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-Primary business = Serve customers in Construction

-So level of demand, raw material, cost of diesel fuel, equipment, tires, conveyor belts, condition of railroad rail all impact MI M performance

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# STRENGTHS:

-Has a heavy footprint in states that have a strong need & financial capability for increased road work

-Has a strong balance sheet that will allow company to consider future acquisitions when other building companies have higher leverage

-Even at peak production MLM has more than 50 yrs. of aggregate production at current reserve levels. MLM's competitive advantage is sustainable for about 10 yrs.

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### STRENGTHS:

- -Strong employment expansion = strong private & non-private residential construction
- -Just announced a sizeable acquisition in 10/2017 = Bluegrass Material/largest private pure-play aggregate company in the US.
- -MS gives MLM an Exemplary rating for stewardship

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# **WEAKNESSES:**

-Narrow moat: Aggregates sell for \$10-15 or more a ton (extremely low value/weight ratio). About % of the aggregates are shipped by truck & transportation costs= \$0.15-0.35/ton/mile so range of deliveries is roughly 70 miles or less before transportation cost outweigh cost of the aggregate itself.

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# **OPPORTUNITIES:**

-"Not-in-my-backyard" tendencies make the permitting process incredibly difficult for new quarries so actually forms a high barrier to entry & protecting MLM's aggregate business from incoming entrants.

Federal highway spending is expected to get a major boost with the long-term highway bill & infrastructure continues to be driven by state-level programs

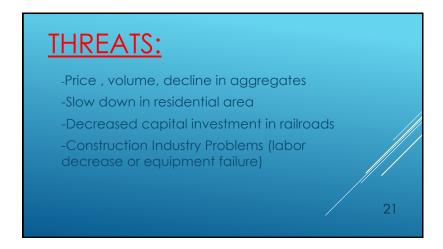
-Increases from the housing market will be a positive for MLM

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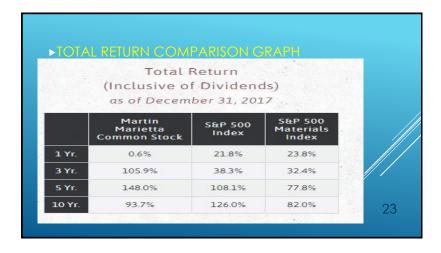
## **THREATS:**

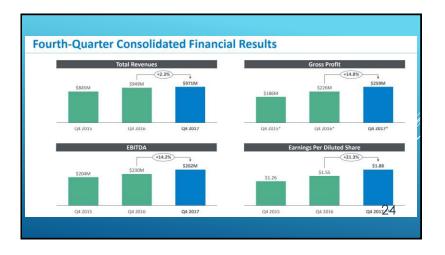
- -"Not-in-my-backyard" tendencies make the permitting process incredibly difficult for new quarries
- -MLM's earning depend on volatile outside factors: US economic performance, government budgets, & lending availability, higher fuel & energy costs.
- -Public heavy construction hindered by project delays & uncertain regulator & reform issues
- -Weather related risks

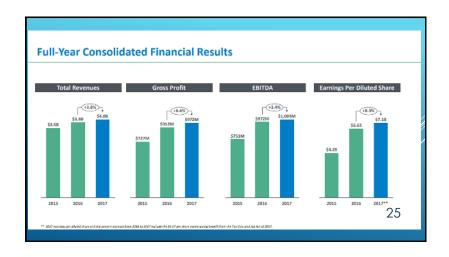
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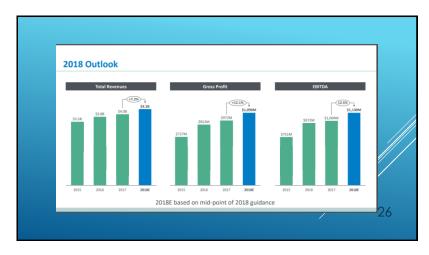


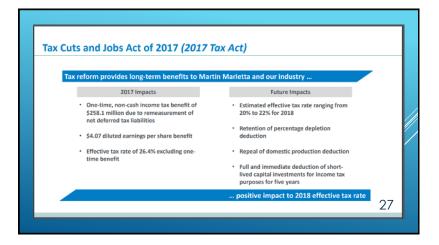


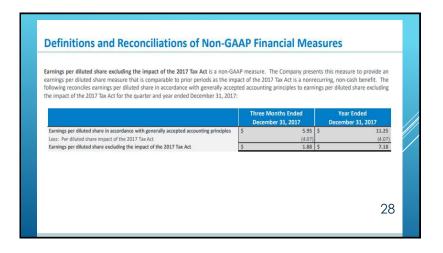












In December 2017, the company issued \$1.4 billion of debt in anticipation of closing the bluegrass materials company acquisition in the first half of 2018, which remain subject to the customary regulatory process and other closing conditions. The newly-issued debt reflects a weighted-average interest rate of 3.5%.



SSG

Frist, let's do the first poll and see how many have completed a SSG on the company.

-Morningstar 5 year = 6%
-Historic 10 year average = 10.5%
-VL 3-5 year = 11%
-ACE 2 year estimate on SSG = 11.2%
-Historic 5 year average = 15.9%

-TUTURE EARNINGS GROWTH

-10 year SSG average = 12.3%
-ACE 2 year estimate on SSG = 14.2%
-VL 3-5 year = 17.5%
-CFRA 3 year projection = 18%
-5 year SSG average = 33.7%

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-Average high P/E = 28.2
-3 Outliers deleted = 34.8
-2 Outliers deleted = 37.0
-5 Year average = 41.0
-Current P/E = 28.6

-3 Outliers deleted = 21.5
-2 Outliers deleted = 22.4
-2017 low P/E = 26.6
-5 yr. AVG P/E = 27.8

-\$xxx.xx - Results from tonight's polls (4.a.b.)
-Price dividend will support = \$102.30
-Recent severe market low (2016) = \$178.80
-5 year average low price = \$119.07
-Price Variant Quotient (PVQ) = \$159.90





# YOUR THOUGHTS: 1. I have no interest in this company 2. I have no interest in this sector 3. Interesting company with good long term prospects. 4. Will research it for further consideration. 5. Will put it on watch list.





