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ABB to acquire Thomas & Betts Unlocking the North American Low-Voltage Market



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ABB acquires a leader in US low-voltage products market

Transaction highlights

Consideration	 Cash consideration \$72.00 per Thomas & Betts share 24% premium to Jan. 27, 2012 closing; 35% premium to the 60-day average \$3.9 billion equity value¹, \$3.9 billion enterprise value² 	
Synergies	 >\$200 million a year at the EBITDA level by 2016, split 50-50 cost and revenue 	
Financial Impact	 Cash return above WACC by Year 3 EV/EBITDA 2011 multiple of 9.9x³; EPS accretive in Year 1⁴ 	
Structure	 Acquiring 100% of outstanding Thomas & Betts shares 	
Financing	 Cash and debt funded, fully underwritten bridge financing commitment in place 	
Other Terms	 Friendly transaction recommended by Thomas & Betts Board of Directors Subject to customary regulatory approvals Subject to T&B shareholder approval (simple majority) at special meeting (EGM) 	
Timing	 Closing expected Q2 2012 	

¹ Based on a diluted share count of 53.7 mill; ² Equity value plus total debt, less cash and equivalents; ³ Estimated based on Wall Street research; ⁴ Excl. one-time charges and implementation costs

ABB continues to execute its acquisition strategy Closing a key geographic and product gap



Rationale for the deal A great move for both companies

Great strategic move for both companies	 Unlocks the world's largest low-voltage products market for ABB Accelerates global market access for Thomas & Betts Completes the low-voltage product portfolio for both 		
Strong growth potential	 Creates the broadest product scope in the industry Selling to the same customers through the same channels 		
Solid value creation	 ABB shareholders: Attractive cash returns >WACC by Year 3 Thomas & Betts shareholders: Full & fair price in cash Customers: Great product selection, best-in-class distribution Employees: Solid growth opportunities for both companies Ease of integration: Complementary businesses 		

Executing on the ABB strategy

- Drive competitiveness and stay relevant in our current markets
 Capitalize on megatrends: anticipate, participate, lead in key megatrends
 Aggressively expand core business to secure next level of growth
 Disciplined M&A across products, markets and geographies
 Find and exploit disruptive opportunities in relevant markets
 - Take the share of ABB's total business in North America to a level reflecting the size of the world's largest market
 - Expand and rebalance one of ABB's most profitable businesses
 - Access best-in-class market channels, key to success in the US



Thomas & Betts is a top-tier player in the North American low-voltage products market "Fast cycle" business model in leading channels to market



Thomas & Betts: A leading North American supplier of electrical components

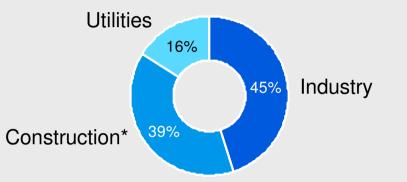






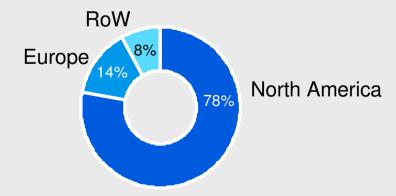
- Long-standing distributor relationships; >6,000 distributor locations in North America
- Well-known family of brands with unmatched reputation for quality and customer service
- Unique centralized "fast-cycle" logistics
- Well-run steel towers and HVAC businesses (~15% of sales) with solid profitability
- Proven, experienced management team
 - \$2.3 billion revenue (2011E)
 - ~9,400 employees
 - HQ: Memphis, TN, U.S.
 - Traded NYSE (TNB)

Electrical products sales by end market¹



* Residential construction exposure is estimated at <15% of electrical segment sales

Electrical Segment Sales by region



Base 2011, electrical products only; For consolidated Thomas & Betts group, the corresponding percentages are: Utilities 24%; Industrial 37%; Construction 39%. HVAC sales are attributed to Construction, Steel Structures to Utilities.



