

Arch Coal, Inc. Reports Second Quarter 2018 Results

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Delivers \$86 million to shareholders through share repurchases and dividends
Boosts share repurchase authorization by \$250 million
Reiterates 2018 sales volume and cost guidance for all operating segments

ST. LOUIS, July 31, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [Arch Coal Inc.](#) (NYSE: ARCH) today reported net income of \$43.3 million, or \$1.48 per diluted share, in the second quarter of 2018, compared with net income of \$37.2 million, or \$1.48 per diluted share, in the prior-year quarter. Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, depletion, amortization and non-operating expenses ("adjusted EBITDA") was \$85.4 million in the second quarter of 2018, which includes a \$15.1 million non-cash mark-to-market loss associated with commodity price hedging activities. This compares to \$95.6 million of adjusted EBITDA recorded in the second quarter of 2017. Revenue was \$1.1 billion for the three months ended June 30, 2018, representing an 8 percent increase from the prior-year quarter.

"Arch capitalized on a strong operating performance, robust coking coal markets and an improving logistics system to achieve substantial levels of free cash flow during the quarter just ended," said John W. Eaves, Arch's chief executive officer. "We used the cash flow to buy back \$78 million of stock, or nearly one million shares, as we continued to execute on a capital return program, creating excellent value for our shareholders, and the board showed its strong support for this strategy by expanding the authorization significantly. We plan to build upon our strong record of returning excess cash to shareholders as we progress through 2018."

Capital Allocation Progress

Recently, Arch's board of directors approved an incremental \$250 million increase to the share repurchase authorization, bringing the total authorization to \$750 million since the program's inception.

"The expanded stock repurchase authorization reflects the board's continued confidence in Arch's outlook and financial performance, consistent with our strategy of effectively deploying our cash to create long-term value for our shareholders," said John T. Drexler, Arch's chief financial officer. "We continue to view our stock as a highly attractive investment option and we expect to continue to execute on our capital return program, which underscores the strength of our balance sheet and the confidence in our free cash flow performance."

During the second quarter, Arch made excellent progress on its capital return program, buying back approximately 960,000 shares of stock, representing 3.8 percent of shares outstanding, at a total cost of nearly \$78 million.

Arch's share repurchase program was originally announced on May 2, 2017 and, since that date, the company has invested \$250 million to repurchase 5.3 million shares. This represents a more than 21 percent reduction in Arch's share count. At quarter-end, following the \$250 million increase in authorization, the company has up to \$331 million remaining for share repurchases under the program.

In addition to the stock repurchases, the company paid \$8.3 million in cash dividends to shareholders during the second quarter. The next quarterly cash dividend payment of \$0.40 per common share was approved by the board of directors, and is scheduled for September 14, 2018 to stockholders of record at the close of business on August 31, 2018.

Significantly, over the last five quarters, Arch has returned approximately \$460 million of capital to shareholders, consisting of \$419 million of share repurchases and nearly \$41 million in dividends.

Future dividend declarations and share repurchases will be subject to ongoing board review and authorization and will be influenced by various factors, including business and market conditions, Arch's future financial performance and other capital priorities.

Financial Update

At quarter-end, Arch's cash and short-term investments totaled nearly \$403 million. Arch's debt totaled \$324 million, including \$250 million of

equipment financing and other debt, resulting in a \$78 million net cash position.

"We believe that our current cash balance represents ample and appropriate liquidity that will meet our needs throughout 2018. "Given our low leverage, modest capital needs and strong business outlook, we remain in an exceptionally strong position. We are sharply focused on maintaining that position even as we continue to pursue our aggressive capital return program."

Operational Results

"Arch delivered solid operating results during the second quarter of 2018, reducing costs in our key operating areas, exceeding expectations in both the Metallurgical and Powder River Basin segments, and addressing and overcoming the operating challenges of the first quarter," said Paul A. Lang, Arch's chief operating officer. "Looking ahead, we will continue to execute upon our global strategy with an intense focus on those markets that provide the greatest return."

