

**Investor Update** 

**March 2019** 

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### Company Overview



Innovation

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- Revenue growth from completions activity, completions intensity and market share gains
- Capital-light, enabling attractive margins and free cash flow generation

Technology-driven growth paired with free cash flow generation

# Fracturing Systems – Pinpoint Stimulation



Pinpoint stimulation enables more predictable, repeatable, and verifiable completions that maximize reservoir connectivity, as compared to other completion methods

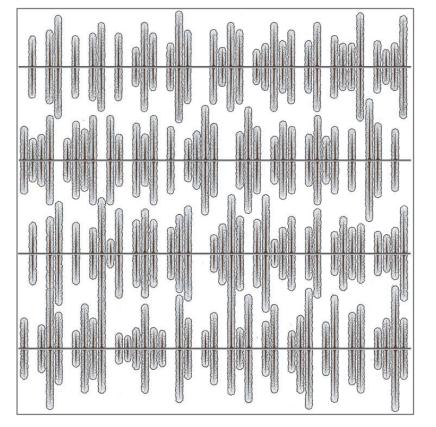
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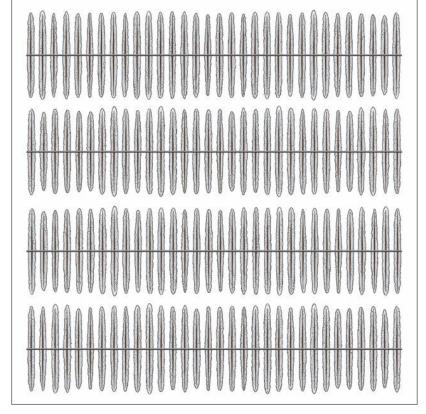
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#### Other Completion Methods



Unpredictable frac size and location

#### **Pinpoint Stimulation**



Controlled proppant placement

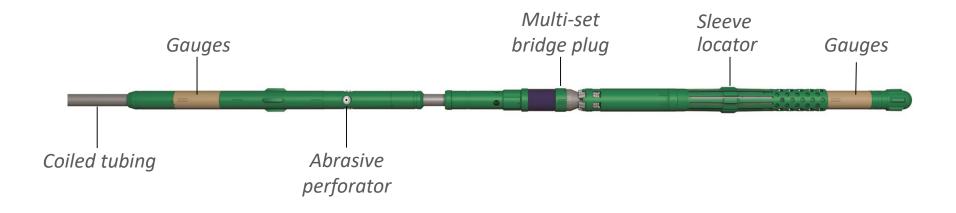
# Fracturing Systems – Pinpoint Stimulation



#### Casing-Installed Frac Sleeve (open)



#### Downhole Frac-Isolation Assembly on Coiled Tubing



## Tracer Diagnostics



Leading provider of chemical and radioactive tracers for well diagnostics and reservoir characterization

- Cost-effective and reliable service utilized by E&P companies to optimize completion designs and field development
  - Growing portfolio of patented and patent-pending chemical tracers, including
    - FFI® tracers (liquid tracers, for identification of stage-specific fracture fluid returns)
    - OST® tracers (particulate tracers, oil soluble)
    - WST® tracers (particulate tracers, water soluble)
    - NANO STAGED TRACER® chemicals (partition into gas phase)
  - Radioactive tracer logging services (RA) including real-time and memory tools
- Diverse customer base across the U.S. and Canada and an emerging international opportunity

### How Customers Utilize Tracers



#### Our customers utilize our services to:

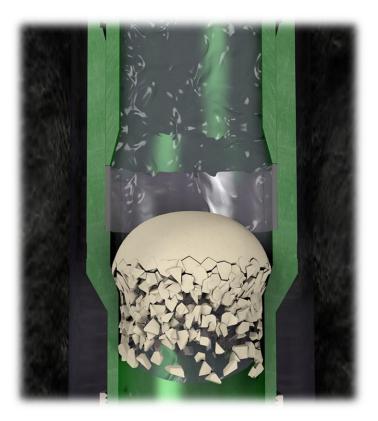
- Evaluate well spacing projects, including horizontal spacing and vertical spacing in formations with stacked pay characteristics
- Provide long-term qualitative stage-by-stage production information
- Evaluate the distribution of proppant along the wellbore cluster efficiency and diverter effectiveness
- Determine if all stages in the lateral are producing, indicating flowback is complete
- Validate the performance of dissolvable plugs
- Assess frac fluid performance to improve completion designs
- Assess performance of waterfloods and other EOR strategies