Thomas & Betts' electrical product portfolio Great brands, diverse end-market exposure

Primary end markets	Industry	Construction	Utilities
Brands include:	Hazlux [.] PTS Ty-Rap [.] Blackburn	Carlon Ocal furse Steel City EMERGI-LITE IBERVILLE	<pre> elastimold</pre>
Key product categories	Wire & cable management, industrial connectors, cable ties, cable protection systems	Safety lighting, boxes, cable tray, flexible raceway, non-metallic duct, earthing systems	Utility connectors, HV fuses, MV cable connectors, capacitor switches, switchgear
Market position	Тор З	Тор З	Тор З
Main US peers (alphabetical)	Cooper, EGS, Hubbell, Panduit	Cooper, Hubbell, Panduit	Cooper, Hubbell
Main global peers (alphabetical)	Cooper, HellermannTyton, Legrand	Cooper, Legrand	Cooper, Euromold



Thomas & Betts' logistics and billing are unique in the industry and reduce transaction costs and working capital

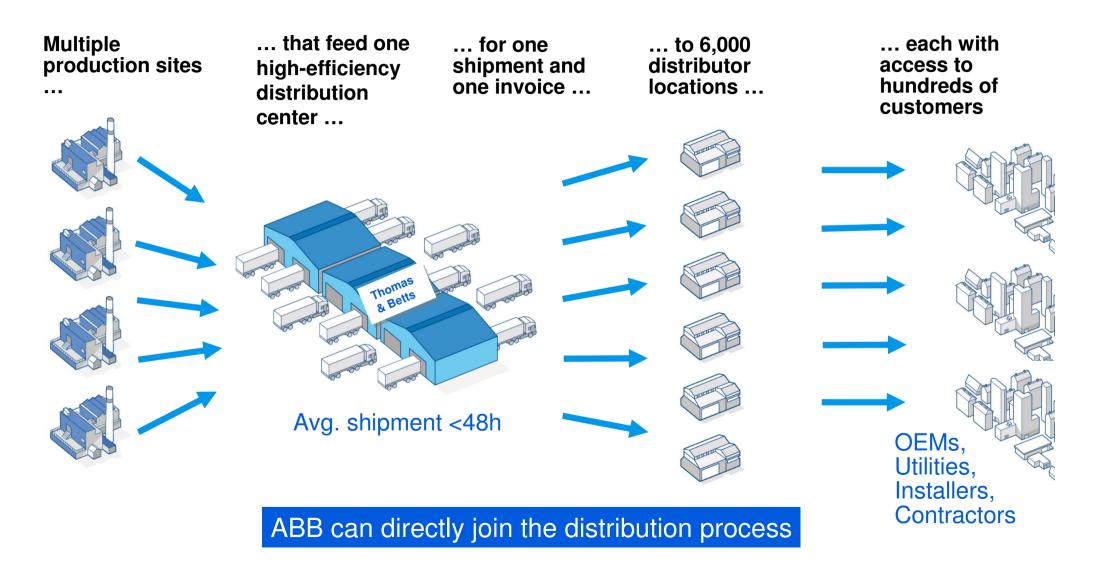
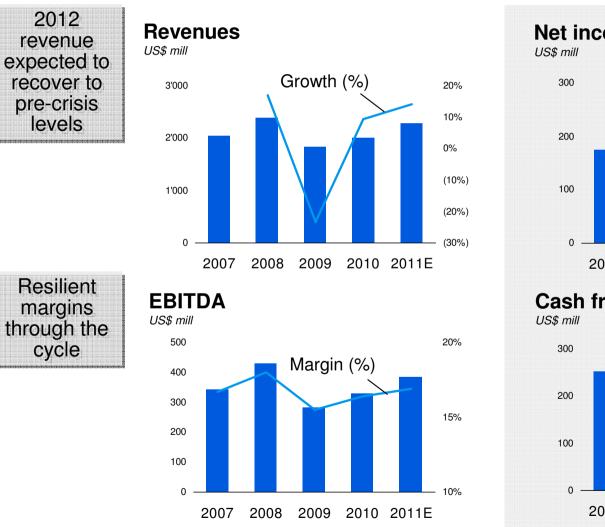
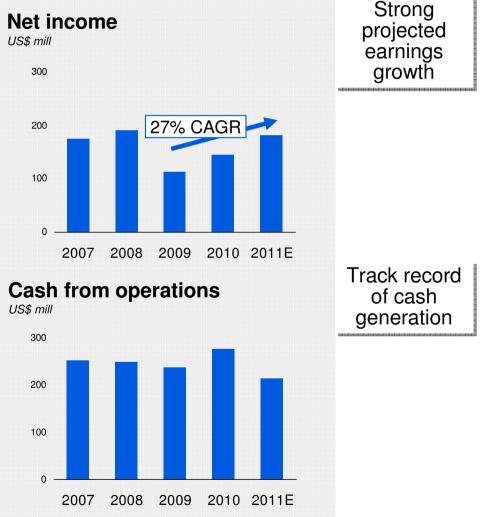




