 from December 31, 2017, subject to certain early termination events.

In consideration of the services and license provided by ARI to ACF in conjunction with the agreement, ACF pays ARI a royalty and, if any, a share of the net profits (Profits) earned on each railcar manufactured and sold by ACF under the agreement, in an aggregate amount equal to 30% of such Profits, as calculated under the agreement. Profits are net of certain of ACF's start-up and shutdown expenses and certain maintenance capital expenditures. If no Profits are realized on a railcar manufactured and sold by ACF pursuant to the agreement, ARI will still be entitled to the royalty for such railcar and will not share in any losses incurred by ACF in connection therewith. In addition, any railcar components supplied by ARI to ACF for the manufacture of these railcars are provided at fair market value. Under the Agreement, ARI has the exclusive right to any sales opportunities for tank railcars for any new orders scheduled for delivery after January 31, 2014 and through termination of this agreement. ARI has the right to assign any sales opportunity to ACF, and ACF has the right, but not the obligation, to accept such sales opportunity. Any sales opportunity accepted by ACF will not be reflected in ARI's orders or backlog.

Revenues of zero for both the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 were recorded under this agreement for sales of railcar components to ACF and for royalties and profits on railcars sold by ACF and are included under manufacturing revenues from affiliates on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

### Repair services and support agreement

In April 2015, ARI entered into a repair services and support agreement with ACF. The agreement was unanimously approved by the independent directors of ARI's audit committee. Under this agreement, ARI provides certain sales and administrative and technical services, materials and purchasing support and engineering services to ACF to provide repair and retrofit services (Repair Services). Additionally, ARI provides a non-exclusive and non-assignable license of certain intellectual property related to the Repair Services for railcars.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement, ARI has the right to assign any sales opportunity related to Repair Services to ACF, and ACF has the right, but not the obligation, to accept such sales opportunity. Subject to certain early termination events, the Repair Services Agreement terminates on December 31, 2020. Effective December 31, 2017, ARI and ACF amended this agreement to, among other provisions, remove any specific rights to sales opportunities by ACF and any difference in net profits provided to ARI related to Repair Services for railcars

owned by ARL, a former affiliate of ARI's that was sold to an unaffiliated third party effective June 1, 2017. After giving effect to the Repair Services Amendment, ARI has the exclusive right to sales opportunities related to all Repair Services and ARI will receive 30% of the net profits (as defined in

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the Repair Services Agreement) for Repair Services related to all railcars, if any, but in any case, does not absorb any losses incurred by ACF.

For both the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, revenues of less than \$0.1 million were recorded under this agreement. This revenue related to profits on repair work performed by ACF and is included under railcar services revenues from affiliates on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

### Railcar management transition agreement

In connection with the ARL Closing, the RMTA was amended by a Joinder and Amendment to the RMTA, principally to join ACF as a party thereto, to address certain ACF books and records in the possession of ARL. The RMTA requires ARL to transfer to ACF certain books and records in the possession of ARL and has no other impact on ARI's rights or obligations under the RMTA. The Joinder and Amendment to the RMTA was unanimously approved by the independent directors of the Company's Audit Committee.

### Agreements with ARL

The Company has or had the following agreements with ARL, a company that was controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder through IELP, prior to ARL's sale to Buyer. ARL is no longer considered a related party to the Company.

### Railcar services agreement

In April 2011, the Company entered into a railcar services agreement with ARL (the Railcar Services Agreement). Under the Railcar Services Agreement, ARI provided ARL railcar repair, engineering, administrative and other services, on an as needed basis, for ARL's lease fleet at mutually agreed upon prices. The Railcar Services Agreement had an initial term of three years and automatically renewed for additional one year periods until the Railcar Services Agreement was terminated upon consummation of the ARL Sale, in accordance with the RMTA.

Revenues of zero for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$5.9 million for the same period in 2017 were recorded under the Railcar Services Agreement. These revenues are included under railcar services revenues from affiliates on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Railcar Services Agreement was unanimously approved by the independent directors of the Company's Audit Committee.

### Railcar management agreements and subcontractor agreement

From time to time, ARI and its wholly-owned subsidiaries have entered into railcar management agreements with ARL, pursuant to which ARI and its respective wholly-owned subsidiaries engaged ARL to manage, sell, operate, market, store, lease, re-lease, sublease and service ARI's and its subsidiaries' railcars, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable agreement. These agreements provided that ARL would manage the leased railcars (as identified in the respective agreement) including arranging for services, such as repairs or maintenance, as deemed necessary. Each of these railcar management agreements was unanimously approved by the independent directors of the Company's Audit Committee.

On February 29, 2012, ARI entered into the ARI RMA. The agreement, as amended, was effective January 1, 2011, and continued until the ARL Closing Date. Effective as of the ARL Closing Date, ARI manages the ARI Railcars and markets them for sale or lease. In December 2012, LLI entered into a similar agreement with ARL (the LLI railcar management agreement). On October 16, 2014, LLII entered into a railcar management agreement with ARL (the LLII railcar management agreement).

In January 2015, in connection with the Company's refinancing of its lease fleet financings, the LLI and LLII railcar management agreements were terminated and LLIII entered into a similar railcar management agreement with ARL, the Longtrain RMA. Pursuant to the Longtrain RMA, ARL, as manager, marketed Longtrain Railcars for lease, and arranged for the operation, storage, re-lease, sublease, service, repair, overhaul, replacement and maintenance of the Longtrain Railcars. In addition, a subsidiary of ARL served as administrator of the accounts used to service the debt under the Longtrain Indenture.

As provided in the RMTA, following the ARL Closing, the Longtrain RMA continued in effect, with ARL remaining as manager of the Longtrain Railcars under the Longtrain RMA and the Longtrain Indenture, until ARI obtained the Noteholder Consent on April 10, 2018 and became the manager of the Longtrain Railcars on April 17, 2018. Pursuant to the terms of the RMTA, the Longtrain RMA was terminated as of April 17, 2018. See Note 17, Subsequent Events, for further information about this transition.

Further, as contemplated by the RMTA, effective as of the ARL Closing Date, ARI entered into the Subcontractor Agreement to provide services to ARL covering the day-to-day management of the Longtrain Railcars and the leases associated therewith. Under this arrangement, ARL and its subsidiary, as manager and administrator, respectively, remained in control of the accounts used to service the debt under the Longtrain Indenture until the Noteholder Consent was obtained and ARI and its subsidiary

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became manager and administrator, respectively. During the term of the Subcontractor Agreement, management fees and expenses paid to ARL in respect of management duties subcontracted to ARI were paid by ARL to ARI. The Subcontractor Agreement terminated automatically on April 17, 2018, when ARI became the manager of the Longtrain Railcars following receipt of the Noteholder Consent.

Subject to the terms and conditions of each railcar management agreement, ARL received, in respect of leased railcars, a management fee based on the lease revenues. Under the ARI RMA, in addition to the management fee, ARL received a fee consisting of a lease origination fee, and, in respect of railcars sold by ARL, sales commissions. Total lease origination and management fees incurred under the railcar management agreements were zero for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$1.8 million for the same period in 2017. These fees are included in cost of revenues for railcar leasing on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. Sales commissions of zero and \$0.2 million were incurred for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. These costs are included in selling, general and administrative costs on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

### Railcar management transition agreement

As previously disclosed, on December 16, 2016, ARI entered into the RMTA with ARL in anticipation of the ARL Sale. The RMTA, among other things, addresses the transition, from ARL to ARI following the ARL Sale, of the management of the ARI Railcars and the Longtrain Railcars. AEPC, a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder through IELP, and an affiliate of Buyer, are also parties to the RMTA for the limited purposes previously disclosed. Immediately prior to the ARL Sale, ARL and its subsidiaries were controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn. In connection with the ARL Closing, the RMTA was amended by a Joinder and Amendment to the RMTA, principally to join ACF, a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, as a party thereto, to address certain ACF books and records in the possession of ARL.

In addition to the provisions of the RMTA related to the railcar management agreements described above, the RMTA, among other things, requires ARL to transfer to ARI certain books and records and electronic data with respect to ARI's and LLIII's railcars and the Company's and LLIII's leasing businesses and otherwise assist in the transfer of the management of the leasing businesses to ARI. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the RMTA, ARL provides ARI an irrevocable, fully paid, non-transferable (except as set forth therein), royalty-free license to certain software and databases owned and used by ARL to manage its railcars and ARI's and LLIII's railcars. The RMTA also provides for the termination, as of the consummation of the ARL Sale, of the Trademark License Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2005, between ARI and ARL (the Trademark License), pursuant to which ARI granted to ARL a license to use ARI's trademarks "American Railcar" and the "diamond shape" of its logo, and provides for the wind-down of ARL's use of such trademarks.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the RMTA, ARI has agreed not to solicit or hire ARL employees until 24 months after the consummation of the ARL Sale, subject to certain exceptions.

The RMTA, subject to its terms, also provides for the termination of, and the discharge and release of obligations under, certain other agreements that ARI and its subsidiaries are party to on the one hand, and ARL is party to on the other hand, including (i) the ARI RMA, pursuant to which ARI engaged ARL to manage ARI's railcars; (ii) subject to receiving Noteholder Consent (and the terms and conditions thereof), the Longtrain RMA, pursuant to which LLIII engaged ARL to manage LLIII's railcars; (iii) the Railcar Services Agreement, pursuant to which ARI provides ARL railcar repair, engineering, administrative and other services on an as needed basis; (iv) the Consulting Services Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2016, between ARI and ARL, pursuant to which ARI agreed to provide legal services to ARL; and (v) the Trademark License described above.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the RMTA, AEPC has agreed to (i) undertake certain payment and performance obligations of ARL to ARI and (ii) pay or reimburse, as applicable, certain costs and expenses of ARI incurred in connection with the ARL Sale and the RMTA. In addition, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the RMTA, Buyer and an affiliate of Buyer have agreed to undertake certain payment and performance obligations of ARL to ARI following the closing of the ARL Sale. The amount receivable from AEPC pursuant to the RMTA, which was recorded within accounts receivable, due from related parties on the consolidated balance sheets was \$0.6 million as of March 31, 2018 and \$0.4 million as of December 31, 2017.



The independent directors of the Company's Audit Committee reviewed the terms and conditions of the RMTA and received advice from independent legal counsel in connection therewith. The Audit Committee unanimously approved the terms and conditions of, and the Company's entry into, the RMTA and the joinder and amendment thereto.

Agreements with other related parties

Railcar leases

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Beginning in 2016, the Company has leased railcars to certain of the IELP Entities under operating lease arrangements. Revenues from railcars leased to certain of the IELP Entities were \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. These revenues are included in railcar leasing revenues from affiliates on the consolidated statements of operations. Any related party railcar lease agreements have been, and will be, subject to the approval or review by the independent directors of the Company's Audit Committee.

### Railcar services

In conjunction with the ARL Sale, each of AEPC RemainCo LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEPC) and AEP Rail RemainCo LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEP Rail Corp.) (each, a RemainCo and, collectively, the RemainCos) retained ownership of certain railcars that had previously been owned by ARL. Each RemainCo is controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, ARI's principal beneficial stockholder, through IELP. Revenues of less than \$0.1 million and zero were recorded related to railcar services performed on these railcars for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. These revenues are included under railcar services revenues from affiliates on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

### Other Agreements

ARI is party to a scrap agreement with M. W. Recycling (MWR), a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, the Company's principal beneficial stockholder through IELP. Under the agreement, ARI sells and MWR purchases scrap metal from several ARI plant locations. This agreement had an initial term through November 2015 and was renewed in September 2016, with an effective date in December 2015, to among other things, extend the term through May 2019, after which the agreement continues until terminated by either party, in accordance with the provisions of the agreement. MWR collected scrap material totaling \$0.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$0.9 million for the same period in 2017. This agreement was unanimously approved by the independent directors of the Company's Audit Committee.

Insight Portfolio Group LLC (Insight Portfolio Group) is an entity formed and controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn to maximize the potential buying power of a group of entities with which Mr. Carl Icahn has a relationship in negotiating with a wide range of suppliers of goods, services and tangible and intangible property at negotiated rates. ARI, and a number of other entities with which Mr. Carl Icahn has a relationship, have minority ownership interests in, and pay fees as part of being a member of Insight Portfolio Group. Fees incurred as a member of the Insight Portfolio Group were less than \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. These charges are included in selling, general and administrative costs on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

### Financial information for transactions with joint ventures

#### Loans to joint ventures

The Company's Axis joint venture entered into a credit agreement in 2007. During 2009, the Company and the other significant partner acquired the loans from the lending party thereto, with each party acquiring a 50.0% interest in the loans. The balance outstanding on these loans, due to ARI Component, was \$10.3 million and \$11.8 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. See Note 7, Investments in and Loans to Joint Ventures, to our condensed consolidated financial statements, for further information regarding this transaction and the terms of the underlying loans.

#### Railcar component purchases from joint ventures

ARI purchased railcar components from its joint ventures amounting to \$3.7 million and \$6.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, and 2017, respectively.

#### Other agreements with joint ventures

Effective January 1, 2010, ARI entered into a services agreement to provide Axis various administrative services such as accounting, tax, human resources and purchasing assistance for an annual fee of \$0.3 million, payable in equal monthly installments. This agreement had an initial term of one year and automatically renews for additional one-year periods unless written notice is received from either party.

### Note 16 — Operating Segments and Sales and Credit Concentrations

ARI operates in three reportable segments: manufacturing, railcar leasing and railcar services. These reportable segments are organized based upon a combination of the products and services offered and performance is evaluated based on revenues and segment earnings (loss) from operations. Intersegment revenues are accounted for as if sales

were to third parties.

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Manufacturing consists of railcar manufacturing, and railcar and industrial component manufacturing. Revenues for railcars manufactured for the Company's railcar leasing segment are not recognized in consolidated revenues as railcar sales, but rather lease revenues are recognized over the term of the lease. Earnings from operations for manufacturing include an allocation of selling, general and administrative costs, as well as profit for railcars manufactured for the Company's railcar leasing segment based on revenue determined as described above. Intersegment revenues and profits are determined based on an estimated fair market value of the railcars manufactured for the Company's railcar leasing segment, as if such railcars had been sold to a third party.

**Railcar leasing**

Railcar leasing consists of railcars manufactured by the Company and leased to third parties under operating leases. Earnings from operations for railcar leasing include an allocation of selling, general and administrative costs and also reflect origination fees paid to ARL associated with originating the lease to the Company's leasing customers prior to the ARL Sale. The origination fees represented a percentage of the revenues from the lease over its initial term and were paid up front.

**Railcar services**

Railcar services consists of railcar repair services provided through the Company's various full service facilities or mini shops and mobile units. Earnings from operations for railcar services include an allocation of selling, general and administrative costs as well as certain operating costs related to this segment's use of a portion of the Company's tank railcar manufacturing facility to perform railcar services.

**Segment financial results**

The information in the following table is derived from the segments' internal financial reports used by the Company's management for purposes of assessing segment performance and for making decisions about allocation of resources.

