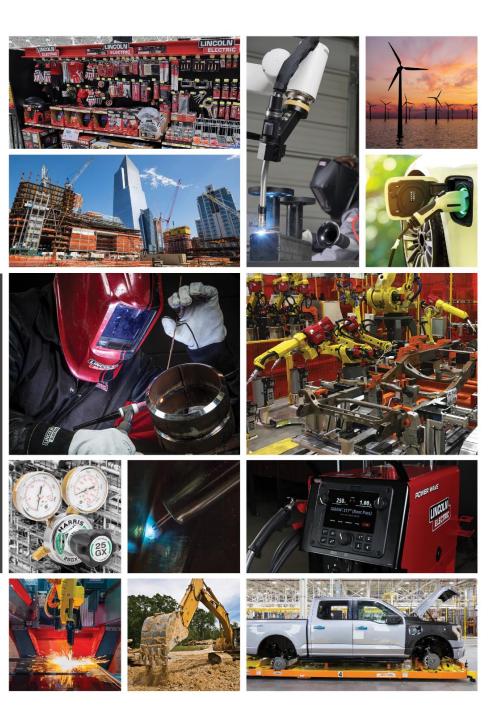


February 15, 2024 LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.

## Q4 & Full Year 2023 Earnings





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#### Non-GAAP Measures:

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# Full Year 2023 Highlights:

Record financial performance advances us towards our Higher Standard 2025 Strategy targets.

\$4.2B

Record 2023 sales

+11% vs. prior year; Organic sales +4%

24.1%

**Record Adjusted ROIC performance** 

+140 bps vs. prior year

17.1%

**Record 2023 Adjusted Operating Income Margin** 

+30 bps vs. prior year

\$668M

**Record Cash flow from operations** 

+74% vs. prior year

\$9.41

**Record 2023 Adjusted EPS** 

+14% vs. prior year

\$347M

**Returns to shareholders** 

(\$148M in dividends + \$199M in share repurchases)



# Higher Standard 2025 Strategy Check-in:

On pace to achieve goals.

Continuing to progress on profitability and working capital performance.

Safety and environmental initiatives advancing well.

Financial Metric	2020-2025 Strategy Target	2020-2023 Achievement
Sales CAGR (ex-FX)	High single-digit to Low-double digit %	12%*
Average Adjusted Operating Income Margin	16% (+/- 150 bps)	15.3% average
Americas Welding EBIT margin	17% to 19%	17.6% average
International Welding EBIT margin	12% to 14%	10.4% average
Harris Products Group EBIT margin	13% to 15%	14.1% average
Adjusted EPS CAGR	High-teens % to Low-20 %	31%
Average ROIC	18% to 20% (top quartile)	22.1% average
Average Operating Working Capital Ratio	15% at 12/31/2025 (top decile)	17.1%

<sup>\*</sup> A maximum of 2% price contribution is used in measuring 2020-2023 sales growth performance.

Safety & Environmental Metric	2020-2025 Strategy Target	2020-2023 Achievement
Safety (TRCR)	52% reduction	38% reduction
GHG Emissions	10% reduction	16% reduction
Energy Intensity	16% reduction	10% reduction
Recycling Rate / Landfill Avoidance	80% / 97%	76.5% / 94%
Water Use	14% reduction	25% reduction

### Q4 Organic sales growth reflects continued momentum in capital spending across most industrial end markets

## Q4 Organic sales increased 2.6% led by Automation

## Welding segments' organic growth led by capital spending

Automation up high-teens percent

Equipment up mid single-digit percent

Consumables down low single-digit percent

#### Q4 global end sector performance<sup>1</sup>

## 4 of 5 end markets growing, led by Construction/Infrastructure

Construction/Infrastructure up high-teens percent

Energy and General Industries up mid-teens percent

Heavy Industries up low double-digit percent

Automotive/Transportation down high-teens percent



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> End sector performance reflects direct channel organic sales trends



