

## First Quarter \*

- Volume increased 2.5%
- Net Sales declined 4.4% to \$387.5 million
- Net Sales on a constant currency basis increased 0.7%
- GAAP Diluted EPS declined 40.7% to \$0.16
- Adjusted EPS declined 38.9% to \$0.22
- Net Income<sup>1</sup> declined 41.8% to \$13.6 million
- Adjusted EBITDA declined 25.2% to \$47.9 million

Q1 2019

• 1.4 million shares repurchased for a total cost of \$25.0 million



Like many companies in our industry, Ferro experienced weaker first quarter demand in certain end markets and geographic regions, particularly in Europe and China. Order patterns and inventory destocking in certain of the higher-end markets we serve contributed to the weaker demand. In addition, headwinds from foreign exchange rates affected our results.

We are actively implementing optimization initiatives throughout our global footprint and investing selectively in market-leading innovation to maintain organic growth. In so doing, we continue to advance the objectives of innovation and optimization at the core of the current phase of our strategy, with adjustments in emphasis to address current macroeconomic circumstances, and position Ferro to deliver profitable growth over the long term.

Peter Thomas
Chairman, President and CEO

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% Change

Q1 2018

# **Key Results \*** (amounts in millions, except EPS)

**Sales and Gross Profits** 

Net Sales	\$ 387,548	\$ 405,532	-4.4%
Net Sales (Constant Currency)	387,548	384,859	0.7%
Gross Profit (GAAP)	101,856	118,686	-14.2%
Adjusted Gross Profit (Constant Currency)	102,895	113,785	-10.6%
Net Income, Adjusted EBITDA and EPS	Q1 2019	Q1 2018	% Change
Net Income <sup>1</sup>	\$ 13,604	\$ 23,391	-41.8%
Adjusted EBITDA	47,902	64,024	-25.2%
GAAP diluted EPS	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.27	-40.7%
Adjusted EPS	0.22	0.36	-38.9%

<sup>\*</sup>Comparative information is relative to prior-year first quarter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note: Net Income attributable to Ferro Corporation common shareholders.



# **First Quarter Commentary**

Net Sales in the first quarter of 2019 declined 4.4% to \$387.5 million. The decrease was driven by foreign currency impact of \$20.7 million, as well as lower sales volume and mix resulting from continued destocking by high-end tile customers, which affected our Performance Coatings' business, and weather-related weakness in construction markets, which affected our Color Solutions' pigments business. On a constant currency basis, net sales increased 0.7% to \$387.5 million.

During the quarter, the Company repurchased approximately 1.4 million shares at an average price of \$17.35 per share for a total cost of \$25.0 million. Approximately \$46.2 million remains under the current share repurchase authorization from the Board of Directors. The Company expects to be judicious through the remainder of 2019 with its strategic investments, which may include acquisitions, share repurchases and debt retirement, and to remain mindful of overall leverage.

# Segment Results \* (amounts in millions)



## **Performance Coatings**

**Net Sales** Net: Gross Adju:

formance Colors & Glass	Q1 2019	Q1 2018	% Change
usted Gross Profit (Constant Currency)	33,850	41,087	-17.6%
ss Profit (GAAP)	33,645	43,765	-23.1%
Sales (Constant Currency)	170,347	173,914	-2.1%
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**Net Sales** Net Sales (Constant Currency) Gross Profit (GAAP) Adjusted Gross Profit (Constant Currency)

1	Q1 2019	Q1 2018	% Change
\$	120,845	\$ 120,505	0.3%
	120,845	114,718	5.3%
	39,467	43,328	-8.9%
	39,517	41,238	-4.2%

Q1 2018

\$ 184.648

% Change

-7.7%



## **Color Solutions**

Net Sales Net Sales (Constant Currency) Gross Profit (GAAP) Adjusted Gross Profit (Constant Currency)

	Q1 2019	(	Q1 2018	% Change
Ç	96,356	\$	100,379	-4.0%
	96,356		96,227	0.1%
	28,396		32,149	-13.2%
	29,342		31,596	-7.1%

<sup>\*</sup>Comparative information is relative to prior-year first quarter.



