

Generac Reports Fourth Quarter and Full-Year 2017 Results

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Strong organic sales growth compared to prior year leads to record shipments and cash flow

WAUKESHA, Wis., Feb. 13, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Generac Holdings Inc. (NYSE:GNRC) ("Generac" or the "Company"), a leading global designer and manufacturer of power generation equipment and other engine powered products, today reported financial results for its fourth quarter and full-year ended December 31, 2017. Additionally, the Company initiated its outlook for 2018.

Fourth Quarter 2017 Highlights

- Net sales increased 16.9% to \$488.0 million during the fourth quarter of 2017 as compared to \$417.4 million in the prior-year fourth quarter, including \$9.6 million of contribution from the Motortech acquisition.
- Net income attributable to the Company during the fourth quarter was \$81.2 million, or \$1.30 per share, as compared to \$41.5 million, or \$0.64 per share, for the same period of 2016. The current year net income includes the impact of a \$28.4 million non-cash gain, or \$0.45 per share, largely from the revaluation of the Company's net deferred tax liabilities associated with the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("Tax Reform Act").
- Adjusted net income attributable to the Company, as defined in the accompanying reconciliation schedules, was \$85.9 million, or \$1.37 per share, as compared to \$71.4 million, or \$1.12 per share, in the fourth quarter of 2016. The current-year adjusted net income includes the favorable impact from the acceleration of certain tax deductions, mostly in response to the Tax Reform Act, that resulted in a \$0.15 benefit on a per share basis.
- Adjusted EBITDA attributable to the Company, as defined in the accompanying reconciliation schedules, was \$108.6 million as compared to \$91.0 million in the fourth quarter last year.
- Cash flow from operations was a quarterly record of \$138.4 million as compared to \$123.9 million in the prior year quarter. Free cash flow, as defined in the accompanying reconciliation schedules, was also a quarterly record of \$121.8 million as compared to \$114.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2016.
- The Company amended its Term Loan credit facility which reduced the applicable margin interest rate by 25 basis points from the level previously in effect, and eliminated the annual excess cash flow payment requirement if the consolidated net debt to adjusted EBITDA leverage ratio ("net leverage ratio") is maintained below 3.75 times. The net leverage ratio, as defined in the accompanying reconciliation schedules, declined to 2.5 times as of December 31, 2017 compared to 3.6 times as of December 31, 2016.

Full-Year 2017 Highlights

- Net sales increased 15.8% to \$1.672 billion during 2017 as compared to \$1.444 billion during 2016, including \$69.7 million of contribution from acquisitions, resulting in total organic sales growth for the year of 11.0%. Domestic segment sales increased 10.5% to \$1.297 billion as compared to \$1.174 billion in the prior year. International segment sales increased 38.8% to \$375.9 million as compared to \$270.9 million in the prior year.
- Net income attributable to the Company during 2017 was \$159.4 million, or \$2.56 per share, as compared to \$98.8 million, or \$1.50 per share for 2016. Net income for 2017 includes the impact of the \$28.4 million non-cash gain as a result of the Tax Reform Act. The prior-year net income includes the impact of \$7.1 million of non-recurring, pre-tax charges relating to the downturn for capital spending within the oil & gas industry.
- Adjusted net income attributable to the Company was \$212.9 million, or \$3.40 per share, as compared to \$198.3 million, or \$3.03 per share, in 2016.
- Adjusted EBITDA attributable to the Company for 2017 was \$311.7 million as compared to \$274.6 million last year.
- Cash flow from operations was \$261.1 million as compared to \$253.4 million in the prior year. Free cash flow was \$227.9 million as compared to \$222.9 million in 2016.

"Our fourth quarter results put an exclamation point on a great 2017 as strong organic sales growth led to record quarterly sales and cash flow," said

Aaron Jagdfeld, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Shipments of home standby generators during the quarter were near record levels as higher power outage activity drove significant awareness for the product category during the second half of the year. The increased interest in home standby generators translated to elevated levels of sales leads during the quarter and helped to push our residential dealer count to an all-time high. Shipments of commercial and industrial products were also strong during the quarter driven mainly by our rental customers continued spending on new fleet equipment such as light towers and mobile generators. In addition to our fantastic Domestic segment results for the quarter, our continued focus to create a more global company resulted in our best ever level of shipments outside the U.S. and Canada as our International segment experienced very strong organic sales growth and a substantial increase in margins."