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Thomas & Betts: Strong financial performance through the cycle Resilient margins, stable cash flows





Source 2007-2010: Thomas & Betts, continuing operations (non-GAAP) financial information; 2011 consensus estimates

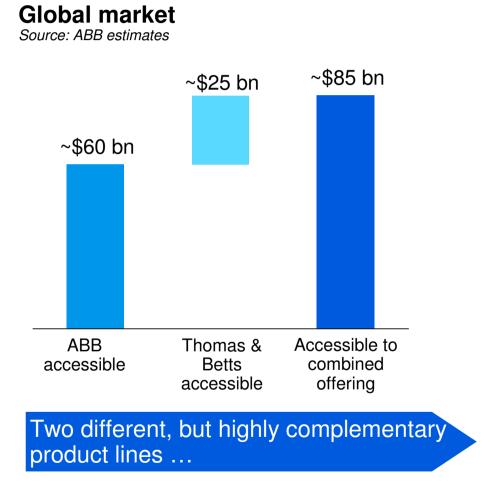


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Attractive synergies for both companies Immediate expansion of market access and product scope

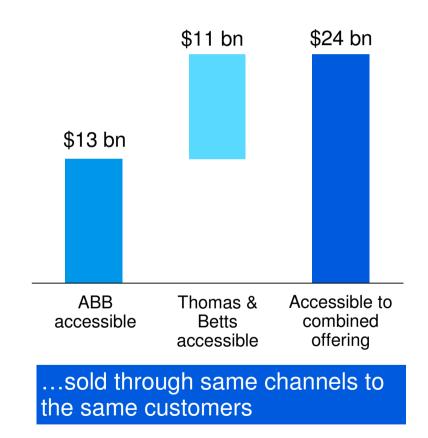


Doubling accessible N. American market in one step Distributors will unlock the opportunity for ABB



North American market

Source: NAED



Highly complementary product lines Will accelerate wins in cross-selling

Key Electrical Product Categories	ABB Thomas
Breakers, switches/protection	\checkmark
Control products (terminal blocks, timers, relays, etc.)	\checkmark
Wiring accessories (switches, plugs/sockets, safety/security)	\checkmark
Enclosures/DIN-rail, boxes	\checkmark
Connectors, terminals & insulation	\checkmark
Wire management, conduits & fittings, cable ties	\checkmark
Safety lighting	\checkmark
Electrician's tools/test equipment	\checkmark

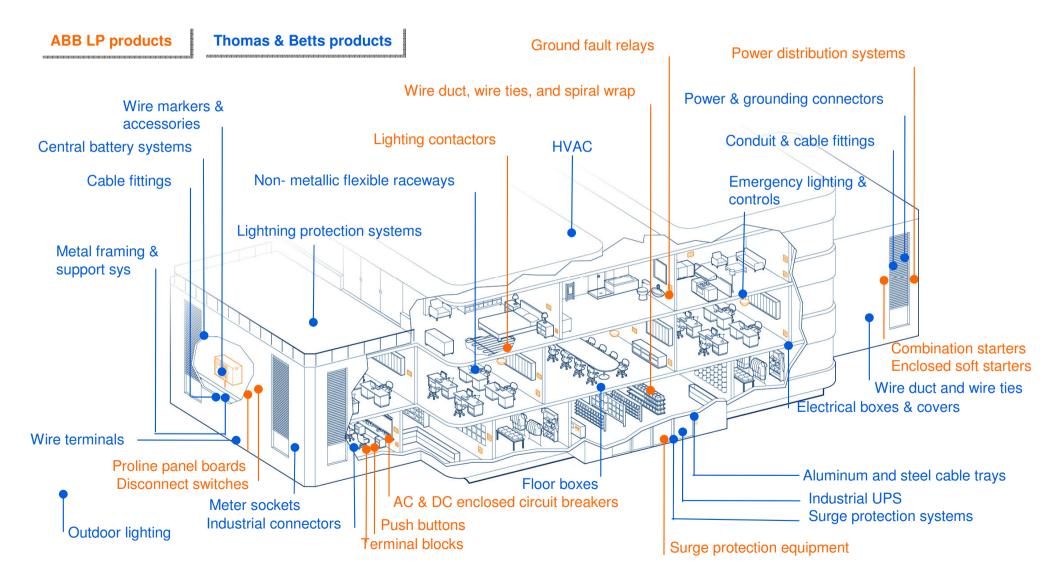
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* Complementary scope: ABB = IEC; Thomas & Betts = ANSI

