
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended **March 31, 2018**
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number **000-50368**



(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

26-1631624
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

145 Hunter Drive, Wilmington, OH
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

45177
(Zip Code)

937-382-5591
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulations S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). YES NO

As of May 10, 2018, 59,080,512 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01, were outstanding.

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
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FILINGS WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

The financial information, including the financial statements, included in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2018.

The Securities and Exchange Commission maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding Air Transport Services Group, Inc. at www.sec.gov. Additionally, our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports, are available free of charge from our website at www.atsginc.com as soon as reasonably practicable after filing with the SEC.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this Quarterly report on Form 10-Q that are not historical facts are considered forward-looking statements (as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). Words such as “future,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “predicts,” “will,” “would,” “could,” “can,” “may,” and similar terms and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on expectations, estimates and projections as of the date of this filing, and involve risks and uncertainties that are inherently difficult to predict. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements for any number of reasons, including those described in this report and in our 2017 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | March 31 | |
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| REVENUES | \$ 203,040 | \$ 237,917 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | |
| Salaries, wages and benefits | 70,783 | 72,486 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 40,004 | 36,442 |
| Maintenance, materials and repairs | 36,866 | 30,282 |
| Fuel | 5,788 | 34,841 |
| Contracted ground and aviation services | 2,384 | 20,687 |
| Travel | 6,632 | 7,366 |
| Landing and ramp | 1,148 | 5,299 |
| Rent | 3,230 | 3,286 |
| Insurance | 1,357 | 1,262 |
| Other operating expenses | 7,205 | 8,036 |
| | <u>175,397</u> | <u>219,987</u> |
| OPERATING INCOME | 27,643 | 17,930 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) | | |
| Interest income | 23 | 32 |
| Non-service component of retiree benefit costs | 2,045 | (177) |
| Net gain (loss) on financial instruments | (885) | 1,869 |
| Loss from non-consolidated affiliate | (2,536) | — |
| Interest expense | (5,362) | (3,548) |
| | <u>(6,715)</u> | <u>(1,824)</u> |
| EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES | 20,928 | 16,106 |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE | (5,246) | (6,310) |
| EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | 15,682 | 9,796 |
| EARNINGS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, NET OF TAXES | 196 | 192 |
| NET EARNINGS | <u>\$ 15,878</u> | <u>\$ 9,988</u> |
| BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.17 |
| Discontinued operations | — | — |
| TOTAL BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE | <u>\$ 0.27</u> | <u>\$ 0.17</u> |
| DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.13 |
| Discontinued operations | 0.01 | — |
| TOTAL DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE | <u>\$ 0.27</u> | <u>\$ 0.13</u> |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES | | |
| Basic | 58,840 | 59,133 |
| Diluted | <u>59,558</u> | <u>64,949</u> |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In thousands)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| | March 31 | |
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| NET EARNINGS | \$ 15,878 | \$ 9,988 |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS): | | |
| Defined Benefit Pension | 687 | 1,234 |
| Defined Benefit Post-Retirement | 42 | 37 |
| Foreign Currency Translation | (16) | 37 |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME, net of tax | \$ 16,591 | \$ 11,296 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share data)

| | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 47,472 | \$ 32,699 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$2,495 in 2018 and \$2,445 in 2017 | 100,186 | 109,114 |
| Inventory | 22,256 | 22,169 |
| Prepaid supplies and other | 13,426 | 20,521 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 183,340 | 184,503 |
| Property and equipment, net | 1,176,520 | 1,159,962 |
| Lease incentive | 76,458 | 80,684 |
| Goodwill and acquired intangibles | 44,287 | 44,577 |
| Convertible note hedges | 56,046 | 53,683 |
| Other assets | 30,852 | 25,435 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 1,567,503 | \$ 1,548,844 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 96,041 | \$ 99,728 |
| Accrued salaries, wages and benefits | 29,436 | 40,127 |
| Accrued expenses | 10,259 | 10,455 |
| Current portion of debt obligations | 14,846 | 18,512 |
| Unearned revenue | 12,765 | 15,850 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 163,347 | 184,672 |
| Long term debt | 515,595 | 497,246 |
| Convertible note obligations | 56,881 | 54,359 |
| Stock warrant obligations | 214,205 | 211,136 |
| Post-retirement obligations | 56,771 | 61,355 |
| Other liabilities | 44,276 | 45,353 |
| Deferred income taxes | 107,930 | 99,444 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 1,159,005 | 1,153,565 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note H) | | |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Preferred stock, 20,000,000 shares authorized, including 75,000 Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock | — | — |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 85,000,000 shares authorized; 59,080,512 and 59,057,195 shares issued and outstanding in 2018 and 2017, respectively | 591 | 591 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 467,570 | 471,456 |
| Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) | 2,644 | (13,748) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (62,307) | (63,020) |
| TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | 408,498 | 395,279 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$ 1,567,503 | \$ 1,548,844 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| | March 31 | |
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net earnings from continuing operations | \$ 15,682 | \$ 9,796 |
| Net earnings from discontinued operations | 196 | 192 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 46,320 | 39,033 |
| Pension and post-retirement | 942 | 1,995 |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,053 | 6,149 |
| Amortization of stock-based compensation | 1,014 | 784 |
| Net (gain) loss on financial instruments | 885 | (1,869) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 10,567 | (6,487) |
| Inventory and prepaid supplies | 4,871 | (4,413) |
| Accounts payable | (608) | 6,932 |
| Unearned revenue | (3,752) | 4,765 |
| Accrued expenses, salaries, wages, benefits and other liabilities | (10,079) | (9,911) |
| Pension and post-retirement assets | (4,584) | (3,039) |
| Other | 2,335 | 283 |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 68,842 | 44,210 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (79,092) | (83,786) |
| Proceeds from property and equipment | 16,763 | — |
| Acquisitions and investments in businesses | (2,450) | (640) |
| Redemption of long term deposits | — | 4,725 |
| NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES | (64,779) | (79,701) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Principal payments on long term obligations | (17,390) | (10,337) |
| Proceeds from borrowings | 30,000 | 60,000 |
| Payments for financing costs | (17) | — |
| Purchase of common stock | (564) | (1,463) |
| Withholding taxes paid for conversion of employee stock awards | (1,319) | (1,436) |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES | 10,710 | 46,764 |
| NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 14,773 | 11,273 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 32,699 | 16,358 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD | \$ 47,472 | \$ 27,631 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION: | | |
| Interest paid, net of amount capitalized | \$ 2,413 | \$ 3,406 |
| Federal alternative minimum and state income taxes paid | \$ 526 | \$ 113 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH INFORMATION: | | |
| Accrued capital expenditures | \$ 24,629 | \$ 18,251 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A—SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

Air Transport Services Group, Inc. is a holding company whose subsidiaries primarily operate within the airfreight and logistics industry. The Company leases aircraft and provides airline operations, ground services, aircraft modification and maintenance services and other support services. The Company's subsidiaries offer a range of complementary services to delivery companies, freight forwarders, airlines and government customers.

The Company's leasing subsidiary, Cargo Aircraft Management, Inc. ("CAM"), leases aircraft to each of the Company's airlines as well as to non-affiliated airlines and other lessees. The airlines, ABX Air, Inc. ("ABX") and Air Transport International, Inc. ("ATI"), each have the authority, through their separate U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT") and Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") certificates, to transport cargo worldwide. The Company's airlines provide a combination of aircraft, crews, maintenance and insurance services for a customer's transportation network through "CMI" and "ACMI" agreements and through charter contracts in which aviation fuel is also included. ATI provides passenger transportation, primarily to the U.S. Military, using "combi" aircraft, which are certified to carry passengers as well as cargo on the main deck.

In addition to its airline operations and aircraft leasing services, the Company provides aircraft maintenance and modification services, equipment maintenance services, and operates mail and package sorting facilities.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and such principles are applied on a basis consistent with the financial statements reflected in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC related to interim financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying financial statements contain all adjustments, including normal recurring adjustments, necessary for the fair presentation of the Company's results of operations and financial position for the periods presented. Due to seasonal fluctuations, among other factors common to the air cargo industry, the results of operations for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for the entire year or any interim period. The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. The accounting estimates reflect the best judgment of management, but actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Investments in affiliates in which the Company has significant influence but does not exercise control are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Using the equity method, the Company's share of the nonconsolidated affiliates' income or loss is recognized in the consolidated statement of earnings and cumulative post-acquisition changes in the investment are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. Inter-company balances and transactions are eliminated.

Accounting Standards Updates

Effective January 1, 2018 the Company adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" ("Topic 606") which superseded previous revenue recognition guidance. Topic 606 is a comprehensive new revenue recognition model that requires a company to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to a customer at an amount that reflects the consideration it expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. The Company's lease revenues within the scope of ASC 840, *Leases*, are specifically excluded from Topic 606.

The Company adopted the standard using a modified retrospective approach, under which financial statements are prepared under the revised guidance for the year of adoption, but not for prior years. Under this method, entities recognize a cumulative catch-up adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings at the effective date for open contract performance at that time. The Company's adoption efforts have included the identification of revenue within the scope of the standard, the evaluation of customer contracts in conjunction with new guidance and an assessment of the qualitative and quantitative impacts of the new standard on its financial statements. The evaluation included the application of each of the five steps identified in the Topic 606 revenue recognition model.

The Company determined that under Topic 606, it is an agent for aviation fuel and certain other costs reimbursed by customers under its ACMI and CMI contracts and for certain cargo handling services that it arranges for a customer. Under the new revenue standard, such reimbursed amounts are reported net of the corresponding expenses beginning in 2018. This application of Topic 606 did not have a material impact on the Company's reported earnings in any period. Additionally under Topic 606, the Company is required to record revenue over time, instead of at the time of completion, for certain customer contracts for airframe and modification services that do not have an alternative use and for which the Company has an enforceable right to payment during the service cycle. The Company adopted the provisions of this new standard using the modified retrospective method which requires the Company to record a one time adjustment to retained deficit for the cumulative effect that the standard has on open contracts at the time of adoption. Upon adoption of the new standard the Company accelerated \$3.6 million of revenue resulting in an immaterial adjustment to its January 1, 2018 retained deficit for open airframe and modification services contracts.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment" ("ASU 2017-04"). This new standard eliminates Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test and requires an entity to perform its goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. An entity recognizes an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. ASU 2017-04 is effective for any annual or interim goodwill impairment tests in the fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019 and must be applied prospectively. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. The Company adopted this new accounting guidance in January of 2018. The adoption did not have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU "Compensation - Retirement Benefits (Topic 715): Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost "(ASU 2017-07)". ASU 2017-07 requires an employer to report the service cost component of retiree benefits in the same line item or items as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the pertinent employees during the period. The other components of net benefit cost are required to be presented separately from the service cost component and outside a subtotal of income from operations. The Company adopted ASU 2017-07 on January 1, 2018, retrospectively to all periods presented. As a result, retiree benefit plan interest expense, investment returns, settlements and other non-service cost components of retiree benefit expenses are excluded from the Company's operating income subtotal as reported in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations, but remain included in earnings before income taxes. Information about retiree benefit plans' interest expense, investment returns and other components of retiree benefit expenses can be found in Note I.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU "Leases (Topic 842)" ("ASU 2016-02"), which will require the recognition of right to-use-assets and lease liabilities for leases previously classified as operating leases by lessees. The standard will take effect for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim reporting periods. Early application will be permitted for all entities. In addition, the FASB has decided to require a lessee to apply a modified retrospective transition approach for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements (the date of initial application). The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the date of initial application. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its financial statements and disclosures.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU “Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income” (“ASU 2018-02”). ASU 2018-02 amends ASC 220, Income Statement — Reporting Comprehensive Income, to allow a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from U.S. federal tax legislation known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. In addition, under the ASU 2018-02, a Company will be required to provide certain disclosures regarding stranded tax effects. ASU 2018-02 is effective for years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its financial statements and disclosures.

