

# FLIR Systems Announces Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2017 Financial Results

February 14, 2018

## **Achieves Highest Annual Revenue in Company History**

Fourth Quarter and Full Year Revenue Growth of 4% and 8% over Prior Year, Respectively

Fourth Quarter Reported EPS of (\$0.36); Adjusted EPS of \$0.58, Up 12% over Prior Year

#### Backlog Increases 10% over Prior Year

WILSONVILLE, Ore., Feb. 14, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- FLIR Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ:FLIR) today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2017. Commenting on these results, Jim Cannon, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are pleased with our fourth quarter results, particularly the revenue growth and double-digit adjusted earnings growth. We reached our highest quarterly adjusted operating margin since 2012, finishing a year that saw record levels of revenue and adjusted earnings per share. This was accomplished during a year of transition that included an operational realignment, changes to the management team, and portfolio rationalization that resulted in the divestment of our Lorex security business. I am proud of our employees and how they have delivered in 2017."

Mr. Cannon continued, "We have positive momentum as we enter 2018. We are committed to accomplishing our task of exceeding shareholders' expectations with integrity as we fuel, feed, and focus our businesses, instill a culture of continuous business improvement through the deployment of The FLIR Method, and generate cash for accretive high-return investments."

#### Fourth Quarter 2017

Fourth quarter 2017 revenue was \$494.8 million, up 4% over fourth quarter 2016 revenue of \$474.7 million. Organic revenue growth was 2% with prior year acquisitions contributing approximately 2% of revenue growth in the quarter.

## GAAP Earnings Results

GAAP operating income in the fourth quarter declined 16% to \$77.2 million, compared to \$92.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2016. GAAP operating income in the current quarter was negatively impacted by a \$23.6 million non-cash loss on net assets held for sale related to the Lorex retail and small and medium-sized business (SMB) portion of the Security segment. GAAP operating margin decreased to 15.6%, compared with 19.4% in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Fourth quarter 2017 GAAP net loss was \$50.3 million, or (\$0.36) per diluted share, compared with GAAP net earnings of \$61.5 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share in the fourth quarter a year ago. GAAP net earnings were negatively impacted by the non-cash loss on the net assets held for sale as well as \$92.7 million, or \$0.67 per diluted share, of discrete tax items associated with the enactment of U.S. tax reform.

Cash provided by operations was \$98.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to \$97.1 million in the fourth quarter of the prior year.

## Non-GAAP Earnings Results

Adjusted operating income was \$111.7 million in the fourth quarter, which was 8% higher than adjusted operating income of \$103.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2016. Adjusted operating margin increased 90 basis points to 22.6%, compared with 21.7% in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Adjusted net earnings in the fourth quarter were \$81.8 million, or \$0.58 per diluted share, which was 12% higher than adjusted earnings per diluted share of \$0.52 in the fourth quarter of 2016.

# Segment Results

Revenue from the Surveillance segment was \$151.0 million, a decline of 5% from the fourth quarter results of last year. The Instruments segment contributed \$102.6 million of revenue during the fourth quarter, up 7% over the prior year. The Security segment recorded revenue of \$71.0 million in the fourth quarter, down 3% from the prior year. FLIR's OEM & Emerging Markets segment had \$87.7 million of revenue, an increase of 15% over the prior year, which was driven by the addition of the Integrated Imaging Solutions line of business near the end of the fourth quarter of 2016. Revenue from the Maritime segment was \$43.8 million, which was 14% higher than the fourth quarter of 2016. The Detection segment contributed \$38.7 million of revenue, an increase of 18% over the prior year, and was driven by timing of DR-SKO program shipments.

#### Full Year 2017

For the full year, revenue was \$1,800.4 million, up 8% compared to \$1,662.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. Organic revenue growth was 2% with prior year acquisitions contributing approximately 6% of revenue growth in 2017.

# **GAAP Earnings Results**

GAAP operating income for 2017 was \$290.0 million, compared to \$295.7 million in 2016, with 2017 being negatively impacted by the non-cash loss on net assets held for sale. GAAP operating margin was 16.1% in 2017, compared with 17.8% in 2016.

