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# **Company Highlights**



#### **The Right Operating Model**

- Oakdale is one of the largest single operating North White raw frac mines in United States
  - 300+ million tons of high quality fine mesh reserves with 5.5 million tons current operating capacity
  - 14+ miles of rail track servicing Oakdale from two Class I rail lines
  - Multi unit train capable with access to all operating basins
- Low operating cost structure
  - Mining, processing, and shipping all done at one location
  - Large single mine sites on rail dominate other bulk commodity business models
- Sustainable long term supply and logistics advantage
  - Combination of large, high quality reserve base, low cost operations, and ability to ship large quantities of sand efficiently and sustainably to all operating basins
- Mine to Wellsite Solutions Capabilities
  - Through our Van Hook Terminal, our network of third party terminal partners, and our SmartSystems<sup>™</sup> wellsite storage solutions we can offer sustainable, efficient sand supply chain support for our customers

#### The Right Sand

- ~80% of Oakdale's reserves are fine mesh (4070 and 100 Mesh)
  - Fine mesh raw frac sand represents over 80% of the current demand for Raw Frac sand currently
- Quality Matters
  - Northern White sand vs regional sand is a higher quality product that we believe can lead to better long term well results for oil and gas producers
    - Higher crush strength
    - Better conductivity
    - Cleaner / less turbidity

#### The Right Capital Structure

- Prudent capital structure with lowest leverage levels in the proppant industry (0.4x Net Debt / EBITDA)
- High insider ownership that aligns management with investors (~15% owned by CEO, ~48% owned by insiders)

# **Vertical Integration – A Key Differentiator**



## **Smart Sand's Business Offerings**

Premium Northern White Reserve



Gigantic Rail Capacity



Terminal & Forward Staging Management



**Last Mile Logistics** 



Wellsite Storage Solutions



Large Finer Mesh Northern White Reserve

Dual-served (CP & UP)

Consistent high-quality proppant

Over 14 miles of track space

5.5mm tons annual production capability

Unit train capable

Planning ahead reduces risks

Redundancy in the supply chain

Avoid trucking congestion

Safe and reliable

Helps eliminate demurrage

Smaller fleet and more turns per day

Wellsite storage

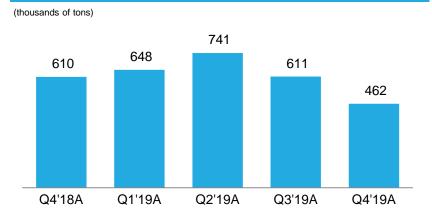
Direct to the blender delivery

Realtime inventory control

# **Summary Financials**



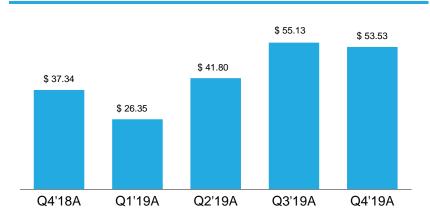
#### **Quarterly Sales Volumes**



#### **Quarterly Revenue**



#### **Contribution Margin/Ton**



#### **Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA**

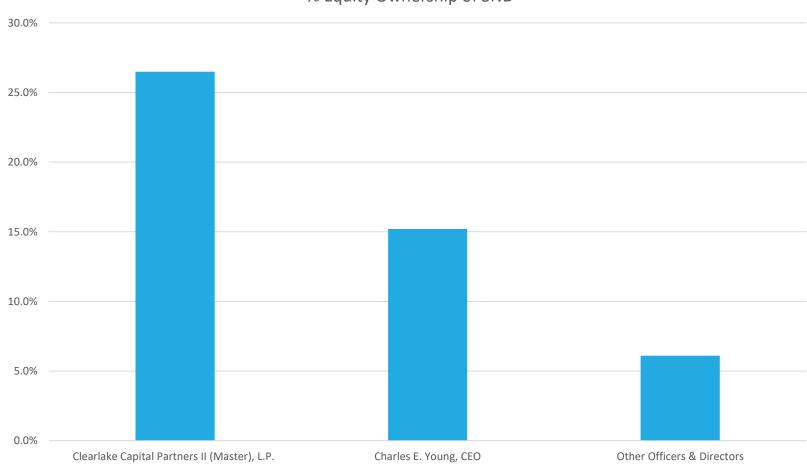


- Includes monthly minimum / shortfall payments of \$3.9 million for 4Q'18
  - Includes monthly minimum / shortfall payments of \$5.8 million for 1Q'19
- (2) (3) (4) Includes monthly minimum / shortfall payments of \$16.3 million for 2Q'19
- Includes monthly minimum / shortfall payments of \$15.6 million for 3Q'19
- Includes monthly minimum / shortfall payments of \$11.6 million for 4Q'19