Additional Fourth Quarter 2017 Consolidated Highlights

Residential product sales increased 11.2% to \$265.5 million as compared to \$238.9 million in the prior year. Commercial & Industrial (C&I) product sales increased 27.1% to \$188.3 million as compared to \$148.1 million in the prior year.

Gross profit margin was largely flat at 36.8% compared to 36.9% in the prior-year fourth quarter, which was due to a variety of factors. Favorable pricing impacts along with improved leverage of fixed manufacturing costs were offset by unfavorable sales mix attributable to significantly higher International segment and mobile products sales compared to prior year along with higher commodity prices.

Operating expenses increased \$8.7 million, or 11.4%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. The increase was primarily driven by the Motortech acquisition, higher variable costs on the strong growth in organic sales, and an increase in employee costs including higher incentive compensation, partially offset by lower promotional costs benefitting from the higher power outage environment.

Cash flow from operations was \$138.4 million as compared to \$123.9 million in the prior-year fourth quarter, and free cash flow was \$121.8 million as compared to \$114.3 million in the same quarter last year. The improvements in cash flow were driven by a variety of factors including the increase in operating earnings as compared to the prior year and a larger benefit from working capital reduction during the current year, partially offset by higher cash income taxes and capital expenditures.

On December 8, 2017, the Company amended its Term Loan credit facility which, among other items, modified the pricing by reducing the applicable margin rate to a fixed rate of 2.00%, resulting in a 25 basis point reduction in overall interest rate from the level previously in effect, or approximately \$2.3 million of annualized interest savings. In addition, certain terms were amended to increase the Company's flexibility regarding repayment obligations, including the elimination of the annual excess cash flow payment requirement if the consolidated net leverage ratio is maintained below 3.75 times.

Business Segment Results

Domestic Segment

Domestic segment sales increased 11.2% to \$377.9 million as compared to \$339.7 million in the prior-year quarter. The current-year fourth quarter experienced strong growth in shipments of home standby generators driven by increased outage activity, along with the continuation of significant growth for mobile products. Also contributing to the year-over-year sales growth were increases in service parts.

Adjusted EBITDA for the segment was \$100.6 million, or 26.6% of net sales, as compared to \$87.9 million in the prior year, or 25.9% of net sales. Adjusted EBITDA margin in the current year benefitted from a favorable pricing environment including lower promotional costs, and improved overall leverage of fixed operating costs on the higher organic sales volumes. These impacts were partially offset by higher commodity prices and an increase in employee costs including higher incentive compensation.

International Segment

International segment sales increased 41.8% to \$110.2 million as compared to \$77.7 million in the prior-year quarter, including \$9.6 million of contribution from the Motortech acquisition. The significant organic growth compared to the prior year was due to increased shipments of both C&I and residential products primarily within the European region, together with large project activity and the favorable impact of the stronger Euro.

Adjusted EBITDA for the segment, before deducting for non-controlling interests, improved to \$10.5 million, or 9.6% of net sales, as compared to \$3.9 million, or 5.0% of net sales, in the prior year. The significant improvement in adjusted EBITDA margin as compared to the prior year was primarily due to improved leverage of fixed operating costs on the significant increase in organic sales, as well as favorable sales mix from higher-margin large project activity. These favorable impacts were partially offset by higher commodity prices and increased operating expenses associated with the expansion of certain branch operations.

2018 Outlook

The Company is initiating guidance for 2018 with net sales expected to increase between 3 to 5% as compared to the prior year, which includes a favorable foreign currency impact of between 1 to 2%. Excluding the benefit of elevated portable generator shipments during 2017 related to major outage events from the active hurricane season, net sales are expected to increase between 7 to 9% as compared to the prior year. This top-line guidance assumes no major outage events and a baseline power outage severity level similar to the longer-term average. Should the baseline power outage environment in 2018 be higher, or if there is "major" outage activity during the year, it is likely the Company could exceed these expectations.

Net income margins, before deducting for non-controlling interests, are expected to be between 9.5 to 10.0% for the full-year 2018, with adjusted EBITDA margins, also before deducting for non-controlling interests, expected to be between 19.0 to 19.5% for the year.

Operating and free cash flow generation is expected to be strong, with the conversion of adjusted net income to free cash flow expected to be over 90%.