**Three Months Ended March 31, 2018****Revenues**

|                    | External       | Intersegment | Total     | Earnings<br>(Loss)<br>from<br>Operations |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|--|
|                    | (in thousands) |              |           |  |
| Manufacturing      | \$64,141       | \$ 20,775    | \$84,916  | \$ 4,408                                 |
| Railcar leasing    | 34,121         | —            | 34,121    | 17,423                                   |
| Railcar services   | 17,976         | 2,104        | 20,080    | 1,696                                    |
| Corporate          | —              | —            | —         | (3,778 )                                 |
| Eliminations       | —              | (22,879 )    | (22,879 ) | 1,292                                    |
| Total Consolidated | \$116,238      | \$ —         | \$116,238 | \$ 21,041                                |

**Three Months Ended March 31, 2017****Revenues**

|                  | External       | Intersegment | Total     | Earnings<br>(Loss)<br>from<br>Operations |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|--|
|                  | (in thousands) |              |           |  |
| Manufacturing    | \$60,726       | \$ 60,104    | \$120,830 | \$ 9,151                                 |
| Railcar leasing  | 33,835         | —            | 33,835    | 18,810                                   |
| Railcar services | 20,120         | 332          | 20,452    | 1,716                                    |
| Corporate        | —              | —            | —         | (4,272 )                                 |
| Eliminations     | —              | (60,436 )    | (60,436 ) | (3,490 )                                 |

Total Consolidated \$114,681 \$ — \$114,681 \$21,915

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| Total Assets           | March 31,<br>2018 | December 31,<br>2017 |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                        | (in thousands)    |                      |
| Manufacturing          | \$217,960         | \$ 212,508           |
| Railcar leasing        | 1,385,937         | 1,375,315            |
| Railcar services       | 60,381            | 59,814               |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (179,618 )        | (174,211 )           |
| Total Consolidated     | \$ 1,484,660      | \$ 1,473,426         |

## Sales to Related Parties

As discussed in Note 15, Related Party Transactions, ARI has numerous arrangements with related parties. Below is a summary of revenue from affiliates for each operating segment reflected as a percentage of total consolidated revenue.

|                  | Three<br>Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018 | 2017  |
|------------------|---|-------|
| Manufacturing    | — %   | — %   |
| Railcar leasing  | 0.4 %   | 0.2 % |
| Railcar services | — %   | 5.4 % |

## Sales Concentration

Manufacturing revenues from customers that accounted for more than 10% of total consolidated revenues are outlined in the table below. The railcar leasing and railcar services segments had no customers that accounted for more than 10% of the total consolidated revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

|   | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018 | 2017   |
|---|--|--------|
| Manufacturing revenues from significant customers | 29.3 %                                     | 42.7 % |

## Note 17 — Subsequent Events

As disclosed in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 17, 2018, ARI entered into a First Amendment to Credit Agreement, Chattel Mortgage and Security Agreement, with Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, as administrative agent, and the financial institutions party thereto, as lenders (the ARI Revolver Amendment) on April 17, 2018. The ARI Revolver Amendment amends the 2015 Credit Agreement to permit (i) ARI's withdrawal from the Collateral Agency Agreement dated as of July 20, 2004, among ARI, ARL, as manager, U.S. Bank National Association, as collateral agent and each manager and pledgor that became parties thereto from time to time (the Initial Collateral Agency Agreement) and ARI's entry into a new Collateral Agency Agreement, by and among ARI, as manager, U.S. Bank National Association, as collateral agent, and each other manager and pledgor that becomes party thereto from time to time (the New Collateral Agency Agreement) and (ii) the appointment of an indirect subsidiary controlled by ARI as a new lease administrator and the appointment of a new bank pursuant to a new Lease Administration Agreement, by and among ARI, the lease administrator, and U.S. Bank National Association (the New Lease Administration Agreement).

Also on April 17, 2018, LLIII entered into (i) a First Indenture Supplement with U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee (the Indenture Supplement) that amends the Indenture and (ii) a Railcar Management Agreement with ARI (the Longtrain-ARI RMA). LLIII also became a pledgor under the New Collateral Agency Agreement and a party to the New Lease Administration Agreement. LLIII was permitted to take these actions after it received the consent of the holders of approximately 88% in aggregate principal balance of its unpaid and outstanding Notes on April 10, 2018.

The Indenture Supplement permits ARI to act as the manager of the railcars that serve as collateral under the Indenture and permits LLIII to enter into the Longtrain-ARI RMA, the New Collateral Agency Agreement and the

New Lease Administration Agreement.

Under the Longtrain-ARI RMA, ARI, as manager, will manage, operate, market, store, lease, re-lease, sublease, service, repair, overhaul, replace, and maintain the railcars on behalf of LLIII. ARI will receive a management fee based on the lease revenues

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generated by the Longtrain Railcars that are managed by ARI and will also be reimbursed for certain of its expenses and other services. The Longtrain-ARI RMA continues until terminated pursuant to its terms.

On April 17, 2018, pursuant to the RMTA, dated December 16, 2016, between ARL and the Company, as amended, and subsequent to the receipt of the Noteholder Consent and upon ARI's and Longtrain's entry into the Longtrain-ARI RMA, the Longtrain RMA was terminated. Also, pursuant to its terms, the Subcontractor Agreement automatically terminated on April 17, 2018 when ARI became the manager of the Longtrain Railcars.

These agreements and amendments did not have any impact on the Company's financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

On April 27, 2018, the board of directors of the Company declared a cash dividend of \$0.40 per share of common stock of the Company to shareholders of record as of June 13, 2018 that will be paid on June 27, 2018.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through May 1, 2018.



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### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements contained in this report are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), including statements regarding our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions. Such statements include, without limitation, statements regarding various estimates we have made in preparing our financial statements and our plans to address the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) directive released September 30, 2016 and subsequently revised and superseded on November 18, 2016 (FRA Directive) and the settlement agreement related thereto, the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the 2017 Tax Act) on our business and financial statements, expected future trends relating to our industry, products and markets, the potential impact of regulatory developments, including developments related to the FRA Directive and the related settlement, anticipated customer demand for our products and services, trends relating to our shipments, leasing business, railcar services, revenues, profit margin, capacity, financial condition, and results of operations, trends related to railcar shipments for direct sale versus lease, our backlog and any implication that our backlog may be indicative of our future revenues, our strategic objectives and long-term strategies, our results of operations, financial condition and the sufficiency of our capital resources, our capital expenditure plans, short- and long-term liquidity needs, ability to service our current debt obligations and future financing plans, our Stock Repurchase Program, anticipated benefits regarding the growth of our leasing business, the mix of railcars in our lease fleet and our lease fleet financings, anticipated production schedules for our products and the anticipated production schedules of our joint ventures, our plans regarding future dividends and the anticipated performance and capital requirements of our joint ventures. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made and are not guarantees of future performance. We undertake no obligations to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect our business and prospects include without limitation:

- our prospects in light of the cyclical nature of our business;
- the health of and prospects for the overall railcar industry;
- the risk of being unable to market or re-market railcars for sale or lease at favorable prices or on favorable terms or at all;
- the highly competitive nature of the manufacturing, railcar leasing and railcar services industries;
- the risks associated with ongoing compliance with transportation, environmental, health, safety, and regulatory laws and regulations, which may be subject to change;
- the impact, costs and expenses of any warranty claims to which we may be subject now or in the future;
- our ability to recruit, retain and train qualified personnel;
- risks relating to our compliance with the FRA Directive and the settlement agreement related thereto, and any developments related to the FRA Directive and the settlement agreement related thereto;
- the impact of policies and priorities of certain governments or other issues that may cause trade and market conditions that result in fluctuations in the supply and costs of raw materials, including steel and railcar components, and delays in the delivery of such raw materials and components and their impact on demand and margin;
- the variable purchase patterns of our railcar customers and the timing of completion, customer acceptance and shipment of orders, as well as the mix of railcars for lease versus direct sale;
- our ability to manage overhead and variations in production rates;
- risks relating to the ongoing transition of the management of our railcar leasing business from ARL to in-house following completion of the ARL Sale;
- our reliance upon a small number of customers that represent a large percentage of our revenues and backlog;
- fluctuations in commodity prices, including oil and gas;
- uncertainties regarding the 2017 Tax Act;
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the ongoing risks related to our relationship with Mr. Carl Icahn, our principal beneficial stockholder through Icahn Enterprises L.P. (IELP), and certain of his affiliates;

the impact, costs and expenses of any litigation to which we may be subject now or in the future;

risks related to the loss of executive officers;

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- the risks associated with our current joint ventures and anticipated capital needs of, and production capabilities at our joint ventures;
- the sufficiency of our liquidity and capital resources, including long-term capital needs to support the growth of our lease fleet;
- the risks related to our and our subsidiaries' indebtedness and compliance with covenants contained in our and our subsidiaries' financing arrangements.
- the impact of repurchases pursuant to our Stock Repurchase Program on our current liquidity and the ownership percentage of our principal beneficial stockholder through IELP, Mr. Carl Icahn;
- the conversion of our railcar backlog into revenues equal to our reported estimated backlog value;
- the risks and impact associated with any potential joint ventures, acquisitions, strategic opportunities, dispositions or new business endeavors; and
- the integration with other systems and ongoing management of our enterprise resource planning system

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “would,” “expect,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “projects,” “predicts,” “potential” and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. Our actual results could be different from the results described in or anticipated by our forward-looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty of estimates, forecasts and projections and may be materially better or worse than anticipated. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. We expressly disclaim any duty to provide updates to forward-looking statements, and the estimates and assumptions associated with them, after the date of this report, in order to reflect changes in circumstances or expectations or the occurrence of unanticipated events except to the extent required by applicable securities laws. All of the forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the factors discussed above and under “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (Annual Report), as well as the risks and uncertainties discussed elsewhere in this report and the Annual Report. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements. We caution you that these risks are not exhaustive. We operate in a continually changing business environment and new risks emerge from time to time.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We are a prominent North American designer and manufacturer of hopper and tank railcars, which are currently the two largest markets within the railcar industry. We provide our railcar customers with integrated solutions through a comprehensive set of high quality products and related services offered by our three reportable segments: manufacturing, railcar leasing and railcar services. Manufacturing consists of railcar manufacturing and railcar and industrial component manufacturing. We use certain of these components in our own railcar manufacturing and/or sell certain of these products to third parties. Railcar leasing consists of railcars manufactured by us and leased to third parties under operating leases. Railcar services consist of railcar repair, engineering and field services, for our fleet and for other railcar owners. Our business model combines manufacturing, railcar leasing and railcar services and is designed to support the industry with complete railcar solutions over the full life cycle of a railcar.

During the first quarter of 2018, consistent with the fourth quarter of 2017, we experienced an increased level of inquiries for a variety of types of covered hopper and tank railcars. We believe this increase was driven, in part, by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, as well as a slight improvement in underlying demand. In general, inquiries remain focused on specialty railcar types primarily for smaller order quantities. While inquiry levels have moderately improved recently, we expect 2018 industry shipments to be in line with 2017, consistent with industry forecasts. Railcar loadings for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as reported by the AAR have generally remained consistent with the prior year, but the number of railcars industry-wide in storage at March 31, 2018 reached its lowest month-end total since late 2015.

We received orders for 2,015 railcars during the first quarter of 2018, which compares favorably to orders, net of cancellations, of 624 railcars received during the first quarter of 2017. The orders we received in the first quarter of 2018 were for a variety of types of both hopper and tank railcars and were primarily for direct sale. As a result of these orders exceeding our shipments during the quarter, our backlog increased to 3,144 railcars at March 31, 2018.

The flexibility of our workforce and the proximity of our railcar manufacturing facilities and vertically integrated component plants provide us with the ability to adjust our production rates as market demand may dictate. We cannot assure you that hopper or tank railcar demand will maintain its current pace, that demand for any railcar types or railcar services will improve, or that our railcar backlog, orders, shipments, pricing, lease utilization and/or lease rates will track our historical results or industry-wide trends.

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Our consolidated operating margin was 18.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and was supported by our continued commitment to the growth of our railcar leasing segment, with a lease fleet of 13,326 railcars at March 31, 2018. Total railcar shipments were 811 during the first quarter of 2018, a decrease of 29.5% compared to the same period in 2017. These shipments included 195 railcars built for our lease fleet, representing 24.0% of our total railcar shipments compared to 52.3% for the same period in 2017. During this period of depressed lease rates, we expect that our percentage of shipments for our lease fleet will be lower than it has been during recent periods as we maintain a disciplined approach to accepting orders for leased railcars at less than favorable rates. To the extent we add to our lease fleet, those shipments and orders for railcars on long-term leases not only help us to maintain a steady level of production during the manufacturing period, but also help provide future cash flows while the lease fleet continues to maintain a strong utilization rate. Because revenues and earnings related to leased railcars are recognized over the life of a lease, our quarterly and annual results may vary depending on the mix of lease versus direct sale railcars that we ship during a given period.

Since 2011, we have strategically grown our lease fleet to include a mix of tank and hopper railcars for varying service types. The expiration dates of our operating leases for railcars in our lease fleet are spread over the next several years, with no more than 20% of the lease fleet expiring in any single year, which helps mitigate the risks of renewing leases at lower rates or any inability we may experience in renewing leases or re-leasing these railcars. Our backlog of 3,144 railcars, includes 259 railcars we currently expect to build for our lease fleet. With our current liquidity of \$300.1 million, including \$200.0 million available under our revolving credit facility, and additional unencumbered railcars available to borrow against, we have the ability to further grow our lease fleet as demand dictates.

Our railcar services business continues to support the industry, offering repair services over the railcar life cycle. Our tank railcar manufacturing facility provides us additional flexibility not only to produce railcars, but also to perform traditional repair and retrofit services in a production line set-up. These capabilities have allowed us to enter into agreements with customers to perform retrofit services throughout 2018.

As discussed in Note 12, Commitments and Contingencies, in connection with the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Railworthiness (RWD) Directive No. 2016-01 [Revised] (the Revised Directive) and our settlement agreement with the FRA related thereto, a loss contingency reserve of \$8.8 million was recorded at March 31, 2018 related to our probable and estimable liabilities with respect to our compliance with the Revised Directive and related settlement agreement. We continue to monitor this contingency and refine our estimates as necessary. In addition to the requirements of the Revised Directive and the related settlement agreement, we are subject to regulation by governmental, regulatory, and industry authorities and by federal, state, local, and foreign agencies. Despite our intention to comply with these laws and regulations in an efficient manner, our compliance efforts may prove to require more resources than we currently anticipate. We may also be subject to increased regulatory scrutiny, whether due to our ongoing compliance with the Revised Directive and the related settlement agreement, or otherwise.

We believe our integrated business model of providing complete life cycle solutions for the railcar industry under the direction of our experienced management team provides a solid foundation of knowledge that we will leverage as we expect to continue to grow our railcar leasing business as demand dictates. We believe our approach will help us continue to be competitive in the North American railcar market, providing our customers opportunities to purchase or lease railcars from us. Our business continues to use synergies from our manufacturing, railcar leasing and railcar services segments. Our structure as a manufacturer, lessor and railcar services provider provides us with numerous competitive advantages, including increased flexibility and lower costs, relative to other lessors in the industry.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to three months ended March 31, 2017  
Consolidated Results

|   | Three Months Ended |             |            |         |
|---|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------|
|   | March 31,          |             | \$         | %       |
|   | 2018               | 2017        | Change     | Change  |
|   | (in thousands)     |             |            |         |
| Revenues:                                   |                    |             |            |         |
| Manufacturing                               | \$64,141           | \$60,726    | \$3,415    | 5.6     |
| Railcar leasing                             | 34,121             | 33,835      | 286        | 0.8     |
| Railcar services                            | 17,976             | 20,120      | (2,144 )   | (10.7 ) |
| Total revenues                              | \$116,238          | \$114,681   | \$1,557    | 1.4     |
| Cost of revenues:                           |                    |             |            |         |
| Manufacturing                               | \$(58,183 )        | \$(54,559 ) | \$(3,624 ) | 6.6     |
| Other operating income                      | (13 )              | 31          | (44 )      | *       |
| Railcar leasing                             | (12,993 )          | (12,059 )   | (934 )     | 7.7     |
| Railcar services                            | (15,576 )          | (17,390 )   | 1,814      | (10.4 ) |
| Total cost of revenues                      | \$(86,765 )        | \$(83,977 ) | \$(2,788 ) | 3.3     |
| Selling, general and administrative         | (8,613 )           | (8,802 )    | 189        | (2.1 )  |
| Net gains on disposition of leased railcars | 181                | 13          | 168        | *       |
| Earnings from operations                    | \$21,041           | \$21,915    | \$(874 )   | (4.0 )  |

\* - Not Meaningful

## Revenues

Our total consolidated revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2018 increased by 1.4% compared to the same period in 2017. This increase was primarily due to increased revenues in our manufacturing segment and a slight increase in our railcar leasing segment, partially offset by decreased revenues in our railcar services segment.

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, we shipped 616 direct sale railcars, which excludes 195 railcars (24.0% of total shipments) built for our lease fleet, compared to 549 direct sale railcars for the same period of 2017, which excludes 602 railcars (52.3% of total shipments) built for our lease fleet.

Manufacturing revenues increased by 5.6% during the three month period ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. This change included a 13.7% increase due primarily to increased hopper and tank railcar shipments for direct sale and, to a lesser extent, higher revenues from material cost changes that we generally pass through to customers. In total, we shipped 67 more direct sale railcars during the three month period ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. These increases were partially offset by an 8.1% decrease resulting from lower selling prices due to the mix of types of hopper and tank railcars shipped during the first quarter of 2018 compared to the first quarter of 2017 and more competitive pricing across the North American railcar market.

Railcar leasing revenues increased by 0.8% during the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 due primarily to an increase in the number of railcars in our lease fleet, partially offset by a decline in weighted average lease rates for both new railcars for lease and lease renewals compared to the same period in 2017. The lease fleet grew to 13,326 railcars at March 31, 2018 from 11,869 railcars at March 31, 2017.