# Full-Year Updated 2019 Guidance (as of 4/30/2019)

	Adima	Adhara	Adjusted Free Cash
	Adjusted	Adjusted	Flow from
	EBITDA	Diluted EPS	Operations Conversion
<b>Updated 2019 Guidance</b>	\$250 to \$260M	\$1.35 to \$1.45	45% - 50%

The 2019 guidance assumes no acquisitions, divestitures, restructuring, acquisition-related professional fees, optimization programs spend, or repurchase of common stock.

Note: The full-year 2019 guidance uses foreign exchange rates as of March 31, 2019, which includes a USD/EUR exchange rate at 1.12.

Ferro is providing Adjusted Diluted EPS, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Free Cash Flow from Operations Conversion guidance on a continuing operations basis. While it is likely that Ferro could incur charges for items excluded from Adjusted Diluted EPS, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Free Cash Flow from Operations conversion such as mark-to-market adjustments of pension and other postretirement benefit obligations, restructuring and impairment charges, and legal and professional expenses related to certain business development activities, it is not possible, without unreasonable effort, to identify the amount or significance of these items or the potential for other transactions that may impact future GAAP net income and cash flow from operating activities. Management does not believe these items to be representative of underlying business performance. Management is unable to reconcile, without unreasonable effort, the Company's forecasted range of these adjusted non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

Currency Exposur	e 2018 Weighting	<b>2019</b> Guida	nce FX sensitivity
EUR - Euro	40% to 45%	% Change	Operating Profit
CNY - Yuan Renminbi	6% to 8%	+ 1% all FX change	~ \$1.5 million to ~\$1.7 million
MXN - Mexican Peso	4% to 6%	+ 1% Euro change	$^{\sim}$ \$1.1 million to $^{\sim}$ \$1.3 million
EGP - Egyptian Pound	3% to 5%		

# **Constant Currency**

Constant currency results reflect the remeasurement of 2018 reported and adjusted local currency results using 2019 exchange rates, which produces constant currency comparative figures to 2019 reported and adjusted results. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as a substitute for the measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.



#### **Conference Call**

Ferro will conduct an investor teleconference at 8:00 a.m. EDT Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Investors can access this conference via any of the following:

- Webcast can be accessed by clicking on the Investors link at the top of Ferro's website at ferro.com.
- Live telephone: Call 800-668-0506 within the U.S. or +1 303-223-4382 outside the U.S. Please join the call at least 10 minutes before the start time.
- Webcast replay: Available on Ferro's Investor website at ferro.com beginning at approximately 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on May 1, 2019.
- Telephone replay: Call 800-633-8284 within the U.S. or +1 402-977-9140 outside the U.S. (for both U.S. and outside the U.S. access code is 21922678).
- Presentation material and podcast: Earnings presentation material and podcasts can be accessed through the Investors portion of the Company's website at ferro.com.

## **About Ferro Corporation**

Ferro Corporation (www.ferro.com) is a leading global supplier of technology-based functional coatings and color solutions. Ferro supplies functional coatings for glass, metal, ceramic and other substrates and color solutions in the form of specialty pigments and colorants for a broad range of industries and applications. Ferro products are sold into the building and construction, automotive, electronics, industrial products, household furnishings and appliance markets. The Company's reportable segments include: Performance Coatings (metal and ceramic coatings), Performance Colors and Glass (glass coatings), and Color Solutions. Headquartered in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, the Company has approximately 5,980 associates globally and reported 2018 sales of \$1.6 billion.



## **Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this press release may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of federal securities laws. These statements are subject to a variety of uncertainties, unknown risks, and other factors concerning the Company's operations and business environment. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by these forward-looking statements and that could adversely affect the Company's future financial performance include the following:

