

The following is a transcript of a conference call that was conducted on July 12, 2019 relating to the announcement of Hillenbrand's proposed acquisition of Milacron Holdings Corp.

Hillenbrand, Inc. to Acquire Milacron Holdings Corp Conference Call

Operator

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for standing by. Welcome to today's conference call and webcast to discuss Hillenbrand's acquisition of MILACRON. At this time, all participants have been placed in a listen-only mode. The call will be open for your questions following the presentation.

I would now like to turn the call over to Rich Dudley, Director of Investor Relations at Hillenbrand. Mr. Dudley — please go ahead.

Richard A. Dudley — Hillenbrand, Inc. — Director of IR

Thank you operator and good morning everyone. Welcome to our conference call to discuss Hillenbrand's acquisition of MILACRON, which we announced earlier this morning.

Before we begin, let me briefly cover our Safe Harbor statement. Our comments contain certain forward-looking statements that are subject to the Safe Harbor provisions of the securities laws. These statements are not guarantees of future performance or events and actual results or events could differ materially. I encourage you to take a look at slide 2 of the slide presentation and our filings with the SEC for a discussion of forward-looking statements and the risks and uncertainties that could impact actual results or events.

Moving to the next slide — On the call today is Joe Raver, our President and CEO, Kristina Cerniglia, our Chief Financial Officer, and Tom Goeke, CEO of MILACRON. You'll find a supporting slide presentation in the Investors section of our website under "Events & Presentations," and we'll walk through the deck this morning. After the prepared remarks, we'll open it up for Q&A.

With that, I will now turn the call over to Joe.

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Thank you, Rich. Welcome everyone and thank you for joining us this morning.

I'm now on slide 4.

I'm excited to tell you more today about this pivotal acquisition and how MILACRON advances our strategy to drive long-term profitable growth and value for our shareholders.

Slide 4 should be familiar to everyone who knows Hillenbrand. Our mission and vision is to become a world-class global diversified industrial company with a proven record of success driven by the Hillenbrand Operating Model. The acquisition of MILACRON represents a significant step toward achieving that vision, and we believe this combination will be good for all our stakeholders - our customers, our employees, our shareholders, and the communities in which we operate.

Turning to slide 5... This is a big step for Hillenbrand in the execution of our profitable growth strategy, and I'm excited to tell you more about it today. In Milacron, we're getting some great businesses with leading brands, good growth characteristics, and strong margins. Milacron operates in three segments, the two largest being injection molding equipment, best known through the Milacron brand; and hot runner systems, best known through their Mold Masters brand.

Our businesses are complementary, and we believe they'll be stronger together as we increase our global scale, product line diversification, and importantly, expand our capabilities across the plastics value chain. We see opportunities for long term growth as we explore innovative ways to combine our products, technologies, engineering expertise, and global footprint to help our customers improve their businesses.

In addition, we see meaningful opportunities to drive efficiencies across the business by reducing public company costs, taking advantage of procurement opportunities, and driving operational efficiencies through the application of the Hillenbrand Operating Model.

Finally, we believe this transaction will be good for both sets of shareholders with the potential to share in the significant financial benefits we believe we can generate with this deal.

Now to slide 6, let me review some of the key elements of the transaction. I'll hit these at a pretty high level, and Kristina will cover additional detail later in the call.

This is a cash and stock transaction valued at approximately \$2 billion, including Milacron's net debt of approximately \$686 million as of March 31, 2019.

Under the terms of the agreement, which has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both companies, Milacron shareholders will receive \$11.80 in cash and a fixed exchange ratio of 0.1612 shares of Hillenbrand common stock for each share of Milacron common stock they own.

From a financial perspective, this is an accretive transaction — accretive to EPS in the first full year following close and immediately accretive to margins. We expect to drive free cash flow generation and further enhance margins across the business.

Upon closing, Hillenbrand shareholders will own approximately 84% of the combined company, and Milacron shareholders will own approximately 16%.

