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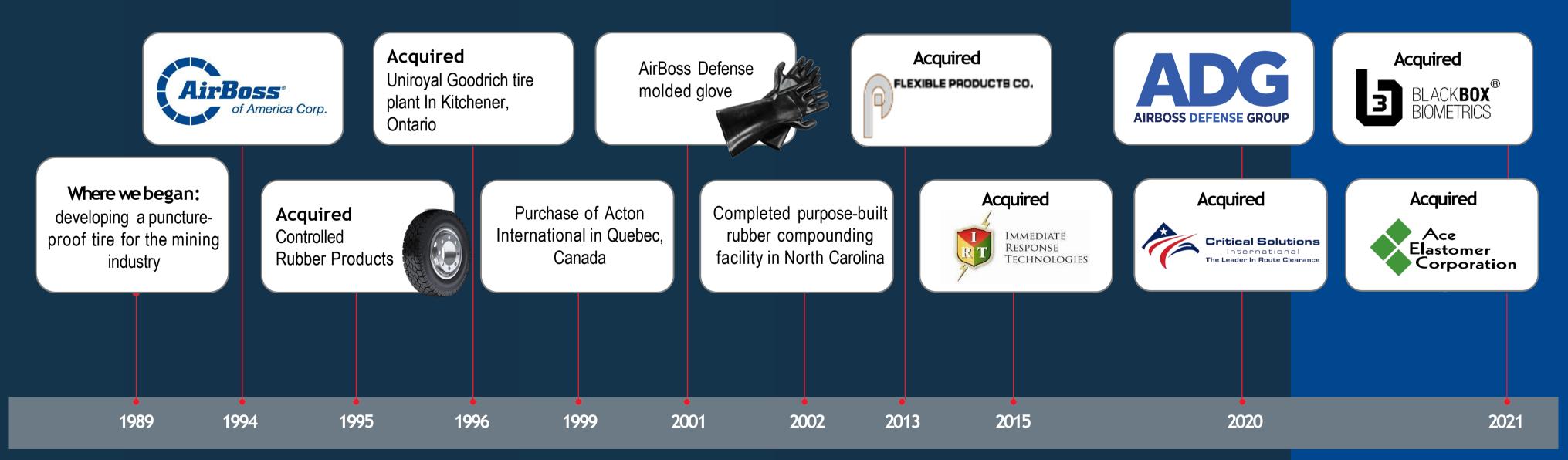
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# PIONEERS OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY



# Over 30 years OF GROWTH



# ONE AIRBOSS, MULTIPLE CUSTOMER CHANNELS



We develop, manufacture and market quality, proprietary rubber-based products for the automotive, heavy commercial, construction and infrastructure, oil & gas, and defense industries

## SHARED CORE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES:

INNOVATION EFFICIENCY SCALE SCALE





# SYNERGIES DRIVE

# REVENUE GROWTH & IMPROVED MARGINS



Compounded Rubber
Materials R&D
Plant Management



# SHARED SERVICES, BEST PRACTICES, EXPERTISE, LOGISTICS & BACK-OFFICE INTEGRATION:

**Supply Chain Management** 

**Engineering & Chemistry** 

Sales & Marketing

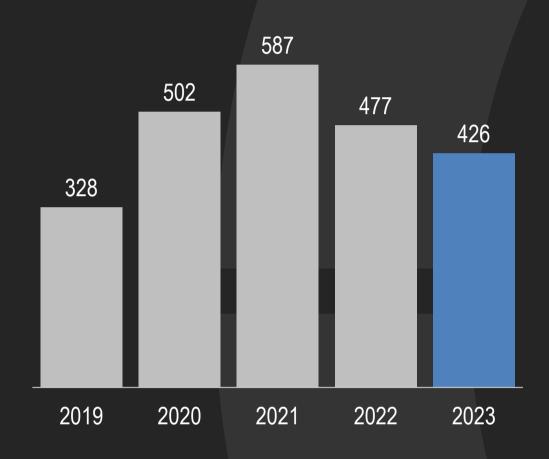
Strategy & Governance

**Finance** 

Legal, HR & IT

# DIVERSIFICATION A SOURCE OF STABILITY

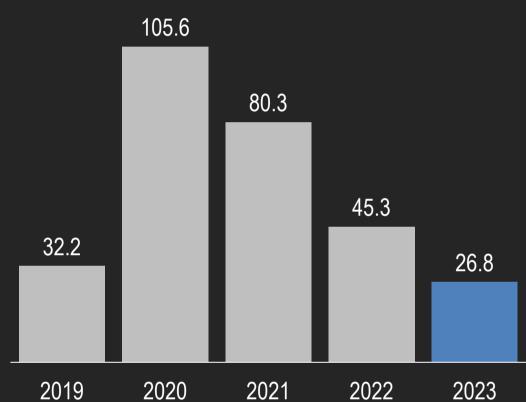
External Net Sales \$M



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Increased sales of rubber molded products partially offset performance of other business units