Railcar services revenues decreased by 10.7% during the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, primarily due to decreased demand, using some repair capacity for reassignment work for our lease fleet, which results in intercompany revenue that is eliminated in consolidation, and lower repair revenue experienced at our tank railcar manufacturing facility as it is ramping up activity on retrofit projects. Our tank railcar manufacturing facility provides us the



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flexibility not only to produce railcars, but also to perform repair and retrofit services in a production line set-up, offering another option for us to meet our customers' repair needs.

### Cost of revenues

Our total consolidated cost of revenues increased by 3.3% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 due to increased cost of revenues in our manufacturing and railcar leasing segments, partially offset by a decrease in our railcar services segment.

Cost of revenues increased for our manufacturing segment by 6.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, including a 13.8% increase driven primarily by higher overall railcar shipments for direct sale and, to a lesser extent, higher material costs for key components and steel. These higher material costs are also reflected as an increase in selling prices as our practice is to generally pass changes in these costs through to the customer. These increases to cost of revenues were partially offset by a decrease of 7.2% due to the mix of railcars shipped during the first quarter of 2018 as compared to the same period of 2017.

Cost of revenues for our railcar leasing segment increased by 7.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, primarily as a result of an increase in the number of railcars in our lease fleet, as discussed above, and increased maintenance costs associated with both our growing lease fleet and certain railcars being reassigned to other lessees.

Cost of revenues for our railcar services segment decreased by 10.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, primarily due to decreased demand, a shift to intercompany work that is eliminated in consolidation as discussed above, and an unfavorable mix of repair work causing inefficiencies at certain repair facilities during 2018.

### Selling, general and administrative expenses

Our total consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses were \$8.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$8.8 million for the same period in 2017. The decrease for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was primarily due to decreased bad debt expense and stock based compensation. Furthermore due to the sale of ARL in 2017, our sales commissions have decreased. These decreases were all partially offset by increased compensation costs relating to additional personnel hired to increase our sales and marketing team and other supporting groups in connection with transitioning our lease fleet management in-house.

### Interest expense

Our total consolidated interest expense decreased by \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. This decrease was primarily driven by lower average debt balances during the first quarter of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017.

### Earnings from Joint Ventures

The breakdown of our earnings from joint ventures during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 was as follows:

|                                    | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018    2017    Change |         |        |
|------------------------------------|--|---------|--------|
|                                    | (in thousands)   |         |        |
| Ohio Castings                      | \$(250 )   | \$(812) | \$ 562 |
| Axis                               | 1,593  | 1,362   | 231    |
| Total Earnings from Joint Ventures | \$ 1,343   | \$ 550  | \$ 793 |

Our joint venture earnings were \$1.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to earnings of \$0.6 million for the same period in 2017. Our Ohio Castings joint venture remains idled, and continues to generate losses. We expect that Ohio Castings will remain idle through most, if not all, of 2018, subject to re-evaluation based on changes in future demand expectations. We do not expect the idling to have a significant impact to our operations or supply chain, and we expect to fulfill our castings requirements from third party vendors.



Earnings from our Axis joint venture increased during the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 due to continued profitability and lower interest expense resulting from lower debt levels.

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## Income Tax Expense

Our income tax expense was \$4.5 million, or 25.6% of our earnings before income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$6.8 million or 39.1% of our earnings before income taxes for the same period in 2017. Our annual effective tax rate in 2018 is lower than our 2017 rate primarily due to the reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 effective for calendar year 2018.

## Segment Results

The table below summarizes our historical revenues, earnings from operations and operating margin for the periods shown. Intersegment revenues are accounted for as if sales were to third parties. Operating margin is defined as total segment earnings from operations as a percentage of total segment revenues. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of operating results that may be expected in the future.

|                    | Three Months Ended March 31,<br>2018<br>(in thousands) |              |           | 2017      |              |           | Change     |
|--------------------|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|
|                    | External   | Intersegment | Total     | External  | Intersegment | Total     |            |
| Revenues           |  |              |           |           |              |           |            |
| Manufacturing      | \$64,141   | \$ 20,775    | \$84,916  | \$60,726  | \$ 60,104    | \$120,830 | \$(35,914) |
| Railcar leasing    | 34,121   | —            | 34,121    | 33,835    | —            | 33,835    | 286        |
| Railcar services   | 17,976   | 2,104        | 20,080    | 20,120    | 332          | 20,452    | (372 )     |
| Eliminations       | —  | (22,879 )    | (22,879 ) | —         | (60,436 )    | (60,436 ) | 37,557     |
| Total Consolidated | \$116,238  | \$ —         | \$116,238 | \$114,681 | \$ —         | \$114,681 | \$1,557    |

|                                 | Three Months<br>Ended March 31,<br>2018 2017<br>(in thousands) |          |           | Change |
|---------------------------------|--|----------|-----------|--------|
|                                 |  |          |           |        |
| Earnings (Loss) from Operations |  |          |           |        |
| Manufacturing                   | \$4,408  | \$9,151  | \$(4,743) |        |
| Railcar leasing                 | 17,423   | 18,810   | (1,387 )  |        |
| Railcar services                | 1,696  | 1,716    | (20 )     |        |
| Corporate                       | (3,778 )   | (4,272 ) | 494       |        |
| Eliminations                    | 1,292  | (3,490 ) | 4,782     |        |
| Total Consolidated              | \$21,041   | \$21,915 | \$(874 )  |        |

|  | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018 2017 |  |
|--|---|--|
|  |   |  |

## Segment Operating Margins

|                  |        |        |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Manufacturing    | 5.2 %  | 7.6 %  |
| Railcar leasing  | 51.1 % | 55.6 % |
| Railcar services | 8.4 %  | 8.4 %  |

## Manufacturing

Our manufacturing segment revenues, including revenues for railcars built for our lease fleet, decreased by \$35.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. The decrease for this period was primarily due to a decrease in railcar shipments for our lease fleet and a decrease in average selling prices due to a shift in mix of railcars shipped as well as more competitive pricing for both hopper and tank railcars, partially offset by an increase in railcar

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shipments for direct sale. This change in mix of railcars shipped impacts manufacturing revenues because hopper railcars generally sell at lower prices than tank railcars due to less material and labor content.

During the first quarter of 2018, we shipped 811 railcars, including 195 railcars built for our lease fleet, compared to 1,151 railcars, including 602 railcars built for our lease fleet for the same period of 2017.

Manufacturing segment revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2018 included revenues of \$20.5 million relating to railcars built for our lease fleet compared to \$60.1 million for the same period in 2017. This decrease in revenues related to railcars built for our lease fleet was due to lower quantities of both tank and hopper railcars shipped for lease as available lease rates in the railcar market made leasing arrangements less appealing given our disciplined approach to investing capital in our lease fleet. These revenues are based on an estimated fair market value of the leased railcars as if they had been sold to a third party and are eliminated in consolidation. Revenues from railcars manufactured for our railcar leasing segment are not recognized in consolidated revenues as railcar sales, but rather lease revenues are recognized over the term of the lease in accordance with monthly lease revenues. Railcars built for the lease fleet represented 24.0% of our railcar shipments during the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to 52.3% of our railcar shipments during the same period in 2017.

Earnings from operations for our manufacturing segment, which include an allocation of selling, general and administrative costs and profit for railcars manufactured for our railcar leasing segment, decreased by \$4.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. Profit on railcars built for our lease fleet, which is eliminated in consolidation, was \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$6.1 million for the same period in 2017. The profit on railcars built for our lease fleet is based on an estimated fair market value of revenues as if the railcars had been sold to a third party, less the cost to manufacture.

Operating margin from our manufacturing segment decreased to 5.2% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to 7.6% for the same period in 2017. The decreases for both earnings from operations and operating margin were primarily due to decreased railcar shipments to our lease fleet, higher costs associated with lower production volumes and more competitive pricing for both tank and hopper railcars.

### **Railcar Leasing**

Our railcar leasing segment revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2018 increased by \$0.3 million compared to the same period in 2017. The increase in revenues was driven by an increase in railcars on lease with third parties, partially offset by a decline in weighted average lease rates.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, our railcar leasing segment revenues included transactions with affiliates, totaling \$0.4 million, or 0.4% of our total consolidated revenues. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, our railcar leasing segment revenues included transactions with affiliates of \$0.2 million, or 0.2% of our total consolidated revenues.

Earnings from operations for our railcar leasing segment, which include an allocation of selling, general and administrative costs, decreased by \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. Operating margin from our railcar leasing segment decreased to 51.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to 55.6% for the same period in 2017. These decreases were due to increased maintenance costs and lower lease rates on certain renewals and reassignments.

### **Railcar Services**

Our railcar services segment revenues decreased by \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. This decrease was primarily due to overall decreased demand, partially offset by increased intercompany revenue for lease fleet reassignment work for our leased railcars that is eliminated in consolidation.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, our railcar services segment revenues included transactions with affiliates totaling less than \$0.1 million, or less than 0.1%, of our total consolidated revenues compared to \$6.1 million, or 5.4%, of our total consolidated revenues for the same period in 2017.

Earnings from operations for our railcar services segment, which include an allocation of selling, general and administrative costs, decreased slightly to \$1.70 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 from \$1.72 million for the same period of 2017, and operating margins for this segment were consistent at 8.4% for both the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

## BACKLOG

We define backlog as the number and estimated market value of new railcars that our customers have committed in writing to purchase or lease from us that have not been shipped, net of cancellations. As of March 31, 2018, our total backlog was 3,144

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railcars, of which we currently expect 2,885 railcars with an estimated market value of \$254.6 million to be for direct sale and 259 railcars with an estimated market value of \$25.3 million to be added to our lease fleet. As of December 31, 2017, our total backlog was 1,940 railcars, of which we expected 1,551 railcars with an estimated market value of \$132.8 million to be direct sales and 389 railcars with an estimated market value of \$39.8 million to be added to our lease fleet. Our entire backlog at March 31, 2018 related to railcar orders for non-affiliated customers. Railcars for Sale. As of March 31, 2018, 91.8% of the total number of railcars in our backlog were expected to be railcars for direct sale. Estimated backlog value of railcars for direct sale reflects the total revenues expected as if such backlog were converted to actual revenues at the end of the particular period.

Railcars for Lease. As of March 31, 2018, 8.2% of the total number of railcars in our backlog were expected to be added to our lease fleet. Estimated backlog value of railcars for lease reflects the estimated market value of each railcar. Actual revenues for railcars subject to lease are recognized per the terms of the lease and are not based on the estimated backlog value.

Customer orders may be subject to cancellation or requests for delays in deliveries, inspection rights and other customary industry terms and conditions, which could prevent or delay railcars in our backlog from being shipped and converted into revenue. In addition, from time to time, certain orders may be subject to changes from lease to direct sale, or vice versa, which could impact the timing of conversion of orders into revenue because lease revenues are recognized over the term of the lease. Historically, we have experienced little variation between the number of railcars ordered and the number of railcars actually delivered. For all of the reasons discussed above, we cannot guarantee that our reported railcar backlog will convert to revenue in any particular period, if at all, nor can we guarantee that the actual revenue from these orders will equal our reported estimated market value or that our future revenue efforts will be successful.

The reported backlog includes railcars relating to purchase or lease obligations based upon an assumed product mix consistent with past orders. Changes in product mix from what is assumed would affect the estimated market value of our backlog. Estimated market value reflects known price adjustments for material cost changes but does not reflect a projection of any future material price adjustments that are generally provided for in our customer contracts.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of March 31, 2018, we had net working capital of \$169.6 million, including \$100.1 million of cash and cash equivalents. As of March 31, 2018, we had \$539.3 million of debt outstanding, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$4.6 million under an indenture entered into by our wholly-owned subsidiary, Longtrain Leasing III, LLC (LLIII), and we also had \$200.0 million available to us under a revolving loan, as discussed further below.

### Outstanding and Available Debt

#### Subsidiary lease fleet financings

In January 2015, we refinanced the Longtrain Leasing I, LLC (LLI) and Longtrain Leasing II, LLC (LLII) lease fleet financing facilities to, among other things, increase our borrowings. LLIII issued \$625.5 million in aggregate principal amount of notes, pursuant to an Indenture (the Longtrain Indenture). The notes are fixed rate secured railcar equipment notes bearing interest at a rate of 2.98% per annum for the Class A-1 Notes and 4.06% per annum for the Class A-2 Notes (the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes, collectively, the Notes). As of March 31, 2018, there were \$168.6 million and \$375.5 million of Class A-1 and Class A-2 notes outstanding, respectively. The Notes have a legal final maturity date of January 17, 2045 and an expected principal repayment date of January 15, 2025.

Pursuant to the terms of the Longtrain Indenture, LLIII is required to maintain deposits in a liquidity reserve bank account equal to nine months of interest payments. The liquidity reserve amount was \$16.5 million and \$16.6 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, and is included within restricted cash on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

While the legal final maturity date of the Notes is January 17, 2045, cash flows from LLIII's assets will be applied, pursuant to the flow of funds provisions of the Longtrain Indenture, so as to achieve monthly targeted principal balances. Also, under the flow of funds provisions of the Longtrain Indenture, early amortization of the Notes may be required in certain circumstances. If the Notes are not repaid by the expected principal repayment date on January 15, 2025, additional interest will accrue at a rate of 5.0% per annum and be payable monthly according to the flow of funds.

LLIII can now prepay or redeem the Class A-1 Notes, in whole or in part, on any payment date. LLIII can now prepay or redeem the Class A-2 Notes, in whole or in part, on any payment date, subject to the payment of a make-whole amount with respect to certain prepayments or redemptions made on or prior to the scheduled payment date occurring in January 2022.

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The Longtrain Indenture also contains certain customary events of default, including among others, failure to pay amounts when due after applicable grace periods, failure to comply with certain covenants and agreements, and certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency. Certain events of default under the Longtrain Indenture will make the outstanding principal balance and accrued interest on the Notes, together with all amounts then due and owing to the noteholders, immediately due and payable without further action. For other events of default, the Indenture Trustee, acting at the direction of a majority of the noteholders, may declare the principal of and accrued interest on all Notes then outstanding to be due and payable immediately.

The Notes are obligations of LLIII, are generally non-recourse to ARI, and are secured by a first lien on the subject assets of LLIII consisting of railcars, railcar leases, receivables and related assets, subject to limited exceptions. ARI has, however, entered into agreements containing certain representations, undertakings, and indemnities customary for asset sellers and parent companies in transactions of this type, and ARI is obligated to make any selections of railcars, railcar leases, receivables and related assets to be transferred to LLIII without any adverse selection, to cause the manager to maintain, lease, and re-lease LLIII's equipment no less favorably than similar portfolios serviced by the manager, and to repurchase or replace certain railcars under certain conditions set forth in the respective financing documents.

ARL has historically acted as the manager of the LLIII railcars and the leases associated therewith. Between June 1, 2017 and April 17, 2018, ARI subcontracted with ARL to provide services to ARL covering the day-to-day management of the LLIII railcars and the leases associated therewith. As of April 17, 2018, ARI became the manager under the LLIII lease fleet financing. See Note 15, Related Party Transactions, and Note 17, Subsequent Events for further discussion regarding this agreement with ARL and the impact on the Company and the LLIII lease fleet financing of the ARL Sale.

### ARI lease fleet financings

In December 2015, we completed a financing of our railcar lease fleet with availability of up to \$200.0 million under a credit agreement, as amended (2015 Credit Agreement). The 2015 Credit Agreement contains an incremental borrowing provision under which ARI, as debtor and subject to the conditions set forth in the 2015 Credit Agreement, has the right but not the obligation to increase the amount of the facility in an aggregate amount of up to \$100.0 million (the amounts extended under the 2015 Credit Agreement, inclusive of any amounts extended under the incremental facility, the Revolving Loans), to a maximum principal amount of \$300.0 million. We may use the proceeds of the Revolving Loans to finance the manufacturing of railcars on an ongoing basis, to pay related transaction costs, fees and expenses in connection with the 2015 Credit Agreement, to finance ongoing working capital requirements and for other general corporate purposes. As of the date of this report we have borrowing availability of \$200.0 million under this facility. See Note 17, Subsequent Events, for a description of the amendment to the 2015 Credit Agreement that ARI entered into on April 17, 2018.