	Metallurgical		
	2Q18	1Q18	2Q17
Tons sold (in millions)	2.0	1.8	2.1
Coking	1.7	1.5	1.5
PCI	-	-	0.3
Thermal	0.3	0.3	0.3
Coal sales per ton sold	\$104.38	\$115.97	\$90.59
Coking	\$119.23	\$131.90	\$103.44
PCI	-	-	\$72.26
Thermal	\$31.65	\$31.37	\$42.02
Cash cost per ton sold	\$61.33	\$68.33	\$60.95
Cash margin per ton	\$43.05	\$47.64	\$29.64

Coal sales per ton sold and cash cost per ton sold are defined and reconciled under "Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures."

Mining complexes included in this segment are Beckley, Leer, Lone Mountain, Mountain Laurel and Sentinel

Lone Mountain is included through September 14, 2017, the date of divestiture.

First half 2018 coking coal shipments include 0.6 million tons to North American customers and approximately 2.6 million tons to seaborne customers.

In the Metallurgical segment, coking coal sales volumes increased 13 percent when compared with the first quarter of 2018, driven by improved rail performance, favorable timing on export loadings at the end of the quarter, and solid execution on the two new moves at Leer and Mountain Laurel. Average coking coal realizations declined 10 percent over the same time period due to a mix of index-linked and negotiated tons that priced during the period – a reduction that is in-line with the quarterly declines in the West Coast assessments for High-Vol A and Low-Vol products. Segment cash cost per ton for the second quarter declined 11 percent from the prior-quarter period, driven by increased sales volumes, improved cost performance at Mountain Laurel and strong cost performance in operations in the segment. As a result, Arch recorded an impressive second quarter metallurgical cash margin per ton of \$43.05.

As previously indicated, Arch is targeting full year cash cost per ton sold for its metallurgical segment of \$60.00 to \$65.00. Arch's coking coal cost structure is well below the U.S metallurgical industry average and is competitively positioned to participate in international coking coal markets at all points of the market cycle.

As expected, Mountain Laurel transitioned to a new panel during the quarter, with the longwall starting up in early June.

has seen much-improved longwall performance when compared to the previous panel, and geologic and operating conditions consistent with company expectations.

	Powder River Basin		
	2Q18	1Q18	2Q17
Tons sold (in millions)	18.8	19.7	18.1
Coal sales per ton sold	\$12.06	\$12.15	\$12.55
Cash cost per ton sold	\$10.66	\$10.77	\$10.82
Cash margin per ton	\$1.40	\$1.38	\$1.73

Coal sales per ton sold and cash cost per ton sold are defined and reconciled under "Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures."

Mining complexes included in this segment are Black Thunder and Coal Creek.

In the Powder River Basin, second quarter 2018 cash margin per ton increased marginally when compared to the prior quarter, driven by stronger than anticipated sales volumes and effective cost control. Sales volumes during the second quarter were better than expected due to Black Thunder's ability to increase loadings during periods of heavy rain that appear to have constrained shipments at some locations. Additionally, the early arrival of summer temperatures boosted demand and worked to somewhat offset the normal seasonal lull. Average sales price per ton declined less than one percent, or \$0.09 per ton, over the same time period, due to a larger volume of lower-priced tons in the company's regional volume mix. Second quarter 2018 cash cost per ton sold decreased slightly from the first quarter, driven by strong cost containment efforts that helped offset higher diesel prices and the impact of lower volume levels versus the first quarter. For the full year, Arch anticipates segment cash cost per ton sold of between \$10.50 per ton and \$10.90 per ton.

	Other Thermal		
	2Q18	1Q18	2Q17
Tons sold (in millions)	2.0	2.2	2.3
Coal sales per ton sold	\$36.77	\$35.59	\$33.41
Cash cost per ton sold	\$31.19	\$28.53	\$22.06
Cash margin per ton	\$5.58	\$7.06	\$11.35

Coal sales per ton sold and cash cost per ton sold are defined and reconciled under "Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures."