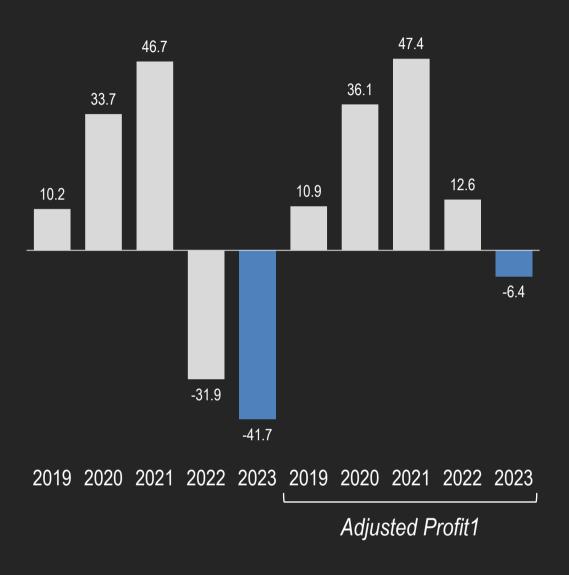
### Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> \$M



### **Adjusted EBITDA decline:**

Adjusted EBITDA affected by lower revenue and higher operating expenses

### Profit to Shareholders \$M



### Reduced Profit due to write-down:

2023 profit impacted by goodwill write-off of \$26.6M



# **CUSTOM RUBBER COMPOUNDING**

North America's second largest custom compounder<sup>1</sup>

Trusted supplier to significant, blue-chip customers in the major tire, off-the-road, industrial, defense and resource sectors

Multi-decade, key customer relationships

500M

2000+

turn pounds of annual rubber production capacity

Proprietary compounds

Values provided are for full-year 2023 unless otherwise noted.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "The Rubber News", August 7, 2023 Issue, Page 14. See also "Global Rubber Compound Market Insights, Forecast to 2027", QYR Research, sections 4.1 and 12.7



