

Cervus Equipment Corporation Management's Discussion + Analysis

For the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

The following Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") was prepared as of March 13, 2018 and is provided to assist readers in understanding Cervus Equipment Corporation's ("Cervus" or the "Company") financial performance for the three and twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2017, and significant trends that may affect the future performance of Cervus. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, and notes contained therein. The accompanying Audited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and Cervus' functional and reporting currency is the Canadian dollar. Cervus' common shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "CERV".

Additional information relating to Cervus, including Cervus' current annual information form, is available on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") web site at www.sedar.com.

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements. Please see the section "Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of the risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to those statements. This MD&A also makes reference to certain non-IFRS financial measures to assist users in assessing Cervus' performance. Non-IFRS financial measures do not have any standard meaning prescribed by IFRS and are therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. These measures are identified and described under the section "Non-IFRS Financial Measures."

Overview of Cervus

For the year ended December 31, 2017, Cervus operated under three segments: Agriculture, Transportation, and Commercial and Industrial, based on the industries which they serve. These segments are managed separately, and strategic decisions are made on the basis of their respective operating results. On February 26, 2018, the Company announced it had entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Commercial operations, composed of four dealership locations in Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton and Fort McMurray, Alberta. The dealerships represent the construction brands Bobcat, CMI and JCB. In 2018, Cervus will continue to report under three operating segments: Agriculture, Transportation, and Industrial.

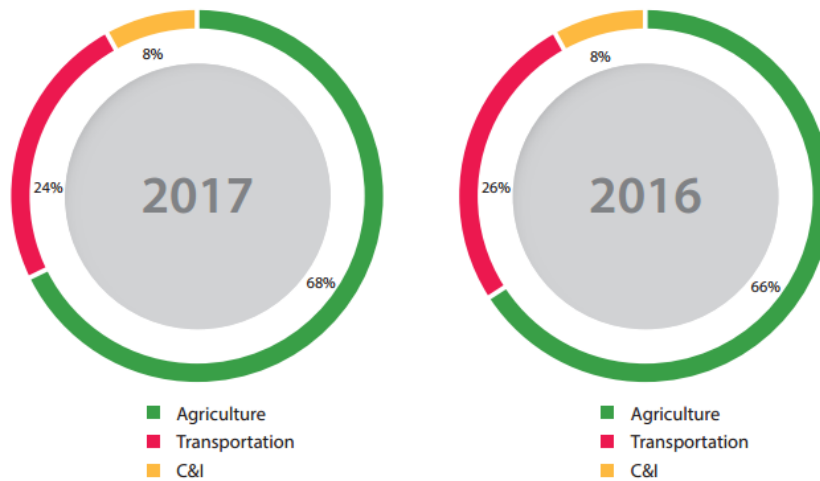
The Agricultural equipment segment consists of interests in 35 John Deere dealership locations with 14 in Alberta, 5 in Saskatchewan, 1 in British Columbia, 9 in New Zealand and 6 in Australia.

The Transportation segment consists of 19 dealership locations with 4 Peterbilt truck dealerships and 1 Collision Centre operating in Saskatchewan, 12 Peterbilt truck dealerships operating in Ontario, and 2 parts and service locations operating in Ontario.

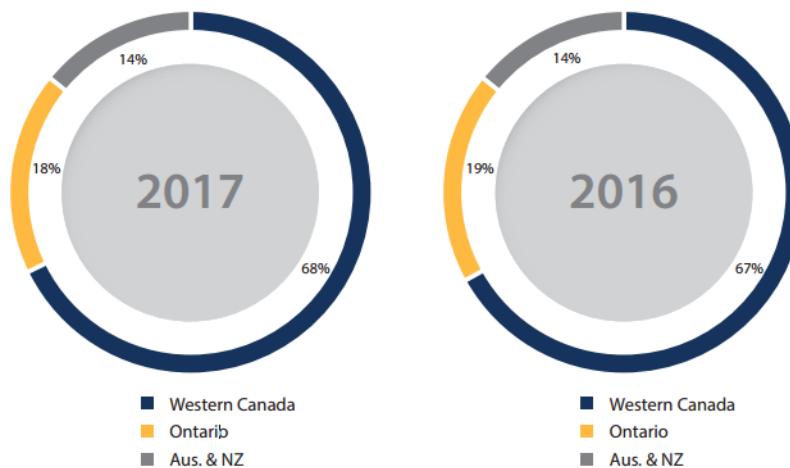
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For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Commercial and Industrial (“C&I”) equipment segment consisted of 11 dealership locations with 8 Bobcat/ JCB, Clark, Sellick, and Doosan material handling and forklift equipment dealerships operating in Alberta, 2 Clark, Sellick, and Doosan material handling and forklift equipment dealerships operating in Saskatchewan and 1 in Manitoba. Subsequent to the closing of the construction dealership group transaction in the first quarter of 2018, Cervus’ Industrial segment will operate 8 Clark, Sellick, and Doosan material handling and forklift equipment dealerships.

Revenue by Segment



Revenue by Geography



Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this MD&A constitute “forward-looking statements”. These forward-looking statements may include words such as “anticipate”, “believe”, “could”, “expect”, “may”, “objective”, “outlook”, “plan”, “should”, “target” and “will”. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events, or developments that Cervus or a third party expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, including our future growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects and opportunities, and the assumptions underlying any of the foregoing, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect our current beliefs and are based on information currently available to us and on assumptions we believe are reasonable. Actual results and developments may differ materially from the results and developments discussed in the forward-looking statements as they are subject to a number of significant risks and uncertainties, including those discussed under “Business Risks and Uncertainties” and elsewhere in this MD&A. Certain of these risks and uncertainties are beyond our control. Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this MD&A are qualified by these cautionary statements and other cautionary statements or factors contained herein, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, Cervus. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A, and we assume no obligation to update or revise them to reflect subsequent information, events, or circumstances unless otherwise required by applicable securities legislation.

The most recent quarterly dividend payment of \$0.07 per share was made to the shareholders of record as of December 31, 2017, on January 15, 2018. See “Capital Resources - Cautionary note regarding dividends” for a cautionary note regarding future dividends.

Highlights of the Year

- The Company generated adjusted income¹ of \$19.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 and adjusted basic earnings per share¹ of \$1.21. For the comparable period in 2016, the Company generated adjusted income of \$12.1 million and adjusted basic earnings per share of \$0.77.
- The Company generated income of \$19.9 million in 2017, compared to income of \$23.5 million in 2016.
- The Company generated \$1.2 billion of revenue in 2017, a 10% increase over 2016, while reducing selling, general and administrative (“SG&A”) expenses as a percentage of revenue.
- The Company achieved record new equipment sales in our Agriculture segment, increasing 20% over prior year.
- Parts and service revenue increased across the Company compared to the prior year.
- Interest and depreciation savings facilitated by the sale and leaseback conducted in the fourth quarter of 2016, more than offset incremental lease costs and generated \$1.7 million of the increase in income before income tax expense in 2017.
- Dividends of \$0.28 per share were declared to shareholders during 2017.
- Since commencement of the Company’s Normal Course Issuer Bid (“NCIB”), Cervus has repurchased 240 thousand common shares under the NCIB.
- The Company rose to #33 from #49 on the Alberta Venture’s 2017 Venture 250 ranking.
- The Alberta John Deere dealerships were awarded John Deere’s Leaders Club status for the fourth consecutive year, an award recognizing the top John Deere dealers in Canada.

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ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, overall results are equivalent to same store results.

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	% Change Compared to 2016	2016
Revenue	1,221,285	10%	1,109,939
Cost of sales	(1,011,857)	10%	(918,874)
Gross profit	209,428	10%	191,065
Other income	222	(98%)	10,437
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	890	(75%)	3,501
Total other income	1,112	(92%)	13,938
Selling, general and administrative expense	(176,199)	7%	(164,431)
Income from operating activities	34,341	(15%)	40,572
Finance income	484	186%	169
Finance costs	(5,863)	(45%)	(10,664)
Share of (loss) profit of equity accounted investees, net of income tax	(4)	(101%)	489
Income before income tax expense	28,958	(5%)	30,566
Income tax (expense)	(9,046)	28%	(7,042)
Income for the year	19,912	(15%)	23,524
Income attributable to shareholders	19,917	(16%)	23,712
EBITDA⁽¹⁾	53,840	(12%)	61,025
EBITDA margin⁽¹⁾	4.4%		5.5%
Ratios as a percentage of revenue:			
Gross profit margin	17.1%		17.2%
Selling, general and administrative	14.4%		14.8%
Income per share			
Basic - adjusted ⁽¹⁾	1.21	57%	0.77
Basic	1.27	(16%)	1.51
Diluted	1.20	(17%)	1.44
Reconciliation of adjusted income before income tax expense:			
Income before income tax expense	28,958	(5%)	30,566
Adjustments:			
Unrealized foreign currency (gain)	(890)	(75%)	(3,501)
(Gain) on sale of minority interests	-	(100%)	(4,146)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	(417)	(92%)	(5,262)
Adjusted income before income tax expense⁽¹⁾	27,651	57%	17,657

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Operating Summary – Year Ended December 31, 2017

Adjusted income before income tax expense¹ increased \$10.0 million to \$27.7 million compared to \$17.7 million in 2016. This was achieved due to an \$8.2 million increase in our Agriculture segment, a \$5.4 million increase in our C&I segment, and a \$3.6 million decrease in our Transportation segment. Income before income tax expense decreased \$1.6 million compared to 2016, comprised of a \$1.1 million increase in our Agriculture segment, a \$4.1 million increase in our C&I segment, offset by a \$6.8 million decrease in our Transportation segment.

In analyzing financial results, Cervus considers adjusted income before income tax expense as a relevant supplementary non-IFRS measure of financial performance, particularly when comparing the financial performance of 2017 to that of 2016. The financial results of 2016 included \$9.4 million of gains on sale of real estate and equity accounted investees which did not recur in 2017, while unrealized foreign exchange gains decreased \$2.6 million in 2017 compared to the year ended December 31, 2016. As adjusted income before income tax expense excludes gains and losses from the sale of real estate and minority interests, as well as unrealized gains and losses on foreign exchange, this non-IFRS measure is useful for comparing the period to period financial performance of our underlying dealership operations.

Adjusted income before income tax expense increased by \$10.0 million in 2017, compared to 2016. This was achieved through record equipment sales in the Agricultural segment, operational efficiencies in our C&I segment, partially offset by underperformance of our Ontario transportation dealerships. In the third and fourth quarters of 2017, actions were taken to reorganize our Ontario transportation operations towards the objective of profitability in 2018. The costs of these actions were incurred and included in the financial results of the third and fourth quarters of 2017. Income before income tax expense decreased \$1.6 million in the year compared to 2016, comprised of a \$1.1 million increase in our Agriculture segment, a \$4.1 million increase in our C&I segment, offset by a \$6.8 million decrease in our Transportation segment.

Within our Agricultural segment, adjusted income before income tax expense increased \$8.2 million. This performance reflects the record new agricultural equipment sales achieved in 2017, a 20% increase compared to 2016. The increase in new equipment sales had a positive impact on Original Equipment Manufacturer (“OEM”) incentives received in the fourth quarter of 2017. Organic growth in parts and service revenue, along with improved gross profit margins, also contributed to the financial performance for the year, reflecting our continued focus on efficiently servicing the growing equipment population of our customers. Income before income tax expense increased \$1.1 million for the segment compared to 2016.

