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Wabtec Reports Strong Sales and EPS Growth for 3Q, Affirms Full-Year EPS Guidance

WILMERDING, PA, Oct. 30, 2018 – Wabtec Corporation (NYSE: WAB) today reported strong sales and EPS growth for the 2018 third quarter and affirmed its full-year EPS guidance.

#### 2018 Third Quarter Consolidated Results

Sales were \$1.08 billion, 13 percent higher than the year-ago quarter. Compared to the year-ago quarter, organic sales increased \$107 million and acquisitions increased sales \$32 million, while changes in foreign currency exchange rates decreased sales by \$20 million.

Income from operations was \$125 million including expenses of \$11 million related to the proposed GE Transportation merger, restructuring actions and a tax law change in India. Excluding those items, income from operations was \$136 million, or 12.6 percent of sales (see reconciliation table). SG&A expenses increased mainly due to those expenses and acquisitions.

• Net interest expense was \$24 million, including \$3.2 million related to the proposed GE Transportation merger.

- Income tax expense was \$17 million for an effective tax rate of 16.2 percent. The quarter included a benefit of \$7 million from the reduction of the estimated transition tax charge that was initially recorded in the fourth quarter of 2017 due to the 2017 U.S. tax reform act.

GAAP earnings per diluted share were 91 cents including expenses for the proposed GE Transportation merger, restructuring actions and the refinements of the effects of tax law changes in the U.S. and India, all of which reduced EPS by a net of 4 cents. Excluding those items, adjusted EPS was 95 cents. GAAP EPS in the 2017 third quarter was 70 cents including expenses of 18 cents per diluted share for contract adjustments and restructuring actions.

#### 2018 Third Quarter Segment Results

In the Transit segment, sales increased 11 percent and income from operations increased 28 percent compared to the year-ago third quarter. Transit sales increased by \$68 million; the increase resulted from organic sales growth of \$61 million and sales from acquisitions of \$21 million, with changes in foreign currency exchange rates decreasing sales by \$14 million. Income from operations was \$61 million, or 8.9 percent of sales, including expenses of \$2.3 million for restructuring and the India tax law change. Lower-margin contracts in the U.K. also had a negative effect on income from operations. The year-ago quarter included expenses of \$18 million for contract adjustments and restructuring actions.

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In the Freight segment, sales increased 15 percent and income from operations increased 29 percent. Freight sales increased by \$51 million; the increase resulted from organic sales growth of \$46 million and sales from acquisitions of \$11 million, with changes in foreign currency exchange rates decreasing sales by \$6 million. Income from operations was \$79 million, or 20.3 percent of sales, including restructuring expenses of \$700,000. The year-ago quarter included expenses of \$7 million for contract adjustments and restructuring actions.

#### Cash Flow and Balance Sheet Summary

Cash used in operations was \$30 million for the third quarter due mainly to higher working capital, including for lower-margin contracts in the U.K. During the quarter, the company incurred \$10 million of cash costs for the proposed GE Transportation merger and other restructuring actions, and \$24 million of cash tax payments related to the 2017 U.S. tax law change.

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- At Sept. 30, the company had cash of \$411 million, restricted cash of \$1.7 billion and debt of \$3.9 billion.

During the quarter, Wabtec completed the financing for its proposed merger with GE Transportation. The company issued \$500 million of Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2021, \$750 million of 4.15% Senior Notes due 2024, and \$1.25 billion of 4.7% Senior Notes due 2028. Wabtec intends to use the net proceeds from these notes, together with borrowings under its credit agreement and cash on hand, to pay the cash purchase price for the GE Transportation transaction and for related fees and expenses.

## Backlog and New Orders

- At Sept. 30, the company's total, multi-year backlog was \$4.6 billion, slightly lower than at the end of the second quarter. The company's 12-month backlog, a subset of the total, was \$2.2 billion.

Recent new orders included projects in all major markets and product categories around the world, including train control hardware, projects and services; transit components in Australia, China, Germany, Israel, Italy and Switzerland; and multi-year orders for freight car components in the U.S.

## 2018 Full-Year Guidance

Based on its year-to-date results and full-year forecast, Wabtec expects 2018 revenues to be about \$4.35 billion and EPS to be about \$3.85 excluding estimated costs related to the proposed GE Transportation merger, expenses for restructuring and the effects of tax law changes. The company's adjusted operating margin target for the full year is about 13 percent. For the year, Wabtec expects cash flow from operations to be about \$200 million.

Raymond T. Betler, Wabtec's president and chief executive officer, said: "With a solid backlog and positive trends in our markets, we expect to finish the year with a strong fourth quarter, both in earnings and cash flow, to position the company for growth in 2019. Our freight business continues to show strong growth in revenues and income from operations, with good market indicators for the foreseeable future. In transit, we have a near-record backlog and strong bidding activity, as we take actions to drive sustainable profitability improvements in the business. We are making progress toward combining with GE Transportation and are excited about our strategic opportunities to accelerate innovation for our customers, while delivering improved earnings, margins and cash flow for our shareholders."

## Update on GE Transportation Merger

In May 2018, Wabtec entered into a definitive agreement to combine with GE Transportation, a unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE). The combination will make Wabtec a Fortune 500, global transportation leader in rail equipment, software and services, with operations in more than 50 countries.