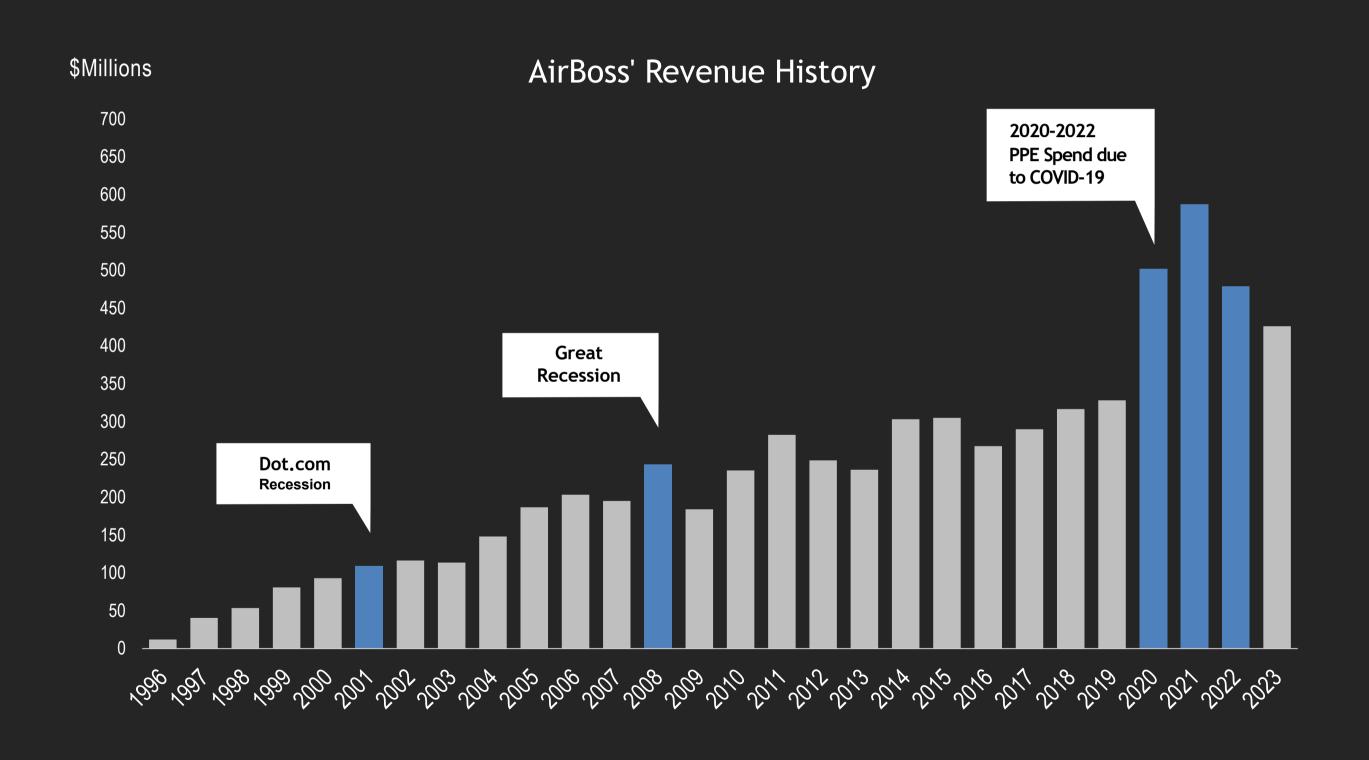




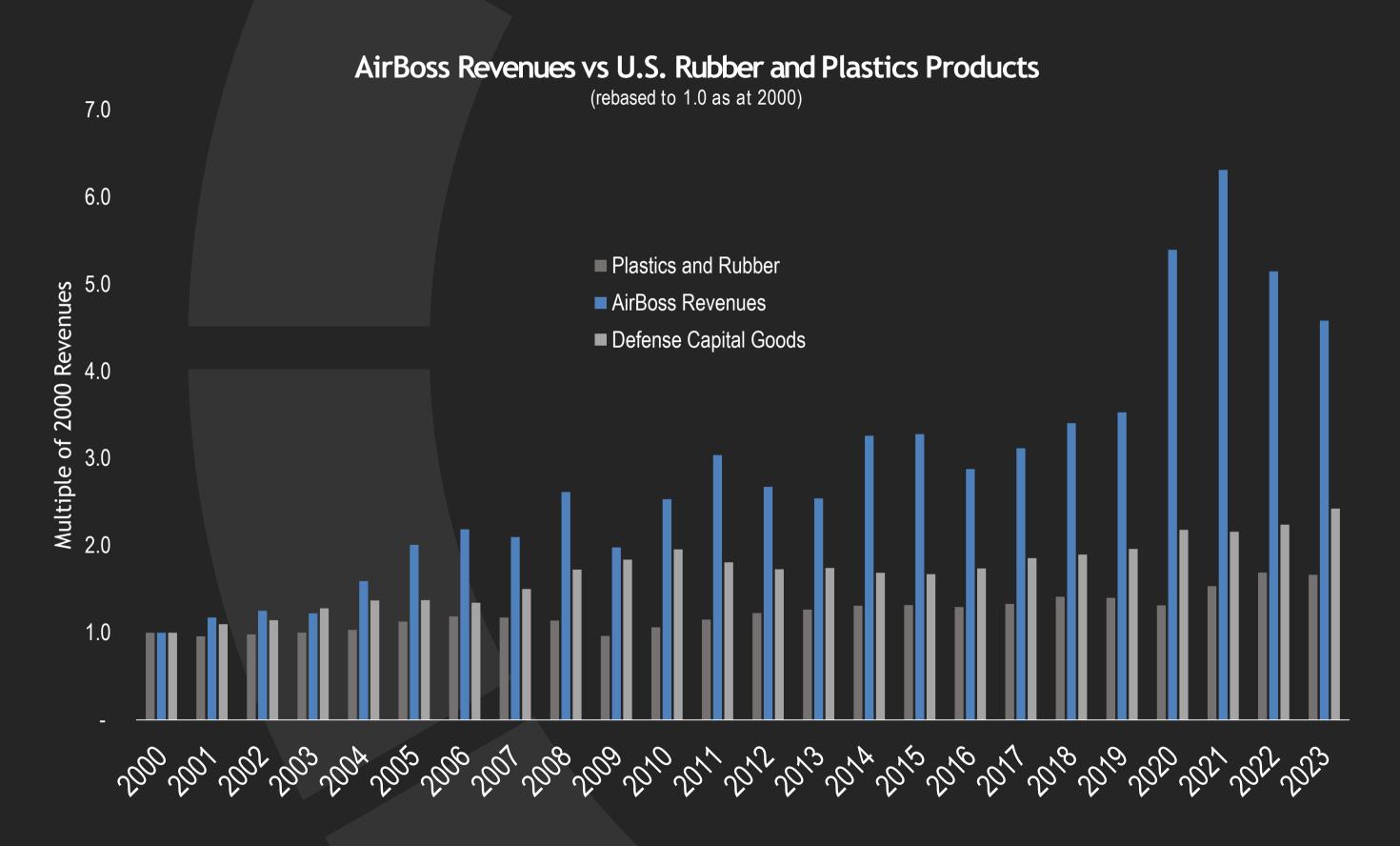
# CONSISTENT GROWTH THROUGH MULTIPLE ECONOMIC CYCLES

### We have:

- Consistent focus on innovation and competitive advantages
- Diversified customer sectors to mitigate risk of economic and contractual cycles and develop natural hedges
- Strategic acquisitions to bolster capabilities in target sectors
- Re-structured certain supplier and customer agreements to improve flexibility and profitability