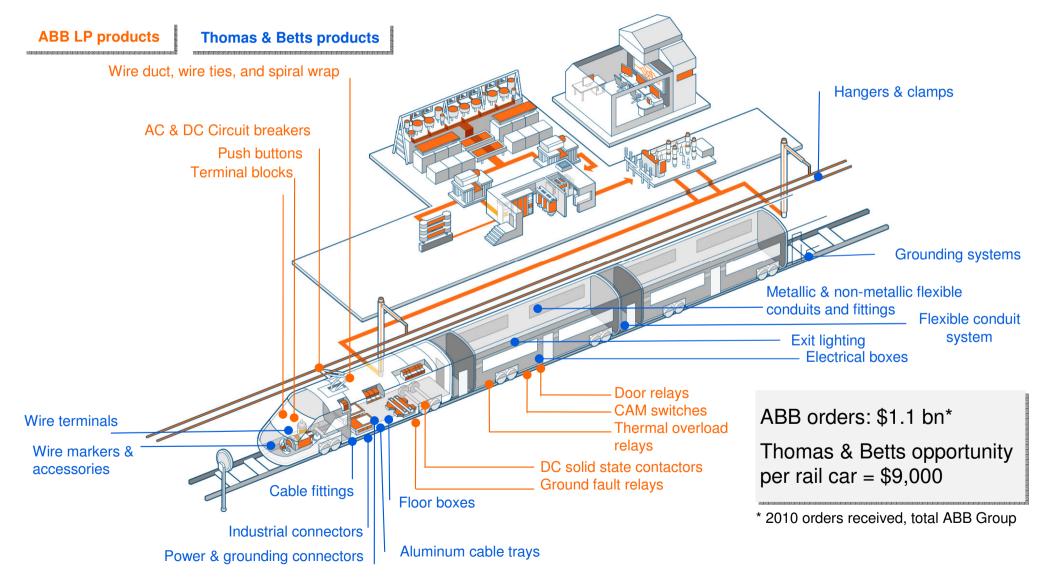


ABB and Thomas & Betts portfolios are a perfect match Example: Commercial buildings