# Insiders own ~48% of Smart Sand Equity



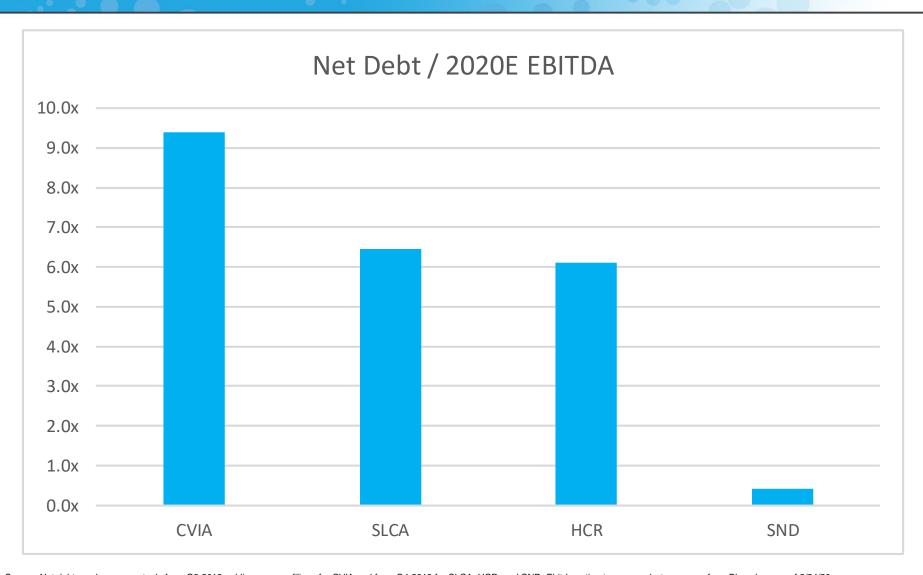




Source: Smart Sand proxy statement

# **Peer Leverage Comparison**





Source: Net debt numbers are actuals from Q3 2019 public company filings for CVIA and from Q4 2019 for SLCA, HCR, and SND. Ebitda estimates are analyst averages from Bloomberg as of 2/24/20.