### Well Construction



- Complementary technologies to support casing and liner installation and for initial formation access
  - AirLock® casing buoyancy system over 6,500 successful installations
  - Liner hangers
  - Pressure activated toe sleeves





# Repeat Precision Joint Venture



- Commercialized Purple Seal composite frac plug in 2017
  - 4.5", 5.5" and 6.0" specifications
  - All composite, hybrid and dual-cast designs
  - Purple Seal Express<sup>TM</sup> disposable frac plug deployment system; pre-assembled, compact, single-use system
- Provides NCS with additional revenue exposure from plug-and-perf wells
- Supply chain partner for NCS

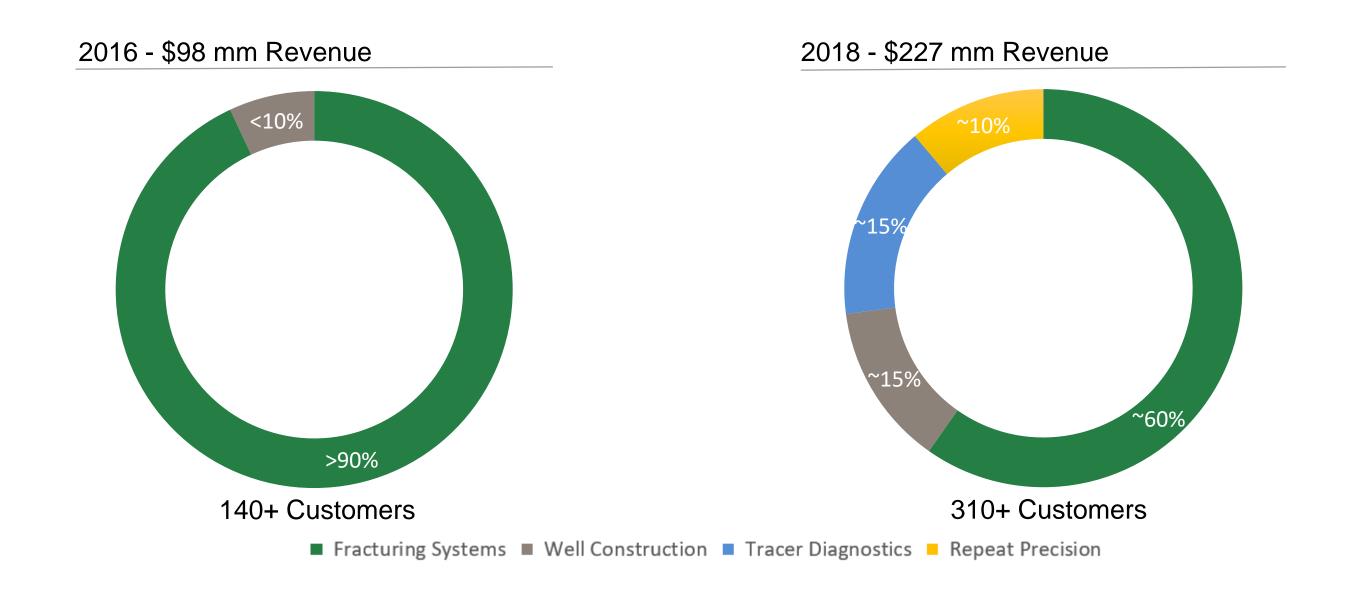


Purple Seal Express<sup>™</sup> frac-plug deployment system

## Expanded Addressable Market



• NCS has expanded its addressable market and diversified its business through organic sales and new product development, the Repeat Precision joint venture and the Spectrum acquisition





### Q4 2018 and Full Year 2018 Results



#### Q4 2018 Performance:

- Total revenue of \$50.2 million
  - U.S. revenue of \$27.5 million; Canadian revenue of \$19.3 million; International revenue of \$3.5 million
- Cost of sales, excluding D&A, of \$26.0 million
- S,G&A of \$20.3 million, including \$2.7 million of share-based compensation and \$0.3 million of non-recurring professional fees
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$7.8 million, a 15% margin\*