We intend to fund the cash portion of the transaction through debt financing and have secured a committed bridge financing facility.

We expect to close the transaction in the first quarter of 2020, subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals, including the approval by Milacron shareholders.

This is a complementary transaction that meaningfully transforms our portfolio and product offering. We are really confident that Milacron's leading technology solutions and sizable installed customer base will help us drive long-term profitable growth and enhance value for shareholders of both companies.

Before I discuss the deal rationale in further detail, I'd like to turn the call over to Milacron's CEO, Tom Goeke, to make a few comments about the transaction. Tom?

Thomas J. Goeke - Milacron Holdings Corp. - CEO, President & Director

Thanks, Joe. First off, I want to reiterate the excitement about the combination of MILACRON with Hillenbrand, and the significant value we believe that the transaction creates for all our stakeholders.

Our Board carefully and thoroughly reviewed the strategic and financial merits of this combination and unanimously concluded that this transaction represents a unique opportunity for MILACRON, and provides shareholders significant and immediate value — as well as the ability to participate in the upside potential of the combination. As Joe mentioned, as part of the combination, MILACRON shareholders will receive \$11.80 in cash and a fixed exchange ratio of 0.1612 shares of Hillenbrand common stock for each share of MILACRON common stock they own.

In Hillenbrand, we believe we have found a tremendous partner. Beyond the strategic benefits Joe outlined, we expect our customers will benefit as well. Our goal at MILACRON has always been to provide our customers with innovative products across our critical plastics and fluids technologies and processing solutions. Together with Hillenbrand, we will be able to continue delivering breakthrough products and customized systems to existing and new customers, and strengthen our service platforms and distribution capabilities.

Throughout this process, one of the things that attracted Hillenbrand to MILACRON is the incredible strength of our talented employees across each of our complementary businesses. As part of a larger organization, we believe there will be significant opportunities for MILACRON employees to continue to develop their careers and share in a common culture that values collaboration, talent development, and excellent customer service. Further, the Hillenbrand Operating Model is highly complementary to our approach, and we are confident we can seamlessly bring these two companies together.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge that this transaction would not have been possible without the hard work of MILACRON's outstanding team. I want to thank all of our employees for their contributions, and their continuing focus on serving our customers by providing the critical plastics and fluids technologies and processing solutions they depend on with the excellent service they have come to expect.

We are confident we can create even more value for our key stakeholders together in this exciting new chapter. I hope you share our enthusiasm about the many benefits we expect from this transaction.

With that I'll turn the call back to Joe.

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Thanks, Tom.

As slides 7 and 8 show, Hillenbrand and Milacron have much in common. We're both strong legacy companies with leading brands, highly engineered products and services, and global reach. Our headquarters are in close proximity, about 50 miles apart, and we share similar organizational cultures. More importantly, Milacron aligns with our profitable growth strategy and meets our key criteria for strategic acquisitions.

Slides 9 and 10 provide an overview of Milacron, and you can see why we believe it's a great strategic fit with our company.

Milacron has strong industry positions and brands, as a leader in hot runner systems, injection molding equipment, and metalworking fluids.

The Melt Delivery & Control Systems business designs and manufactures highly engineered, technically advanced hot runner and process control systems, mold bases, and components. Milacron is well-known for its Mold Masters brand, which is a global leader in the markets it serves.

The Advanced Plastics Processing Technologies business designs and manufactures plastics processing equipment and systems, including injection molding, under the Milacron brand; as well as extrusion and auxiliary systems. In injection molding equipment, Milacron is a leader in North America and India; and the bulk of their extrusion business is in North America. In addition, we're excited about the large installed equipment base, which presents a great aftermarket opportunity.

The Fluids business is also a strong business with good financial metrics and a global presence. Operating under the Cimcool brand, the company offers metalworking fluids that help customers reduce their production costs.

Turning now to Slide 11 ... there is increasing demand for plastics products globally, supported by a growing population and an expanding middle class in emerging markets.