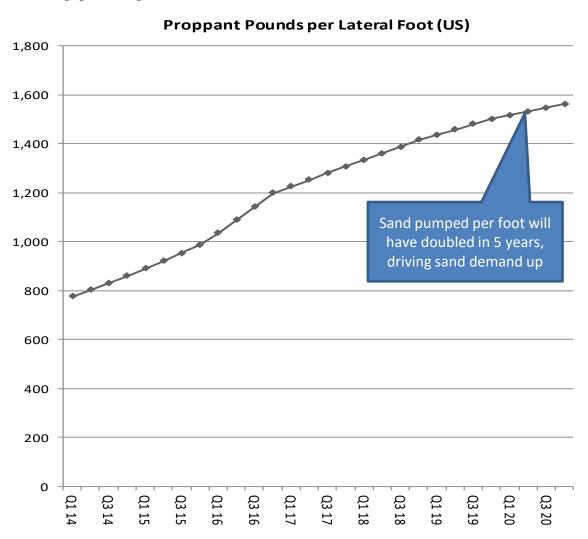


# **Industry Overview**

# Industry Trends Continue to Support Increasing Use of Frac Sand per Well



### Proppant per lateral foot continues to increase



# Industry Trends Continue to Support Increasing Use of Frac Sand per Well



### Horizontal well lateral lengths continue to get longer

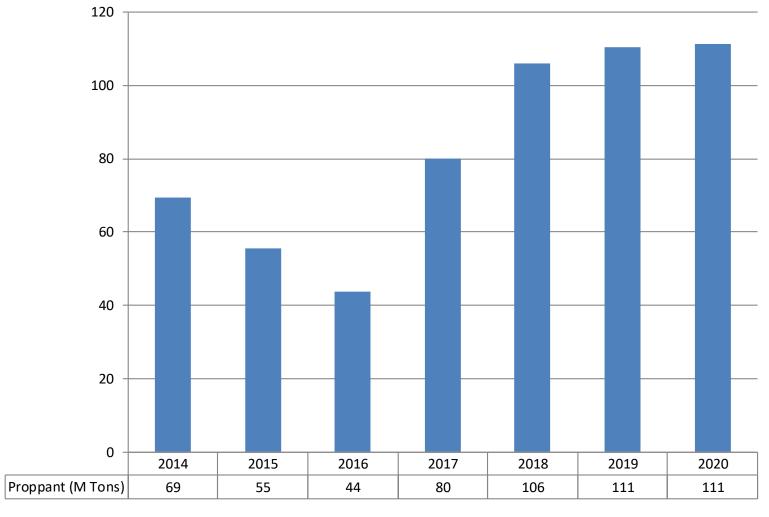




# Increasing Use of Sand per Well Leading to Strength in Frac Sand Demand in North America





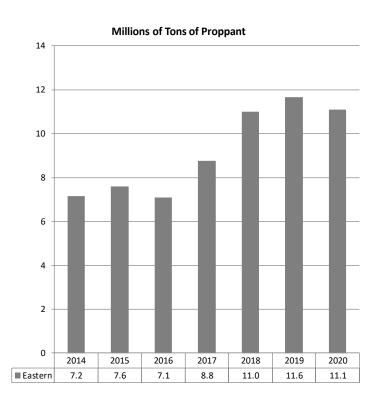


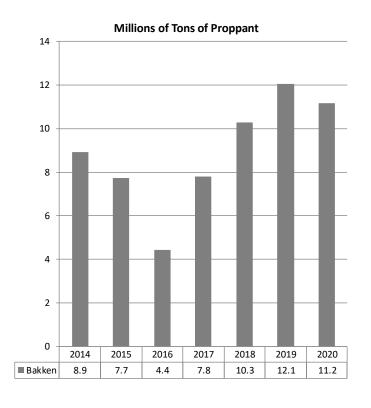
## Our Strongest Markets, the Bakken and Eastern Basins, are Expected to Continue to have Strong Demand



## Eastern U.S. Demand projected to decrease slightly in 2020

## **Bakken Demand projected to** decrease slightly in 2020





## Finer Sand is the Standard



#### **Mesh Sizes**

- Proppant size is characterized by mesh size, which is determined by sieving the proppant through mesh screens
  - Historically, large mesh sizes used for oily / liquids rich formations
  - Historically, smaller mesh sizes were used for natural gas formations
- Generally, E&P companies have two methods to control well performance: increase frac conductivity or reservoir contact area
- Due to smaller grain size, 100 mesh enhances reservoir contact area
  - Used more prominently in oil wells with increasingly positive results
- Focus on reservoir contact area has led to an increasing number of operators achieving better yields (higher production relative to optimized cost), increasing demand for 100 mesh

#### **Market Outlook for Fine Sand**

- According to Kelrik LLC, a notable driver impacting demand for fine mesh sand is increased proppant loadings, specifically, larger volumes of proppant placed per frac stage
- Kelrik expects the trend of using larger volumes of finer mesh materials, such as 40/70 sand and 100 mesh sand, to continue
- Due to innovations in completion techniques, demand for finer grade sands has also shown a considerable resurgence