### Impairment of Goodwill and Other Long-lived Assets

Non-cash charge to operating expense of \$227.5 million

#### Full Year 2018 Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

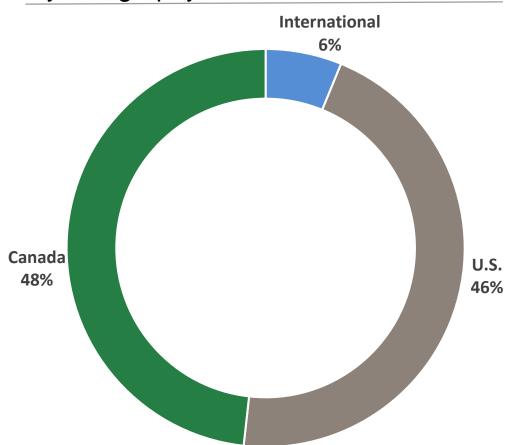
- Year-end cash of \$25.1 million, and total debt of \$25.7 million
- Full year 2018 net CapEx of \$15.4 million, free cash flow of \$(1.4) million\*

### Revenue Profile

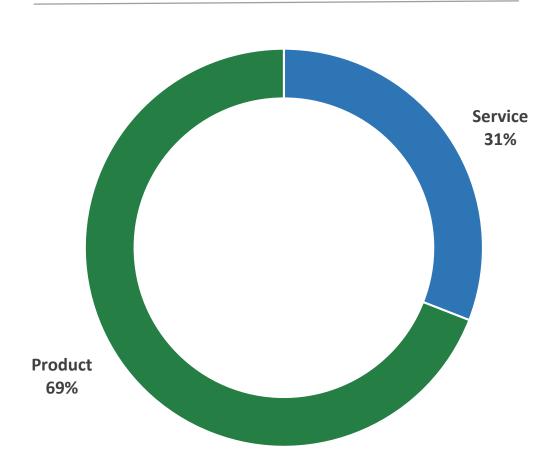


Revenue Contribution – LTM – December 31, 2018





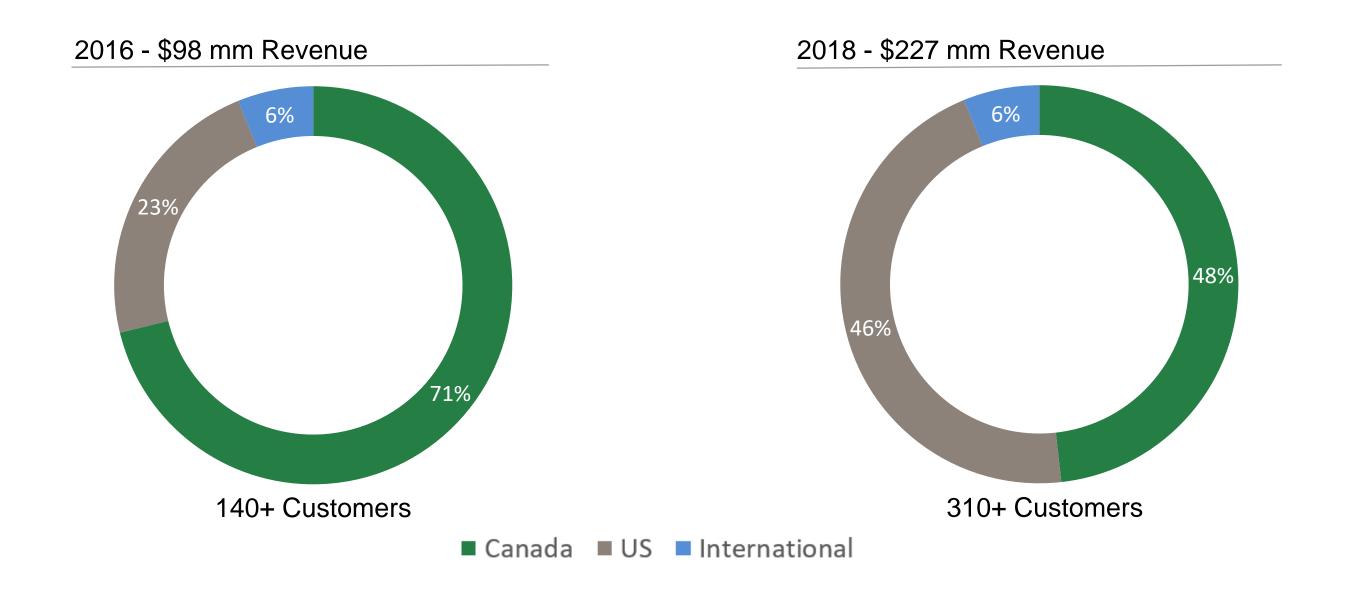
#### Product and Service Mix



# Evolving Geographic Mix



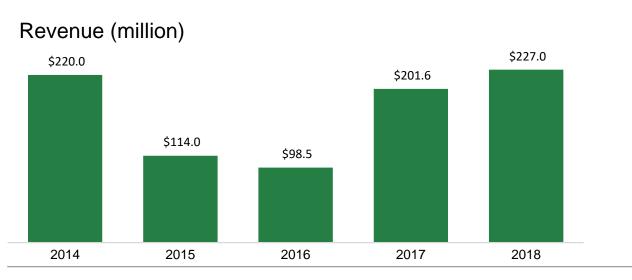
• U.S. and international markets represented over 50% of total revenue in 2018, up from under 30% in 2016