The plastics, processing equipment and global hot runner markets are expected to grow in the mid single-digits over the next few years.

Some examples of the drivers of long-term demand include:

- the automotive industry's increased use of light-weight plastics to improve fuel efficiency, and this is especially true as the industry moves to electric vehicles;
- packaging in emerging markets to improve food shelf life, freshness, and safety;
- a variety of applications in the medical space, with a focus on safety, improved drug and therapy delivery, and durability; and
- an ongoing shift in construction to plastics that are more durable, lightweight and require little maintenance.

In addition, shortened product lifecycles and more innovative designs across a number of end markets are driving demand for new hot runner systems.

Together with Milacron, we are even better positioned to benefit from these global macro trends as we can offer a broader range of products and systems, additional technological advancements, and systems integration.

As you can see on Slide 12, with this acquisition, the combined company will have an enhanced ability to serve customers across the plastics value chain, including base resins production, compounding, plastics processing, and recycling.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that Hillenbrand will have a strong position in a number of key processing and conversion steps. This is critically important as it enables us to understand our customers' needs deeply, collaborate with them to innovate and solve problems, and to cross-sell products, sub-systems, and systems. Being at the heart of our customers value proposition is invaluable.

In the short to medium term, we expect cross-selling opportunities for extruder and material handling equipment as we work to leverage our core product engineering capabilities and different customer channels. Our combined service footprint and geographical reach will assure closeness to our customers and improve the service we can deliver. We will look to leverage our combined service network to drive the growth of our parts and service business.

Ultimately, with Milacron we will have a stronger global footprint and a broader set of offerings to serve customers across the plastics value chain.

Turning to Slide 13 — The Hillenbrand Operating Model is a consistent, repeatable framework that we use as a competitive differentiator to drive our strategy, and we see opportunities to apply this to our combined business as well.

On the right side of the slide are a few key areas where we believe we can use our operating model to share best practices to drive growth and profitability. These include:

- Leveraging our global footprint and best practices to drive Milacron's aftermarket business
- Leveraging the combined procurement capabilities of the two companies
- Expanding the use of Milacron's global shared service center, and
- Optimizing the combined operational footprint

Hillenbrand and Milacron share similar corporate cultures and operating philosophies, and we believe this will lead to greater efficiency and accelerated performance.

At this time, I'll turn the call over to Kristina to talk more about expected synergies and some additional financial details of the transaction.

Kristina A. Cerniglia - Hillenbrand, Inc. - Senior VP & CFO

Thanks Joe. Good morning everyone, and good to be here with you this morning!

As a result of this transaction, Hillenbrand is expected to add meaningful scale and financial strength, which, we believe, will enable us to grow and capitalize on significant synergy opportunities.

Slide 14 provides additional detail on the expected transaction synergies. In terms of cost savings, we expect to generate annualized, run-rate cost synergies of approximately \$50 million within three years following close. The majority of anticipated savings will come from reducing public company costs, realizing operating efficiencies, and capturing direct and indirect spend opportunities. We believe our targeted savings are very achievable.

The transaction will immediately improve Adjusted EBITDA margin, and we anticipate further margin improvement as the combined company leverages scale and realizes cost savings.

In addition, we anticipate revenue synergies through cross-selling opportunities of extruder and material handling equipment, combining complementary businesses, and leveraging sales channels to further penetrate the aftermarket.

And as Joe mentioned earlier, we believe there's a significant opportunity to drive additional efficiencies across the business through the application of the Hillenbrand Operating Model.

Slide 15 provides a snapshot of what the combined business looks like.

On a pro forma basis, the combined companies' reported results for fiscal 2018 include nearly \$3 billion in revenue, more than \$500 million of adjusted EBITDA and in excess of \$325 million in free cash flow.

This will provide a strong financial foundation to capture opportunities within the approximately \$30 billion plastics technology and processing industry, as well as in fluid technologies and processing systems. We expect the increased scale and diversification of the combined company to drive long-term growth and profitability.