#### Income Statement – Q4 2023

\$ in Millions	Q4 2023		% of Sales	Q4 2022	% of Sales	YoY % Change Fav/ (Unfav)
Net Sales	\$	1,058.5		\$ 930.9		13.7%
<b>Gross Profit</b>		371.0	35.1%	308.0	33.1%	20.5%
SG&A		188.9	17.8%	164.1	17.6%	(15.1)%
Operating Income		204.0	19.3%	141.5	15.2%	44.2%
Special item (gains)/charges1,2		(21.9)	NM	5.3	0.6%	NM
Adjusted Operating Income <sup>1</sup>	\$	182.1	17.2%	\$ 146.8	15.8%	24.0%
Interest Expense, net <sup>3</sup>		8.7	0.8%	8.6	0.9%	(0.3)%
Effective Tax Rate		20.5	%	19.6	%	(90) Bps
Adjusted Effective Tax Rate <sup>4</sup>		19.3	%	19.7	%	+ 40 bps
Net Income	\$	156.6	14.8%	\$ 109.1	11.7%	43.5%
Special Items (gains)/charges <sup>5</sup>		(14.6)	NM	4.1	0.4%	NM
Adjusted Net Income <sup>1</sup>	\$	142.0	13.4%	\$ 113.2	12.2%	25.4%
Diluted EPS	\$	2.70		\$ 1.87		44.4%
Adjusted Diluted EPS <sup>1</sup>	\$	2.45		1.94		26.3%

Q4 2023 SA	ALES MIX6							
Volume	2.0%	Price	0.6%	Acq/Div	9.8%	FX	1.3%	
TOTAL	13.7%							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please review the appendix for reconciliation of non-GAAP measures. <sup>2</sup> Q4 Special items include a Rationalization and asset impairment gain of \$21.9 million in 2023 related to a gain on sale of property. This compares with a \$2.4 million rationalization and asset impairment charge and acquisition transaction costs of \$2.9 million in 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Interest Expense, net is defined as interest expense from borrowings less income earned from investments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Q4 2023 Adjusted effective tax rates reflects a favorable adjustment of 120 bps from special items. Q4 2022 incurred an unfavorable 10 bps adjustment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Q4 Special items include the gains noted in footnote 2 and an \$0.8 million pension settlement charge and \$6.4 million tax effect of Special items in 2023. This compares with a \$1.3 million tax effect of Special items in 2022.



## **Americas Welding Segment**

(\$ in Mill	(\$ in Millions)			Q4 2023			Q4 2022		% YoY Change		
Net Sale	Net Sales		\$	654.7	\$54.7		573.6		14.1%	1	
Adjuste	Adjusted EBIT		\$	129.5 \$		5	114.4		13.2%	1	
Adjuste	Adjusted EBIT Margin <sup>2</sup>			18.8%			19.0%		(20) bps		
Q4 2023 SALES MIX <sup>1</sup>											
Volume TOTAL	2.6% <b>14.1%</b>	Price	(	0.5%	Acq/E	Div	10.7%	FX	0.4%	)	

Volume growth led by automation demand; partially offset by compressing industrial activity in portions of South America.

Acquisitions outperformed on strong year-end activity.

Margin reflects effective cost management partially offset by mix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures may not sum due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted EBIT Margin is calculated using Total Sales, which includes Inter-segment sales.



## **International Welding Segment**

(\$ in Mill	ions)			Q4 202	23	Q4 2022		% YoY Change		
Net Sale	es		\$	292.2	\$	243.1		20.2%	1	
Adjuste	Adjusted EBIT		\$	42.9 \$		22.8		87.8%	1	
Adjuste	Adjusted EBIT Margin <sup>2</sup>			14.1%		9.2%		490 bps 1		
Q4 2023 SALES MIX <sup>1</sup>										
Volume TOTAL	4.9% <b>20.2</b> %	Price	(	(0.7)%	Acq/Div	12.4%	FX	3.6%	ó	

Volumes higher across
EMEA and Asia Pacific led
by Automation and strong
project activity in the
Middle East, India and
portions of Asia Pacific.

Margin performance reflects effective cost management and favorable mix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures may not sum due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted EBIT Margin is calculated using Total Sales, which includes Inter-segment sales.