NOTE B—SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMERS

DHL

The Company has had long term contracts with DHL Network Operations (USA), Inc. and its affiliates (“DHL”) since August 2003. Revenues from aircraft leases and related services performed for DHL were approximately 28% and 26% of the Company's consolidated revenues from continuing operations for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Revenues excluding directly reimbursed expenses from continuing operations performed for DHL comprised approximately 30% of the Company's consolidated revenues from continuing operations for the three month period ending March 31, 2017. The Company's balance sheets include accounts receivable with DHL of \$10.8 million and \$15.7 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

The Company leases Boeing 767 aircraft to DHL under both long-term and short-term lease agreements. Under a separate crew, maintenance and insurance (“CMI”) agreement, the Company operates Boeing 767 aircraft that DHL leases from the Company. Pricing for services provided through the CMI agreement is based on pre-defined fees, scaled for the number of aircraft operated and the number of flight crews provided to DHL for its U.S. network. The Company provides DHL with scheduled maintenance services for aircraft that DHL leases. The Company also provides Boeing 767 and Boeing 757 air cargo transportation services for DHL through additional ACMI agreements in which the Company provides the aircraft, crews, maintenance and insurance under a single contract. Revenues generated from the ACMI agreements are typically based on hours flown. The Company also provides ground equipment, such as power units, air starts and related maintenance services to DHL under separate agreements.

Amazon

The Company has been providing freighter aircraft and services for cargo handling and logistical support for Amazon.com Services, Inc. (“ASI”), successor to Amazon Fulfillment Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Amazon.com, Inc. (“Amazon”) since September 2015. On March 8, 2016, the Company entered into an Air Transportation Services Agreement (the “ATSA”) with ASI, pursuant to which CAM leases 20 Boeing 767 freighter aircraft to ASI, including 12 Boeing 767-200 freighter aircraft for a term of five years and eight Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft for a term of seven years. The ATSA also provides for the operation of those aircraft by the Company's airline subsidiaries, and the management of ground services by the Company's subsidiary LGSTX Services Inc. (“LGSTX”). The ATSA became effective on April 1, 2016 and has a term of five years. CAM owns all 20 of the Boeing 767 aircraft that are leased and operated under the ATSA.

Revenues from continuing operations performed for Amazon comprised approximately 28% and 41% of the Company's consolidated revenues from continuing operations for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Revenues excluding directly reimbursed expenses from continuing operations performed for Amazon comprised approximately 27% of the Company's consolidated revenues from continuing operations for the three month period ending March 31, 2017. The Company's balance sheets include accounts receivable with Amazon of \$31.3 million and \$44.2 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

In conjunction with the execution of the ATSA, the Company and Amazon entered into an Investment Agreement and a Stockholders Agreement on March 8, 2016. The Investment Agreement calls for the Company to issue warrants in three tranches which will grant Amazon the right to acquire up to 19.9% of the Company's outstanding common shares as described below. The first tranche of warrants, issued upon the execution of the Investment Agreement and all of which are now fully vested, granted Amazon the right to purchase approximately 12.81 million ATSG common shares, with the first 7.69 million common shares vesting upon issuance on March 8, 2016, and the remaining 5.12 million common shares vesting as the Company delivered additional aircraft leased under the ATSA. The second

tranche of warrants, which were issued and vested on March 8, 2018, grants Amazon the right to purchase approximately 1.59 million ATSG common shares. The third tranche of warrants will be issued and vest on September 8, 2020, and will grant Amazon the right to purchase such additional number of ATSG common shares as is necessary to bring Amazon's ownership to 19.9% of the Company's pre-transaction outstanding common shares measured on a GAAP-diluted basis, adjusted for share issuances and repurchases by the Company following the date of the Investment Agreement and after giving effect to the warrants granted. The exercise price of the warrants is \$9.73 per share, which represents the closing price of ATSG's common shares on February 9, 2016. Each of the three tranches of warrants are exercisable in accordance with its terms through March 8, 2021. The Company anticipates making available the common shares required for the underlying warrants through a combination of share repurchases and the issuance of additional shares.

The Company's accounting for the warrants has been determined in accordance with the financial reporting guidance for equity-based payments to non-employees and for financial instruments. The warrants issued to Amazon as of March 8, 2016, were recorded to stockholders equity, having a fair value of \$4.89 per share. At that time, the fair value of the 7.69 million vested warrants issued to Amazon was recorded as a lease incentive asset and is being amortized against revenues over the duration of the aircraft leases. On May 12, 2016, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company at the annual meeting of stockholders to increase the number of authorized common shares and to approve the warrants in full as required under the rules of the Nasdaq Global Select Market. The stockholders' approval enabled features of the warrants that required the vested warrants of the first tranche and the warrants of the second and third tranches to be classified as financial instruments as of May 12, 2016. Accordingly, the fair value of those warrants was measured and classified in liabilities on that date. Since May 12, 2016, 5.12 million additional warrants in the first tranche vested in conjunction with the execution of eight aircraft leases. As of March 31, 2018, the Company's liabilities reflected 14.83 million warrants having a fair value of \$14.45 per share. The re-measurements of the warrants to fair value resulted in a non-operating loss of \$3.1 million and a gain of \$1.7 million before the effect of income taxes for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The Company's earnings in future periods will be impacted by the number of warrants granted, the re-measurements of warrant fair value, amortizations of the lease incentive asset and the related income tax effects. For income tax calculations, the value and timing of related tax deductions will differ from the guidance described above for financial reporting.

U.S. Military

A substantial portion of the Company's revenues is also derived from the U.S. Military. The U.S. Military awards flights to U.S. certificated airlines through annual contracts and through temporary "expansion" routes. Revenues from services performed for the U.S. Military were approximately 11% and 7% of the Company's total revenues from continuing operations for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Revenues excluding directly reimbursed expenses from continuing operations performed for Amazon comprised approximately 10% of the Company's consolidated revenues from continuing operations for the three month period ending March 31, 2017. The Company's balance sheets included accounts receivable with the U.S. Military of 8.0 million and 6.7 million as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

NOTE C—GOODWILL, INTANGIBLES AND EQUITY INVESTMENTS

The Company's assets for CAM and the MRO Services segments each include goodwill. An annual impairment test was performed for each, respectively, at December, 31, 2017 using industry market multiples and discounted cash flows utilizing a market-derived rate of return (level 3 fair value inputs). Goodwill was not impaired.

The carrying amounts of goodwill are as follows (in thousands):

| | CAM | MRO Services | Total |
|--|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Carrying value as of December 31, 2017 | \$ 34,395 | \$ 2,884 | \$ 37,279 |
| Carrying value as of March 31, 2018 | \$ 34,395 | \$ 2,884 | \$ 37,279 |

The Company's acquired intangible assets are as follows (in thousands):

| | Airline Certificates | Amortizing Intangibles | Total |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Carrying value as of December 31, 2017 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 4,298 | \$ 7,298 |
| Amortization | — | (290) | (290) |
| Carrying value as of March 31, 2018 | <u>\$ 3,000</u> | <u>\$ 4,008</u> | <u>\$ 7,008</u> |

The airline certificates have an indefinite life and therefore are not amortized. The Company amortizes finite-lived intangibles assets, including customer relationship and STC intangibles, over 4 to 7 years.

Stock warrants issued to a lessee (see Note B) as an incentive are recorded as a lease incentive asset using their fair value at the time that the lessee has met its performance obligation and amortized against revenues over the duration of related aircraft leases. The Company's lease incentive granted to the lessee was as follows (in thousands):

| | Lease Incentive |
|--|----------------------------|
| Carrying value as of December 31, 2017 | \$ 80,684 |
| Amortization | (4,226) |
| Carrying value as of March 31, 2018 | <u>\$ 76,458</u> |

The lease incentive began to amortize in April 2016, with the commencement of certain aircraft leases over the duration of the related leases.

In January 2014, the Company acquired a 25 percent equity interest in West Atlantic AB of Gothenburg, Sweden ("West"). West, through its two airlines, Atlantic Airlines Ltd. and West Air Sweden AB, operates a fleet of aircraft on behalf of European regional mail carriers and express logistics providers. The airlines operate a combined fleet of British Aerospace ATPs, Bombardier CRJ-200-PFs, and Boeing 767 and 737 aircraft. West leases three Boeing 767 aircraft and one Boeing 737 from the Company. The Company's carrying value of West was \$7.6 million and \$7.1 million at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, including \$5.5 million of excess purchase price over the Company's fair value of West's nets assets in January of 2014. In 2017, the Company paid \$2.4 million to West and entered into a preferred equity instrument. The Company's equity interest and the preferred equity instrument are reflected in "Other Assets" in the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

On August 3, 2017 the Company entered into a joint-venture agreement with Precision Aircraft Solutions, LLC, to develop a passenger-to-freighter conversion program for Airbus A321-200 aircraft. The Company anticipates approval of a supplemental type certificate from the FAA in 2019. The Company expects to make contributions equal to its 49% ownership percentage of the program's total costs over the next two years. During the first three months of 2018, the company contributed \$2.5 million to the joint venture. The Company accounts for its investment in the joint venture under the equity method of accounting, in which the carrying value of the investment is reduced for the Company's share of the joint ventures operating losses. The carrying value of the joint venture, reflected in "Other Assets" in the Company's consolidated balance sheets, was \$5.5 million and \$5.6 million at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

NOTE D—FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company's money market funds and interest rate swaps are reported on the Company's consolidated balance sheets at fair values based on market values from identical or comparable transactions. The fair value of the Company's money market funds, stock warrant obligations, convertible note, convertible note hedges and interest rate swaps are based on observable inputs (Level 2) from comparable market transactions. The fair value of the stock warrant obligations were determined using a Black-Scholes pricing model which considers the Company's common stock price and various assumptions, such as the volatility of the Company's common stock, the expected dividend yield, and the risk-free interest rate. The fair value of the note conversion obligations and the convertible note hedges were estimated

using a Black-Scholes pricing model and incorporate the terms and conditions of the underlying financial instruments. The valuations are, among other things, subject to changes in both the Company's credit worthiness and the counterparties to the instruments as well as change in general market conditions. While the change in fair value of the note conversion obligations and the convertible note hedges are generally expected to move in opposite directions, the net change in any given period may be material.