When looking at the pro forma numbers, it's worth noting that Hillenbrand and Milacron have different fiscal year ends, Milacron's being a calendar year and ours a fiscal year that ends September 30.

Turning now to Slide 16, the cash consideration of approximately \$870 million paid to Milacron shareholders will be funded with new debt. Milacron shareholders will also receive a fixed exchange ratio of 0.1612 shares of Hillenbrand common stock for each share of Milacron stock they own.

From a balance sheet perspective, we will be assuming Milacron's net debt, which was \$686 million as of March 31, 2019, and we will be refinancing with new Hillenbrand debt. Based on our expected mix of debt and current market rates, we estimate our average incremental borrowing cost on the additional debt funding will be about 3.9%. After the completion of the acquisition, we expect our pro forma net leverage to be approximately 3.6x EBITDA.

We take seriously our commitment to maintain an investment grade rating and are confident in our ability to meaningfully reduce debt over the near-term. After closing, we will be prioritizing de-leveraging to bring our net leverage ratio down to below 2.75x within 12 months post-close.

Our capital deployment priorities are not changing. First, we will be very focused on integrating the Milacron acquisition. We will also continue to pay our current per-share dividend. When we reach our targeted leverage ratio, we will resume our focus on executing strategic acquisitions and returning cash to shareholders through share repurchases. We plan to maintain a strong balance sheet and a liquidity profile that will continue to provide flexibility to execute our strategy and we will remain disciplined in our capital allocation.

Now I'll turn the call back over to Joe.

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Thanks, Kristina.

I'm now on Slide 17. So, in summary: this is an exciting transaction and the next step in our journey to become a world-class global diversified industrial company.

With Milacron, we meaningfully transform our portfolio and product offering by adding Milacron's leading technology solutions, strong brands, and sizable installed customer base to help us drive long-term growth. These are great businesses with strong margin profiles and solid growth potential.

We are stronger together. The combined company will be better able to capitalize on emerging trends across the plastic value chain, including improved access to attractive end markets and geographies over the long-term.

Our increased global scale and footprint will strengthen the service network and drive increased efficiencies across the company. And, we believe our similar cultures, continuous improvement mindset, and customer focus will help us accelerate performance.

Finally, the combination is expected to drive significant financial benefits, which both Hillenbrand and Milacron shareholders will benefit in.

I have great respect for Milacron's talented employees and look forward to welcoming them to Hillenbrand as we embark on this next step in our strategy and create increased value for our key stakeholders.

With that, we'd be happy to take your questions. Operator, please open the lines.

Operator

Your first question comes from Daniel Moore from CJS Securities

Daniel Joseph Moore - CJS Securities, Inc. - Director of Research

A quick congratulations. You gave pretty good detail but I did want to drill down first on the synergies a little bit if possible. May be to the extent that we can bucket or give a framework for the magnitude of the expected improvements in public company cost, procurement, maybe more detail around Hillenbrand Operating Model and how that differs from what Milacron's been doing? And I think I saw in the slideshow you expect \$20 million to \$25 million in the first year, maybe just a little bit more detail on the cadence of that over the 2 to 3 year period?

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Okay, Dan, yes, so I think when you look at the \$50 million and then the run rate. Obviously, reducing the public company costs and some of the direct overlap will be the fastest savings that we'll be able to achieve with the companies coming together. And then, it's things like procurement. So we've done some good diligence and understand their spending cube and have taken a look and so things that they are real procurement, both direct and indirect procurement savings opportunities. And then of course applying to Hillenbrand Operating Model. So we use that across our businesses. And Milacron has a very similar kind of — a very similar mindset and focus. And particularly in their APPT business, when you've

gone through some restructuring and they've done a lot of really good work and hard work to get the businesses where they are today. And I think we both believe that there's continued margin upside particularly in that business by the application of the operating model. So we'll continue to — we've both identified integration leads, really strong people within our business. We're in the process of forming the teams to bring together to start work on Monday, to continue to get more clarity in terms of synergies and plan to make sure that we're capturing synergies very, very quickly...