Within our Transportation segment, adjusted loss before income tax expense increased \$3.6 million. A significant factor was the \$3.5 million incurred in the year related to reorganization costs and valuation adjustments to the Ontario lease fleet. Loss before income tax expense increased \$6.8 million, which also includes \$3.5 million of reorganization costs and lease fleet valuation adjustments. The reorganization costs were a result of actions taken in Ontario to facilitate profitability in 2018.

Within our C&I segment, adjusted income before income tax expense increased \$5.4 million. An 11% increase in revenue reflected improving market sentiment, while internal efficiencies delivered increased gross profit margins. Further, a year over year reduction in SG&A expenses was achieved in the segment, demonstrating the benefits of cost structure decisions made in 2015 and 2016. Income before income tax expense increased \$4.1 million for the segment compared to 2016.

¹ Refer to Non-IFRS measures herein

Post Implementation Financial Impact of Sale and Leaseback

Late in the fourth quarter of 2016, Cervus entered a sale and leaseback for the physical premises of 11 dealership locations. For the year ended December 31, 2017, SG&A includes \$4.3 million of third-party rents related to the sale and leaseback, compared to \$nil for the year ended December 31, 2016. Partially offsetting this increased SG&A was the elimination of depreciation related to the buildings previously incurred when the properties were owned by Cervus. For the year ended December 31, 2016, depreciation expense of \$1.2 million was included in SG&A related to the properties, while for the same period in 2017, depreciation was \$nil under the sale and leaseback. Proceeds generated from the sale and leaseback were used to reduce the Company's outstanding debt. The reduction in interest bearing debt was the primary factor in the \$4.8 million reduction in finance costs for the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016.

The net result in 2017, of the sale and leaseback in 2016, is a \$1.7 million increase in income before income tax expense compared to 2016, as interest savings and reduced depreciation more than offset increased third party lease costs.

Sale of Construction Dealership Group

On February 26, 2018, the Company announced it had entered into a definitive agreement to sell the Commercial portion of its Commercial and Industrial segment, composed of four dealership locations in Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, and Fort McMurray, Alberta. The dealerships represent the construction brands Bobcat, CMI and JCB.

The transaction price is in excess of Cervus' carrying value and includes the land and building at the Fort McMurray construction dealership. The assets and liabilities related to the dealership operations have been classified as held for sale as disclosed in Note 7 of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. Closing of the transaction is subject to the receipt of all required regulatory and third party approvals and, assuming that all conditions precedent can be satisfied, is currently expected to close in the first quarter of 2018. Upon closing, Cervus' C&I segment will be renamed the Industrial Segment, as the eight continuing material handling dealerships serve the industrial warehouse and material handling industries.

ANNUAL BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS

For the year ended December 31, 2017 the Company had three reportable segments: Agricultural, Transportation, and Commercial and Industrial, each supported by a single shared resources function. The Company allocates the expenditures of shared resources to each individual segment according to specific identification and metrics to estimate use as outlined in Note 25 of the accompanying Audited Consolidated Annual Financial Statements.

Agricultural Segment Results

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	% Change Compared to 2016	2016
Equipment			
New equipment	447,268	20%	371,218
Used equipment	246,784	5%	235,016
Total equipment revenue	694,052	14%	606,234
Parts	93,627	5%	89,022
Service	40,839	6%	38,631
Rental and other	5,159	0%	5,142
Total revenue	833,677	13%	739,029
Cost of sales	(703,484)	13%	(623,860)
Gross profit	130,193	13%	115,169
Other income	1,143	(88%)	9,693
Selling, general and administrative expense	(98,915)	9%	(90,798)
Income from operating activities	32,421	(5%)	34,064
Income before income tax expense	29,479	4%	28,414
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	40,106	(10%)	44,658
Ratios as a percentage of revenue:			
Gross profit margin	15.6%		15.6%
Selling, general and administrative	11.9%		12.3%
Reconciliation of adjusted income before income tax expense:			
Income before income tax expense	29,479	4%	28,414
Adjustments:			
(Gain) on sale of minority interests	-	(100%)	(4,146)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	(417)	(88%)	(3,360)
Adjusted income before income tax expense⁽¹⁾	29,062	39%	20,908

[1] - Refer to Non-IFRS Measures herein

Operating Summary – Year Ended December 31, 2017

Within our Agriculture segment, adjusted income before income tax expense increased \$8.2 million in 2017, as focused sales efforts combined with a positive harvest outlook and favorable exchange rates drove record new equipment sales in the year. Income before income tax expense increased \$1.1 million compared to 2016, as the 2016 results included a \$4.2 million gain on sale of minority interest and \$2.9 million of gains on sale of real estate, which were both non-recurring in 2017.

Our equipment sales were accelerated by a successful growing season in our geography, combined with windows of favorable exchange rates during the year. This 20% increase in new equipment sales performance resulted in additional OEM incentives received compared to 2016, which are included in gross profit. Used equipment sales also increased 5%, while the 5% increase in parts and service was achieved at improved gross profit margins through service optimization. The resulting \$15.0 million increase in gross profit more than offset the \$8.1 million increase in SG&A expenses, the largest component of which was the \$3.9 million of additional third-party occupancy costs related to the sale and leaseback conducted in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Transportation Segment Results

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	% Change Compared to 2016	2016
Equipment			
New equipment	155,480	5%	148,056
Used equipment	9,005	37%	6,563
Total equipment revenue	164,485	6%	154,619
Parts	92,559	2%	90,364
Service	29,367	(1%)	29,785
Rental and other	6,958	(39%)	11,475
Total revenue	293,369	2%	286,243
Cost of sales	(240,885)	3%	(233,089)
Gross profit	52,484	(1%)	53,154
Other loss	(1,604)	48%	(1,085)
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	685	(80%)	3,501
Total other (loss) income	(919)	(138%)	2,416
Selling, general and administrative expense	(53,065)	8%	(48,942)
(Loss) income from operating activities	(1,500)	(123%)	6,628
(Loss) income before income tax expense	(3,562)	(209%)	3,256
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	7,442	(44%)	13,321
Ratios as a percentage of revenue:			
Gross profit margin	17.9%		18.6%
Selling, general and administrative	18.1%		17.1%
Reconciliation of adjusted loss before income tax expense:			
(Loss) income before income tax expense	(3,562)	(209%)	3,256
Adjustments:			
Unrealized foreign currency (gain)	(685)	(80%)	(3,501)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	-	(100%)	(448)
Adjusted loss before income tax expense⁽¹⁾	(4,247)	513%	(693)

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Operating Summary – Year Ended December 31, 2017

Within our Transportation segment, adjusted loss before income tax expense increased \$3.6 million. A significant factor was the \$3.5 million incurred in the year related to reorganization costs and valuation adjustments to the Ontario lease fleet. Loss before income tax expense increased \$6.8 million, which also includes \$3.5 million of reorganization costs and lease fleet valuation adjustments. The reorganization costs were a result of actions taken in Ontario to facilitate profitability in 2018.

Included in the \$3.6 million increase in adjusted loss before income tax expense is SG&A expenses of \$1.0 million related to reorganization costs in our Ontario operations, and a \$2.5 million valuation adjustment to the Ontario lease fleet which is included in other loss. The \$6.8 million increase in loss before income tax expense reflects the non-recurrence of a \$0.5 million gain on sale of real estate in 2016, \$3.5 million of reorganization and lease fleet revaluation expenses, and a \$2.8 million decrease in unrealized foreign exchange gains in 2017 compared to 2016.

Our Ontario dealerships have not performed to our expectation, and we have taken corrective action including changes to the leadership of the Ontario group. We are focused on Ontario achieving profitability in 2018 as we accelerate process efficiency, disciplined cost management, and revenue growth. The Ontario team has identified and is executing tactical objectives tied to efficient operations and profitability in 2018. These objectives include aligning new vehicle pre-delivery service work to those dealerships with excess service capacity, improving both the cost efficiency and timely delivery of equipment, while also increasing shop availability for customer repairs across our footprint. Our parts distribution approach has also been adjusted, reducing overlap of delivery routes and vehicle costs while maintaining delivery timelines. The optimization of our service departments has been refocused, where improved quoting and scheduling will impact both customer experience and profitability.

Within our two transportation geographies, our Saskatchewan dealerships generated \$1.4 million of income before income tax expense, while Ontario generated a \$5.0 million loss before income tax expense, based on the factors discussed above.

Commercial and Industrial Segment Results

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	% Change Compared to 2016	2016
Equipment			
New equipment	44,398	8%	41,033
Used equipment	8,846	31%	6,775
Total equipment revenue	53,244	11%	47,808
Parts	22,677	5%	21,567
Service	14,258	23%	11,557
Rental and other	4,060	9%	3,735
Total revenue	94,239	11%	84,667
Cost of sales	(67,488)	9%	(61,925)
Gross profit	26,751	18%	22,742
Other income	683	(63%)	1,829
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	205	100%	-
Total other income	888	(51%)	1,829
Selling, general and administrative expense	(24,219)	(2%)	(24,691)
Income (loss) from operating activities	3,420	2950%	(120)
Income (loss) before income tax expense	3,041	375%	(1,104)
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	6,292	107%	3,046
Ratios as a percentage of revenue:			
Gross profit margin	28.4%		26.9%
Selling, general and administrative	25.7%		29.2%
Reconciliation of adjusted income (loss) before income tax expense:			
Income (loss) before income tax expense	3,041	375%	(1,104)
Adjustments:			
Unrealized foreign currency (gain)	(205)	100%	-
(Gain) on sale of land and building	-	(100%)	(1,454)
Adjusted income (loss) before income tax expense⁽¹⁾	2,836	(211%)	(2,558)

[1] - Refer to Non-IFRS Measures herein

Operating Summary – Year Ended December 31, 2017

Adjusted income before income tax expense for the C&I segment increased \$5.4 million. Income before income tax expense increased \$4.1 million for the year ended 2017, including the non-recurrence of a \$1.5 million gain on sale of real estate in 2016 and a \$0.2 million increase in unrealized foreign exchange gains year over year. A 11% increase in revenue, combined with SG&A expense discipline resulted in incremental gross profit directly impacting income. The increase in total revenue resulted from modest new and used equipment revenue growth combined with a 23% increase in service revenue.

Within the C&I segment, equipment sales have accelerated slightly from 2016 levels, although customers remain cautious absent a definitive western Canadian recovery. Within this environment, the C&I segment has performed by meeting existing customer needs while operating efficiently. As customers extend equipment replacement cycles, delivering uptime for existing equipment has contributed to a 23% increase in service revenue compared to the prior year. The segment's 2017 financial performance was achieved through overall gross profit margin growth combined with an 11% increase in revenue, further amplified by a \$0.5 million reduction in SG&A expenses.

Annual Cash Flows

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Year Ended December 31, 2017

Cervus' primary sources and uses of cash flow for the year ended December 31, 2017, are as follows:

Operating Activities

Net cash provided from operating activities was \$33.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to \$16.2 million in 2016, an increase of \$17.4 million. The increase in net cash from operating activities primarily resulted from a \$16.1 million decrease in net cash used in working capital items, a \$4.6 million decrease in interest paid, partly offset by a \$5.6 million increase in cash taxes paid. The decrease in cash used in working capital items was primarily driven by an increase in floor plan financing as a percentage of inventory.