The following table reflects assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in thousands):

| As of March 31, 2018 | Fair Value Measurement Using | | | Total |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash equivalents—money market | \$ — | \$ 35,785 | \$ — | \$ 35,785 |
| Interest rate swap | — | 4,183 | — | 4,183 |
| Convertible note hedges | — | 56,046 | — | 56,046 |
| Total Assets | \$ — | \$ 96,014 | \$ — | \$ 96,014 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Note conversion obligations | — | (56,881) | — | (56,881) |
| Stock warrant obligations | — | (214,205) | — | (214,205) |
| Total Liabilities | \$ — | \$ (271,086) | \$ — | \$ (271,086) |
| | | | | |
| As of December 31, 2017 | Fair Value Measurement Using | | | Total |
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Cash equivalents—money market | \$ — | \$ 1,326 | \$ — | \$ 1,326 |
| Interest rate swap | — | 1,840 | — | 1,840 |
| Convertible note hedges | — | 53,683 | — | 53,683 |
| Total Assets | \$ — | \$ 56,849 | \$ — | \$ 56,849 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Note conversion obligations | — | (54,359) | — | (54,359) |
| Stock warrant obligation | — | (211,136) | — | (211,136) |
| Total Liabilities | \$ — | \$ (265,495) | \$ — | \$ (265,495) |

As a result of lower market interest rates compared to the stated interest rates of the Company's fixed rate debt obligations, the fair value of the Company's debt obligations, based on Level 2 observable inputs, was approximately \$3.0 million more than the carrying value, which was \$530.4 million at March 31, 2018. As of December 31, 2017, the fair value of the Company's debt obligations was approximately \$9.1 million more than the carrying value, which was \$515.8 million. The non-financial assets, including goodwill, intangible assets and property and equipment are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

NOTE E—PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The Company's property and equipment consists primarily of cargo aircraft, aircraft engines and other flight equipment. Property and equipment, to be held and used, is summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Flight equipment | \$ 1,799,301 | \$ 1,801,808 |
| Ground equipment | 53,461 | 53,523 |
| Leasehold improvements, facilities and office equipment | 28,205 | 26,897 |
| Aircraft modifications and projects in progress | 164,414 | 121,760 |
| | <u>2,045,381</u> | <u>2,003,988</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation | (868,861) | (844,026) |
| Property and equipment, net | <u>\$ 1,176,520</u> | <u>\$ 1,159,962</u> |

CAM owned aircraft with a carrying value of \$705.2 million and \$697.4 million that were under leases to external customers as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

The Company's accounting policy for major airframe and engine maintenance varies by subsidiary and aircraft type. The costs of airframe maintenance for Boeing 767-200 operated by ABX are expensed as they are incurred. The costs of major airframe maintenance for the Company's other aircraft are capitalized and amortized over the useful life of the overhaul. Many of the Company's General Electric CF6 engines that power the Boeing 767-200 aircraft are maintained under "power by the hour" and "power by the cycle" agreements with an engine maintenance provider. Further, in May 2017, the Company entered into similar maintenance agreements for certain General Electric CF6 engines that power many of the Company's Boeing 767-300 aircraft. Under these agreements, the engines are maintained by the service provider for a fixed fee per cycle and/or flight hour. As a result, the cost of maintenance for these engines is generally expensed as flights occur. During their term, these maintenance agreements contain provisions for a minimum level of flight activity. Maintenance for the airlines' other aircraft engines, including those powering Boeing 757 aircraft, are typically contracted to service providers on a time and material basis and the costs of those engine overhauls are capitalized and amortized over the useful life of the overhaul.

NOTE F—DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Debt obligations consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Unsubordinated term loan | \$ 66,857 | \$ 70,568 |
| Revolving credit facility | 265,000 | 245,000 |
| Aircraft loans | — | 3,640 |
| Convertible debt | 198,584 | 196,550 |
| Total debt obligations | <u>530,441</u> | <u>515,758</u> |
| Less: current portion | (14,846) | (18,512) |
| Total long term obligations, net | <u>\$ 515,595</u> | <u>\$ 497,246</u> |

The Company executed a syndicated credit agreement ("Senior Credit Agreement") in May 2011 which includes an unsubordinated term loan and a revolving credit facility. Effective March 31, 2017, the Company executed an amendment to the Senior Credit Agreement that extended the maturity of the term loan and revolving credit facility to May 30, 2022, increased the capacity of the revolving credit facility by \$120.0 million to \$545.0 million and preserved the accordion feature such that the Company can now draw up to an additional \$100.0 million subject to the lenders' consent. Each year, through May 6, 2019, the Company may request a one year extension of the final maturity date, subject to the lenders' consent. In September 2017, the Company executed amendments to the Senior Credit Agreement.

These amendments increased the revolving credit facility's permitted additional indebtedness to \$300.0 million for convertible notes described below. The amendments also increased the amount of dividends the Company can pay and the amount of common stock it can repurchase to \$100.0 million during any calendar year, provided the Company's total secured debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization expenses ("EBITDA") ratio is under 3.00 times, after giving effect to the dividend or repurchase. As of March 31, 2018, the unused revolving credit facility totaled \$270.7 million, net of draws of \$265.0 million and outstanding letters of credit of \$9.3 million.

The Senior Credit Agreement is collateralized by certain of the Company's Boeing 767 and 757 aircraft that are not collateralized under aircraft loans. Under the terms of the Senior Credit Agreement, the Company is required to maintain collateral coverage equal to 125% of the outstanding balance of the term loan and the maximum capacity of revolving credit facility or 150% of the outstanding balance of the term loan and the total funded revolving credit facility, whichever is less. The minimum collateral coverage which must be maintained is 50% of the outstanding balance of the term loan plus the revolving credit facility commitment which was \$545.0 million.

The balance of the unsubordinated term loan is net of debt issuance costs of \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million for the periods ending March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Under the terms of the Senior Credit Agreement, interest rates are adjusted quarterly based on the Company's EBITDA, its outstanding debt level and prevailing LIBOR or prime rates. At the Company's current debt-to-EBITDA ratio, the LIBOR based financing for the unsubordinated term loan and revolving credit facility bear a variable interest rate of 3.38% and 3.38%, respectively. The aircraft loan was paid off by the Company in January 2018.

The Senior Credit Agreement contains covenants including, among other things, limitations on certain additional indebtedness, guarantees of indebtedness, as well as a total debt to EBITDA ratio and a fixed charge coverage ratio. The Senior Credit Agreement stipulates events of default, including unspecified events that may have material adverse effects on the Company. If an event of default occurs, the Company may be forced to repay, renegotiate or replace the Senior Credit Agreement.

In September 2017, the Company issued \$258.8 million aggregate principal amount of 1.125% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 ("Notes") in a private offering to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act. The Notes bear interest at a rate of 1.125% per year payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 each year, beginning April 15, 2018. The Notes mature on October 15, 2024, unless repurchased or converted in accordance with their terms prior to such date. The Notes are unsecured indebtedness, subordinated to the Company's existing and future secured indebtedness and other liabilities, including trade payables. Conversion of the Notes can only occur upon satisfaction of certain conditions and during certain periods, beginning in any calendar quarter commencing after December 31, 2017 and thereafter, until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date. Upon the occurrence of certain fundamental changes, holders of the Notes can require the Company to repurchase their notes at the cash repurchase price equal to the principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. Until the Company's shareholders increase the number of authorized shares of common stock to cover the full number of shares underlying the Notes, the Company is required to settle conversions solely in cash. If the number of authorized shares is increased, the Notes may be settled in cash, the Company's common shares or a combination of cash and the Company's common shares, at the Company's election. The initial conversion rate is 31.3475 common shares per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes (equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$31.90 per common share). If a "make-whole fundamental change" (as defined in the offering circular with the Notes) occurs, the Company will, in certain circumstances, increase the conversion rate for a specified period of time.

The Company evaluated the conversion features of the Notes under the applicable accounting guidance including ASC 815, "Derivatives and Hedging," and determined that the conversion features require separate accounting as a derivative. At the time of issuance, the fair value of this derivative was recorded on the balance sheet as the note conversion obligations (a long-term liability) and an offsetting discount to the Notes. Until the Company's shareholders increase the number of authorized shares of common stock, the note conversion obligations will be adjusted to reflect its fair value at the end of each quarter. The fair value of the note conversion obligation at issuance was \$57.4 million. The fair value of the note conversion obligations was \$56.9 million and \$54.4 million at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, and resulted in a non-operating loss of \$2.5 million before the effect of income tax during 2018.

The net proceeds from the issuance of the Notes were approximately \$252.3 million, after deducting initial issuance costs. These unamortized issuance costs and discount are being amortized to interest expense through October 2024, using an effective interest rate of approximately 5.15%. The carrying value of the Company's Convertible debt is shown below:

| | March 31, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Principal value, Convertible Senior Notes, due 2024 | 258,750 | 258,750 |
| Unamortized issuance costs | (6,479) | (6,685) |
| Unamortized discount | (53,687) | (55,515) |
| Convertible debt | <u>198,584</u> | <u>196,550</u> |

In conjunction with the offering of the Notes, the Company also sold warrants to the convertible note hedge counterparties in separate, privately negotiated warrant transactions at a higher strike price and for the same number of the Company's common shares, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments. The warrants could have a dilutive effect on the Company's outstanding common shares and the Company's earnings per share to the extent that the traded market price of the Company's common shares exceeds the strike price of the warrants which is \$41.35 per share and is subject to certain adjustments under the terms of the warrant transactions. In the event these warrants are exercised, the Company has enough authorized and unissued shares for their issuance. The amount received for these warrants and recorded in Stockholders' Equity in the Company's consolidated balance sheets was \$38.5 million.

NOTE G—DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

During September 2017, the Company issued convertible debt in the form of the Notes and recorded a long-term liability representing the Note conversion liability. In conjunction with the Notes, the Company purchased convertible note hedges having the same number of the Company's common shares, 8.1 million shares, and same strike price of \$31.90, that underlie the Notes. The convertible note hedges are expected to reduce the potential equity dilution with respect to the Company's common stock, and/or offset any cash payments in excess of the principal amount due, as the case may be, upon conversion of the Notes. The Company evaluated the convertible note hedges under the applicable accounting guidance, including ASC 815, "Derivatives and Hedging," and determined that the convertible note hedges should be accounted for as derivatives. These derivatives were capitalized on the balance sheet as long-term assets and are adjusted to reflect their fair value at the end of the quarter. The fair value of the convertible note hedges was \$56.0 million and \$53.7 million at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The Company recorded a net loss before the effects of income taxes of \$0.2 million during the three month period ending March 31, 2018 for the revaluation of the convertible note hedges and the note conversion obligations to fair value.