Mining complexes included in this segment are Coal-Mac, Viper and West Elk.

In the Other Thermal segment, second quarter 2018 sales volumes declined 9 percent from the first quarter of 2018 due to sub-standard rail performance, which delayed loadings from Arch's West Elk and Coal-Mac mines in June. As a result of weather, two export vessels from West Elk and one export vessel from Coal-Mac that were expected to ship in the second quarter are now scheduled to ship in the third quarter of 2018. While global sales exposure can sometimes result in variability in quarterly volumes, the persistence of strong thermal pricing coupled with strong demand for Arch's high-quality thermal products will enable the company to export more from the segment in 2018 – a trend that is expected to continue into 2019.

Coal sales per ton sold during the quarter increased 3 percent, benefitting from continued strength in international thermal markets and a customer shipment mix during the period. This was offset somewhat by higher cash cost per ton sold. The 9 percent decline in cash cost per ton sold was driven largely by lower volume levels from the low-cost West Elk mine and increased shipments from the higher-cost Coal-Mac operation. Despite the increase in quarterly segment cash costs, Arch still anticipates its 2018 cash cost per ton sold between \$27.00 and \$31.00 per ton.

In recent quarters, Arch has taken advantage of improving international thermal markets and layered in pricing at attractive levels.

of its expected future international thermal sales. Until the physical sales are finalized, these positions are required to be

Key Market Developments

Coking Coal Markets

- Coking coal markets appear to be in healthy balance, underpinned by a strong global economy and robust steel demand.
- Global steel production is up 5 percent year-to-date despite recent trade tensions, with global steel prices strong in most regions – particularly the United States.
- Seaborne coking coal demand remains buoyant as well, with lower Chinese purchases being offset by increased demand from other regions. Continued rapid growth in its steel sector, India could soon rival China as a major buyer of seaborne coking coal.
- On the supply side, investment in new global coking coal production remains muted, while a number of existing producers continue to struggle with a range of geologic and logistics-related issues that have dampened a supply response.
- Coking coal prices are benefiting from this strong macro backdrop. The Platts East Coast assessments, while down from 2017, are still at very attractive levels that deliver a substantial margin for Arch's low-cost coking coal franchise.

Thermal Coal Markets

- In the international arena, Newcastle prices are approximately \$112 per metric ton for prompt delivery, and API-2 prices are \$94 per metric ton.
- These are highly attractive levels for Arch's West Elk and Coal-Mac operations, respectively, and should spur a significant increase in U.S. thermal exports this year.
- Domestically, the early summer heat has been advantageous, and has accelerated the liquidation of stockpiles at power plants.
- At present, generator stockpiles are estimated at just over 60 days of supply – the lowest level in nearly four years.
- Given the recent liquidation and assuming stable natural gas prices, we would expect to see a modest increase in stockpiles approach target levels over the course of the next few quarters.

2018 Outlook

For full year 2018, Arch still expects to sell between 6.3 million and 6.7 million tons of coking coal and between 80 million and 84 million tons of thermal coal. At the midpoint of its volume guidance level, and inclusive of new commitments made during the second quarter, Arch is approximately 91-percent committed on coking coal sales, with 25 percent of that committed volume exposed to index-linked contracts. At the midpoint of guidance, Arch's thermal sales are 97-percent committed for the full year 2018.

"We believe that strong demand in coking coal and international thermal markets and ongoing supply constraints around the world will continue to provide a stable foundation for coal pricing as we progress through the year," said Eaves. "Arch is strategically positioned to capitalize on these dynamic markets and to leverage our premier asset base and industry-leading balance sheet to create substantial value for our shareholders over the long term."

