FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

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This presentation contains non-GAAP financial measures. For more information about our use of non-GAAP financial measures see the appendix.

In this presentation, unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms “PAE”, “company, “we”, “our” and the “Company” refer to PAE Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole. Unless otherwise noted, the source for figures is PAE management.
Q2 2020 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Strong Execution
- Strong Adjusted EBITDA margins (7.5%)
- Lowered net debt leverage to 2.8x on 2020E Adjusted EBITDA
- Generated $43.5 million of free cash flow
- Strong business fundamentals in place

Solid Business Development Progress
- Quarterly net bookings of $521 million (0.8x revenue)
  - Excludes $1.3 billion CBP award which was protested
  - Recent awards mitigate new business and recompete requirements for guidance

Revising 2020 Financial Guidance

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1 The Company is not providing a reconciliation for these estimates based on the unreasonable efforts exception for forward-looking information. See slide 11 for more information.

Q2 2020 REVENUE
$643.3 million

ADJUSTED EBITDA
$48.4 million (7.5% margin)

SOLID BACKLOG
$6.3 billion (excludes $1.3 billion CBP award)

FOCUSED ON STRENGTHENING THE BALANCE SHEET
Re-iterating FCF guidance of at least $100 million

NEGLIGIBLE IMPACT FROM COVID-19 ON PROFITABILITY

CAPEX-LIGHT BUSINESS MODEL

PAE PROPRIETARY
DIVERSE BUSINESS PORTFOLIO
CREATES A UNIQUE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

CUSTOMER BREAKOUT (% of 2020 plan revenue)
- 22% DoS
- 15% DoD
- 10% NAVY
- 13% DHS
- 4% DOJ
- 11% CLASSIFIED
- 12% OTHER

GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY (% of 2020 plan revenue)
- 63% U.S.
- 37% INTERNATIONAL

CONTRACT DIVERSITY (% of 2020 plan revenue)
- 54% ALL OTHER CONTRACTS
- 8% DoD
- 6% 40+ Years
- 5% 60+ Years
- 4% 50+ Years
- 4% 35+ Years
- 4% 15+ Years
- 3% 40+ Years

Source: PAE management; based on 2020 revenue plan
STRONG CYCLICAL RESILIENCY
CONSISTENT SERVICES SPENDING DRIVES PREDICTABLE PERFORMANCE

DoD Base Budget 2013-2019¹ ($B)

- Rise of enduring threats has sustained defense spending levels to date
  - Chinese power projection
  - Middle East / North Africa destabilization
  - Resurgent Russia

- PAE ensures mission readiness for our customers; operating on resilient programs

- We operate within the O&M portion of the DoD budget which tends to be less volatile than investment accounts (Procurement, RDT&E)

- PAE’s contracts are predominantly funded from stable portions of the U.S. Govt budget, with little dependence on wartime or emergency OCO funding (e.g., embassy work, stability operations, business process outsourcing)

Proforma PAE Organic Revenue

2013A – PF19A Organic Revenue CAGR 4.8%

Source: Congressional Budget Office
¹ Base budget does not include OCO and GWOT (Global War on Terror) expenditures
² Represents Overseas Contingency Operations
³ Excludes revenue from CSC Applied Technologies Division, USIS Professional Services Division and Labat-Anderson, A-T Solutions, FCI Federal and McFadden acquisitions; Source: PAE management estimates
PAE PIPELINE
POSITIONED TO CONTINUE CAPITALIZING ON ATTRACTIVE GROWTH PROSPECTS

PAE has a robust pipeline of opportunities which does not include significant IDIQ value potential.

2020 METRICS
Qualified Pipeline - ~$38B
2020 Est. Proposal Submissions - $12B+
Pending Awards @ 06/28/2020 - ~$8B+ ¹

2019 ACTUALS
2019 Proposals Submitted - $13B
2019 Bookings - $3.1B; 1.1x Revenue

¹ Includes $1.3 billion CBP award previously protested
COVID-19 Status Update

Manageable Impact to Date from COVID-19

- Logistics operations impacted by international airport closures
- Certain training programs have been rescheduled to 2nd half of the year
- Immigration programs have slowed
- About 95% of the direct labor workforce is working and billable

COVID-19 Financial Impact

- 2nd quarter 2020 revenue negatively impacted by approximately $59 million
- Immaterial adjusted EBITDA impact that was offset by increased profitability on existing programs and revenue mix
- 2nd half revenue expected to be negatively impacted by a slightly reduced run rate impact as Q2, partially offset by on-contract growth and new business

CARES Act

- Expectation to have little incremental risk exposure
- To date, we have largely relied upon customer authorizations to charge for mobile-ready personnel
SECOND-QUARTER 2020 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
AMIDST A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT, PAE DELIVERED SOLID REVENUE AND RECORD ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGINS

Despite revenue headwinds from COVID-19, Q2 adjusted EBITDA of $48.4 million increased 23% over Q2 2019 performance.