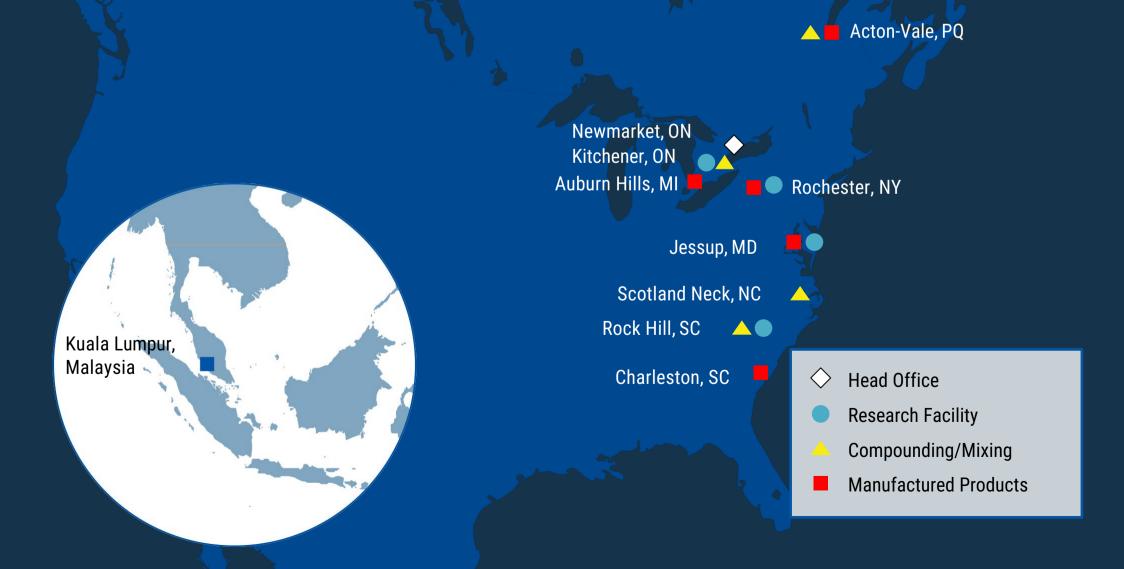
# AIRBOSS OUTPERFORMS THE INDUSTRY



As we have consistently expanded our addressable market, our growth has exceeded our industry peers

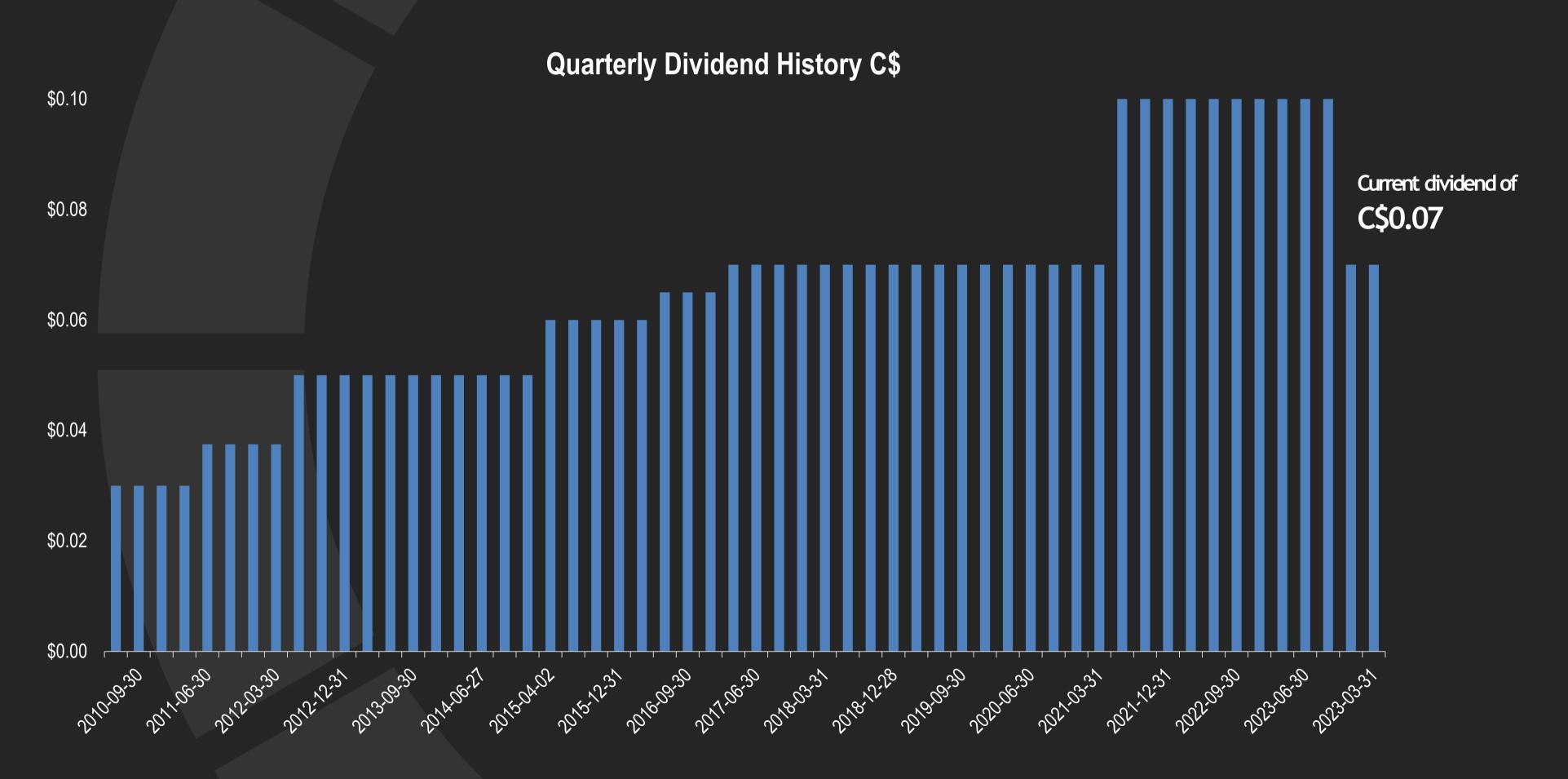
# STRATEGIC VALUE OF OUR DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING CAPACITY