The Revolving Loans accrue interest at a rate per annum equal to Adjusted LIBOR (as defined in the 2015 Credit Agreement) for the applicable interest period, plus 1.45%, subject to an alternative rate as set forth in the 2015 Credit Agreement. The interest rate increases by 2.0% following certain defaults or maturity.

The Revolving Loans and the other obligations under the 2015 Credit Agreement are fully recourse to ARI and are secured by a first lien and security interest on certain specified railcars (together with specified replacement railcars), related leases, related receivables and related assets, and subject to limited exceptions, a controlled bank account. Subject to the provisions of the 2015 Credit Agreement, the Revolving Loans may be borrowed and reborrowed until the maturity date. The Revolving Loans may be prepaid at the Company's option at any time without premium or penalty (other than customary LIBOR breakage fees and customary reimbursement of increased costs). See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for further discussion of the prepayment and final scheduled maturity of the Revolving Loans.

The Revolving Loans are also subject to acceleration upon and following specified events of default. The 2015 Credit Agreement contains certain representations, warranties, and affirmative and negative covenants applicable to us, which are customarily applicable to senior secured facilities. Key defaults and events of default include failure to repay principal, interest, fees and other amounts owed under the 2015 Credit Agreement; making misrepresentations;

cross-defaults to certain other indebtedness of the Company; the rendering of certain judgments against the Company; impermissible transfers of equipment; occurrence of a Material Adverse Change (as defined in the 2015 Credit Agreement); and the Company's bankruptcy or insolvency. Many defaults are subject to cure periods prior to such default giving rise to the right of the lenders and administrative agent to accelerate the Revolving Loans and to exercise remedies.

If a default occurs and is not cured within any applicable grace period or is not waived, the lenders and the administrative agent would be entitled to take various actions, including the acceleration of amounts due under the 2015 Credit Agreement. If the indebtedness under the 2015 Credit Agreement were accelerated, the Company may not have sufficient funds to pay such indebtedness. In that event, the lenders and the administrative agent would be entitled to enforce their security interests in the collateral securing such indebtedness.



Table of Contents**Management Transition of our Railcar Leasing Business**

As previously disclosed, on December 16, 2016, we entered into the RMTA with ARL to manage the transition from ARL to ARI, of the management of our railcar leasing business in anticipation of the ARL Sale. The RMTA, among other things, (i) permits ARI to assume the management of its leased railcars following the consummation of the ARL Sale; (ii) requires ARI to use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the consent of noteholders (the Noteholder Consent) for ARI to replace ARL as manager of the LLIII railcars under the Indenture, and certain related documents; and (iii) requires ARL to transfer to ARI certain books and records and electronic data with respect to ARI and LLIII's lease railcars and the Company's and LLIII's leasing businesses and otherwise assist in the transfer of the management of the leasing businesses to ARI. In addition, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, ARL provides ARI an irrevocable, fully paid, non-transferable (except as set forth therein), royalty-free license to certain software and databases owned and used by ARL to manage its railcars and the railcars owned by ARI and LLIII. The Noteholder Consent was obtained on April 10, 2018 and on April 17, 2018, as further described in Note 17, Subsequent Events, ARI became the manager of the LLIII railcars and the railcar management agreement between LLIII and ARL was terminated.

**Cash Flows**

The following table summarizes our change in cash and cash equivalents:

|  | Three Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2018      2017      Change<br>(in thousands) |            |            |
|--|--|------------|------------|
| Net cash provided by (used in):                              |  |            |            |
| Operating activities   | \$30,438   | \$42,419   | \$(11,981) |
| Investing activities   | (16,650 )  | (55,809 )  | 39,159     |
| Financing activities   | (14,004 )  | (13,943 )  | (61 )      |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (83 )  | 4          | (87 )      |
| Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash  | \$(299 )   | \$(27,329) | \$27,030   |

**Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities**

Cash flows from operating activities are affected by several factors, including fluctuations in business volume, contract terms for billings and collections, the timing of collections on our accounts receivables, processing of payroll and associated taxes and payments to our suppliers.

Our net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was \$30.4 million compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$42.4 million for the same period in 2017. This decrease was primarily due to a reduction in inventory as of March 31, 2018 compared to December 31, 2017, based on our inventory needs to meet customer demand requirements near the end of 2017.

**Net Cash Used In Investing Activities**

Our net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was \$16.7 million compared to \$55.8 million in the same period in 2017. The decrease was primarily a result of a decrease in the number of our leased railcar shipments during the first three months of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017.

**Net Cash (Used In) Provided By Financing Activities**

Our net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was \$14.0 million compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$13.9 million for the same period in 2017. These cash outflows were comprised of debt repayments and the payment of common stock dividends.

**Capital Expenditures**

We continuously evaluate facility requirements based on our strategic plans, production requirements and market demand and may elect to change our level of capital investments in the future. These investments are all based on an analysis of the estimated rates of return and impact on our profitability. We continue to pursue opportunities to reduce

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continued vertical integration of component parts. From time to time, we may expand our business by acquiring other businesses or pursuing other strategic growth opportunities including, without limitation, joint ventures.

Capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2018 were \$18.1 million for manufacturing railcars for lease to others to expand our business and \$0.8 million for capitalized projects that we expect will maintain equipment, improve efficiencies, further enhance the quality of our products and services, and reduce costs. We expect these types of capital expenditures will continue for the remainder of 2018. We cannot assure you that we will be able to complete any of our projects on a timely basis or within budget, if at all, or that our capital expenditures will align with industry demand for our products and services.

### Future Liquidity

As of March 31, 2018, our current liquidity of \$300.1 million consisted of our existing cash and cash equivalents balance, anticipated cash flows from operations, and borrowing availability of \$200.0 million under the 2015 Credit Agreement. We expect to require additional financing over and above our current liquidity position to continue to grow our leasing business, in connection with demand.

Additionally, we expect our future cash flows from operations could be impacted by the state of the credit markets and the overall economy, the number of railcar orders we receive, our shipments and our production rates, as well as costs and expenses related to our compliance with governmental and industry regulations and requirements. Our future liquidity may also be impacted by the number of railcar orders we receive for lease versus direct sale. However, we believe we have a strong balance sheet with good borrowing capacity based on, among other things, our ability to use any unencumbered railcars in our lease fleet as collateral in any future financing transaction.

Our operating performance may also be affected by other matters discussed under “Risk Factors,” and trends and uncertainties discussed in this discussion and analysis, as well as elsewhere in this quarterly report. These risks, trends and uncertainties may also materially adversely affect our long-term liquidity.

Our long-term liquidity is contingent upon future operating performance, our and our wholly-owned leasing subsidiary's ability to continue to meet our respective financial covenants under our respective financing facilities, our ability to satisfy our covenants under any other indebtedness we may enter into, and the ability to repay or refinance any such indebtedness as it becomes due. We may also require additional capital in the future to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions or other investments, including additions to our lease fleet, and to comply with governmental and industry regulations and requirements. These capital requirements could be substantial.

Other potential projects, including possible strategic transactions that could complement and expand our business units, will be evaluated to determine if the project or opportunity is right for us. We anticipate that any future expansion of our business will be financed through existing resources, cash flow from operations, term debt associated directly with that project or other new financing. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet existing financial covenants or obtain term debt or other new financing on favorable terms, if at all. Our liquidity will be impacted to the extent additional stock repurchases are made under our Stock Repurchase Program noted below.

### Stock Repurchase Program

On July 28, 2015, our board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$250.0 million of our outstanding common stock. The Stock Repurchase Program will end upon the earlier of the date on which it is terminated by the Board or when all authorized repurchases are completed. The timing and amount of stock repurchases, if any, will be determined based upon our evaluation of market conditions and other factors. The Stock Repurchase Program may be suspended, modified or discontinued at any time and we have no obligation to repurchase any amount of our common stock under the Stock Repurchase Program. There were no repurchases during the three months ended March 31, 2018. To date, we have repurchased 2,268,419 shares for \$86.0 million under the Stock Repurchase Program. Board authorization for \$164.0 million remains available for further stock repurchases.

### Contractual Obligations and Contingencies

As of March 31, 2018, our gross outstanding debt decreased to \$544.1 million from \$550.4 million as of December 31, 2017, primarily in connection with principal payments made on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Longtrain Indenture. See Notes 9 - 12 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the status of other contingencies and contractual obligations. Our contractual obligations and contingencies did not materially change from the information disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended

December 31, 2017.

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Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Other than operating leases, we have no other off-balance sheet arrangements.

**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The critical accounting policies and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements that we believe affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements presented in this report are described in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). Although the new revenue standard is expected to have an immaterial impact on our ongoing net income, we determined that it was appropriate to identify our updated accounting policy as a critical accounting policy.

Under our previous accounting policy, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, revenues from railcar services were recognized upon completion and shipment of railcars from ARI's plants. Due to the adoption of Topic 606, revenue is now recognized as railcar services are performed, consistent with "over time" revenue recognition under Topic 606.

There have been no other material changes to the critical accounting policies or estimates that were included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Recent accounting pronouncements

See Note 2, Recent Accounting Pronouncements, to the condensed consolidated financial statements located in Part I, Item I of this report for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements applicable to us.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

There have been no material changes in our market risks as previously disclosed in Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2017.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Disclosure controls and procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer), our management evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report on Form 10-Q (the Evaluation Date). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II — OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

See Note 12, Commitments and Contingencies, to the condensed consolidated financial statements located in Part I, Item I of this report, which is incorporated by reference into this Part II, Item 1, for a description of the litigation, legal and administrative proceedings.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The following risk factors should be considered carefully in addition to the other information contained in this report and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (our Annual Report), including the risk factors identified in Part I-Item 1A (Risk Factors) of our Annual Report. This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. See “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements,” above. Our actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed below, as well as those discussed elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q and in our Annual Report. Additional risks and uncertainties that management is not aware of or that are currently deemed immaterial may also adversely affect our business operations. If any of the following risks materialize, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

We undertake no obligations to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

The highly cyclical nature of the railcar industry may result in lower revenues during economic downturns or due to other factors.

The North American railcar market has been, and we expect it to continue to be, highly cyclical, resulting in volatility in demand for our products and services. Many of our customers operate in cyclical markets, such as the energy, chemical, agricultural, food and construction industries, which are susceptible to macroeconomic downturns. Weakness in certain sectors of the U.S. economy may make it more difficult for us to sell or lease certain types of railcars. The cyclical nature of the railcar industry may result in lower revenues during economic or industry downturns due to decreased demand for both new and replacement railcars, railcar products, railcar services and railcars on lease. Decreased demand could result in lower new railcar volumes for sale and lease, increased downtime, lower volumes of repair services, reduced sales prices and/or lease rates, fewer lease renewals and decreased cash flow.

The market for hopper and tank railcars currently continues to experience a downturn. We cannot assure you that hopper or tank railcar demand will maintain its current pace, that demand for any railcar types or railcar services will improve, or that our railcar backlog, orders, shipments, pricing, lease utilization and/or lease rates will track industry-wide trends.

Our failure to obtain new orders could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations, and may be exacerbated to the extent that our backlog is depleted due to shipments of railcars outpacing new orders. Downturns in part or all of the railcar manufacturing industry may occur in the future, resulting in decreased demand for our products and services, reduced backlog and adjustments in production at our railcar facilities. For example, a change in environmental regulations, oil prices, competitive pricing, pipeline capacity and other factors could trigger a cyclical shift and could impact demand for railcars in the energy transportation industry. Further, a change in our product mix due to cyclical shifts in demand could have an adverse effect on our profitability. We have several different railcar types in our hopper and tank railcar families that we manufacture and lease. In addition, we repair a variety of railcars. The demand for specific types of these railcars varies from time to time. These shifts in demand could affect our margins and could have an adverse effect on our profitability. In addition, if we fail to manage our overhead costs and variations in production rates, our business could suffer.

We may be unable to re-market railcars from expiring leases on favorable terms or maintain railcars on lease at satisfactory terms due to decreases in customer demand, oversupply of railcars in the market, or other changes in supply and demand, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The failure to enter into commercially favorable railcar leases, re-lease or sell railcars upon lease expiration and/or successfully manage existing leases could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and

results of operations. Our ability to re-lease or sell leased railcars profitably is dependent upon several factors, including the cost of and demand for leases or ownership of newer or specific use models, the availability in the market of other used or new railcars, and changes in applicable regulations that may impact continued use of older railcars. In addition, low demand for certain types of railcars in

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our fleet may make it more difficult to lease those railcars to new customers if they are returned at the end of their existing leases or following a customer default.

A downturn in the industries in which our lessees operate or the economy in general and decreased demand for railcars could also increase our exposure to re-marketing risk because lessees may demand reduced lease prices or shorter lease terms, which requires us to re-market leased railcars more frequently. Railcars that are returned by our customers often must undergo maintenance and service work before being leased to new customers, causing a delay in our ability to re-market such railcars and sometimes requiring us to invest capital to prepare railcars for sale or re-lease. Furthermore, the resale market for leased railcars has a limited number of potential buyers. Our inability to re-lease or sell leased railcars on favorable terms could result in lower lease rates, lower lease utilization percentages, reduced revenues, and a decline in the value of our lease fleet.

We operate in highly competitive industries and we may be unable to compete successfully, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We face intense competition in all geographic markets and in each area of our business. In our railcar manufacturing business we have five primary competitors. Any of these competitors may, from time to time, have greater resources than we do. Our current competitors have increased and may continue to increase their capacity in, or new competitors may enter into, the railcar markets in which we compete. Strong competition within the industry has led to pricing pressures and could limit our ability to maintain or increase prices or obtain better margins on our railcars for both direct sale and lease. Competition may also limit our ability to re-lease railcars if our competitors provide our customers lower rates or other benefits. If we produce any type of railcars other than what we currently produce, we will be competing with other manufacturers that may have more experience with that railcar type. Further, new competitors, or alliances among existing competitors, may emerge in the railcar or industrial components industries and rapidly gain market share. Customer selection of railcars for purchase or for lease may be driven by technological or price factors, and our competitors may provide or be able to provide more technologically advanced railcars or more attractive pricing and/or lease rates than we can provide. Some of our competitors may be able to take better advantage of governmental policies that impact trade and importing and therefore reduce their costs to manufacture railcars and increase their ability to offer more competitive pricing to customers. Likewise, such governmental policies affecting trade and importing may increase our costs of manufacturing and harm our competitive position. Any competitive factors may adversely affect our sales, utilization and/or lease rates, and consequently our revenues. We also have intense competition in our railcar leasing business from railcar manufacturers, leasing companies, banks and other financial institutions. Some of this competition includes certain of our significant customers. Some of our railcar manufacturing competitors also produce railcars for use in their own railcar leasing fleets, competing directly with our railcar leasing business and with leasing companies. In connection with the re-leasing of railcars, we may encounter competition from, among other things, other railcars managed by competitor railcar leasing companies. We compete with numerous companies in our railcar services business, ranging from companies with greater resources than we have to small, local companies. In addition, new competitors, or alliances among existing competitors, may emerge, thereby intensifying the existing competition for our railcar services business.

Technological innovation by any of our existing competitors, or new competitors entering any of the markets in which we do business, could put us at a competitive disadvantage and could cause us to lose market share. Increased competition for our manufacturing, railcar leasing or railcar services businesses could result in price reductions, reduced margins and loss of market share, which could materially adversely affect our prospects, business, financial condition and results of operations.

Failing to comply with laws and regulations imposed by federal, state, local and foreign agencies could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to access capital.

The industries in which we operate are subject to extensive regulation by governmental, regulatory and industry authorities and by federal, state, local and foreign agencies. The risks of substantial costs and liabilities related to compliance with these laws and regulations are an inherent part of our business. Despite our intention to comply with these laws and regulations, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so at all times and compliance may prove to be more costly and limiting than we currently anticipate and compliance requirements could increase in future years. These laws and regulations are complex, change frequently and may become more stringent or the subject of stricter



enforcement over time, which could impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to access capital. If we fail to comply with the requirements and regulations of these agencies that impact our manufacturing, other processes and reporting requirements, we may face sanctions and penalties that could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to access capital.