Kristina A. Cerniglia - Hillenbrand, Inc. - Senior VP & CFO

So I think Dan, I would just add it is day one, right? And we still have to do a lot of work to get to the level of detail. But I think we're pretty committed that within the first 12 months, we're targeting the \$20 million to \$25 million of cost synergies. And as you know, as we continue to report and move forward after the close, we'll report on how we're doing on those synergies on realization.

Daniel Joseph Moore - CJS Securities, Inc. - Director of Research

Helpful. And maybe switching to any potential revenue synergies, just talk about the customer overlap between the two businesses. And where you see any opportunity for one plus one to equal or a little bit more than two.

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Yes. So as you saw on Slide 12, in terms of the plastics value chain, historically, we've been — in the first couple parts of the value chain and base resin production and engineered plastics and compounding but we do some extruded products, so there's a little bit of overlap, we tend — our products are complementary, they don't really compete against each other, they're complementary. And so we tend to do larger systems, but we both do extruded products and we see a benefit from being able to cross-sell products on the extrusion side to have improved offerings in a couple of markets like PVC, in recycling. And then the other place that we see an opportunity is — so we sell material handling systems and feeders in more the upstream processes in the pellet production. And so we see an opportunity for Milacron to cross sell, material handling equipment and systems in the plants where their injection molding equipment sits as an example. So there's a couple of places where we overlap from a product and can come together and be stronger in some of the end markets. And then, let me just say finally, over the longer run, you look at the combined company and it's a company that really understands plastics well, all the way from version resin production, down through how plastics moves through a hot runner and into a mold and injection molding machine. And so as things as innovative to do product development happened, for example biodegradable plastics, more recycling, I think we'll be in a really good position to understand deeply what's happening in the value chain because we can see all across the value chain. And as you know, these companies have — these companies really have great engineering strengths. And so over the long run, we'll look to be able to share R&D and engineering capabilities. And so we're excited about that possibility.

Daniel Joseph Moore - CJS Securities, Inc. - Director of Research

Last for me and then I'll jump out. Maybe just talk a little bit about since I'm less familiar with Milacron's business, maintenance, spare parts, the percentage of generally recurring revenue, both from Milacron and the combined business?

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Sure. So let me break the — let me — so you know the Hillenbrand business, where about 1/3, a little over 1/3 of the Process Equipment Group business is recurring parts and service — spare parts and service. And so let me just break their business out into 3 segments. And so in APPT and this is the injection molding and extrusion businesses, they have a very similar profile to our businesses. And so they're selling capital equipment and then there's a spare parts stream that comes with that. And they have about the same percentage of spare parts, it's a little over 1/3, I think it's about 35% in 2018 was their spare parts business in the APPT segment. So that's very similar to our business. And we see opportunities, they got a lot of equipment out there around the world. And so we see some opportunities to improve our ability to serve and have technicians in various markets to help drive growth in the spare parts business. The other two businesses, I'll start with Fluid Technologies, that's really a consumable business, right? So it's not a part and service business, it's metal working fluids that are being consumed as they're used. So it's a different business model. And then, on the Melt Delivery & Control Systems, so this is primarily the bulk of this is hot runner systems. And you know that business does have a recurring revenue part and some spare parts. It's a slightly different business model though. And so what really drives that business is product upgrades and design changes. So every time a new pen is designed or a cell phone or a medical device, there's a — the old hot runner system is obsolete and a new hot runner system is developed. And so that's a business that's really — it's like a recurring revenue in the sense it goes into injection molding machine. And it's really predicated on product design changes and the pace at which product lifecycle is shorten. And so Tom likes to call it rapid capital. So it's fast turn, he likes to call it rapid capital. Was that helpful?

Operator

Your next question comes from Matt Summerville from D.A. Davidson.