# **Proppant Characteristics Matter**

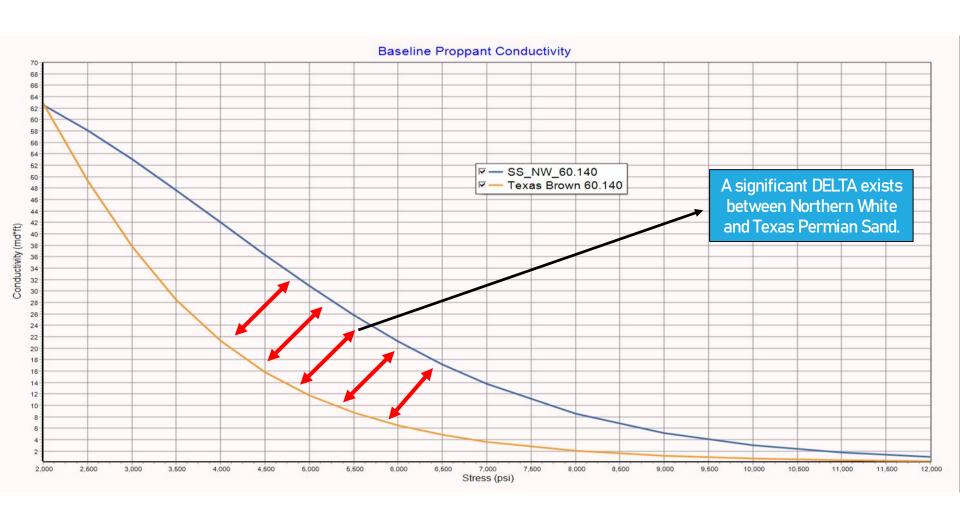


# West Texas ("WTX") Sand is a lower quality proppant vs. Northern White

- Lower Crush Strength:
  - Crushing of proppant creates fines, these fines will migrate and pack rearrangement occurs
  - Fines decrease fracture width
  - This a roadblock for permeability which results in decreased conductivity
  - Fines in West Texas Sand increases as the well ages
- Its not pure Quartz
  - WTX sand has less Silica when compared to a Northern White deposit
  - WTX reserves are contaminated with clay and other organics
- The cost savings of using a cheaper proppant is lost due to the revenue loss from the lack of production.

# Proppant Strength Matters (WTX vs. Northern White)







# **Company Overview**

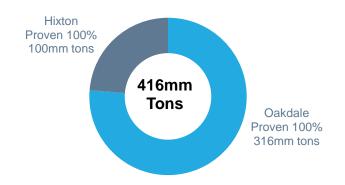
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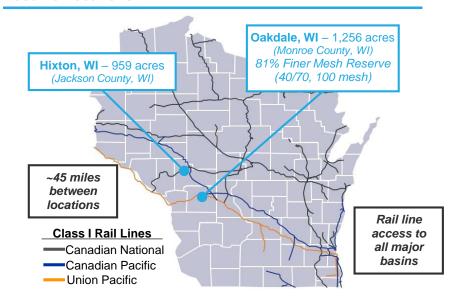
#### **Overview**

- Fully integrated provider of high quality Northern White frac sand
- Large fine mesh (40/70 and 100 Mesh)
   Northern White reserve base
- Low cost and efficient operations
- Cost-efficient provider of mine to wellsite solutions to simplify our customers' frac sand supply chain needs

#### Sand Reserve Overview (1)



#### **Reserve Locations**



#### **Significant Organic Growth Potential**



Source: Smart Sand Management, Company disclosures.

Further development and permitting at the Oakdale facility could ultimately allow for production of up to 9 million tons of raw frac sand per year.

Reserves data as of December 31, 2019.



# **Mining and Production**

# **Cost-Effective, Differentiated Process**



**On-site Mining / Excavation** 



**Conveyer Belt to On-site Wet Plant** 



**Wet Plant Cleans and Sorts Product** 



**Dry Plant Dries and Sorts Product** 



**Unit Trains Deliver Dry Sand to Basins** 



- Low Cost Structure Due to Several Key Attributes:
  - Low royalty rates (\$0.50 per ton sold on 20/70 sand)
  - Higher mining yields due to balance of coarse and fine mineral reserve deposits
  - Minimal trucking required; reserves, processing plants, and rail facilities are centralized
- Evaluating Other Initiatives to Reduce Mining and Operating Costs

# Oakdale Facility: High Quality Northern White Raw Frac Sand in an Efficient Configuration







# Logistics and Wellsite Solutions

# **Expansive Logistics Capabilities**



#### **Key Logistical Advantages**

- Dual Served Class I Rail Access onsite service on Canadian Pacific rail line coupled with nearby terminal on Union Pacific rail line allows access to multiple oil and gas plays, avoids interchange fees on local short-hauls and allows opportunity to reduce freight costs through competition
- Unit Train Capability Reduces customer product delivery time and costs (see below)
- In Basin Terminal Van Hook terminal in North Dakota provides competitive advantage for delivery of frac sand into the Bakken
- Wellsite Storage Solutions Portable wellsite storage solutions provide customers with a proppant management system designed to help control demurrage, drive down costs and improve safety

#### **Highly Competitive Delivery Capabilities**



#### **Manifest Route vs. Unit Train Route Benefits**

# Certain other Competitors Stop 2 Stop 2 Stop 3 Basin Generally 14+ days Increased landed cost and time

# Unit Train Route Basin Generally <5 days Better utilization of railcars, predictable

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## Van Hook Terminal



- Location: Van Hook, ND
- Commenced operations in April 2018
- Signed long-term take-or-pay contract with an anchor customer at in-basin pricing
- \$15.5 million paid consideration
- We shipped 43% of our volumes in 2019 through this terminal as customers recognized the value of Van Hook's strategic location and efficient logistics solutions