Investing Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company's net cash from investing activities was a source of cash of \$3.6 million, compared to a source of cash of \$72.0 million in 2016, a decrease of \$68.4 million. The source of this variance are two significant events in 2016 which were non-recurring in 2017: the 2016 sale of real estate which provided cash from investing activities of \$62.6 million, and the 2016 sale of an equity accounted investee which generated cash proceeds of \$9.1 million in the prior period.

Financing Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company used \$37.5 million of cash related to financing activities compared to \$86.0 million in 2016, a net reduction in use of cash for financing activities of \$48.4 million. This decrease is primarily due to the significant 2016 cash outflow related to applying proceeds received from the sale of real estate and equity investees to repay debt in 2016. The use of cash in 2017 related to the Company's repayment and extinguishment of the Company's convertible debenture, funded by the Company's syndicate facility, which was partially repaid during the year from operating cash flows.

Fourth Quarter Consolidated Performance

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	% Change Compared to 2016	2016
Revenue	272,726	0%	271,943
Cost of sales	(218,996)	(3%)	(225,455)
Gross profit	53,730	16%	46,488
Other (loss) income	(1,728)	(122%)	7,832
Unrealized foreign exchange (loss) gain	(188)	(162%)	304
Total other (loss) income	(1,916)	(124%)	8,136
Selling, general and administrative expense	(45,094)	8%	(41,945)
Income from operating activities	6,720	(47%)	12,679
Finance income	63	(32%)	93
Finance costs	(1,070)	(55%)	(2,375)
Share of (loss) profit of equity accounted investees, net of income tax	(4)	(101%)	407
Income before income tax expense	5,709	(47%)	10,804
Income tax expense	(1,982)	(3%)	(2,042)
Income for the period	3,727	(57%)	8,762
Income attributable to shareholders	3,727	(57%)	8,753
EBITDA⁽¹⁾	13,622	(24%)	18,008
EBITDA margin⁽¹⁾	5.0%		6.6%
Ratios as a percentage of revenue:			
Gross profit margin	19.7%		17.1%
Selling, general and administrative	16.5%		15.4%
Income per share			
Basic - adjusted ⁽¹⁾	0.25		0.03
Basic	0.24		0.55
Diluted	0.23		0.52
Reconciliation of adjusted income before income tax expense:			
Income before income tax expense	5,709	(47%)	10,804
Adjustments:			
Unrealized foreign currency loss (gain)	188	(162%)	(304)
(Gain) on sale of minority interests	-	(100%)	(4,146)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	-	(100%)	(3,887)
Adjusted income before income tax expense⁽¹⁾	5,897	139%	2,467

[1] - Refer to Non-IFRS Measures herein

Operating Summary – Three Months Ended December 31, 2017

For the fourth quarter of 2017, adjusted income before income tax expense increased \$3.4 million compared to the same period in 2016. This was achieved through a \$3.8 million increase in our Agriculture segment, a \$1.1 million increase in our C&I segment, partially offset by a \$1.5 million decrease in our Transportation segment. Income before income tax expense decreased \$5.1 million, due to non-recurrence of gains on sale realized in the fourth quarter of 2016, specifically a \$4.2 million gain on sale of a minority interest and a \$3.9 million gain on sale of real estate in 2016.

Within our Agriculture segment, adjusted income before income tax expense increased \$3.8 million, principally due to additional OEM incentives received in the fourth quarter, associated with record new equipment sales in the year. Income before income tax expense decreased \$3.8 million, reflecting the non-recurrence of \$4.2 million in gains on sale of real estate and a \$3.4 million gain on sale of a minority interest, which both occurred in the fourth quarter of 2016.

In our Transportation segment, adjusted loss before income tax expense increased \$1.5 million compared to the three months ended December 31, 2016. This includes SG&A expenses of \$0.4 million related to reorganization costs in our Ontario operations and a \$2.5 million valuation adjustment to the Ontario lease fleet which is included in other loss. Loss before income tax expense increased \$2.4 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2016, and also includes the reorganization and lease valuation adjustments noted above.

Our C&I segment generated a \$1.1 million increase in income before income tax expense, based on consistent revenue and SG&A expenses, combined with increased gross profit margin due to service optimization impacts and sales mix shifting towards parts and service. The work done in the C&I segment to maintain SG&A expenses while improving revenue and gross profit margins has been a key factor in increased profitability despite persistent caution in the industry. For the C&I segment, fourth quarter adjusted income before income tax expense and income before income tax expense are equivalent.

Fourth Quarter Business Segment Performance

Agricultural Segment Results

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	% Change Compared to 2016	2016
Equipment			
New equipment	98,393	(1%)	99,155
Used equipment	55,060	16%	47,455
Total equipment revenue	153,453	5%	146,610
Parts	19,511	(4%)	20,292
Service	10,520	4%	10,155
Rental and other	1,851	(21%)	2,331
Total revenue	185,335	3%	179,388
Cost of sales	(151,018)	(0%)	(151,219)
Gross profit	34,317	22%	28,169
Other income	426	(95%)	8,028
Selling, general and administrative expense	(25,541)	12%	(22,902)
Income from operating activities	9,202	(31%)	13,295
Income before income tax expense	8,635	(30%)	12,394
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	11,131	(32%)	16,264
Ratios as a percentage of revenue:			
Gross profit margin	18.5%		15.7%
Selling, general and administrative	13.8%		12.8%
Reconciliation of adjusted income before income tax expense:			
Income before income tax expense	8,635	(30%)	12,394
Adjustments:			
(Gain) on sale of minority interests	-	(100%)	(4,146)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	-	(100%)	(3,439)
Adjusted income before income tax expense⁽¹⁾	8,635	80%	4,809

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Operating Summary – Three Months Ended December 31, 2017

Agriculture segment adjusted income before income tax expense increased \$3.8 million in the quarter. Focused sales efforts in the quarter drove increased used equipment sales. Gross profit increased \$6.1 million, primarily due to an increase in OEM incentives related to the Company's sales performance in 2017. Income before income tax expense decreased \$3.8 million, as the fourth quarter of 2016 included a \$4.2 million gain on sale of a minority interest and a \$3.4 million gain on sale of real estate.

During 2017, the Company achieved record new equipment sales which compressed some equipment margins earlier in the year. This sales performance ultimately led to additional OEM incentives received in the fourth quarter. These incentives resulted in consistent gross profit margin for the year, and increased gross profit margins in the fourth quarter. Used equipment revenue accelerated in the quarter as we focused on marketing the used equipment taken on trade. Our service revenues increased slightly as our service departments remain active preparing equipment for the 2018 season. Fourth quarter parts sales decreased slightly due to an earlier harvest in 2017 which shifted seasonal parts demand into the third quarter of 2017.

Transportation Segment Results

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	% Change Compared to 2016	2016
Equipment			
New equipment	29,416	(12%)	33,461
Used equipment	2,533	26%	2,012
Total equipment revenue	31,949	(10%)	35,473
Parts	22,654	(1%)	22,835
Service	7,489	5%	7,148
Rental and other	1,446	(59%)	3,537
Total revenue	63,538	(8%)	68,993
Cost of sales	(50,755)	(11%)	(56,778)
Gross profit	12,783	5%	12,215
Other loss	(2,381)	1790%	(126)
Unrealized foreign exchange (loss) gain	(185)	(161%)	304
Total other (loss) income	(2,566)	(1542%)	178
Selling, general and administrative expense	(13,209)	4%	(12,681)
Loss from operating activities	(2,992)	939%	(288)
Loss before income tax expense	(3,418)	233%	(1,025)
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	1,205	(9%)	1,325
Ratios as a percentage of revenue:			
Gross profit margin	20.1%		17.7%
Selling, general and administrative	20.8%		18.4%
Reconciliation of adjusted loss before income tax expense:			
Loss before income tax expense	(3,418)	233%	(1,025)
Adjustments:			
Unrealized foreign currency loss (gain)	185	(161%)	(304)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	-	(100%)	(448)
Adjusted loss before income tax expense ⁽¹⁾	(3,233)	82%	(1,777)

[1] - Refer to Non-IFRS Measures herein

Operating Summary – Three Months Ended December 31, 2017

Transportation segment adjusted income before income tax expense decreased \$1.5 million, which includes \$2.9 million of Ontario reorganization and lease fleet valuation adjustments in the quarter. Income before income tax expense decreased \$2.4 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2016, also reflecting the \$2.9 million of reorganization costs and lease fleet valuation adjustments.

The \$1.5 million increase in adjusted loss before income tax expense includes \$0.4 million of reorganization costs within SG&A related to our Ontario operations, along with a \$2.5 million valuation adjustment to the Ontario lease fleet which is included in other loss. The \$2.4 million increase in loss before income tax expense, includes the reorganization and revaluation expenses, while also reflecting the non-recurrence of \$0.5 million gain on sale of real estate in 2016, and a \$0.5 million decrease in unrealized foreign exchange gains period to period.

Commercial and Industrial Segment Results

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	% Change Compared to 2016	2016
Equipment			
New equipment	10,980	(13%)	12,573
Used equipment	2,763	59%	1,737
Total equipment revenue	13,743	(4%)	14,310
Parts	5,501	(1%)	5,534
Service	3,591	28%	2,810
Rental and other	1,018	12%	908
Total revenue	23,853	1%	23,562
Cost of sales	(17,223)	(1%)	(17,458)
Gross profit	6,630	9%	6,104
Other income (loss)	227	(424%)	(70)
Unrealized foreign exchange (loss)	(3)	(100%)	-
Total other income (loss)	224	(420%)	(70)
Selling, general and administrative expense	(6,344)	(0%)	(6,362)
Income (loss) from operating activities	510	(255%)	(328)
Income (loss) before income tax expense	492	(187%)	(565)
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	1,286	207%	419
Ratios as a percentage of revenue:			
Gross profit margin	27.8%		25.9%
Selling, general and administrative	26.6%		27.0%
Reconciliation of adjusted income (loss) before income tax expense:			
Income (loss) before income tax expense	492	187%	(565)
Adjustments:			
Unrealized foreign currency loss	3	(100%)	-
Adjusted income (loss) before income tax expense⁽¹⁾	495	(188%)	(565)

[1] - Refer to Non-IFRS Measures herein

Operating Summary – Three Months Ended December 31, 2017

C&I segment income before income tax expense increased by \$1.1 million, while in the fourth quarter there was no significant difference between adjusted income before income tax expense and income before income tax expense. Fourth quarter 2017 performance was achieved through increased gross profit margin resulting from sales mix shifts and service optimization efforts, and unchanged SG&A expenses.

Overall revenue increased slightly from the fourth quarter of 2016. An increase in used equipment sales and service revenue was offset by a decrease in new equipment sales, reflecting customers exercising caution with capital investments in the current market. The increase in income before income tax expense was achieved through increased gross profit despite consistent revenue. Continued expense diligence resulted in SG&A expenses remaining unchanged quarter over quarter while decreasing as a percentage of revenue.

Fourth Quarter Cash Flows

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Three Months Ended December 31, 2017

Cervus' primary sources and uses of cash flow for the three months ended December 31, 2017, are as follows:

Operating Activities

Net cash provided from operating activities was \$21.6 million, compared to net cash used of \$0.4 million for the same period of 2016, an increase of \$22.0 million. The primary reason for the increase is \$8.7 million of net cash provided from working capital items in the quarter, compared to \$8.8 million of net cash used in 2016. This \$17.4 million change in cash from working capital items primarily relates to an increase in floor plan payables in the fourth quarter related to additional used equipment taken on trade as part of the record new equipment sales in the year.