- demand in the industries into which Ferro sells its products may be unpredictable, cyclical, or heavily influenced by consumer spending;
- the effectiveness of the Company's efforts to improve operating margins through sales growth, price increases, productivity gains, and improved purchasing techniques;
- currency conversion rates and economic, social, political, and regulatory conditions in the U.S. and around the world;
- the availability of reliable sources of energy and raw materials at a reasonable cost;
- Ferro's ability to successfully implement and/or administer its optimization initiatives, including its investment and restructuring programs, and to produce the desired results;
- Ferro's ability to successfully introduce new products and services or enter into new growth markets;
- Ferro's ability to identify suitable acquisition candidates, complete acquisitions, effectively integrate the acquired businesses and achieve the expected synergies, as well as the acquisitions being accretive and Ferro achieving the expected returns on invested capital;
- competitive factors, including intense price competition;
- the impact of damage to, or the interruption, failure or compromise of the Company's information systems due to events including but not limited to aging information systems infrastructure, computer viruses and cyber security breaches;
- the implementation and operations of business information systems and processes;
- increased, and possibly inconsistent, domestic and foreign regulations of privacy and data security;
- restrictive covenants in the Company's credit facilities could affect its strategic initiatives and liquidity;
- Ferro's ability to access capital markets, borrowings or financial transactions;
- increasingly aggressive domestic and foreign governmental regulation of hazardous and other materials and regulations affecting health, safety and the environment;
- our ability to address safety, human health, product liability and environmental risks associated with our current and historical products, product life cycles and production processes;
- exposure to lawsuits, governmental investigations and proceedings relating to current and historical operations and products;
- sale of products and materials into highly regulated industries;
- limited or no redundancy for certain of the Company's manufacturing facilities and possible interruption of operations at those facilities;
- Ferro's ability to protect its intellectual property, including trade secrets, or to successfully resolve claims of infringement brought against it;
- Ferro's multi-jurisdictional tax structure and its ability to reduce its effective tax rate, including the impact of the Company's performance on its ability to utilize significant deferred tax assets;
- the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on our business;
- Ferro's borrowing costs could be affected adversely by interest rate increases;
- stringent labor and employment laws and relationships with the Company's employees;
- management of Ferro's general and administrative expenses;
- the impact of requirements to fund employee benefit costs, especially post-retirement costs;
- implementation of business processes and information systems, including the outsourcing of functions to third parties;
- risks associated with the manufacture and sale of material into industries making products for sensitive applications;
- our ability to attract and retain key personnel;



## **Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements (continued)**

- changes in U.S. and other governments' trade policies;
- risks and uncertainties associated with intangible assets;
- liens on the Company's assets by its lenders affect its ability to dispose of property and businesses;
- amount and timing of any repurchase of Ferro's common stock;
- challenges associated with a multi-national company such as Ferro competing lawfully with local competitors in certain regions of the world;
- the effectiveness of strategies to increase Ferro's return on invested capital, internal rate of return and other return metrics, and the short-term impact that acquisitions may have on such metrics; and
- other factors affecting the Company's business that are beyond its control, including disasters, accidents and governmental actions.

The risks and uncertainties identified above are not the only risks the Company faces. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that it currently believes to be immaterial also may adversely affect the Company. Should any known or unknown risks and uncertainties develop into actual events, these developments could have material adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

This release contains time-sensitive information that reflects management's best analysis only as of the date of this release. The Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect future events, information or circumstances that arise after the date of this release.

Additional information regarding these risks can be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018.

## **Ferro Corporation**

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Table 1
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)		Three Months March 31	
		2019	2018
Net sales	\$	387,548 \$	405,532
Cost of sales		285,692	286,846
Gross profit		101,856	118,686
Selling, general and administrative expenses		72,080	73,092
Restructuring and impairment charges		2,127	4,106
Other expense (income):			
Interest expense		8,545	7,962
Interest earned		(87)	(201)
Foreign currency losses, net		738	1,840
Miscellaneous expense, net		275	775
Income before income taxes		18,178	31,112
Income tax expense		4,300	7,514
Net income		13,878	23,598
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		274	207
Net income attributable to Ferro Corporation common shareholders	\$	13,604 \$	23,391
Earnings per share attributable to Ferro Corporation common shareholders:			
Basic earnings per share		0.16	0.28
Diluted earnings per share		0.16	0.27
Shares outstanding:			
Weighted-average basic shares		82,480	84,228
Weighted-average diluted shares		83,301	85,510
End-of-period basic shares		81,931	84,396