Q2 Revenue driven primarily by $59 million impact of COVID-19 and partially offset by new business.

Q2 Free Cash Flow of $43.5 million driven by higher cash earnings and improved collections; DSO was 62 days in Q2. FY 2019 Free Cash Flow is higher due to increased cash collections following the end of the government shutdown.

Free Cash Flow defined as Cash Flow provided by operating activities less Capex.

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BACKLOG AND BOOK TO BILL
ROBUST BACKLOG SUPPORTS LONG-TERM VISIBILITY INTO RECURRING AND GROWING REVENUE BASE

TOTAL BACKLOG ($billions)

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TTM BOOK-TO-BILL RATIO

- Including CBP award
- 1.5x
- 1.4x
- 1.3x
- 1.2x
- 1.0x
- 1.1x
- 0.9x
- 1.0x

PAE PROPRIETARY

PAE

GLOBAL MISSION SERVICES

NATIONAL SECURITY SOLUTIONS

CBP

PAE PROPRIETARY
Global Mission Services
Strong margin expansion

- GMS maintains a high backlog to TTM revenue coverage ratio of 2.3x
- Revenues impacted by approximate $41 million COVID-19 impact, of which approximately $30 million was lower margin non-labor
- Adjusted operating income margin of 7.4% driven by favorable revenue mix and increased volume on higher margin programs

National Security Solutions
Increased volume on higher margin programs

- NSS maintains a high backlog to TTM revenue coverage ratio of 2.5x
- Revenues impacted by the 2019 recompete loss of certain contracts and an approximate $18 million COVID-19 impact, of which approximately $11 million was lower margin non-labor
- Adjusted operating income improved to $11.0 million (8.1%) in the quarter driven by increased volume on higher margin programs and lower SG&A expenses
REVISING 2020 FINANCIAL GUIDANCE

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Revenue guidance driven by COVID-19 (labor and non-labor) and award delays, partially offset by on-contract growth and new awards.

Despite the reduction in revenue guidance, we are narrowing and slightly increasing the Adjusted EBITDA mid-point due to revenue mix and increased profitability on existing programs. Mid-Point Adjusted EBITDA margin improves 40 basis points over original guidance to 6.6%.

No change to our Free Cash Flow outlook for the year.

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1 The company is not providing a quantitative reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA in reliance on the "unreasonable efforts" exception for forward-looking non-GAAP measures set forth in SEC rules because certain financial information, the probable significance of which cannot be determined, is not available and cannot be reasonably estimated without unreasonable effort and expense. In this regard, the company does not provide a reconciliation of forward-looking adjusted EBITDA to GAAP net income, due to the inherent difficulty in forecasting and quantifying certain amounts that are necessary for such reconciliation. Because certain deductions for non-GAAP exclusions used to calculate projected net income may vary significantly based on actual events, the company is not able to forecast on a GAAP basis with reasonable certainty all deductions needed in order to provide a GAAP calculation of projected net income at this time. The amounts of these deductions may be material and, therefore, could result in projected GAAP net income being materially less than is indicated by estimated adjusted EBITDA and pro forma adjusted EBITDA.
Revenue Guidance: $2,600 million – $2,700 million

With reduction in revenue guidance and conservative new business assumptions, backlog has increased to 96.2%

Recompete risk reduced to 1.7% driven by recent wins and extensions

Reduced new business requirements to reflect temporary award delays
Basic share count of approximately 92 million shares\(^1\)

Effective tax rate of approximately 24%; zero federal cash taxes in 2020

Full-year 2020 depreciation and amortization expected to be approximately $43 million

Full-year 2020 cash interest expense expected to be about $47 million

Re-iterating full-year 2020 free cash flow\(^2\) expectation of at least $100 million

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## PAE CAPITAL STRUCTURE

### PAE CAPITALIZATION (AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS)

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<td>Cash &amp; Equivalents</td>
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<td>Market Capitalization (@$8.67/share as of 08/05/20)</td>
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INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