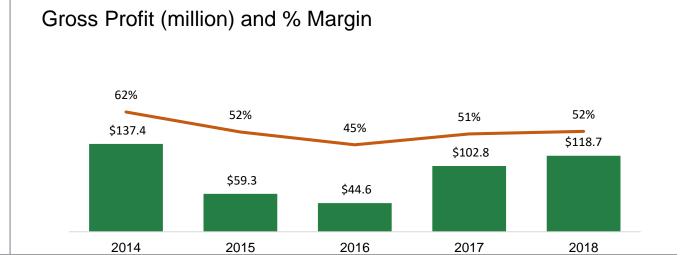


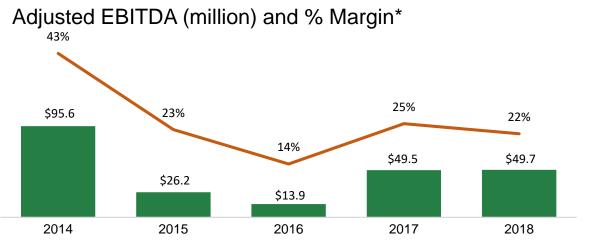
### High Margins with Free Cash Flow

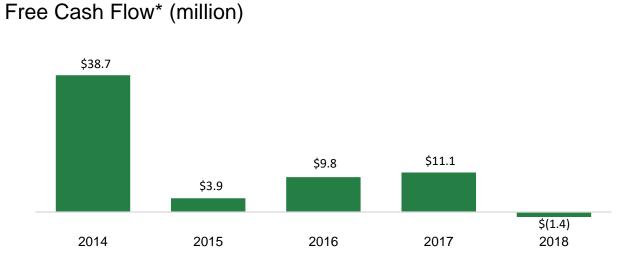


### Financial and operating model minimizes capital investment and maximizes free cash flow







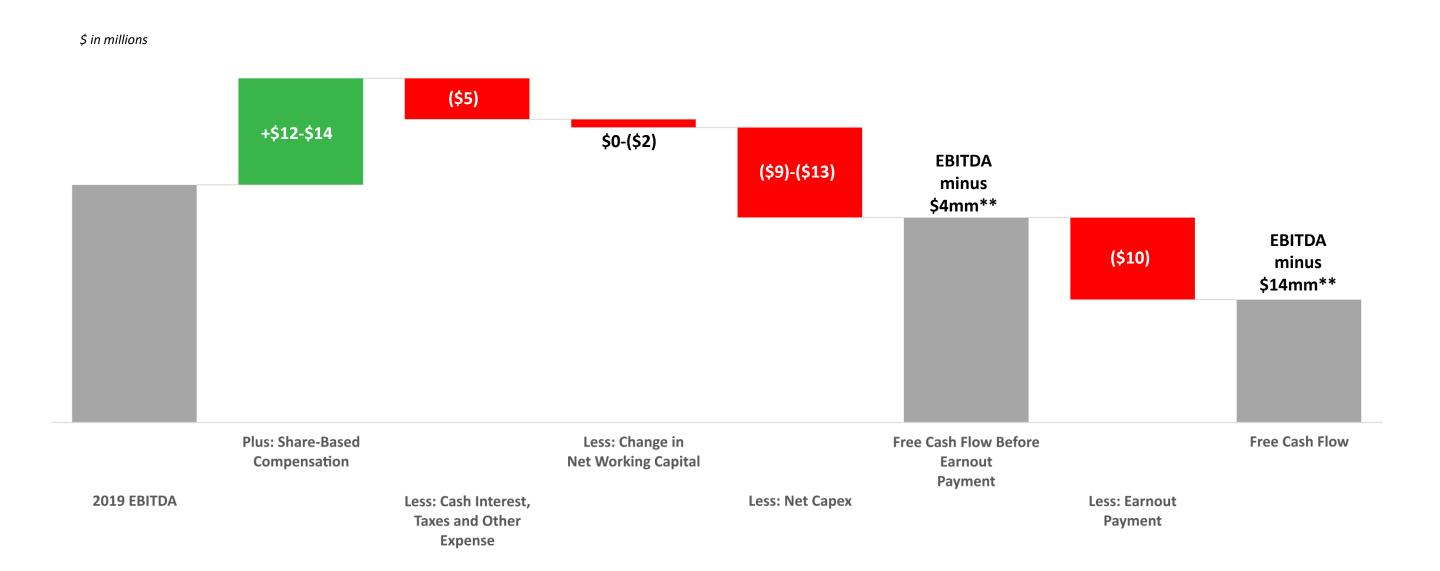


<sup>\*</sup> See Appendix for Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA margin and free cash flow reconciliations

### Illustrative 2019E Free Cash Flow Conversion



Positioned to deliver free cash flow\* in 2019



<sup>\*</sup> Free cash flow as presented consistent with free cash flow reconciliation in the Appendix

<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculated free cash flow figures utilize the midpoint of the ranges for the individual cash flow items

# Strong Balance Sheet



• Our strong balance sheet provides significant financial flexibility

\$ in millions	12/31/2018
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$25.1
Total Debt	\$25.7
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$161.3
Non-Controlling Interest	14.9
Total Equity	176.2
Net Debt	\$0.6
Total Debt / Total Capitalization	13%
Revolver Availability	\$55.0
Total Potential Liquidity	\$80.1
Net Working Capital*	\$66.1

# Technology Driving Free Cash Flow



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# Everything starts with *The Promise*



Employees	We will invest in our employees, our most important resource, by providing coaching and training that enables them to learn and grow to their full potential. Together, we will maintain a culture that promotes teamwork and an environment that is challenging, rewarding and fun. We will listen to our employees, treat them with respect and support them when they make decisions that are aligned with <i>The Promise</i> .
Health, Safety & Environment	We will provide leadership, tools and training to empower our employees, customers and vendors to remain healthy and safe. We will integrate environmental stewardship into our business activities and respect the communities in which we operate.
Customers	We will treat our customers as partners and operate in a fair and honest manner. We will listen to our customers, set clear, common expectations and respond with execution excellence.
Technology	We will deliver reservoir analysis, insights and technologies that support our customers' development strategies and resource recovery objectives and develop technology and processes to drive improvement in our products and services.
Quality	We will continuously improve our processes and systems in order to strive to meet or exceed all applicable quality requirements.
Vendors	We will treat our vendors as partners, stand by our commitments to them and expect the same from them.
Stakeholders	We will ethically and responsibly increase stakeholder value by focusing on innovation, sustainable growth and strong financial performance.

## Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation



	Year Ended December 31,									Three Months Ended December 31,				
(\$ in millions)		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2017		2018
Net Income (Loss)	\$	7.6	\$	28.0	\$	(17.9)	\$	1.3	\$	(185.2)	\$	(3.9)	\$	(202.0)
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	Y	50.9	7	(16.2)	Υ	(8.8)	Y	0.7	7	(23.1)	Υ	(1.4)	Y	(26.2)
Interest Expense (a)		7.4		8.1		6.3		4.3		2.0		0.6		0.6
Depreciation		2.0		2.7		1.8		3.2		4.7		1.1		1.3
Amortization		27.9		24.6		23.8		24.5		13.1		6.0		3.2
EBITDA	\$	95.9	\$	47.1	\$	5.1	\$	33.9	\$	(188.5)	\$	2.5	\$	(223.1)
Impairments (b)		-		_		-		-		227.5		-		227.5
Share-based Compensation (c)		1.3		1.3		1.4		6.1		10.9		2.2		2.7
Restructuring Charges (d)		-		0.4		0.3		-		-		-		-
Board Fees and Expenses (e)		0.5		0.5		0.5		-		-		-		-
Professional Fees (f)		0.7		0.3		3.1		3.9		1.5		0.5		0.3
Dividends Treated as Compensation (g)		3.0		-		-		-		-		-		-
Unrealized Foreign Currency (Gain) Loss (h)		(8.7)		(12.8)		2.6		17.0		1.5		(3.2)		(0.7)
Realized Foreign Currency (Gain) Loss (i)		(0.3)		(13.0)		(0.1)		(17.2)		(1.6)		3.2		0.1
Change in Fair Value of Contingent Consideration (j)		-		-		-		5.5		(2.9)		4.9		0.1
Other (k)		3.1		2.3		1.0		0.3		1.2		0.2		0.7
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	95.6	\$	26.2	\$	13.9	\$	49.5	\$	49.7	\$	10.4	\$	7.8
Adjusted EBITDA Margin		43%		<b>23</b> %		14%		<b>25</b> %		22%		21%		15%
2014 - 2018 Average Adjusted EBITDA Margin (I)	27%													

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes the write-off of the deferred loan costs of \$1,422 related to the prior credit agreement that were expensed when the debt was repaid with a portion of our net proceeds from the IPO during the second quarter of 2017.

<sup>(</sup>b) Represents non-cash impairment charges for goodwill and intangible assets as the fair values were lower than the carrying values.

<sup>(</sup>c) Represents non-cash compensation charges related to share-based compensation granted to our officers, employees and directors.

<sup>(</sup>d) Represents severance and other expenses associated with headcount reductions and other cost savings initiated as part of our restructuring initiatives.

<sup>(</sup>e) Represents Board fees and travel expenses paid to members of our Board, which is an adjustment permitted by the terms of our credit facilities.

<sup>(</sup>f) Represents non-capitalizable costs of professional services incurred in connection with our IPO, financings and refinancings, legal proceedings and the evaluation of proposed and completed

<sup>(</sup>g) Represents cash payments made to certain holders of (i) options to purchase our common stock and (ii) holders of shares of Exchangeco. The cash payment was a result of a dividend paid to our stockholders in August 2014.

<sup>(</sup>h) Represents unrealized foreign currency translation gains and losses primarily in respect of our indebtedness.

<sup>(</sup>i) Represents realized foreign currency translation gains and losses with respect to principal and interest payments related to our indebtedness.

<sup>(</sup>j) Represents the change in the fair value of the earn-outs associated with our acquisitions.

<sup>(</sup>k) Represents the impact of a research and development subsidy that is included in income tax expense (benefit) in accordance with GAAP, fees incurred in connection with refinancing our credit facilities, arbitration awards, board of directors fees and travel expenses prior to our initial public offering as permitted by the terms of our prior credit agreement and other charges and credits.

<sup>(</sup>I) Calculated as total cumulative Adjusted EBITDA for 2013-2018 divided by total cumulative revenue for 2013-2018

### Free Cash Flow Reconciliation



(\$ in millions)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities
Purchases of Property & Equipment
Proceeds from Sales of Property & Equipment
Free Cash Flow

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
\$ 51.5	\$ 4.4	\$ 10.7	\$ 16.1	\$ 14.0
(12.8)	(0.9)	(1.2)	(5.4)	(15.8)
 -	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
\$ 38.7	\$ 3.9	\$ 9.8	\$ 11.1	\$ (1.4)

# Completion Cost Comparison



Pinpoint completions can be cost-neutral to, or less expensive than, plug-and-perf

### Cost Impacts vs Plug-and-Perf

NCS Sleeves and Service	++	
Coiled Tubing	+	Coil used during fracturing vs. standby and drillout
Overall Completion Days	+/-	Specific to customer design and operations; can provide savings
Daily Frac Spread Cost		Reduced HHP needs due to lower pumping rates
Plugs and Perforating Equipment	-	Savings increase with increased plug-and-perf stage counts
Wireline	-	Savings increase with stage count / operating days
Fluids	-	No pumping down plugs
Data	-	Inherent downhole data collection vs. additional cost for fiber optic or microseismic
Overall	=/-	Savings possible through optimization over time