2017 GAAP net earnings were \$107.2 million, or \$0.77 per diluted share, which compares to 2016 GAAP net earnings of \$166.6 million, or \$1.20 per diluted share. GAAP earnings in the current year were negatively impacted by the non-cash loss on net assets held for sale and \$58.4 million higher discrete tax items compared to the prior year.

Cash provided by operations during 2017 was \$308.3 million, compared to \$319.8 million in the prior year.

#### Non-GAAP Earnings Results

Adjusted operating income for 2017 was \$363.5 million, 12% higher than 2016 adjusted operating income of \$324.6 million. Adjusted operating margin increased 70 basis points to 20.2% in 2017, compared with 19.5% in 2016.

Adjusted net income in 2017 was \$262.6 million, or \$1.88 per diluted share, which increased 12% over 2016 adjusted net income of \$233.8 million, or \$1.69 per diluted share.

## Segment Results

Full year 2017 revenue from the Surveillance segment was \$545.8 million, an increase of 2% over last year. The Instruments segment contributed \$357.8 million of revenue during 2017, up 6% over 2016. The Security segment recorded revenue of \$231.5 million in 2017, down 4% from the prior year. FLIR's OEM & Emerging Markets segment had \$347.2 million of revenue, an increase of 42% over the prior year, which was driven by the addition of the Integrated Imaging Solutions line of business acquired late in the fourth quarter of 2016. Revenue from the Maritime segment was \$189.7 million in 2017, which was 2% higher than the prior year. The Detection segment contributed \$128.5 million of revenue, an increase of 4% over the prior year.

FLIR's backlog of firm orders for delivery within the next twelve months was approximately \$652 million as of December 31, 2017, an increase of \$60 million, or 10%, over the prior year.

## Revenue and Earnings Outlook for 2018

FLIR estimates revenue in 2018 to be in the range of \$1.73 billion to \$1.76 billion and adjusted earnings per diluted share to be in the range of \$2.05 to \$2.10. This represents 4% to 6% organic revenue growth and 9% to 12% growth in adjusted earnings per diluted share over 2017, excluding the results of the divested portion of the Security segment which was announced and closed on February 6, 2018, which contributed \$140 million of revenue and was break-even in operating profit in 2017. Adjusted earnings per share assumes an effective tax rate of 21.5% and a diluted share count of approximately 142 million shares.

#### **Dividend Declaration**

FLIR's Board of Directors has approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.16 per share on FLIR common stock, an increase of 7% over the previous quarterly dividend of \$0.15 per share. The Board of Directors has declared the dividend payable on March 9, 2018, to shareholders of record as of close of business on February 23, 2018.

#### **Conference Call**

FLIR has scheduled a conference call at 9:00 a.m. ET (6:00 a.m. PT) today to discuss its results for the quarter. A simultaneous webcast of the conference call and the accompanying summary presentation can be accessed online from a link in the Events & Presentations section of <a href="https://www.FLIR.com/investor">www.FLIR.com/investor</a>. A replay will be available after 12:00 p.m. ET (9:00 a.m. PT) at this same internet address. Summary fourth quarter and historical financial data may be accessed online from the Financial Info Database link under the Financials & Filings section at <a href="https://www.FLIR.com/investor">www.FLIR.com/investor</a>.

## **Investor Relations**

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## About FLIR Systems

Founded in 1978 and headquartered in Wilsonville, Oregon, FLIR Systems is a world-leading maker of sensor systems that enhance perception and heighten awareness, helping to save lives, improve productivity, and protect the environment. Through its nearly 3,500 employees, FLIR's vision is to be "The World's Sixth Sense" by leveraging thermal imaging and adjacent technologies to provide innovative, intelligent solutions for security and surveillance, environmental and condition monitoring, outdoor recreation, machine vision, navigation, and advanced threat detection. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.flir.com">www.flir.com</a> and follow @flir.

## **Definitions and Financial Measures**

Organic revenue growth is defined as total revenue growth less the sales of companies acquired and divested in the past twelve months. Operating margin is defined as operating income as a percentage of revenue. Management uses operating income and operating margin as key measures to assess the performance of the Company as a whole, as well as the related measures at the segment level.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures: In addition to financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), this earnings release makes reference to non-GAAP measures. With respect to the outlook for the full year 2018, certain items that affect GAAP net earnings per diluted share are out of the Company's control and/or cannot be reasonably predicted. Consequently, the Company is unable to provide a reasonable estimate of GAAP net earnings per diluted share or a corresponding reconciliation to GAAP net earnings per diluted share for the full year. Additional information regarding the reasons the Company uses non-GAAP measures, a reconciliation of these measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, and other information relating to these measures are included below, following the GAAP financial information.

# Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this release by Jim Cannon and the statements in the section captioned "Revenue and Earnings Outlook for 2018" above are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements that are not statements of historical fact (including statements containing the words "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," "estimates," or similar expressions) should be considered to be forward looking statements. Such statements are based on current expectations, estimates, and projections about FLIR's business based, in part, on assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements due

to numerous factors, including the following: changes in demand for FLIR's products, product mix, the timing of customer orders and deliveries, the impact of competitive products and pricing, the impact of self-imposed or government order remediation efforts related to FLIR's compliance with U.S. export control laws and regulations and similar laws and regulations, the timely receipt of any necessary export licenses, constraints on supplies of critical components, excess or shortage of production capacity, the ability to manufacture and ship the products in the time period required, actual purchases under agreements, the continuing eligibility of FLIR to act as a federal contractor, the amount and availability of appropriated government procurement funds and other risks discussed from time to time in filings and reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, and general domestic and international economic conditions. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and FLIR does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release, or for changes made to this document by wire services or internet service providers.

# FLIR SYSTEMS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME (In thousands, except per share amounts)(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended

Twelve Months Ended

		Three Mor	Ended	Twelve Months Ended							
		Decem	31,		Decem	nber 3	ber 31,				
	2017			2016		2017		2016			
Revenue	\$	494,784	\$	474,738	\$	1,800,434	\$	1,662,167			
Cost of goods sold		256,952		260,005		941,658		895,046			
Gross profit		237,832		214,733		858,776		767,121			
Operating expenses:											
Research and development		43,368		38,444		170,735		147,537			
Selling, general and administrative		93,735		83,795		373,867	322,435				
Restructuring expenses		(18)		214		625	1,431				
Loss on net assets held for sale		23,588		-		23,588					
Total operating expenses		160,673		122,453		568,815		471,403			
Earnings from operations		77,159		92,280		289,961		295,718			
Interest expense		4,060		4,528		16,804		18,071			
Interest income		(650)		(478)		(1,764)		(1,402)			
Other (income) expense, net		(1,679)		2,954		(4,144)		3,092			
Earnings before income taxes		75,428		85,276		279,065		275,957			
Income tax provision		125,718		23,776		171,842		109,331			
Net (loss) earnings	\$	(50,290)	\$	61,500	\$	107,223	\$	166,626			
(Loss) earnings per share:											
Basic	\$	(0.36)	\$	0.45	\$	0.78	\$	1.22			
Diluted	\$	(0.36)	\$	0.45	\$	0.77	\$	1.20			
Weighted average shares outstanding:											
Basic		138,723		136,242		137,456		137,138			
Diluted		138,723		137,543		139,646		138,497			

# FLIR SYSTEMS, INC.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)(Unaudited)

	December 31, 2017			December 31, 2016			
ASSETS							
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	519,090	\$	361,349			
Accounts receivable, net		346,687		352,020			
Inventories		372,183		371,371			
Assets held for sale, net		67,344		-			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		81,915		79,917			
Total current assets		1,387,219		1,164,657			
Property and equipment, net		263,996		271,785			
Deferred income taxes, net		21,001		45,243			
Goodwill		909,811		801,406			
Intangible assets, net		168,130		168,460			
Other assets		59,869	-	168,155			
	\$	2,810,026	\$	2,619,706			
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY							
Current liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$	106,389	\$	114,225			
Deferred revenue		25,614		34,420			
Accrued payroll and related liabilities		71,310		52,874			
Accrued expenses		37,089		34,022			
Accrued income taxes		64,136		51,017			
Liabilities held for sale		39,544		-			
Other current liabilities		50,851		60,154			
Current portion long-term debt		-	-	15,000			
Total current liabilities		394,933		361,712			
Long-term debt		420,684		501,921			
Deferred income taxes		12,496		2,331			
Accrued income taxes		87,483		9,643			
Other long-term liabilities		59,872		65,773			
Commitments and contingencies							
Shareholders' equity		1,834,558		1,678,326			
	\$	2,810,026	\$	2,619,706			