Table 2
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Segment Net Sales and Gross Profit and SG&A (unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)		Three Months Ended					
		March	n 31,				
		2019	2018				
Segment Net Sales							
Performance Coatings	\$	170,347	\$ 184,648				
Performance Colors and Glass		120,845	120,505				
Color Solutions		96,356	100,379				
Total segment net sales	\$	387,548	\$ 405,532				
Segment Gross Profit							
Performance Coatings	\$	33,645	\$ 43,765				
Performance Colors and Glass		39,467	43,328				
Color Solutions		28,396	32,149				
Other costs of sales		348	(556)				
Total gross profit	\$	101,856	\$ 118,686				
Selling, general and administrative expenses							
Strategic services	\$	40,325	\$ 41,178				
Functional services		27,611	26,518				
Incentive compensation		1,375	2,966				
Stock-based compensation		2,769	2,430				
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	\$	72.080	\$ 73.092				

Table 3
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)		March 31,	December 31,		
		2019	2018		
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	57,637 \$	104,301		
Accounts receivable, net		329,149	306,882		
Inventories		366,628	356,998		
Other receivables		86,022	91,143		
Other current assets		25,474	23,960		
Total current assets		864,910	883,284		
Other assets					
Property, plant and equipment, net		385,079	381,341		
Goodwill		214,815	216,464		
Intangible assets, net		179,349	184,953		
Deferred income taxes		103,433	103,488		
Operating leased assets		27,110	-		
Other non-current assets		48,710	42,930		
Total assets	\$	1,823,406	1,812,460		
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current liabilities					
Loans payable and current portion of long-term debt	\$	10,156 \$	10,260		
Accounts payable		205,486	256,573		
Accrued payrolls		33,305	39,989		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		90,466	77,995		
Total current liabilities		339,413	384,817		
Other liabilities					
Long-term debt, less current portion		860,441	811,137		
Postretirement and pension liabilities		172,185	173,046		
Operating leased non-current liabilities		17,562	-		
Other non-current liabilities		57,908	57,611		
Total liabilities		1,447,509	1,426,611		
Equity					
Total Ferro Corporation shareholders' equity		366,299	376,631		
Noncontrolling interests		9,598	9,218		
Total liabilities and equity	\$	1,823,406 \$	1,812,460		

Table 4
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended							
	 Marc	h 31,						
	 2019		2018					
Cash flows from operating activities								
Net income	\$ 13,878	\$	23,598					
Loss on sale of assets	164		229					
Depreciation and amortization	14,264		13,392					
Interest amortization	900		870					
Restructuring and impairment	179		2,429					
Accounts receivable	(43,733)		(32,657)					
Inventories	(12,652)		(28,820)					
Accounts payable	(43,680)		(7,139)					
Other current assets and liabilities, net	(819)		(6,735)					
Other adjustments, net	 3,972		548					
Net cash used in operating activities	(67,527)		(34,285)					
Cash flows from investing activities								
Capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment and other long lived assets	(23,326)		(20,682)					
Collections of financing receivables	20,186		-					
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(251)		(2,352)					
Other investing activities	-		22					
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,391)		(23,012)					
Cash flows from financing activities								
Net borrowings under loans payable	33		9,742					
Principal payments on term loan facility - Credit Facility	-		(1,664)					
Principal payments on term loan facility - Amended Credit Facility	(2,050)		-					
Proceeds from revolving credit facility - Credit Facility	-		119,550					
Principal payments on revolving credit facility - Credit Facility	-		(79,367)					
Proceeds from revolving credit facility - Amended Credit Facility	104,174		-					
Principal payments on revolving credit facility - Amended Credit Facility	(52,866)		-					
Acquisition-related contingent consideration payment	-		(348)					
Purchase of treasury stock	(25,000)		-					
Other financing activities	(414)		(2,133)					
Net cash provided by financing activities	 23,877		45,780					
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	377		1,262					
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	 (46,664)		(10,255)					
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	104,301		63,551					
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 57,637	\$	53,296					
Cash paid during the period for:	 							
Interest	\$ 8,232	\$	7,314					
Income taxes	\$ 3,940	\$	4,575					