We may be subject to increased regulatory scrutiny, whether due to our ongoing compliance with the Revised Directive and the settlement agreement related thereto, or otherwise, which could result in increased costs or have a material adverse effect on

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our operations. Our railcar and railcar component manufacturing facilities must be certified annually by the Association of American Railroads (AAR), and products that we sell must meet AAR and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) standards. Future regulatory developments, such as our failure to achieve, maintain or renew required certifications, new regulations or changes to existing regulations, modified interpretations of existing regulations, enhanced regulatory investigation, stricter regulatory enforcement, or any determination that our processes or products are not in compliance with applicable regulations, could result in increased compliance and other costs, governmental or administrative fines, penalties and proceedings, private litigation, product recalls, or plant shut-downs, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our operations, reputation, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business is subject to various laws, rules and regulations and changes in legal and regulatory requirements applicable to us or the industries in which we operate may adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business is subject to various laws, rules and regulations administered by authorities in jurisdictions in which we do business. In North America, our railcar fleet and manufacturing and repair operations are subject to safety, operations, maintenance and mechanical standards, rules and regulations enforced by various federal and state agencies and industry organizations, including the U.S. Department of Transportation, the FRA, Transport Canada, and the AAR. State and provincial agencies regulate some health and safety matters related to rail operations not otherwise preempted by federal law. Our business and railcar fleet may be adversely impacted by new rules and regulations or changes to existing rules or regulations, which could require additional maintenance or substantial modification or refurbishment of our railcars or could make certain types of railcars inoperable or obsolete or require them to be phased out prior to the end of their useful lives.

Derailments in North America of trains transporting crude oil have caused various U.S. and Canadian regulatory agencies, industry organizations, as well as Class I Railroads and community governments, to focus attention on transportation by rail of flammable materials. Recent regulations related to rail transport of certain flammable liquids imposed by Canadian and United States regulators require, among other things, a new tank railcar design standard, a phase out of older DOT-111 railcars that are not retrofitted, and a classification and testing program for unrefined petroleum based products, including crude oil. In addition, railroads and other organizations may impose requirements for railcars that are more stringent than, or in addition to, any governmental regulations that may be adopted. For example, additional laws and regulations have been proposed or may be adopted that may have a significant impact on railroad operations, including the implementation of “positive train control” (PTC) requirements. PTC is a collision avoidance technology intended to override engineer controlled locomotives and stop certain types of train accidents.

We are unable to predict what impact these or other regulatory changes may have, if any, on our business or the industry as a whole. These regulations and the industry’s responsiveness in complying with these regulations may materially impact the rail industry as a whole; railroad operations; older and newer railcars that meet or exceed currently mandated standards; future railcar specifications; and the capability of the North American railcar manufacturing, repair and maintenance infrastructure to implement mandated retrofit configurations, repair or new construction. As a result of such regulations, certain of our railcars could be deemed unfit for further commercial use (which would diminish or eliminate future revenue generated from leased railcars) and/or require retrofits, repairs or modifications. The costs associated with any required retrofits, repairs or modifications could be substantial. While certain regulatory changes could result in increased demand for refurbishment, repairs and/or new railcar manufacturing activity, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected if we are unable to adapt our business to changing regulations or railroad standards, source critical components and raw materials such as steel in a timely manner and at reasonable cost, or at all, and/or take advantage of any increase in demand for our products and services. We cannot assure that costs incurred to comply with any new standards and regulations will not be material to our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Regulatory changes related to tank railcars in North America may impact future new railcar production rates and orders from our customers, as well as retrofit, repair and maintenance work to existing railcars. In response to current regulations, we invested capital to further expand our manufacturing flexibility and repair capacity to address the needs of the industry. We cannot assure you that any increased manufacturing flexibility or repair capacity will be

sufficient to meet the demands of the industry. Similarly, we cannot assure you of the impact of the regulatory changes affecting the North American railcar industry or our business.

Our manufacturer's warranties expose us to potentially significant claims and our business could be harmed if our products contain undetected defects or do not meet applicable specifications.

We may be subject to significant warranty claims relating to workmanship and materials involving our railcar or component product designs. Such claims may include multiple claims based on one defect repeated throughout our mass production process or claims for which the cost of repairing the defective component is highly disproportionate to the original cost of the

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part. These types of warranty claims could result in costly product recalls, significant repair costs and damage to our reputation, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Unresolved warranty claims could result in users of our products bringing legal actions against us.

Further, if our railcars or component products are defectively designed or manufactured, are subject to recall for performance or safety-related issues, contain defective components or are misused, we may become subject to costly litigation by our customers or others who may claim to be harmed by our products. Product liability claims could divert management's attention from our business, be expensive to defend and/or settle and result in sizable damage awards against us.

If we face labor shortages or increased labor costs, our growth and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

We depend on skilled labor in our manufacturing and other businesses. Due to the competitive nature of the labor markets in which we operate and the cyclical nature of the railcar industry, the resulting employment cycle increases our risk of not being able to recruit, train, and retain the personnel we require, particularly when the economy expands, production rates are high or competition for such skilled labor increases, especially in periods with low unemployment rates in areas where we seek to recruit employees. Our costs to recruit, train and retain necessary, qualified personnel may exceed our forecasts. Our inability to recruit, train, and retain adequate numbers of qualified personnel on a timely basis could materially adversely affect the quality of our manufacturing and railcar services processes, our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may incur significant costs, loss to reputation and further regulatory action relating to the FRA's Revised Directive, any of which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to access capital.

On September 30, 2016, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued Railworthiness Directive (RWD) No. 2016-01 (the Original Directive). The Original Directive addressed, among other things, certain welding practices in one weld area in specified DOT 111 tank railcars manufactured between 2009 and 2015 by ARI and ACF Industries, LLC (ACF). ACF is an affiliate of Mr. Carl Icahn, our principal beneficial stockholder through IELP. We met and corresponded with the FRA following the issuance of the Original Directive to express our concerns with the Original Directive and its impact on us, as well as the industry as a whole.

On November 18, 2016 (the Issuance Date), the FRA issued RWD No. 2016-01 [Revised] (the Revised Directive).

The Revised Directive changed and superseded the Original Directive in several ways.

The Revised Directive required owners to identify their subject tank railcars and then from that population identify the 15% of subject tank railcars then in hazardous materials service with the highest mileage in each tank railcar owner's fleet. Visual inspection of each of the subject tank railcars is required by the railcar operator prior to putting any railcar into service. Owners were required to ensure appropriate inspection, testing and repairs, if needed, within twelve months of the Issuance Date for the 15% of their subject tank railcars identified to be in hazardous materials service with the highest mileage. The FRA reserved the right to impose additional test and inspection requirements for the remaining tank railcars subject to the Revised Directive.

Although the Revised Directive addressed some of the Company's concerns and clarified certain requirements of the Original Directive, ARI identified significant issues with the Revised Directive. As a result, in December 2016, ARI sought judicial review of and relief from the Revised Directive by filing a petition for review against the FRA in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

On August 17, 2017, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with the FRA, which covered the subject railcars owned by ARI and certain of its affiliates. This settlement agreement, among other things, extended the deadline for ARI to complete the inspection, testing and repairs, if needed, for the 15% identified railcars to December 31, 2017. Adding clarity regarding certain unknown requirements referenced in the Revised Directive, under the settlement agreement, ARI is required to inspect, test, and if necessary repair the remaining 85% subject tank railcars at the next tank railcar qualification, scheduled routine or regular maintenance, shopping or repair event, but no later than December, 31, 2025. However, the agreement permits ARI to: (i) if the FRA does not impose a similar

requirement by July 31, 2018 on other owners' railcars subject to the Revised Directive, suspend compliance with this requirement until such time as the FRA imposes requirements on all 85% railcars subject to the Revised Directive, and (ii) elect to be governed by any different requirements later imposed by the FRA on other owners' railcars subject to the Revised Directive. In addition, the settlement agreement also provides that railcars owned by ARI are no longer required to have a surface inspection performed when the railcars are being inspected pursuant to the Revised Directive. Finally, as part of the settlement agreement, ARI dismissed its lawsuit against the FRA.

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We inspected, tested, and if necessary, repaired all of our 15% identified railcars as required pursuant to the settlement agreement prior to December 31, 2017.

Owners, including the Company, and lessees of the subject railcars will likely incur costs associated with compliance with the Revised Directive, including but not limited to, costs of inspection, cleaning and repair, if necessary, as well as freight costs for transporting covered railcars to and from repair facilities. We, and other lessors of subject railcars, may also experience loss of revenue during periods of rent abatement, if applicable, as a result of railcars being out of service due to compliance with the Revised Directive.

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as of March 31, 2018, our loss contingency of \$8.8 million covers our probable and estimable liabilities with respect to our response to the Revised Directive, taking into account then available information and our contractual obligations in our capacity as both a manufacturer and owner of railcars subject to the Revised Directive.

It is reasonably possible that a loss exists in excess of the amount accrued by the Company. However, the amount of potential costs and expenses expected to be incurred for compliance with the Revised Directive in excess of the loss contingency of \$8.8 million cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. We cannot assure you that the amount of our loss contingency accrual is adequate to cover our actual costs and losses. Such costs may be substantial and may not be adequately covered by insurance, if at all, and could include costs relating to, among others:

- applicable warranties included in sale and leasing arrangements;
- implementing changes to our manufacturing personnel or processes; and
- claims, litigation, settlements and/or regulatory proceedings.

Complying with the Revised Directive and the settlement agreement could disrupt our operations or restrict our ability to expand our lease fleet. Failure to successfully manage our compliance with the Revised Directive and the settlement agreement and assist other railcar owners with their compliance efforts could cause delays or cancellations of orders, lost revenue, harm to our reputation, deterioration of business and customer relationships, including with our affiliates, and result in an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Any material loss of revenue due to rent abatement, or otherwise, could adversely affect our ability to comply with covenants in our debt facilities. We cannot assure you that costs incurred to comply with any regulations, including the Revised Directive, will not be material to our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Under the Revised Directive, the FRA also reserved the right to seek civil penalties or to take any other appropriate enforcement action for violations of the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations that have occurred. To the extent we become subject to any such civil penalties and/or enforcement actions, it could result in substantial costs and could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The cost of raw materials and components that we use in our manufacturing operations, particularly steel, is subject to escalation and surcharges and could increase. Any increase in these costs or delivery delays of these raw materials could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The cost of raw materials, including steel, and components used in the production of our railcars, represents a significant amount of our direct manufacturing costs per railcar. We generally include provisions in our railcar sales and leasing contracts that allow us to adjust prices as a result of increases and decreases in the cost of certain raw materials and components. From time to time, based on market conditions, we also enter into orders where such changes in material costs are not passed on to customers. The number of customers or orders for which we are not able to pass on price increases may increase in the future, which could adversely affect our operating margins and cash flows. If we are not able to pass on price increases to our customers, we may lose railcar orders or enter into contracts with less favorable contract terms such as contracts with fixed pricing provisions where material costs changes are not passed on to customers, any of which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Any fluctuations in the price or availability of steel, or any other material or component used in the production of our railcars or our railcar or industrial components, could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Such price increases could reduce demand for our railcars or component products. Deliveries of raw materials and components may also fluctuate depending on various factors including supply and demand for the raw material or component, or governmental regulation relating to the raw material or component, including regulation relating to importation and trade policies. Trade restrictions against items we source

from foreign manufacturers could increase the cost, delay shipping or reduce the supply of materials available to us or may require us to modify our current business practices, any of which could materially adversely affect our prospects, business, financial condition and results of operations.

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The variable needs of our railcar customers, the timing of completion, customer acceptance and shipment of orders, as well as the mix of railcars for lease versus direct sale, all may cause our revenues and income from operations to vary substantially each quarter, which could result in significant fluctuations in our quarterly and annual results.

Our results of operations in any particular quarterly period may be significantly affected by the number and type of railcars manufactured and shipped in that period, which is impacted by customer needs that may vary greatly quarter to quarter and year to year. In addition, because revenues and earnings related to leased railcars are recognized over the life of the lease, our quarterly results may vary depending on the mix of leased versus direct sale railcars that we ship during a given period. Demand for new railcars versus re-leased railcars may vary as well and may cause fluctuations in our backlog and negatively impact lease fleet utilization rates. Customers may decide to lease or buy our railcars based on many factors including tax and accounting considerations, interest rates, and operational flexibility. We have no control over these external considerations and changes in these factors could impact demand for our railcars for sale or lease. The customer acceptance and title transfer or customer acceptance and shipment of our railcars determine when we record the revenues associated with our railcar sales or leases.

Given this, the timing of customer acceptance and title transfer or customer acceptance and shipment of our railcars could cause fluctuations in our quarterly and annual results. The railroads could potentially go on strike or have other service interruptions, which could ultimately create a bottleneck and potentially cause us to slow down or halt our shipment and production schedules, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

As a result of these fluctuations, we believe that comparisons of our sales and operating results between quarterly periods within the same year and between quarterly periods within different years may not be meaningful and, as such, these comparisons should not be relied upon as indicators of our future performance.

If we lose any of our executive officers or key employees, our operations and ability to manage the day-to-day aspects of our business could be materially adversely affected.

Our future performance will substantially depend on our ability to retain and motivate our executive officers and key employees, both individually and as a group. If we lose any of our executive officers or key employees, who have many years of experience with our company and within the railcar industry and other manufacturing industries, or are unable to recruit qualified personnel, our ability to manage the day-to-day aspects of our business could be materially adversely affected. The loss of the services of one or more of our executive officers or key employees, who also have strong personal ties with customers and suppliers, could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. We do not currently maintain “key person” life insurance. Further, we do not have employment contracts with our executive officers and key employees.

Our continuing transition to managing our own railcar lease fleet is subject to various risks and uncertainties and may adversely impact our customer relationships, business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

In anticipation of the sale of ARL (the ARL Sale) to an unaffiliated third party (the Buyer) on June 1, 2017, we entered into a railcar management transition agreement (the RMTA) to manage the transition, from ARL to us, of the management of railcars owned by us and our subsidiaries. The RMTA, among other things, (i) permits us to assume the management of our railcars following the consummation of the ARL Sale; (ii) requires us to use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the consent of noteholders (the Noteholder Consent) for ARI to replace ARL as manager of railcars owned by our subsidiary, Longtrain Leasing III, LLC (LLIII) under that certain Indenture, dated January 29, 2015, between LLIII and U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee (the Longtrain Indenture), and certain related documents; and (iii) requires ARL to transfer to us certain books and records and electronic data with respect to our railcars and leasing business and otherwise assist in the transfer of the management of the leasing business to us. The Noteholder Consent was obtained on April 10, 2018 and on April 17, 2018, as further described in Note 17, Subsequent Events, ARI became the manager of the LLIII railcars and the railcar management agreement with ARL was terminated.

The ARL Sale was completed on June 1, 2017, but the process of transitioning the management of our leasing business from ARL to ARI continues and may involve unexpected costs, expenses and/or delays. This transition may cause confusion among our customers, and may lead our customers to attempt to negotiate changes in our existing relationships or cause them to consider entering into business relationships with other parties, including ARL, under



the Buyer's management, to our detriment. Further, we have engaged, and continue to engage, in a process to separate documentation of our leases from ARL's leases. This process requires the cooperation of our leasing customers and may take significant time to complete. If our customers do not cooperate or we are delayed in completing this transition, we may need to rely on ARL's continued cooperation, under the Buyer's management, to enforce our rights as lessor under certain of our leases.

Under our railcar management agreements, we historically relied on ARL to manage and market our railcars for lease and re-

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lease. We added several key employees throughout 2017, who have joined our lease fleet management and sales team from ARL, as well as from elsewhere in the industry. Our ability to continue to successfully manage our own railcar leasing business will depend in part on these employees continuing to support and manage our railcar leasing business. If we are unable to recruit, retain and train qualified personnel, and do so in a timely manner, our ability to manage our lease fleet could be materially adversely affected.

We cannot ensure that the continuing transition of the management of our leasing business from ARL to ARI will be effective or completed in a timely manner or at all. If we are unsuccessful or delayed in this endeavor, we may experience a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. Further, this continuing transition could disrupt our business by causing unforeseen operating difficulties, diverting management's attention from day-to-day operations and requiring significant financial resources that would otherwise be used for the ongoing development of our business.

We may encounter challenges integrating the intellectual property that we have licensed for use in our leasing business, managing the cessation of use of certain of our intellectual property and protecting our intellectual property and confidential information from misuse.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the RMTA, ARL provides us an irrevocable, fully paid, non-transferable (except as set forth therein), royalty-free license to certain software and databases owned and used by ARL to manage leased railcars. We have substantially completed the initial transition, but we could experience problems or delays related to further integration of our systems or implementing improvements or enhancements to the software and databases. We may experience compatibility issues, additional training requirements, higher than expected costs for the integration, improvements or enhancements, or other challenges and delays. If we experience problems or delays with integration and/or potential system enhancements, this could negatively impact our customers and customer relationships, our ability to maintain and grow our leasing business and our reputation as a railcar lessor. It could also have an adverse effect on our ability to generate and interpret accurate management and financial reports and other information on a timely basis, which could materially adversely affect our financial reporting system and internal controls and our ability to manage our business.