	2018 ²		2019	
	Tons	\$ per ton	Tons	\$ per ton
Sales Volume (in millions of tons)				
Coking	6.3 - 6.7			
Thermal	80.0 - 84.0			
Total	86.3 - 90.7			
Metallurgical (in millions of tons)				
Committed, Priced Coking North American*	1.2	\$97.54	-	
Committed, Priced Coking Seaborne	3.1	\$128.12	-	
Committed, Unpriced Coking				

Total Committed Coking	5.8	1.6
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Committed, Priced Thermal Byproduct	1.0	\$32.47
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Committed, Unpriced Thermal Byproduct	-	
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Total Committed Thermal Byproduct	1.0	
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Average Metallurgical Cash Cost	\$60.00 - \$65.00
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Powder River Basin (in millions of tons)

Committed, Priced	69.2	\$12.03	34.2	\$12.40
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Committed, Unpriced	1.1	2.2
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Total Committed	70.3	36.4
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Average Cash Cost	\$10.50 - \$10.90
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Other Thermal (in millions of tons)

Committed, Priced	8.6	\$37.10	2.5	\$41.15
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Committed, Unpriced	0.1	-
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Total Committed	8.7	2.5
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Average Cash Cost	\$27.00 - \$31.00
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Corporate (in \$ millions)

D,D&A excluding Sales Contract Amortization	\$113 - \$118
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Sales Contract Amortization	\$11 - \$12
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ARO Accretion	\$27 - \$29
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S,G&A	\$91 - \$94
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Interest Expense	\$16 - \$18
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Capital Expenditures	\$80 - \$90
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A conference call regarding Arch Coal's second quarter 2018 financial results will be webcast live today at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. The call can be accessed via the "investor" section of the Arch Coal website (<http://investor.archcoal.com>).

Tax Provision (%)	Approximately 0%
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Forward-Looking Statements. This press release contains "forward-looking statements" – that is, statements relating to future events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," or "will." Forward-looking statements by their nature are subject to various risks and uncertainties, many of which are, to different degrees, uncertain. For us, particular uncertainties arise from changes in the demand for our products; from legislative, regulatory, operational, geological, permit, labor and weather-related factors, from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and other tax reform legislation; from foreign and domestic trade policies, actions or disputes; from fluctuations in the amount of cash we generate from operations; from the impact, among other things, our ability to pay dividends or repurchase shares in accordance with our announced capital return program; from the future integration of acquired businesses; and from numerous other matters of national, regional and global scale, including economic, business, competitive or regulatory nature. These uncertainties may cause our actual future results to be materially different from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements, which may be outdated, as a result of new information, unless required by law.

information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law. For a description of some of the risks and our future results, you should see the risk factors described from time to time in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

¹ Adjusted EBITDA is defined and reconciled in the "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP measures" in this release.

² The Company is unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of its forward-looking non-GAAP Segment cash cost per ton of coal to the most directly comparable GAAP measures without unreasonable efforts due to the inherent difficulty in quantifying with reasonable accuracy significant items required for the reconciliation. The most directly comparable GAAP measure, cost of sales, is not accessible without unreasonable efforts on a forward-looking basis. The reconciling items for this non-GAAP measure include: transportation costs, which are a component of GAAP revenues and cost of sales; the impact of hedging activity related to coal purchases that do not receive hedge accounting; and idle and administrative costs that are not included in a reportable segment. Management is unable to predict without unreasonable efforts transportation costs due to uncertainty as to the end market and FOB point for unexported coal and the final shipping point for export shipments. Management is unable to predict without unreasonable efforts the impact of hedging activity related to commodity purchases that do not receive hedge accounting due to fluctuations in commodity prices, which are subject to their inherent volatility. These amounts have historically and may continue to vary significantly from quarter to quarter. These items could have a significant effect on our future GAAP results. Idle and administrative costs that are not included in the reconciliation are expected to be between \$15 million and \$20 million in 2018.