#### **Van Hook Terminal**





# SmartSystems<sup>™</sup> Wellsite Storage Solutions Features



- · Transported using specialized trailer for unassisted setup in five minutes.
- · Tri-axle trailer design with reinforced steel frame and remote control operation.
- Direct to blender delivery, controls dust, stops and starts proppant flow.
- Passive & Active onboard positive dust collection.
- Five chute positions offering unparalleled site layout options.
- Up to five SmartDepot™ silos delivering ~1,000 tons direct to the blender hopper.
- Service platforms for safe access to service areas.
- Six external pneumatic fill pipes for simultaneous loading.
- The system is self-powered and requires no generator.
- · Hydraulic stabilizers to maintain stability.



Focus on Safety and Environmental Stewardship Providing Logistics and Last Mile Advantages

A Proven & Tested Product

# Our SmartSystems<sup>™</sup> Storage vs. the Competition



#### Competitive Options



#### Silos:

- Belts Required, No Direct To Blender Offload
- Dust Can Be a Concern
- Large Footprint
- Not Fully Integrated

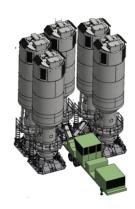


- Limited Tonnage Per Truck Resulting In Poor Optimization
- Moving Equipment Causing Safety Concerns
- Forklifts and Safe Spaces Required
- Extremely Large Footprint

#### Hybrid:

- Completion Conveyor Design With Inefficient Delivery System To The Blender
- Dust Can Be a Concern
- Large Footprint
- Not Fully Integrated

#### SmartSystems™ Storage Equipment



#### Smart Sand:

- Multiple Size Options With Custom Configurations
- Engineered and Designed Specifically For Sand Storage on the Well Site
- Smallest Footprint in the Industry
- Fast Mobilization and Demobilization Times
- Direct to Blender Offload
- **Dust Control**
- Single & Dual Blender Designs
- No Moving Parts





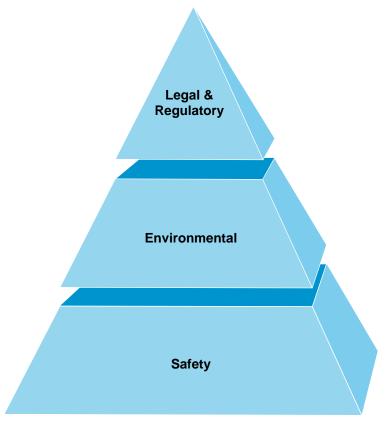




# Appendix

# Committed to Highest Corporate Standards





- Management maintains close dialogue with customers regarding the oil and gas industry's rigorous regulatory environment
- ISO registered Quality System and Environmental Management System in place
- Minimal environmental and community impact: on-site rail, careful mine design, moderated trucking and extensive use of conveyors
- A member of the Wisconsin Industrial Sand Association (WISA), a selective industry group promoting high standards for safety, sustainability and environmental performance
- Participant in Wisconsin's Green Tier program, demonstrating voluntary commitment to high environmental performance through projects that improve the environment and promote good community relations
- Our first priority is a safe work environment. Dedicated safety staff, continual training and daily inspections are part of our MSHA approved safety plan











Smart Sand is committed to providing a safe working environment and upholding the highest levels of environmental stewardship

## **EBITDA Reconciliation**



	Year ended December 31,				
(\$ in thousands)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Net income (loss)	\$4,990	\$10,379	\$21,526	\$18,688	\$31,623
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	5,318	6,445	7,300	18,165	27,135
Income tax (benefit) expense	4,129	9,394	(2,809)	5,122	7,809
Interest expense	7,826	8,436	700	2,320	3,626
Franchise taxes	35	21	339	442	285
EBITDA	\$22,298	\$34,675	\$27,056	\$44,737	\$70,478
(Gain) Loss on sale of fixed assets	39	(59)	253	321	(42)
Integration and transition costs	-	_	16	_	-
Initial public offering related costs (1)	221	725	_	_	-
Equity compensation (2)	792	1,426	1,652	2,670	2,755
Acquisition and development costs (3)	76	_	845	(218)	(3,047)
Non-cash impairment of goodwill and other intangible asset (4)	-	_	_	17,835	15,542
Cash charges related to restructuring and retention	-	_	279	674	137
Non-cash charges (5)	469	21	514	(26)	687
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	1,051	_	_	561
Adjusted EBITDA	\$23,881	\$37,839	\$30,615	\$65,993	\$87,071