The RMTA also provides for the termination, as of the consummation of the ARL Sale, of a Trademark License Agreement between us and ARL, pursuant to which we granted to ARL a license to use our trademarks "American Railcar" and the "diamond shape" of its logo, and provides for the wind-down of ARL's use of such trademarks. We may experience problems with market and customer confusion as ARL transitions away from using the trademark American Railcar and its logo. The wind down of ARL's use of our trademarks will occur over a period of time depending on when railcars are in need of service and can be remarked and whether railcars are subject to a financing that requires railcars to bear certain marks.

Although we have contractually agreed to certain protections, we may not be able to prevent ARL, under the Buyer's management, from improperly using our proprietary information and intellectual property obtained by ARL in connection with its performance of duties as our lease fleet manager. If our intellectual property rights and confidential information are not adequately protected, our competitors could commercialize our technologies and use our information to compete against us in the market, which could result in a decrease in our sales and market share and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We depend upon a small number of customers that represent a large percentage of our revenues. The loss of any single significant customer, a reduction in sales to any significant customer or any significant customer's inability to pay us in a timely manner could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Railcars are typically sold pursuant to large, periodic orders, and therefore, a limited number of customers typically represent a significant percentage of our revenue in any given year. We also lease our railcars and provide railcar services to a limited number of customers. The loss of any significant portion of our sales, leases or railcar services to any major customer, the loss of a single major customer or a material adverse change in the financial condition of any one of our major customers could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In particular, we cannot provide any assurances that we will continue to provide railcar services or to sell railcars to ARL now that the ARL Sale has been completed and ARL is under the Buyer's management. If one of our

significant customers was unable or unwilling to pay for our products or services, it could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Exposure to fluctuations in commodity and energy prices or reduced demand for commodities may impact our results of operations.

Fluctuations in commodity or energy prices, including crude oil and gas prices, or reduced demand for commodities could negatively impact the activities of our customers resulting in a corresponding adverse effect on the demand for our products and services. These shifts in demand could affect our results of operations and could have an adverse effect on our profitability.

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Prices for oil and gas are subject to large fluctuations in response to relatively minor changes in the supply of and demand for oil and gas, market uncertainty and a variety of other economic factors that are beyond our control. Worldwide economic, political and military events, including war, terrorist activity, events in the Middle East and initiatives by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), have contributed, and are likely to continue to contribute, to price and volume volatility. Most recently, the increasing global supply of oil in conjunction with weakening demand from slowing economic growth in Europe and Asia has created downward pressure on crude oil prices. Changes in environmental or governmental regulations, pipeline capacity, the price of crude oil and gas and related products and other factors have reduced, and may continue to reduce demand for railcars in the energy transportation industry, including our primary railcar products, and have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Demand for railcars that are used to transport ethanol and other renewable fuels may be affected by government subsidies and mandates, which may be enacted, changed or eliminated from time to time. It is possible that the reduction or elimination of current US mandates for ethanol blending in motor fuels could reduce the production of ethanol, which would reduce demand for portions of our tank railcar fleet and negatively impact our revenue and profitability.

Fluctuations in the supply of components and raw materials we use in manufacturing railcars, which are often only available from a limited number of suppliers, could cause production delays or reductions in the number of railcars we manufacture, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our railcar manufacturing business depends on the adequate supply of numerous railcar components, such as railcar wheels, axles, brakes, bearings, yokes, sideframes, bolsters and other heavy castings and raw materials, such as steel. Some of these components and raw materials are only available from a limited number of domestic suppliers. Strong demand can cause industry-wide shortages of many critical components and raw materials as reliable suppliers could reach capacity production levels. Supply constraints in our industry are exacerbated because, although multiple suppliers may produce certain components, railcar manufacturing regulations and the physical capabilities of manufacturing facilities restrict the types and sizes of components and raw materials that manufacturers may use. In addition, we do not carry significant inventories of certain components and procure most of our components on an as-needed basis. In the event that our suppliers of railcar components and raw materials were to stop or reduce the production of railcar components and raw materials that we use, or refuse to do business with us for any reason, our business would be disrupted. Our inability to obtain components and raw materials in required quantities or of acceptable quality could result in significant delays or reductions in railcar shipments and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We rely on a small number of suppliers for the materials we purchase for our business. If any of our significant suppliers of raw materials and components were to shut down operations, our business and financial results could be materially adversely affected as we may incur substantial delays and significant expense in finding alternative sources. The quality and reliability of alternative sources may not be the same and these alternative sources may charge significantly higher prices. While we do not expect a significant impact to our operations or supply chain, our Ohio Castings joint venture is expected to remain idled through most, if not all, of 2018, and this requires us to procure select components from third party vendors.

The impact of recently enacted U.S. tax laws is not yet clear.

Congress enacted legislation commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the 2017 Tax Act) in December 2017. The 2017 Tax Act made significant changes to U.S. federal income tax laws. Changes included, but were not limited to: a federal corporate tax rate decrease from 35% to 21%, effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017; the transition of U.S. international taxation from a worldwide tax system to a territorial system; and a one-time transition tax on the mandatory deemed repatriation of cumulative foreign earnings as of December 31, 2017. We estimated the impact of the 2017 Tax Act in our income tax provision for the year ended December 31, 2017 in accordance with our understanding of the 2017 Tax Act and the guidance available as of the date of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. As a result of this analysis, we recorded adjustments to our various tax balances for current, long-term, and deferred tax assets and liabilities during the fourth quarter of 2017, the period in which the legislation was enacted. We cannot assure that this estimate is accurate. The

interpretations of many provisions of the 2017 Tax Act are still unclear. We continue to evaluate any additional guidance related to the 2017 Tax Act and assess its impact on our federal and state estimates related to 2017. We cannot predict when or to what extent any U.S. federal tax laws, regulations, interpretations, or rulings clarifying the 2017 Tax Act will be issued or the impact of any such guidance on us. It is also unclear the full extent of U.S. states that will incorporate these federal law changes, or portions thereof, into their tax codes. Any subsequent changes to our federal and state estimates may impact our financial condition.

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Companies affiliated with Mr. Carl Icahn are important to our business.

We manufacture railcars and railcar components for, lease railcars to, and provide railcar services to companies affiliated with Mr. Carl Icahn, our principal beneficial stockholder through IELP. We are currently subject to agreements, and may enter into additional agreements, with certain of these affiliates that are important to our business. To the extent our relationships with affiliates of Mr. Carl Icahn change due to the sale of his interest in us, such affiliates or otherwise, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Affiliates of Mr. Carl Icahn accounted for approximately 0.4% and approximately 5.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. This revenue in 2018 is primarily attributable to railcars leased to certain of the IELP Entities, and in 2017 was primarily attributable to railcar services provided to ARL. Upon consummation of the ARL Sale as of June 1, 2017, ARL is no longer affiliated with us or Mr. Carl Icahn. ARL has no obligation to purchase our railcars or services and we cannot assure you that we will receive any revenues from ARL in the future. Our revenue from affiliates also has been and could continue to be generated from a purchasing and engineering services agreement and license with ACF, under which we provide purchasing support and engineering services to ACF in connection with ACF's manufacture and sale of certain tank railcars at its facility. Additionally, we have a repair services and support agreement and license with ACF, under which we provide certain sales and administrative and technical services, materials and purchasing support and engineering services to ACF to provide repair and retrofit services. We also have entered into a parts purchasing and sale agreement and license with ACF, under which we from time to time, purchase from and sell to ACF certain parts for railcars. To the extent our relationships with Mr. Carl Icahn or companies affiliated with him change, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Mr. Carl Icahn exerts significant influence over us and his interests may conflict with the interests of our other stockholders.

Mr. Carl Icahn currently controls approximately 62% of the voting power of our common stock, through IELP, and is able to control or exert substantial influence over us, including controlling the election of our directors and most matters requiring board or stockholder approval, including business strategies, mergers, business combinations, acquisitions or dispositions of significant assets, issuances of common stock, incurrence of debt or other financing and the payment of dividends. The existence of a controlling stockholder may have the effect of making it difficult for, or may discourage or delay, a third party from seeking to acquire a majority of our outstanding common stock, or a significant amount of our assets, which could adversely affect the market price of our stock.

As disclosed by a Schedule 13D filed on August 14, 2015, Mr. Carl Icahn and the Reporting Persons listed therein do not intend to sell their respective shares pursuant to our Stock Repurchase Program and, accordingly, the percentage of our shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons has increased and may continue to increase during the Stock Repurchase Program, thus further increasing Mr. Carl Icahn's control and influence over us.

Mr. Carl Icahn owns, controls and has an interest in a wide array of companies, some of which, such as ACF and, prior to the ARL Sale, ARL, may compete directly or indirectly with us. As a result, his interests may not always be consistent with our interests or the interests of our other stockholders. For example, ACF has previously manufactured railcars for us and under a purchasing and engineering services agreement and license has been manufacturing and selling tank railcars with engineering, purchasing and design support from us. Mr. Carl Icahn and entities controlled by him may also pursue acquisitions or business opportunities that may be in competition with or complementary to our business. Our articles of incorporation allow Mr. Carl Icahn, entities controlled by him, and any director, officer, member, partner, stockholder or employee of Mr. Carl Icahn or entities controlled by him, to take advantage of such corporate opportunities without first presenting such opportunities to us, unless such opportunities are expressly offered to any such party solely in, and as a direct result of, his or her capacity as our director, officer or employee. As a result, corporate opportunities that may benefit us may not be available to us in a timely manner, or at all. To the extent that conflicts of interest may arise among us, Mr. Carl Icahn and his affiliates, those conflicts may be resolved in a manner adverse to us or you.

Litigation claims could increase our costs and weaken our financial condition.

We are currently, and may from time to time be, involved in various claims or legal proceedings arising out of our operations. The nature of our businesses and assets expose us to the potential for claims and litigation related to personal injury, property damage, environmental claims, regulatory claims, contractual disputes and various other matters. In particular, railcars we manufacture and lease will be used in a variety of manners, which may include carrying hazardous, flammable, and/or corrosive materials. An accident involving a railcar carrying such materials could lead to litigation and subject us to significant liability, particularly where the accident involves serious personal injury or loss of life. Our railcars, as well as our railcar and industrial components, are subject to risks of breakdowns, malfunctions, casualty and other negative events and it is possible that claims for personal injury, loss of life, property damage, business losses and other liability arising out of these or other

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types of incidents will be made against us. Additionally, in our normal course of business from time to time we enter into contracts with third parties that may lead to contractual disputes. Our failure to manufacture and maintain railcars in compliance with governmental regulations and industry rules could also expose us to fines and claims. Adverse outcomes in some or all of these matters could result in judgments against us for significant monetary damages that could increase our costs and weaken our financial condition. We seek contractual recourse and indemnification in the ordinary course of business, maintain reserves for reasonably estimable liabilities, and purchase liability insurance at coverage levels based upon commercial norms in our industries in an effort to mitigate our liability exposure.

Nevertheless, our reserves may be inadequate to cover the uninsured portion of claims or judgments. Any such claims or judgments could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to a variety of environmental, health and safety laws and regulations and the cost of complying, or our failure to comply, with such requirements could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We are subject to a variety of federal, state, local and foreign environmental laws and regulations relating to the release or discharge of materials into the environment; the management, use, processing, handling, storage, transport or disposal of hazardous materials; or otherwise relating to the protection of public and employee health, safety and the environment. These laws and regulations expose us to liability for the environmental condition of our current or formerly owned or operated facilities, and may expose us to liability for the conduct of others or for our actions that complied with all applicable laws at the time these actions were taken. They may also expose us to liability for claims of personal injury or property damage related to alleged exposure to hazardous or toxic materials on our properties or as a result of a spill or discharge of material from a railcar we own. Despite our intention to be in compliance, we cannot guarantee that we will at all times comply with such requirements. The cost of complying with these requirements may also increase substantially in future years. If we violate or fail to comply with these requirements, we could be fined or otherwise sanctioned by regulators. In addition, these requirements are complex, change frequently and may become more stringent over time, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our failure to maintain and comply with environmental and other permits that we are required to maintain could result in fines, penalties or other sanctions and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, as these permits expire and are renewed, new or different requirements could be imposed on us, which may give rise to additional compliance and other costs that could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Future events, such as new environmental or other regulations, changes in or modified interpretations of existing laws and regulations or enforcement policies, newly discovered information or further investigation or evaluation of the potential health hazards of products or business activities, may give rise to additional compliance and other costs that could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Volatility in the global financial markets or certain industries may adversely affect our customers and suppliers, resulting in adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operation.

During periods of volatility in the global financial markets, certain of our customers could delay or otherwise reduce their purchases of railcars and other products and services or could attempt to cancel, terminate, delay or renegotiate orders for sale or ongoing leases. If volatile conditions in the global credit markets prevent our customers' access to credit, order volumes may decrease or customers may default on payments owed to us or return railcars to us at the end of a lease rather than re-leasing those railcars. Some of the end users of our railcars acquire them through leasing arrangements with our leasing company customers. Economic conditions that result in higher interest rates may result in stricter borrowing conditions that could increase the cost of, or potentially deter or delay, new leasing arrangements. These factors may cause our customers to purchase or lease fewer railcars, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. If customers attempt to cancel, terminate, delay or renegotiate purchase orders or lease contracts, we may experience increased enforcement costs, including for litigation.

The railcars in our lease fleet consist of tank and hopper railcars. The lessees of these types of railcars have historically been concentrated for use in certain industries and for certain products and our lessees generally reflect



such industry and product concentrations. Consequently, any significant economic downturn in these industries or product markets could have a material adverse effect on the creditworthiness of the lessees and on the ability of such lessees to perform under the leases, which may impact our ability to re-lease railcars to those lessees or to other potential lessees with a need for railcars of the types we operate, reduce our revenue, divert management's attention or limit our ability to further attract financing to add liquidity in the future.

If our suppliers face challenges obtaining credit, selling their products, or otherwise operating their businesses, the supply of materials we purchase from them to manufacture our products may be interrupted. Any of these conditions or events could

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result in reductions in our revenues, increased price competition, or increased operating costs, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Train derailments or other accidents involving our products could subject us to legal claims that may adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We manufacture railcars for our customers to transport a variety of commodities, including railcars that transport hazardous materials such as crude oil and other petroleum products. We also manufacture railcar components, as well as industrial components for use in several markets, including the trucking, construction, mining and oil and gas exploration markets. We could be subject to various legal claims, including claims for negligence, personal injury, physical damage and product liability, as well as potential penalties and liability under environmental or other laws and regulations, in the event of a train derailment or other accident involving our products or services. If we become subject to any such claims and are unable to resolve them successfully, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Our relationships with our joint ventures could be unsuccessful, which could materially adversely affect our business. We have entered into joint venture agreements with other companies to increase our sourcing alternatives and reduce costs. We also may seek to expand our relationships or enter into new agreements with other companies. In addition, we may experience managerial or other conflicts with our joint venture partners. If our joint venture partners are unable to fulfill their contractual obligations or if these relationships are otherwise not successful in the future, our manufacturing costs could increase, we could encounter production disruptions, growth opportunities could fail to materialize, or we could be required to fund such joint ventures in amounts significantly greater than initially anticipated, any of which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. If any of our joint ventures generate significant losses, it could adversely affect our results of operations. For example, if our Axis joint venture is unable to operate as anticipated, incurs significant losses or otherwise is unable to honor its obligation to us under the Axis loan, our financial results or financial position could be materially adversely affected. In addition, any fluctuation in the price or availability of castings from other sources while the Ohio Castings plant is idled could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our investment in our lease fleet may use significant amounts of cash, which may require us to secure additional capital and we may be unable to arrange capital on favorable terms, or at all.