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Condensed Consolidated Income Statements

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)			
Revenues	\$592,349	\$549,866	\$1,167,644	\$1,167,644
Costs, expenses and other operating				
Cost of sales	474,388	434,465	929,168	899,168
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	30,549	30,701	60,252	62,252
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	6,993	7,623	13,985	15,985
Amortization of sales contracts, net	3,248	14,352	6,299	29,352
Change in fair value of coal derivatives and coal trading activities, net	15,138	863	11,724	1,863
Selling, general and administrative expenses	24,756	22,456	50,704	43,456
Other operating income, net	(7,318)	(3,518)	(14,250)	(5,518)
	547,754	506,942	1,057,882	1,057,882
Income from operations	44,595	42,924	109,762	109,762
Interest expense, net				
Interest expense	(5,050)	(6,003)	(10,445)	(10,445)

Interest and investment income	1,552	842	2,825	1,3
	(3,498)	(5,161)	(7,620)	(1,3)
Income before nonoperating expenses	41,097	37,763	102,142	95,000
Nonoperating expenses				
Non-service related pension and postretirement benefit (costs) credits	68	(232)	(1,235)	(9,000)
Net loss resulting from early retirement of debt and debt restructuring	(485)	(31)	(485)	(2,000)
Reorganization items, net	(740)	(21)	(1,041)	(2,000)
	(1,157)	(284)	(2,761)	(5,000)
Income before income taxes	39,940	37,479	99,381	89,000
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(3,366)	319	(3,910)	1,000
Net income	\$ 43,306	\$ 37,160	\$ 103,291	\$ 90,000
Net income per common share				
Basic EPS	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.51	\$ 5.03	\$ 4.00
Diluted EPS	\$ 2.06	\$ 1.48	\$ 4.81	\$ 3.80
Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	20,156	24,659	20,529	24,000
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	21,036	25,082	21,456	25,000
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.70
Adjusted EBITDA (A) (Unaudited)	\$ 85,385	\$ 95,600	\$ 190,298	\$ 180,000
Adjusted diluted income per common share (A)	\$ 2.26	\$ 2.05	\$ 5.23	\$ 4.80

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands)

	June 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(Unaudited)	
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 241,590	\$ 273,387
Short term investments	160,894	155,846
Trade accounts receivable	198,362	172,604
Other receivables	12,612	29,771
Inventories	157,205	128,960
Other current assets	86,642	70,426
Total current assets	857,305	830,994
Property, plant and equipment, net	925,559	955,948

Other assets

Equity investments	104,189	106,107
Other noncurrent assets	62,360	86,583
Total other assets	166,549	192,690
Total assets	\$1,949,413	\$ 1,979,632

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 131,027	\$ 134,137
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	194,730	184,161
Current maturities of debt	12,533	15,783
Total current liabilities	338,290	334,081
Long-term debt	305,157	310,134
Asset retirement obligations	316,341	308,855
Accrued pension benefits	7,481	14,036
Accrued postretirement benefits other than pension	106,934	102,369
Accrued workers' compensation	185,068	184,835
Other noncurrent liabilities	49,194	59,457
Total liabilities	1,308,465	1,313,767

Stockholders' equity

Common Stock	250	250
Paid-in capital	708,127	700,125
Retained earnings	333,753	247,232
Treasury stock, at cost	(418,985)	(302,109)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	17,803	20,367
Total stockholders' equity	640,948	665,865
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,949,413	\$ 1,979,632

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)	
Operating activities		
Net income	\$103,291	\$ 88,828
Adjustments to reconcile to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	60,252	62,622
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	13,985	15,246
Amortization of sales contracts, net	6,299	29,042
Prepaid royalties expensed	—	2,288
Deferred income taxes	8,730	5,996
Employee stock-based compensation expense	7,992	4,942
Gains on disposals and divestitures	131	(2,005)
Net loss resulting from early retirement of debt and debt restructuring	485	2,061
Amortization relating to financing activities	2,170	1,565
Changes in:		
Receivables	(20,212)	(3,864)
Inventories	(28,245)	(23,594)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(11,879)	(89)
Income taxes, net	11,560	(3,796)
Other	(9,563)	21,557
Cash provided by operating activities	144,996	200,799
Investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(30,049)	(16,922)
Minimum royalty payments	(124)	(4,211)
Proceeds from disposals and divestitures	56	4,186
Purchases of short term investments	(110,359)	(157,364)