The Company's Senior Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain derivative instruments for protection from fluctuating interest rates, for at least fifty percent of the outstanding balance of the term loan. Accordingly, the Company entered into interest rate swaps. The table below provides information about the Company's interest rate swaps (in thousands):

| Expiration Date | Stated Interest Rate | March 31, 2018 | | December 31, 2017 | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Notional Amount | Market Value (Liability) | Notional Amount | Market Value (Liability) |
| May 5, 2021 | 1.090% | 33,750 | 914 | 35,625 | 719 |
| May 30, 2021 | 1.703% | 33,750 | 491 | 35,625 | 240 |
| March 31, 2022 | 1.900% | 50,000 | 1,166 | 50,000 | 416 |
| March 31, 2022 | 1.950% | 75,000 | 1,612 | 75,000 | 465 |

The outstanding interest rate swaps are not designated as hedges for accounting purposes. The effects of future fluctuations in LIBOR interest rates on derivatives held by the Company will result in the recording of unrealized gains and losses into the statement of operations. The Company recorded pre-tax gains on derivatives of \$2.3 million and \$0.2 million for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The liability for outstanding derivatives is recorded in other liabilities and in accrued expenses.

NOTE H—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease Commitments

The Company leases portions of the air park in Wilmington, Ohio, under lease agreements with a regional port authority, the terms of which expire in May of 2019 and June of 2036 with options to extend the leases. The leased facilities include corporate offices, 310,000 square feet of maintenance hangars and a 100,000 square foot component repair shop at the air park. ABX also has the non-exclusive right to use the airport, which includes one active runway, taxi ways and ramp space. The Company also leases and operates a 311,500 square foot, two hangar aircraft maintenance complex in Tampa, Florida. Additionally, the Company leases certain equipment and airport facilities, office space, and maintenance facilities at other locations. As of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company did not lease any aircraft from lessors.

Purchase Commitments

The Company has agreements with Israel Aerospace Industries Ltd. ("IAI") for the conversion of Boeing 767 passenger aircraft into a standard configured freighter aircraft. The conversions primarily consist of the installation of a standard cargo door and loading system. At March 31, 2018, the Company was committed to acquire and modify additional Boeing 767-300 passenger aircraft into standard freighter aircraft. In addition to eight aircraft that were in the modification process at March 31, 2018, the Company is committed to induct three more aircraft into the freighter modification process through 2018, including commitments to purchase three more Boeing 767-300 passenger aircraft during the first half of 2018. As of March 31, 2018, the Company's commitments to complete the conversions of aircraft it owns or has the contracts to purchase totaled \$101.7 million. Additionally, the Company could incur a cancellation fee for part kits for any aircraft that is not inducted into conversion at IAI.

Guarantees and Indemnifications

Certain leases and agreements of the Company contain guarantees and indemnification obligations to the lessor, or one or more other parties that are considered reasonable and customary (e.g. use, tax and environmental indemnifications), the terms of which range in duration and are often limited. Such indemnification obligations may continue after expiration of the respective lease or agreement.

Other

In addition to the foregoing matters, the Company is also a party to legal proceedings in various federal and state jurisdictions from time to time arising out of the operation of the Company's business. The amount of alleged liability, if any, from these proceedings cannot be determined with certainty; however, the Company believes that its ultimate liability, if any, arising from pending legal proceedings, as well as from asserted legal claims and known potential legal claims which are probable of assertion, taking into account established accruals for estimated liabilities, should not be material to our financial condition or results of operations.

Employees Under Collective Bargaining Agreements

As of March 31, 2018, the flight crewmember employees of ABX and ATI and flight attendant employees of ATI were represented by the labor unions listed below:

| Airline | Labor Agreement Unit | Percentage of the Company's Employees |
|---------|--|---------------------------------------|
| ABX | International Brotherhood of Teamsters | 8.2% |
| ATI | Air Line Pilots Association | 7.6% |
| ATI | Association of Flight Attendants | 1.2% |

NOTE I—PENSION AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

Defined Benefit and Post-retirement Healthcare Plans

ABX sponsors a qualified defined benefit pension plan for ABX crewmembers and a qualified defined benefit pension plan for a major portion of its other ABX employees that meet minimum eligibility requirements. ABX also sponsors non-qualified defined benefit pension plans for certain employees. These non-qualified plans are unfunded. Employees are no longer accruing benefits under any of the defined benefit pension plans. ABX also sponsors a post-retirement healthcare plan for its ABX employees, which is unfunded. Benefits for covered individuals terminate upon reaching age 65 under the post-retirement healthcare plans.

The accounting and valuation for these post-retirement obligations are determined by prescribed accounting and actuarial methods that consider a number of assumptions and estimates. The selection of appropriate assumptions and estimates is significant due to the long time period over which benefits will be accrued and paid. The long term nature of these benefit payouts increases the sensitivity of certain estimates of our post-retirement costs. The assumptions considered most sensitive in actuarially valuing ABX's pension obligations and determining related expense amounts are discount rates and expected long term investment returns on plan assets. Additionally, other assumptions concerning retirement ages, mortality and employee turnover also affect the valuations. Actual results and future changes in these assumptions could result in future costs significantly higher than those recorded in our results of operations.

ABX measures plan assets and benefit obligations as of December 31 of each year. Information regarding ABX's sponsored defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement healthcare plans follow below. The accumulated benefit obligation reflects pension benefit obligations based on the actual earnings and service to-date of current employees.

The Company's net periodic benefit costs for its defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement healthcare plans for both continuing and discontinued operations are as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | Pension Plans | | Post-Retirement Healthcare Plan | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Service cost | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 30 | \$ 39 |
| Interest cost | 7,284 | 8,775 | 32 | 36 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (10,523) | (10,930) | — | — |
| Amortization of prior service cost | — | — | — | (13) |
| Amortization of net (gain) loss | 887 | 1,937 | 55 | 71 |
| Net periodic benefit cost (income) | \$ (2,352) | \$ (218) | \$ 117 | \$ 133 |

During the three month period ending March 31, 2018, the Company contributed \$1.3 million to the pension plans. The Company expects to contribute an additional \$21.1 million during the remainder of 2018.

NOTE J—INCOME TAXES

The provision for income taxes for interim periods is based on management's best estimate of the effective income tax rate expected to be applicable for the current year, plus any adjustments arising from changes in the estimated amount of taxable income related to prior periods. Federal legislation known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("Tax Act") was enacted on December 22, 2017. The Tax Act reduces the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from the previous rate of 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018. The Tax Act also makes broad and complex changes to the U.S. tax code, including, but not limited to a one time tax on earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries, limitations of net operating loss carryforwards created in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, bonus depreciation for full expensing of qualified property, and limitations on the deductibility of certain executive compensation. The Company will continue to refine the calculations as additional analysis is completed and the Company gains a more thorough understanding of the Tax Act, including the tax law related to the deductibility of purchased assets, state tax treatment, and amounts related to employee compensation.

Income tax expense recorded through March 31, 2018 utilized a projected annualized 23.9% rate applied to year-to-date income. Additionally, the Company recorded discrete tax items for the conversion of employee stock awards during the first quarter of 2018, resulting in an effective tax rate of 25.1%. The final effective tax rate applied to 2018 will depend on the actual amount of pre-tax book results by the Company for the full year, the additional conversions of employee stock awards, issuance of stock warrants and other items.

The Company has operating loss carryforwards for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Management expects to utilize the loss carryforwards to offset federal income tax liabilities in the future. Due to the Company's deferred tax assets, including its loss carryforwards, management does not expect to pay federal income taxes until 2023 or later. The Company may, however, be required to pay some federal tax due to loss carryforward usage limitations and certain state and local income taxes before then.

NOTE K—ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) includes the following items by components for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017 (in thousands):

| | Defined Benefit Pension | Defined Benefit Post- Retirement | Foreign Currency Translation | Total |
|---|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2016 | (77,088) | (1,301) | (1,477) | (79,866) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications: | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | — | — | 58 | 58 |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income: | | | | |
| Actuarial costs (reclassified to non-service costs) | 1,937 | 71 | — | 2,008 |
| Negative prior service cost | — | (13) | — | (13) |
| Income Tax (Expense) or Benefit | (703) | (21) | (21) | (745) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 1,234 | 37 | 37 | 1,308 |
| Balance as of March 31, 2017 | <u>(75,854)</u> | <u>(1,264)</u> | <u>(1,440)</u> | <u>(78,558)</u> |

| | Defined Benefit Pension | Defined Benefit Post- Retirement | Foreign Currency Translation | Total |
|---|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2017 | (60,575) | (1,097) | (1,348) | (63,020) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications: | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | — | — | (25) | (25) |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income: | | | | |
| Actuarial costs (reclassified to non-service costs) | 887 | 55 | — | 942 |
| Income Tax (Expense) or Benefit | (200) | (13) | 9 | (204) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 687 | 42 | (16) | 713 |
| Balance as of March 31, 2018 | <u>(59,888)</u> | <u>(1,055)</u> | <u>(1,364)</u> | <u>(62,307)</u> |

NOTE L—STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company's Board of Directors has granted stock incentive awards to certain employees and board members pursuant to a long term incentive plan which was approved by the Company's stockholders in May 2005 and in May 2015. Employees have been awarded non-vested stock units with performance conditions, non-vested stock units with market conditions and non-vested restricted stock. The restrictions on the non-vested restricted stock awards lapse at the end of a specified service period, which is typically three years from the date of grant. Restrictions could lapse sooner upon a business combination, death, disability or after an employee qualifies for retirement. The non-vested stock units will be converted into a number of shares of Company stock depending on performance and market conditions at the end of a specified service period, lasting approximately three years. The performance condition awards will be converted into a number of shares of Company stock based on the Company's average return on invested capital during the service period. Similarly, the market condition awards will be converted into a number of shares depending on the appreciation of the Company's stock compared to the NASDAQ Transportation Index. Board members were granted time-based awards with vesting periods of approximately six or twelve months. The Company expects to settle all of the stock unit awards by issuing new shares of stock. The table below summarizes award activity.

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|--|
| | March 31, 2018 | | March 31, 2017 | |
| | Number of Awards | Weighted average grant-date fair value | Number of Awards | Weighted average grant-date fair value |
| Outstanding at beginning of period | 873,849 | \$ 12.30 | 1,040,569 | \$ 9.97 |
| Granted | 206,695 | 26.53 | 243,940 | 17.52 |
| Converted | (96,616) | 10.89 | (173,210) | 9.69 |
| Expired | — | — | — | — |
| Forfeited | — | — | (3,800) | 13.66 |
| Outstanding at end of period | 983,928 | \$ 15.43 | 1,107,499 | \$ 11.66 |
| Vested | 326,928 | \$ 7.18 | 324,599 | \$ 6.39 |

The average grant-date fair value of each performance condition award, non-vested restricted stock award and time-based award granted by the Company in 2018 was \$25.15, the fair value of the Company's stock on the date of grant. The average grant-date fair value of each market condition award granted in 2018 was \$31.60. The market condition awards were valued using a Monte Carlo simulation technique, a risk-free interest rate of 2.4% and a volatility of 33.8% based on volatility over three years using daily stock prices.