## The Harris Products Group

(\$ in Millions)	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	% YoY Change	
Net Sales	\$ 111.6	\$ 114.2	(2.3)%	1
Adjusted EBIT	\$ 15.2	\$ 12.1	26.5%	1
Adjusted EBIT Margin <sup>2</sup>	13.3%	10.3%	300 bps	1

Q4 2023 SALES MIX <sup>1</sup>										
Volume	(6.9)%	Price	3.6%	Acq/Div	-	FX	1.0%			
TOTAL	(2.3)%									

Volumes primarily reflect soft residential-oriented applications (HVAC, plumbing).

Price reflects actions taken to mitigate inflation and changes in metal costs.

Margin improves on effective cost management; partially offset by lower operating leverage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures may not sum due to rounding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted EBIT Margin is calculated using Total Sales, which includes Inter-segment sales.



## **Cash Flow From Operations Metrics**



## **Average Operating Working Capital to Net Sales Ratio**



Record FY2023 Cash Flow generation with 105% cash conversion<sup>1</sup>.

Improved working capital efficiency as inventory levels normalize.

#### Capital Allocation<sup>1</sup> (\$ in Millions) \$820 181 131 \$491 \$471 199 436 414 148 \$130 33 68 91 **72** 20 25 Q4-22 Q4-23 **FY2022** FY2023 Acquisitions ■ Dividend ■ Share Repurchases Cap Ex



#### **Q4 Capital Allocation & Returns**

• Growth: \$25 million

Return to Shareholders: \$105 million

Dividend Rate: +14.3%

Return on Invested Capital<sup>2</sup>: 24.1% (record)

#### **Capital Allocation Strategy**

#### Prioritized uses of cash:

- Growth investments (organic and M&A)
- Return to shareholders
  - Dividend: +11% 2024 pay out rate
  - Share repurchases

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures may not sum due to rounding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted Return on Invested Capital. Please refer to the appendix for reconciliation of Non-GAAP metrics.

## **Full Year 2024 Assumptions**

#### **Assumptions**

Low- to Mid-single digit % organic sales growth

Neutral price/cost

Low-to-mid 20% incremental operating income margin

\$45 to \$50 million interest expense

Low-to-mid 20% tax rate

\$90 to \$110 million in cap-ex

100+% cash conversion

#### Risks

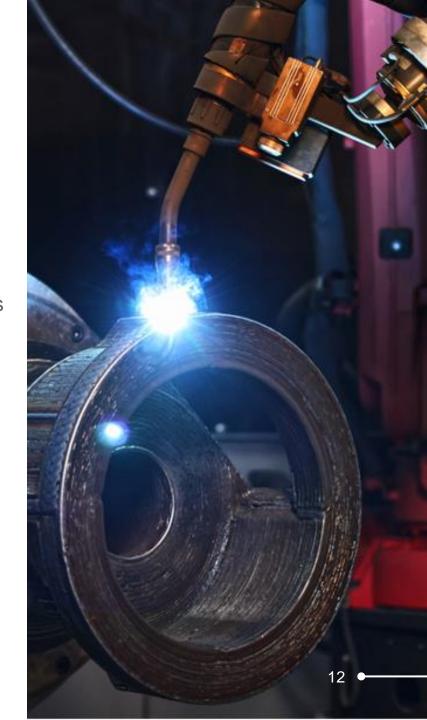
Economic and geopolitical headwinds
Inflation (raw materials & labor)

#### **Opportunities**

(not in assumptions)

Velion™ DC Fast Charger

Large-scale 3D printing /Additive



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#### **Non-GAAP Information**

Adjusted operating income, Adjusted net income, Adjusted EBIT, EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted effective tax rate, Adjusted diluted earnings per share, Adjusted EPS, Organic sales, Cash conversion, and Adjusted Return on invested capital are non-GAAP financial measures.

Management uses non-GAAP measures to assess the Company's operating performance by excluding certain disclosed special items that management believes are not representative of the Company's core business. Management believes that excluding these special items enables them to make better period-over-period comparisons and benchmark the Company's operational performance against other companies in its industry more meaningfully. Furthermore, management believes that non-GAAP financial measures provide investors with meaningful information that provides a more complete understanding of Company operating results and enables investors to analyze financial and business trends more thoroughly. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be viewed in isolation, are not a substitute for GAAP measures and have limitations including, but not limited to, their usefulness as comparative measures as other companies may define their non-GAAP measures differently.