Proceeds from sales of short term investments	105,150	85,035
Investments in and advances to affiliates, net	—	(8,934)
Cash used in investing activities	(35,326)	(98,210)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of term loan due 2024	—	298,500
Payments to extinguish term loan due 2021	—	(325,684)
Payments on term loan due 2024	(1,500)	(750)
Net payments on other debt	(7,307)	(5,207)
Debt financing costs	(529)	(8,900)
Net loss resulting from early retirement of debt and debt restructuring	(50)	(2,061)
Dividends paid	(16,333)	(8,563)
Purchases of treasury stock	(115,973)	(51,043)
Other	10	—
Cash used in financing activities	(141,682)	(103,708)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash	(32,012)	(1,119)
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash, beginning of period	273,602	376,422
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash, end of period	\$241,590	\$375,303
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash, end of period		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$241,590	\$333,548
Restricted cash	—	41,755
	\$241,590	\$375,303

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Schedule of Consolidated Debt

(In thousands)

	June 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(Unaudited)	
Term loan due 2024 (\$296.3 million face value)	\$295,029	\$ 296,435
Other	29,280	36,514
Debt issuance costs	(6,619)	(7,032)
	317,690	325,917
Less: current maturities of debt	12,533	15,783
Long-term debt	\$305,157	\$ 310,134
Calculation of net debt		
Total debt (excluding debt issuance costs)	\$324,309	\$ 332,949
Less liquid assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	241,590	273,387
Short term investments	160,894	155,846
	402,484	429,233
Net debt	\$ (78,175)	\$ (96,284)

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Operational Performance

(In millions, except per ton data)

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 (Unaudited)	Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)
Powder River Basin			
Tons Sold	18.8	19.7	18.1
Segment Sales	\$ 226.7	\$ 12.06 \$ 239.9	\$ 12.15 \$ 227.1
Segment Cash Cost of Sales	200.4	10.66 212.6	10.77 195.7
Segment Cash Margin	26.3	1.40 27.3	1.38 31.4
Metallurgical			
Tons Sold	2.0	1.8	2.1
Segment Sales	\$ 209.7	\$104.38 \$ 203.5	\$115.97 \$ 190.6
Segment Cash Cost of Sales	123.2	61.33 119.9	68.33 128.2
Segment Cash Margin	86.5	43.05 83.6	47.64 62.4
Other Thermal			
Tons Sold	2.0	2.2	2.3
Segment Sales	\$ 74.9	\$ 36.77 \$ 77.1	\$ 35.59 \$ 77.7
Segment Cash Cost of Sales	63.5	31.19 61.8	28.53 51.3
Segment Cash Margin	11.4	5.58 15.3	7.06 26.4
Total Segment Cash Margin	\$ 124.2	\$ 126.2	\$ 120.2
Selling, general and administrative expenses (24.8)		(25.9)	(22.5)
Other	(14.0)	4.6	(2.1)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 85.4	\$ 104.9	\$ 95.6

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Reconciliation of NON-GAAP Measures

(In millions, except per ton data)

Included in the accompanying release, we have disclosed certain non-GAAP measures as defined by Regulation G.

The following reconciles these items to the most directly comparable GAAP measure.

Non-GAAP Segment coal sales per ton sold

Non-GAAP Segment coal sales per ton sold is calculated as segment coal sales revenues divided by segment tons sold for transportation costs, and may be adjusted for other items that, due to generally accepted accounting principles, are of operations, but relate to price protection on the sale of coal. Segment coal sales per ton sold is not a measure of financial performance under generally accepted accounting principles. We believe segment coal sales per ton sold provides useful information to investors regarding the quality of coal sold and our operating results by including all income from coal sales. The adjustments made to arrive at segment coal sales per ton sold are necessary for a fair presentation of our financial condition. Therefore, segment coal sales revenues should not be considered in isolation, but in conjunction with generally accepted accounting principles.