For the month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company recorded expense of \$1.0 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, for stock incentive awards. At March 31, 2018, there was \$8.5 million of unrecognized expense related to the stock incentive awards that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years. As of March 31, 2018, none of the awards were convertible, 326,928 units of the Board members time-based awards had vested and none of the outstanding shares of the restricted stock had vested. These awards could result in a maximum number of 1,219,878 additional outstanding shares of the Company's common stock depending on service, performance and market results through December 31, 2020.

NOTE M—COMMON STOCK AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per Share

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per common share are as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

| | Three Months Ending March 31, | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Numerator: | | |
| Earnings from continuing operations - basic | \$ 15,682 | \$ 9,796 |
| Gain from stock warrants revaluation, net of tax | — | (1,539) |
| Earnings from continuing operations - diluted | \$ 15,682 | \$ 8,257 |
| Denominator: | | |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding for basic earnings per share | 58,840 | 59,133 |
| Common equivalent shares: | | |
| Effect of stock-based compensation awards and warrants | 718 | 5,816 |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding assuming dilution | 59,558 | 64,949 |
| Basic earnings per share from continuing operations | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.17 |
| Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations | \$ 0.26 | \$ 0.13 |

The determination of diluted earnings per share requires the exclusion of the fair value re-measurement of the stock warrants recorded as a liability (see Note B), if such warrants have an anti-dilutive effect on earnings per share. The dilutive effect of the weighted-average diluted shares outstanding is calculated using the treasury method for periods in which equivalent shares have a dilutive effect on earnings per share. Under this method, the number of diluted shares is determined by dividing the assumed proceeds of the warrants recorded as a liability by the average stock price during the period and comparing that amount with the number of corresponding warrants outstanding.

The underlying warrants recorded as a liability as of March 31, 2018 and 2017 would have resulted in 14.8 million and 12.3 million additional shares of the Company's common stock, respectively, if the warrants were settled by tendering cash. The warrants recorded in stockholders' equity as of March 31, 2018, would have resulted in 8.1 million additional shares of the Company's common stock, if the Company's stock price exceeded \$41.35 and the warrants were settled in shares.

NOTE N—SEGMENT AND REVENUE INFORMATION

The Company operates in three reportable segments. The CAM segment consists of the Company's aircraft leasing operations and its segment earnings include an allocation of interest expense. The ACMI Services segment consists of the Company's airline operations, including CMI agreements as well as ACMI and charter service agreements that the Company has with its customers. The MRO Services segment provides aircraft parts, component repairs, airframe maintenance services, aircraft modifications and other aircraft maintenance services. The MRO Services became reportable during 2018 due to the size of its revenues. Prior periods presented below have been prepared by separating MRO Services from "All other" for comparative purposes. The Company's ground services and other activities, which include the mail and package sorting services, maintenance services for ground equipment, facilities and material handling equipment, the sales of aviation fuel and other services, are not large enough to constitute reportable segments and are combined in All other. Inter-segment revenues are valued at arms-length market rates. Cash and cash equivalents are reflected in Assets - All other below.

The Company's segment information for revenue from continuing operations is presented below (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ending March 31 | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Total revenues: | | |
| CAM | \$ 52,376 | \$ 47,978 |
| ACMI Services | 119,374 | 144,949 |
| MRO Services | 52,723 | 40,338 |
| All other | 19,283 | 48,868 |
| Eliminate inter-segment revenues | (40,716) | (44,216) |
| Total | <u>\$ 203,040</u> | <u>\$ 237,917</u> |
| Customer revenues: | | |
| CAM | \$ 35,887 | \$ 30,782 |
| ACMI Services | 119,374 | 144,949 |
| MRO Services | 30,939 | 25,417 |
| All other | 16,840 | 36,769 |
| Total | <u>\$ 203,040</u> | <u>\$ 237,917</u> |

CAM's aircraft lease revenues are recognized as operating lease revenues on a straight-line basis over the term of the applicable lease agreements. CAM's customer revenues included \$0.8 million and \$2.7 million for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017 respectively, for maintenance related payments from customers that are recognized at a point in time.

ACMI Services revenues are generated from airline service agreements and are typically based on hours flown, the amount of aircraft operated and crew resources provided during a month. ACMI Services revenues are recognized over time as flight hours are performed for the customer. Certain agreements include provisions for incentive payments based upon on-time reliability. These incentives are measured on a monthly basis and recorded to revenue in the corresponding month earned. Under CMI and ACMI agreements, customers are generally responsible for aviation fuel, landing fees, navigation fees and certain other flight expenses. When functioning as the customers agent for arranging such services, the Company records amounts reimbursable from the customer as revenues net of the related expenses as the costs are incurred. Under charter agreements in which the Company is responsible for fuel and full services, the related costs are recorded in operating expenses. During the three month period ended March 31, 2018, the Company netted \$49.2 million of ACMI Services customer reimbursable revenues against the related expenses as an agent of customers. ACMI Services are invoiced monthly or more frequently.

MRO Services revenues for customer contracts for airframe and modification services that do not have an alternative use and for which the Company has an enforceable right to payment are generally recognized over time based on the

percentage of costs completed. MRO Services revenues for part sales, component repairs and line service are recognized at a point in time typically when the parts are delivered to the customer and the the services are completed. For airframe maintenance, aircraft modifications, and aircraft component repairs, contracts include assurance warranties that are not sold separately.

Effective January 1, 2018 the Company records revenues and estimated earnings for its airframe maintenance and modification contracts using the percentage-of-completion cost-to-cost method. For such services, the Company estimates the earnings on a contract as the difference between the expected revenue and estimated costs to complete a contract and recognizes revenues and earnings based on the proportion of costs incurred compared to the total estimated costs. The Company's estimates consider the timing and extent of the services, including the amount and rates of labor, materials and other resources required to perform the services. The Company recognizes adjustments in estimated earnings on a contract under the cumulative catch-up method in which the impact of the adjustment on estimated earnings of a contract is recognized in the period the adjustment is identified.

The Company's external customer revenues for providing sorting services and related equipment maintenance for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017 were \$16.2 million and \$36.3 million, respectively, and are reported in All other. The Company's external customer revenues from providing sorting services are recognized as the services are performed for the customer over time. Revenues from related equipment maintenance services are primarily recognized at a point in time. During the three month period ended March 31, 2018, the Company netted \$51.3 million of customer reimbursable revenues against the related expenses when functioning as the customers agent for arranging ground services.

Revenue is not recognized until collectibility of customer payment is probable. For customers that are not a governmental agency or department, the Company generally receives partial payment in advance of services, otherwise customer balances are typically paid within 30 to 60 days of service. During the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 the Company recognized \$5.9 million of non lease revenue that was reported in deferred revenue at the beginning of the period.

The effects of the adoption of Topic 606 on the Company's customer revenues are summarized below:

| | For the three months ending March 31, 2018 | | |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Revenue | | |
| | As Reported | Without Topic 606 | Increase (decrease) |
| ACMI Services | \$ 119,374 | \$ 168,549 | \$ (49,175) |
| MRO Services | 30,939 | 25,479 | 5,460 |
| Other (ground services) | 16,840 | 68,187 | (51,347) |

The Company's other segment information from continuing operations is presented below (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ending March 31 | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense: | | |
| CAM | \$ 28,925 | \$ 24,301 |
| ACMI Services | 10,225 | 11,072 |
| MRO Services | 850 | 674 |
| All other | 4 | 395 |
| Total | <u>\$ 40,004</u> | <u>\$ 36,442</u> |
| Segment earnings (loss): | | |
| CAM | \$ 15,464 | \$ 13,330 |
| ACMI Services | 3,941 | (3,534) |
| MRO Services | 4,462 | 3,188 |
| All other | 2,581 | 2,463 |
| Inter-segment earnings eliminated | (3,325) | (862) |
| Net unallocated interest expense | (819) | (171) |
| Net gain (loss) on financial instruments | (885) | 1,869 |
| Other non-service components of retiree benefit costs, net | 2,045 | (177) |
| Loss from non-consolidated affiliate | (2,536) | — |
| Pre-tax earnings from continuing operations | <u>\$ 20,928</u> | <u>\$ 16,106</u> |

The Company's assets are presented below by segment (in thousands):

| | March 31 | December 31 |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Assets: | | |
| CAM | \$ 1,201,208 | \$ 1,192,890 |
| ACMI Services | 195,790 | 189,379 |
| MRO Services | 96,451 | 87,177 |
| All other | 74,054 | 79,398 |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,567,503</u> | <u>\$ 1,548,844</u> |

Interest expense allocated to CAM was \$4.5 million and \$3.3 million for the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis has been prepared with reference to the historical financial condition and results of operations of Air Transport Services Group, Inc., and its subsidiaries. Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries may hereinafter individually and collectively be referred to as "the Company", "we", "our" or "us" from time to time. The following discussion and analysis describes the principal factors affecting the results of operations, financial condition, cash flows, liquidity and capital resources. It should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") contained in this report and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

INTRODUCTION

The Company leases aircraft, provides air cargo transportation and performs aircraft maintenance and other support services primarily to the air cargo transportation and package delivery industries. Through the Company's subsidiaries, we offer a range of complementary services to delivery companies, freight forwarders, e-commerce operators, airlines and government customers. Our principal subsidiaries include two independently certificated airlines, ABX Air, Inc. ("ABX") and Air Transport International, Inc. ("ATI"), and an aircraft leasing company, Cargo Aircraft Management, Inc. ("CAM"). CAM provides competitive aircraft lease rates by converting passenger aircraft into cargo freighters and offering them to customers under long-term leases.

We have three reportable segments: CAM, which leases Boeing 767, Boeing 757 and Boeing 737 aircraft and aircraft engines, ACMI Services, which primarily includes the air transportation operations of the two airlines, and MRO Services, which provides aircraft maintenance and modification services to customers. Our other business operations, which primarily provide support services to the transportation industry, include mail and package sorting services as well as related equipment maintenance services. These operations do not constitute reportable segments due to their size.

Our largest customers are DHL Network Operations (USA), Inc. and its affiliates ("DHL"), Amazon.com Services, Inc. ("ASI"), successor to Amazon Fulfillment Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Amazon.com, Inc. ("Amazon"), and the U.S. Military.

DHL

The Company has had long-term contracts with DHL since August 2003. DHL accounted for 28% of the Company's consolidated revenues for the first three months of 2018, compared with 30% of the Company's consolidated revenues excluding directly reimbursed revenues in the corresponding period in 2017. As of March 31, 2018, the Company, through CAM, leased 17 Boeing 767 aircraft to DHL, 13 of which were being operated by the Company's airlines for DHL under a crew, maintenance and insurance agreement and four aircraft which are operated by a DHL-affiliated airline in the Middle East. Additionally, ATI operated four CAM-owned Boeing 757 aircraft under other operating arrangements with DHL.

Amazon

The Company has been providing freighter aircraft, operating flight services and arranging cargo handling and logistical support for ASI since September 2015. On March 8, 2016, the Company entered into an Air Transportation Services Agreement (the "ATSA") with ASI pursuant to which CAM agreed to lease 20 Boeing 767 freighter aircraft to ASI, including 12 Boeing 767-200 freighter aircraft for a term of five years and eight Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft for a term of seven years. CAM owns all of the Boeing 767 aircraft that are leased and operated under the ATSA. The ATSA became effective on April 1, 2016. Revenues from continuing operations performed for ASI comprised approximately 28% of the Company's consolidated revenues from continuing operations for the first three months of 2018, compared with 27% of revenues excluding directly reimbursed revenues during the corresponding period in 2017.