#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures:**

Reconciliation of Operating Income, Net Income, Effective Tax Rate, and EPS to Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted Effective Tax Rate, and Adjusted EPS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)



	Three Months Ended December 31,					Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
		2023		2022		2023		2022		
Operating income as reported	\$	204,031	\$	141,488	\$	717,849	\$	612,336		
Special items (pre-tax):										
Rationalization and asset impairment charges (2)		(21,932)		2,383		(11,314)		11,788		
Acquisition transaction costs (3)		_		2,935		_		6,003		
Amortization of step up in value of acquired inventories (4)		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		12,252		1,106		
Adjusted operating income (1)	\$	182,099	\$	146,806	\$	718,787	\$	631,233		
As a percent of total sales		17.2 %	, —	15.8 9	% <u> </u>	17.1 %		16.8 9		
Net income as reported	\$	156,644	\$	109,146	\$	545,248	\$	472,224		
Special items:										
Rationalization and asset impairment charges (2)		(21,932)		2,383		(11,314)		11,788		
Acquisition transaction costs (3)		_		2,935		_		6,003		
Pension settlement net charges (5)		845		_		845		(4,273)		
Amortization of step up in value of acquired inventories (4)		_		_		12,252		1,106		
Gain on asset disposal (6)		_		_		(1,646)		_		
Tax effect of Special items <sup>(7)</sup>		6,445		(1,250)		2,537		(1,192)		
Adjusted net income (1)		142,002		113,214		547,922		485,656		
Interest expense, net		8,663		8,633		44,371		29,500		
Income taxes as reported		40,386		26,612		141,618		120,603		
Tax effect of Special items (7)		(6,445)		1,250		(2,537)		1,192		
Adjusted EBIT (1)	\$	184,606	\$	149,709	\$	731,374	\$	636,951		
Effective tax rate as reported		20.5 %	0	19.6 9	%	20.6 %	)	20.3 %		
Net special item tax impact		(1.2)%	Ó	0.1 9	%	(0.4)%	)	(0.2)9		
Adjusted effective tax rate (1)		19.3 %	, <u> </u>	19.7	%	20.2 %		20.1 %		
Diluted earnings per share as reported	\$	2.70	\$	1.87	\$	9.37	\$	8.04		
Special items per share		(0.25)		0.07		0.04		0.23		
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (1)	\$	2.45	\$	1.94	\$	9.41	\$	8.27		
Weighted average shares (diluted)		57,911		58,459		58,221		58,749		

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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Footnotes for Non-GAAP Financial Measures:

Reconciliation of Operating Income, Net Income, Effective Tax Rate, and EPS to Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted Effective Tax Rate, and Adjusted EPS



- 1) Adjusted operating income, adjusted net income, adjusted EBIT, adjusted effective tax rate and adjusted diluted EPS are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to Non-GAAP Information section.
- 2) 2023 gain is primarily related to the sale of a property partially offset by rationalization and asset impairment charges within International Welding. 2022 charges are primarily related to employee severance, gains or losses on the disposal of assets and other related costs and non-cash asset impairment charges.
- 3) Related to acquisitions and are included in Selling, general & administrative expenses.
- 4) Related to acquisitions and are included in Cost of goods sold.
- 5) 2023 charges related to pension settlements included in Other income. 2022 net gains primarily due to the final settlement associated with the termination of a pension plan and are included in Other income.
- 6) Gain on asset disposal and included in Other income.
- 7) Includes the net tax impact of Special items recorded during the respective periods. The tax effect of Special items impacting pre-tax income was calculated as the pre-tax amount multiplied by the applicable tax rate. The applicable tax rates reflect the taxable jurisdiction and nature of each Special item.