Tax Reform

As a result of the Tax Reform Act, the Company recognized a one-time, non-cash gain of \$28.4 million in the fourth quarter primarily from the impact of the revaluation of net deferred tax liabilities. Excluding this gain, the effective tax rate during the fourth quarter and full-year 2017 were 34.9% and

35.2%, respectively. While the Company continues to assess the full impact of tax reform, the preliminary analysis suggests a meaningful benefit from the legislation. Specifically for 2018, the effective tax rate is expected to decline to between 25 to 26%, resulting in a corresponding benefit to cash flow of between \$10 to \$12 million based on the outlook being provided.

Conference Call and Webcast

Generac management will hold a conference call at 9:00 a.m. EST on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 to discuss highlights of the fourth quarter of 2017 operating results. The conference call can be accessed by dialing (866) 415-3113 (domestic) or +1 (678) 509-7544 (international) and entering passcode 1776607.

The conference call will also be webcast simultaneously on Generac's website (<u>http://www.generac.com</u>), under the Investor Relations link. The webcast link will be made available on the Company's website prior to the start of the call within the Events section of the Investor Relations website.

Following the live webcast, a replay will be available on the Company's website. A telephonic replay will also be available approximately two hours after the call and can be accessed by dialing (855) 859-2056 (domestic) or +1 (404) 537-3406 (international) and entering passcode 1776607. The telephonic replay will be available for 7 days.

About Generac

Since 1959, Generac has been a leading designer and manufacturer of a wide range of power generation equipment and other engine powered products. As a leader in power equipment serving residential, light commercial, and industrial markets, Generac's power products are available globally through a broad network of independent dealers, distributors, retailers, wholesalers and equipment rental companies, as well as sold direct to certain end user customers.

Forward-looking Information

Certain statements contained in this news release, as well as other information provided from time to time by Generac Holdings Inc. or its employees, may contain forward looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements. Forward-looking statements give Generac's current expectations and projections relating to the Company's financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business. You can identify forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements may include words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "project," "plan," "intend," "believe," "confident," "may," "should," "can have," "likely," "future," "optimistic" and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future operating or financial performance or other events.

Any such forward looking statements are not guarantees of performance or results, and involve risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond the Company's control) and assumptions. Although Generac believes any forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, you should be aware that many factors could affect Generac's actual financial results and cause them to differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, including:

- frequency and duration of power outages impacting demand for Generac products;
- availability, cost and quality of raw materials and key components used in producing Generac products;
- the impact on our results of possible fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodities and product mix;
- the possibility that the expected synergies, efficiencies and cost savings of our acquisitions will not be realized, or will not be realized within the expected time period;
- the risk that our acquisitions will not be integrated successfully;
- difficulties Generac may encounter as its business expands globally;
- Generac's dependence on its distribution network;
- Generac's ability to invest in, develop or adapt to changing technologies and manufacturing techniques;
- · loss of key management and employees;
- increase in product and other liability claims or recalls; and
- changes in environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.

Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, Generac's actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in any forward-looking statements. A detailed discussion of these and other factors that may affect future results is contained in Generac's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), particularly in the Risk Factors section of the 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in its periodic reports on Form 10-Q. Stockholders, potential investors and other readers should consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statement made by Generac in this press release speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Generac undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

Reconciliations to GAAP Financial Metrics

Adjusted EBITDA

The computation of adjusted EBITDA attributable to the Company is based on the definition of EBITDA contained in Generac's credit agreement dated as of May 31, 2013, as amended. To supplement the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, Generac provides a summary to show the computation of adjusted EBITDA, which excludes the impact of non-controlling interests, taking into account certain charges and gains that were recognized during the periods presented.

Adjusted Net Income

To further supplement Generac's condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Company provides a summary to show the computation of adjusted net income attributable to the Company. Adjusted net income attributable to the Company is defined as net income before non-controlling interests and provision for income taxes adjusted for the following items: cash income tax expense, amortization of intangible assets, amortization of deferred financing costs and original issue discount related to the Company's debt, intangible impairment charges, certain transaction costs and other purchase accounting adjustments, losses on extinguishment of debt, business optimization expenses, certain other non-cash gains and losses, and adjusted net income attributable to non-controlling interests.

Free Cash Flow

In addition, we reference free cash flow to further supplement Generac's condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Free cash flow is defined as net cash provided by operating activities less expenditures for property and equipment and is intended to be a measure of operational cash flow taking into account additional capital expenditure investment into the business.

The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation of, or as a substitute for, results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Please see our SEC filings for additional discussion of the basis for Generac's reporting of Non-GAAP financial measures, which includes why the Company believes these measures provide useful information to investors and the additional purposes for which management uses the non-GAAP financial information.