In conjunction with the execution of the ATSA, the Company and Amazon entered into an Investment Agreement and a Stockholders Agreement on March 8, 2016. The Investment Agreement calls for the Company to issue warrants in three tranches which grant Amazon the right to acquire up to 19.9% of the Company's pre-transaction outstanding common shares measured on a GAAP-diluted basis, adjusted for share issuances and repurchases by the Company

following the date of the Investment Agreement and after giving effect to the warrants granted. The exercise price of the warrants is \$9.73 per share, which represents the closing price of the Company's common shares on February 9, 2016. Each of the three tranches of warrants will be exercisable in accordance with its terms through March 8, 2021.

Our accounting for the warrants issued to Amazon has been determined in accordance with the financial reporting guidance for equity-based payments to non-employees and for financial instruments. The fair value of the warrants issued or issuable to Amazon are recorded as a lease incentive asset and are amortized against revenues over the duration of the aircraft leases. The warrants are accounted for as financial instruments, and accordingly, the fair value of the outstanding warrants are measured and classified in liabilities at the end of each reporting period. As of March 31, 2018, our liabilities reflected 14.83 million warrants having a fair value of \$14.45 per share. During the first quarter of 2018, the re-measurements of the warrants to fair value resulted in a non-operating loss of \$3.1 million before the effect of income taxes.

The U.S. Military comprised 11% and 10% of the Company's consolidated revenues excluding directly reimbursed revenues during the three month periods ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Company's airlines contract their services to the Air Mobility Command ("AMC"), through the U.S. Transportation Command ("USTC"), both of which are organized under the U.S. Military.

Fleet Summary 2018

As of March 31, 2018, the combined operating fleet of owned freighter aircraft consisted of 36 Boeing 767-200 aircraft, 25 Boeing 767-300 aircraft, four Boeing 757-200 aircraft, four Boeing 757 "combi" aircraft and one Boeing 737-400 aircraft. The Boeing 757 combi aircraft are capable of simultaneously carrying passengers and cargo containers on the main flight deck. At March 31, 2018, the Company owned eight Boeing 767-300 aircraft and one Boeing 737-400 aircraft that were either already undergoing or awaiting induction into the freighter conversion process.

Aircraft fleet activity during the first three months of 2018 is summarized below:

- CAM completed the modification of one Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft purchased in the previous year and began to lease that aircraft under a multi-year lease to an external customer.
- ABX returned one Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft to CAM. That aircraft was then leased to an external customer under a multi-year lease and is being operated by ABX.
- CAM sold one Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft, which was under lease to an external customer, to that same external customer.
- CAM purchased three Boeing 767-300 passenger aircraft for the purpose of converting the aircraft into standard freighter configuration.

| | March 31, 2018 | | | December 31, 2017 | | |
|---|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | ACMI Services | CAM | Total | ACMI Services | CAM | Total |
| In-service aircraft | | | | | | |
| Aircraft owned | | | | | | |
| Boeing 767-200 | 7 | 29 | 36 | 7 | 29 | 36 |
| Boeing 767-300 | 3 | 22 | 25 | 4 | 21 | 25 |
| Boeing 757-200 | 4 | — | 4 | 4 | — | 4 |
| Boeing 757-200 Combi | 4 | — | 4 | 4 | — | 4 |
| Boeing 737-400 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 18 | 52 | 70 | 19 | 51 | 70 |
| Other aircraft | | | | | | |
| Owned Boeing 767-300 under modification | — | 8 | 8 | — | 6 | 6 |
| Owned Boeing 737-400 under modification | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 |

As of March 31, 2018, ABX and ATI were leasing 18 in-service aircraft internally from CAM for use in ACMI Services. As of March 31, 2018, six of CAM's 29 Boeing 767-200 aircraft shown in the aircraft fleet table above and seven of the 22 Boeing 767-300 aircraft were leased to DHL and operated by ABX. Additionally, 12 of CAM's 29 Boeing 767-200 aircraft and eight of CAM's 22 Boeing 767-300 aircraft were leased to ASI and operated by ABX or ATI. CAM leased the other 11 Boeing 767-200 aircraft and seven Boeing 767-300 aircraft to external customers, including four Boeing 767-200 aircraft to DHL that are being operated by a DHL-owned airline. The carrying values of the total in-service fleet as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were \$940.3 million and \$955.2 million, respectively. The table above does not reflect one Boeing 767-200 passenger aircraft owned by CAM.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Summary

External customer revenues from continuing operations decreased by \$34.9 million to \$203.0 million during the first quarter of 2018 compared to 2017. Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" ("Topic 606"). As a result of adopting Topic 606 beginning January 1, 2018 the Company reported certain revenues net of related expenses that are directly reimbursed by customers. Corresponding 2017 revenues include such reimbursements. Excluding revenues directly reimbursed in 2017, customer revenues increased \$19.5 million, or 11% during the first quarter of 2018 compared with 2017. External customer revenues increased due to additional aircraft leases from CAM's leasing operations, expanded CMI and logistic services for ASI and aircraft maintenance and modification services for various customers.

The consolidated net earnings from continuing operations were \$15.7 million for the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$9.8 million for 2017. The pre-tax earnings from continuing operations were \$20.9 million for the first quarter of 2018 compared to pre-tax earnings of \$16.1 million, for 2017. Earnings were affected by specific events and certain adjustments that do not directly reflect our underlying operations among the years presented. Net earnings from continuing operations for 2018 benefited from a lower effective tax rate due to The Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts ("Tax Act") which was enacted on December 22, 2017. On a pre-tax basis, earnings included losses of \$0.9 million and gains of \$1.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, for the re-measurement of financial instruments, including the warrant obligations granted to Amazon. Pre-tax earnings were also reduced by \$4.2 million and \$2.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, for the amortization of lease incentives given to ASI in the form of warrants. Additionally, pre-tax earnings from continuing operations included a gain of \$2.0 million and a loss of \$0.2 million for the first quarters of 2018 and 2017, respectively, for the non-service components of retiree benefit plans. Pre-tax earnings for the first quarter of 2018 included a \$2.5 million loss for the Company's share of development costs for a new joint venture. After removing the effects of these items, adjusted pre-tax earnings from continuing operations, a non-GAAP measure (a definition and reconciliation of adjusted pre-tax earnings from continuing operations follows) were \$26.5 million for the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$17.0 million for 2017, an increase of 56%.

Adjusted pre-tax earnings from continuing operations for the first quarter of 2018 improved compared to 2017, driven primarily by additional revenues and the improved financial results of our airline operations. We also experienced additional revenues and earnings due to the expansion of gateway ground operations for ASI. This growth in revenue was partially offset by the cost necessary to support expanded flight operations, higher depreciation expense and more employee expenses, particularly in support of logistical services. Pre-tax earnings for the first quarter of 2018 included an additional interest expense of \$2.1 million for the amortization of convertible debt discount and issuance costs.

A summary of our revenues and pre-tax earnings and adjusted pre-tax earnings from continuing operations is shown below (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ending March 31 | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Revenues from Continuing Operations: | | |
| CAM | | |
| Aircraft leasing and related services | \$ 56,602 | \$ 50,569 |
| Lease incentive amortization | (4,226) | (2,591) |
| Total CAM | 52,376 | 47,978 |
| ACMI Services | 119,374 | 108,066 |
| MRO Services | 52,723 | 40,338 |
| Other Activities | 19,283 | 31,398 |
| Total Revenues | 243,756 | 227,780 |
| Eliminate internal revenues | (40,716) | (44,216) |
| Customer Revenues - non reimbursed | \$ 203,040 | \$ 183,564 |
| Revenues for reimbursed expenses | — | 54,353 |
| Customer Revenues | \$ 203,040 | \$ 237,917 |
| Pre-Tax Earnings from Continuing Operations: | | |
| CAM, inclusive of interest expense | \$ 15,464 | \$ 13,330 |
| ACMI Services | 3,941 | (3,534) |
| MRO Services | 4,462 | 3,188 |
| Other Activities | 2,581 | 2,463 |
| Inter-segment earnings eliminated | (3,325) | (862) |
| Net unallocated interest expense | (819) | (171) |
| Net financial instrument re-measurement (loss) gain | (885) | 1,869 |
| Other non-service components of retiree benefit costs, net | 2,045 | (177) |
| Loss from non-consolidated affiliate | (2,536) | — |
| Pre-Tax Earnings from Continuing Operations | 20,928 | 16,106 |
| Add other non-service components of retiree benefit costs, net | (2,045) | 177 |
| Add charges for non-consolidated affiliate | 2,536 | — |
| Add lease incentive amortization | 4,226 | 2,591 |
| Add net loss (gain) on financial instruments | 885 | (1,869) |
| Adjusted Pre-Tax Earnings from Continuing Operations | \$ 26,530 | \$ 17,005 |

Adjusted pre-tax earnings from continuing operations, a non-GAAP measure, is pre-tax earnings excluding other non-service components of retiree benefit costs, gains and losses for the fair value re-measurement of financial instruments, lease incentive amortizations and the start-up costs of a non-consolidated joint venture. We exclude these items from adjusted pre-tax earnings because they are distinctly different in their predictability or not closely related to our on-going operating activities. Management uses adjusted pre-tax earnings to compare the performance of core operating results between periods. Presenting this measure provides investors with a comparative metric of fundamental operations while highlighting changes to certain items among periods. Adjusted pre-tax earnings should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of the Company's results as reported under GAAP.

Effective January 1, 2018, we adopted Topic 606 using a modified retrospective approach, under which financial statements are prepared under the revised guidance for the year of adoption, but not for prior years. We determined that under Topic 606, the Company is an agent for aircraft fuel and certain other costs reimbursed under its ACMI and CMI contracts and for certain ground services that it arranges for ASI. Under the new standards, such reimbursed amounts are reported net of the corresponding expenses beginning in 2018. Revenues during the first quarter of 2017 included \$54.4 million for reimbursable revenues under its ACMI and CMI contracts and directly reimbursed ground services, which under the new standard, have been reported net of the related expenses in 2018.

CAM Segment

CAM offers aircraft leasing and related services to external customers and also leases aircraft internally to the Company's airlines. CAM acquires passenger aircraft and manages the modification of the aircraft into freighters. The follow-on aircraft leases normally cover a term of five to eight years.

As of March 31, 2018 and 2017, CAM had 52 and 43 aircraft under lease to external customers, respectively. CAM's revenues grew by \$4.4 million during the first quarter of 2018 compared to 2017, primarily as a result of additional aircraft leases. Revenues from external customers totaled \$35.9 million and \$30.8 million for the first quarters of 2018 and 2017, respectively. CAM's revenues from the Company's airlines totaled \$16.5 million during the first quarter of 2018, compared to \$17.2 million for 2017, reflecting the transition of CAM owned aircraft to long-term leases with external customers. CAM's aircraft leasing and related services revenues, which excludes customer lease incentive amortization, increased \$6.0 million in the first quarter of 2018 compared to 2017, primarily as a result of new aircraft leases. Since April 1, 2017, CAM has added nine Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft and one Boeing 737-400 freighter aircraft to its lease portfolio.

