# CERTAIN OTHER FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION DISCUSSED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER 2016 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016 QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (Recurring and comparable basis)

Reconciliation to Adjusted EBITDA	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30	
·	2016	2015
Revenues	\$693,877	\$791,605
Reported Earnings Before Income Taxes	\$6,087	\$39,862
Add back:		
Other charges	-	-
Interest Expense, net	11,569	12,337
Depreciation, amortization and write-down of intangibles	19,998	19,979
Adjusted EBITDA	\$37,654	\$72,178
EBITDA Margin	5.4%	9.1%

## CORE U.S.

Total revenues were down 16.3% driven by a same store sales decline of 12.0% and an 8.5% reduction in store count from the prior year.

## **ACCEPTANCE NOW**

Acceptance Now segment experienced a 1.1% revenue decline driven by our same-store sales decline of 0.9% and a 6.5% reduction in our staffed stores offset by results from our Direct locations.

## **GROSS PROFIT**

- Consolidated
  - Consolidated gross profit was \$457.2 million, and gross profit margin was 65.9%. While all three of our company owned operating segments experienced increases in gross margin year-over-year, on a consolidated basis this number was lower due to a higher mix of business coming from Acceptance NOW.
- Core
  - O Gross profit margin was 71.2%, 10 basis points better than a year ago. The gross profit margin was positively impacted by the continued growth in the mix of more efficiently sourced product in the Core portfolio, improved merchandise sales margins as a result of fewer smartphone sales, and a continued reduction in the smart phone loss reserve offset by a clearance event focused on previously rented inventory.

## Acceptance Now

O Acceptance Now gross margin was 53.0%, up 110 basis points from last year. This increase was driven by our focus on driving profitable sales, particularly related to improved profitability of the 90-day program offset partially by a concerted effort to cure our past due accounts through discounted early purchase options.

#### **EXPENSES**

- Consolidated store labor, which includes the expenses associated with co-workers at our stores and at the district manager level, increased 40 basis points to 27.1%.
- Store Labor
  - o In our Core U.S. segment, store labor expense was down approximately \$20.4 million but worsened by 140 basis points due to sales deleverage.
  - o In our Acceptance Now segment, labor as a percent of sales improved by 130 basis points, due to increases in productivity.

# Other Store Expenses

- Other store expenses, which include expenses related to occupancy, losses, advertising, delivery costs and utilities, increased 270 basis points to 28.3%.
- o In our Core segment, Other store expenses were down \$8.1 million but also deleveraged 400 basis points from the prior year.
- Within Acceptance Now, other store expenses increased 170 basis points versus the prior year driven by an increase in our technology investments and an increase in skip-stolen losses.

## **OPERATING PROFIT/EBITDA**

- On a consolidated basis we delivered operating margins of 2.5% in the third quarter, representing a year-over-year decline of 410 basis points.
- Consolidated EBITDA was at 5.4% or down 370 basis points from a year ago.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

- Consolidated
  - Consolidated inventory on rent was down approximately 11.1% or \$95 million versus a year ago.
  - Consolidated inventory held for rent was down approximately \$57 million or 20.6%, even with the investment in inventory at our third-party distribution centers.

## > Core

• Inventory on rent in the Core U.S. segment was down 16.6% or \$83 million. The key drivers were a \$33 million dollar reduction in smart phone inventory, an 8.5% reduction in store count, the lower purchase costs brought about by our supply chain initiative and lower same store sales.

- Acceptance Now
  - Inventory on rent declined \$7.6 million or 2.3%, which represents a smaller decline than seen a quarter ago, by approximately 340 basis points.

## **DEBT/LEVERAGE**

As of the end of the second quarter we have approximately \$130 million in cash and cash equivalents and we have reduced our total debt by approximately \$240 million this year.

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