Investing Activities

The Company used \$0.2 million of cash in investing activities in the quarter, compared to cash provided of \$64.9 million in 2016, a change of \$65.1 million. The net change relates primarily to \$57.8 million of proceeds received in the fourth quarter 2016 from the sale and leaseback of eleven properties, combined with proceeds from the disposition of an equity held investee for \$9.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Financing Activities

Financing activities used \$10.1 million of cash in the period, compared to a use of \$60.5 million in 2016. The difference is principally due to the \$57.7 million of debt repayments in the fourth quarter of 2016, as application of proceeds from the sale and leaseback transaction.

Consolidated Financial Position & Liquidity

(\$ thousands, except ratio amounts)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Current assets	384,835	324,759
Total assets	514,055	476,852
Current liabilities	236,262	220,050
Long-term financial liabilities	42,586	32,355
Shareholders' equity	225,253	213,839
Working capital ⁽¹⁾	148,573	104,709
Working capital ratio ⁽¹⁾	1.63	1.48

[1] - Refer to Non-IFRS Measures herein

Working Capital

Cervus' working capital increased by \$43.9 million to \$148.6 million at December 31, 2017, when compared to \$104.7 million at December 31, 2016. As at the date of this report, the Company is in compliance with all of its covenants.

Based on inventory levels at December 31, 2017, the Company had the ability to floor plan an additional \$28.9 million of inventory and held \$453.0 million of undrawn floor plan capacity.

The Company's ability to maintain sufficient liquidity is driven by revenue, gross profit, and judicious allocation of resources. At this time, there are no known factors that management is aware of that would affect its short and long-term objectives of meeting the Company's obligations as they come due. Working capital may fluctuate from time to time based on the use of cash and cash equivalents related to the seasonal nature of our business, and funding potential future business acquisitions. Cash resources can typically be restored by accessing floor plan monies from unencumbered equipment inventories or accessing undrawn credit facilities. Also, the seasonality of our business requires greater use of cash resources in the first and fourth quarter of each year to fund general operations caused by the seasonal nature of our sales activity.

Liquidity Risk

The Company's exposure to liquidity risk is dependent on the collection of accounts receivable and the ability to raise funds to meet purchase commitments, financial obligations, and to sustain operations. The Company controls its liquidity risk by managing its working capital, cash flows, and the availability of borrowing facilities. The Company's contractual obligations and availability of borrowing facilities at December 31, 2017 are described further in the sections below.

The Company has guaranteed the net residual value of certain customer leases, for leases between customers and John Deere Financial ("JDF") as set out in Note 26 to the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. The Company regularly assesses the residual value of the JDF lease portfolio relative to wholesale values for comparable equipment. On the maturity of customer's leases, the equipment can be returned to the Company and if so, it is sold as used equipment. Upon the return of equipment, JDF will provide the Company floor planning based on John Deere's pricing guide. Of the lease portfolio at December 31, 2017, leases with a residual value of \$29.0 million are scheduled to mature in 2018.

Contractual Obligations

The Company has certain contractual obligations including payments under long-term debt agreements, finance and operating lease commitments. A summary of the Company's principal contractual obligations are as follows:

(\$ thousands)	Total Carrying Value	Due 2018	Due 2019 through 2020	Due 2020 through 2021	Due Thereafter
Term debt payable	45,217	11,122	27,239	5,708	1,148
Finance lease obligation	15,777	5,361	3,674	2,170	4,572
Operating leases	-	11,775	11,992	9,090	96,493
Total	60,994	28,258	42,905	16,968	102,213

Inventories

The nature of the business has a significant impact on the amount of equipment that is owned by our various dealerships. The majority of our Agricultural equipment sales come with a trade-in, a limited portion of our Transportation sales come with a trade-in, and our C&I equipment sales usually do not have trade-ins. This results in a higher amount of used Agriculture equipment than used Transportation and C&I equipment. In addition, the majority of our new John Deere equipment is on consignment from John Deere, whereas we purchase the new equipment from our other manufacturers. These factors directly impact the amount of new and used equipment in inventory. The majority of our product lines, in all segments, are manufactured in the US with pricing based in US dollars, but invoiced in Canadian dollars. Inventory by segment for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to December 31, 2016 is as follows:

(\$ thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Agricultural	226,664	176,719
Transportation	56,211	50,256
Commercial & Industrial	7,649	28,256
Total	290,524	255,231

As at December 31, 2017, inventories increased by \$35.3 million when compared to \$255.2 million at December 31, 2016. The \$35.3 million increase is comprised of a \$27.1 million increase in used equipment and a \$11.6 million increase in new inventory, partly offset by a \$3.2 million decrease in parts.

Used inventory levels within the Agriculture segment increased \$33.0 million as record new equipment sales in the second and third quarter of 2017 came with used equipment taken on trade. The \$20.6 million decrease in inventory in the C&I segment is due to continued focus on reducing stock inventory and managing inventory levels to the current Western Canadian equipment demand, partly offset by a \$6.0 million increase in inventory in our Transportation segment.

At December 31, 2017, the Company believes that the recoverable value of new and used equipment inventories exceeds its respective carrying value. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recognized inventory valuation adjustments through cost of goods sold of \$5.6 million (2016 - \$6.2 million).

Accounts Receivable

For the year ended December 31, 2017 the average time to collect the Company's outstanding accounts receivable was approximately 13 days as compared to 18 days for the year ended December 31, 2016. At December 31, 2017 no single outstanding customer balance, excluding sales contract financing receivables, represented more than 10% of total accounts receivable. The Company closely monitors the amount and age of balances outstanding on an on-going basis and establishes provisions for bad debts based on account aging, combined with specific customers' credit risk, historical trends, and other economic information.

The Company's allowance for doubtful collections was \$1.6 million at December 31, 2017 (2016 - \$1.7 million), which represents 5.1% (2016 - 4.5%) of outstanding trade accounts receivable and 0.1% (2016- 0.1%) of gross revenue on an annual basis. Bad debt expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 amounted to a \$0.9 million expense (2016 - \$0.3 million expense).

Capital Resources

We use our capital to finance current operations and growth strategies. Our capital consists of both debt and equity and we believe the best way to maximize shareholder value is to use a combination of equity and debt financing to leverage our operations. A summary of the Company's available credit facilities as at December 31, 2017 are as follows:

(\$ thousands)	December 31, 2017				December 31, 2016			
	Total Limits	Borrowings	Letters of Credit	Amount Available	Total Limits	Borrowings	Letters of Credit	Amount Available
Operating and other bank credit facilities	101,925	25,589	2,400	73,936	100,000	11,100	2,556	86,344
Capital facilities ^(a)		12,082				15,543		
Floor plan facilities and rental equipment term loan financing ^(b)		133,119				97,220		
Total borrowing		170,790				123,863		

- (a) For capital facilities, the amount available under the facilities is limited to the lesser of the pre-approved credit limit of \$55.8 million (2016-\$58.5 million) or the available unencumbered assets which is estimated at \$1.5 million as at December 31, 2017 (2016- \$3.3 million).
- (b) For floorplan facilities, the amount available under the facilities is limited to the lesser of the pre-approved credit limit of \$453.0 million (2016-\$471.5 million) or the available unencumbered assets which is estimated at \$28.9 million as at December 31, 2017 (2016- \$33.2 million).

Operating and Other Bank Credit Facilities

At December 31, 2017, the Company has a revolving credit facility with a syndicate of underwriters. The principal amount available under this facility is \$100 million. The facility was amended and extended on December 19, 2016. The facility is committed for a three-year term, but may be extended on or before the anniversary date with the consent of the lenders. The facility contains an \$80.0 million accordion which the Company may request as an increase to the total available facility, subject to lender approval. As at December 31, 2017 there was \$25 million drawn on the facility and \$2.4 million had been utilized for outstanding letters of credit to John Deere.

We believe that the credit facilities available to the Company outlined above are sufficient to meet our sales targets and working capital requirements for 2018.

The Company must meet certain financial covenants as part of its current credit facilities, as at the date of this report, the Company is in compliance with all its covenants as follows:

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Total liabilities to net worth ratio⁽¹⁾ (not exceeding 4.0:1.0)	2.55	1.99
Fixed charge coverage ratio⁽²⁾ (greater than or equal to 1.00:1 on December 31, 2016, greater than or equal to 1.10:1.00)	1.69	1.43
Asset coverage ratio⁽³⁾ (greater than 3.0:1.0)	10.01	21.03

1 – Calculated using an adjusted liability value over an adjusted equity value. Full definitions of adjusted liabilities and adjusted equity are defined in the Syndicate Credit Agreement filed as a material document on Sedar.

2 – Calculated as an adjusted EBITDA figure over the sum of interest expense, scheduled principal payments, operating lease payments and distributions paid to shareholders in the twelve months prior to the calculation date. Full definitions of this calculation are defined in the Syndicate Credit Agreement filed as a material document on Sedar.

3 – Calculated as net tangible total assets less consolidated debt excluding floorplan plan liabilities, plus debt due under the credit facility over the amount due under the credit facility. Full definitions of this calculation are defined in the Syndicate Credit Agreement filed as a material document on Sedar.

Capital Facilities

Capital facilities consist of capital asset financing primarily through credit facilities with Farm Credit Canada and Affinity Credit Union. The Company's financial covenants under its mortgages with Farm Credit Canada were amended to align with certain of the Company's financial covenants under its committed operating facility, discussed above.

Floor Plan Facilities

Floor plan payables consist of financing arrangements for the Company's inventories and rental equipment financing with John Deere Canada ULC, Wells Fargo Equipment Finance Company, ECN Capital Corp., PACCAR Financial Ltd., US Bank, and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. At December 31, 2017, floor plan payables related to inventories were \$125.6 million.

Floor plan payables at December 31, 2017 represented approximately 43.2% of our inventories (December 31, 2016 – 33.7%). Floor plan payables fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter based on the timing between the receipt of equipment inventories and their actual repayment so that the Company may take advantage of any programs made available to the Company by its key suppliers.

Interest on floor plans at the contractual rate were largely offset by dealer rebates and interest free periods. Total Agricultural segment interest otherwise payable on John Deere floor plans approximates \$1.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2017. This amount was offset by rebates applied during the year ended December 31, 2017, of \$1.5 million. At December 31, 2017, approximately 59% (2016 – 36%) of the C&I segment's and 12% (2016 – 8%) of the Transportation segment's outstanding floor plan balances were non-interest bearing due to various incentives and interest free periods in place.

Outstanding Share Data

As of the date of this MD&A, there are 15,688 thousand common shares and 687 thousand deferred shares outstanding. On August 21, 2017, the Company announced a Normal Course Issuer Bid (the "Bid"), which commenced on August 23, 2017, to purchase up to a maximum of 806 thousand common shares (the "Shares") for cancellation before August 22, 2018. All purchases are made in accordance with the Bid at the prevailing market price of the Shares at the time of purchase. As at December 31, 2017, the Company had repurchased 240 thousand common shares under the NCIB.