CAM's pre-tax earnings, inclusive of internally allocated interest expense, were \$15.5 million and \$13.3 million during the first quarters of 2018 and 2017, respectively. Increased pre-tax earnings reflect additional external lease revenues. These increases were partially offset by a \$1.2 million increase in internally allocated interest expense due to higher debt levels, the \$1.6 million increase in the amortization of the ASI lease incentive, and \$4.6 million more depreciation expense driven by the addition of ten Boeing aircraft in the first quarter of 2018 compared to 2017.

During the first three months of 2018, CAM purchased three 767-300 passenger aircraft for freighter conversion. CAM also sold one Boeing 767-300 aircraft which had been under a long-term lease to an external customer. As of March 31, 2018, all three of the Boeing 767-300 passenger aircraft purchased in 2018 and five Boeing 767-300 passenger aircraft purchased during 2017 were being modified from passenger to freighter configuration. The Company also purchased one Boeing 737-400 in 2017 which was being modified from passenger to freighter configuration as of March 31, 2018.

CAM expects to complete the freighter modification of the nine passenger aircraft which it owned at March 31, 2018. CAM has customer commitments or letters of intent for seven of these nine aircraft. CAM's future operating results will depend on the timing and lease rates under which these aircraft are ultimately leased. CAM's operating results will depend on its continuing ability to convert passenger aircraft into freighters within planned costs and within the time frames required by customers.

ACMI Services Segment

The ACMI Services segment provides airline operations to its customers, typically under contracts providing for a combination of aircraft, crews, maintenance and insurance ("ACMI"). Our customers are usually responsible for supplying the necessary aviation fuel and cargo handling services and reimbursing our airline for other operating expenses such as landing fees, ramp expenses, certain aircraft maintenance expenses and fuel procured directly by the airline. Aircraft charter agreements, including those for the U.S. Military, usually require the airline to provide full service, including fuel and other operating expenses for a fixed, all-inclusive price. As of March 31, 2018, ACMI Services included 52 in-service aircraft, including 18 leased internally from CAM, 13 CAM-owned freighter aircraft which are under lease to DHL and operated by ABX under the restated CMI agreement, 20 CAM-owned freighter aircraft which are under lease to ASI and operated by ATI and ABX under the ATSA and another CAM-owned freighter operated by ATI.

Total revenues from ACMI Services decreased \$25.6 million during the first quarter of 2018 compared with 2017 to \$119.4 million. ACMI Services revenues for the first quarter of 2017 included \$36.9 million for the reimbursement of fuel and certain operating expenses. Such revenues for 2018 are reported net of expenses after the adoption of Topic 606. Airline services revenues from external customers, which do not include revenues for the reimbursement of fuel and certain operating expenses, increased \$11.3 million. Improved revenues were driven by additional aircraft operations for ASI and reflect a 10% increase in billable block hours. As of March 31, 2018, ACMI Services included the operation of six more CAM-owned aircraft compared to March 31, 2017.

ACMI Services had pre-tax earnings of \$3.9 million during the first quarter of 2018, compared to pre-tax losses of \$3.5 million for 2017. Improved pre-tax results in 2018 compared to 2017 were bolstered by expanded revenues,

and lower flight crew and related training expenses. Scheduled airframe maintenance expense increased \$0.7 million during the first quarter of 2018 compared to 2017. Airframe maintenance expense varies depending upon the number of C-checks and the scope of the checks required for those airframes scheduled for maintenance. Effective January 1, 2018, we adopted ASU "Compensation - Retirement Benefits (Topic 715): Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost" (ASU 2017-07). As a result of adopting ASU 2017-07, the pre-tax earnings for ACMI Services do not include the other non-service components of retiree benefit costs.

In March 2018, ATI began to implement recently ratified amendments to the collective bargaining agreement with its crewmembers. The amendments will result in increased wages for the ATI crewmembers beginning in the second quarter of 2018. ABX is negotiating with its flight crewmembers' collective bargaining unit. These negotiations could result in changes that may effect our productivity, employee compensation levels and the marketability of our services. Maintaining profitability in ACMI Services will depend on a number of factors, including customer flight schedules, crewmember productivity and pay, employee benefits, aircraft maintenance schedules and the number of aircraft we operate.

MRO Services Segment

MRO Services sells aircraft parts and provides aircraft maintenance and modification services through the Company's Airborne Maintenance and Engineering Services, Inc. ("AMES") and Pemco World Air Services, Inc. ("Pemco"), subsidiaries.

Total revenues from MRO Services were \$52.7 million and \$40.3 million for the first quarter of 2018 and 2017, respectively. External customer revenues for MRO Services increased \$5.5 million to \$30.9 million for the first quarter of 2018 compared to the first quarter of 2017. Revenues increased during 2018 compared to 2017, reflecting increase in airframe maintenance and modification revenues. Revenues from aircraft maintenance services can vary among periods due to the timing of scheduled maintenance events and the completion level of work during a period. The pre-tax earnings from MRO Services increased by \$1.3 million to \$4.5 million in the first quarter of 2018, primarily reflecting expanded aircraft maintenance and modification services.

Other Activities

We provide other support services to our ACMI Services customers and other airlines by leveraging our knowledge and capabilities developed for our own operations over the years. We provide mail and package sorting and logistical support to the U.S. Postal Service ("USPS") at five USPS facilities and arrange similar services for certain ASI gateway locations in the U.S. We provide maintenance for ground equipment, facilities and material handling equipment. We also resell aviation fuel in Ohio and provide flight training.

External customer revenues from all other activities decreased \$19.9 million to \$16.8 million for 2017. Customer revenues in 2017 included \$17.5 million for the reimbursement of certain ground services that it arranges for ASI which are being net against expenses in 2018 after the adoption of Topic 606. Revenues from external customers, which do not include 2017 revenues for the reimbursement of certain ground services, decreased \$2.5 million. The decrease in revenue was driven by the the termination of hub logistics services we provided through May of 2017 for ASI at the airport in Wilmington, Ohio.

The pre-tax earnings from other activities increased by \$0.1 million to \$2.6 million in the first quarter of 2018. Additional earnings from higher contractual costs and increased volumes at the USPS and ASI locations as well as earnings from an airline affiliate accounted for under the equity method were offset by reduced ground services and aviation fuel sales after ASI discontinued its hub in Wilmington, Ohio.

The contracts for five USPS facilities we service have been extended from their original expiration dates and are currently scheduled to expire during September 2018. We understand the USPS is evaluating alternatives for these facilities. The contract for some or all of these may not be renewed.

Discontinued Operations

The financial results of discontinued operations primarily reflect pension, workers' compensation cost adjustments and other benefits for former employees previously associated with ABX's former freight sorting and aircraft fueling services provided to DHL. Pre-tax earnings related to the former sorting operations were \$0.3 million for first quarters of 2018 and 2017.

Expenses from Continuing Operations

Salaries, wages and benefits expense decreased \$1.7 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to the corresponding period of 2017 driven by lower headcount after ASI discontinued its hub in Wilmington, Ohio in May 2017 and less need for premium pay as additional flight crewmembers completed training.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$3.6 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to the corresponding period of 2017. The increase in depreciation expense reflects incremental depreciation for nine Boeing 767-300 aircraft and one Boeing 737-400 aircraft added to the operating fleet since April 1, 2017. We expect depreciation expense to increase during future periods in conjunction with our fleet expansion and capital spending plans.

Maintenance, materials and repairs expense increased by \$6.6 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to the corresponding period of 2017. The increase was due to more airframe checks for the Company's airlines and additional costs to service increased external customer revenues for aircraft maintenance and modifications during 2018 compared to 2017. Aircraft maintenance expenses can vary among periods due to the number of scheduled airframe maintenance checks and the scope of the checks that are performed. In May 2017, our airlines entered into maintenance agreements for certain General Electric CF6 engines that power many of the Boeing 767-300 aircraft leased from CAM. Under the agreement, the engines are maintained by the service provider for a fixed fee per cycle. As a result, beginning in June 2017, the airlines began to record engine maintenance expense as flights occur. Accordingly, our airlines recorded an additional \$1.7 million of engine maintenance expense during 2018 compared to the first three months of 2017, which were partially offset by a reduction to engine depreciation expense.

Fuel expense decreased by \$29.1 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to the corresponding period of 2017. In 2017, fuel expense included reimbursable fuel billed to DHL, ASI and other ACMI customers which is being net against the revenue in 2018 after the adoption of Topic 606. The customer-reimbursed fuel for the first quarter of 2017 was \$31.5 million. Fuel expense includes the cost of fuel to operate U.S. Military charters as well as fuel used to position aircraft for service and for maintenance purposes. Fuel expense for military customers and other purposes increased due to more block hours flown for military customers in the first quarter of 2018.

Contracted ground and aviation services expense includes navigational services, aircraft and cargo handling services and other airport services. Contracted ground and aviation services decreased \$18.3 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to the corresponding period of 2017. The decrease is primarily due to the netting of reimbursable revenues from certain ground services arranged for ASI against the expense in 2018 due to the adoption of Topic 606. The customer-reimbursed expenses in the first quarter of 2017 were \$17.5 million.

Landing and ramp expense, which includes the cost of deicing chemicals, decreased by \$4.2 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to the corresponding period of 2017. The decrease is primarily due to the netting of reimbursable revenues from landing and ramp fees billed to DHL, ASI and other ACMI customers against the expense in 2018 due to the adoption of Topic 606.

Other operating expenses decreased by \$0.8 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to the corresponding period of 2017. Other operating expenses include professional fees, employee training and utilities. Other operating expenses also includes improved operating results of an airline affiliate accounted for under the equity method.

Interest expense increased by \$1.8 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 compared to the corresponding period of 2017. Interest expense increased due to a higher average debt level and interest rates on the Company's outstanding loans. Capitalized interest due to our fleet expansion decreased \$0.1 million during the first quarter of 2018 to \$0.4 million. Interest expense in the first quarter of 2018 was also impacted by the convertible notes issued in September 2017. The convertible notes have a principal value of \$258.8 million and bear interest at a cash coupon rate of 1.125%. At the time of issuance, the value of the conversion feature of the convertible notes was recorded as a debt discount and is being amortized along with debt issuance cost to interest expense over the seven year term of the convertible notes. The non-cash amortization of the debt discount and issuance costs was \$2.1 million during the first quarter of 2018.

The Company recorded pre-tax net losses on financial instruments of \$0.9 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2018, compared to gains of \$1.9 million during 2017. The losses are primarily a result of re-measuring, as of March 31, 2018, the fair value of the stock warrants granted to Amazon. A decrease in the fair value of the warrant obligation

since the previous re-measurement dates of December 31, 2017, corresponded to an increase in the traded price of the Company's shares and resulted in non-cash losses. The non-cash gains and losses resulting from quarterly re-measurements of the warrants may vary widely among quarters.