<sup>(1)</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2016, represents IPO-related bonuses. For the year ended December 31, 2015, represents expenses related to previous IPO activities.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the non-cash expenses for stock-based awards issued to our employees and employee stock purchase plan compensation expense.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents costs incurred related to the business combinations and current development project activities. The year ended December 31, 2019 includes \$3,272 decrease in the estimated fair value of our contingent consideration related to the acquisition of Quickthree and \$225 related to development project activities. The year ended December 31, 2018 includes \$1,858 decrease in the estimated fair value of our contingent consideration related to the acquisition of Quickthree, partially offset by \$1,146 of costs related to the acquisition of Quickthree and \$494 related to development project activities.

<sup>(4)</sup>The \$17.8mm charge in 2018 relates primarily to the decline in our stock price in 2018 and the relationship between the resulting market capitalization and the equity recorded on our balance sheet. During the year ended December 31, 2019, we recorded impairment loss of \$15.5 million, of which \$7.6 million relates to our finite-lived developed technology intangible assets and \$7.9 million relates to our Hixton, Wisconsin property. The impairment of the finite-lived intangible assets is from our developed technology allocated to the Quickload acquired in connection with the acquisition of Quickthree in 2018. We are developing and testing a new transload technology and no longer plan to actively market the Quickload and as such, all developed technology intangible assets related to the Quickload were fully impaired during the third quarter of 2019. In the fourth quarter of 2019, we determined that the full amount recorded on the balance sheet which relate to the Hixton, Wisconsin property may not be recoverable as we have no current plans to further develop the site.

<sup>(5)</sup> Represents accretion of asset retirement obligations and loss on derivatives.

## **EBITDA Reconciliation**



	Quarter ended Quarter ended					
(\$ in thousands)	12/31/2018	3/31/2019	6/30/2019	9/30/2019	12/31/2019	
Net income (loss)	(\$4,433)	\$4,033	\$14,276	\$10,887	\$2,388	
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	5,780	6,303	6,590	6,992	7,250	
Income tax expense (benefit)	(2,135)	974	3,973	2,608	294	
Interest expense	832	981	997	969	679	
Franchise taxes	59	85	93	56	51	
EBITDA	\$103	\$12,376	\$25,929	\$21,512	\$10,662	
Gain (loss) on sale of fixed assets	68	(25)	(1)	(15)	(1)	
Equity compensation (1)	721	699	685	663	708	
Acquisition and development costs (2)	263	(947)	(577)	(1,208)	(315)	
Non-cash impairment of goodwill and other intangible asset (3)	17,835	_	_	7,628	7,914	
Cash charges related to restructuring and retention	112	41	41	_	55	
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	(356)	279	166	178	64	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	_	-	_	561	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$18,746	\$12,423	\$26,243	\$28,758	\$19,648	

- (1) Represents the non-cash expenses for stock-based awards issued to our employees and employee stock purchase plan compensation expense.
- (2) Represents costs incurred related to the business combinations and current development project activities.
- (3) The charge in the quarter ending 12/31/18 relates primarily to the decline in our stock price in 2018 and the relationship between the resulting market capitalization and the equity recorded on our balance sheet. The charge in the quarter ending 9/30/19 related to specific developed technology allocated to the Quickload The Company is developing and testing a new SmartPathTM transload technology and no longer plans to actively market the Quickload system and as such, all developed technology intangible assets related to the Quickload have been impaired. In the fourth quarter of 2019, we determined that the full amount recorded on the balance sheet which relate to the Hixton, Wisconsin property may not be recoverable as we have no current plans to further develop the site.

# Contribution Margin Reconciliation



(\$ in tho usands)		Quarter ended					
	12/31/2018	3/31/2019	6/30/2019	9/30/2019	12/31/2019		
Revenue	\$52,248	\$51,775	\$67,941	\$65,690	\$47,667		
Cost of goods sold	34,217	40,605	43,068	38,555	29,793		
Gross profit	18,031	11,170	24,873	27,135	17,874		
Depreciation, depletion, and accretion of asset retirment obligations	4,746	5,906	6,101	6,547	6,858		
Contribution margin	\$22,777	\$17,076	\$30,974	\$33,682	\$24,732		
Contribution margin per ton	\$37.34	\$26.35	\$41.80	\$55.13	\$53.53		

: Figures may not tie due to rounding.