Table 5
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Supplemental Information
Reconciliation of Reported Income to Adjusted Income
For the Three Months Ended March 31 (unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)		Cost of sales		Selling general and dministrative expenses		Restructuring and impairment charges		Other expense, net		Income tax expense <sup>3</sup>	i	Net income attributable to common shareholders		Diluted earnings per share
								2019						
As reported	\$	285,692	\$	72,080	\$	2,127	\$	9,471	\$	4,300	\$	13,604	\$	0.16
Adjustments:														
Restructuring		-		-		(2,127)		-		-		2,127		0.03
Acquisition related costs <sup>1</sup>		(75)		(2,545)		-		-		-		2,620		0.03
Costs related to														
optimization projects		(964)		53		-		(50)		-		961		0.01
Costs related to divested				(221)				(72)				403		
businesses and assets Tax on adjustments		-		(331)		-		(72)		1,285		(1,285)		(0.02)
Total adjustments <sup>4</sup>		(1,039)		(2,823)		(2,127)		(122)	_	1,285		4,826	_	0.05
As adjusted	¢	284,653	\$	69,257	¢	(2,127)	\$	9,349	\$	5,585	\$	18,430	\$	0.03
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								2018						
								2010						
As reported	\$	286,846	\$	73,092	\$	4,106	\$	10,376	\$	7,514	\$	23,391	\$	0.27
Adjustments:														
Restructuring		-		-		(4,106)		-		-		4,106		0.05
Acquisition related costs <sup>2</sup>		(588)		(2,646)		-		(766)		-		4,000		0.05
Costs related to														
optimization projects		(391)		(898)		-		-		-		1,289		0.02
Costs related to divested				<b>4 3</b>				4						
businesses and assets		-		(515)		-		(38)		-		553		0.01
Tax on adjustments		(070)		- (4.050)		- (4.405)		(004)	_	2,393		(2,393)	_	(0.03)
Total adjustments <sup>4</sup>	<u> </u>	(979)	_	(4,059)	_	(4,106)	_	(804)	_	2,393	_	7,555	<u>,</u>	0.09
As adjusted	\$	285,867	\$	69,033	\$		\$	9,572	\$	9,907	\$	30,946	\$	0.36

- (1) The adjustments to "Cost of Sales" primarily include the amortization of purchase accounting adjustments related to our recent acquisitions. The adjustments to "Selling general and administrative expenses" primarily include legal, professional and other expenses related to acquisition costs.
- (2) The adjustments to "Cost of Sales" primarily include the amortization of purchase accounting adjustments related to our recent acquisitions. The adjustments to "Selling general and administrative expenses" primarily include legal, professional and other expenses related to acquisition costs. The adjustments to "Other expense, net" primarily relate to earn out adjustments related to acquisitions that are beyond the measurement period.
- (3) Income tax expense reflects the reported expense, adjusted for adjustments being tax effected at the respective statutory rate where the item originated.
- (4) Due to rounding, total earnings per share related to adjustments does not always add to the total adjusted earnings per share.

It should be noted that adjusted net income, earnings per share and other adjusted items referred to above are financial measures not required by, or presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). These Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, the financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and a reconciliation of these financial measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures is presented. We believe this data provides investors with additional useful information on the underlying operations and trends of the business and enables period-to-period comparability of financial performance.

Table 6
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Supplemental Information
Reconciliation of Adjusted Gross Profit

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended							
		Mai	rch 31,					
		2019		2018				
Performance Coatings	\$	170,347	\$	184,648				
Performance Colors and Glass		120,845		120,505				
Color Solutions		96,356		100,379				
Total net sales	\$	387,548	\$	405,532				
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Total net sales	\$	387,548	\$	405,532				
Adjusted cost of sales <sup>1</sup>		284,653		285,867				
Adjusted gross profit	\$	102,895	\$	119,665				
Adjusted gross profit percentage		26.6%	· -	29.5%				

(1) Refer to Table 5 for the reconciliation of adjusted cost of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

It should be noted that adjusted gross profit is a financial measure not required by, or presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). This Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, the financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and a reconciliation of this financial measure to the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure is presented. We believe this data provides investors with additional useful information on the underlying operations and trends of the business and enables period-to-period comparability of financial performance.