We use existing cash and cash generated through lease fleet financings to manufacture railcars we lease to customers, while cash from lease revenues is received over the term of the applicable lease. Depending upon the number of railcars that we lease and the amount of cash used in other operations, our cash balances and our availability under any of our lease fleet financings could be depleted, requiring us to seek additional capital. We rely on banks and capital markets to fund our lease fleet financings. These markets may experience high levels of volatility and access to capital may be limited for extended periods of time. In addition to conditions in the capital markets, changes in our financial performance or credit ratings or ratings outlook, as determined by rating agencies, could cause us to incur increased borrowing costs or to have greater difficulty accessing public and private markets for debt. Further, changes in interest rates could make it more difficult for us to incur additional debt or could impact the costs of our current financing facilities. Our inability to secure additional capital, on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, may limit our ability to support operations, maintain or expand our existing business, or take advantage of new business opportunities. We could also experience defaults on leases that could further constrain cash, impact our ability to re-lease railcars, reduce our revenues, divert management's attention or limit our ability to further attract financing to add liquidity in the future.

The success of our railcar leasing business is dependent, in part, on our lessees performing their obligations.

The ability of each lessee to perform its obligations under a lease will depend primarily on such lessee's financial condition, as well as various other factors. The financial condition of a lessee may be affected by numerous factors beyond our control, including, but not limited to, competition, operating costs, general economic conditions and environmental and other governmental regulation of or affecting the lessee's industry. High default rates on leases could increase the portion of railcars that may need to be re-marketed after they are repossessed from defaulting lessees, impact our ability to re-lease railcars to lessees, reduce our revenues, divert management's attention or limit our ability to further attract financing to add liquidity in the future. There can be no assurance that the historical

default experience with respect to our lease fleet will continue in the future.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash flow to service our obligations and we may not be able to refinance our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms, or at all.

Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness and to fund planned capital expenditures, strategic

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transactions, joint venture capital requirements or expansion efforts will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. This, to a certain extent, is subject to economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control.

Our business may not be able to generate sufficient cash flow from operations and there can be no assurance that future borrowings will be available to us in amounts sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness as such indebtedness matures and to fund our other liquidity needs, or at all. If this is the case, we will need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness on or before maturity, and we cannot be certain that we will be able to refinance any of our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. We might have to adopt one or more alternatives, such as reducing or delaying planned expenses and capital expenditures, selling assets, restructuring debt, or obtaining additional equity or debt financing. These financing strategies may not be implemented on satisfactory terms, if at all. Our ability to refinance our indebtedness or obtain additional financing and to do so on commercially reasonable terms will depend on our financial condition at the time, restrictions in any agreements governing our indebtedness and other factors, including the condition of the financial markets and the railcar industry.

If we do not generate sufficient cash flow from operations and additional borrowings, refinancing or proceeds of asset sales are not available to us, we may not have sufficient cash to enable us to meet all of our obligations.

Our indebtedness could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and prevent us from fulfilling our indebtedness obligations.

As of March 31, 2018, our total debt was \$539.3 million, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$4.6 million, consisting of borrowings under our lease fleet financings. In February 2016, we repaid amounts outstanding under our revolving loan in full and as of the date of this report, we have borrowing availability of \$200.0 million under this facility.

Our indebtedness could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. For example, it could:

- increase our vulnerability to general economic and industry conditions;
  - require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments of our indebtedness, which would reduce the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, expansion efforts and other general corporate purposes;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate, including by restricting our ability to manage our own lease fleet following the ARL Sale;
- place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and
- limit, among other things, our ability to borrow additional funds for working capital, capital expenditures, general corporate purposes or acquisitions.

Our inability to comply with covenants in place or our inability to make the required principal and interest payments may cause an event of default, which could have a substantial adverse impact to our business, financial condition and results of operations. In the event of a default on our lease fleet financings, the debtors may foreclose on all or a portion of the fleet of railcars and related leases used to secure the financing. Such foreclosure, if a significant number of railcars or related leases are affected, could result in the loss of a significant amount of our assets and adversely affect revenues.

Our wholly-owned subsidiary, LLIII's, lease fleet financing is an obligation of LLIII, is generally non-recourse to ARI, and is secured by a first lien on the subject assets of LLIII consisting of railcars, railcar leases, receivables and related assets, subject to limited exceptions.

Despite our indebtedness, we may still be able to incur substantially more debt, as may our subsidiaries, which could further exacerbate the risks associated with our indebtedness.

Despite our indebtedness, we may be able to incur future indebtedness, including secured indebtedness, and this debt could be substantial. If new debt is added to our or our subsidiaries' current debt levels, the related risks that we or they now face could be magnified.

Our Stock Repurchase Program could affect the price of our common stock and increase volatility and may be suspended or terminated at any time, which may result in a decrease in the trading price of our common stock.

On July 28, 2015 our board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$250 million of our outstanding common stock. The Stock Repurchase Program will end upon the earlier of the date on which it is terminated by the board or when all authorized repurchases are completed. The timing and amount of stock repurchases, if any, will be determined based upon our evaluation

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of market conditions and other factors. The Stock Repurchase Program may be suspended, modified or discontinued at any time and we have no obligation to repurchase any amount of our common stock under the Stock Repurchase Program.

Repurchases pursuant to our Stock Repurchase Program could affect our stock price and increase the volatility of our common stock. The existence of a stock repurchase program could also cause our stock price to be higher than it would be in the absence of such a program and could potentially reduce the market liquidity for our stock. Although our Stock Repurchase Program is intended to enhance long-term stockholder value, we cannot assure this will occur. Further, short-term stock price fluctuations could reduce the program's effectiveness. Under the Stock Repurchase Program, no repurchases were made during 2017 or the first quarter of 2018 and board authorization of \$164 million remains available for further stock repurchases.

Repurchases pursuant to our Stock Repurchase Program could also impact the relative percentage interests of our stockholders and could cause a stockholder to become subject to additional reporting requirements under SEC rules and regulations or allow a stockholder to exert additional control over us.

The level of our reported railcar backlog may not necessarily indicate what our future revenues will be and our actual revenues may fall short of the estimated revenue value attributed to our railcar backlog, or may be delayed in conversion beyond our original estimates.

We define backlog as the number of new railcars to which our customers have committed in writing to purchase or lease from us that have not been shipped, net of any cancellations. The estimated backlog value in dollars is the anticipated revenue on the railcars included in the backlog for purchase and the estimated fair market value of the railcars included in the backlog for lease, though actual revenues for these leases are recognized pursuant to the terms of each lease. We cannot guarantee that the actual revenue from these orders will equal our reported estimated backlog value or that our future revenue efforts will be successful. Our competitors may not define railcar backlog in the same manner as we do, which could make comparisons of our railcar backlog with theirs misleading. Customer orders may be subject to requests for delays in deliveries, inspection rights and other customary industry terms and conditions, which could prevent or delay our railcar backlog from being shipped and converted into revenues. Further, especially during economic downturns or industry-specific downturns, some of our customers may attempt to cancel or modify their contracts even if not permitted to do so under the contract. Examples of such modifications include delivery deferral, substituting a used railcar in place of a new railcar, or replacing a railcar that was ordered for direct sale with a leased railcar, or vice versa. Consequently, we may not be able to recover all revenue or earnings lost in the event of a breach of contract or if we agree to a customer accommodation, either of which could also impact the timing of conversion of our backlog into revenues. Our reported railcar backlog may not be converted into revenues in any particular period, if at all, and the actual revenues may not equal our reported estimates of railcar backlog value.

We may pursue strategic opportunities, including new joint ventures, acquisitions, new business endeavors or the sale of all or a portion of our business or assets, that involve inherent risks, any of which may cause us not to realize anticipated benefits and we may have difficulty integrating the operations of any joint ventures that we form, companies that we acquire or new business endeavors, which could materially adversely affect our results of operations.

We may not be able to successfully identify suitable joint venture, acquisition, business combination, new business endeavor or sale opportunities or complete any particular transaction on acceptable terms. Our identification of suitable joint venture opportunities, acquisition candidates, new business endeavors or buyers and the integration of new and acquired business operations involve risks inherent in assessing the values, strengths, weaknesses, risks and profitability of these opportunities. This includes their effects on our business, diversion of our management's attention and risks associated with unanticipated problems or unforeseen liabilities. These issues may require significant financial resources that could otherwise be used for the ongoing development of our current operations. The difficulties of integration may be increased by the necessity of coordinating geographically dispersed organizations, integrating personnel with disparate business backgrounds and combining different corporate cultures. These difficulties could be further increased to the extent we pursue opportunities internationally or in new markets where we do not have significant experience. In addition, we may not be effective in retaining key employees or customers of the combined businesses. We may face integration issues pertaining to the internal controls and

operations functions of the acquired companies and we may not realize cost efficiencies or synergies that we anticipated when selecting our acquisition or sale candidates. Any of these items could adversely affect our results of operations.

Our failure to identify suitable joint ventures, acquisition opportunities, business combinations, new business endeavors or sales may restrict our ability to grow our business. If we are successful in pursuing such opportunities, we may be required to expend significant funds, incur additional debt, issue additional securities or sell our business or assets, which could materially adversely affect our results of operations and be dilutive to our stockholders. If we spend significant funds, incur additional debt or dispense with assets or stock, our ability to obtain financing for working capital or other purposes could decline and we may be more vulnerable to economic downturns and competitive pressures.

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Our integration of our enterprise resource planning (ERP) system could negatively impact our business. During the third quarter of 2015, we implemented an ERP system for our manufacturing, railcar leasing and corporate segments that supports substantially all of our operating and financial functions. We implemented this ERP system for our railcar services segment during the second quarter of 2016. We experienced delays with this project and terminated and filed suit against a systems implementer we previously hired to implement this system. Although we hired a new systems implementer and the ERP system has been fully implemented, we could experience unforeseen issues, including compatibility issues, training requirements and other integration challenges and delays. Additionally, a significant problem with the integration with other systems or ongoing management of an ERP system and related systems could have an adverse effect on our ability to generate and interpret accurate management and financial reports and other information on a timely basis, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial reporting system and internal controls and adversely affect our ability to manage our business or comply with various regulations.

Increasing insurance claims and expenses could lower profitability and increase business risk.

The nature of our business subjects us to product liability, property damage, and personal injury claims, especially in connection with the manufacture, repair or other servicing of products or components that are used in the transport or handling of hazardous, toxic, or volatile materials. We maintain reserves for reasonably estimable liability claims and liability insurance coverage at levels based upon commercial norms in the industries in which we operate and our historical claims experience. There is no guarantee that cost-effective insurance will consistently be available to us. Over the last several years, insurance carriers have raised premiums for many companies operating in our industries. Increased insurance premiums may further increase our insurance expense as coverages expire or cause us to raise our self-insured retention. If the number or severity of claims within our self-insured retention increases, we could suffer costs in excess of our reserves. An unusually large liability claim or a series of claims based on a failure repeated throughout our mass production process may exceed our insurance coverage or result in direct damages if we were unable or elected not to insure against certain hazards because of high premiums or other reasons. In addition, the availability of, and our ability to collect on, insurance coverage is often subject to factors beyond our control. Moreover, any accident or incident involving us, even if we are fully insured or not held to be liable, could negatively affect our reputation among customers and the public, thereby making it more difficult for us to compete effectively, and could materially adversely affect the cost and availability of insurance in the future.

Uncertainty surrounding acceptance of our new product offerings by our customers, and costs associated with those new offerings, could materially adversely affect our business.

Our strategy depends in part on our continued development and sale of new products, particularly new railcar designs, in order to expand or maintain our market share in our current and new markets. Any new or modified product design that we develop may not gain widespread acceptance in the marketplace and any such product may not be able to compete successfully with existing or new product designs that our competitors may have. Furthermore, we may experience significant initial costs of production of new products, particularly railcar products, related to training, labor and operating inefficiencies. To the extent that the total costs of production significantly exceed our anticipated costs of production, we may incur losses on the sale of any new products.

Equipment failures, delays in deliveries or extensive damage to our facilities, particularly our railcar manufacturing plants in Paragould or Marmaduke, Arkansas, could lead to production or service curtailments or shutdowns.

An interruption in manufacturing capabilities at our railcar plants in Paragould or Marmaduke or at any of our manufacturing facilities, whether as a result of equipment failure or any other reason, could reduce, prevent or delay production of our railcars or railcar and industrial components, which could alter the scheduled delivery dates to our customers and affect our production schedule. This could result in the delay or termination of orders, the loss of future sales and a negative impact to our reputation with our customers and in the railcar industry, all of which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

All of our facilities and equipment are subject to the risk of catastrophic loss due to unanticipated events, such as fires, earthquakes, explosions, floods, tornados, hurricanes or weather conditions. If there is a natural disaster or other serious disruption at any of our facilities, we may experience plant shutdowns or periods of reduced production as a result of equipment failures, loss of power, delays in equipment deliveries, or extensive damage to any of our



facilities, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Additionally, our insurance coverage may not adequately compensate us for losses incurred as a result of natural or other disasters.

Our mobile units and mini shop facilities may expose us to additional risks that may materially adversely affect our

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business.

Our mobile units and mini shop repair facilities are available to assist customers in quickly resolving railcar maintenance issues and services may be performed on a customer's property, thereby increasing our susceptibility to liability. Additionally, the resources available to employees to assist in providing services out of these facilities are less than what is available at a full repair facility. The effects of these risks may, individually or in the aggregate, materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our failure to complete capital expenditure projects on time and within budget, or the failure of these projects to operate as anticipated could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our capital expenditure projects are subject to a number of risks and contingencies over which we may have little control and that may adversely affect the cost and timing of the completion of those projects, or the capacity or efficiencies of those projects once completed. If these capital expenditure projects do not achieve the results anticipated, we may not be able to satisfy our operational goals on a timely basis, if at all. If we are unable to complete such capital expenditure projects on time or within budget, or if those projects do not achieve the capacity or efficiencies anticipated, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

The price of our common stock is subject to volatility.

The market price for our common stock has varied between a high closing sales price of \$48.60 per share and a low closing sales price of \$34.58 per share in the past twenty-four months as of March 31, 2018. This volatility may affect the price at which our common stock could be sold. In addition, the broader stock market has experienced price and volume fluctuations. This volatility has affected the market prices of securities issued by many companies for reasons unrelated to their operating performance and may adversely affect the price of our common stock. The price for our common stock is likely to continue to be volatile and subject to price and volume fluctuations in response to market and other factors, including the other factors discussed in these risk factors.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of their stock, many companies have been the subject of securities class action litigation. If we became involved in securities class action litigation in the future, it could result in substantial costs and diversion of our management's attention and resources and could harm our stock price, business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

Various other factors could cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate substantially, including financial market and general economic changes, changes in governmental regulation, significant railcar industry announcements or developments, the introduction of new products or technologies by us or our competitors, our Stock Repurchase Program, and changes in other conditions or trends in our industry or in the markets of any of our significant customers.

Other factors that could cause our stock's price to fluctuate could be actual or anticipated variations in our or our competitors' quarterly or annual financial results or other significant press releases from us or our competitors, financial results failing to meet expectations of analysts or investors, including the level of our backlog and number of orders received during the period, changes in securities analysts' estimates of our future performance or of that of our competitors and the general health and outlook of our industry.

Risks related to our activities or potential activities outside of the U.S. and any potential expansion into new geographic markets could adversely affect our results of operations.

Conducting business outside the U.S. subjects us to various risks, including changing economic, legal and political conditions, work stoppages, exchange controls, currency fluctuations, terrorist activities directed at U.S. companies, armed conflicts and unexpected changes in the U.S. and the laws of other countries relating to tariffs, trade restrictions, transportation regulations, foreign investments and taxation. Further, anti-corruption laws in the U.S. and in some foreign countries could conflict with certain local customs and practices and any failure to comply with laws governing international business practices may result in substantial penalties and fines. Some foreign countries in which we operate have regulatory authorities that regulate railroad safety, railcar design and railcar component part design, performance and manufacturing.

In addition, changes in regulatory requirements, tariffs and other trade barriers, more stringent rules relating to labor or the environment, adverse tax consequences and price exchange controls could make the manufacturing and

distribution of our products internationally more difficult. The failure to comply with laws governing international business practices may result in substantial penalties and fines. Any international expansion or acquisition that we undertake could heighten these risks related to operating outside of the U.S.

Some of our railcar services and component manufacturing employees belong to labor unions and strikes or work

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stoppages by them or unions formed by some or all of our other employees in the future could materially adversely affect our operations.