Matt J. Summerville - D.A. Davidson & Co., Research Division - MD & Senior Analyst

Could you guys may be just take a few minutes across the 3 reportable business segments: Melt, plastics and fluid and frame up the competitive environment, who are the players? A little more granularity on how you're positioned and I guess then across the 3 I would also ask is to how you sort of parse out the relative cyclicity of each one of these businesses?

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

I think Tom might be a great person to give some insight on the competitive dynamic and cyclicity of the businesses.

Thomas J. Goeke - Milacron Holdings Corp. - CEO, President & Director

So let's take a look at, as Joe just explained, quite a bit of the business is recurring revenue. So if you're really to breakout cyclicity, it would fall into the equipment side of APPT. The Melt Delivery & Control Systems, as Joe mentioned with every new design, every new generation or product, a mold is replaced. And that lives through up cycles, down cycles, companies generally aren't falling behind on product development through the upturn and downturn in economic cycles. Fluids is a consumable, pure consumable, in cycles, it drops slightly and returns rapidly. So it as being a 100% consumable. So really it's about narrowed down to about 35% of the portfolio is really sensitive to cycles.

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Yes, and so I would just then maybe take — put in the context of our overall offering. And so I think the other thing that we look hard at and do a lot of analysis on is that when you think about for example the Coperion business that's in the plastic space, they do really big projects. And so those come in to the cycle late because the orders are placed and those projects are delivered 5, 6, 7 quarters later, but they come out late. And then in the middle, our engineering plastics is probably a bit more like the injection molding business, where it comes in a quarter or 2 and then comes back out. And then, you have this really pretty solid recurring revenue base in parts and service underneath there, that is pretty steady. So we're certainly not immune to cycles at all. But we do have slightly different characteristics and a different cycle sort of in and out timing in different parts of the business.

Matt J. Summerville - D.A. Davidson & Co., Research Division - MD & Senior Analyst

And then the other part of my question and maybe this is for Tom as well. Just the competitive dynamics and relative positioning across the three reportable segments?

Thomas J. Goeke - Milacron Holdings Corp. - CEO, President & Director

Sure. So in APPT, we're highly concentrated, in North America and India having a number one position in both regions. In the hot runner business, worldwide #2, Asia #2, North America, India and Europe, #1. And then in the fluids business, it's highly specialized. So we're a synthetic and semisynthetic provider. We compete with the likes of Haitian and Quaker which are sort of the 800-pound gorillas in the industry so we're very niched sell-through distribution. And have a very special position in delivering to smaller firms. So a very well protected business. So it's about — and the fluids is about \$10 billion market and we're — and about \$130 million annual sales. And as I said, very niched. In the case of the hot runner business, competition — largest competitor is Yudo who is Korean, their largest position is in Korea. And in China, generally, Asia. Husky, which is predominantly their focus is packaging. And then, it rapidly drops off. Barnes participates in their mold technology group. And they're lined up with the acquisitions they've made thermal play and packaging, it's inventive and auto and then, most recently with the acquisition in Switzerland mold making for packaging. So that's sort of the lineup in fluids. And in the hot runner business and equipment, we have really 3, 4 large competitors worldwide, Krauss Maffei, which is German based Chinese owned. ENGEL, which is Austrian. And Haitian which is a Chinese firm and competes in a small tonnage arena. So we stack up pretty well technology wise in all 3 industries with our competitors. And have really carved out our place to be within all of the segments. We cover broad segmentation in each of those application areas.

Matt J. Summerville - D.A. Davidson & Co., Research Division - MD & Senior Analyst

Then just — it is a follow-up, relative to the \$50 million in synergies. I guess what organic assumption are you embedding into being able to achieve that number as it pertains to Milacron, Kristina?

Kristina A. Cerniglia - Hillenbrand, Inc. - Senior VP & CFO

We are really looking at their — like a low single-digit organic growth rate.

Operator

Your next question comes from Mike Halloran from Baird.