Table 7
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Supplemental Information
Constant Currency Schedule of Adjusted Operating Profit (unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)		March 31,					
		2018	Adjusted 2018 <sup>1</sup>	2019	2019 vs Adjusted 2018		
Segment net sales							
Performance Coatings	\$	184,648	\$ 173,914	\$ 170,347	\$ (3,567)		
Performance Colors and Glass		120,505	114,718	120,845	6,127		
Color Solutions		100,379	96,227	96,356	129		
Total segment net sales	\$	405,532	\$ 384,859	\$ 387,548	\$ 2,689		
Segment adjusted gross profit							
Performance Coatings	\$	43,724	\$ 41,087	\$ 33,850	\$ (7,237)		
Performance Colors and Glass		43,328	41,238	39,517	(1,721)		
Color Solutions		32,739	31,596	29,342	(2,254)		
Other costs of sales		(126)	(136)	186	322		
Total adjusted gross profit <sup>2</sup>	\$	119,665	\$ 113,785	\$ 102,895	\$ (10,890)		
Adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses							
Strategic services	\$	41,099	\$ 38,855	\$ 40,218	\$ 1,363		
Functional services		22,545	21,985	24,895	2,910		
Incentive compensation		2,959	2,830	1,375	(1,455)		
Stock-based compensation		2,430	2,430	2,769	339		
Total adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses <sup>3</sup>	\$	69,033	\$ 66,100	\$ 69,257	\$ 3,157		
Adjusted operating profit	Ś	50,632	\$ 47,685	\$ 33,638	\$ (14,047)		
Adjusted operating profit as a % of net sales		12.5%	12.4%	8.7%	(= 1/2 11 )		

Three Months Ended

- (2) Reflects the remeasurement of 2018 reported and adjusted local currency results using 2019 exchange rates, resulting in constant currency comparative figures to 2019 reported and adjusted results. See Table 5 for Non-GAAP adjustments applicable to the three month period.
- (3) Refer to Table 6 for the reconciliation of adjusted gross profit for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.
- (4) Refer to Table 5 for the reconciliation of adjusted SG&A expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

It should be noted that adjusted net sales, gross profit, SG&A expenses, and operating profit are financial measures not required by, or presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). These Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, the financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and a reconciliation of these financial measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures are presented within this table, as well as Table 5 and Table 6. We believe this data provides investors with additional useful information on the underlying operations and trends of the business and enables period-to-period comparability of financial performance.

Table 8
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Supplemental Information
Reconciliation of Net income attributable to Ferro Corporation
common shareholders to Adjusted EBITDA (unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)	nds) Three Mont March				
		2019	2018		
		2013			
Net income attributable to Ferro Corporation common shareholders	\$	13,604	\$	23,391	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		274		207	
Restructuring and impairment charges		2,127		4,106	
Other expense, net		926		2,414	
Interest expense		8,545		7,962	
Income tax expense		4,300		7,514	
Depreciation and amortization		15,164		14,262	
Less: interest amortization expense and other		(900)		(870)	
Cost of sales adjustments <sup>1</sup>		1,039		979	
SG&A adjustments <sup>1</sup>		2,823		4,059	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	47,902	\$	64,024	
Net sales	\$	387,548	\$	405,532	
Adjusted EBITDA as a % of net sales		12.4%		15.8%	

(1) For details of Non-GAAP adjustments, refer to Table 5 for the reconciliation of adjusted cost of sales and adjusted SG&A for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

It should be noted that adjusted EBITDA is a financial measure not required by, or presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). This Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, the financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and a reconciliation of this financial measure to the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure is presented. We believe this data provides investors with additional useful information on the underlying operations and trends of the business and enables period-to-period comparability of financial performance.