- ✓ Ideally positioned to win U.S. government contracts
- Professionally managed supply chain with optimized shipping capabilities to domestic customers





# SHAREHOLDER DIVIDENDS



# FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABILITY

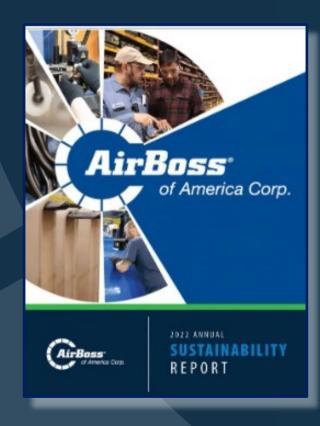


## **Progress in AirBoss' ESG-related disclosures:**

- 2022 Developed our ESG reporting practices and published our inaugural Sustainability Report
- 2023 Published our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustainability report
- Initiatives underway:
  - Collection of emissions data for our six facilities
  - Pursuing emissions reporting from supply chain partners
  - Increased resources for employee training
  - Investments to strengthen safety practices

Our 2023 Sustainability Report is posted on our website:

www.airboss.com/environmental-responsibility/



### **Sustainability focus areas:**

### ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Use natural resources wisely in our operations
- Optimize energy and water use
- Reduce waste generation and GHG emissions

### **INNOVATION**

- Innovation is critical to our long-term success
- Focus areas:
- Research and development
- Developing sustainable products
- Innovating waste reduction solutions

# SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

- Foster a culture of collaboration and growth
- Maintain operational integrity
- Strive to ensure a strong and robust governance structure throughout AirBoss

### **NITIATIVES AND PROGRESS**

- ✓ Completed Scope 1 and 2 GHG inventory
- Sustainability software platform for reporting and management
- ✓ Gathering supply chain Scope 3 emissions data
- ✓ Programs to reduce water and energy consumption
- ✓ Enhanced materials recycling initiatives

- ✓ ECOBOSS program focused on sustainable raw materials & recycled content:
- ✓ R&D of sustainable raw materials
- ✓ Injection moulding innovations to reduce materials use
- Working with Oakland
   University to use waste rubber in new product applications

- ✓ Extensive review & update of corporate policies
- ✓ Early-stage company evaluation using Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- ✓ Enhanced training for all employee positions
- ✓ New resources for employee safety





# GROWING THE RUBBER BUSINESS OVER THE LONG TERM

CORE DRIVER FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY:

Focus on innovation in custom rubber compounding, while aiming to expand market share through organic and inorganic means

### **EXPANSION OF CAPABILITIES:**

Expand our compounding capabilities with a focus on higher value black rubber, white / colour compounds and specialty, high-performance elastomers

### CONTINUING TO PURSUE ORGANIC GROWTH INITIATIVES:

Leverage our enhanced scale to improve raw material buying power and be a secondary supplier to large customers seeking domestic redundancy



# TRANSFORMING THE RUBBER BUSINESS

**100% ownership** in Ace Elastomer, a U.S.-based custom rubber compounder provides AirBoss with higher margins & increased R&D capabilities

- Access to higher margin colour and specialty compounding markets, including domestically produced enhanced small-batch processing of high-value compounds
- Increased proximity to key markets and customers with new cross-selling opportunities
- Increased shared rubber science and R&D capabilities
- Realized operational efficiencies and reduced costs while recognizing immediate
  positive impact on EBITDA and earnings per share with the potential for additional
  revenue and cost synergies in the future



# BUILDING VALUE WITH NEW SOLUTIONS FOR OUR PARTNERS

## CONTINUED FOCUS ON EFFICIENCY & INNOVATION

Meeting our customers' unique demands

Advancing products up the technical curve

Generating higher margins

## EXPANDING OUR ACCESS INTO NON-AUTOMOTIVE SECTORS

Growing our customer base

Extensive outreach to sector leaders to identify new and cross-selling opportunities



# **EXPANDING BEYOND AUTOMOTIVE**

Accelerated innovation, local sourcing & manufacturing wins AMP a strategic military contract with Navistar Defense

- AirBoss' locally-sourced materials met necessary compliance requirements for Navistar's contract with the U.S. Military
- Less than two months from purchase order to first part delivery
- Accelerated prototyping and delivery, America Made compliance and exceeding our customer's expectations has made AMP a partner of choice for Navistar





# STRENGTHENING OUR BROAD SURVIVABILITY PLATFORM

## CONTINUED FOCUS ON:

Winning new government contracts

Delivering on awarded contracts

PPE consumables

### GROWING OUR PLATFORM:

Source, develop and acquire new defense and first responder products

Seek strategic acquisitions to broaden our platform

Cross-market existing product lines to expanded customer base



## **EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT OUR SOLDIERS**

Black Box Biometrics® Acquisition - Transforming the battlefield with lightweight, wearable blast overpressure sensors

- Fully benefit from the significant potential of widespread deployment of the Blast Gauge System across the U.S. DoD and other militaries
- Broaden our significant technical and engineering capability through the addition of B3's human capital and IP
- Expand market applications with next-generation detection monitoring solutions for impulse noise and concussive impact from full-body sports



# DRIVEN & DEDICATED MANAGEMENT TEAM



P. Gren Schoch

Founded and chaired Petromet Resources in 1982; sold to Talisman for \$900 million.