Michael Patrick Halloran - Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Research Division - Associate Director of Research & Senior Research Analyst

So a couple of questions here. First, could you talk about how the transaction came about and then from your perspective, Tom, why is now a good time for Milacron to be sold? And then maybe a little bit more color from your perspective on why is the ideal place for Milacron to land?

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

So this is Joe. Why don't I take the first part of that and flip it to Tom for the second part of that. Tom and I — we're just down the road from each other, about 50 miles apart and we met and started to talk to one another and just talked about business opportunities, what was happening and we found out that we discovered that it may be a great opportunity here for both sets of shareholders. One thing led to another, a lot of things have to come together and the timing has to be just right for something like this to come together. And so we're just delighted that it did. All the — as you know the history of this will be in the proxy materials that will get published. And so you'll see some of the detail there, but that's kind of how we came together. And then Tom, I'll turn it to you.

Thomas J. Goeke - Milacron Holdings Corp. - CEO, President & Director

Yes. So Mike, with the support of outside financial advisors, we reviewed the offer we had from Hillenbrand and believe the transaction presents a unique opportunity to create significant and immediate value for our stockholders, as well as the opportunity to benefit from the upside potential of the combined companies. We tested the waters and found out that it in fact is a very good offer. The synergies felt really good for the combined company. As you know, we've just concluded restructuring our focus internally as growth, internal improvement, and I think the Hillenbrand Operating Model really gives us an acceleration for improvement internally, in terms of operating efficiencies and speed in doing business.

Michael Patrick Halloran - Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Research Division - Associate Director of Research & Senior Research Analyst

Makes sense. And then, so I know the Milacron side very well obviously and I know a question earlier touched on this, but I would like some more context on how these two pieces fit together. So obviously, that — I think it's Slide 12 has a good diagram on where the overlaps are, not a lot of overlaps, so when a typical customer or somebody is going through the value chain in the plastics processing. How much real overlap happens at the customer level. How much does this process kind of flow together in a synchronized way? Or are these more disparate and ultimately the goal for you on a multiyear basis after debt levels normalized lower. Is this just the template for what you want to fill in longer-term as you continue to push and gain more in the plastic space?

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Yes. So I'll start with this and then I'm sure Tom will weigh in as well. So because you know a little bit less maybe about the Hillenbrand business, our great strengths in the value chain are at the front end of

the value chain. So it's really base resin production. We make extrusion and material handling equipment that is making — think about polyethylene and polypropylene plants, these are our systems, may be producing up to 100 tons or more an hour of plastic pellets that are polyethylene or polypropylene. We then also have similar types of equipment downstream to the next step, which is you take those base resins, those base polyethylene and polypropylene pellets and then may add color in it or UV protection or strength to them. And that's with the engineered plastic or plastics compounding. And there we're strong on the material handling side, we have a very high in-line of feeders and then compounders, pelletizers et cetera. So that's sort of where — that's our strength. We play a little bit on the extruded products. So our extruders are used to make flooring, window profiles, piping et cetera. We tend to have bigger, stronger machines, so we tend to make like larger things. And then finally, at the very end of the chain, in recycling, when you think about industrial recycling, right? The product goes back in, it gets reground and it goes right back through an extruder and turned back in to a pellet. So that's kind of where the Hillenbrand piece plays. And then we overlap really a little bit at the extruder part, but again, we make bigger equipment than they do. But if you walk into their plant, their plant looks like are they making screws and barrels and control systems for their screws, we're doing the same things, they're just bigger. And so then — so that's the overlap and then really on the processing side for injection molding products, but — we really don't have much of a presence there from a Hillenbrand perspective, but believe we can sell some of the material handling equipment in that space. And now I make one more comment before I see if Tom wants to add anything. On that chart, you see the green parts on that chart. So one of the things that's really important for this value chain is you want to be in the key places. And it's typically a conversion step or a place that creates real value and transforms the product or creates the product that your customer gets paid value for. And so one of the great things about these businesses coming together is we really are strong in some of the key conversion steps. And when you are strong in those key conversion steps, then you get the opportunity to work together to best understand how materials flow and what the issues are in different parts of the value chain. And so that's over the very long-run, like we expect R&D and engineering capabilities to be able to share lots of good information, but it's generally different customers from the first two parts to the third part, which is the processing part. Tom, do you want to add?