Table 9
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Supplemental Information
Change in Net Debt (unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)		Three Months Ended				
		March 33	L,			
		2019	2018			
Beginning of period						
Gross debt	\$	826,224 \$	759,078			
Cash		104,301	63,551			
Debt, net of cash		721,923	695,527			
Unamortized debt issuance costs		4,827	7,451			
Debt, net of cash and unamortized debt issuance costs		717,096	688,076			
End of period						
Gross debt		875,189	815,930			
Cash		57,637	53,296			
Debt, net of cash		817,552	762,634			
Unamortized debt issuance costs		4,592	7,163			
Debt, net of cash and unamortized debt issuance costs		812,960	755,471			
Change from FX on Euro term loan		-	(7,915)			
Unamortized debt issuance costs		(235)	(288)			
FX on cash		377	1,262			
Period (increase) in debt, net of cash, unamortized debt issuance costs and FX	\$	(96,006) \$	(60,454)			
Period (increase) in debt, net of cash and unamortized debt issuance costs	\$	(95,864) \$	(67,395)			

It should be noted that the change in net debt is a financial measure not required by, or presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). This Non-GAAP financial measure should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, the financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and a reconciliation of this financial measure to the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure is presented. We believe this data provides investors with additional useful information on the underlying operations and trends of the business and enables period-to-period comparability of financial performance.

Table 10
Ferro Corporation and Subsidiaries
Supplemental Information
Adjusted Free Cash Flow used in Continuing Operations (unaudited)

ollars in thousands)		Three Months Ended March 31,		
		2019	2018	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net income	\$	13,878 \$	23,598	
Loss on sale of assets		164	229	
Depreciation and amortization		14,264	13,392	
Interest amortization		900	870	
Restructuring and impairment		179	2,429	
Accounts receivable		(43,733)	(32,657)	
Inventories		(12,652)	(28,820)	
Accounts payable		(43,680)	(7,139)	
Other current assets and liabilities, net		(819)	(6,735)	
Other adjustments, net		3,972	548	
Net cash used in operating activities (GAAP)	\$	(67,527) \$	(34,285)	
Less: Capital Expenditures		(23,326)	(20,682)	
Plus: Cash collected for AR securitization		20,186	<del></del>	
Free Cash Flow used in Continuing Operations (Non-GAAP)		(70,667)	(54,967)	
Plus: cash used for restructuring		1,948	1,678	
Plus: cash used for capital expenditures related to optimization projects <sup>(1)</sup>		7,894	6,208	
Plus: Cash used for net working capital investment related to optimization projects <sup>(2)</sup>		11,480	2,051	
Plus: Cash used for acquisition related professional fees <sup>(3)</sup>		2,267	825	
Plus: Cash used for optimization projects <sup>(3)</sup>		1,401	1,289	
Plus: Cash used for divested businesses and assets <sup>(3)</sup>		403	515	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow used in Continuing Operations (Non-GAAP)		(45,274)	(42,401)	
Net Income Attributable to Ferro Corporation Common Shareholders		13,604	23,391	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities Conversion of Net Income Attributable to Ferro Corporation Common Shareholders		-496.4%	-146.6%	
Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP) - From Table 8		47,902	64,024	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion of Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations (Non-GAAP)		-94.5%	-66.2%	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow Conversion of Adjusted EBITDA from Continuing Operations, adjusted for AR				
Securitization impact (Non-GAAP) <sup>(4)</sup>		-105.9%	-66.2%	

<sup>(1)</sup> The adjustment to capital expenditures represents capital spend for certain optimization projects that are not expected to recur in the long-term at the current rate. See Table 9 for the reconciliation of period change in debt, net of cash, unamortized debt issuance costs and FX.

It should be noted that adjusted free cash flow from continuing operations is a financial measure not required by, or presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). The Non-GAAP financial measure should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for, the financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and a reconciliation of these financial measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures is presented. We believe this data provides investors with additional useful information on the underlying operations and trends of the business and enables period-to-period comparability of financial performance. Additionally, certain elements of these measures are used in the calculation of certain incentive compensation programs for management.

<sup>(2)</sup> The adjustment to net working capital represents spend for the build in inventory related to the optimization project noted in (1) above. This build in inventory is considered to be outside of the normal operations of the underlying business, and expected to be temporary in nature.

<sup>(3)</sup> The adjustment represents those cash outlays for (a) acquisition related professional fees, (b) costs related to certain optimization projects, and (c) costs related to divested businesses and assets, as detailed in the description of Non-GAAP adjustments in Table 5 for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

<sup>(4)</sup> Adjusted free cash flow conversation of adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations adjusted for the change in the cash proceeds collected of \$5.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2019, that is required to be remitted back to the financial institution under the international receivable sales program.