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

## Adjusted Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)

(In thousands) (Unaudited)



	Tw	Twelve Months Ended December 31,							
Return on Invested Capital		2023	2022						
Net income as reported	\$	545,248	\$	472,224					
Plus: Interest expense (after-tax)		38,050		23,276					
Less: Interest income (after-tax)		5,033		1,202					
Net operating profit after taxes	\$	578,265	\$	494,298					
Special items:									
Rationalization and asset impairment charges		(11,314)		11,788					
Acquisition transaction costs		· · · —		6,003					
Pension settlement net charges		845		(4,273)					
Amortization of step up in value of acquired inventories		12,252		1,106					
Gain on asset disposal		(1,646)		_					
Tax effect of Special items (2)		2,537		(1,192)					
Adjusted net operating profit after taxes (1)	\$	580,939	\$	507,730					
Invested Capital	Dece	mber 31, 2023	Dece	ember 31, 2022					
Short-term debt	\$	2,439	\$	93,483					
Long-term debt, less current portion		1,102,771		1,110,396					
Total debt		1,105,210		1,203,879					
Total equity		1,308,852		1,034,041					
Invested capital	\$	2,414,062	\$	2,237,920					
Return on invested capital as reported		24.0_%	, o	22.1 %					
Adjusted return on invested capital (1)		24.1 %		22.7 %					

- 1) Adjusted net operating profit after taxes and Adjusted ROIC are non-GAAP financial measures. Refer to Non-GAAP Information section.
- 2) Includes the net tax impact of Special items recorded during the respective periods. The tax effect of Special items impacting pre-tax income was calculated as the pre-tax amount multiplied by the applicable tax rate. The applicable tax rates reflect the taxable jurisdiction and nature of each Special item.



EBIT and Adjusted EBIT Reconciliation – Three Months Ended December 31, 2023

(In thousands) (Unaudited)



	Americas Welding	 ernational Welding		The Harris ducts Group		orporate / minations	Co	onsolidated
Three months ended December 31, 2023								
Net sales	\$ 654,707	\$ 292,177	\$	111,630	\$	_	\$	1,058,514
Inter-segment sales	35,493	 11,557		2,578		(49,628)		<u> </u>
Total sales	\$ 690,200	\$ 303,734	\$	114,208	\$	(49,628)	\$	1,058,514
Net income							\$	156,644
As a percent of total sales								14.8 %
EBIT (1)	\$ 129,409	\$ 64,035	\$	15,246	\$	(2,997)	\$	205,693
As a percent of total sales	18.7 %	21.1 %	5	13.3 %				19.4 %
Special items charges (gain) (3)	60	(21,147)		_		_		(21,087)
Adjusted EBIT (2)	\$ 129,469	\$ 42,888	\$	15,246	\$	(2,997)	\$	184,606
As a percent of total sales	18.8 %	14.1 %	5	13.3 %	_		_	17.4 %
Three months ended December 31, 2022								
Net sales	\$ 573,592	\$ 243,114	\$	114,228	\$	_	\$	930,934
Inter-segment sales	29,479	5,754		2,470		(37,703)		· —
Total sales	\$ 603,071	\$ 248,868	\$	116,698	\$	(37,703)	\$	930,934
Net income							\$	109,146
As a percent of total sales								11.7 %
EBIT (1)	\$ 113.813	\$ 21,020	\$	12,056	\$	(2,498)	\$	144,391
As a percent of total sales	18.9 %	8.4 %	5	10.3 %		( ) /	Ċ	15.5 %
Special items charges (4)	567	1,816		_		2,935		5,318
Adjusted EBIT (2)	\$ 114,380	\$ 22,836	\$	12,056	\$	437	\$	149,709
As a percent of total sales	19.0 %	9.2 %	5	10.3 %				16.1 %

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

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Footnotes for EBIT and Adjusted EBIT Reconciliation – Three Months Ended December 31, 2023



- 1) EBIT is defined as Operating income plus Other income (expense).
- 2) The primary profit measure used by management to assess segment performance is Adjusted EBIT. EBIT for each operating segment is adjusted for special items to derive Adjusted EBIT.
- 3) Special items in 2023 primarily reflect a net gain of \$21,992 related to the sale of a property, partially offset by rationalization and asset impairment charges, and pension settlement charges of \$845 in International Welding.
- 4) Special items in 2022 primarily reflect Rationalization and asset impairment charges of \$1,816 and \$567 in International Welding and Americas Welding, respectively, and acquisition transaction costs of \$2,935 in Corporate/Eliminations.