As at December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company had the following weighted average shares outstanding:

(thousands)	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding	15,744	15,683
Dilutive impact of deferred share plan	696	745
Dilutive impact of convertible debenture	1,319	-
Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding	17,759	16,428

The above table includes all dilutive instruments held by the Company. In 2016, the above per share amounts do not include amounts associated with the Company's convertible debenture as they are considered anti-dilutive.

Dividends Paid and Declared to Shareholders

The Company, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, is entitled to make cash dividends to its shareholders. The following table summarizes our dividends paid for the period ended December 31, 2017:

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)				
Record Date	Dividend per Share	Dividend Payable	Dividends Reinvested	Net Dividend Paid
March 31, 2017	0.0700	1,104	195	909
June 30, 2017	0.0700	1,106	204	902
September 30, 2017	0.0700	1,092	184	907
December 31, 2017	0.0700	1,097	162	935
Total	0.2800	4,399	745	3,653

As of the date of this MD&A, all dividends as described above were paid (see “Capital Resources – Cautionary note regarding dividends”).

Dividend Reinvestment Plan (“DRIP”)

The DRIP was implemented to allow shareholders to reinvest quarterly dividends and receive Cervus shares. For shareholders who elect to participate, their periodic cash dividends are automatically reinvested in Cervus shares at a price equal to 95% of the volume-weighted average price of all shares for the ten trading days preceding the applicable record date. Eligible shareholders can participate in the DRIP by directing their broker, dealer, or investment advisor holding their shares to notify the plan administrator, Computershare Trust Company of Canada Ltd., through the Clearing and Depository Services Inc. (“CDS”), or directly where they hold the certificates personally.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, 62 thousand common shares were issued through the Company’s dividend reinvestment plan.

Taxation

Cervus’ 2017 dividends declared and paid through December 31, 2017 are considered to be eligible dividends for tax purposes on the date paid.

Cautionary Note Regarding Dividends (see “Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements”)

The payment of future dividends is not assured and may be reduced or suspended. Our ability to continue to declare and pay dividends will depend on our financial performance, debt covenant obligations, and our ability to meet our debt obligations and capital requirements. In addition, the market value of the Company’s common shares may decline if we are unable to meet our cash dividend targets in the future, and that decline may be significant. Under the terms of our credit facilities, we are restricted from declaring dividends or distributing cash if the Company is in breach of its debt covenants. As at the date of this report, the Company is not in violation of any of its covenants.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Annual Results Summary

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	2017	2016	2015
Total revenues	1,221,285	1,109,939	1,133,878
Income (loss) for the year	19,912	23,524	(27,379)
Income (loss) for the year attributable to shareholders	19,917	23,712	(27,421)
Net income (loss) per share - basic	1.27	1.51	(1.77)
Net income (loss) per share - diluted	1.20	1.44	(1.77)
Cash provided by operating activities	33,593	16,164	23,674
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	53,840	61,025	46,330
Total assets	514,055	476,852	629,785
Total long-term liabilities	52,540	42,963	148,601
Total liabilities	288,802	263,013	436,492
Shareholders' equity	225,253	213,839	193,293
Net book value per share - diluted	12.68	13.02	12.49
Dividends declared to shareholders	4,399	4,394	13,202
Dividends declared per share	0.280	0.280	0.850
Weighted average shares outstanding			
Basic	15,744	15,683	15,481
Diluted	17,759	16,428	15,481
Actual shares outstanding	15,675	15,750	15,606

[1] - Refer to Non-IFRS Measures herein

Summary of Quarterly Results

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	December 31, 2017	September 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017
Revenues	272,726	360,087	357,361	231,110
Income (loss) attributable to the shareholders	3,727	9,453	8,365	(1,628)
Gross profit	53,730	58,552	56,759	40,387
Gross profit margin	19.7%	16.3%	15.9%	17.5%
EBITDA	13,622	18,688	17,478	4,052
Income (loss) per share:				
Basic	0.24	0.60	0.53	(0.10)
Diluted	0.23	0.57	0.50	(0.10)
Adjusted income (loss) per share ⁽¹⁾				
Basic	0.25	0.58	0.46	(0.12)
Diluted	0.24	0.55	0.44	(0.12)
Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic	15,638	15,792	15,792	15,762
Diluted	16,335	16,614	16,619	15,762

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	December 31, 2016	September 30, 2016	June 30, 2016	March 31, 2016
Revenues	271,943	334,682	294,772	208,542
Income attributable to the shareholders	8,753	10,741	2,485	1,733
Gross profit	46,488	57,571	47,788	39,218
Gross profit margin	17.1%	17.2%	16.2%	18.8%
EBITDA	18,008	21,981	10,997	10,039
Income per share:				
Basic	0.55	0.67	0.16	0.11
Diluted	0.52	0.64	0.15	0.11
Adjusted income (loss) per share ⁽¹⁾				
Basic	0.03	0.66	0.15	(0.16)
Diluted	0.02	0.63	0.14	(0.16)
Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic	15,996	15,991	15,994	15,622
Diluted	16,740	16,761	16,785	16,433

[1] - Refer to Non-IFRS Measures herein

Sales activity for the Agricultural segment is normally highest between April and September during growing seasons in Canada and the impact on the growing seasons for New Zealand and Australia has not materially impacted the above results. Activity in the Transportation sector generally increases in winter months, while the Commercial and Industrial sector generally slows in the winter months. As a result, income or losses may not accrue uniformly from quarter to quarter.

MARKET OUTLOOK (see “Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements”)

The Company’s three operational segments are subject to broad market forces in addition to the underlying economic factors specific to the industries they serve. Further, the geographical diversity of the Company’s operations may temper or accelerate broader market forces in their significance region to region. The following provides an overview of Management’s market outlook as it relates to the Company’s operations at time of writing.

Alberta & Saskatchewan

Agriculture remains the driving variable in the Company’s Western Canadian operations. The growing season in 2017 was marked by dry conditions in parts of Western Canada, however yields were generally better than expected and the overall quality of the crop was above that achieved in 2016.² At the time of writing, accumulated snowfall across much of our growing area is positive for moisture levels, and the 2017 crop was ultimately favorable for producers. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is forecasting a marginal increase in crop production in 2018, while Canadian grain prices are expected to be supported by the Canadian dollar exchange rate.³

Looking forward to 2018, farm financial health remains positive for Canadian producers, reflected in early indicators of increased overall industry activity, along with customers equipment orders received for 2018 delivery. We continue to focus on equipment solutions which enhance our customer’s available equipment hours in production windows, accompanied by service support offerings which deliver equipment uptime.

In our Western Canadian Industrial segment, we have achieved accelerated profitability in 2017, due to internal efficiencies enhanced by cautious market growth. Although TD Economics is forecasting Alberta to top provincial GDP growth in 2018 and into 2019,⁴ recovery has been slow for many of our industrial customers. In this environment we continue to focus on growing profit margins through efficient delivery of our service offerings, while continuing cost structure discipline. In our Saskatchewan Transportation dealerships, our focus is capturing oilfield and ancillary demand growth, while leveraging parts and service opportunities both within and beyond our established Peterbilt equipment population.

Ontario

The North American trucking market ended 2017 with total class 8 truck sales of 218,000 units, a small increase compared to the 216,000 class 8 trucks sold in 2016. For 2018, PACCAR is forecasting North American class 8 truck demand to increase considerably from 2017, with expected retail sales ranging between 235,000 and 265,000 trucks.⁵ This is a positive indicator for equipment demand, particularly as Ontario is Canada’s largest truck market. Our focus is to accelerate our financial performance in Ontario, and see both the actions we have taken in 2017 and overall industry sentiment as favorable.

New Zealand & Australia

New Zealand Agriculture outlook is positive, with 2018 expected to be the second consecutive year of profitability for most New Zealand producers, building positive momentum in light of the tougher years experienced in recent history.⁶ World dairy prices have substantially recovered from the historical lows of 2015, while horticulture is supported by positive fruit and wine demand, and livestock demand from the United States and China for beef are positive for producers in 2018.⁷ Production is expected to be slightly down for producers in Cervus’ operating regions compared to previous years due to dry conditions early in the season, however, overall confidence is high for New Zealand farmers. Cervus is focused on continuing the solid financial performance of 2017, supported by the capital equipment investment and maintenance implications of producers’ favorable outlook.

The Australian agriculture outlook for 2018 is favorable as exchange rates have benefited commodity pricing for local producers, generally stable input costs, and positive weather conditions. Lamb and wool are experiencing

² Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Outlook for Principal Field Crops, December 18, 2017, www.agr.gc.ca

³ Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Outlook for Principal Field Crops, February 16, 2018, www.agr.gc.ca

⁴ TD Economics, Provincial Economic Forecast, December 14, 2017, www.td.com/economics

⁵ PACCAR, 2017 Year end Press Release, January 30, 2018, www.paccar.com/news

⁶ Rabobank, Agribusiness Outlook 2018 New Zealand, www.rabobank.co.nz

⁷ Rabobank, Agribusiness Outlook 2018 New Zealand, www.rabobank.co.nz

higher than average prices while beef and dairy remain firm. Wine and wool are expected to be the standout commodities of 2018 with wine continuing the momentum on 15% growth in exports in the prior year and Asian demand for wool supporting the record high prices achieved last year.⁸ Crop yields for our geography in southern Victoria were impacted by late frosts that reduced yields across our key crop production area, however, the outlook for grain production remains positive. We anticipate opportunities to continue to meet customer needs profitably and efficiently through 2018.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of business, we enter agreements that include indemnities in favor of third parties, such as engagement letters with advisors and consultants, and service agreements. We have also agreed to indemnify our directors, officers, and employees and those of our subsidiaries, in accordance with our governing legislation, our constating documents and other agreements. Certain agreements do not contain any limits on our liability and, therefore, it is not possible to estimate our potential liability under these indemnities. In certain cases, we have recourse against third parties with respect to these indemnities. Further, we also maintain insurance policies that may provide coverage against certain claims under these indemnities.

John Deere Credit Inc. ("Deere Credit") provides financing to certain of the Company's customers. A portion of this financing is with recourse to the Company if the amounts are uncollectible. At December 31, 2017, payments in arrears by such customers aggregated \$226 thousand (2016 - \$456 thousand). In addition, the Company is responsible for assuming the net residual value of all customer lease obligations held with Deere Credit, at the maturity of the contract, should the customer not elect to buy out the equipment at maturity. At December 31, 2017, the net residual value of such leases aggregated \$269.1 million (2016 - \$235.0 million) of which the Company believes all are recoverable.

The Company is liable for a potential deficiency in the event that the customer defaults on their lease obligation or retail finance contract. Deere Credit retains 1% of the face amount of the finance or lease contract for amounts that the Company may owe Deere Credit under this obligation. The deposits are capped at between 1% and 3% of the total dollar amount of the lease and finance contracts outstanding. The maximum liability that can arise related to these arrangements is limited to the deposits of \$2.2 million at December 31, 2017 (2016 - \$2.7 million). Deere Credit reviews the deposit account balances quarterly and if the balances exceed the minimum requirements, Deere Credit refunds the difference to the Company.

The Company has issued irrevocable standby Letters of Credit to Deere Credit and another supplier in the aggregate amount of \$2.4 million. The Letters of Credit were issued in accordance with the dealership arrangements with the suppliers that would allow the supplier to draw upon the letter of credit if the Company was in default of any of its obligations.