Chairman & Co-CEO

Co-founder of Aurora Oil & Gas; sold for \$2.6 billion in 2014; Founded AirBoss in 1989; Chairman - 1989, CEO - 2013

**Chris Bitsakakis** 

More than 30 years in the rubber and automotive industries.

President & Co-CEO

Extensive operational experience in North America, Mexico, South America, Europe and Asia.

Frank lentile

Over 30 years of progressive financial leadership experience.

CFO Significant diversified industrials experience in the automotive, heavy trucking and construction sectors.

Mikael Fryklund

25 years of senior managerial and executive experience in the rubber and plastic manufacturers industry.

EVP and CSO

Significant experience in growing non-automotive anti-vibration component businesses.

Chris Figel

Over 15 years of private practice and in-house experience.

EVP and General Counsel

Focus on Corporate Finance, Governance and M&A.

John Johns

Over 25 years of executive experience in the Defense Industry including domestic and international assignments.

COO of ADG Serve

Served seven years as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Scott Lieberman
President, ARS

30 years of experience in industrial manufacturing, with cross-functional roles in engineering, sales, program management, and executive leadership.

Chris Laycoe Sr. VP and GM, AEP More than 27 years of experience in manufacturing and engineering. Solid track record of implementing manufacturing process improvements, program launches, problem solving, systems implementation and team development.

# BOARD WITH SIGNIFICANT DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIAL, DEFENSE & PUBLIC COMPANY EXPERTISE



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**Anita Antenucci** 

Founder and Managing Partner - 3Wire Partners, an organization focused in the aerospace, defense, government, and related industries

Director

Member of the board of directors of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessment and an Emeritus Director of the Space Foundation

David Camilleri (1)

25+ years of advanced manufacturing experience (aerospace, NVH)

Director

Director

Former President - Noranco; VP - Precision Castparts Corp (a Berkshire Hathaway company)

Mary Matthews (1)(2)(3)

Held numerous senior financial positions with both public and private companies including EVP - Sprott Asset Management and VP – CIBC

Robert McLeish (1)(2)(3)

35 years in the investment business, most recently as Vice- Chairman - Merrill Lynch Canada

Director Former Chairman - Dundee Wealth Management Inc.

Stephen M. Ryan (2)

Highly regarded attorney for 40 years in Washington, D.C.

Lead Independent Director - Has been adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center for over a decade and co-author of a book on government procurement ethics

Alan J. Watson (1)(2)(3)

30-year investment banking career with American and U.K.-based investment banks

Director

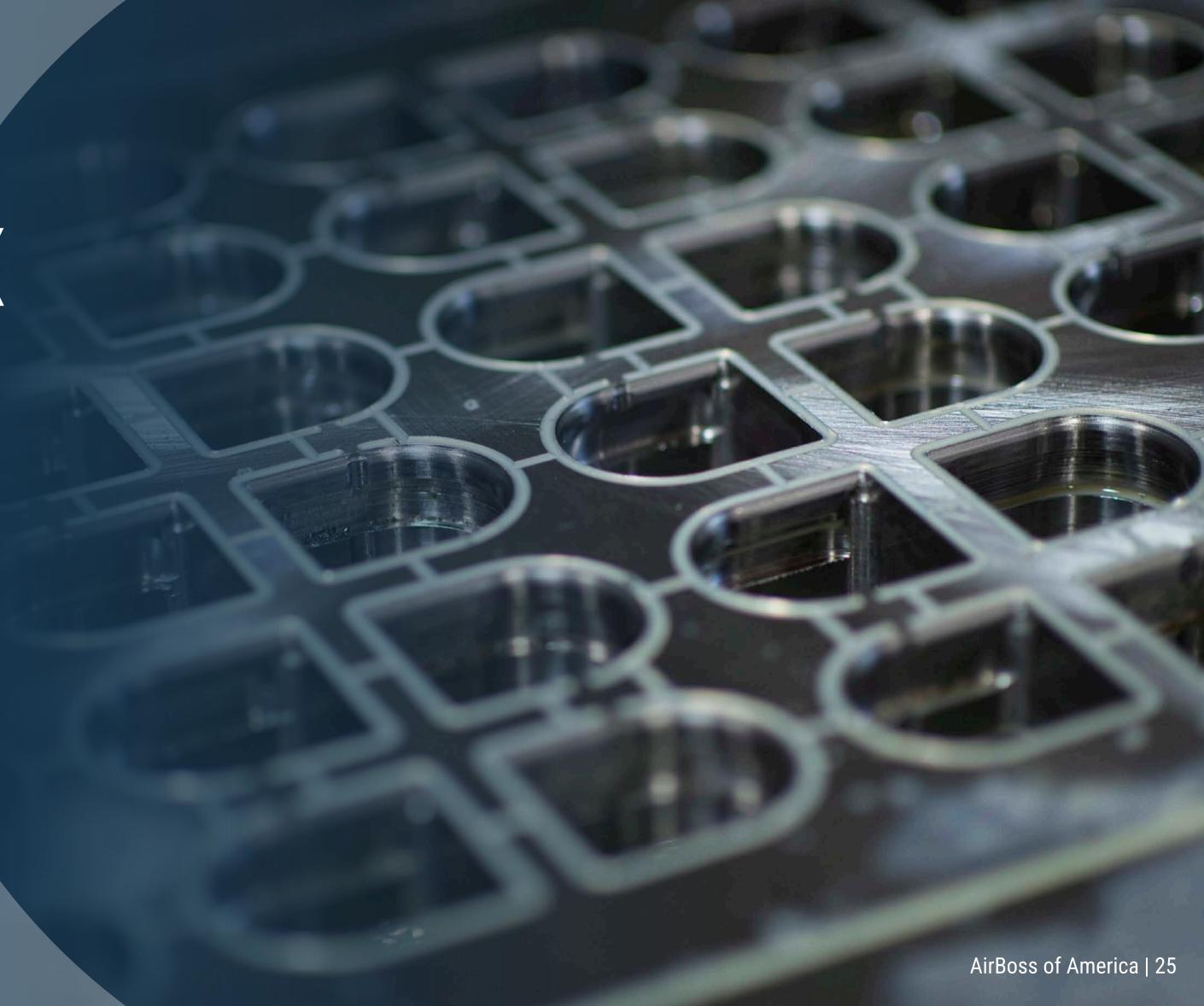
Chairman - Pinnacle Investment Management (ASX:PNI)