# FLIR SYSTEMS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
		2017		2016		2017		2016	
Cash flows from operating activities:									
Net (loss) earnings	\$	(50,290)	\$	61,500	\$	107,223	\$	166,626	
Income items not affecting cash:	Ψ	(00,200)	Ψ	01,000	Ψ	101,220	Ψ	100,020	
Depreciation and amortization		17,584		15,657		71,010		57,513	
Deferred income taxes		28,305		5,813		25,968		5,613	
Stock-based compensation		,		,		,		,	
arrangements		6,273		6,544		31,018		27,797	
Loss on net assets held for sale		23,588		· -		23,588		· -	
Change in accrued income taxes		91,000		12,841		84,352		66,302	
Other activity impacting operating cash flows,									
net of acquisitions		(17,543)		(5,211)		(34,907)		(4,100)	
Cash provided by operating activities		98,917		97,144		308,252		319,751	
Cash flows from investing activities:									
Additions to property and equipment		(10,248)		(8,258)		(42,109)		(35,940)	
Proceeds from sale of assets		-		345		27		7,331	
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired		_		(376,758)		-		(419,203)	
Other Investments		800		-		3,659		-	
Cash used by investing activities		(9,448)		(384,671)		(38,423)		(447,812)	
Cook flows from financing activities:									
Cash flows from financing activities:									
Net proceeds from credit agreement and long-term debt				(266)				524,560	
Repayments of credit agreement and long-term debt		_		(200)		(97,500)		(367,435)	
Repurchase of common stock		_		_		(97,300)		(66,057)	
Dividends paid		(20,829)		(16,356)		(82,605)		(65,920)	
Proceeds from shares issued pursuant		(20,023)		(10,330)		(02,000)		(00,320)	
to stock-based compensation plans		14,010		4,619		58,241		11,966	
Tax paid for net share exercises and issuance of		1 1,0 10		1,010		00,211		11,000	
vested restricted stock units		(1,226)		(216)		(10,731)		(5,991)	
Other financing activities		(4)		3		(17)		13	
Cash (used) provided by financing activities		(8,049)		(12,216)		(132,612)		31,136	
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Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		710		(16,596)		20,524		(14,511)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		82,130		(316,339)		157,741		(111,436)	
Cash and cash equivalents:									
Beginning of period		436,961		677,688		361,349		472,785	
End of period	\$	519,091	\$	361,349	\$	519,090	\$	361,349	

FLIR SYSTEMS, INC.
OPERATING SEGMENT PERFORMANCE
(In thousands)(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended					Twelve Months Ended						
		Decem	ber 3	31,	December 31,							
	2017		2016		2017		2016					
SEGMENT REVENUE	<u>-</u>											
Surveillance	\$	151,014	\$	158,484	\$	545,755	\$	532,476				
Instruments		102,581		95,981		357,834		336,141				
Security		71,009		73,138		231,456		240,010				
OEM & Emerging Markets		87,742		76,134		347,160		243,678				
Maritime		43,785		38,256		189,694		185,726				
Detection		38,653		32,745		128,535		124,136				
SEGMENT EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS												
Surveillance	\$	47,670	\$	47,627	\$	151,983	\$	151,516				
Instruments		32,511		31,521		106,887		98,775				
Security		5,670		8,860		13,760		15,885				
OEM & Emerging Markets		25,707		18,040		103,334		66,141				
Maritime		3,958		2,082		23,019		18,564				
Detection		11,501		9,720		36,146		35,276				
SEGMENT OPERATING MARGIN												
Surveillance		31.6%		30.1%		27.8%		28.5%				
Instruments		31.7%		32.8%		29.9%		29.4%				
Security		8.0%		12.1%		5.9%		6.6%				
OEM & Emerging Markets		29.3%		23.7%		29.8%		27.1%				
Maritime		9.0%		5.4%		12.1%		10.0%				
Detection		29.8%		29.7%		28.1%		28.4%				