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Generac Holdings Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2017	2016	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
Net sales	\$ 488,002	\$ 417,421	\$ 1,672,445	\$ 1,444,453	
Costs of goods sold	308,300	263,294	1,090,328	930,347	
Gross profit	179,702	154,127	582,117	514,106	
Operating expenses:					
Selling and service	44,053	40,543	171,755	164,607	
Research and development	11,193	9,717	42,925	37,229	
General and administrative	23,076	19,208	87,512	74,700	
Amortization of intangibles	7,307	7,428	28,861	32,953	
Total operating expenses	85,629	76,896	331,053	309,489	
Income from operations	94,073	77,231	251,064	204,617	
Other (expense) income:					
Interest expense	(10,314) (10,854) (42,667) (44,568)	
Investment income	241	8	298	44	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	(574) –	(574)	
Loss on change in contractual interest rate	-	-	-	(2,957)	
Costs related to acquisition	(405) (88) (777) (1,082)	
Other, net	(497) 338	(3,230) 902	
Total other expense, net	(10,975) (11,170) (46,376) (48,235)	
Income before provision for income taxes	83,098	66,061	204,688	156,382	
Provision for income taxes	607	24,416	43,553	57,570	
Net income	82,491	41,645	161,135	98,812	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,316	136	1,749	24	
Net income attributable to Generac Holdings Inc.	\$ 81,175	\$ 41,509	\$ 159,386	\$ 98,788	

Net income attributable to common shareholders per

common share - basic: Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic:	\$ 1.31 61,883,857	\$ 0.64 63,021,966	\$ 2.58 62,040,704	\$ 1.51 64,905,793
Net income attributable to common shareholders per common share - diluted: Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted:	\$ 1.30 62,500,072	\$ 0.64 63,533,112	\$ 2.56 62,642,872	\$ 1.50 65,382,774
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ (825) \$ (7,498) \$15,191	\$ (18,545)
Net unrealized gain on derivatives	2,367	1,044	3,712	535
Pension liability adjustment	62	322	62	322
Other comprehensive income (loss)	1,604	(6,132) 18,965	(17,688)
Total comprehensive income	84,095	35,513	180,100	81,124
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to				
noncontrolling interests	1,721	(1,727) 5,549	(973)
Comprehensive income attributable to Generac Holdings Inc.	\$ 82,374	\$ 37,240	\$ 174,551	\$ 82,097

Generac Holdings Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

	December 31,		
	2017	2016	
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 138,472	\$ 67,272	
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,805 and			
\$5,642 at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively	280,002	241,857	
Inventories	380,341	349,731	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	19,741	24,649	
Total current assets	818,556	683,509	
Property and equipment, net	230,380	212,793	
Customer lists, net	41,064	45,312	
Patents, net	39,617	48,061	
Other intangible assets, net	2,401	2,925	
Tradenames, net	152,683	158,874	
Goodwill	721,523	704,640	
Deferred income taxes	3,238	3,337	
Other assets	10,502	2,233	
Total assets	\$ 2,019,964	\$ 1,861,684	
Liabilities and stockholders' equity			
Current liabilities:			
Short-term borrowings	\$ 20,602	\$ 31,198	
Accounts payable	233,639	181,519	
Accrued wages and employee benefits	27,992	21,189	
Other accrued liabilities	105,067	93,068	
Current portion of long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations	1,572	14,965	
Total current liabilities	388,872	341,939	
Long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations	906,548	1,006,758	
Deferred income taxes	43,789	17,278	
Other long-term liabilities	76,995	61,459	
Total liabilities	1,416,204	1,427,434	
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	43,929	33,138	

Stockholders' equity: Common stock, par value \$0.01, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 70,820,173				
and 70,261,481 shares issued at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively	708		702	
Additional paid-in capital	459,816		449,049	
Treasury stock, at cost, 8,448,874 and 7,564,874 shares at December 31,				
2017 and 2016, respectively	(294,005)	(262,402)
Excess purchase price over predecessor basis	(202,116)	(202,116)
Retained earnings	616,347		456,052	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(21,198)	(40,163)
Stockholders' equity attributable to Generac Holdings Inc.	559,552		401,122	
Noncontrolling interests	279		(10)
Total stockholders' equity	559,831		401,112	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,019,964	\$	5 1,861,684	

Generac Holdings Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Dollars in Thousands)