Quarter ended June 30, 2018

Powder River Basin Metallurgical

(In thousands)

GAAP Revenues in the consolidated statements of operations	\$	229,878	\$	259,0
Less: Adjustments to reconcile to Non-GAAP Segment coal sales revenue				
Coal risk management derivative settlements classified in "other income"	-		-	
Coal sales revenues from idled or otherwise disposed operations not included in segments	-		-	
Transportation costs	3,176		49,308	
Non-GAAP Segment coal sales revenues	\$	226,702	\$	209,7
Tons sold	18,792		2,009	
Coal sales per ton sold	\$	12.06	\$	104

Quarter ended March 31, 2018

Powder River Basin Metallurgical

(In thousands)

GAAP Revenues in the consolidated statements of operations	\$	245,427	\$	238,3
Less: Adjustments to reconcile to Non-GAAP Segment coal sales revenue				
Coal risk management derivative settlements classified in "other income"	-		-	
Coal sales revenues from idled or otherwise disposed operations not included in segments				

Transportation costs	5,478	34,885
Non-GAAP Segment coal sales revenues	\$ 239,949	\$ 203,4
Tons sold	19,744	1,754
Coal sales per ton sold	\$ 12.15	\$ 115

Quarter ended June 30, 2017

Powder River Basin Metallurgical

(In thousands)

GAAP Revenues in the consolidated statements of operations	\$ 230,579	\$ 227,6
Less: Adjustments to reconcile to Non-GAAP Segment coal sales revenue		
Coal risk management derivative settlements classified in "other income"	-	-
Coal sales revenues from idled or otherwise disposed operations not included in segments -		-
Transportation costs	3,500	37,025
Non-GAAP Segment coal sales revenues	\$ 227,079	\$ 190,6
Reconciliation of NON-GAAP Measures	18,092	2,104
Coal sales per ton sold	\$ 12.55	\$ 90.

Non-GAAP Segment cash cost per ton sold

Non-GAAP Segment cash cost per ton sold is calculated as segment cash cost of coal sales divided by segment tons sold, excluding transportation costs, and may be adjusted for other items that, due to generally accepted accounting principles, are classified as operating expenses but do not relate directly to the costs incurred to produce coal. Segment cash cost per ton sold is not a measure of financial performance under generally accepted accounting principles. We believe segment cash cost per ton sold better reflects our controllable costs and our operating results by excluding items that are not made to arrive at these measures are significant in understanding and assessing our financial condition. Therefore, segment cash cost per ton sold is not to be isolated, nor as an alternative to cost of sales under generally accepted accounting principles.

Quarter ended June 30, 2018

Powder River Basin Metallurgical

(In thousands)

GAAP Cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations	\$ 205,532	\$ 1
Less: Adjustments to reconcile to Non-GAAP Segment cash cost of coal sales		
Diesel fuel risk management derivative settlements classified in "other income"	1,968	-
Transportation costs	3,176	49,308
Cost of coal sales from idled or otherwise disposed operations not included in segments -		-
Other (operating overhead, certain actuarial, etc.)		