⁸ ABC Rural, Agribusiness Outlook 2018, January 30, 2018, www.abc.net.au

Transactions with Related Parties

Key Management Personnel Compensation

In addition to their salaries, the Company also provides non-cash benefits to its directors and executive officers. The Company contributes to the deferred share plan on behalf of directors and executive officers, and to the employee share purchase plan on behalf of executive officers, if enrolled, in accordance with the terms of the plans. The Company has no retirement or post-employment benefits available to its directors and executive officers, aside from permitting unvested deferred share units earned during employment to continue vesting upon retirement.

Total remuneration of key management personnel and directors during the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was:

(\$ thousands)	2017	2016
Short-term benefits	2,895	2,292
Share-based payments	694	529
Total	3,589	2,821

Other Related Party Transactions

Certain officers and dealer managers of the Company have provided guarantees to John Deere as required by John Deere aggregating \$5.4 million (2016 - \$6.4 million). During the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company paid those individuals \$170 thousand and \$175 thousand, respectively, for providing these guarantees which represents a similar amount to guarantee fees otherwise paid to financial institutions. These transactions were recorded at the amount agreed to between the Company and the guarantors and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Business Risks and Uncertainties

Risk Management Framework

The Board of Directors (“Board”) has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company’s risk management framework. The Board, together with the Audit Committee are responsible for monitoring and oversight of the Company’s risk management policies. The Company’s risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Company’s activities. The Company, through its training and management standards and procedures, aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

The Company’s Audit Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the Company’s risk management policies and procedures, and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Company.

The Company’s objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Company’s reputation with overall cost-effectiveness and to avoid control procedures that restrict innovation and creativity. The primary responsibility for the development and implementation of controls to address operational risk is assigned to senior management within each business unit. This responsibility is supported by the development of overall Company standards for the management of operational risk.

The following are considered the primary categories of business risks and uncertainties faced by the business:

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in the marketplace such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices that will affect the Company’s income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters while optimizing return. The Company’s primary approach to market risk is managing the quantity, type, and applicability of its inventory, to facilitate regular inventory turnover in line with market demand.

Commodity Price

The Company is primarily a business to business equipment retailer. Many of our customers’ businesses are very capital intensive, and can be significantly affected by swift changes to external market factors beyond their control. Commodity prices can be one of the most significant factors to our customers’ businesses, as rapid changes in food input pricing, cattle pricing, or petroleum product pricing including carbon taxes can have a material adverse effect on a large number of our customers. The Company’s financial success can be largely impacted by changes in these business cycle factors in its customer base. These factors would potentially impact the Company’s operating results through eroding margins on the products it sells, and valuation concerns over the inventory it holds.

Monitoring inventory levels, periodic review of inventory valuation across segments, and increasing the geographic distribution and industry alignments of our dealer network assist in reducing the impact of a significant market downturn in one particular region or industry. However, the majority of sales continue to be derived from the Agricultural sector. Consequently, market factors affecting the liquidity and outlook for our Agriculture customers can significantly impact demand for equipment sales, parts & service. Ongoing focus on internal efficiencies and excellence in after-market service to our customers assist in maintaining gross margin in periods where our customers are not focused on capital investment.

Foreign Currency Exposure

Many of our products, including equipment and parts, are based on a U.S. dollar price as they are supplied primarily by U.S. manufacturers but are settled in Canadian dollars as they are received. This may cause fluctuations in the sales values assigned to equipment and parts inventories, as inventory is recorded based on Canadian dollar cost at the time of receipt, but is sold to the customer based on market pricing prevailing at the time of sale. Both sales revenues and gross profit margins may fluctuate based on differences in foreign exchange rates between the purchase of inventory and sale of inventory. Certain of the Company's manufacturers also have programs in place to facilitate and/or reduce the effect of foreign currency fluctuations, primarily on the Company's new equipment inventory purchases.

Further, a portion of the Company's owned inventory is floor planned in U.S. dollars. As such, U.S. dollar denominated floor plan payables are exposed to fluctuations in the U.S. dollar exchange rate until the unit is sold and the floorplan is repaid. At the time of sale, the Company determines a margin based on the replacement cost of the inventory at the time of sale, not the initial cost of the inventory at the time of purchase. In so doing, the Company's objective is to obtain a target margin on the sale of inventory, by calculating the sale margin based on the cost of repaying the U.S. dollar floorplan as at the sale date. If the Company was unable to recapture fluctuations in the U.S./CAD dollar in the sales price for equipment floor planned in U.S. dollars, a \$0.01 change in the U.S. exchange rate would have increased (decreased) comprehensive income by \$108 thousand (2016 - \$80 thousand), based on the U.S. dollar floor plan balances at December 31, 2017. From time to time the Company also enters into foreign exchange forward contracts to manage exposure on timing difference between the payout of floorplan and receipt of funds from a customer.

In addition, the Company is exposed to foreign currency fluctuation related to translation adjustments upon consolidation of its Australian and New Zealand operations. These foreign subsidiaries report operating results in Australia and New Zealand dollars, respectively. Movements in these currencies relative to the Canadian dollar will impact the consolidated results of these operations. Based on the Company's results reported from its foreign subsidiaries, a strengthening or weakening of the Canadian dollar by 5% against the New Zealand dollar at December 31, 2017 would have increased (decreased) comprehensive income by \$768 thousand (2016 - \$612 thousand). A strengthening or weakening of the Canadian dollar by 5% against the Australian dollar at December 31, 2017 would have increased (decreased) comprehensive income by \$302 thousand (2016 -\$215 thousand).

Interest Rate Risk

The Company's cash flow is exposed to changes in interest rates on its floor plan arrangements and certain term debt which bear interest at variable rates. The cash flows required to service these financial liabilities will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. The Company mitigates its exposure to interest rate risk by utilizing excess cash resources to buy-down or pay-off interest bearing contracts, and by managing its floor plan payables and inventory levels (turnover) to maximize the benefit of interest-free periods, where available.

Based on the Company's outstanding long-term debt at December 31, 2017, a one percent increase or decrease in market interest rates would impact the Company's annual interest expense by approximately \$1.7 million (2016-\$1.2 million).

Reliance on our Key Manufacturers and Dealership Arrangements

Cervus' primary source of income is from the sale of agricultural, transportation, and commercial and industrial equipment and products and services pursuant to agreements to act as an authorized dealer. The agreement with John Deere Limited ("JDL") provides a framework under which JDL can terminate a John Deere dealership if such dealership fails to maintain certain performance and equity covenants. Each contract also provides a one-year remedy period whereby the Company has one year to restore any deficiencies.

The dealership agreements with John Deere obligate the Company to assume leased equipment at residual value upon the maturity of Customer's leases with John Deere. This equipment is then sold by Cervus as used equipment. In the unlikely event of a severe market shock, residual values set at the beginning of a 5-year lease term may exceed market value of the equipment upon lease maturity. Cervus routinely reviews the residual values and maturity of customers' leases with John Deere, and is satisfied with the residual values reflected in the leases and the Company's ability to profitably market the equipment as leases mature. At December 31, 2017, customer equipment leases with John Deere represented residual values of \$269,146 thousand, maturing over the next five years.

The Company also has dealership agreements in place with Peterbilt, Bobcat, JCB, CMI, Clark, Sellick, and Doosan. These agreements are one to three-year agreements and are normally renewed annually, except for unusual situations such as bankruptcy or fraud.

The success of our dealerships depends on the timely supply of equipment and parts from our manufacturers to ensure the timely delivery of products and services to our customers. We also depend on our suppliers to provide competitive prices and quality products. Currently, all of our dealership contracts are in good standing with our suppliers. There can be no guarantee that: (i) circumstances will not arise which give these equipment manufacturers the right to terminate their dealership agreements or (ii) one or more of the equipment manufacturers will decide not to renew their dealership agreements with us upon expiry.

Inventory Risk

The Company's inventory consists primarily of new and used equipment related to our Agriculture, Transportation and C&I segments. We acquire new inventory from our OEMs for retail sale. Used inventory, particularly in our Agriculture Segment, is primarily acquired in the form of trade-ins on the sale of existing inventory. While the Company believes it has appropriate inventory management systems in place, variations in market demand for the products we sell, as well as external market conditions beyond our control, can result in certain items in our inventory becoming obsolete, or otherwise requiring a write-down of our inventory balance.

Industry Competitive Factors

Authorized John Deere agricultural dealerships sell John Deere agricultural, turf, and sport products and equipment. The majority of sales are derived from the Agricultural sector. The retail agricultural equipment industry is very competitive. The Company faces a number of competitors, including other "in-line" John Deere dealerships and other competitors including authorized Agco, Case, Kubota and New Holland dealerships that may be located in and around communities in which the Company's dealerships are located. Deere & Company has a reputation for the manufacture and delivery of high quality, competitively priced products. John Deere has the largest market share of manufacturing and sales of farm equipment in North America. There can be no assurance that John Deere will continue to maintain its market share in the future.

The Transportation equipment group primarily sells transport equipment through PACCAR, which manufacturers Peterbilt and Kenworth trucks. The major competitors to Peterbilt are Kenworth, International, Freightliner, Volvo, and Mack trucks. The segment is highly dependent on consumer and commercial transportation of goods, as well as service-based industries including oil and gas in western Canada, and manufacturing in eastern Canada. This diverse customer base does mitigate the risks inherent in any one of those customer segments.

The Commercial and Industrial segment sells light and medium construction equipment and is comprised of several lines of commercial equipment from major manufacturers, Bobcat and JCB. The major competitors are Caterpillar, Komatsu, CNH (Case), John Deere Industrial, Volvo, Hitachi and Liebherr. The light and medium commercial equipment market is very much dependent upon residential and commercial construction. The segment also sells industrial equipment from several manufacturers, Clark, Sellick, and Doosan being the major suppliers. Their major competitors are Toyota, Hyster, Crown, and Caterpillar. Industrial equipment is primarily sold to building supply companies, warehousing, food processors, oilfield supply companies, and the grocery industry. This customer diversity mitigates to some degree the risks inherent in any one of these customer segments.

Presently the majority of the Transportation, and Commercial and Industrial equipment segment revenues are derived from the sale of Peterbilt, Bobcat, JCB, Sellick, and Doosan equipment and products. All these equipment manufacturers have established themselves as industry leaders in our markets for the manufacture and delivery of on-highway, vocational and medium duty Transportation equipment and light Commercial and Industrial equipment. There can be no assurance however that these suppliers will continue to manufacture high quality, competitively priced products or maintain their market share in the future.

Seasonality and Cyclicity

Weather has a direct impact on our customers' earnings, particularly in the Agricultural segment, which in turn affects their need and ability to purchase equipment. The Transportation and Commercial and Industrial segments are not as seasonal when compared to the agricultural business on an annual basis, but can fluctuate based on equipment replacement cycles and market factors beyond our control.

Human Resources

The ability to provide high-quality services to our customers depends on our ability to attract and retain well-trained, experienced employees. Certain of the geographic areas in which we operate are experiencing a very high demand for and corresponding shortage of quality employees. We need to attract and retain quality employees, or our long-term success and ability to take advantage of growth opportunities could be threatened. We have established a number of human resource initiatives and compensation strategies to address this risk.

Legislative

The Company is subject to comply with a broad range of legislation, regulation and government policies. A change in existing legislation could negatively impact operations.