# FLIR SYSTEMS, INC.

# GAAP TO NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION

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

	Three Months Ended  December 31,  December 31,		
	2017 2016 2017 2016	3	
Gross profit:		_	
GAAP gross profit	\$ 237,832 \$ 214,733 \$ 858,776 \$ 767,121		
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	3,727 2,701 14,633 9,423		
Purchase accounting adjustments	- 3,093 1,992 3,093		
Other	1,300 500 4,388 2,500		
Adjusted gross profit	\$ 242,859     \$ 221,027     \$ 879,789     \$ 782,137	_	
Gross margin:			
GAAP gross margin	48.1% 45.2% 47.7% 46.29	6	
Cumulative effect of non-GAAP Adjustments	1.0% 1.3% 1.2% 0.9%	6	
Adjusted gross margin	<u>49.1%</u> <u>46.6%</u> <u>48.9%</u> <u>47.19</u>	6	
Earnings from operations:			
GAAP earnings from operations	\$ 77,159 \$ 92,280 \$ 289,961 \$ 295,718		

Amortization of acquired intangible assets	6,53	37	5,802		27,391		18,266
Purchase accounting adjustments		-	3,093		1,992		3,093
Restructuring charges	(1	l 8)	214		625		1,431
Acquisition related expenses	15	50	1,352		2,014		3,564
Loss on net assets held for sale	23,58	38	-		23,588		-
Executive transition costs	2,99	91	-		13,524		-
Other	1,30	)1	500		4,389		2,500
Adjusted earnings from operations	\$ 111,70	08	\$ 103,241	\$	363,484	\$	324,572
Operating margin:							
GAAP operating margin	15	.6%	19.4%		16.1%		17.8%
Cumulative effect of non-GAAP Adjustments	7	.0%	2.3%		4.1%		1.7%
Adjusted operating margin	22	.6%	21.7%	_	20.2%	_	19.5%
Net earnings:							
GAAP net (loss) earnings	\$ (50,29	90)	\$ 61,500	\$	107,223	\$	166,626
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	6,53	•	5,802	•	27,391	•	18,266
Purchase accounting adjustments	-,	_	3,093		1,992		3,093
Restructuring charges	(1	l 8)	214		625		1,431
Acquisition related expenses	15	,	1,352		2,014		3,564
Loss on net assets held for sale	23,58	38	-		23,588		· -
Executive transition costs	2,99		-		13,524		-
Other	59	92	508		3,680		5,791
Estimated tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments	(8,49	97)	(2,748)		(18,480)		(7,558)
Discrete tax items, net	106,77	74	2,133		101,015		42,591
Adjusted net earnings	\$ 81,82	27	\$ 71,854	\$	262,572	\$	233,804
Earnings Per Diluted Share:							
GAAP (loss) earnings per diluted share	\$ (0.3	36)	\$ 0.45	\$	0.77	\$	1.20
Cumulative effect of non-GAAP Adjustments	0.9	•	0.07	•	1.11	•	0.49
Adjusted earnings per diluted share	\$ 0.5		\$ 0.52	\$		\$	1.69
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Weighted average shares outstanding:							
GAAP diluted shares outstanding	138,72		137,543		139,646		138,497
Dilutive equity awards included in adjusted earnings per diluted share	2,17	78	-	_	-		
Adjusted diluted shares outstanding	140,90	)1	137,543	_	139,646	_	138,497

# Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We report our financial results in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). As a supplement to our GAAP financial results, this earnings announcement contains some or all of the following non-GAAP financial measures: (i) adjusted gross profit, (ii) adjusted gross profit divided by revenue), (iii) adjusted operating income, (iv) adjusted operating margin (defined as adjusted operating income, (iv) adjusted operating margin (defined as adjusted operating income, (iv) adjusted operating margin (defined as adjusted operating income divided by revenue), (v) adjusted net earnings/income, and (vi) adjusted earnings per diluted share (EPS). These non-GAAP measures of financial performance are not prepared in accordance with GAAP and computational methods may differ from those used by other companies. Additionally, these non-GAAP measures should not be considered a substitute for any other performance measure determined in accordance with GAAP and the Company cautions investors and potential investors to consider these measures in addition to, not as a substitute for, its consolidated financial results as presented in accordance with GAAP. Each of the non-GAAP measures is adjusted from GAAP results and are outlined in the "GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation" tables included within this earnings release.

In calculating non-GAAP financial measures, we exclude certain items (including gains and losses) to facilitate a review of the comparability of our core operating performance on a period-to-period basis. The excluded items represent amortization of acquired intangible assets, purchase accounting adjustments, restructuring charges, acquisition related expenses, loss on net assets held for sale, executive transition costs, discrete tax items, and other items we do not consider to be directly related to our core operating performance. We use non-GAAP measures internally to evaluate the core operating performance of our business, for comparison with forecasts and strategic plans, for calculating return on investment, and as a factor for determining compensation for certain employees. Accordingly, supplementing GAAP financial results with these non-GAAP financial measures

enables the comparison of our ongoing operating results in a manner consistent with the metrics reviewed by management. We believe that these non-GAAP measures, when read in conjunction with our GAAP financials, provide useful information to investors by facilitating:

- the comparability of our ongoing operating results over the periods presented;
- the ability to identify trends in our underlying business; and
- the comparison of our operating results against analyst financial models and operating results of other public companies that supplement their GAAP results with non-GAAP financial measures.

The following are explanations of each type of adjustment that we incorporate into non-GAAP financial measures:

- Amortization of acquired intangible assets. GAAP accounting requires that intangible assets are recorded at fair value as of
  the date of acquisition and amortized over their estimated useful lives. The timing and magnitude of our acquisition
  transactions and maturities of the businesses acquired will cause our operating results to vary from period to period,
  making comparison to past performance difficult for investors.
- Purchase accounting adjustments. Included in our GAAP financial measures are purchase accounting adjustments,
  required by GAAP to adjust inventory balances to fair value at the time of acquisition. These non-cash charges are not
  reflective of our ongoing operations and can vary significantly in any given period driven by variability in our acquisition
  activity.
- Acquisition related expenses. Included in our GAAP financial measures are acquisition related expenses, consisting of
  external expenses resulting directly from acquisition related activities, including due diligence, legal, valuation, tax and audit
  services. The timing and nature of our acquisition activity can vary significantly from period to period impacting
  comparability of operating results from one period to another. These transaction-specific costs can vary significantly in
  amount and timing and are not indicative of our core operating performance.
- Restructuring charges. Included in our GAAP financial measures are restructuring charges which are primarily for
  employee compensation resulting from reductions in employee headcount and facilities exit and lease termination costs in
  connection with Company reorganization and restructuring activities. We believe that excluding these costs provides
  greater visibility to the underlying performance of our business operations, facilitates comparison of our results with other
  periods, and facilitates comparison with the results of other companies in our industry.
- Loss on net assets held for sale. We recognized a loss in the fourth quarter of 2017 as a result of our planned divestiture
  of the retail and SMB portion of the Security segment. We have excluded this loss for purposes of calculating certain
  non-GAAP measures. This adjustment facilitates an alternative evaluation of our current operating performance and
  comparisons to past operating results consistent with the metrics reviewed by management.
- Executive transition costs. Executive transition costs include costs associated with separation agreements of the
  Company's former CEO and COO, professional services expenses associated with the transition of the former CEO and
  CFO including recruitment fees, legal services and other related costs, as well as sign-on cash bonus payments to the
  current CEO and CFO, partially offset by benefits associated with stock compensation reversals for share-based awards
  forfeited upon the departures of the former CEO, COO and CFO.
- Other. Other charges include product remediation charges associated with certain SkyWatch™ surveillance towers, gains or losses on cost-basis investments, and a loss on extinguishment of debt.
- Estimated tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments. This amount adjusts the provision for income taxes to reflect the effect of the previously listed non-GAAP adjustments on non-GAAP net income. We estimate the tax effect of the adjustment items by applying the Company's overall estimated effective tax rate, excluding significant discrete items, to the pretax amount.
- Discrete tax items, net. Included in our GAAP financial measures are income tax expenses and benefits related to discrete events or transactions that are not representative of the Company's estimated tax rate related to ongoing operations. These discrete tax items can vary significantly from period to period impacting the comparability of our earnings from one period to another. Discrete tax items include charges related to the enactment of new tax legislation, charges and reversals of provisions associated with certain unrecognized tax benefits, benefits associated with the reversal of previously recorded valuation allowances against certain deferred tax assets, and other discrete items not included in the annual effective tax rate associated with our ongoing operations.

Source: FLIR Systems, Inc.