Non-GAAP Segment cash cost of coal sales	\$	200,388	\$	12
Tons sold	18,792		2,009	
Cash cost per ton sold	\$	10.66	\$	
Quarter ended March 31, 2018		Powder River Basin		Metallurgica
(In thousands)				
GAAP Cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations	\$	218,526	\$	15
Less: Adjustments to reconcile to Non-GAAP Segment cash cost of coal sales				
Diesel fuel risk management derivative settlements classified in "other income"	439		-	
Transportation costs	5,478		34,885	
Cost of coal sales from idled or otherwise disposed operations not included in segments -			-	
Other (operating overhead, certain actuarial, etc.)	-		-	
Non-GAAP Segment cash cost of coal sales	\$	212,609	\$	1
Tons sold	19,744		1,754	
Cash cost per ton sold	\$	10.77	\$	
Quarter ended June 30, 2017		Powder River Basin		Metallurgica
(In thousands)				
Cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations	\$	198,274	\$	10
Less: Adjustments to reconcile to Non-GAAP Segment cash cost of coal sales				
Diesel fuel risk management derivative settlements classified in "other income"	(891)		-	
Transportation costs	3,500		37,025	
Cost of coal sales from idled or otherwise disposed operations not included in segments -			-	
Other (operating overhead, certain actuarial, etc.)	-		-	
Reported segment cost of coal sales	\$	195,665	\$	12
Tons sold	18,092		2,104	
Cash cost per ton sold	\$	10.82	\$	

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Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures

(In thousands, except per share data)

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income attributable to the Company before the effect of net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization, accretion on asset retirement obligations, amortization of sales contracts and nonoperating expenses. Adjusted EBITDA may also be adjusted for items that may not reflect the trend of future results, excluding transactions that are not indicative of the Company's core operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of financial performance in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Items excluded from Adjusted EBITDA are significant in understanding and assessing our financial condition. Therefore, Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation, nor as an alternative to net income, income from operations, cash flows from operations or as a measure of our profitability, liquidity or performance under generally accepted accounting principles. The Company uses adjusted EBITDA to measure the operating performance of its segments and allocate resources to the segments. Furthermore, analogous measures are used by industry analysts and investors to evaluate our operating performance. Investors should be aware that our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. The table below shows how we calculate Adjusted EBITDA.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)			
Net income	\$ 43,306	\$ 37,160	\$103,291	\$ 85,385
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(3,366)	319	(3,910)	1,141
Interest expense, net	3,498	5,161	7,620	14,352
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	30,549	30,701	60,252	62,343
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	6,993	7,623	13,985	15,000
Amortization of sales contracts, net	3,248	14,352	6,299	29,000
Non-service related pension and postretirement benefit costs	(68)	232	1,235	953
Net loss resulting from early retirement of debt and debt restructuring	485	31	485	2,000
Reorganization items, net	740	21	1,041	2,800
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 85,385	\$ 95,600	\$190,298	\$210,000

Adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per share

Adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per common share are adjusted for the after-tax impact of reorganization items and are not measures of financial performance in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per common share may also be adjusted for items that may not reflect the trend of our results. We believe that adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per common share better reflect the trend of our results by excluding transactions that are not indicative of the Company's core operating performance. The adjustments to arrive at these measures are significant in understanding and assessing our financial condition. Therefore, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per share should not be considered in isolation, nor as an alternative to net income or diluted income per common share under generally accepted accounting principles.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)			
Net income	\$ 43,306	\$ 37,160	\$103,291	\$ 80,000
Amortization of sales contracts, net	3,248	14,352	6,299	29,000
Non-service related pension and postretirement benefit costs	(68)	232	1,235	950
Net loss resulting from early retirement of debt and debt restructuring	485	31	485	2,000
Reorganization items, net	740	21	1,041	2,800
Tax impact of adjustment	(88)	(293)	(181)	(690)
Adjusted net income	\$ 47,623	\$ 51,503	\$112,170	\$112,000
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	21,036	25,082	21,456	25,000
Diluted income per share	\$ 2.06	\$ 1.48	\$ 4.81	\$ 4.48
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Amortization of sales contracts, net	0.15	0.57	0.30	1.16
Non-service related pension and postretirement benefit costs	-	0.01	0.06	0.04
Net loss resulting from early retirement of debt and debt restructuring	0.02	-	0.02	0.08
Reorganization items, net	0.04	-	0.05	0.11
Tax impact of adjustments	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.03)
Adjusted diluted income per share	\$ 2.26	\$ 2.05	\$ 5.23	\$ 4.60

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