In connection with the proposed combination, Wabtec will hold a special meeting of stockholders on Nov. 14, 2018 to consider and vote on proposals to amend its charter to increase the number of authorized shares of Wabtec common stock and to approve the issuance of Wabtec common stock to effect the merger. The special meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Eastern time at The Duquesne Club, 325 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Wabtec's stockholders of record at the close of business on Oct. 11, 2018, are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting.

Additional information related to the charter amendment, the share issuance, the proposed combination and the special meeting is included in the definitive proxy statement dated and filed with the SEC on Oct. 12, 2018. The definitive proxy statement was first mailed to Wabtec's stockholders on or about Oct. 12, 2018.

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The proposed combination with GE Transportation is expected to be completed by early 2019, subject to customary closing conditions. It is possible that the proposed combination could be completed at an earlier time if the closing conditions are satisfied sooner.

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Wabtec Corporation ([www.wabtec.com](http://www.wabtec.com)) is a leading global provider of equipment, systems and value-added services for transit and freight rail. Through its subsidiaries, Wabtec manufactures a range of products for locomotives, freight cars and passenger transit vehicles. The company also builds new switcher and commuter locomotives, and provides aftermarket services. The company has facilities located throughout the world.

Wabtec will host a call with analysts and investors at 10 a.m., eastern time, today. To listen via webcast, go to [www.wabtec.com](http://www.wabtec.com) and click on “Webcasts” in the “Investor Relations” section.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction between General Electric Company (“GE”) and Wabtec, Transportation Systems Holdings Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of GE created for the transaction (“SpinCo”), has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form 10 and Wabtec has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 and a definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A. If the transaction is effected via an exchange offer, GE will file with the SEC a Schedule TO with respect thereto and a registration statement on Form S-4/S-1 containing a prospectus. This communication is not a substitute for any definitive proxy statement, registration statement, proxy statement/prospectus or other documents GE, Wabtec and/or SpinCo may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY THESE DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY GE, WABTEC OR SPINCO WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION, BECAUSE THESE DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of these materials and other documents filed with the SEC by GE, Wabtec and/or SpinCo through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Investors and security holders will also be able to obtain free copies of the documents filed by GE, Wabtec and/or SpinCo with the SEC from the respective companies by directing a written request to GE and/or SpinCo at General Electric Company, 41 Farnsworth Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210 or by calling 617-443-3400, or to Wabtec at Wabtec Corporation, 1001 Air Brake Avenue, Wilmerding, PA 15148 or by calling 412-825-1543.

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of shareholders, filed with the SEC on March 12, 2018, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018, its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, which was filed with the SEC on July 27, 2018 and certain of its Current Reports filed on Form 8-K. Information regarding the directors and executive officers of Wabtec is contained in Wabtec's proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of shareholders, filed with the SEC on April 5, 2018, its definitive proxy statement for its special meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on October 12, 2018, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2018, its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 which was filed with the SEC on July 31, 2018 and certain of its Current Reports filed on Form 8-K. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

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This communication contains “forward-looking” statements as that term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding the proposed transaction between GE and Wabtec and statements regarding Wabtec’s expectations about future sales and earnings. All statements, other than historical facts, including statements regarding the expected timing and structure of the proposed transaction; the ability of the parties to complete the proposed transaction considering the various closing conditions; the expected benefits of the proposed transaction, including future financial and operating results, the tax consequences of the proposed transaction, and the combined company’s plans, objectives, expectations and intentions; legal, economic and regulatory conditions; and any assumptions underlying any of the foregoing, are forward-looking statements.

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Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this communication. Neither GE nor Wabtec undertakes any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or development, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements.

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WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME  
 FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017  
 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)  
 (UNAUDITED)

	Third Quarter 2018	Third Quarter 2017	For the Nine Months 2018	For the Nine Months 2017
Net sales	\$ 1,077,814	\$ 957,931	\$ 3,245,671	\$ 2,806,218
Cost of sales	(775,802 )	(704,728 )	(2,308,811 )	(2,009,345 )
Gross profit	302,012	253,203	936,860	796,873
Gross profit as a % of Net Sales	28.0 %	26.4 %	28.9 %	28.4 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(146,839 )	(118,183 )	(465,197 )	(368,788 )
Engineering expenses	(20,132 )	(24,709 )	(61,569 )	(71,511 )
Amortization expense	(9,862 )	(8,645 )	(30,113 )	(27,039 )
Total operating expenses	(176,833 )	(151,537 )	(556,879 )	(467,338 )
Operating expenses as a % of Net Sales	16.4 %	15.8 %	17.2 %	16.7 %
Income from operations	125,179	101,666	379,981	329,535
Income from operations as a % of Net Sales	11.6 %	10.6 %	11.7 %	11.7 %
Interest expense, net	(23,713 )	(20,038 )	(75,917 )	(57,460 )
Other (expense) income, net	1,201	(443 )	5,958	5,304
Income from operations before income taxes	102,667	81,185	310,022	277,379
Income tax expense	(16,598 )	(12,746 )	(53,225 )	(64,776 )
Effective tax rate				