	Year Ended De 2017 (Unaudited)		er 31, 016 Judited)	
Operating activities	• • • • • • • = =	•		
Net income	\$ 161,135	\$	98,812	
Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	00.407		04 405	
	23,127		21,465	
Amortization of intangible assets	28,861		32,953	
Amortization of original issue discount and deferred financing costs	3,516		3,940	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-		574	
Loss on change in contractual interest rate	-		2,957	
Deferred income taxes	21,439		39,347	
Share-based compensation expense	10,205		9,493	
Other	410		127	
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:	<i></i>			
Accounts receivable	(29,771)	(9,082)
Inventories	(16,278)	15,514	
Other assets	(14,783)	406	
Accounts payable	42,788		32,908	
Accrued wages and employee benefits	6,105		5,196	
Other accrued liabilities	27,514		6,719	
Excess tax benefits from equity awards	(3,152)	(7,920)
Net cash provided by operating activities	261,116		253,409	
Investing activities				
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	82		1,360	
Expenditures for property and equipment	(33,261)	(30,467)
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	1,257		(61,386)
Deposit paid related to acquisition	-		(15,329)
Net cash used in investing activities	(31,922)	(105,822)
Financing activities				
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	101,991		28,712	
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	3,069		-	
Repayments of short-term borrowings	(114,874)	(27,755)
Repayments of long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations	(117,475)	(37,627)
Stock repurchases	(30,012)	(149,937	ý
Payment of debt issuance costs	(3,901)	(4,557	ý
Cash dividends paid	_	,	(76	ý
Taxes paid related to equity awards	(5,892)	(14,008)
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	6,951	,	1,623	,
	0,001		1,020	

Excess tax benefits from equity awards Net cash used in financing activities	_ (160,143)	7,920 (195,705)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2,149		(467)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period Cash and cash equivalents at end of period \$	71,200 67,272 138,472	\$	(48,585 115,857 67,272)
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information Cash paid during the period Interest \$ Income taxes	41,105 23,836	\$	42,456 8,889	

Generac Holdings Inc.

Segment Reporting and Product Class Information (U.S. Dollars in Thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Net Sales		
	Three Months Ended	December 31,	Year Ended December 31,
Reportable Segments	2017	2016	2017 2016
Domestic	\$ 377,851	\$ 339,728	\$ 1,296,578 \$ 1,173,559
International	110,151	77,693	375,867 270,894
Total net sales	\$ 488,002	\$ 417,421	\$ 1,672,445 \$ 1,444,453
Product Classes			
Residential products	\$ 265,516	\$ 238,864	\$ 870,410 \$ 772,436
Commercial & industrial products	188,316	148,136	685,052 557,532
Other	34,170	30,421	116,983 114,485
Total net sales	\$ 488,002	\$ 417,421	\$ 1,672,445 \$ 1,444,453
	Adjusted EBITDA		
	Three Months Ended	December 31,	Year Ended December 31,
	2017	2016	2017 2016
Domestic	\$ 100,589	\$ 87,907	\$ 290,720 \$ 261,428
International	10,539	3,909	27,010 16,959
Total adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$ 111,128	\$ 91,816	\$ 317,730 \$ 278,387

(1) See reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net income attributable to Generac Holdings Inc. on the following reconciliation schedule.

Generac Holdings, Inc. Reconciliation Schedules (Dollars in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

Net income to Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net income attributable to Generac Holdings Inc.	\$ 81,175	\$ 41,509	\$ 159,386	\$ 98,788
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests (1)	1,316	136	1,749	24
Net income	82,491	41,645	161,135	98,812
Interest expense	10,314	10,854	42,667	44,568
Depreciation and amortization	13,297	13,075	51,988	54,418
Provision for income taxes	607	24,416	43,553	57,570

Non-cash write-down and other adjustments (2)	291	(1,332)	2,923	357	
Non-cash share-based compensation expense (3)	1,803	1,688		10,205	9,493	
Loss on extinguishment of debt (4)	-	574		-	574	
Loss on change in contractual interest rate (5)	-	-		-	2,957	
Transaction costs and credit facility fees (6)	1,175	943		2,145	2,442	
Business optimization expenses (7)	979	152		2,912	7,316	
Other	171	(199)	202	(120)
Adjusted EBITDA	111,128	91,816		317,730	278,387	
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to noncontrolling interests	2,486	769		6,075	3,784	
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Generac Holdings Inc.	\$ 108,642	\$ 91,047		\$ 311,655	\$ 274,603	

(1) Includes the noncontrolling interests' share of expenses related to Pramac purchase accounting, including the step-up in value of inventories and intangible amortization, of \$1.2 million and \$4.7 million for the three months and year ended December 31, 2017, respectively, and \$1.1 million and \$8.0 million for the three months and year ended December 31, 2016, respectively.