Thomas J. Goeke - Milacron Holdings Corp. - CEO, President & Director

No, I think you really explained it quite well. I would say the one is the Coperion brand sells systems, highly engineered systems. And the extrusion equipment is highly sophisticated. Our extrusion equipment is a bit simpler, where today I would say Coperion may not be competitive in certain application areas because of that. So it really expands a large complementary area in extrusion. And then, with our extrusion business, it gives us the opportunity now with Coperion to look upstream and downstream at delivering around the less sophisticated extruder, also a full system. And so on the injection molding side, that same upstream and feeding equipment is not different than what you use in extrusion, we're bringing raw materials to a plastic conversion machine, processing and then doing some kind of take away on parts. So that whole upstream part of what is available in engineering at Coperion plays really nicely with the injection molding business.

Michael Patrick Halloran - Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Research Division - Associate Director of Research & Senior Research Analyst

Great. So last one, Joe, maybe talk about how you think fluids fits into the overall portfolio, obviously, you're going to have a fair amount of debt out of the gate, free cash flow is going to go towards debt

pay downs, but fluids was always deemed, at least externally as non-core to Milacron, curious how you're viewing that from your seat?

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Yes. So first, I guess, I would just like to say, it's a good business, right? The fluid business is a good business, it's got really good. As Tom explained earlier, it's good, good financial characteristics, good growth prospects, so it's a really good business. We're still early in this whole process and we're evaluating how the parts and pieces of the portfolio fit together. And so — but then — with that said, of course, if there is a better owner for a business, we'd be happy to explore that to create shareholder value, but again, it's part of the business, it's got really good characteristics and we think it's a great business.

Operator

Your next question comes from Daniel Moore from CJS Securities.

Daniel Joseph Moore - CJS Securities, Inc. - Director of Research

Just a reasonably long lead time between now and expected close, just maybe comment on any regulatory issues, that you see if there are any, if it's largely here in the U.S., if there is other European anti-trust you need to get through?

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Yes. So Dan, this is Joe. So the first thing I would say is that we have some good advisors. So I think both sides have good advisors. So that's important and the regulatory approvals I would say are sort of customary sorts of approvals that you would expect in a deal like this with — but we don't expect any significant regulatory hurdles or issues, we're pretty complementary businesses, as I think you heard and so we're pretty customary and we don't expect any issues.

Operator

There are no further questions. I'll turn the call back over to Joe Raver. I apologize.

Joe A. Raver - Hillenbrand, Inc. - President, CEO & Director

Thank you very much, no problem. Thank you very much. So hey, we're super excited here, right? We're excited about this transaction. I firmly believe that this is the next step in Hillenbrand's vision to become a world-class global diversified industrial company. In the Milacron businesses, we're getting really great technology, sizable customer installed base and these are good businesses with good growth profiles and operating margins. I think as a combined company, we talked a lot about the plastic's value chain, we think we can capitalize on that. Our geographic footprint, we think we can capitalize on that. And then they do some things really well, like a shared service center, we think we can benefit from shared procurement. And then I think our Hillenbrand Operating Model, we're excited to introduce that to the Milacron businesses. So we really feel good, and we feel like from a cultural perspective, we have a good fit. And lastly, we think that this will create really good financial benefits for both sets of shareholders.

And so again, I want to thank everybody for participating in the call this morning. Look, we recognize we have a lot of work to do ahead of us, but we're really excited about the potential of bringing these two companies together. So thanks everyone, really appreciate it and have a great day.

Operator

This concludes today's conference call. You may now disconnect.

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