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OVERVIEW:

Co. reported 2Q18 reported sales of \$16.7b and GAAP EPS of \$2.56. Expects 2018 sales to be \$63.5-64.5b and adjusted EPS to be \$7.10-7.25.

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PRESENTATION

Operator

Good morning, and welcome to the United Technologies Second Quarter 2018 Conference Call. On the call today are Greg Hayes, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Akhil Johri, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; and Carroll Lane, Vice President, Investor Relations. This call is being carried live on the Internet, and there's a presentation available for download from UTC's website at www.utc.com.

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In addition, in connection with the pending Rockwell Collins acquisition, UTC has filed with the SEC a registration statement that includes a prospectus from UTC and a proxy statement from Rockwell Collins, which is effective and which contains important information about UTC, Rockwell Collins, the transaction and related matters. (Operator Instructions)

Please go ahead, Mr. Hayes.

Gregory J. Hayes - *United Technologies Corporation - Chairman & CEO*

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You saw in the press release this morning that we highlighted the expected impact to our adjusted EPS regarding the pending acquisition of Rockwell. With regard to the closing of the transaction, let me just say that we're on track with regulatory approvals. We believe we're down to the final stages of the process, and we expect the transaction to close here still in the third quarter.

As we look forward to the integration of Rockwell, we're clearly excited about the future and what Rockwell brings to the UTC portfolio. Collins aerospace will give us differentiated products and services that are more intelligent and more connected than ever before and allow us to enhance customer value in the aerospace industry. And of course, we remain confident in our ability to deliver at least \$500 million of net cost synergies from the combination.

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Akhil Johri - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

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As Greg said, we expect Rockwell Collins to close in the third quarter. This will likely result in \$0.10 to \$0.15 dilution in 2018 to the adjusted EPS.

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Jeffrey Todd Sprague - *Vertical Research Partners, LLC - Founder and Managing Partner*

Just on Collins, the fact that you're giving us a sense of the dilution here today, a, does reflect your confidence, I guess, in closing. But b, would also seem to suggest you do have a little bit of certainty now on just some of the accounting machinations of conforming accounting and what the amortization may look like and such. If that's the case, could you give us your early thought on what the accretion/dilution picture looks like for 2019 based on Q3 '18 growth ticket rate?

Gregory J. Hayes - *United Technologies Corporation - Chairman & CEO*

Precisely, Jeff. I mean, really, that's a nice soliloquy that will lead into guidance on '19, but we're not going to do that.

Akhil Johri - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

No. The reality, Jeff, is that we are still working through the intangibles amortization calculation. We have now - again, I have not seen the data because we cannot see it legally. But we have an accounting firm, which has got the data from Collins and is evaluating the cash flow streams of the future, which, as you know, is the basis of determining the intangibles amortization. So that work is going on. I think the preliminary estimates are that we are probably not too far off from the numbers that you've seen in the S-4 on that, but there's still a lot more work to be done. I think the next couple of weeks is probably what is needed to get that - get to a firmer answer. Obviously, as you know, assuming we close in third quarter, we will have to book something in the quarter with regard to those intangibles. And so we are working very hard to make sure we get a number, which we don't have to change or update in the future. So that work is still going on, which is why you see the range. We do feel we are in the closing stages of the approvals and, therefore, feel a lot more confident about being able to do that this quarter. And we will tell you more as that transaction closes.

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Samuel Joel Pearlstein - *Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Research Division - MD, Co-Head of Equity Research and Senior Analyst*

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But then I was wondering if you could talk a little bit more about just the Rockwell Collins dilution and help us just to understand what's in and what's out. And I'm thinking about the cost to extract the synergies versus the synergy savings, kind of the onetime closing cost around the transaction. I'm just trying to understand what's in and what's out of that in terms of the adjusted earnings.

Akhil Johri - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

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On the Rockwell Collins number, as we've always said, I think the number that we talked about on adjusted EPS is consistent with our definition of adjusted EPS, which means we exclude any restructuring costs, we exclude any onetime step-up inventory amortization or any

integration cost for the first 6 months to a year, if you will, which are exceptional in nature. But going forward, any intangibles amortization of a normal recurring nature on customer relationships, trade name, et cetera, that will be part of the adjusted EPS. For the reference to those who care, we will provide an extra data point, which is on the cash accretion, if you will. We will provide that, so you can see on a cash basis, clearly, the transaction is going to be greatly accretive. And our commitment was that even on – even with taking into account a large significant intangibles amortization, the transaction will be accretive in 2019, and we still believe that will be the case.

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