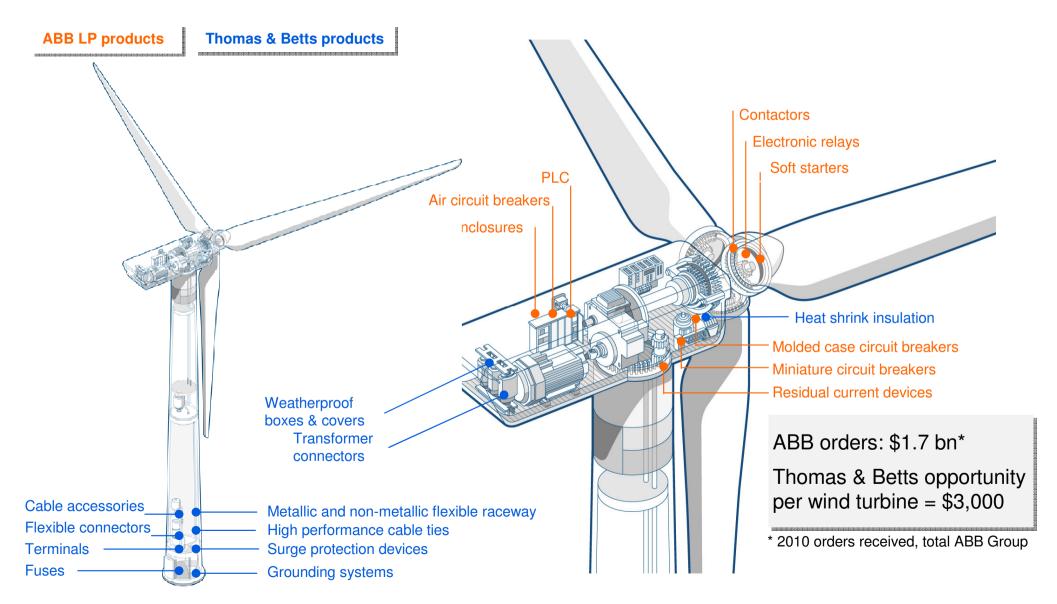


Complementary portfolios Example vertical industries - Rail



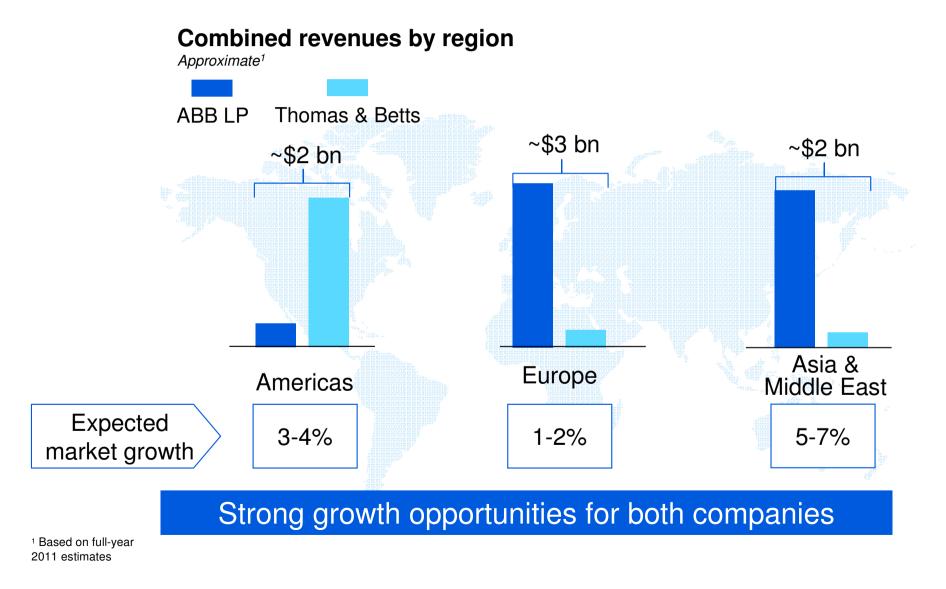


Complementary portfolios Example vertical industries - Wind





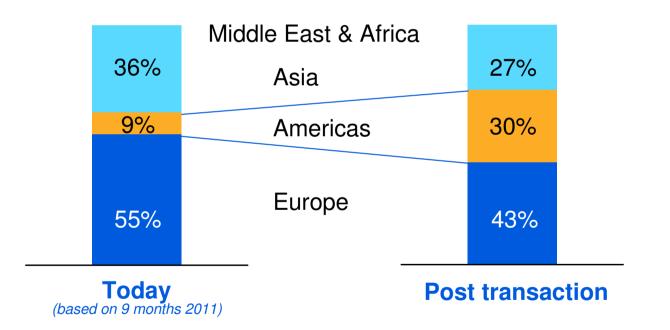
A great geographic fit





Rebalancing LP's geographic scope Better reflects global importance of N American market

Share of LP revenues by region



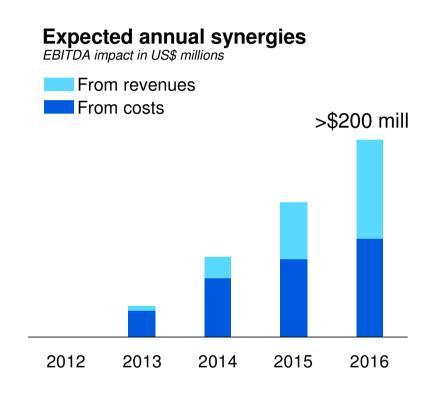


Quick synergy wins on much of the current portfolio Further upside in <2 years on more product roll-outs

	Right away	Market rollout	(<2 years)
ABB into North America	 Switches, MCCB Terminal blocks, timers, relays, contactors, power supplies 	 Breakers and Switches Contactors 	StartersSwitchboards
Thomas & Betts out of North America	 Fastening Wire termination & tools Conduits & fittings Emergency lighting 	 Power & high voltag Power quality Metal framing 	 Breakers and Switches Contactors
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Synergies and deal economics In line with our M&A return criteria

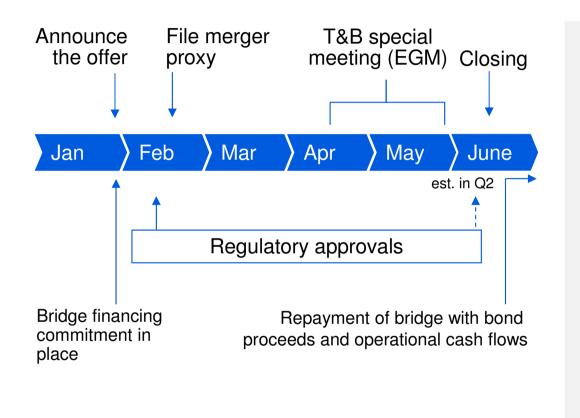
>\$200 million cost and revenue synergies at EBITDA level by 2016



- Assumes global market growth 3-4% CAGR 2012-16
- Full run-rate synergies of >\$200 million by 2016
- Split 50-50 cost and revenue synergies
- Cost synergies front-end loaded
- Revenue synergies achieved progressively
- Costs to achieve the synergies: ~\$80 million over 3 years
- One-off costs: ~\$125 million
- 1st est. of amortization: ~\$100 million in 2012



Process timeline and financing structure Fully meets our financial return and credit rating criteria



Retain a strong balance sheet



¹ end Q3 2011 ² end Q2 2012 – incl. annual ABB dividend payment ³ Excl. off-balance sheet items

Acquisition criteria fulfilled

- Cash return >WACC in 3 yrs
- NPV positive
- Net debt/EBITDA posttransaction in-line with 1.0 – 1.5x guidance



We aim to maintain a solid investment grade credit rating



ABB and Thomas & Betts: A compelling combination A strong strategic fit

Thomas@Betts

- Almost doubles addressable N American LV market in one step
- Powerful distribution network
- Complementary product offering and geographic reach
- Significant synergies, low-risk integration
- Supports ABB's growth, earnings and cash flow ambitions
- EPS accretive Year 1
- Builds ABB's track record of value-creating M&A transactions



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Appendix: Definitions of non-GAAP measures 1

- Operational EBIT: Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) adjusted for i) unrealized gains and losses on derivatives (FX, commodities, embedded derivatives), ii) realized gains and losses on derivatives where the underlying hedged transaction has not yet been realized, iii) unrealized foreign exchange movements on receivables/payables (and related assets/liabilities), iv) restructuring and restructuring-related expenses, and v) charges related to significant acquisitions.
- Operational EBITDA: Operational EBIT adjusted for depreciation and amortization
- Operational revenues: Revenues adjusted for i) unrealized gains and losses on derivatives, ii) realized gains and losses on derivatives where the underlying hedged transaction has not yet been realized, and iii) unrealized foreign exchange movements on receivables (and related assets).
- Operational EBIT margin: Operational EBIT as a percentage of operational revenues
- Operational EBITDA margin: Operational EBITDA as a percentage of operational revenues



Appendix: Definitions of non-GAAP measures 2

- Capital employed: the sum of fixed assets and net working capital
- Fixed assets: the sum of property, plant and equipment (net), goodwill, other intangible assets (net) and investments in equity method companies
- Net working capital (NWC): the sum of i) receivables, net, ii) inventories, net, and iii) prepaid expenses; less iv) accounts payable, trade, v) billings in excess of sales, vi) employee and other payables, vii) advances from customers, and viii) accrued expenses
- Gross gearing: Total debt divided by total debt plus total stockholders' equity (including noncontrolling interests)
- Total debt: the sum of short-term debt (including current maturities of longterm debt) and long-term debt
- Net cash/Net debt: Cash and equivalents plus marketable securities and short-term investments, less total debt
- Free cash flow (FCF): Net cash provided by operating activities adjusted for i) changes in financing and other non-current receivables; ii) purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets; and iii) proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment
- CROI: Cash return on capital invested, calculated as i) cash provided by operating activities plus interest paid, divided by ii) capital employed plus accumulated amortization and depreciation