- 2. Member of Compensation Committee
- 3. Member of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

<sup>1.</sup> Member of Audit Committee







# Q4 2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



EPS \$ (FD)

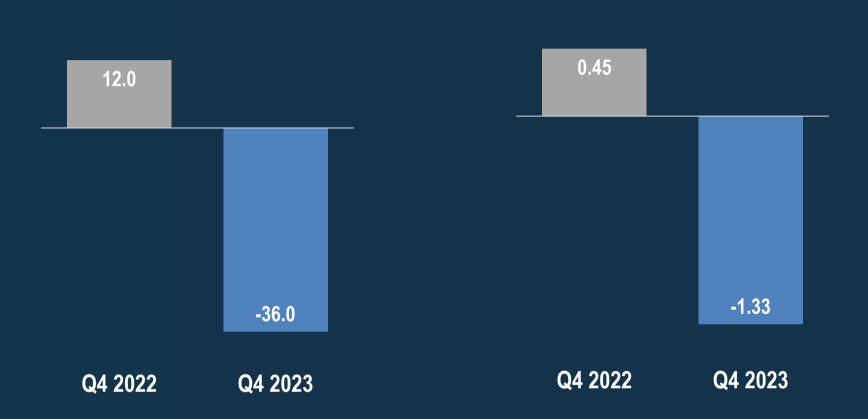




21% decrease due to lower volume within AMP and ARS

### **Adjusted EBITDA**

\$9.8 EBITDA lower vs. Q4 2022 due to lower revenue



# **Profit and Diluted Per Share Earnings**

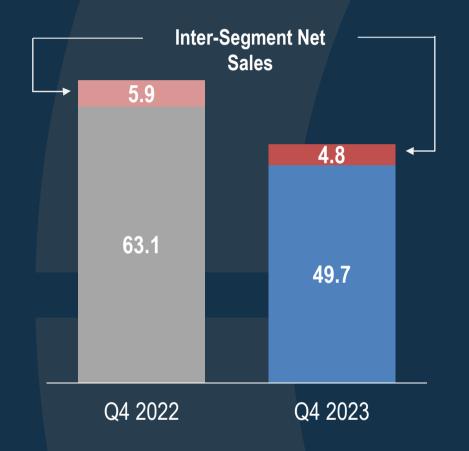
**Profit \$M** 

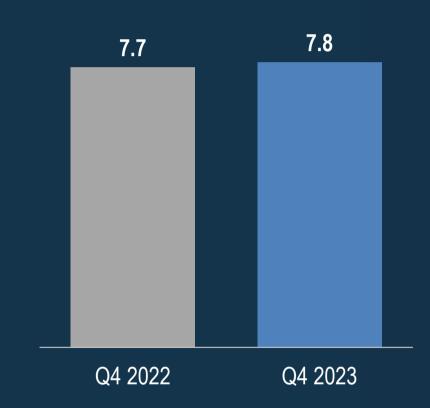
Lower due to \$26.6 million goodwill impairment and lower revenue