Increased political pressure on carbon emissions has led to the institution of provincial and federal carbon taxes. The impact to our immediate business is the cash flow implications for our customers. While the full impact of carbon pricing cannot yet be determined, the Company is managing this risk by increased focus on emissions control features in the products we sell and being knowledgeable regarding recent developments in new techniques for reducing carbon emissions for our farm customers.

Political changes in the U.S. may have an impact on duties charged for goods sold to the U.S. At this point, the Company is an importer of goods from the U.S. and does not anticipate significant risks relating to trade negotiations between Canada and the U.S.

Environmental Risks

Our dealerships routinely handle hazardous and non-hazardous waste as part of their day-to-day operations and though the Company believes it is in full compliance with applicable laws, from time-to-time, the Company may be involved in, and subject to, incidents and conditions that render us in non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations. The Company has established safety programs to help reduce these risks. The Company is not aware of any material environmental liabilities at this time.

Acquisition and Integration Risks

Strategic acquisitions have been an important element of Cervus' business strategy, and Cervus expects to continue to pursue such acquisitions in the future. Although Cervus engages in discussions with, and submits proposals to acquisition candidates, suitable acquisitions may not be available in the future on reasonable terms. If Cervus does identify an appropriate acquisition candidate, Cervus may not be able to successfully negotiate the terms of the acquisition, finance the acquisition or, if the acquisition occurs, effectively integrate the acquired business into Cervus' existing business. In addition, the negotiation of a potential acquisition and the integration of an acquired business may require a disproportionate amount of management's attention and resources.

Cervus' inability to successfully identify, execute, or effectively integrate future or previous acquisitions may negatively affect its results of operations. Even though Cervus performs a due diligence review of the businesses it acquires that it believes is consistent with industry practices, such reviews are inherently incomplete. Even an in-depth due diligence review of a business may not necessarily reveal existing or potential problems or permit Cervus to become familiar enough with the business to fully assess its deficiencies and potential. Even when problems are identified, Cervus may assume certain risks and liabilities in connection with the acquired business.

Credit Risk

By granting credit sales to customers, it is possible these customers may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their repayment obligations. The Company's revenue is generated from customers in the farming, construction, industrial, and transportation industries, resulting in a concentration of credit risk from customers in these industries. The strength of our Agricultural segment is influenced by the prices of crop inputs, commodity prices, as well as local and global weather patterns in a growing season. Our Commercial and Industrial equipment segment is influenced by general economic and construction activity, and due to location, oil prices for Western Canadian crude oil. Our Transportation segment is influenced by regional, national, and North American economic activity, particularly factors impacting oil and gas activity, manufacturing and the demand for, and transportation of, consumer and industrial goods.

A significant decline in economic conditions within these industries would increase the risk that customers will experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their obligations to the Company. The Company's exposure to credit risk arises from granting credit sales and is limited to the carrying value of accounts receivable, and deposits and guarantees with John Deere. The Company's revenues are normally invoiced with payment terms of net, 30 days. The average time to collect the Company's outstanding accounts receivable was approximately 13 days for the year ended December 31, 2017 (18 days for the year ended December 31, 2016) and no single outstanding customer balance, excluding sales contract financing receivables, represented more than 10% of total accounts receivable. The Company mitigates its credit risk by assessing the credit worthiness of its customers on an ongoing basis. The Company closely monitors the amount and age of balances outstanding on an on-going basis and establishes provisions for bad debts based on specific customers' credit risk, historical trends, and other economic information.

Capital Risk Management

The Company's objective when managing its capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern, so that it generates returns for Shareholders, expands business relationships with stakeholders, and identifies risk and allocates its capital accordingly. In the management of capital, the Company considers its capital to comprise long-term debt, the current portion of long-term debt and all components of equity.

The Company sets the amount of capital in proportion to risk. The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue or repurchase shares, raise or retire term debt, and/or adjust the amount of distributions paid to the Shareholders.

The Company uses the following ratios in determining its appropriate capital levels:

- a) Debt to Total Capital ratio (long-term debt plus current portion of long term debt divided by long-term debt plus current portion of long-term debt plus book value of equity);

- b) Return on Invested Capital ratio (income before income tax expense plus interest on long-term debt divided by total capital);
- c) Debt to Tangible Assets ratio (calculated as total debt divided by total assets less goodwill and intangibles); and,
- d) Fixed Charge Coverage ratio (calculated as adjusted earnings divided by contractual principle, interest, shareholder distributions, and lease payments).

There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management in the period.

Debt Financing

The ability of the Company to pay dividends or make other payments or advances, will be subject to applicable laws and contractual restrictions contained in the instruments governing the Company's indebtedness. The degree to which the Company is leveraged could have important consequences to the holders of the Common Shares, including:

- The Company's ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures or acquisitions in the future may be limited;
- A significant portion of the Company's cash flow from operations may be dedicated to the payment of the principal and interest on its indebtedness, thereby reducing funds available for future operations and distributions; and
- Certain of the Company' borrowings may be at variable rates of interest, which exposes it to the risk of increased interest rates; and that the Company may be vulnerable to economic downturns including the Company's ability to retain and attract customers.

Also, there can be no assurance that the Company will continue to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to meet required interest and principal payments. Further, the Company is subject to the risk that any of its existing indebtedness may not be able to be refinanced upon maturity or that the terms of such financing may not be as favourable as the terms of its existing indebtedness. These factors may adversely affect the frequency or amounts of dividends paid by the Company.

The Company's various credit facilities provide first charge security interests on all of its assets to its various lenders. These credit facilities contain numerous terms and covenants that limit the discretion of management with respect to certain business matters. These covenants place restrictions on, among other things, the ability of the Company to create liens or other encumbrances, to pay dividends on its securities or make certain other payments, investments, loans and guarantees and to sell or otherwise dispose of assets and merge or consolidate with another entity. In addition, the credit facilities contain a number of financial covenants that require the Company to meet certain financial ratios and financial condition tests. A failure to comply with the obligations in the credit facilities could result in a default which, if not cured or waived, could result in a reduction or termination of the Company's dividends, and may permit acceleration of the relevant indebtedness. If the indebtedness under the credit facilities were to be accelerated, there can be no assurance that the assets of the Company would be sufficient to repay in full that indebtedness.

Although the Company intends to pay quarterly dividends to the holders of the Company's Common Shares, these dividends are not assured and may be reduced or suspended in order to comply with the credit facilities of the Company. The market value of the Common Shares may decline if the Company is unable to meet its dividend targets in the future, and that decline may be significant.

Cyber Security and Terrorism

The Company may be threatened by problems such as cyber-attacks, computer viruses, or terrorism that may disrupt operations and harm operating results. The Company's business requires the continued operation of information technology systems and network infrastructure. Despite the implementation of security measures, technology systems are vulnerable to disability or failures due to hacking, viruses, acts of war or terrorism, and other causes. If the Company's information technology systems were to fail and the Company was unable to recover in a timely way, the Company might be unable to fulfill critical business functions, which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Preparation of Unaudited and Audited Consolidated Financial Statements requires that we make assumptions regarding accounting estimates for certain amounts contained within the unaudited and audited consolidated financial statements. We believe that each of our assumptions and estimates is appropriate to the circumstances and represents the most likely future outcome. However, because of the uncertainties inherent in making assumptions and estimates regarding unknown future outcomes, future events may result in significant differences between estimates and actual results.

Determination of Fair Values

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods.

Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities Acquired in Business Combinations

The value of acquired assets and liabilities on the acquisition date require the use of estimates to determine the purchase price allocation. Estimates are made as to the valuations of property, plant, and equipment, intangible assets, and goodwill, among other items. These estimates have been discussed further below.

Property, Plant and Equipment

The fair value of property, plant and equipment recognized as a result of a business combination or when determined in an impairment test is the estimated amount for which a property could be exchanged on the measurement date between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably. The fair value of items of plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings is based on the market approach and cost approaches using quoted market prices for similar items when available and depreciated replacement cost when appropriate. Depreciated replacement cost reflects adjustments for physical deterioration as well as functional and economic obsolescence.

Intangible Assets

The fair value of dealership distribution agreements and trade names acquired in a business combination is based on the incremental discounted estimated cash flows realized post-acquisition, or expenditures avoided, as a result of owning the intangible assets. The fair value of customer lists acquired in a business combination is determined using income based approaches, whereby the subject asset is valued after deducting a fair return on all other assets that are part of creating the related cash flows. The fair value of other intangible assets including non-competition agreements is based on the discounted cash flows expected to be derived from the use and any residual value of the assets.

Inventories

The fair value of inventories acquired in a business combination is determined based on the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and sale, and a reasonable profit margin based on the effort required to complete and sell the inventories.

Trade and Other Receivables

The fair value of trade and other receivables is estimated at the present value of the future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. The fair value is determined for disclosure purposes or when such assets are acquired in a business combination.

Other Non-Derivative Financial Liabilities

Fair value, which is determined for disclosure purposes, is calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. In respect of the liability component of convertible debentures, the market rate of interest is determined by reference to similar liabilities that do not have a conversion option.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The fair value of foreign currency derivative financial instruments is calculated based on a market comparison technique. The fair value is based on similar contracts in an active market and based on quotes using the prevailing foreign exchange translation rate from the Bank of Canada or similar sources.

Taxation Matters

Income tax provisions, including current and future income tax assets and liabilities, require estimates and interpretations of federal and provincial income tax rules and regulations, and judgements as to their interpretation and application to our specific situation. Estimates are also made as to the availability of future taxable profit against which carryforward tax losses can be used.

Lease Arrangements

In determining classification of leases as an operating or finance lease, the Company applies judgement to determine whether substantially all of the significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the customer or remain with the Company; or where the Company is the lessee, whether substantially all the significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the Company or remain with the lessor. These judgements can be significant as to how the Company classifies amounts related to the arrangements as rental equipment, net investment in finance lease, or lease obligation of these arrangements.

Net Realizable Value of Inventories

Inventories are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The most significant area of accounting estimate involves our evaluation of used equipment inventory net realizable value. We perform ongoing quarterly reviews of our used equipment inventories based upon local market conditions and the changes in the U.S. currency exchange rates to determine whether any adjustments are required to our carrying cost of inventory balances to ensure they are properly stated.

Asset Impairment

We assess the carrying value of long-lived assets, which include property, plant, and equipment and intangible assets, for indications of impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable from estimated cash flows. Estimating future cash flows requires assumptions about future business conditions and technological developments. Significant, unanticipated changes to these assumptions could require a provision for impairment in the future.

Judgement is used in identifying impairment triggers and the cash generating unit or group of cash generating units at which goodwill, intangible assets, and property and equipment are monitored for internal management purposes and identifying an appropriate discount rate for these calculations.

Goodwill is assessed for impairment at least annually. This assessment includes a comparison of the carrying value of the Cash Generating Unit ("CGU") to its estimated recoverable amount to ensure that the recoverable amount is greater than the carrying value. The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. These valuation methods employ a variety of assumptions, including future revenue growth, expected profit, and profit multiples. Estimating the recoverable amount of a CGU is a subjective process and requires the use of our best estimates. If our estimates or assumptions change from those used in our current valuation, we may be required to recognize an impairment loss in future periods.

Future Accounting Standards

Certain new or amended standards or interpretations have been issued by the IASB or IFRIC that are required to be adopted in the future periods. The new standards and amendments to existing standards, which have not been applied in preparing the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements as at December 31, 2017, are:

Revised Standard	Description	Impact of Application	Effective Date
IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers	Effective January 1, 2018, the Company will be required to adopt IFRS 15 related to revenue from contracts with customers. Revenue from Contracts with Customers, was issued in May 2014 and replaces IAS 11 Construction Contracts, IAS 18 Revenue, IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programs, IFRIC 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate, IFRIC 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers and SIC-31 Revenue – Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services.	The Company has completed an assessment to determine the potential impact on its consolidated financial statements. Based on the analysis completed, the Company concludes that there is no significant impact on the amounts reported in the financial statements.	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018
IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments	The IASB has released IFRS 9, related to the accounting and presentation of financial instruments and applies a principal-based approach to the classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities, including an expected credit loss model for calculating impairment, and includes new requirements for hedge accounting.	The Company intends to adopt IFRS 9 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2018. Based on the analysis completed, the Company concludes that there is no significant impact on the amounts reported in the financial statements.	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018

Revised Standard	Description	Impact of Application	Effective Date
IFRS 16 - Leases	On January 13, 2016 the IASB issued IFRS 16 Leases. The new standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Earlier application is permitted for entities that apply IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers at or before the date of initial adoption of IFRS 16. IFRS 16 will replace IAS 17 Leases.	The Company intends to adopt IFRS 16 in its financial statements for the annual period beginning on January 1, 2019 and is completing an assessment documenting the potential impact on its consolidated financial statements. Under the application of this standard, the operating lease commitments are expected to be the primary source of changes to the consolidated statements of financial position and the timing of expenses in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.	Annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

Responsibility of Management and Board

Disclosure Controls

The CEO and the CFO are also responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate disclosure controls and procedures (“DC&P”). Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in documents filed or submitted under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation and includes controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in documents filed or submitted under securities legislation is accumulated and communicated to the Company’s management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The CEO and the CFO evaluated, or caused to be evaluated under their supervision, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and based on this evaluation, the CEO and the CFO concluded that, as of December 31, 2017, Cervus’ disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

The Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) of Cervus are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (“ICFR”). Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the CEO and the CFO and effected by the Board of Directors, management and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

The CEO and the CFO evaluated, or caused to be evaluated under their supervision, the effectiveness of the Corporation’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on the criteria set forth in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”), (2013). Based on this assessment, the CEO and the CFO concluded that, as of December 31, 2017, Cervus’ internal control over financial reporting are effective. There was no change to the Company’s ICFR that occurred during the most recent interim period that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect the Company’s ICFR.

It should be noted a control system, including the Company’s DC&P and ICFR, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objective of the control system will be met, and it should not be expected that DC&P and ICFR will prevent all errors or fraud.

Additional IFRS Financial Measures

This MD&A contains certain financial measures that do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. Therefore, these financial measures may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. These measures are identified and defined below:

Gross Profit

Gross profit refers to the Company's total revenue less costs directly attributed to generating the related sales revenue. This additional IFRS measure is identified in our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements on the statement of comprehensive income. Gross profit provides a measure to assess the Company's profitability and efficiency of revenue generated, prior to considering selling, general and administrative expenses.

Gross profit margin is the percentage resulting from dividing Gross Profit from a transaction by the revenue generated by the same transaction.

Income (Loss) from Operating Activities

Income from operating activities refers to income (loss) excluding: general interest expense recognized outside of cost of goods sold, interest income, share of profit (loss) from equity investees, and income tax. This additional IFRS measure is identified in our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements on the statement of comprehensive income. Income from operating activities is a useful supplemental earnings measure as it provides an indication of the financial results generated by our principal business activities prior to consideration of how these activities are financed or how the results are taxed in various jurisdictions and the effects of earnings from equity investees.

Non-IFRS Financial Measures

This MD&A contains certain financial measures that do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. Therefore, these financial measures may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. Investors are cautioned that these measures should not be construed as an alternative to profit or to cash flow from operating, investing, and financing activities determined in accordance with IFRS as indicators of our performance. These measures are provided to assist investors in determining our ability to generate profit and cash flow from operations and to provide additional information on how these cash resources are used. These financial measures are identified and defined below:

Adjusted Income

Adjusted income is provided to aid in the comparison of the Company's results from one period, to the Company's results from another period. The Company calculates Adjusted Income as follows:

Adjusted Income Attributed to Shareholders

(\$ thousands, except per share amounts)	Three month periods ended December 31		Year ended December 31	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Income attributed to shareholders	3,727	8,753	19,917	23,712
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency loss (gain) ⁽¹⁾	188	(304)	(890)	(3,501)
(Gain) on sale of equity accounted investees	-	(4,146)	-	(4,146)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	-	(3,887)	(417)	(5,262)
Tax impact of adjustments	(50)	268	365	1,285
Adjusted income attributed to shareholders	3,865	684	18,975	12,088
Adjusted income per share:				
Basic	0.25	0.04	1.21	0.77
Diluted	0.24	0.04	1.14	0.74

Adjusted Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Expense

Three Months Ended December 31, 2017

Reconciliation of Adjusted Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Expense (\$ thousands)				
Three months ended December 31, 2017	Total	Agricultural	Transportation	Commercial & Industrial
Income (loss) before income tax expense	5,709	8,635	(3,418)	492
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency loss ⁽¹⁾	188	-	185	3
Adjusted income (loss) before income tax expense	5,897	8,635	(3,233)	495

Year Ended December 31, 2017

Reconciliation of Adjusted Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Expense (\$ thousands)				
Year ended December 31, 2017	Total	Agricultural	Transportation	Commercial & Industrial
Income (loss) before income tax expense	28,958	29,479	(3,562)	3,041
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency (gain) ⁽¹⁾	(890)	-	(685)	(205)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	(417)	(417)	-	-
Adjusted income (loss) before income tax expense	27,651	29,062	(4,247)	2,836

Three Months Ended December 31, 2016

Reconciliation of Adjusted Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Expense (\$ thousands)				
Three months ended December 31, 2016	Total	Agricultural	Transportation	Commercial & Industrial
Income (loss) before income tax expense	10,804	12,394	(1,025)	(565)
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency (gain) ⁽¹⁾	(304)	-	(304)	-
(Gain) on sale of equity accounted investees	(4,146)	(4,146)	-	-
(Gain) on sale of land and building	(3,887)	(3,439)	(448)	-
Adjusted income (loss) before income tax expense	2,467	4,809	(1,777)	(565)

Year Ended December 31, 2016

Reconciliation of Adjusted Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Expense (\$ thousands)				
Year ended December 31, 2016	Total	Agricultural	Transportation	Commercial & Industrial
Income (loss) before income tax expense	30,566	28,414	3,256	(1,104)
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency (gain) ⁽¹⁾	(3,501)	-	(3,501)	-
(Gain) on sale of equity accounted investees	(4,146)	(4,146)	-	-
(Gain) on sale of land and building	(5,262)	(3,360)	(448)	(1,454)
Adjusted income (loss) before income tax expense	17,657	20,908	(693)	(2,558)

[1] –Unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses are due to changes in fair value of our derivative financial asset and from period close translation of floorplan payables and cash denominated in US dollars. The unrealized foreign currency gains and losses are treated as an adjustment to the Company’s adjusted income calculation as these foreign currency gains and losses are not realized until settlement. Until settlement occurs, there may be large fluctuations period to period on movement of the foreign exchange rate, making comparison of operating performance period over period difficult.

EBITDA

Throughout the MD&A, reference is made to EBITDA, which Cervus' management defines as earnings before interest, income taxes and depreciation and amortization. Management believes that EBITDA is a key performance measure in evaluating the Company's operations and is important in enhancing investors' understanding of the Company's operating performance. As EBITDA does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS, it may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. As a result, we have reconciled profit as determined in accordance with IFRS to EBITDA, as follows:

Three Months Ended December 31, 2017

EBITDA (\$ thousands)				
Three months ended December 31, 2017	Total	Agricultural	Transportation	Commercial & Industrial
Net income (loss) attributable to shareholders	3,727	5,760	(2,349)	316
Add:				
Interest	1,392	652	679	61
Income taxes	1,982	2,875	(1,070)	177
Depreciation and Amortization	6,521	1,844	3,945	732
EBITDA	13,622	11,131	1,205	1,286
Reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA:				
EBITDA	13,622	11,131	1,205	1,286
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency loss	188	-	185	3
Adjusted EBITDA	13,810	11,131	1,390	1,289

Year Ended December 31, 2017

EBITDA (\$ thousands)				
Year ended December 31, 2017	Total	Agricultural	Transportation	Commercial & Industrial
Net income (loss) attributable to shareholders	19,917	20,276	(2,449)	2,090
Add:				
Interest	7,289	3,593	3,152	544
Income taxes	9,046	9,208	(1,113)	951
Depreciation and Amortization	17,588	7,029	7,852	2,707
EBITDA	53,840	40,106	7,442	6,292
Reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA:				
EBITDA	53,840	40,106	7,442	6,292
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency (gain)	(890)	-	(685)	(205)
(Gain) on sale of land and building	(417)	(417)	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	52,533	39,689	6,757	6,087

Three Months Ended December 31, 2016

EBITDA (\$ thousands)				
Three months ended December 31, 2016	Total	Agricultural	Transportation	Commercial & Industrial
Net income (loss) attributable to shareholders	8,753	9,894	(693)	(448)
Add:				
Interest	2,800	1,516	1,009	275
Income taxes	2,042	2,491	(332)	(117)
Depreciation and Amortization	4,413	2,363	1,341	709
EBITDA	18,008	16,264	1,325	419
Reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA:				
EBITDA	18,008	16,264	1,325	419
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency (gain)	(304)	-	(304)	-
(Gain) on sale of minority interests	(4,146)	(4,146)	-	-
(Gain) on sale of land and building	(3,887)	(3,439)	(448)	-
Adjusted EBITDA	9,671	8,679	573	419

Year Ended December 31, 2016

EBITDA (\$ thousands)				
Year ended December 31, 2016	Total	Agricultural	Transportation	Commercial & Industrial
Net income (loss) attributable to shareholders	23,712	22,057	2,505	(850)
Add:				
Interest	12,537	6,738	4,620	1,179
Income taxes	7,042	6,545	751	(254)
Depreciation and Amortization	17,734	9,318	5,445	2,971
EBITDA	61,025	44,658	13,321	3,046
Reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA:				
EBITDA	61,025	44,658	13,321	3,046
Adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency (gain)	(3,501)	-	(3,501)	-
(Gain) on sale of minority interests	(4,146)	(4,146)	-	-
(Gain) on sale of land and building	(5,262)	(3,360)	(448)	(1,454)
Adjusted EBITDA	48,116	37,152	9,372	1,592

EBITDA is defined as profit before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization. We believe, in addition to income (loss), EBITDA is a useful supplemental earnings measure as it provides an indication of the financial results generated by our principal business activities prior to consideration of how these activities are financed or how the results are taxed in various jurisdictions and before non-cash amortization expense.

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as profit before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, adjusted for unrealized (gains) losses from foreign currency, and (gains) losses from sale of minority interests and real estate.

EBITDA Margin

EBITDA margin is calculated as EBITDA divided by gross revenue.

Working Capital

Working capital is calculated as current assets less current liabilities. Working capital ratio is calculated as current assets divided by current liabilities.