(2) Includes gains/losses on disposals of assets, unrealized mark-to-market adjustments on commodity contracts, and certain foreign currency and purchase accounting related adjustments. A full description of these and the other reconciliation adjustments contained in these schedules is included in Generac's SEC filings.

(3) Represents share-based compensation expense to account for stock options, restricted stock and other stock awards over their respective vesting periods.

(4) Represents the write-off of original issue discount and capitalized debt issuance costs due to voluntary debt prepayments.

(5) For the year ended December 31, 2016, represents a non-cash loss relating to the continued 25 basis point increase in borrowing costs as a result of the credit agreement leverage ratio remaining above 3.0 times based on projections at that time.

(6) Represents transaction costs incurred directly in connection with any investment, as defined in our credit agreement, equity issuance or debt issuance or refinancing, together with certain fees relating to our senior secured credit facilities.

(7) For the three months and year ended December 31, 2017, represents severance and other non-recurring plant consolidation costs. For the year ended December 31, 2016, primarily represents charges relating to business optimization and restructuring costs to address the significant and extended downturn for capital spending within the oil & gas industry, consisting of \$2.7 million classified within cost of goods sold and \$4.4 million classified within operating expenses.

Net income to Adjusted net income reconciliation

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	Three Months En	ded December 31,	Year Ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2017	2016	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
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Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests (1)	1,316	136	1,749	24	
Net income	82,491	41,645	161,135	98,812	
Provision for income taxes	607	24,416	43,553	57,570	
Income before provision for income taxes	83,098	66,061	204,688	156,382	
Amortization of intangible assets	7,307	7,428	28,861	32,953	
Amortization of deferred finance costs and original issue discount	1,116	711	3,516	3,940	
Loss on extinguishment of debt (5)	-	574	-	574	
Loss on change in contractual interest rate (6)	-	-	-	2,957	
Transaction costs and other purchase accounting adjustments (8)	727	494	1,706	5,653	
Business optimization expenses (7)	979	152	2,912	7,316	
Adjusted net income before provision for income taxes	93,227	75,420	241,683	209,775	
Cash income tax expense (9)	(6,017) (3,704) (25,624) (9,299	
Adjusted net income	87,210	71,716	216,059	200,476	
Adjusted net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,289	280	3,201	2,219	
Adjusted net income attributable to Generac Holdings Inc.	\$ 85,921	\$ 71,436	\$ 212,858	\$ 198,257	

Adjusted net income attributable to Generac Holdings Inc. per	3			
common share - diluted:	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.12	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.03
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted:	62,500,072	63,533,112	62,642,872	65,382,774

(8) Represents transaction costs incurred directly in connection with any investment, as defined in our credit agreement, equity issuance or debt issuance or refinancing, and certain purchase accounting adjustments.

(9) Amount for the three months and year ended December 31, 2017 is based on an anticipated cash income tax rate of 12.5% for the full year ended 2017. Amount for the three months and year ended December 31, 2016 is based on an anticipated cash income tax rate of 5.9% for the full year ended 2016. Cash income tax expense for the respective periods is based on the projected taxable income and corresponding cash tax rate for the full year after considering the effects of current and deferred income tax items, and is calculated for each respective period by applying the derived cash tax rate to the period's pretax income.

Free Cash Flow Reconciliation

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended Dece	ember 31,
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 138,397	\$ 123,896	\$ 261,116	\$ 253,409
Expenditures for property and equipment	(16,603) (9,620) (33,261) (30,467)
Free cash flow	\$ 121,794	\$ 114,276	\$ 227,855	\$ 222,942

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Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA Leverage Ratio

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	Year Ended December 31,			
	2017		2016	
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
Short-term borrowings	\$ 20,602		\$ 31,198	
Current portion of long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations	1,572		14,965	
Long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations	906,548		1,006,758	
Less: Cash	(138,472)	(67,272	
Net debt	790,250		985,649	
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Generac Holdings Inc.	311,655		274,603	
Net debt to adjusted EBITDA leverage ratio	2.5		3.6	



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