As of March 31, 2018, the employees at our sites that were party to collective bargaining agreements represented, in the aggregate, approximately 11.2% of our total workforce. Disputes with regard to the terms of these agreements or our potential inability to negotiate acceptable contracts with these unions in the future could result in, among other things, strikes, work stoppages or other slowdowns by the affected workers. We cannot guarantee that our relations with our union workforce will remain positive nor can we guarantee that union organizers will not succeed in future attempts to organize our railcar manufacturing employees or employees at our other facilities. If our workers were to engage in a strike, work stoppage or other slowdown, other employees were to become unionized or the terms and conditions in future labor agreements were renegotiated, we could experience a significant disruption of our operations and higher ongoing labor costs. In addition, we could face higher labor costs in the future as a result of severance or other charges associated with layoffs, shutdowns or reductions in the size and scope of our operations. If ACF does not, or is unable to, honor its remedial or indemnity obligations to us regarding environmental matters, such environmental matters could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Certain real properties we acquired from ACF in 1994 had been involved in investigation and remediation activities to address contamination both before and after their transfer to ARI. ACF is an affiliate of Mr. Carl Icahn, our principal beneficial stockholder through IELP. Substantially all of the issues identified with respect to these properties relate to the use of these properties prior to their transfer to us by ACF and for which ACF has retained liability for environmental contamination that may have existed at the time of transfer to us. ACF has also agreed to indemnify us for any cost that might be incurred with those existing issues. As of the date of this report, we do not believe we will incur material costs in connection with activities relating to these properties, but we cannot assure that this will be the case. If ACF fails to honor its obligations to us, we could be responsible for the cost of any additional investigation or remediation activities relating to these properties that may be required. These additional costs could be material or could interfere with the operation of our business. Any environmental liabilities we may incur that are not covered by adequate insurance or indemnification will also increase our costs and have a negative impact on our profitability. If we are unable to protect our intellectual property and prevent its improper use by third parties, our ability to compete in the market may be harmed.

Various patent, copyright, trade secret and trademark laws afford only limited protection and may not prevent our competitors from duplicating our products or gaining access to our proprietary information and technology. These means also may not permit us to gain or maintain a competitive advantage. To the extent we expand internationally, we become subject to the risk that foreign intellectual property laws will not protect our intellectual property rights to the same extent as intellectual property laws in the U.S.

Any of our patents may be challenged, invalidated, circumvented or rendered unenforceable. We cannot guarantee that we will be successful should one or more of our patents be challenged for any reason. If our patent claims are rendered invalid or unenforceable, or narrowed in scope, the patent coverage afforded our products could be impaired, which could significantly impede our ability to market our products, negatively affect our competitive position and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our pending or future patent applications may not result in an issued patent and, if patents are issued to us, such patents may not provide meaningful protection against competitors or against competitive technologies. The U.S. federal courts may invalidate our patents or find them unenforceable. Competitors may also be able to design around our patents. Other parties may develop and obtain patent protection for more effective technologies, designs or methods. If these developments were to occur, it could have an adverse effect on our sales. If our intellectual property rights are not adequately protected we may not be able to commercialize our technologies, products or services and our competitors could commercialize our technologies, which could result in a decrease in our sales and market share and could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our products could infringe the intellectual property rights of others, which may lead to litigation that could itself be costly, result in the payment of substantial damages or royalties, and prevent us from using technology that is essential to our products.

We cannot guarantee that our products, manufacturing processes or other methods do not infringe the patents or other intellectual property rights of third parties. Infringement and other intellectual property claims and proceedings brought against us, whether successful or not, could result in substantial costs and harm our reputation. Such claims and proceedings can also distract and divert our management and key personnel from other tasks important to the success of our business. In addition,

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intellectual property litigation or claims could force us to do one or more of the following:

- cease selling or using any of our products that incorporate the asserted intellectual property, which would adversely affect our revenues;
- pay substantial damages for past use of the asserted intellectual property;
- obtain a license from the holder of the asserted intellectual property, which license may not be available on reasonable terms, if at all; and
- redesign or rename, in the case of trademark claims, our products to avoid infringing the intellectual property rights of third parties, which may be costly and time-consuming, if possible at all.

In the event of an adverse determination in an intellectual property suit or proceeding, or our failure to license essential technology, our sales could be harmed and our costs could increase, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our investment activities are subject to risks that could materially adversely affect our results of operations, liquidity and financial condition.

From time to time, we may invest in marketable securities, or derivatives thereof, including higher risk equity securities and high yield debt instruments. These securities are subject to general credit, liquidity, and market risks and interest rate fluctuations that have affected various sectors of the financial markets and in the past have caused overall tightening of the credit markets and declines in the stock markets. The market risks associated with any investments we may make could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

Our investments at any given time also may become highly concentrated within a particular company, industry, asset category, trading style or financial or economic market. In that event, our investment portfolio will be more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse economic conditions affecting the performance of that particular company, industry, asset category, trading style or economic market than a less concentrated portfolio would be. As a result, our investment portfolio could become concentrated and its aggregate return may be volatile and may be affected substantially by the performance of only one or a few holdings. For reasons not necessarily attributable to any of the risks set forth in this report (for example, supply/demand imbalances or other market forces), the prices of the securities in which we invest may decline substantially.

Changes in assumptions or investment performance related to pension plans that we sponsor could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We are responsible for making funding contributions to two frozen pension plans and are liable for any unfunded liabilities that may exist should any of our plans be terminated. Our liability and resulting costs for these plans may increase or decrease based upon a number of factors, including actuarial assumptions used, the discount rate used in calculating the present value of future liabilities, and investment performance, which could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. There is no assurance that interest rates will remain constant or that our pension fund assets can earn the expected rate of return, and our actual experience may be significantly different. Our pension expenses and funding may also be greater than we currently anticipate if our assumptions regarding plan earnings and expenses turn out to be incorrect.

We may be required to reduce the value of our inventory, long-lived assets, investment in joint ventures, and/or goodwill, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be required to reduce inventory carrying values using the lower of cost or market approach in the future due to a decline in market conditions in the industries in which we operate, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Future events, such as a weak economic environment or challenging market conditions, new or modified laws and regulations affecting our railcars, and events related to particular customers or railcar types could cause us to conclude that impairment indicators exist and that our investment in our joint ventures or our goodwill associated with our acquired businesses is impaired. Any resulting impairment loss related to reductions in the value of our inventory, long-lived assets, investments in joint ventures, or our goodwill could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We review long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the long-lived assets may not be recoverable. As discussed in Note 7, based on declined industry demand,

Ohio Castings was idled in January 2017 and continues to remain idle. The Company expects that Ohio Castings will remain idle through most, if not all, of 2018, subject to re-evaluation based on changes in future demand expectations. Therefore, Ohio Castings performed an analysis of long-lived assets as of December 31, 2017, in accordance with ASC 360, Property, Plant and Equipment. Based on this analysis, Ohio Castings concluded that there was no impairment of its long-lived assets. In turn, ARI evaluated its

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investment in Ohio Castings and determined there was no impairment. The Company and Ohio Castings will continue to monitor for impairment as necessary.

As discussed in Note 3 and Note 8 of our consolidated financial statements to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, no other triggering events occurred in 2017 to cause concern that our long-lived assets or goodwill would be impaired and thus no impairment loss was noted in 2017. Additionally, no indications were identified that would suggest we need to reduce our inventory carrying values that are not already reflected in the current balances. We perform an annual goodwill impairment test each year. Assumptions used in our impairment tests regarding future operating results of our reporting units could prove to be inaccurate. This could cause an adverse change in our valuation and thus any of our impairment tests may have been flawed. Any future impairment tests are subject to the same risks.

The use of railcars as a significant mode of transporting freight could decline, become more efficient over time, experience a shift in types of modal transportation, and/or certain railcar types could become obsolete.

As the freight transportation markets we serve continue to evolve and become more efficient, the use of railcars may decline in favor of other more economic modes of transportation. Features and functionality specific to certain railcar types could result in those railcars becoming obsolete as customer requirements for freight delivery change. Our operations may be adversely impacted by changes in the preferred method used by customers to ship their products or changes in demand for particular products. The industries in which our customers operate are driven by dynamic market forces and trends, which are in turn influenced by economic and political factors in the U.S. and abroad. Demand for our railcars may be significantly affected by changes in the markets in which our customers operate. A significant reduction in customer demand for transportation or manufacture of a particular product or change in the preferred method of transportation used by customers to ship their products could result in the economic obsolescence of our railcars, including those leased by our customers.

Our stock price may decline due to sales of shares beneficially owned by Mr. Carl Icahn through IELP.

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock, or the perception that these sales may occur, may materially adversely affect the price of our common stock and impede our ability to raise capital through the issuance of equity securities in the future. Of our outstanding shares of common stock, currently approximately 62% are beneficially owned by Mr. Carl Icahn, our principal beneficial stockholder through IELP.

Certain stockholders are contractually entitled, subject to certain exceptions, to exercise their demand registration rights to register their shares under the Securities Act of 1933. If this right is exercised, holders of any of our common stock subject to these agreements will be entitled to participate in such registration. By exercising their registration rights, and selling a large number of shares, these holders could cause the price of our common stock to decline.

Approximately 11.2 million shares of common stock are covered by such registration rights.

Changes in accounting standards or inaccurate estimates or assumptions in the application of accounting policies could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Our accounting policies and methods are fundamental to how we record and report our financial condition and results of operations. Some of these policies require use of estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported value of our assets or liabilities and financial results and are critical because they require management to make difficult, subjective, and complex judgments about matters that are inherently uncertain. Accounting standard setters and those who interpret the accounting standards, such as the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the SEC may amend or even reverse their previous interpretations or positions on how these standards should be applied. These changes can be hard to predict and can materially impact how we record and report our financial condition and results of operations. In some cases, we could be required to apply a new or revised standard retroactively, resulting in the restatement of prior period financial statements.

We are a “controlled company” within the meaning of the NASDAQ Global Select Market rules and therefore we are not subject to all of the NASDAQ Global Select Market corporate governance requirements.

As we are a “controlled company” within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the NASDAQ Global Select Market, we have elected, as permitted by those rules, not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements. For example, our board of directors does not have a majority of independent directors and we do not have a nominating committee or compensation committee consisting of independent directors. As a result, our



officers' compensation is not determined by our independent directors, and director nominees are not selected or recommended by a majority of independent directors.

Payments of cash dividends on our common stock may be made only at the discretion of our board of directors and may be restricted by North Dakota law.

Any decision to pay dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our operating results,

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strategic plans, capital requirements, financial condition, provisions of our borrowing arrangements and other factors our board of directors considers relevant. Furthermore, North Dakota law imposes restrictions on our ability to pay dividends. Accordingly, we may not be able to continue to pay dividends in any given amount in the future, or at all. We are governed by the North Dakota Publicly Traded Corporations Act. Interpretation and application of this act is scarce and such lack of predictability could be detrimental to our stockholders.

The North Dakota Publicly Traded Corporations Act, which we are governed by, was enacted in 2007 and, to our knowledge, no other companies are yet subject to its provisions and interpretations of its likely application are scarce. Although the North Dakota Publicly Traded Corporations Act specifically provides that its provisions must be liberally construed to protect and enhance the rights of stockholders in publicly traded corporations, this lack of predictability could be detrimental to our stockholders.

Unanticipated changes in our tax provisions, exposure to additional tax liabilities, or contests with the Internal Revenue Service regarding tax positions we may take could affect our financial condition and profitability.

Judgement is required to determine our provision for income taxes. Changes in estimates of projected future operating results, loss of deductibility of items, or recapture of prior deductions could result in significant increases to our tax expense and liabilities that could adversely affect our financial condition and profitability.

Further, we may take tax positions that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or other tax authorities may contest. If the IRS or other tax authorities successfully contest a position that we take, we may be required to pay additional taxes, interest or fines and any payments could have an effect on our results of operations or financial position.

We may be affected by climate change or market or regulatory responses to climate change.

Changes in laws, rules, and regulations, or actions by authorities under existing laws, rules, or regulations, to address greenhouse gas emissions and climate change could negatively impact our customers and business. For example, restrictions on emissions could significantly increase costs for our customers whose production processes require significant amounts of energy. Customers' increased costs could reduce their demand to purchase or lease our railcars. In addition, railcars in our fleet that are used to carry fossil fuels, such as petroleum, could see reduced demand if new government regulations mandate a reduction in fossil fuel consumption. Potential consequences of laws, rules, or regulations addressing climate change could have an adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

We are subject to cybersecurity risks and other cyber incidents resulting in disruption.

Threats to information technology systems associated with cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents or attacks continue to grow. We depend on information technology systems. In addition, we collect, process and retain sensitive and confidential employee and customer information in the normal course of business. Despite the security measures we have in place and any additional measures we may implement in the future, our facilities and systems, and those of our third-party service providers, could be vulnerable to security breaches, computer viruses, lost or misplaced data, programming errors, human errors, acts of vandalism or other events. Any steps we take to deter and mitigate these risks may not be successful and may cause us to incur increasing costs. Any disruption of our systems or security breach or event resulting in the misappropriation, loss or other unauthorized disclosure of confidential information, whether by us directly or our third-party service providers, could damage our reputation, expose us to the risks of litigation and liability, disrupt our business or otherwise affect our results of operations.

Terrorist attacks could negatively impact our operations and profitability and may expose us to liability.

Terrorist attacks may negatively affect our operations. Such attacks in the past have caused uncertainty in the global financial markets and economic instability in the U.S. and elsewhere, and further acts of terrorism, violence or war could similarly affect global financial markets and trade, as well as the industries in which we and our customers operate. In addition, terrorist attacks or hostilities may directly impact our physical facilities or those of our suppliers or customers, which could adversely impact our operations. These uncertainties could also adversely affect our ability to obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to us, or at all.

It is also possible that our products, particularly railcars we produce, could be involved in a terrorist attack. Although the terms of our lease agreements require lessees to indemnify us and others against a broad spectrum of damages arising out of the use of the railcars, and we currently carry insurance to potentially offset losses in the event that customer indemnifications prove to be insufficient, we may not be fully protected from liability arising from a terrorist

attack that involves our railcars. In addition, any terrorist attack involving any of our railcars may cause reputational damage, or other losses, which could materially and adversely affect our business.

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National and international political developments in response to a terrorist attack or uncertainties related to potential attacks may cause governments to enact legislation or regulations directed toward improving the security of railcars, could cause decreased demand for railcars and result in downturns in the industries in which we or our customers operate. Depending on the severity, scope, and duration of these circumstances, the impact on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows could be material.

Our internal controls over financial accounting and reporting may not detect all errors or omissions in our financial statements.

If we fail to maintain adequate internal controls over financial accounting, we may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related regulations. Effective internal and disclosure controls are necessary for us to provide reliable financial reports and effectively prevent fraud and to operate successfully as a public company. If we cannot provide reliable financial reports or prevent fraud, our reputation and operating results would be harmed. Although management has concluded that adequate internal control procedures are in place as of March 31, 2018, no system of internal control provides absolute assurance that the financial statements are accurate and free of error.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

This table provides information with respect to purchases by us of shares of our Common Stock on the open market as part of the Stock Repurchase Program during the quarter ended March 31, 2018:

| Period                                     | Total<br>Number of<br>Shares<br>Purchased<br>(1) | Average<br>Price<br>Paid per<br>Share | Total<br>Number of<br>Shares<br>Purchased<br>As Part of<br>Publicly<br>Announced<br>Plans or<br>Programs<br>(2) | Approximate<br>Dollar Value<br>of Shares that<br>May Yet Be<br>Purchased<br>Under the<br>Plan |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018   | —  | \$                                    | —   | \$163,975,779   |
| February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 | —  | \$                                    | —   | \$163,975,779   |
| March 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018       | —  | \$                                    | —   | \$163,975,779   |
| Total                                      | —  |                                       | —   |   |

(1) - There were no repurchases under the Stock Repurchase Program during the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

(2) - On July 28, 2015, our board of directors authorized the Stock Repurchase Program pursuant to which we may, from time to time, repurchase up to \$250.0 million of our common stock. The Stock Repurchase Program will end upon the earlier of the date on which it is terminated by the board or when all authorized repurchases are completed.

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

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Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

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| <u>31.1</u> | Rule 13a-14(a), 15d-14(a) Certification of the Chief Executive Officer*  |
| <u>31.2</u> | Rule 13a-14(a), 15d-14(a) Certification of the Chief Financial Officer*  |
| <u>32.1</u> | Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002** |
| 101.INS     | XBRL Instance Document*  |
| 101.SCH     | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document*   |
| 101.CAL     | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document*   |
| 101.LAB     | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document*   |
| 101.PRE     | XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document*  |
| 101.DEF     | XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document*  |

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\* Filed herewith

\*\*Furnished herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC.

Date: May 1, 2018 By: /s/ John O'Bryan

John O'Bryan, President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Luke M. Williams

Luke M. Williams, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer