

ing, mining, logging, agriculture, petroleum, and general construction. Products include tractors, scrapers, compactors, loaders, offhighway truck engines, and pipelayers. Also makes diesel & turbine engines and lift trucks. Foreign sales 47% of total; research & de-

common stock; State Street, 9.9%; The Vanguard Group, 6.3% (4/16 proxy). Chairman & Chief Executive Officer: Douglas R. Oberhelman. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 100 Northeast Adams St., Peoria, IL 61629. Tel.: 309-675-1000. Web: www.caterpillar.com

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '13-'15 Past 5 Yrs. 5.0% 8.0% 8.0% of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '19-'21 7.0% 8.0% 7.0% .5% 3.0% 4.0% Sales "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 3.0% 4.0%

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Current Assets

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Cal- endar	QU Mar.31	JUN.30	SALES (\$ Sep.30	mill.) Dec.31	Full Year	
2013	13210	14621	13423	14402	55656	
2014	13241	14150	13549	14244	55184	
2015	12702	12317	10962	11030	47011	
2016	9461	10342	9950	10327	40080	
2017	9310	10290	9620	10240	39460	
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full	
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year	
2013	1.31	1.45	1.45	1.58	5.79	
2014	1.61	1.69	1.72	1.35	6.37	
2015	1.86	1.27	.75	.74	4.62	
2016	.67	1.09	.80	.99	3.55	
2017	.73	1.02	.80	1.00	3.55	
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B. Full					
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year	
2012	.46	.46	.52	1.04	2.48	
2013		.52	.60	.60	1.72	
2014	.60	.60	.70	.70	2.60	
2015	.70	.70	.77	.77	2.94	
2016	77	77	77		I	

posted a Caterpillar better-thanexpected performance during the second quarter. Sales of approximately billion surprisingly eclipsed our \$10.0 billion estimate, as the company had recently commented on poor retail machinery sales during the period. In particular, demand remained sluggish in all of the company's core mining and construc-tion markets. Meantime, CAT sharply cut expenses, with variable manufacturing costs falling significantly since the first half of 2015. Altogether, share earnings of \$1.09 topped our \$0.98 estimate.

However, management painted a cautious outlook for the remainder of 2016. Caterpillar expects global economic activity to remain subdued, restricting improvement in most industries and markets it serves. Although commodity prices have improved from their lows established earlier this year, current prices have failed to deliver increased demand for equipment. Mining customers, CAT's bread-and-butter business, remain focused on improving productivity. As a result, operations within the Resource Industries unit is apt to remain weak. Likewise in the energy

realm, a partial pricing recovery has failed to ignite spending. A supply glut in markets for refined products, which typically accounts for the lion's share of crude demand, suggests oil markets will experience intermittent bouts of sluggishness. After taking these factors into account, CAT's guidance now calls for sales to be in a range of \$40.0 billion-\$40.5 billion and for share earnings of \$3.55 (excluding restructuring costs of \$700 million or \$0.80 per share). We are modestly increasing our 2016 top- and bottom-line estimates, which are currently \$40.0 billion and \$3.55 a share, respectively.

The company intends to continue implementing restructuring plans aimed at alleviating lingering pressure on its cost structure. In particular, it is looking to boost layoffs that previously exceeded 10,000 (in recent years), and will shut or consolidate 20 plants by the end of 2018.

Still, Caterpillar shares recently established a new 52-week high. Investor enthusiasm reflects expectations that the worst of the cyclical downturn is in the rearview mirror. Dominic B. Silva August 19, 2016

avail. (C) Incl. equip. purch. for leasing.
(D) Incl. intang. In '15: \$13.7 bill., \$23.32/sh.
(E) In mill., adjusted for split. (F) Accelerated

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 65 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 50

(A) Diluted earnings. Excl. net nonrecurring gain (losses): '03, (6¢); '06, (8¢); '07, 5¢; '08, (5¢); '11, (41¢); '12, (88¢). Includes 75¢ of restructuring costs in '09; est'd Health Care

Reform chg of 11¢ in 1Q, '10. Next egs report late Oct. (B) Div'ds historically paid mid-February, May, August, November. '13 1Q Divd's paid in '12 4Q. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan | basis.