**THIS IS PAE**
Well-established platform and brand with a 65+ year history of success

**DIVERSIFICATION**
Significant customer and contract diversification creates a unique competitive advantage

**STABILITY**
End-markets provide resiliency and stability largely immune to business distribution

**GROWTH**
Growth story driven by strategic transformation and M&A pipeline

**PRECISION**
History of delivering exceptional performance and garnering high customer satisfaction ratings

**FINANCIAL**
Strong financial profile, delivering acquisition capacity and rapid deleveraging
NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The Company uses EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, adjusted operating income per segment and adjusted operating income margin per segment as supplemental non-GAAP measures of performance. PAE defines EBITDA as net income excluding (i) interest expense, (ii) provision for or benefit from income taxes and (iii) depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted operating income per segment exclude certain amounts included in EBITDA as provided in the reconciliations provided herein. Adjusted EBITDA is equal to the sum of adjusted operating income for each segment. Adjusted EBITDA margin is calculated as adjusted EBITDA divided by revenues expressed as a percentage and adjusted operating income margin is calculated as adjusted operating income divided by revenues expressed as a percentage.

For 2020 and 2019, the Company’s net income was impacted by certain events that do not reflect the cost of our operations and which may affect the period-over-period assessment of operating results. The non-GAAP financial measures demonstrate the impact of these events.

During 2019 substantially all the assets of PAE ISR LLC (“ISR”) were sold. The Company believes that it is helpful for investors to be able to evaluate the performance of PAE’s underlying business based on excluding ISR’s operations during the year. To calculate the loss, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted operating income without ISR, the Company removed ISR from its revenue and loss metrics for the second quarter of 2019.

These non-GAAP measures of performance are used by management to conduct and evaluate its business during its regular review of operating results for the periods presented. Management and the Company’s Board utilize these non-GAAP measures to make decisions about the use of the Company’s resources, analyze performance between periods, develop internal projections and measure management performance. PAE believes these non-GAAP measures are useful to investors in evaluating the Company’s ongoing operating and financial results and understanding how such results compare with the Company’s historical performance.

In addition to the above non-GAAP financial measures, the Company has included backlog, net bookings, and book-to bill ratio in this release. Backlog is an operational measure representing the estimated amount of future revenues to be recognized under negotiated contracts and task orders as work is performed and excludes contract awards which have been protested by competitors until the protest is resolved in our favor. Net bookings are an operational measure representing the change in backlog between reporting periods plus reported revenue for the period and book-to bill ratio is an operational measure representing net bookings divided by reported revenues for the same period. We believe backlog, net bookings and book-to bill ratio are useful metrics for investors because they are an important measure of business development performance and revenue growth. These metrics are used by management to conduct and evaluate its business during its regular review of operating results for the periods presented.
Reconciliation of GAAP net income to Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP Measure - Company

(in thousands)

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(4) Sponsor fees include general management, transactional, financial and other corporate advisory services.
(5) Equity based compensation reflects costs associated with the issuance of restricted and performance shares to PAE employees and independent directors.
(6) Other costs include adjustments related to adjustments to offset capitalized internal labor and state income taxes that were not captured in reported income tax expense.
REPORTABLE SEGMENTS NON-GAAP ADJUSTED OPERATING INCOME RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation of GAAP operating income to adjusted operating income, a non-GAAP Measure - GMS
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<td>(3,918)</td>
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(7) Corporate operating loss allocation includes certain selling, general and administrative, depreciation and amortization costs that cannot be assigned to a specific segment; this cost is allocated based on proportionate segment revenues for the period in which the cost is incurred.
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<td>8.1 %</td>
<td>5.2 %</td>
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(1) Non-core expenses include certain professional fees, gain/loss on disposal of fixed assets, settlements and certain severance costs.
(2) Non-cash items include idle facilities charges for facilities the Company no longer occupies, pension curtailment costs and unrealized FX gains/losses.
(3) Forward loss accruals include adjustments related to future expected losses recognized in the current period.
(4) Sponsor fees include management fees and out of pocket expenses paid to the Company’s former private equity sponsor for general management, transactional, financial and other corporate advisory services.
(5) Equity based compensation reflects costs associated with the issuance of restricted and performance shares to PAE employees and independent directors.
(6) Other costs include adjustments related to adjustments to offset capitalized internal labor and state income taxes that were not captured in reported income tax expense.
(7) Corporate operating loss allocation includes certain selling, general and administrative, depreciation and amortization costs that cannot be assigned to a specific segment; this cost is allocated based on proportionate segment revenues for the period in which the cost is incurred.