# Q4 2023 - AIRBOSS RUBBER SOLUTIONS

ARS - Net Sales \$M

ARS - Gross Profit \$M



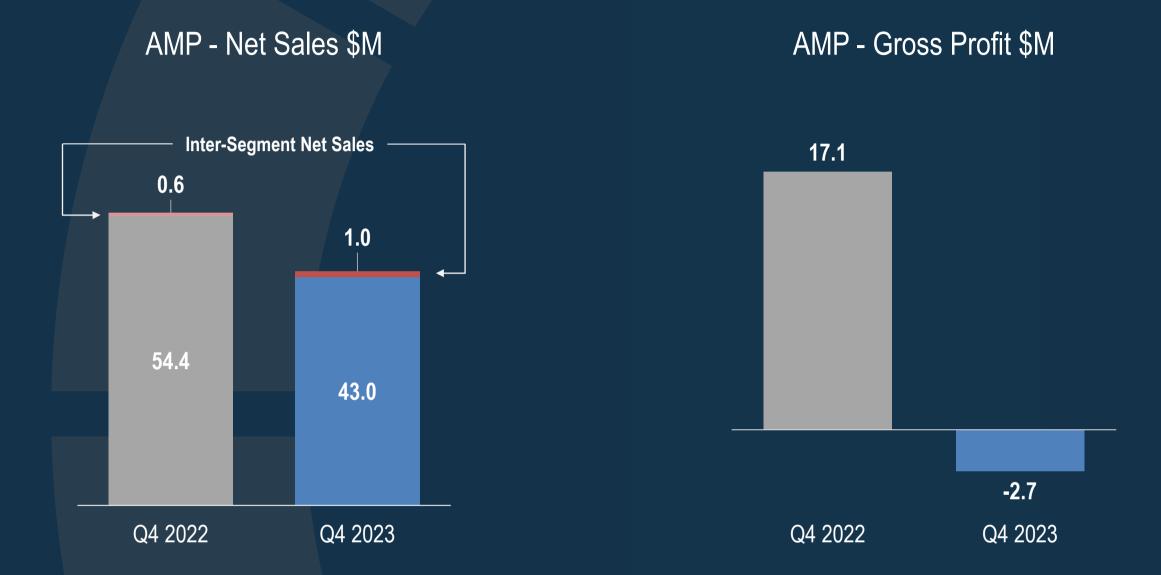


### ARS' Q4 2023 results indicate lower sales across most sectors:

- ARS Net Sales declined by 21.1% due to softness across most sectors
- **Gross Profit** improved by 1.9% due to to product mix and managing overhead costs, partially offset by a reduction in volume.



# Q4 2023 - AIRBOSS MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS



### AMP's Q4 2023 results reflect lower volumes:

- AMP Net Sales decreased by 20% due to lower volumes in the defense and rubber molded product lines.
- Gross Profit decreased due to \$8.0 million non-cash write-down related to nitrile glove inventory and retroactive pricing from improved arrangements with key suppliers and customers recognized in 2022.



# Reconciliation of Non-IFRS Measures



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	For three months ended December 31:			For years ended December 3			
In thousands of US Dollars	2023	2022	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
EBITDA:							
Profit (loss)	(35,958)	11,997	(41,749)	(31,892)	46,703	56,262	10,219
Finance costs	(2,746)	1,971	5,233	5,738	4,178	3,368	3,831
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	5,429	5,504	22,345	21,905	20,881	21,014	13,716
Income tax expense (recovery)	2,273	(6,002)	2,994	(8,520)	7,829	22,567	4,316
EBITDA	(31,002)	13,470	(11,177)	(12,769)	79,591	103,211	32,082
Write-down of inventory	8,031	-	8,031	57,001	-	-	-
Professional fees related to AEP negotiations		428	152	1,104			
Prospectus and acquisition fees	-		-		750	2,384	1,401
Insurance provision			-				(1,287)
Impairment of intangible assets	26,648		26,648				
Restructuring Costs	346	-	3,104	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	4,023	13,898	26,758	45,336	80,341	105,595	32,196

Adjusted profit attributable to owners of the Company is a non-IFRS measure defined as profit (loss) before acquisition costs and non-recurring costs. This measure and Adjusted earnings per share are used to evaluate operating results of the Company. A reconciliation of Profit attributable to owners of the Company to Adjusted profit attributable to owners of the Company and Adjusted earnings per share is below.

	For three months ended December 31:						
In thousands of US dollars	2023	2022	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Adjusted Profit attributable to owners of the Company:							
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	(35,958)	11,997	(41,749)	(31,892)	46,703	33,703	10,219
Acquisition fees	-		-		445	2,384	1,401
Prospectus fees (after tax)	-		<u>-</u>		226		
Restructuring costs (after tax)	256		2,297				
Impairment of intangible assets (after tax)	26,648		26,648				
Insurance provision	-		<u>-</u>				(672)
Professional fees related to AEP negotiations (after tax)	-	327	116	844			
Write-down of inventory (after tax)	6,264	-	6,264	43,606	-	-	<u> </u>
Adjusted profit attributable to owners of the Company	(2,790)	12,324	(6,424)	12,558	47,374	36,087	10,948
Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding (000s)	27,131	27,092	27,118	27,071	26,970	24,032	23,392
Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding (000s)	27,263	27,595	27,118	28,109	28,298	24,901	23,445
Adjusted earnings per share (in US dollars):							
Basic	(0.10)	0.45	(0.24)	0.46	1.76	1.50	0.47
Diluted	(0.10)	0.45	(0.24)	0.45	1.67	1.45	0.47



**SHARE INFORMATION:** 

**Ticker Symbol** 

**Shares Outstanding** 

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27,130,556

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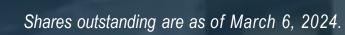
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