The provision for income taxes for interim periods is based on management's best estimate of the effective income tax rate expected to be applicable for the current year, plus any adjustments arising from changes in the estimated amount of taxable income related to prior periods. Income taxes recorded through March 31, 2018 have been estimated utilizing a 23.9% rate based upon year-to-date income and projected results for the full year. The recognition of discrete tax items, such as the conversion of employee stock awards, the issuance of stock warrants and other items have an impact on the effective tax rate during a period.

The effective tax rate from continuing operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 was 25.1% and includes deferred tax expense related to the warrant re-measurement loss at the end of the period. The effective tax rate before including the effects of the warrants was 22.3% and 34.1% for the first quarters of 2018 and 2017, respectively. The effective tax rate decreased for the first quarter of 2018 due to the enactment of the Tax Act in December 2017.

As of December 31, 2017, the Company had operating loss carryforwards for U.S. federal income tax purposes of approximately \$57.6 million which will begin to expire in 2031 if not utilized before then. We expect to utilize the loss carryforwards to offset federal income tax liabilities in the future. As a result, we do not expect to pay federal income taxes until 2023 or later. The Company may, however, be required to pay minimum tax and certain state and local income taxes before then. The Company's taxable income earned from international flights are primarily sourced to the United States under international aviation agreements and treaties. When we operate in countries without such agreements, the Company could incur additional foreign income taxes.

FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash Flows

Net cash generated from operating activities totaled \$68.8 million and \$44.2 million for the first three months in 2018 and 2017, respectively. Improved cash flows generated from operating activities during 2018, were driven primarily by additional aircraft leases to customers, increased operating levels of the ACMI Services segment, the collection of peak season balances from customers. Cash outlays for pension contributions were \$1.3 million and \$0.8 million for the first three months of 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Capital spending levels were primarily the result of aircraft modification costs and the acquisition of aircraft for freighter modification. Cash payments for capital expenditures were \$79.1 million and \$83.8 million for the first three months of 2018 and 2017, respectively. Capital expenditures in 2018 included \$63.6 million for the acquisition of three Boeing 767-300 aircraft and freighter modification costs; \$9.2 million for required heavy maintenance; and \$6.3 million for other equipment, including purchases of aircraft engines and rotables. Our capital expenditures in the first quarter of 2017 included \$54.3 million for the acquisition of three Boeing 767-300 aircraft and one Boeing 737-400 aircraft and freighter modification costs; \$21.0 million for required heavy maintenance; and \$8.5 million for other equipment, including purchases of aircraft engines and rotables.

During the first quarter of 2018 we contributed an additional \$2.5 million to a joint venture with Precision Aircraft Solutions, LLC, which is developing a passenger-to-freighter conversion program for Airbus A321-200 aircraft. During the first quarter of 2017 we paid \$0.6 million to complete our acquisition of Pemco World Air Services, Inc.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$10.7 million for the first three months of 2018 compared to \$46.8 million in 2017. During the first three months of 2018, we drew \$30.0 million from the revolving credit facility under the Senior Credit Agreement to fund capital spending for aircraft acquisition and modifications. We made debt principal payments of \$17.4 million.

During the first quarter of 2018, we repurchased 157,000 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to an authorized share repurchase plan for \$3.6 million, of which \$0.6 million was paid in the first quarter and \$3.0 million was paid in April 2018. The repurchase plan was amended by the Board again in February 2018 to increase the authorized share repurchase plan to up to \$150 million.

Commitments

We estimate that capital expenditures for 2018 will total \$300 million of which the majority will be related to aircraft purchases and freighter modifications. Actual capital spending for any future period will be impacted by aircraft acquisitions, maintenance and modification processes. We expect to finance the capital expenditures from current cash balances, future operating cash flow and the Senior Credit Agreement, the latter of which we anticipate amending for the purpose of obtaining additional borrowing. The Company outsources a significant portion of the aircraft freighter modification process to a non-affiliated third party. The modification primarily consists of the installation of a standard cargo door and loading system. For additional information about the Company's aircraft modification obligations, see Note H of the accompanying financial statements.

Since August 3, 2017, the Company has been part of a joint-venture with Precision Aircraft Solutions, LLC, to develop a passenger-to-freighter conversion program for Airbus A321-200 aircraft. We anticipate approval of a supplemental type certificate from the FAA in 2019. We expect to make contributions equal to the Company's 49% ownership percentage of the program's total costs during 2018 and 2019.

Liquidity

The Company has a Senior Credit Agreement with a consortium of banks that includes an unsubordinated term loan of \$66.9 million, net of debt issuance costs, and a revolving credit facility from which the Company has drawn \$265.0 million, net of repayments, as of March 31, 2018. The revolving credit facility has a capacity of \$545.0 million, permitted additional indebtedness of \$300.0 million of which \$258.8 million has been utilized for the issuance of convertible notes, and an accordion feature whereby the Company can draw up to an additional \$100.0 million subject to the lenders' consent. The Senior Credit Agreement is collateralized by the Company's fleet of Boeing 767 and 757 freighter aircraft. Under the terms of the Senior Credit Agreement, the Company is required to maintain collateral coverage equal to 125% of the outstanding balances of the term loan and the maximum capacity of revolving credit facility or 150% of the outstanding balance of the term loan and the total funded revolving credit facility, whichever is less. The minimum collateral coverage which must be maintained is 50% of the outstanding balance of the term loan plus the revolving credit facility commitment which was \$545.0 million. Each year, through May 6, 2019, the Company may request a one year extension of the final maturity date, subject to the lenders' consent. Absent such future extensions, the maturity date is currently set to expire on May 30, 2022.

Under the Senior Credit Agreement, the Company is subject to covenants and warranties that are usual and customary including, among other things, limitations on certain additional indebtedness, guarantees of indebtedness, as well as a total debt to EBITDA ratio and a fixed charge coverage ratio. The Senior Credit Agreement stipulates events of default including unspecified events that may have a material adverse effect on the Company. If an event of default occurs, the Company may be forced to repay, renegotiate or replace the Senior Credit Agreement.

Additional debt or lower EBITDA may result in higher interest rates. Under the Senior Credit Agreement, interest rates are adjusted quarterly based on the prevailing LIBOR or prime rates and a ratio of the Company's outstanding debt level to EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization expenses). At the Company's current debt-to-EBITDA ratio, the unsubordinated term loan and the revolving credit facility both bear a variable interest rate of 3.38%.

At March 31, 2018, the Company had \$47.5 million of cash balances. The Company had \$270.7 million available under the revolving credit facility, net of outstanding letters of credit, which totaled \$9.3 million. We believe that the Company's current cash balances and forecasted cash flows provided from its operating agreements, combined with its Senior Credit Agreement, will be sufficient to fund operations, capital spending, scheduled debt payments and required pension funding for at least the next 12 months.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As part of our ongoing business, we do not participate in transactions that generate relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities (“SPEs”), which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As of March 31, 2018 and 2017, we were not involved in any material unconsolidated SPE transactions.

Certain of our operating leases and agreements contain indemnification obligations to the lessor or one or more other parties that are considered usual and customary (e.g. use, tax and environmental indemnifications), the terms of which range in duration and are often limited. Such indemnification obligations may continue after the expiration of the respective lease or agreement. No amounts have been recognized in our financial statements for the underlying fair value of guarantees and indemnifications.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

“Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” as well as certain disclosures included elsewhere in this report, are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to select appropriate accounting policies and make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingencies. In certain cases, there are alternative policies or estimation techniques which could be selected. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our selection of policies and the estimation techniques we use, including those related to revenue recognition, post-retirement liabilities, bad debts, self-insurance reserves, valuation of spare parts inventory, useful lives, salvage values and impairment of property and equipment, income taxes, contingencies and litigation. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, current conditions and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Those factors form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources, as well as for identifying and assessing our accounting treatment with respect to commitments and contingencies. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

For information regarding recently issued accounting pronouncements and the expected impact on our annual statements, see Note A "SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES" in the accompanying notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company is exposed to market risk for changes in interest rates and changes in the price of jet fuel. The risk associated with jet fuel, however, is largely mitigated by reimbursement through the agreements with our customers.

No changes have occurred to the market risks the Company faces since information about those risks were disclosed in item 7A of the Company's 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2018.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of March 31, 2018, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). Based upon the evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports filed or submitted by it under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief

Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Controls

There were no changes in internal control over financial reporting during the most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are currently a party to legal proceedings in various federal and state jurisdictions arising out of the operation of the Company's business. The amount of alleged liability, if any, from these proceedings cannot be determined with certainty; however, we believe that the Company's ultimate liability, if any, arising from the pending legal proceedings, as well as from asserted legal claims and known potential legal claims which are probable of assertion, taking into account established accruals for estimated liabilities, should not be material to our financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The Company faces risks that could adversely affect its condition or results of operations. Many of these risks are disclosed in Item 1A of the Company's 2017 Annual Report on form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2018. The risk factors presented below update, and should be considered in addition to, the risk factors previously disclosed in Item 1A of the Company's 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Other risks that are currently unknown to management or are currently considered immaterial or unlikely, could also adversely affect the Company.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On August 5, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to \$50.0 million of outstanding common stock. In May 2016, the Board amended the Company's common stock repurchase program increasing the amount that management may repurchase from \$50.0 million to \$100.0 million of outstanding common stock. In February 2018, the Board again amended the common stock repurchase program to increase the amount that management may repurchase to \$150 million (less amounts previously repurchased). The Board's authorization does not require the Company to repurchase a specific number of shares and the Board may terminate the repurchase program at any time. Repurchases may be made from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. All of the repurchases done by the Company during the first quarter of 2018 were in the open market. There is no expiration date for the repurchase program. The following table summarizes the Company's repurchases of its common stock during the first quarter of 2018:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price paid Per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program | Maximum Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 | — | \$ — | — | \$ 64,901,207 |
| February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 | — | \$ — | — | \$ 64,901,207 |
| March 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 | 157,000 | \$ 22.80 | 157,000 | \$ 61,321,436 |
| Total for the quarter | 157,000 | \$ 22.80 | 157,000 | \$ 61,321,436 |

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are filed with or incorporated by reference into this report.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description of Exhibit</u> |
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| | Articles of Incorporation |
| 31.1 | <u>Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.</u> |
| 31.2 | <u>Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.</u> |
| 32.1 | <u>Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.</u> |
| 32.2 | <u>Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.</u> |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUP, INC.,
a Delaware Corporation
Registrant

/S/ JOSEPH C. HETE

Joseph C. Hete
Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 10, 2018

/S/ QUINT O. TURNER

Quint O. Turner
Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer
and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: May 10, 2018

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Joseph C. Hete, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Air Transport Services Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 10, 2018

/s/ JOSEPH C. HETE

Joseph C. Hete
Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Air Transport Services Group, Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Joseph C. Hete, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as enacted by § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and will be retained by Air Transport Services Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

/s/ JOSEPH C. HETE

Joseph C. Hete
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 10, 2018

